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D. of R. Benson Lodge No. 123. Regular meeting Dec. 7, 21. Marie Mathieson, N. G. Tillie Thoren, Sec.

O. E. S. Benson Chapter No. 157 Regular meeting Dec. 5. Stella Crooks, W. M. E. R. Aldrich, Sec.

G. A. R. McPherson Post No. 47. Regular meeting Dec. 9, 23. O. E. Hogue, Com. A. D. Forgeron, Adj.

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K. O. T. M. Benson Tent No. 80. Regular meeting Dec. 12, 26. O. O. Sordahl, C. T. W. Hanley, Rec.

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EDITORIALS.

At last report Apollo tent of Chicago had a membership in good standing of 2245.

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Missouri Bees did splendid work during the first six months of 1905, securing over 1,000 new members.

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In St. Augustine, Fla., the Masons have joined the Knights of Pythias in the erection of a \$8,000 lodge building.

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In Mexico there are six Knights of Pythias lodges. Valle de Mexico, No. 2, in the City of Mexico, is the largest, with seventy members.

§ § §

Curved is the lines of Beauty,
Straight is the line of duty;
Walk by the last, and thou will see
The other ever follow thee.

§ § §

Roughly speaking, the fraternal system has about \$7,000,000,000 of insurance in force and over 5,000,000 members. Practically \$1,000,000,000 of this insurance was written during the past year.

The "get busy" idea will effect two very desirable changes in the lodge room—it will increase the membership and the attendance at the same time.

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The grand secretary of Nevada recently reported 1,030 Master Masons in the twenty-two lodges in the jurisdiction, a gain of forty-five for the year.

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Let us bring into the lodge room sociability and kindly greeting for all. Encourage the officers by our presence, by cheerful words and willingness to help them in their work.

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The Mason who is not willing to share in the work and worry of the fraternity, who is unwilling to help carry its burdens, has no right to enjoy its privileges.—Masonic Chronicle.

§ § §

A medal designating him as the oldest Mason in the state was recently presented to C. P. Hackney of Ashland, Neb. He is ninety-one years of age and has been a Mason since 1841.

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In Kansas the Order of the Eastern Star is making the Kansas Masonic home at Wichita the handsome gift of a new chapel building, which will be a much needed addition to the institution.

§ § §

Freemasons should remember that no part of the greatest and most important tragedy of all the ages is a subject for comedy and burlesque. On no account should they forget its location its personages or its character and solemnity, and nothing could induce them to act any part of it as a farce.—Masonic Chronicle.

The Hon. John D. Long, late secretary of the navy, said: "I think the fraternal spirit and the purpose of such orders is immense value. I think it is a part of the business education of our time. If the money question were entirely thrown out, it would yet be one of the springs and one of the manifestations of that splendid democracy of American citizenship.

§ § §

To keep down the cost of insurance in the fraternity it is necessary that the membership rolls be constantly increased. The members of today grow older tomorrow and thus nearer their graves. Therefore we should take in a new candidate today to take the place of each member whose age by tomorrow has increased. It is therefore, money in the pocket of each member of the order to add new names to the rolls.—Nebraska Workman.

§ § §

In the insurance orders some of the members labor under the impression that if their assessments are paid the lodge can continue them in good standing with dues delinquent. This is not true and in most of these orders if the financier does not suspend when six months dues are owing he is not performing his duties in accordance with the bylaws. Do your part to help him perform his duties legally.

§ § §

The election season is now at hand and members should carefully consider the question of choosing their new rulers. If an incompetent official has held office this year, retire him in favor of one who will do more for the welfare of the order. The mere question of pleasing a single individual member by giving office should not stand in the way of choosing one who will be able to do more for the society. Choose well that your lodge may prosper the coming year.

The Charter of York.

To England and to her alone do we credit and thank for having preserved the sacred records of Freemasonry during what is termed in history as the dark ages. Although priestcraft predominated, the Craft conducted the building of some of the most renowned structures in that kingdom. The first re-establishment of the institution, however, was in the year of grace 926, and during the reign of Athelstan, whose giant brain was very busy in the welfare and uplifting of humankind. In that immortal year the Ancient Lodge of Masons at York, which yet exists, was founded under the parentage of Edwin, the King's brother, who secured the charter for it and later became its first Grand Master. The eminence of this great and good man seemed to give new life to the Craft. The fraternity soon increased, and from that sturdy body sprang all Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. Kings and princes, divines and inventors were initiated into its ancient mysteries and took no little pride in paying due obedience to its time-honored rules. So great was the power of Athelstan and Edward that after their death the Craft became very unsettled and remained a few years without a head. In 960, however, under the reign of Edgar, the lodge of York was called together in grand session. Their first operative work after that grand meeting was the building of a high tower under the supervision of one of their most learned members, St. Dunston. For the next fifty years the craft grew very slowly, when in 1041 Edward the Confessor and others of note were made Master Masons. Those of prominence of the Roman Catholic church

were popular in the order, yet some few of the priests fought the fraternity, but their battles were in vain. Leofrick, Earl of Coventry, was then elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of York. Under his stewardship those foremost in the state of England were made Master Masons, several of whom were William the Conqueror, Gunluph Bishop of Rochester, and Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Shrewsbury. It was in the year 1066 that the great strides in civilization were made throughout Freemasonry. The same is ably recorded in history's pages. The renowned Tower of London was erected under their supervision. The next year they likewise rebuilt the London bridge. That year they constructed the celebrated Westminster Hall, also the palace. During that time much charity was also done by the fraternity. Under the reign of Stephen and Henry I much important work was carried on by the direction of the Marquis of Pembroke. Notwithstanding the Bulls of the Pope the Craft prospered and several of the leading priests of England were foremost in the most popular body. In 1155 the lodges were employed in building the Temple for the Knights. After John succeeded Richard I on the throne of England, the craft took on a still newer life and flourished. In 1212 Edward succeeded to the crown. Westminster Abbey was then finished under the guiding hand of such eminent Masons as Walter Gifford, Archbishop of York, Ralph, Lord of Mount Hermer, and Gilbert de Carel Earl of Gloucester. In 1307 Walter Stapleton, Bishop of Exeter, was made Grand Master. While he was supposed to have been a strong

Roman Catholic, he did not heed the Pope, but gave much of his leisure time to the popular institution. Several of the Colleges of Cambridge and Oxford was then builded.

And thus on goes the good work in civilization with such eminent men at the head of the fraternity at different periods as Edward III, Richard II, Thomas Fitzallan, Earl of Surrey, James I of Scotland, Robert Beauchamp, Bishop of Sarum, until St. John's Day, 1502, when the King acted as Grand Master and opened the Grand Lodge at his palace. On the accession of Henry VIII Cardinal Wolsey was made Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. Following through a long list of England's noble sons as head of the fraternity we come to that celebrated gentleman, Sir Christopher Wren, and the present Grand Lodge of England is formed with results well known to Masonic history. And today we find foremost among the enemies of Freemasonry none other than ignorance and despotism. —Masonic Chronicle.

Dues Collected By Law.

"Judge Gray, of Chicago, has decided that a lodge has the right to sue a member for dues and can get a judgment for the amount even after the member has been suspended for non-payment of dues. This decision is based on a plain business proposition, and one that is overlooked by many lodges. A member is entitled to the benefits of the Order, funeral benefits, nurse in sickness and Pythian burial until he is suspended, for an amount equal to one years dues. For one year the member is entitled to these benefits, yet he refuses to pay what he justly owes the lodge, and

still claims to be an honest man. The lodge in all cases lives up to its obligations, and the member is under both legal and moral obligations, to do the same."

This decision will be read with a deal of interest, and there is hardly an organization in existence that suffers more by the suspension of members who will not pay their lodge debts, than the Knights of Pythias. While the proposition that the delinquent be sued in the civil courts and compelled to pay, may be somewhat drastic, it is nevertheless true, that there are a large number in this order who believe that the time is coming when lodges will be compelled to resort to this process. In fact, Grand Chancellor Robertson, upon occasion of a recent gathering of lodges, took exactly this same position and held that the member who refused to pay his dues account should be sued and the amount thus collected by due process of law. Whither are we drifting?—Advocate.

Can a Woman Keep a Secret.

BY ROSE SPAULDING.

Can women keep Lodge secrets? Of course they can. Hasn't Odd Fellowship tried them for fifty-four years and haven't they kept their secrets? Many years ago Odd Fellowship had a secret; it was a precious one, well worthy of the most tender care and protection, but they could not keep it themselves, they must place it with someone who would care for it, invest and reinvest it, and bring to them a handsome return for their capital. It must be some one worthy of trust and confidence, and as we believe there is no organization in this world with as sound judgment and as conservative

in its management as Odd Fellowship, we know they could have made no mistake when they selected Rebekah to care for their secret.

At first they were very cautious, and would not permit her to care for it as she wishes, but later they learned woman's true worth, and today she cares for it in her own manner.

That secret has become our capital, it is invested in bonds of love, and they are deposited in our bank of truth, of which faith is our president, and sweet, tenderhearted charity our cashier. A great many runs have been made upon our bank. Oft times have they tried to obtain our secret, but it has never been wrecked. Indeed, it has been discovered that the more we pay out, the more there is left and the more of your secret which you give us, brothers the more bonds of Friendship, love and truth we have to return to you. We have no debts, we pay them as fast as they're made, for love is our legal tender. Your interest never has been in default, it consists of four hundred and forty-five thousand human friendships. Your income is assured by that law of God, that bread cast upon the water shall return again.

Listen, sisters, whilst I tell you a story, and is to you alone that I speak. A secret lies within the heart of Odd Fellowship, but they can't keep it long, they're trying hard, but they tried over fifty years ago; they couldn't keep it then, and they cannot now, it will only be a continuation of the old story. They must tell it to some one. And as we believe there is no one whom they trust as they trust Rebekah, she alone shall know it. A heavy deposit is about to be made in our bank of trust, a National As-

sembly wherein we shall make our own laws. And when that deposit is once made Odd Fellowship shall never regret it, for we shall invest in bonds so secure, that in a very short time we shall be in a position to place the bonds of the National Assembly of the Independent Order of Rebekah, at par with the bonds of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. If you don't believe us, brothers, just try us.

The world needs Odd Fellowship, and Odd Fellowship needs us as long as men get sick and die, as long as there is a human heart to comfort and a tear to dry. When all these things disappear and vanish away, Odd Fellowship will have no mission to perform, and we will return your secret, and with you, brothers, surrender our charter and go out of existence. But until then, we intend to continue and to grow and prosper, to invest and reinvest your capital and keep your lodge secrets.

Yes, we'll keep them, brothers, "till the Master's gavel falls, then with you, open in that Grand Degree, in the Lodge with Jasper walls."—
Odd Fellows' World.

A Minister's Story.

It was Lodge night and there was an unusually large number present. They came to see the minister of the gospel initiated into the order. The work was well done and the candidate was evidently beely impressed. He was a man of experience, a successful preacher and pastor and greatly beloved by his people. After the work had been completed, and the usual routine of business had been taken up the "Good of the Order" was reached and the reverend brother was

called upon for remarks. Naturally enough he spoke of his initiation, and the deep impression it had made on his mind, and related an incident, which was the prime cause of his knocking at the door of our Order for admission. Among other things he said:

"I have one principal reason in joining the Order. I will tell it to you. Some years ago, while preaching and doing pastoral duty in a town of average size, there was a stranger injured by a railroad train. Myself and others, in the interest of humanity, were soon on the spot where the accident occurred, ready to render the ordinary assistance. The injured man became conscious for a time and gave a sign which I never noticed. It was noticed, however, by those for whom it was intended and immediately the attitude of certain parties changed toward the unfortunate man. He was taken to the residence of a gentleman present and given all the care that one of the family would have received under similar circumstances. The relatives of the unfortunate man were notified, and the best medical and surgical skill were rendered. And why all this tender brotherly care? Because of a fraternal sign given during a short period of consciousness—a sign so slight that that it escaped profane eyes. 'So slight,' did I say? How much did it mean to the injured one and his brothers? What would have been the result if he had opened his eyes and beseechingly said: 'I am a member of a certain denomination of a church?' The chances are that the town authorities would have given him the same careless care so often given in such cases. This is the principal reason why I am here tonight—

to grasp the hands of brothers in a brotherhood that mean 'Brotherly Love.'"

My Daddy, He's a Woodman.

C. C. HASSLER, S. C.

My daddy, he's a Woodman, an' my mammy
doesn't kick
If he stays late at meetin' or goes visitin'
the sick,
She says it does the old man good, an' keeps
his liver right,
To laugh about the frisky goat, to him a
funny sight,
He'll slap his hands upon his knees, an' say:
"Why bless you, ma,
It adds ten years to a man's life to see him
buck and paw,
An' when Bill Jenkins rid him last, I really
do declare
The floor was almost kiver'd up with bunches
of his hair."

My daddy he's a Woodman, an' you bet that
we're all glad,
When he's dressed up an' wears his badge, to
own him as our dad,
In town or city politics he's ready with his
vote,
But the man who slurs the Woodmen, he had
better shed his coat,
No old-line agent dast come in an' tell him
they will bust,
Unless he's ready then an' there to dig or
bite the dust,
He knows their songs an' loves to set, when
mammy lights the lamp,
An' sing em' to us kids jest like, he says, they
do in camp.

My daddy he's a Woodman, an' you ought to
see the spread
They set up when they gather in the neigh-
bors to be fed,
Then mam an' dad, an' sister Kate, of course
they all eat fust,
An' then the kids they just sail in an' eat
until they bust,
The cake an' pie they disappear with all
that's good to eat,
'Til you'd think a youngster's hollow from
his head to his feet,
Oh yes, to be a Woodman means to be right
at the top,
And lead the best society in picnic, dance, or
hop.

My daddy, he's a Woodman, an' I 'spect when
he is gone
I'll be growed up to take his place an' help
the good work on.
My mammy, if a widower, an' she feels that
she's bereft,
Has my consent to marry, if she finds a
Woodman left.
Dad wears a shiny button on his Sunday
coat to show
That the Woodman want a "Million fer Mil-
waukee" when they go.
I'd like to go there with 'em but I'll give you
all a hunch,
My dad, of all that "Million", will be the
proudest, in the bunch.
Bloomington, Ill.

E. R. Aldrich has hanging in the lobby of the hotel a frame showing the different types of postage stamps, which have paid a single domestic rate from the time of their first employment until now starting with the five cent brown of 1847, continuing with the first three center when the rate changed in 1851, the change of design caused by the war in 1861, the "engine stamp" of 1869, the old familiar three green of 1870, then the two metallic brown of 1883, when the last reduction in price occurred, then the two cent green of 1897, the two cent lake of 1890, with the carmine change late in the same year, the first Bureau of Printing issue, the suppressed design of 1902 and the current issue. The four exposition issues and a Confederate ten cent are included. These are all general types not including the many little minor differences in which stamp collectors delight.—Swift County Review.

If it was as wicked for men to buy their wives bouquets as it is to buy them for other women, married ladies would have more posies than they would know what to do with.

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Boston collectors are already beginning to plan the arrangements of the 1906 meet of the National Society.

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The new 1906 Scott catalog is out and collectors who wish to keep abreast of the times should immediately obtain one.

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\$255 was the price an English 1862 9d bistre plate 3 with hair lines, unused but without gum brought at a recent London auction.

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It takes twenty-nine specimens to fill the spaces of a set of the agriculture department officials as listed in the "Catalog Officiel," paper and color varieties being noted.

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An even million of the one, eight and ten cent values each overprinted for Canal Zone use on the regular U.S. issue were printed and five times as many of each the and five cent value.

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Among rare Italian stamps are the Segnetasse stamps with inverted centres. If you should chance to find one you have a gem of the first water. Actually postally used specimens of the 50 l and 100 l of this series are also scarce, most these values being used in the postal saving departments.

Every member of the American Philatelic Association receive each week the official journal replete with news of stamps and stampdom and also the large year book, containing about a hundred and fifty pages on the average. Thus the literature received is alone worth nearly as much as the yearly dues to say nought of the many other advantages arising from membership.

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In 1885 a special design was prepared for the use of the Stamp Agency. These stamps, especially of the first design are rare and seldom met with. The first two have been catalogued by Tiffany, but the last has not yet been noted.

The design is a large rectangle bearing in the centre the monogram U. S. in large colorless letters in an oval of engine turned work surrounded by a groundwork of interlaced geometrical lines. In each corner a clover leaf. Above in the frame "U. S. Postage Stamp Agency." Across the whole in black is printed in eight lines, "Postmaster receiving this package—will please note its condition—If showing signs of having been tampered with, report the same and return—this package to 3d Asst. P. M. General at—Washington, D. C. This package—should be opened at the end. E. W. Barber, 3d Ass't P. M." With change of signature the design continued in use and is still believed employed.

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A. O. U. W. Benson Lodge No. 54. Regular meeting every Wednesday evening except the first one in the month. John H. Hancock, M. W. J. N. Edwards, Fin. E. R. Aldrich, Rec.

O. E. S. Benson Chapter No. 157 Regular meeting Mar. 6. Lillie Aldrich W. M. E. R. Aldrich, Sec.

G. A. R. McPherson Post No. 17. Regular meeting Feb. 10, 24. John Sheridan Com. A. D. Forgeron, Adj.

I. O. O. F. Benson Lodge No. 114. Regular meeting every Thursday. N. McLeod N. G. J. P. Moran. Sec.

K. of P. Benson Lodge No. 104. Regular meeting every Monday. W. E. Coles. C. C. W. A. Foland, K. R. S.

K. O. T. M. Benson Tent No. 80. Meets every Tuesday evening. Ed. Pederson, C. B. F. Clark, Rec.

M. W. A. Chippewa Camp No. 2485. Regular meeting every Saturday. R. Edminster C. H. J. Crooks, Clerk.

B. S. Methven Camp No. 592. Regular meeting Feb. 10. Mable W. Nelson, O. Lorraine Forgeron, Rec.

S. of N. Bjorgvin Lodge No. 10. Regular meeting every Monday. J. D. Korstad, Pres. Mons Hauge, Sec.

W. R. C. McPherson Post No. Regular meeting Feb. 19, 24, in the afternoon. Mrs. Carl Risch, P. Mrs. Viola Babb, Sec.

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EDITORIALS.

Since Feb. 19 it has been Pythian Period XLIII.

A lodge was instituted at Cashholm Minn. on Jan. 9th with a membership of thirty-four.

Of fine appearance in the first number of Elder Monthly just sent out by the prominent New York numismatist.

The Collector's World is a new paper from Walla Walla, Wash., devoted to collecting in general. The initial number is a fine twelve page number.

Breckenridge, Minn. lodge on the Pythian birthday burned the mortgage on its hall and now rejoices in being free from indebtedness and proud of its own fine Castle Hall.

Appleton Lodge A. F. & A. M. have recently purchased the Lathrop & Ireland building and will remodel it into a Masonic Temple. The second story will be given up to lodge room purposes while the first will probably be turned into a banquet and dance hall. Appleton is to be congratulated on having so enterprising a lodge.

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By Rev. Jas. R. Oaten.

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men are getting concerning the value of the individual to society. But, how much greater the results might have been: if, instead of holding aloof from the church, as may do, claiming that the lodge is good enough for them, every true Mason would say, "I believe the church is working on the same job, I'll lend a helping hand."

And, on the other hand, instead of looking askance at Masonry, as the church has sometimes done, she had recognized there an institution of like nature and purpose with herself. If these two were more in harmony the world might long ago have lifted to a higher plane of life.

Now, perhaps I have said enough. I have not covered the ground fully. I have not tried to, for that could not be done in the short time allotted to me. I thank you for the close attention you have given me, and might feel somewhat flattered by it if I did not remember the experience of a certain young preacher on one occasion. He noticed that one man particularly in the audience had paid very strict attention to his sermon, never moving his head to the right or left. And so, after the service, he hastened down to the man and thanked him for the close attention he had given, saying he had been an inspiration to him. "Oh," said the stranger, "don't flatter yourself on my account. I had a stiff neck, and it was less painful for me to sit still and listen to you than it was to turn my head, that's all."

With your permission I will close with a little poem the sentiment of which I am glad to say is coming more and more to the spirit and attitude which both the fraternal organization and the church are assuming toward

mankind.

"There are hermit souls that live withdrawn
In the place of their self-content;
There are souls like stars, that dwell apart
In a fellowless Firmament;
There are pioneer souls that blaze a path
Where the highway never ran.
But, let me live in my house by the side of
the road
And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road,
By the side of the highway of life;
The men who press with the ardor of hope,
The men who are faint with the strife.
But I turn not away from their smiles and
their tears,
Both the part of an infinite plan.
Let me live in my house by the side of the
road,
And be a friend to man.

Let me live in my house by the side of the
road,
Where the race of men go by;
They are good, they are bad, they are weak,
they are strong,
Wise, foolish,—and so am I.
Then why should I sit in the corner's seat,
And hurl the cynic's ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the
road,
And be a friend to man.

Sue B. Oram.

The members of the Degree of Honor throughout the state will be shocked to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of their grand chief of ceremonies, on the evening of Feb. 21, only a few hours after her reelection to the office she had filled so capably.

Mrs. Oram was born at St. Cloud in Jan. 1867, her parents being prominent pioneers of Stearns Co. After graduating at the Normal at her home town she taught school up to the time of her marriage with Chas. B. Oram in Dec. 1886. In 1892 they moved to Willmar to reside.

She has been prominently identified with the Willmar lodge D. of H. and

for several years has held various grand offices. She was also a member of the Eastern Star and was prominent in literary and social affairs of Willmar, having been Secretary of the Public Library Board since its organization.

The funeral ocured on Friday Feb. 23, brief services being held at the family residence in Willmar after which the remains were taken to St. Cloud for interment.

The Record joins with the many friends in all parts of the state in extending sympathy to the bereaved husband and sons.

Burness G. Covell.

Burness G. Covell, the newly elected grand master of the Minnesota Oddfellows was born at Macomb N.



BURNESS G. COVELL.

Y. Feb. 6 1864. By profession he is a school teacher and for six years was county superintendent of Swift Co.

For years he has been an enthusiastic worker along fraternal lines and for over a dozen years has been a member of the Kerkhoven Oddfellows lodge, where he has filled the various chairs. Three years ago he served a term as deputy grand master.

In 1893 he joined Swift Lodge A. F. & A. M. at Benson and shortly after took the Chapter degrees at Willmar.

In 1898 he joined the Benson lodge A. O. U. W. of which he is past master workman and the past two years he has been engaged in active field work as Deputy Grand Master of that order.

He is one of the charter members of Murdock Can.p, M. W. A., and as in the other orders he belongs to has the ritualistic work at his finger tips.

Under his direction the Oddfellows of the state cannot fail to have a prosperous year.

Some Words of Muhammad.

From the January number of that valuable magazine, The Open Court, of Chicago, we call these sayings of the founder of Islamism. So many look upon this religion as akin to actual heathenism that they will be surprised to note the similarity with the teachings of the christian's code of ethics.

Actions will be judged according to their intentions.

No man is a true believer unless he desireth for his brother that which he desireth for himself.

Pray to God morning and evening, and employ the day in your avocations.

Charity that is concealed appeaseth the wrath of God.

Verily those who are patient in adversity and forgive wrongs, are the doors of excellence.

No man is true in the truest sense of the word but he who is true in word, deed and thought.

All actions are judged by the motive prompting them.

The holder of a monopoly is a sinner and offender.

Do you love your creator? Love your fellow-beings first.

Charity is a duty unto every muslim. He who hath not the means thereto, let him do a good act or abstain from an evil one. That is his charity.

What actions are most excellent? To gladden the heart of a human being, to feed the hungry, to help the afflicted, to lighten the sorrows of the sorrowful and to remove the wrongs of the injured.

Mrs. Louis S. Hanson.

Mrs. Carrie Haason, wife of Louis S. Hanson, died at her home in this village, February 15.

Carrie Hanson was born in Denmark nearly 58 years ago and came to America about 30 years ago. She and her husband have resided in Benson for the past eight years and enjoy the acquaintanceship of a large circle of friends. Mrs. Hanson was a charter member of the Eastern Star lodge of this village.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon at the Swedish church, Rev. Norsen conducting the obsequies.

The sympathy of the entire community is with the husband in his irreparable loss.

The Masonic lodge at its last meet-

ing passed the following resolutions: "Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has called to her heavenly home the beloved wife of our brother Louis S. Hanson.

Be it resolved, we extend to him in his bereavement our profound and heartfelt sympathy and bid him be mindful that beyond the Level of Time is the Realm of Eternity."

The Jolly Elk, of St. Paul, in its Jan. number says: "Bro. F. L. Stone formerly of Benson, Minn., is now located at Bokhama, I. T., where he has found a nest of Elks that are all wool and a yard wide."

Bro. Dresser, of the Crescent and grip says pithely: "The general is great but his campaigns would be worthless without the rank and file." So it is in lodge matters, the officers may direct but it is the efforts of the entire membership that makes a successful season.

Zion Commandry, of Minneapolis, will work the Malta Degree on March 23. I believe this degree has only once before been worked in Minnesota. It will be given under direction of Dr. J. B. Hingsley who is the recognized first authority on this work.

Washington's last words were: "It is well. I am about to die and I look upon it with perfect resignation." In this age of fraternal insurance no man could feel thus unless the future needs of his family were provided for and by having all assessments and dues paid he was in perfect good standing. Is this you?

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OUR STAMP PAGE.

Every Collector should join the national organization devoted to stamp collecting—The American Philatelic Association—Write to E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn., for any information desired.

Tunis has issued a new set of stamps

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Five values of a new set for Siam has appeared.

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It is announced that a Barbadoes Tercentenary stamp will be issued.

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A movement is on foot to form an Ohio state society. Why not one in Minnesota?

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The American membership Feb. 17 was 707. Better send for that application blank.

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In the February number Bro. Linn promises to change the Columbus Philatelist to a monthly.

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To publishers of philatelic papers:—Place the Lodge Record on your X list and we will reciprocate.

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It is reported that next year a one and two cent stamp will be issued for the Jamestown (Va) World's Fair.

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Political changes which may make changes in Scandinavian Stamps still continue, the death of King Christian of Denmark being the latest.

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I should be pleased to have my attention called to any paper, book or important magazine or newspaper article upon philatelic subjects published since July 1st, 1905.

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The same dealer also offers a Connell at \$120.00, a block of six 1d

For souvenir card collectors, a new paper the Hobby Horse has appeared from Bethel, Minn.

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Canada, ribbed paper \$69.00 A New Brunswick shilling at \$40.00 and a Nova Scotia shilling at \$60.00.

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From Chicago comes the announcement of the death of the well known collector Frank J. Lefever. He has not enjoyed good health for years and the end was not unexpected. The local society and the American have both lost a faithful member.

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The Year Book of the Am. Phil. Ass'n. has appeared. It is a fine appearing book of 138 pages, full of association and stamp matters and a fine halftone illustration of those at the Minneapolis meet appears as frontispiece.

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A Canadian dealer recently offered a number of the rare spilt provisional issues on original cover and as they are so seldom offered we quote a few prices, being somewhat of a criterion of the value of these seldom seen specimens. Canada Diagonal 6d. \$50.00; New Brunswick, Diagonal half 3d. used with 6d. making 7½d \$25.00; Diagonal half 6d \$20.00; Diagonal half 10c. \$15.00; Diagonal and top half Newfoundland 8d. \$20.00 and \$30.00 respectively; Nova Scotia, diagonal half 6d yellow green \$15.00; same dark green \$20.00; Diagonal half 2c used with 2c making 5c rate \$25.00; Diagonal half 10c. \$15.00.

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An extremely interesting magazine which reached our table this week is The Collector, published by Walter R. Benjamin, 1 West 39 St. New York. It is devoted to autograph collecting and history.

Benjamin P. Shillaber, better known under his pen name of "Ike Partington," said: Within the walls of the lodge room I have formed some of the dearest friendships of my life. I have seen the strongest manifestations of christian charity, have heard the most impassioned appeals for friendship and have been moved, again and again, to new devotion, to the principles that underlie our organization, and touch humanity the deepest.

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Louis G. Vogel.

Louis G. Vogel is one of the enthusiastic members of the New Ulm lodge of the A. O. U. W.

He was born in New Ulm in 1867, and received his education in the schools of that city, after which he took a course in book-keeping and commercial law at the St. Paul Business college.

After this for over a decade he served as cashier and head book-keeper of the Empire Milling Co.

Ten years ago he was elected county auditor of Brown county and so satisfactory an official he proved, that the people of the county have continued to elect him to the same office each election since.

For twenty two years he has been connected with the state militia and for some time has been

Ass't. Adj't. General of the state Brigade of the Minn. National Guard.

During the Spanish American war he enlisted and was regimental Adjutant of the 12th Minnesota Infantry.

In fraternal matters he is a member of several different organizations.

Yielding to the pressure of many friends who believe that he would be just the man for the position, he has become a candidate for the republican nomination as state treasurer, and with the experience he has had would undoubtedly be the right man in the right place.

Pythian Notes.

In 29 of the 50 different Pythian jurisdictions the grand chancellor is a member of the Endowment rank.

Supreme Outer Guard, John Thompson, who has held this office for thirty years, died in Washington on Washington's birthday. Bro. Thompson joined the order in March, 1868, was elected grand chancellor of the District in 1869 and became G. O. G. in 1876.

Always say "conferring the rank" and not "conferring the degree." The term "degree" is not in our ritual and should never be

used in connection with Pythianism. This is a misnomer often used by many brothers. It should be strictly avoided as it is confusing to the new member of a lodge to hear these terms used synonymously. All meetings held by Pythians are termed conventions and it is improper to use any other term.

The following description of the seal of the supreme lodge is given by Past Supreme Chancellor Samuel Reed.

"The seal is a polygon—five sided. The five sides represent the five Grand Lodges in existence upon the formation of the Supreme Lodge. On one side the date of organization of the Supreme Lodge; on the other side the date of the foundation of the Order. Over the Shield the word 'Friendship,' the corner-stone of the Order. On the Shield a 'florant' with stars upon it, denoting our ascendancy. The perpendicular lines denote the color 'Blue'; the dots 'Yellow'; the horizontal 'Red'; thus showing the colors of the Order. The 'Dirigo' means 'I guide,' or 'I direct.' Around the Shield are the initials of the mottoes—F. G. and B."

A Masonic Code.

The editor has in his scrap book the following set of principles which has been prepared as setting forth the doctrines of Masonry, but no data having been saved he is unable to give proper credit to the author:

1. Adoration of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

2. True respect and adoration for the Grand Architect is evidenced by good works.

3. Keep thy heart always pure, that thou mayst ever appear worthy before thy conscience.

4. Love thou neighbor as thyself.

5. Do nothing bad in the hope of gain.

6. Do thou good for love of doing good.

7. Esteem those who are good; love those who are infirm; avoid those who are bad; but bear ill-will toward no one.

8. Flatter not thy brother, since this is treason; if thy brother flatter thee, take heed that it is for thy corruption.

9. Listen always to the voice of thy conscience.

10. Be a father to the poor; with each breath of thy existence root out all of those bad qualities which fall upon thine own head.

11. Respect the traveler, national or from foreign lands; render him assistance; his person is sacred to thee.

12. Avoid quarrels; be always on your guard against those who would provoke a quarrel and keep always the right on your side.

13. Give of thy bread to the hungry; and to the poor and weary traveler who is within thy gates; clothe the naked.

14. Treat no one lightly, since passion reposes in the breast of the ignorant

15. Detest the avaricious, for whoever loves riches derives no pleasure therefrom, and this also is vanity.

16. Avoid the impious, since otherwise thy house will be leveled, and bear in mind that the houses of the just will ever flourish.

17. In the path of honor and justice is life; but a mind or soul deviating therefrom conduces to death.

18. The heart of the wise is found where virtue is practiced, and the heart of the ignorant is the home of vanity.

19. Respect women, never take advantage of their weakness, and much less think to dishonor them.

20. If thou hast a son rejoice, but look well to his bringing up; that to ten years he fears thee, to twenty years he loves thee, and until death he respects thee. Up to ten years he knows his master, to twenty years his father, and until death his friend. Give him good principles before good manners; noble rectitude and not elegant frivolity. Make him an honest, rather than a clever man.

21. Read and improve thyself; observe and imitate, reflect and work; occupy thyself always with

that which is good for thy brethren and they will work for thee.

22. Content thyself with all things, for all and with all.

23. Do not judge lightly of men's actions; do not reproach them, and least of all unduly praise them; first search well their hearts in order to appreciate their good works.

24. Know that with the profane there can be freedom without licentiousness, greatness without pride, humility without fawning, and among brothers there can be firmness without tenacity; severity without being inflexible, and submission without being servile.

25. Speak moderately with the distinguished, prudently with thy equals, sincerely with thy friends, sweetly with children, and always with the poor.

26. Be just and valorous in defense of the oppressed, protect the innocent without consideration of any recompense for such service.

27. Appreciating with exactitude, man and things, thou shouldst attend only to personal merit, no matter what may be the rank, state and fortune.

28. On the day when these maxims become general among men, the human family will be happy and Masonry will have accomplished its task and have sung its triumphant regeneration.

Our G. K. R. S.

The genial Grand Keeper of Records and Seals of Minnesota is so well known, not alone to Pythians but to all lodgemen that no introduction is necessary. For nearly a decade he has been prom-



inent in the Pythian grand lodge having been elected grand vice chancellor in 1890 which office he held until 1892 when he was elected the head official of the domain, which office he held three years, retiring to succeed Grier M. Orr as G. K. R. S., and at each successive convention of the grand lodge he has been reelected usually by acclamation. For several years he has been commander of the state brigade, U. R.

While preeminently a Pythian, he is also a member of several other fraternities.

As publisher of the Pythian Advocate he is well known not only in his own state but all over the entire country and the influence of

his paper is second to none in the Pythian World.

One of the most elaborate ideas to advance Pythianism is that with which Sanford Dodge, the tragedian, he is at present interested in. This is the presentation of an elaborately mounted and costumed version of Damon and Pythias, which will tour the entire country and which it is thought will so interest many outsiders as to cause them to knock at the portals of Pythianism. He has been a faithful laborer to advance Pythian interests and he has diligently followed the advice he gave in his address as G. C. in 1894. "Raise the standard of Pythian eminence to the very highest conception of integrity, loyalty, honesty and virtue; seek your ideal among the noblest examples of true manliness, beyond the sordid influences which engraft themselves into baser existence. Remove from your soul the veil that shields a hidden doubt and set yourselves aright before your Creator and your fellows, and with a strong determination to ennoble Knighthood, consecrate your best energies to the good work, resolved to add something to the common store: though but a particle of sand upon the shores of the sea, let none vainly imagine his efforts to be indispen-

sable, but rather let him, while drawing comfort from the tribute of his mite remember the old and familiar song of The Brook. For men may come and men may go, but I flow on forever."

The Select Knights applied for a receiver in January and will soon be a thing of the past. At one time this was a flourishing organization which attempted to pose as "higher degrees" of the A. O. U. W. but without any real recognition from the Supreme Lodge of that order. It was organized in 1879 and up to 1881 may have had a quasi standing with the older order but in that year resolutions were passed in Supreme lodge disclaiming any relationship.

The membership on Feb. 1 of the D. of H. was 73,357 of whom 39,978 held insurance policies. Minnesota is now the largest domain having 17,497 members, with Nebraska second with 15,285. Only three jurisdictions made gains in January, Minnesota adding 156 new members, Michigan 17 and Illinois 11.

A well attended district convention of the Rebekahs was held at Herman, Minn., March 19. District officers elected: Mrs. Anna Hesler, President; Mrs. O. W. Jones, Vice President; and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, (Morris, Minn.) Secy.

Li'l Brack Sheep.

From the Idaho Oddfellow.

"Poor li'l brack sheep don't stray away,
Den los' in de win' an' de rain;
An' de Shepherd, he say: 'O hirelin',
Go find my sheep again.'
But de hirellu' frown: 'Shepherd,
Dat sheep brack an' bad'
But the Shepherd, he smile like de li'l brack
sheep
Was the onliest lamb he had.

"An' he say: 'O' hirelin, hasten,
For de win' and de rain an' col';
An' dat li'l brack sheep am lonesome,
Out dar so far from de fol'.
De hirelin frown: 'O' Shepherd,
Dat sheep am ol' and gray.'
But de Shepherd, he smile like de li'l brack
sheep
Was fair as de break ob day!

"An' he say: 'Oh hirelin', hasten!
Lo here am de ninety-an'-nine,
But dar, way off from the sheepfol',
Is dat li'l brack sheep ob mine.'
An' de hirelin' frown: 'Oh Shepherd,
De res' ob de sheep am here.'
But de Shepherd, he smile like de li'l brack
sheep
He hol' it de mostest dear.

"An' de Shepherd go out in de darkness,
Where de night was col' and bleak;
An' dat li'l brack sheep, he find it,
An' lay it agains' his' cheek,
An' de hirelin' frown: 'O Shepherd,
Don' bring dat sheep to me.'
But de Shepherd he smile, an' he hold it close,
An' dat li'l brack sheep—wuz—me!"

The following little gem is a translation from the Dhammapa made by Dr. Paul Carus and published with a number of others in the March Open Court:

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With generosity quell greed
And lies, by walking in truth's
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Robt. M. La Follette who was recently sworn in as U. S. senator from Wisconsin is a Knight, having been created at a great Pythian Jubilee held in the Chicago coliseum in 1902.

In Ontario there are 300 lodges with a membership of over 30000.

OUR STAMP PAGE.

Every Collector should join the national organization devoted to stamp collecting—The American Philatelic Association—Write to E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn., for any information desired.

Louisiana Purchase Precancelleds.

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The subjoined list comprises all the known varieties of precancelleds on the St. Louis commemorative issue. Thanks are due to F. L. Smith, J. J. Cone Jr. and L. H. Hammerle for assistance rendered in compiling this list. The following system of abbreviation have been used: 1 is 1 cent, normal specimen with horizontal name thereon, 1* inverted, 1† double impression, 1u reading up, 1d reading down.

Akron, O. 1, 1*, 1†.
 Ashland, O. 1.
 Avon, N. Y., 1u
 Bay City, Mich., 1, 1*, 2, 2*.
 Boston, Mass., 1, 1*, 2, 2*, 3.
 Cleveland, O., 1, 1*, 3, 5, 10.
 Cincinnati, O., 1, 1*, 2, 2*, 3, 3*.
 double lines, 1, 1*, 2, 2*, 3, 3*.
 Danbury, Con., 1, 1*.
 comma variety 1, 1*.
 Detroit, Mich., 1, 2.
 Edella, Pa., 1.
 Harrisburg, Pa., 1.
 Hika, Wis. 1, 2.
 Kansas City, Mo., small type 1, 2.
 Large type 1, 2.
 Mansfield, O., heavy horizontal bar,
 no name 1.
 Menasha, Wis. 1.
 Minneapolis, Minn. 3.
 Philadelphia, Pa. 1u, 1†, (both hori-
 zontal and vertical on same stamp.
 1† (both up and down on same
 stamp,) 1 diagonal down, 1 diagonal
 up, 5.

Pittsburg, Pa. 1, 1*, 2, 2*, 3, 3*, 5(?)
 Providence, R. I. 1, 1*, 1*†, 2, 2*.
 Racine, Wis. 1, 1*.
 St Paul, Minn. 1.
 Salem, Mass. 2, 3, 5,
 diagonal down 1, 2, 2*, 3, 5, 5*, 10, 10*
 diagonal up 1.
 Sherman, N. Y. 1, 2, 3, 5, 10.
 Topeka, Kans. 1, 2, 2†, 3, 3†.
 no city name 1.
 Westfield, N. Y. 1, 1*.
 West Grove, Pa. 1, (found in two
 widths.)

In a lecture recently given at Milford, Mass., Rev. Elbert W. Whitney describes an interesting custom of the Masonic lodge at Melrose, Scotland, on St. John's day.

"In the morning they elect officers for the ensuing year and dine together. At night they again gather, march two abreast with lighted torches and the insignia of their order, thrice around the ancient cross, then, preceded by a band of music, they pass three times around the abbey, and within its ruined aisles. At last they form a semicircle in the chancel around the heart of Bruce, while the band plays Scottish airs and the wonderful ruins are brilliantly lighted up with many colored fireworks."

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The Star's Object.

A. D. Countryman.

An extract from an address delivered in 1902 while Grand Patron of Minnesota.

It may be thought by some that our Order exists but for a temporary purpose, and that its influence is little felt. Never was a greater mistake. The Order of the Eastern Star exists for all time and its teachings and principles are imperishable. Working along the lines as the great Masonic brotherhood, it rounds out the work of the noble fraternity by giving those finishing touches to our social, our charitable and our religious life which only woman can give. In every department or progress, where the modest life and sweet smile of woman has touched the character of man, the influence has been most salutary. And so the Eastern Star exists that the woman may do by united effort what she cannot do alone, and aid her brother man in the uplifting of humanity, in educating to better, broader citizenship those who take our places in the active duties of life, in inculcating the divine truths of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The teachings of our Order are de-

signed to make us better men and women, to broaden our mental vision, to intensify our patriotism, to raise us to a higher plane of citizenship, and also to cause us to use our God-given powers of body and mind in the alleviation of distress. In the soothing of sorrow, in the doing of everything in our power to make those around us better and happier. Are we doing these things? Has our association with this order been productive of good to ourselves and others? Have we indeed followed the the Star in the East? If we have not, we have fallen far short of our bounden duty. If we have, our days have been and will be full of the sweet perfume of the consciousness of duty well performed and at the last, of us that best of epitaphs will be written, "He lived to bless mankind."

Robert Morris, the founder of the order, sent the following message to the Michigan Grand Chapter at its session of 1886:

"The Eastern Star: The Star of Bethlehem once guided the wise men to the place where lay the infant Jesus. But the Eastern Star is at this moment guiding fifty thousand wise women to the highest plane of earthy merit and usefulness. May the rays of light we cherish continue to guide us through middle life, through old age, and even through the darkness of the tomb to those green meadows by the crystal river, where the Tree of Life grows, where faith is lost in sight and hope ends in fruition."

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It may be thought by some that our Order exists but for a temporary purpose, and that its influence is little felt. Never was a greater mistake. The Order of the Eastern Star exists for all time and its teachings and principles are imperishable. Working along the lines as the great Masonic brotherhood, it rounds out the work of the noble fraternity by giving those finishing touches to our social, our charitable and our religious life which only woman can give. In every department or progress, where the modest life and sweet smile of woman has touched the character of man, the influence has been most salutary. And so the Eastern Star exists that the woman may do by united effort what she cannot do alone, and aid her brother man in the uplifting of humanity, in educating to better, broader citizenship those who take our places in the active duties of life, in inculcating the divine truths of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The teachings of our Order are de-

signed to make us better men and women, to broaden our mental vision, to intensify our patriotism, to raise us to a higher plane of citizenship, and also to cause us to use our God-given powers of body and mind in the alleviation of distress, in the soothing of sorrow, in the doing of everything in our power to make those around us better and happier. Are we doing these things? Has our association with this order been productive of good to ourselves and others? Have we indeed followed the the Star in the East? If we have not, we have fallen far short of our bounden duty. If we have, our days have been and will be full of the sweet perfume of the consciousness of duty well performed and at the last, of us that best of epitaphs will be written, "He lived to bless mankind."

Robert Morris, the founder of the order, sent the following message to the Michigan Grand Chapter at its session of 1886:

"The Eastern Star: The Star of Bethlehem once guided the wise men to the place where lay the infant Jesus. But the Eastern Star is at this moment guiding fifty thousand wise women to the highest plane of earthy merit and usefulness. May the rays of light we cherish continue to guide us through middle life, through old age, and even through the darkness of the tomb to those green meadows by the crystal river, where the Tree of Life grows, where faith is lost in sight and hope ends in fruition."

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 William R. James, Grand Patron, Minnesota.



Bro. James was born in Aylmer, Ontario, in 1858 and came to Breckenridge in 1884 to take charge of the public school. He has resided there continuously since then, having since his retirement from teaching been engaged in business enterprises of different kinds. He is at present editor and publisher of the Telegram, the leading republican paper, of Wilkin County. He has taken a prominent part in all public matters and held a number of public offices, having but recently retired as postmaster of his city. In 1885 he was made a Mason in Frontier Lodge No. 152, in which he has held various offices having served as Master for six years.

In 1892 Jacoby Chapter No. 44, O. E. S., was organized at Breckenridge, and he became a member. He has served as patron of his local lodge and in 1894 he was elected associate grand patron and last year advanced to the

grand patronship.

He is a Knight Templar and a Shriner, belonging to Osman Temple, of St. Paul. He has always been interested in fraternal matters and is also a member of the A. O. U. W., K. of P., M. W. A. and other orders.

The Grand Chapter.

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, O. E. S. will be held in Masonic Temple. (Fifth St., a half block west of Wabasha St.) St. Paul on May 9 and 10.

On Tuesday evening, May 8, there will be a reception to the Most Worthy Grand Matron Madeline B. Conklin, of Oklahoma City, Okla., the head of the General Grand Chapter, the grand lodge officers and other distinguished guests given by the five St. Paul chapters, at which the "Mystic Tie" ceremonies will be given by St. Paul Chapter No. 24 and the Memorial ceremonies by Constellation No. 18. The program in brief for the two days sessions are

WEDNESDAY MAY 9.

Opening Ceremonies, appointment of committees.

Address of Welcome, P. C. Williams, W. P. of No. 18.

Response, A. G. P., W. H. Kirk.

Address W. G. M., A. F. & A. M., Tom Morris.

Address W. G. M. Thomas.

Address W. G. P. James.

Recess.

Introduction of distinguished guests and grand representatives.

Report of Grand Secretary.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

Adjournment until evening.

Exemplification of Degrees by Lorraine Chapter No. 16.

Address, M. W. G. M. Conklin.

THURSDAY, MAY 10.

Report. Credential Committee.

General business.

Election of officers at 10 o'clock.

Recess.

Election continued.

Reports of Committees.

Installation of officers.

Closing ceremonies.

Constellation Chapter will serve meals at the hall during both days.

Don't forget to take receipt when buying your ticket to insure return rate. Deposit these certificates with the grand secretary as early as possible. The official headquarters will, we understand, be at the Astoria Hotel.

The great San Francisco catastrophe will give the insurance world the worst shaking up it has had for years. Those who have policies in the American of Newark, can feel perfect security and will do well to recommend the company to their friends as is indicated by the following message to E. R. Aldrich, their Berson agent:

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P. L. Hoadley, Vice President."

The Order is constantly growing, the membership in the United States numbering 304, 979 at the last report in 1904. A Grand Chapter was organized in Scotland in Aug. 1904.

Mary C. Taylor, Grand Secretary, Minnesota.



Our grand secretary needs no introduction as her many years of labor and endeavor to advance our order have endeared her to all. Thirty years ago she received the degrees in Minneapolis Chapter No. 9 and ever since she has been active in O. E. S. circles.

Mrs. Taylor is a native of New York, and was a teacher in the public schools when in 1870 she married Frederick C. Taylor and moved to Minneapolis. After having served her local chapter in nearly every office, she became its worthy matron and for five years held this office, etc.

linquishing it in 1892 to become Worthy Grand Matron of Grand Lodge No. 2 and while in this office was largely instrumental in bringing about the consolodation of the two grand lodges, and after consolodation became the first grand matron of united grand lodge and continued to hold this position until 1895. In 1899 she was elected grand secretary and has been reelected at each subsequent session of the Grand Lodge.

Our Flag and the Chapter.

An exceedingly pretty ceremony occurred at the opening of the Grand Chapter of Illinois on October 4th, 1904 when P. G. M. Mary Goddard presented an United States flag to the Grand Chapter. In concluding her remarks she said, "Let us ever be true to the principle it teaches, as by these colors we are reminded of the love of Electa, the purity of Esther and the fidelity of Adah. May we practice these virtues in our daily lives, and thus be loyal to our Order and our flag."

In her response to the address G. M. Mary Inghram said: "Nothing is more appropriate than that the flag should float in our chapter room, because the lessons it teaches are the lessons taught by the heroines of our Order. Adah's devotion and sacrifice won the battle for her father, and Esther was ready to lay down her crown, her scepter, her life itself to save her people from extermination."

The Mason's Duty.

The grand patron of Kansas at the 1903 session of that grand chapter thus defines the Mason's duty to the star.

The Eastern Star should and in

time will be as universal as Masonry itself; but the Masonic brother must be made to feel that he has not lived up to the full measure of his obligation until he has placed his wife, mother, sister and daughter under its protecting care, and enabled her to make herself known to the Fraternity wherever she may be. Let us never shrink from the opportunity then of placing our Order in its most favorable light before the world, and we can rest assured that new links will be added to the golden chain until the universality of our Order is recognized.

Angelic Visitors.

Robert Morris.

This poem by the order's founder was read by him at 1886 session of the General Grand Chapter at St. Louis, Mo:

If to our world dear lost ones would descend
If Ruth and Martha would in kindness bend,

With Esther and Electra from the sky
And sanctify our harmony and joy,
I think while in these roseate bonds we meet
Our happiness this morning were complete.

So hard is life, so anxious and unsure,
So much there is to combat and endure,
We need a greater than an earthy hope,
To buoy our dull, despondent spirits up:
Send messengers of comfort from above.

So shall this conclave of the Eastern Star
Be like the gatherings where the angels are
So shall one purpose occupy each heart
And give full consolation ere we part,
While every evil thought shall fade away
And naught remain but one perpetual day.

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Recognizing the influence women exerted upon man in turning his inclinations towards charitable work Robert Morris decided that to have the Masonic institution do its best in living up to its high moral and charitable intentions, it was necessary to interest her in its work, and accordingly instituted the Order of the Eastern Star.

We are told that one of the binding obligations of the Masonic institution is to aid and protect the widow and orphan and is it not meet and right that the Mason's wife and daughter should assist him in the great and glorious work? How can they as well become interested as joining the auxiliary which has been provided to bring them into touch with this work. It is not only right but to one who believes that she should assist her husband, father, brother, in his Masonic charitable work almost compulsory to join the Star. If it is right for the Mason to aid in the progress and advancement of the sister order, it is the duty of the relatives eligible to join and assist in its growth.

We, who have learned the beautiful lessons taught at the points of the Star, are drawn closer to what we are told and believe Masonry is, and let us hope that we help to make the world better by living up to the high ideals we have been taught, and let us continue to strive to exemplify our lives the beautiful truth and virtues, until all who may, shall be gathered into our chapters.

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Make the Lodge Attractive.

There is no sweeter word than home. It is connected with mother and with father, and all the precious memories of our young lives center about it. Home, sweet home. The lodge is the temporary home of the Mason. Here we "meet upon the level and part upon the square." Here we find the true, warm welcome; here we make and cement friendships which last through life. Ah! it is here, indeed, that we become brothers to each other, and around the sacred altars we gather as one family. How necessary, then, is it that the lodge room should be an attractive, congenial place. Adorn it with the portraits of eminent men, and with the symbols of our grand Fraternity. You can not make your lodge room too beautiful. It will not be embellished beyond the appreciation of your visitors. Let it be a comfortable, hospitable, chery place, sacred and dedicated to the noble purposes for which we are banded together. The lodge room should be pleasantly remembered as well as the home of our boyhood. We have been glad to notice the beautiful lodge rooms, and with what pride the brethren often referred to the zeal of some good brother who had labored assiduously in bringing it to its perfection.—Wm. H. Bumpas, P. G. M., Tennessee.

Can Do His Best.

What can the individual member of the A. O. U. W do? In the first place he can stop criticising and finding fault with those who are doing their best to make the Order grow and put it on a sound and lasting basis. He can attend lodge meetings and assist in carrying on the business in the lodge room and not on the streets. There are sick brothers to visit—he can do that; there are official positions to fill—he can accept an office and show that he wants to fulfill his obligation to the Order; there are new members to secure—he can do his best in that direction; there is committee work—he can serve. There is no better way to increase the power and influence of the lodge than by cheerfully performing any work assigned. One earnest member can influence a whole lodge. Outside of the lodge room there is much that he can do for the good of the Order besides fault finding and grumbling. He can talk to his neighbors and associates about the Order and the work it is doing. He can say good things and no one can measure the benefit derived from such action. What we want to make our Order prosper is honest, fraternal men. Men who believe in the Order, and are not afraid of sounding it's praises; men who will endeavor to add new

members, and men who will give freely of their time that the Order may be benefitted, just as he would labor to build up any other business enterprise in which he was interested to the extent of \$1,000 or \$2,000.—Loyal Workman.

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"The veterans of the civil war are dying at the rate of one hundred a day," remarked a prominent official of the Grand Army of the Republic.—Press Dispatch.

They hear the bugle's ringing notes and gladly march away;
Above their heads Old Glory floats as in the battle's fray;
The swelling cheers rise from their throats, their steps grow light and gay,
They're marching forth to join the Grand Review.

Forgot are all the weary years, they're young and strong again;
They're catching step with loyal cheers as in the old days when
They kissed aside the swelling tears from sweethearts' eyes, and then
Marched forth to answer duty's stern command.

Their eyes no longer weak and dim, they see the banner bright;
They sing their country's battle hymn, their way is growing light;
They're marching with the old-time vim, for victory is in sight,
The sun-crowned hills of glory just ahead.

They hear their captain calling, "Boys, the day is nearly o'er;"
They catch a gleam of heaven's joys, they see the golden shore;
No fear of death their joy alloys, their comrades gone before
Are calling them, "Fall in for Grand Review!"

They hear their comrades singing, and they join the chorus sweet;
They hear the bugles ringing and they march with eager feet.
See, the line is gaily swinging down the golden bordered street,
The laurel crowns of glory have been won.

They hear their comrades' welcome shout, they clasp hands brave and true;
They've put the fear of death to rout, they pass in Grand Review;
By companies they muster out the boys who wore the blue,
With bugles playing "Home, Sweet Home," today.

Comrades behind have sounded "taps" for five score men today;
Their wasted forms the flag enwraps, they've fought a gallant fray;
The living close the serried gaps and sadly march away—
"Lights out!" The boys at last are safely home.



E. T. YOUNG.

Swift County's Representative at the State Capitol, the attorney general of the state who will be his own successor.

M. W. A. Notes.

Another assessment skipped this month altho 373 claims amounting to \$650,050 were paid and yet over a million cash balance is in the treasury.

Modern Woodmen of America made the largest net increase in membership during 1905 of any fraternal beneficiary society in the United States.

Three thousand member class adoptions were made this month at Detroit, Indianapolis and St. Louis.

Talbot Camp of Washington, D. C., held an open meeting the latter part of March at which congressman Dawson, of Iowa, and Lloyd, of Mo., both enthusiastic woodmen were the speakers.

At Highland, Wis., the camp has given local plays and never collects a cent for local camp dues, finding it easy to raise money enough to pay per capita tax and local expenses from the profits from the opera house they manage and the local plays they give.

K. P. Items.

Sicilian Lodge, of Kansas City, boast of the largest membership in any domain-1165.

Of the present supreme lodge membership of 158, 101 are members of the endowment rank.

The first grand lodge of the order was organized on April 8, 1864, being known as the grand lodge of the District of Columbia.

On February 19th a "Big Night" convention was held at Honolulu, H. I. Eighty applicants received the Knight's Rank. Following the initiation work a banquet was served. Those prominent in the undertaking were Deputy Supreme Chancellor Ed. Towse and Chancellor Commander C. M. White.

Three Link Notes.

The new Odd Fellows' home of West Virginia will be established in Elkins.

The New Mexico Oddfellows have decided to establish an Odd Fellows' home at Roswell, N. M.

Manila lodge of Odd Fellows, in the Philippines, has sixty six members and is in a most flourishing condition.

The Alabama jurisdiction has over 16,500 members. The net gain in membership during the past year was nearly 2,000.

The first grand lodge was organized in February, 1821, at Baltimore, Md., and subsequently became the sovereign grand lodge. Thos. Wilder was the first grand master and served twelve years.

In the Nebraska jurisdiction during the past year the Odd Fellows increased 1,424 in membership, while the Rebekahs gained 1,088 new members.

One of the oldest Odd Fellows in the United States is Past Grand Representative Benj. C. True, now a resident of Harlan, Ind. Bro. True was initiated in 1836, and has been in continuous membership for 69 years. He served as Grand Representative from the jurisdiction of New York and later from the jurisdiction of Ohio. He is now in his 98 year.

New York has had four Grand Sires, James K. Kennedy in 1841-3, James P. Sanders 1866-8, John H. White 1886-8, John W. Stebbins 1894-6. All are now dead. The first named died in 1873, Bro. White in 1902, Bro. Sanders in 1904 and Bro. Stebbins in 1905.

Schuyler Colfax, vice president of the United States (1869-73) said of this fraternity: "This country has conferred many honors upon me but I would not exchange all of them today for that good standing in Oddfellowship of which for nearly a quarter of a century I have been so proud.

Is This You.

"Have you heard of the land of No-good,
On the banks of the River Slow,

Where blooms the wait-awhile
flower fair,
Where the sometime-or-other
scents the air,
And the soft go-easys grow?
It lies in the valley of What's the
use,
In the province of Let'r-slide.
That 'tired feeling' is native there
It's the home of the reckless I'
don't care,'
Where the give 't ups abide."

Is your Lodge located in this land of No-good, my Brother, and is your membership of the give-it ups. If so, you need to get in some new material. Look around you and find a few men who move things. Bring them into your lodge and turn them loose. Give them the reins and let them drive awhile. Perhaps their lightning speed will wake the go easys up.

Oh for more people with the energy and the courage to do things. There is too much drift-wood upon the current of time, chocking the stream and turning it out of it's regular course.—Idaho Oddfellow.

Don't Drive.

One of our prominent lodge members has clipped from the Chicago News and passed us as his favorite poem the following:

Don't ye be impatient now,
I kan't go much faster;
Fust I gotter milk the cow,
Turn her out to pasture,
Skim the cream from crock an' pan.
Go to work and churn it,
Doin' jest the best I can—
Don't ye drive me, dern it!

Yas. You'll git you woodbox filled
 When I've got through sawin';
 I've knowed lots of husbands killed
 With their wife-a-jawin'!
 Filled her wunst, but you began
 Right away to burn it;
 Doin' jest the best I can—
 Don't ye drive me, dern it!

All the time some pesky chore—
 "Ephrum, now you hustle;"
 Hurried now ont I'm sore,
 J'int an' bone an' muscle,
 Life is hard upon pore man,
 Married, he'll soon learn it.
 Doin' jest the best I can—
 Don't ye drive me, dern it!

G. A. R. Resolution.

Whereas, Carl Risch of Company
 "G" 9th Wisconsin, joined this, Mc-
 Pherson Post No. 17, by muster-in,
 August 30th 1896, and

Whereas, God, in his infinite wis-
 dom, has seen fit to, and did on May 14,
 1906, call him from his walks on the
 picket-line in this life, to the peace-
 ful camps on the other shore; There-
 fore, Be it

Resolved, That by the death of
 Comrade Risch, this Post has lost a
 valued member, his family an in-
 dulgent husband and father, the vil-
 lage an honorable upright citizen and
 our Country a true hearted, brave
 and earnest defender; Be it Further

Resolved, that we extend our sym-
 pathy to the bereaved family in this,
 their hour of sorrow and sadness, that
 these resolutions be made a matter
 of record by our adjutant, that a copy
 be sent to the family of our deceased
 comrade, a copy furnished the local
 papers for publication and that our
 Charter be draped for 30 days.

Adopted May 17th, 1906, by Mc-
 Pherson Post No. 17.

Gen'l Eli Torrence in nominat-
 ing Minneapolis as meeting point
 paid this eloquent tribute to Min-
 neapolis at the Denver encamp-
 ment:

"Minnesota! born into the union
 at the time when the mother who
 gave her birth was threatened with
 destruction; Minnesota! first of all
 the states to respond to the na-
 tion's cry for help, and, from the
 snow-covered prairies and the deep
 forests of the west, first to tender
 troops to Abraham Lincoln for the
 preservation of the union; Minne-
 sota! immortalized at Gettysburg,
 immovable as the rock at Chick-
 amauga, glorified on the crest of
 Missionary Ridge and triumphant
 at Nashville. How could Minne-
 apolis be other than patriotic, and
 where could the veteran defenders
 of the republic find more welcome
 than in the chief city of such a
 state."



SWIFT COUNTY'S COURT HOUSE.

OUR STAMP PAGE.

Every Collector should join the national organization devoted to stamp collecting—The American Philatelic Association—Write to E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn., for any information desired.

The Elder Magazine continues to grow better with each number.

The Columbus Philatelist can be numbered as among the finest appearing stamp papers now published.

The Collector's World, of Walla Walla, has transferred it's list to the Philatelic West. Bro. Brodstone is great on absorbing.

The Juvenile Philatelist for May comes with eight pages. Bro. Nell is certainly getting out a good paper for the younger stampites.

The eight hundred mark seems assured before the Boston meet. Get in line and send at once for that American application.

The entertainment committee are pushing their plans and a glorious time is assured at the Am. Phil. Ass'n. meet at Boston in August.

Ex. President Holland, of the Am. Phil. Ass'n., recently left for England where he will enter some countries in the International Exhibit at London.

The Chicago Ledger recently contained this little verse:

I'm the little red stamp with George Washington's picture;
 And I go wherever I may,
 To any spot in George Washington's;
 And I go by the shortest way,
 And the guns of wrath would my path—
 A thousand guns at need—
 Of the hands that should dare to block my
 course
 Or slaken my onward speed.

Once again the editor requests any particulars of any books, papers or important magazine or newspaper articles published since July 1, 1905 on any stamp subject.

In the death of Dr. C. W. Viner, England last lost her oldest Philatelist. He began collecting in 1855 and up to the last never lost his interest in stamps, and was one of the founders of the London Society in 1869.

Mekeel's Weekly states that the Crocker collection sustained a loss of \$75,000, eleven of the forty eight volumes containing it being destroyed. It is probably that the total loss to San Francisco collectors and dealers will appoximate a quarter of a million.

Aurora precancelled on Louisiana Purchase issue have been reported but Sec. Smith of the P. S. C. says the Aurora postmaster states they were never used. Wonder if some of the other cities where nearly full sets are listed isn't in about the same class.

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At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, on Oct. 7 1868, the following prayer for closing was authorized:

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"It is an unpardonable crime when a father and husband with a wife and children depending upon him for support, neglects this sacred obligation, of joining some good beneficiary order."—Rev. R. K. Ryan.

So long as life shall last and my pocketbook will permit, I propose to pay all assessments made upon me by the A. O. U. W. This is the best evidence I can give of my faith, in the establihy of the Order.—P. S. M. W.; W. H. Baxter.

Never before were the fraternal skies clearer than they are today. The system has made progress, it has educated its membership as to what actual cost is, and the majority of the societies have made provision for future contingencies. The system is not only growing in numbers, but it is growing in strength and in the confidence of the people.—Sovereign Visitor.

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Let There be Light.

By Max Meyerhardt.

In the harbor of New York stands a magnificent statue, holding with uplifted hand a flaming torch. This statue was presented by the republic of France to the republic of the United States, and is called "Liberty Enlightening the World." Its illuminating rays are seen far out at sea and shine brightly in the darkest night. Beautifully does it typify the sacred light of freedom for which our great republic stands.

Uncounted thousands who have left their native lands in the old world to carve out a new career under the American flag have beheld with delight the statue of Liberty as they neared our shores. Its flaming torch was to them a symbol of the new life upon which they were about to enter. In the old world they left darkness, persecution and despair. In the new world they found light, liberty and hope. What pen can describe the thrill of ecstasy that animated the hearts of these unnumbered hosts when their eyes fell in rapture upon this splendid statue of Liberty Enlightening the World?

My brethren, Freemasonry has erected no statue of bronze or stone to symbolize its beautiful truths. But on the brow and in the heart of every true Mason is written in letters of living flame the glorious fiat: "Let there be

light!" In the darkness of ignorance, in the shadow of persecution, under the lowering clouds of hate, even in benighted lands, Masonry has ever proclaimed, "Let there be light!" In the face of kingcraft and of priestcraft, which would fetter the mind and dwarf the soul of man, Masonry still bravely, nobly declares, "Let there be light"!

And so it is that in lieu of statues and monuments, in lieu of codes and creeds, Masonry inscribes upon her banners the one grand, creative word, "Light." That word has converted ignorance into knowledge, evil into good. It has dissipated the forces of fanaticism and uprighteousness. It has broken down the barriers of sect and creed. It has shattered the clanking chains of oppression and despotism. It has guided men from out the blighting realms of hate into the beautiful kingdom of love.

Masonry takes the man in his rough state of imperfection and teaches him what all of us need, which is charity; that charity which changes his nature and develops in him that sense of feeling for those who are dependent on him. It also teaches submission, which is essential to good government, and good government is the strength and support of our order. —David F. Mason, Idaho.

The Early Days of the D. of R. Era. nedy of Southern New York, and Larne of Louisiana.

The earliest attempt to connect woman with Oddfellowship was made at the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1845 when Representative, Williamson of Alabama, introduced the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is expedient for the grand lodge to adopt some measure by which the wives of Oddfellows may be enabled to make themselves known to the members of the order and prove themselves when among strangers.

On the afternoon of Sept. 18 this was reported back from committee and after considerable discussion and parleamentary sparring a recognition card authorized by the close vote of 25 to 21.

Five years later at the Cincinnati meeting of the Sovereign Grand lodge on the first day of the meeting Representative W. L. G. Smith of Northern New York introduced this resolution.

“Resolved, That the committee on the state of the Order inquire into the propriety of instituting appropriate honorary degrees as follows: One for the wives and daughters of age of Scarlet degree members; also, one for the wives and daughters of past officers.”

This resolution ultimately finds its way to the legislative committee, which was composed of representatives Colfax of Indiana, Ken-

On Sept. 18 an adverse majority report signed by the two latter members was returned while Mr. Colfax brought in a minority report favoring.

On Sept. 20, after a prolonged struggle, the minority report was adopted, also the following resolution offered by Representative Colfax.

“Resolved, that a special committee of three members be appointed to prepare an appropriate honorary degree with an accompanying sign or signs and pass words, to be conferred upon the wives of Scarlet degeee members who are in good standing in the order; and that said committee report such degree for consideration at the next communication of this grand lodge.”

Representatives Colfax, Martin of Mississippi, and Stelle of Tennessee, were appointed as such ritualists.

At the 1851 session held at Baltimore a “female degree” (as it is termed in the journal), was reported and the point being raised that changes in the work could only be made by a four-fifth vote. Grand Sire Moore decided otherwise and upon an appeal being taken from this decision a tie vote ensued and by the vote of the Grand Sire alone the “Degree” won later

upon the subject of adoption, the vote was 47 to 36 and it was decided to publish the degree in a separate ritual and to sell to subordinate lodges at a dollar a copy.

At the next session held at Baltimore in 1855 the eligible class was increased by the addition of windows, but with the restrictions that "the woman should remain a widow, that the degrees be taken in the lodge her husband was a member at the date of his demise, and that other women and their husbands should be present, receiving the degree at the same time it was conferred upon her." The degree was in those days conferred within the parent lodge, was an honorary degree and no fee charged.

The ritual was the work entirely of Schuyler Colfax, who in spite of the ever pressing demands of public life never lost a chance to show his devotion to Oddfellowship, even while Vice president of the United States he rarely failed to attend the sessions of grand lodge. In speaking of him Past Grand Sire, Carleton most appropriately paid this tribute.

"His general manners and unvarying good temper, under the most trying circumstances, were among his most marked characteristics and were sometimes used as a reproach by his political foes, but posterity, as well as his contem-

poraries will do justice to his memory and say of him that he did his duty wherever placed—without the exercise of unnecessary harshness to any—and the women of America will ever revere his memory as the one, above all others, who clearly saw and recognize their adaptability to aid in the great work of alleviating the sorrows and relieving the necessities of mankind through the instrumentality of the Order of Oddfellows. Monuments have been erected to his memory, with graven lines commemorating his civil virtues and services to the state, but his best epitaph is and should be engraven on his tomb: "Here lies the author of the Degree of Rebecca."

Worthy Patron.

August Geades, a past worthy patron of New Jersey says of the patronship of an Eastern Star Lodge:

"For many years the opinion has prevailed that a Master Mason was qualified to preside during the ceremonies of initiation and confer the degrees of the Order Eastern Star. This has always seemed to me a state of affairs that was anomalous to say the least. That one who was not a member of the order should be permitted to confer membership therein upon others never appealed to me as either right or proper, and I doubt not that the legal standing

of a person so initiated might even be questioned. After careful examination into the matter I have come to the conclusion that the privilege is simply a passive one. The assertion being made, not opposed it, but no warrant for such a privilege exists. In the early days of the Order, when the ceremonies, laws, etc., were crude and imperfect, one without great study may have sat in the chair and read his part when it came his turn. The work of the present day requires much more from a Worthy Patron. His part in the initiatory ceremonies is arduous and requires study, care and precision. As the chapter's adviser he is a responsible officer, and as one of the chapter's executive officers his acts are subject to criticism and reversal by higher authority."

Each Member's Personal Business.

"What's everybody's business is nobody's business." How often we hear this in connection with our local lodge work. Why don't every member of the A. O. U. W. make it his business to look after the interest of the lodge to which he belongs? Don't he know that the prosperity of his lodge in his business? How many can lay aside sufficient money for a "rainy day" so as to be independent of his fellowmen? Every man can do something toward the prosper-

ity of his local lodge means support and assistance for him when the "rainy day" comes. Every member of the A. O. U. W. has one or two thousand dollars interest in it. If he had the same amount of money in a store or factory or bank he would think it was his business to look after it. Of course old line policies don't need looking after. They pay somebody else very well indeed for looking after them; but every man who is interested in buying protection for his family at low cost owes to the system of people's insurance, as represented by the A. O. U. W., his effort and attention. Every member who does for three dollars what an old line agent would receive twenty dollars for, is contributing seventeen dollars to the capital stock of the A. O. U. W. This, of course, is simply an illustration, but it marks the difference between old line and fraternal insurance systems. The old line system is a path paved with dollars. No one moves a finger for an old line company unless he is paid and paid well for it, and the sum total of it all falls upon the policy holders. The way of the fraternal is paved with the voluntary acts of its members, and lighted with the guiding stars of Charity Hope and Protection. It is efficient and progressive in its work of upbuilding

humanity and scattering the blessings of its beneficent principles in exact ratio to the number of its members, who make it "their business" to look after the best interests of their own families and so far as possible to do their share to increase the power of an organization which may mean much to them in their hour of trouble. It is bound to mean much to the beneficiaries when the summons comes to "join the innumerable caravan that moves toward the boundless shores of eternity." Who knows when his summons he makes it "his business" to tain, whenever a brother receives that summons he makes it "his business" to respond. Why not, brothers, "make it your business" to do something toward the upbuilding of an institution that has done and is daily doing so great a work for humanity?—Oklahoma Workman.

The Mission of the A. O. U. W. is a mission of helpfulness. The work of its past has been a glorious work, a work that has done much for the social upbuilding of our country and our people. That this work was done under a crude system and an imperfect knowledge and without a stable foundation for the future is nothing to its discredit. It would have been to its discredit if, after these facts

were finally known, it had refused to strengthen its foundation, to perfect its plan and put itself in a position to face the future fearlessly. This it has had the courage to do, and no matter how much men may feel aggrieved because they are asked to pay the value of their protection, the fact that the Order is requiring its members to do so is the best assurance that can be given for its future permanence.—Rev. W. Warne Wilson.

The encampment of the Uniform Rank, K. of P., at Litchfield the week of July Fourth will be the great Pythian event of the year. The citizens of that enterprising little town are putting forth every effort to insure a good time to the visitors. For a good time go to Litchfield encampment week.

The Order of the Eastern Star is what its members make it. Each individual member has a work to do. Love is our motto, and we are to pay our tribute of love and labor at the same shrine—Milton W. Caffin, Illinois.

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The Metropolitan Philatelist Association now numbers 375 members and will hold its annual convention at Put-in-Bay, O., in August.

Last call to get that membership application in the American so as to be a member at the Boston meet. Delay a week and it will be too late.

The membership of the American is closely approaching the mark placed a year ago—800—and there is every reason to believe it will be reached before the Boston meet.

The Trustees of the Victoria Memorial Hall, Calcutta, India, have decided on the admission of a collection of the stamps of India and Native States stamps as a permanent feature of the exhibition; the collection at first is to be arranged in album form but later on it will be placed in cabinets similar to the Tapling collection in the British Museum. Postage, telegraph and revenues of the different states and the imperial gov-

The death of W. J. Kelly, of Kansas City, an association member, is announced as having occurred June 2. Mr. Kelly was at the Minneapolis convention and was a pleasant, genial individual and it is with regret we learn of his untimely death.

The quiet season is again here and lodge meetings will for the next few weeks be few and far between, but as a vacation is beneficial to individuals, so it is to lodges, and fall should find all ready to put their shoulders to the wheel with fresh vigor.

The Inevitable.

Whatever you do and whatever you say,
Somebody's going to kick,
If you even attempt to give money away,
They will vow it is some kind of a trick.
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plan
But when, with some pride, your endeavors
you scan,
Somebody's going to kick.
If refuge you take in the far distant star,
Somebody's going to kick.
If you hint that perhaps there are people in
Mars,
There's ridicule following quick.
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For you may as well know that till after
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At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, on Oct. 7 1868, the following prayer for closing was authorized:

"May the blessing of God rest upon us and all Adoptive Masons, wherever dispersed. May fraternal love prevail, and every moral and social virtue unite us in peace and harmony. Amen."

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I. O. O. F. Benson Lodge No. 114. Regular meeting every Thursday. T. Lindahl N. G. P. S. Gallagher, Sec.

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W. R. C. McPherson Post No. Regular meeting Aug. 11, 25 in the afternoon. Mrs. Carl Risch, P. Mrs. Viola Babb, Sec.

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EDITORIALS.

Bjorgvin Lodge S. of N. have elected new officers. J. D. Korstad, D., Thos. Lindahl, P.; Ole Lere, N. P.; H. H. Strand, Sec.; Mons Hauge, F. S.; P. A. Hustad, K.; Paul Johnson, M.; Godfred Fruseth, R., O. P. Berge, L. V.; M. A. Bergseth, Y. V.; Adam Olson, T.

Commencing August 1 the restriction that an applicant for the Degree of Honor must be a relative of a member of the A. O. U. W. will be removed and with the throwing down of the bars a largely increased membership should be the result. Of course this applies only to the gentler sex, as only Workmen are eligible as male members.

With July 1 another installment of dues should be paid in nearly every lodge and members should not think because the average lodge fails to meet during the

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summer months, that expenses also cease, for like Tennyson's brook these go on forever and must be met. Pay up promptly and don't make the financial officers chase around after you in hot weather. It is just as fraternal and more so to go to him than to make him hunt you up.

A Fair Deal.

The following excerpts are taken from a letter written by President Roosevelt to the Grand Chancellor of New York upon the occasion of laying the corner-stone of a Pythian Castle Hall:

"I heartily believe in the excellent work done by fraternal organizations, such as Knights of Pythias. They form one of those distinctly American associations which tend to develop the qualities of brotherly aid and association, so needed in this great country of ours. Under the stress of modern industrial life, it is sometimes difficult for individuals among us to remember our essential unity; to remember that our whole government is based upon the assumption that the average American citizen is a decent, fair dealing man, and that therefore, what is most needed in order to prevent division among us, is that this average citizen shall be brought into sufficiently intimate connection with his fellows to enable him to realize this. Your Order affords an admirable opportunity for just this kind of

fellowship. I feel therefore, that you not only do good among yourselves but that you contain within you the potentiality of very great service to the whole country. Each American, whether he works with his head or his hands, whether he is an employer or a wage worker, no matter where he was born or what creed he professes, is entitled to be judged by his fellows on his worth as a man, and in return is bound in honor to do his best to give to every man a fair deal, for no man deserves more and no man should receive less.

Were You?

Were you ever sorry for having done a good deed?

Were you ever sorry for having spoken a kind word?

Were you ever sorry for having given to a worthy cause?

Were you ever sorry for having helped a man with his load?

Were you ever sorry for having defended a brother's reputation?

Were you ever sorry for having been kind to a little child?

Were you ever glad because you did an injury to another?

Were you ever glad because you hurt a brother's feelings?

Were you ever glad because you were stingy?

That man is happiest who forgets self and tries hardest to make others happy, and the man is the most miserable who is stingy, mean, vindictive and tries to make others miserable. Speak kindly, think kindly, and act kindly if you would be happy. The man who keeps busy doing good has no time to be miserable. The acts of today makes the memories of tomorrow. "Be good and you will be happy."—Odd Fellows Review.

A MASONIC PRAYER.

On June 6 the grand lodge of Alabama laid the corner stone of a new Jewish temple at Mobile with Masonic honors. The following beautiful prayer was delivered by Rabbi Alfred G. Moses who acted as grand chaplin:

O Thou Grand Architect of the Universe:

In an ancient day, among Thy chosen people, Israel, Thou didst raise up the wise and great King, Solomon, and inspire him to build unto Thee, a temple worthy of Thy greatness and glory. Thou didst provide him with all the tools and implements for this sublime work, and surround him with skilled craftsmen to join with him in that great labor of love. Thou didst place at their head a noble and perfect Worshipful Master to direct the work and gave him Entered Apprentices, Fellow-crafts and Master Masons to lay the perpendicular, and to test the structure by the plumb and level. Thus, Thou didst cause to arise that Temple which was the wonder of the ages, and the design after which we have built our own temple of Masonic truth and tradition. Thou didst cause the spirit of Solomon and Hiram ben Abib to rest upon all succeeding generations of Masons, who sought to build not in one Jerusalem but in the holy city of humanity, that house not made by hands, Eternal in the Heavens. Thou hast blessed this

fraternity and made it universal, belting the earth as the equator, extending from pole to pole. Through it, Thou hast united all peoples, races and religions, whether found in the deserts of Arabia or the steppes of Siberia, in the pampas of South America, or the bounding plains of North America, the frozen fiords of the North, in hill or valley, in field or forest, hamlet or metropolis, and gathered them into an iron clad union, working for the brotherhood of man. Through it, Thou hast preserved the best traditions of the chosen people and made ancient Israel live again in the minds of myriads of modern men. Therefore, bless the laying after the ancient Jewish manner of the corner stone of this structure, erected by Israelites of these latter days. Remind us of the unique fact that this holy house is built by living descendents of the very men from whom these beautiful Masonic symbols are taken. Bless these Masonic ceremonies and consecrate the Grand Master, and all the Grand Officers, and all the Grand Masons, who take part in the work of the Craft. Bless this Masonic Order and preserve it as one of the bulwarks of American Liberty.

Teach us from these solemn exercises to square our actions by the square of truth, and by the level, to create equality among men, so that all may conform to

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New Masonic temples are either being erected or about to be built at Suffield, Ct., Shoreham, Vt., Rochelle, Ill., Huntington, W. Va., Sedalia, Mo., and Greenville, S. C., while at Cambridge, O., a new temple was dedicated in May.

This is the vacation season and like individuals so do the lodges like to enjoy a rest, and each member should while enjoying himself, resolve that in the fall he will give so much more energy to his order.

The well known commercial traveler, George W. Rodgers, was recently elected as one of the supreme officers U. C. T.

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Man Who Undid Casey.

There's been a lot o' smokin' over Casey an' his bat.

An' how he didn't win the game, an' other guff like that:

They've made some rhymes about him that have sort o' swelled his fame,

But what's th' good o' crackin' up th' mut that lost th' game?

I'd heard about this Casey an' th' way he smashed 'em out:

I'd heard about him posin' just to draw th' bleachers' shout,

So when we tackled Casey's team, you may be sure I tried

To put a kink in Casey's fame, an' puncture Casey's pride.

For those o' you who seen th' game it's easy to recall

That we'd have lost an' they'd have won had Casey hit the ball.

'Twas in th' ninth, wid bases full, that Casey came to bat,

An' lordy, how th' bleachers cheered when in his hands he spat!

I doubled up an' then unkninked an' let th' horsehide fly.

But Casey only stood an' smiled an' watched th' ball go by.

"One Strike!" the umpire shouted, an' I thought there would be a fight.

But Casey sort o' turned an' said: "Be quiet, lads; he's right."

Again I shot a screamer, an' it whistled o'er the plate:

If Casey thought he'd strike at it, he thought a bit too late.

"Two Strikes!" the umpire bellowed, but th' bleachers didn't shout:

I looked at Casey, an' I saw his smile wadin' out.

I braced myself an' sent him one in my peecooler style,

An' Casey swung wid all his might—an' Missed it by a mille!

No matter what the po'try says of Casey an' his bat.

This is th' way it happened, you can lay your coin on that.

Th' bands are playin' somewhere, but 'tis not in Casey's town.

They're serenadin' Riley, he's th' man who put him down.

An' so skidoo for Casey's fame, his number's "Twenty-three!"

"'Twas Riley, Pitcher Riley, was th', here don't you see.

OUR STAMP PAGE.

Every Collector should join the national organization devoted to stamp collecting—The American Philatelic Association—Write to E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn., for any information desired.

Postmaster General Cortelyou in his last annual report says:

The postal service in Hawaii and Porto Rico is a part of the service under this Department and is provided for by the regular appropriations for the several classes of service. An agent of the Department is stationed in Hawaii and one in Porto Rico to superintend the details of the mail transportation. Regular reports are made by the postmasters to him and are forwarded to the Department. Payments for the transportation service to contractors and messengers in these islands are made through the usual channel of this Department.

The principal supply of the Hawaiian Islands is by the steamers plying between San Francisco and China or Japan and between San Francisco and Australia, touching at Honolulu. The local steamer routes cover all navigable waters within and around the several islands comprising the Hawaiian group. Every landing on the island is touched by some mail steamer, and every steamer carries mail. At the first port at which a steamer lands on any island telephone communication is had with all post-offices on that island, advising as

to mails carried by the steamer, and connections by star routes and mail messengers are made accordingly. In Hawaii there are 65 mail routes, aggregating 12,636 miles in length and 718,699 miles of annual travel, at a cost of \$101,456.81 per annum.

The principal supply of Porto Rico is by steamships plying weekly between New York and San Juan. There are 48 mail routes in Porto Rico, aggregating 3,504 miles in length, with an annual travel of 662,771 miles, at a cost of \$83,008.79 per annum.

Make Good.

- If you start to do a thing,
Make Good;
- If it be to dance or sing,
Make Good;
- If it be to write a famous book
Or to be a noted cook,
Do your best, by hook or crook,
Make Good.
- If you say you'll make a name,
Make Good;
- After love or pelf or fame,
Make Good;
- Never let your efforts drag,
Do not stop to chew the rag,
Nor be always on the brag,
Make Good.
- If you have a goal in view,
Make Good;
- It is simply up to you,
Make Good;
- Talk is cheap, so cut it out,
If you win the Victor's shout
You must watch what you're about,
Make Good.

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Our Stamp Column.



THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION the great national stamp society is now twenty-one years old. If you are not a member write for application blank and other particulars to our editor, who is one of

the charter members.

The 21st annual convention of the American Philatelic Association held at Boston, August 14-17, was a pronounced success in every detail. There were two changes made in the board of directors, H. B. Phillips being elected to succeed Wm. E. Loy, recently deceased, while Alf. F. Henkels, of Philadelphia, (the new secretary) succeeds E. Doebelin, of Pittsburg. D. T. Eaton ceases to be secretary and succeeds Doebelin as international secretary. Denver easily won as next convention seat, Put in Bay not receiving as many votes as were pledged her at Minneapolis last year. So far as learned no changes in by-laws of any consequence were made.

The U. S. government has four contracts in force for railway mail service in Porto Rico, all with the American Railroad Co. The longest is about sixty-two and one-half miles from San Juan to Camuy, which averages twelve trips a week. The second is from Aguadella to

Mayaguez, twenty-nine and three quarter miles on which there are thirteen trips a week. The third is from Ponce to Yauco twenty three and a third miles with thirteen trips a week and the fourth from Mayaguez to Yauco, thirty four and a third miles with sixteen trips a week. A weekly steamship service between New York and San Juan, a distance of 1400 miles is the basis of outside communication. In addition to the rail routes forty-four other routes are maintained, in all a mileage of 3504 miles. The cost last year in maintaining the service was \$83008.79.

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And the pleasures for which we grieve.
The kind words unspoken, the promises broken,
And many a coveted boon
Are stowed away there in that land somewhere—
The land of "Pretty Soon."
There are uncut jewels, of possible fame,
Lying about in the dust,
And many a noble and lofty aim
Covered with mold and rust.
And oh, this place, while it seems so near,
Is further away than the moon!
Though our purpose is fair, yet we never get there—
The land of "Pretty Soon."
It is further at noon than it is at dawn,
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Fraternity in Our Order.

Paper read by Lillie M. Kelly at the District Convention held in Fresno, California, May 11th, 1906, and reprinted from the Degree of Honor Review.

What a great word fraternity is and how much it means to us all, not only as fraternilists, but the whole human race, for without it we could not exist.

Fraternity is the corner stone of civilization. It calls forth our best efforts on behalf of our fellow beings, it destroys selfishness, it makes humanity human, it tells us to lift up the fallen, feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Fraternity teaches us to look upward and to gently scan our fellow beings and to be more charitable to each other's faults. While we are not all gifted alike, some have gifts beyond others—education, wealth and beautiful surroundings are the birthright of some, while others less fortunate struggle along in poverty. Fraternity steps in and helps the latter class, not only with pleasant words, but kindly acts, for, "'Tis little for many one man can do. But the many can always help one." Fraternity constitutes the watchword of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Charity, Hope and Protection, linked in the golden chain of fraternal love with the Degree of Honor, Constancy, Honor and Purity, and makes us one great family where harmony and union only should exist.

Through the lodge room fraternity finds work to do, by aiding the sick and destitute, caring for the widows and orphans and in exemplifying the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you." Nor does it stop there—it is an educator, it builds up and strengthens the character of our brother, and makes our sister broader minded, and more charitable. It makes her a better mother and a more intelligent member of society.

As we travel the broad pathway of life, we are apt to see and think only of the bright side of life, but we never know what we shall find at the next turn in the road. Take the latest great disaster that has just befallen our own beautiful sister city San Francisco and the thousands of people left homeless and destitute without protection—in many cases not even enough to bury them. What a boon it would have been to such families had their husbands, fathers, brothers carried a policy in the A. O. U. W. or their wives, mothers or sisters had had one in the Degree of Honor. But after all it is a great blessing that we cannot read the future and knowing this we should while the opportunity is ours extend the protection offered by the A. O. U. W. and the Degree of Honor to our loved ones.

"The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us,

And we see nothing but sand,
Angels come to visit us and we
only know them when they
are gone."

And now dear sisters and brothers let us strive to be fraternalists in every way. Let us plan together to make our beloved order not only stronger, but the strongest and best, lend our aid to our officers for without the support of the members, our officers are helpless and unable to make any lodge a success. There are many ways in which the members can assist. When the new member comes the next time after being initiated, don't wait to be introduced, but go up to her and offer her your hand in friendship true, it wont hurt your hand, and will make her feel at ease and as if she was welcome. When our members are sick or in distress, take time to stop in a few minutes even if you are in a hurry, a few cheerful words or perhaps a bunch of flowers makes the remainder of the day so much brighter to the afflicted one.

"True worth is in being and not in seeming,
In doing in each day that goes by—
Some little good not in the dreaming
Of great things to do by and by.
For whatever man says in blindness,
And spite of the fancies of youth,
There's nothing so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

We get back our mete as we measure,
We cannot go wrong and feel right
Nor can we give pain and get pleasure.
For justice avenges each slight,
The air for the wing of the sparrow,
The bush for the robin and wren,
But always the path that is narrow.
And straight for the children of men.

We cannot make bargains for blisses,
Nor catch them like fishes in nets,
And sometimes, the things our life misses
Help more than the things which we get.
For good lieth not in pushing
Nor of gaining of great or of small,
But in doing and doing
As we would be done by is all.

The Crescent and Grip of St. Paul says:—Fraternity is the keystone in the grand arch of modern progress and civilization and there are among commercial travelers as with all humanity occasionally one who is indifferent to its teachings and the principles sought to inculcate do not attract his notice; another is supremely selfish. Before he became a member he perhaps had no place in his heart for his fellow man beyond his own family circle and his prayer to God, if he ever offered any was like that of the old Connecticut farmer whose daily petition was: "O Lord, bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, we four and no more, Amen."

Let us be in all things loyal to ourselves and to our principles, and we will find nothing in the years to come that need cause us the least apprehension. It is certain that each of us fully realizes the necessity of continued efforts and the adoption of the best methods administered with prudence, zeal and integrity in the conduct of our organizations in the world and the many members who have kept the fires alight during the past years are the "Fra-

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pending danger's near;
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Ever swift to aid a brother, ever with
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Ever trusting in your leader, ever
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sway,
And where truth can ever be found
Till in peace gentle hands lay us under
the ground.
I erred when I spoke the words above
There's another place that's full of
love,
That I will visit this very night,
'Tis the hall the Rebekahs make
bright,
Good brother, go to both whenever
you can,
'Twill make you a happier, better
man.

—Bundle of Sticks

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Got Off The Train Between Stations.

On a certain railroad in Missouri a bridgeman was working, and the bridgeman was an Odd Fellow. One day he received a telegram to come home; his wife had become suddenly ill. He boarded the first home-bound train, anxious to reach her bedside at the earliest possible moment. He lived near the road midway between two stations; and the thought came to him that much precious time would be saved to him if the conductor would stop the train and let him off at his home. It happened that the conductor was also an Odd Fellow; and the bridgeman told him his desire. The conductor looked thoughtfully a moment, then replied: "My brother, according to the regulations of this road I cannot stop the train between the stations for passengers—but I'll tell you what to do. I will call for your ticket about the time we reach your home. You can refuse to present one, and I will put you off. "See?"

By and by, as the train neared the bridgeman's home, the conductor stopped at the side of the bridgeman, who was wearing a three linked pin, and said, "Ticket, sir!" The bridgeman refused, and the conductor reached up and pulled the bell rope, and gruffly said, "I shall put you off!"

Now it happened that another Odd Fellow, sitting across the aisle,

heard the conversation, and on seeing the three-linked pin on the bridgeman's vest quickly rose, and stepping between the bridgeman and the conductor, said, "How much is the fare, sir? I will pay it," and pointing to the mystic links, added, "This is my brother." But the train had stopped, and the bridgeman did not stay to listen to the explanations.—Odd Fellow World.

FRATERNITY.

(Air—"Old Black Joe.")

All around the world we'll weave a
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Hope, Love and Truth our motto e'er
shall be,
All around the world shall ring our
watchword,
Fra-ter-ni-ty.

Chorus—

It is coming! It is coming,
That day we'll surely see;
When around the world shall
ring our watchword,
Fra-ter-ni-ty.

All around the world we'll "lend the
helping hand;"
All around the world the Mystics firm
will stand;
For truth and right and sin-cer-i-ty
This word emblazoned on our ensign,
Fra-ter-ni-ty.

Chorus—

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—Mystic Ode by Nettie E. Carey.

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Ballington Booth, the head of that splendid Christian organization, the American volunteers, whose slum work in the cities is unsurpassed, is a Master Mason and recently said: "I had previously understood that there was much in Masonry which was commendable, but I had no conception that its principles were so noble. its works so instructive and beautiful or its pledges so sacred and helpful. I no longer wonder at its surpassing strength and influence as a society, and I can now safely and ever challenge any man of honor or integrity to find anything in the work which does not harmonize with the highest forms of truth and righteousness."

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Queen Margherita of Italy and President Diaz of Mexico will be among the distinguished personages who will visit the Jamestown fair.

The Jamestown Exposition fronts two miles and a half on the historic Hampton Roads, of which a mile is as fine a bathing beach as can be found on the Atlantic Coast. It will also have the largest parade ground in the world.

President Diaz and his ministers and governors are taking great interest in the Ter-Centennial of Jamestown's settlement and it is expected that the flag of Mexico will fly, at Norfolk, over the finest Mexican exhibit ever made at any exposition.

Indian basketry and pottery, Aztec relics of war and husbandry, carved leather goods, drawn work, filigree jewelry, Toltic and Maya idols and antiquities, Indian tex-

tiles, old Spanish relics, and interesting historical objects of the conquest, and the later empire will form an attractive part of the exhibit.

President Roosevelt is taking a personal interest in the Jamestown Exposition and especially in the naval and military features. He feels that it will be a great object lesson to the people of the United States and will exert a strong influence in crystallizing sentiment.

Some Masonic Items.

Among the Franklin relics recently exhibited in Philadelphia by the grand lodge of Pennsylvania was the golden trowel, with an ivory handle, which Franklin used when officiating as grand master. There was also shown the original subscription list of the first Masonic building erected in America. Upon the list is the autograph of Franklin, who was a contributor to the amount of £20. Franklin, who was twice grand master of Pennsylvania, one in 1734 and again in 1749, did much for Masonry in America, and it was in appreciation of his services that the grand lodge had gathered the rare and interesting exhibit. There were on view about 900 different relics of the great American and more than 200 pictures of him.

The first German Masonic lodge was instituted at Cologne in 1716.

In Holland the first Masonic lodge was started at The Hague in 1731. Masonry was introduced into Sweden in 1754.

The Masons of Tennessee are considering moving the Masonic widows and orphans' home from Nashville to some other locality where more land can be secured.

The Freemasons of Knoxville, Tenn., are working hard to erect a Masonic temple to cost \$150,000. The structure is to be eight stories in height.

St. George lodge of Warren, Me., recently celebrated its one hundredth anniversary.

O. E. S. Notes.

Elizabeth Butler, the first Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter O. E. S. died at her home in Chicago in July aged 75.

From the Square and the Compass, of New Orleans, we learn that "Mrs. Madeline B. Conklin, M. W. Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S., has been very ill in Oklahoma. It is believed that the greatest danger is passed, and she is slowly improving, though at our last information, she was not yet able to sit up."

Geo. T. Cooper, of Colorado, truthfully says: "As the prosperity and influence of any organiza-

tion is measured by the individual worth of its members, then let us strive to our uttermost to illustrate in our lives the virtues of the heroines of our beautiful Order, that our Star may become a beacon light, darting its rays and shedding its refulgent splendor upon the ocean of eternity as an earthly memorial of that "spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Three Link Notes.

The Odd Fellow's home in Indian Territory is located at Checotah. It is a beautiful and commodious brick building occupying a campus of 150 acres. The home shelters thirty orphaned children and one aged woman. It is in charge of Dr. W. T. Gardner, past grand master of the I. O. O. F. The home is sustained by the Odd Fellows of the jurisdiction. The cost of the building, amounting to \$5000 was donated by the citizens of Checotah and the land by Captain W. E. Gentry. The home was established two years ago. All aged Odd Fellows and their widows as well as Rebekahs and orphans under fourteen years of age children of Odd Fellows, may be admitted to the home. At the last session of the grand lodge a tax of \$1 upon each member was levied for the support of the home, 30 per cent of which will be set aside for the purpose of building an addition to the home.

There are 50,000 members of the order in Missouri. The Rebekahs in the jurisdiction have over 15,000.

It is just as important and oft-times more so to watch the suspensions of members as it is to get new ones. Words spoken at the right time would save many a good member to the order.

The Rebekah branch of the order is doing great work and adding largely to its ranks.

Illinois is a strong Odd Fellows' jurisdiction. At last reports there were over 70,000 subordinate lodge members in the state and 34,000 Rebekahs.

Tennessee has added 5,724 members to her roll in the subordinate lodges. Indiana made an increase of 909 in the encampment branch and New York 2,174 in the Rebekah branch.

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The majority of our members are interested in the social part of our work and many are connected to us by social ties alone. Others are held almost entirely by the fact that they are beneficial members, but in some lodges if these were the only advantages to be gained, there would still be those who would not be strongly appealed to. Those who have other social duties and who do not think it worth while to attend the meetings and work for an order simply for the pleasure derived therefrom. Others who cannot take out the beneficiary. To these the funeral fund offers an extra inducement. Of all the lodges of this state that have this fund, I have yet to hear of one that does not consider it a success. In but very few of the lodges are all of the members also members of the funeral fund. The most of them have have this as a separate department with an optional membership. I have known a number of cases where a death has occurred after a long sickness, where

the family was in straightened circumstances and where, even though there was an insurance policy to be paid in a few weeks, still, the fifty or one hundred dollars paid upon the very day of the death, when the need seemed to be most urgent, came like a God send.

I am therefore a strong advocate of the funeral fund and recommend its adoption by every lodge as soon as they can provide for the same.

While comparatively few of our lodges have a relief fund as yet, such a fund is successfully maintained in some of them. Of course the money in this fund is paid only to those sending in a doctor's certificate to the effect that the member is sick and unfit for labor and the payments are necessarily restricted to a certain number of weeks. I know of some prosperous lodges that paid several members from such a fund during the greater part of last winter. This obliged the lodge to give a number of entertainments during the time in order to keep the fund replenished but the members seemed anxious to do their part not knowing how soon they themselves might be the ones to benefit by the same.

I found it much easier, as a deputy, to gain members for a lodge having these funds, and from my observations and experience, can but pronounce them a decided success."

AN INTERESTING DISPLAY.

At the Jamestown Exposition to be held in commemoration to the ter-centenary of English settlement in this country, will be an historical display of American Art superior to any ever before held.

The Library Board, of the State of Virginia, which is custodian of the historical relics and art works of the state, has notified the exposition that all its treasures are at the disposal of the management and this collection will form the nucleus of the fine art exhibit for among these art works are many masterpieces especially by the earlier artists of note. There are in this state collection portraits of all the Governors of Virginia and of her distinguished soldiers and statesmen from the earliest times down to the present in addition to the many historical paintings and some works of the mallet and chisel that are notable.

Relics such as the sword of Washington and Lee, the saddle, pistol and holsters of Jackson, and other objects valuable and interesting because of their associations with great men and events, will be placed in the historical exhibit and will of course, be no part of the exhibit of the fine art.

The Colonial Dames and Daughters of the American Revolution, who own and control most of the historical relics, will make a most marvelous display of these interesting objects which include plates,

ceramics, bric-a-brac, jewelry, furniture, clothing, manuscripts, books and a thousand other things. This exhibit which will be placed in the Historic Art Palace will be a liberal education in itself and it will be undoubtedly one of the greatest attractions of this greatest of historical expositions.

The idea for an international art exhibit at the exposition was abandoned because of lack of time and also because these exhibitions cannot of necessity be entirely satisfactory. The really great art works of Europe cannot be moved from the places of which their presence has made shrines and to see them one must go to them. Therefore, the idea of a distinctively American exhibit was adopted as a part of the historical and educational scheme of the great Ter-Centennial.

In order to make this exhibit as comprehensive as the scope of the Jamestown Exposition demands all American artists and owners of American masterpieces of art, whether of painting or of sculpture, should co-operate with enthusiasm in aid of Governor Ellyson's plans. An invitation to all artists to participate and to owners of art works to lend their treasures for exhibition will be issued at once and the result need not be doubted.

THE MEANING.

Alfred D. Runyon in the Southern Buck.
 "What does it mean?" the little boy was asking father, wise,
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 They've written it on everything and everywhere, I see
 Men wearing buttons that are marked with B. P. O. and E.
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 P stands for Purity and Peace and Patriotism too.
 O means the Obligation that shall weigh each to his worth
 E for the Elk—B. P. O. E. —Best People on the Earth.
 B stands for Bold, for Beauty that must govern every thought
 P means the good Prosperity, the gracious God has wrought
 O means the Order that should rule at every hearth
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 B stands for Best, and Best they are who wear the antler's prongs
 P is for the Pride, and Proud is he that to the Herd belongs
 O for the Oil of Kindly Words in sadness or in mirth
 E for the Elk--B. P. O. E. - Best People on the Earth
 and written in between the lines you'll find a wreath of creed
 Not creed marked down by many words, but deep inscribed by Deed
 You'll find a world of sentiment—a faith in man so strong
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 B. P. O. E.—It stands for Good, for Right and Love of all
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To Him who rules on high
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There are 79,712 affiliated Masons in Illinois according to the recent grand lodge report.

Senator Anselm J. McLaurin, of Mississippi, is a Royal Arch Mason and an enthusiastic Woodman of the World

The Oregon grand lodge A. F. & A. M. has abolished the custom of requiring the Past Master's degree before being installed as W. M.

From an exchange we learn that the grave of Dr. H. M. Kennedy, past head clerk of the M. W. A. is unmarked. The next head camp should take steps to honor the memory of one who did so much

or their order by arranging for a suitable stone.

Bro. Geo. Martin, of Gravesend, county Kent., England, was recently installed as tyler of the local Masonic lodge for the sixty first consecutive year.

The Confederate Veteran for November contains an article on Capt. Wirz from the southern standpoint which should be read by all who are interested in historical matters. In fact each issue of this magazine teems with interesting datas of 1860-5.

The Sovereign Visitor thus moralizes in its last issue: "Paraphernalia of a tasty and gaudy nature in the Camps or lodge room, is now all the rage. But of what use are the pretty costumes, if the wearers of them take their parts like a pack of jabbering monkeys? Let dignity and costume go together, if you must put on swell duds, then be dignified, and let your candidate see and know that he is joining something that is worthy, full of wisdom and knowledge."

An exchange quotes a brother as saying: "Old Selfishness with greed in his voice, and a vision of profit in his eye may growl that real fraternity does not exist, but thousands, whom fraternity has blessed, will protest, and if the dead could speak—ah, if the dead

could speak! The chorus that would resound hosannas for fraternity would drown the voice of selfishness and greed until in shame its whining tones would resemble only feeble whispers of despair."

Bro. Bradley in the November Idaho Odd Fellow pens this delightful little thought. "On a recent visit to the mountains we noticed everywhere beautiful, fragrant, flowers, lifting their tiny petals to gladden the eye, emblems of purity to point us to a higher, more beautiful life. They plainly tell us to say kind word—they urge us to nobler deeds. Their life is short, but while they live they are constantly doing good. Let us draw a lesson from these modest little blossoms and resolve to brighten the lives of those around us.

A beautiful Masonic memorial to Daniel D. Tompkins is to be erected in New York city by the Masons of the state of New York. It will represent him seated in a large chair with both hands clasped over the head of a stout walking stick. The figure will be of bronze, resting on a white marble pedestal ornamented with figures in relief, inscriptions and dates of his service as governor and vice president as well as a grand master of New York. The pedestal and figures will rise from the

center of a broad marble platform, at each side of which will be marble benches and railings. Governor Thompkins was very prominent in Masonic circles. He served as grand secretary of the grand lodge of New York from 1802 to 1804 and grand master from 1820 to 1821.

Bee Hive, the Maccabee official organ says: "One of the most deplorable incidents of field work is competitors who employ the most despicable means to injure and discredit other societies. This comes largely from the Orders still clinging to the phantom of cheapness, their only stock in trade. To hide their own defects they come pouncing like wolves on the adequate rate orders who are successfully leading the way to safety and permanency.

The thirteen Oddfellow lodges in Minneapolis have arranged a series of joint meetings during the winter, swinging around the circle meeting in each hall once. This will get the members of the different lodges acquainted with one another to a greater extent than ever before.

The Southern Oddfellow says: Odd Fellowship is supposed to be a great fraternity whose fellowship has become proverbial, but if we continue to grow in numbers and nothing is done to bring the membership into closer union, then the

primary object of Odd Fellowship is defeated. It is believed that Odd Fellowship education is the one thing most lacking at the present time. We need more Odd Fellows to read the Odd Fellow papers. The three hundred new Odd Fellows made in this state each year need to be educated and impressed with the high mission of Odd Fellowship. We need to pause for a while until the process of assimilation has been accomplished.

The Rathbone Sister are now the thing of the past the Supreme E. P. lodge at the recent New Orleans convention have given permission to change their name to Pythian Sisters thus making the allied order closer to the "Knights band."

We acknowledge receipt of the official program of the 33rd annual meet of the A. A. O. N. M. S. at Los Angeles the week of March 7th, 1907. Al Malaikah Temple will entertain the visiting nobles royally.

The members of the Kerkhove Minn. M. W. A. camp have divided themselves into two parties to canvass for new members, the losing side to furnish an oyster supper at the contest's conclusion.

256 new members were initiated into the A. O. U. W. in this state the first seventeen days of the month.

The largest D. of H. lodge in Minnesota is Myrtle Lodge of Minneapolis which has 234 social and 224 beneficiary members—a total of 458.

On the evening of Nov. 2nd the Benson K. P. Lodge enjoyed a visit from G. C., C. S. Bartram and G. K. R. S. Wheaton and an enjoyable smoker was held.

The Benson Lodge I. O. O. F. entertained Grand Master Covell and Grand Secretary Bolton on November 15.

Appleton, Minn., had a successful D. of H. convention this month.

Three Link Notes.

To have thoroughly climbed the ladder of Oddfellowship a candidate must have received the four degrees of the subordinate lodge, then taken the noviate, patriarchal and the royal purple degrees in the encampment and finally received the patriarch's militant degree in the encampment making eight degrees in all, which by allying himself with the Rebekahs he can increase to nine.

The latest statistics place the the joint membership of the Odd Fellows and the Rebekahs at 1554817.

The order paid out in 1905 for the relief of sick and disabled members \$4,506,993.43.

A lodge was recently organized at San Juan, Porto Rico and every indication points to a strong energetic lodge.

In South Carolina it is the duty of the warden immediately after the tap of the noble grand's gavel has declared the lodge in session to open the Bible.

During the the past year South Dakota experienced a gain in membership of 429. The total number of members Dec. 31, 1905, was 6,450. The Rebekahs, with a membership of 4,142, gained 209 during the year.

Our Knightly Band.

Read at the annual meeting of the grand lodge at Mankato, Sept. 9, 1890 by its author, S. D. McIntyre of Banner Lodge No. 56 of Minneapolis.

We greet and hail our Order universal,
And proudly bear her banner high;
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Beyond the blue of yonder sky.
Raising the mind to higher flights of thinking,

To broader views as man to man;
Leading us to do without fear or shrinking,

That which we find, as best we can.
Our colors—which on many fields are flying—

The blue, the yellow and the red;
Our duties smooth the pillow of the dying,

Caring for those left by the dead.
Teaching to all, the right of being brothers,

If their station be high or low;
Having done to us as we do to others

As one by one the years come and go.

Oh, who could bring a brighter link than friendship

With which to bind a brother's hand!

And would you have a fairer world to bind it,

Than this we call our own fair land?

A bright picture with all the colors blending,

We place upon the frescoed wall:

But friendship without painter's brush is lending

A brighter color, to us all

If our country called in the gray of morning,

Or, when the last day's work was done;

Uniformed Pythian ranks would be forming,

Marching toward the signal gun.

Strong Knights, armed and drilled for the fight that's pending;

Though knighted on the carpet floor;

Proving their bravery ere the first day's fight's ending,

Or wear the knightly sword no more

So live, that in the living, we show to others,

There is a chain, stronger than gold; With which we may bind the hearts of our brothers;

That brother's hearts may not grow cold,

Faithful ever, to country and our colors,

Guarding the purity of home;

Teach the meaning of the lily to others,

Is not in wearing it alone.

Ewen's Weekly states that in plating the one penny black English 2640 different minor varieties are needed.

The 1907 of the Yvert & Tellier Champion catalog has been published. It should be in the hands of every collector who has outgrown the primary stage.

Barbadoes has issued a new penny stamp in honor of its tercentenary, probably the handsomest stamp issued this year.

Brazil is said to have issued two stamps 100 reis, 200 reis in honor of the Pan American Congress.

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On The War Path.

By Silas E. Snyder.

Chicago had her "Midway," St. Louis her "Pike" Portland her "Trail" and the Jamestown Exposition which will be held on the shores of the Hampton Roads near Norfolk, Va., in 1907, will have a "War Path." The scenic amusements have much to do with making an exposition attractive and after a long weary day of sight seeing among the exhibits places it as a relief and a recreation to turn to the great white way where the lights glister, the mountebanks and souberettes rule their merry crews, where the joyous ballyhoo man bawls his incoherent buncombe, where, in short the multitude is at play. The great playground of the Jamestown Exposition has been named the "The War Path." General Fitzhugh Lee gave it that name and it is certain that the entertainment to be furnished by the concessions that line its dazzling streets will be sufficient exciting to make the name appropriate.

The War Path occupies a beautiful space fronting upon the military parade ground and is 1,288 feet long by 730 feet in width. There are two parallel streets separated by a central block on both sides of which are concessions thus making a total frontage of more than a mile including the bazaar at either end. The streets are eighty feet wide and paved with brick. An arcade covered by a glass dome

which at night will be aflame with lights divides the central block into two equal parts and make a convenient passage way between the streets.

A miniature elevated railroad runs along three sides of the War Path affording rapid and cheap transportation as well as a charming and comprehensive view of the great city of mirth.

The main entrance is flanked by the American and the Oriental bazaar which open upon a plaza 175 feet wide by 700 feet in length and on all sides of which will be hanging gardens. There will be, of course, a scenic railway, a shoot the chutes and other familiar amusements, but for the most part the concessions will be new and many of them sensational. Among the good things thus far secured are "Paul Reverre's Ride," "The Destruction of San Francisco," "The Palace of History," "The Battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac," "The Haunted Castle," "The Pyramids of Egypt," "The Swiss Village," "The Tea Garden of Old Japan."

There will be also a number of unique musical attractions to vary the spectacular program and some panoramic concessions almost stupendous. The War Path will be at its best at night when the light effects will make it a veritable dreamland of brilliancy and beauty. "Meet me on the War Path" will be the slogan of all exposition visitors in 1907.

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Bro. Brodstone has our thanks for a copy of Gilbert & Kohler's Fiscal Stamps of Great Britain, Ireland and Scotland.

The Holton Stamp Co., of Boston, owing to press of other business, has dissolved and their stock valued at over \$6,000 will be sold at auction in January.

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But the Shamrock, like the sens of daughters of Erin, has taken root in other soil than that to which it was indigenous. On the 20th of October of the present year a gentleman of Norfolk, on the way to his place of business, espied a sprout of Erin's plant growing along the foot-walk. He plucked it and brought it into a newspaper office where it caused a genuine surprise to the botanist.

It is a real species of the three-leaved shamrock, the same instrument by which tradition asserts, St. Patrick proved to the Ardriugh of Erin the compatability with reason of the Most Holy Trinity.

The genus clover is common to the world, but the three leaved

species is a rarity and it is quite certain that some ardent son of Erin planted the seed in Norfolk. Would it be unreasonable to suppose that Tom Moore who wrote a beautiful poem on the Shamrock, from which the quotation at the head of this article is taken, was the man who planted the seed.

"The poet of all circles and the idol of his own" was twice in Norfolk during the year 1803-4. He wrote some of his best poetry in that city, particularly a "A Ballad on the Lake of the Dismal Swamp."

When these visits were made the fate of his friends, Lord Edward Fitzgerald and Robert Emmett was keenly fresh in his memory. He subsequently immortalized both these heroes, the one in poetry, the other in biography. It is quite probable, therefore, that Moore, on leaving Ireland for his American tour, brought the seed of the chetished plant along with him with the resolve of giving it nurture in the free soil of Virginia.

But however it came here the fact is established that in proximity to the Jamestown Exposition grounds

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Last Saturday McPherson Post elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

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 Q. M. S.—L. Chapman.
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A small contribution was made from Post fund to Mrs. Tanner monument committee.

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 J. N. Edwards—W. P.
 Mary Edminster—A. M.
 E. A. Smith—Secy.
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THREE LINKS.

There has been a net gain during the past year of 1,017 members in Pennsylvania encampments, and at present there are 252 working encampments, with a total membership of 16,036.

Alabama instituted 46 new lodges during the past year, gaining 1,529, total membership being 18,000. Two thousand members were suspended for non-payment of dues.

M. Richards Muckle, of Philadelphia, grand treasurer of the sovereign grand lodge, is serving his fifty-first year as treasurer of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania.

Over \$4,500,000 was expended by the order in relief during the past year. Who can estimate the good that has been done by this vast sum? And the beauty of it is nearly all of it goes to help those who need help.

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During the past year there was expended by the encampment of Pennsylvania for various forms of relief \$59,535.63, and the total assets of the subordinate encampments amount to \$335,514.89.

Ohio instituted ten new lodges last year, a gain of \$1,776 new members. The total membership is 80,000. The grand master is allowed a salary of \$2,700 a year and expenses.

The ten largest grand encampments are: Indiana, 16,790; Ohio, 15,707; Pennsylvania, 14,959; New York, 13,530; Massachusetts, 10,898; Iowa, 10,186; Illinois, 9,397; California, 7,653; Michigan, 7,638; Ontario, 4,844.

Pythian Lodge Names.

The names of perhaps 75 per cent of the subordinate lodges correspond with those of the town in which they are located. Of the remaining 25 per cent recourse has been had to almost every conceivable source, with a resulting conglomeration of nomenclature, which, though lacking in uniformity, offers at once an instructive and interesting study. Almost half a hundred have taken the name of Rathbone, thirty are using the name of Washington and twenty-four have selected the name of McKinley. Many other lodges are named after prominent Americans, those just mentioned leading the list. There are a dozen Stars, four Lone Stars and one or more using the name of Western Star, five Morning Stars, Guiding Star, Rising Star, Eastern Star, White Star, Red Star, Silver Star, Radiant Star, Star of the East, Star of the West, Star of the Valley and Star of America. Several lodges have chosen unusual names, as the following indicate: Pennesseewasse, Sagadahork, Quamhegan, Oktibbeha, Issaquena, Inawandawin. Other names which might appeal to the Pythian as being unusual are Hayfork, Game Cock, Nonesuch, Unique, Red Bud, Jay Bird, Water Cure, Old Hickory, Cyclone, Pride of Egypt, Fourth of July, Sally, Sini a Bar, while ten lodges are using the pleasing name of Olive Branch and three the euphonious Indian name Hiawatha.—Carolina Pythian.

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may cast misfortunes aside and rise triumphantly above them." As a Master Mason he beholds man in the "sere and pellow leaf" when he looks upon the sunset of life and patiently awaits the approaching night.—Masonic News.

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It is extremely likely that a new K. P. jurisdiction will soon be organized. The Hawaiian lodges are looking forward to forming a grand lodge for the islands.

In the death of Hon. David T. Malhoun, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, we lose one of its most enthusiastic workers in Masonic circles. He has been a member of North Star Lodge No. 23, A. F. and A. M. for many years and his influence for good has done much toward making the St. Cloud lodge one of the strongest in the state. He was Master of the St. Cloud lodge and enjoyed the love and respect of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He was possessed of a strong mind and few men were better read. The bar of the saintly city, of which he was an honored member, loses too, one of its ablest men.

The Order Eastern Star has never been in a more flourishing condition than we are now enjoying and we have every reason to feel jubilant in this, the initial year of the century. The morning of the twentieth century has dawned bright and glorious. May the noon-day splendor and its evening grandeur as far surpass the

beauty of its dawn as the intelligence of the present outweighs the superstition of the past. Education has been as a great swell upon the ocean's bosom. At times its crest is high, almost among the clouds, at others, far beneath the surface.—Mark P. Olney, Arkansas.

Franklin lodge of Washington the oldest Pythian lodge in the world, was instituted on April 12, 1864. It is the senior of all Pythian lodges in the supreme domain, embracing all the states and territories of the Union, with lodges in Mexico, Cuba, Panama, British provinces, Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines, the total membership being over 650,000. The mother lodge, Washington, No. 1, was instituted February 19, 1864, and the nation's capital thus became the birthplace of a fraternal order that has shown wonderful growth in numbers and influence. No. 1 ceased to hold meetings after an existence of 14 months, and many of the members joined Franklin lodge, which holds the proud distinction of being the oldest Pythian lodge in existence.

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With the Local Lodges

Mayor A. N. Johnson, of Benson, was made a Master Mason on Jan. 15.

Dr. C. L. Scofield has been appointed clerk of the Benson camp W. of W.

It is expected that Mrs. Evelyn Youlds, the Worthy Grand Matron, will visit Benson chapter O. E. S. on Tuesday evening Feb. 5.

The officers of Benson Lodge D. of H. were installed on Wednesday, Jan. 16th. Two changes were made in the officers as published in our last number. Mrs. Sarah McGowan became recorder, Mrs. Aldrich having declined the position and Orin Kinney succeeded to the receivership.

After trying the safety fund plan for a year Chippewa Camp M. W. A. on Jan. 19th decided to abandon it as being a too costly experiment. The neighbors should remember that from now on their assessments **MUST BE PAID** by the last day of the month or they will be suspended.

Deputy Grand Chancellor O. J. Hill, of Hancock, installed the officers of Benson Lodge K. P. on the evening of Jan. 1st. A list of these officers, accidentally omitted last month are C. C., I. A. Francis; V. C., E. L. Thornton; M. of W.; W. E. Coles, Jr.; Prelate, Rev. C. L. Bates; K. R. S., W. A. Foland,

M. of F., Oliver Soland; M. of E., F. C. Thornton; M. of A., C. E. Huff; I. G., W. E. Larson; O. G., Harold Hanson.

Future Bright for A. O. U. W. of Minnesota.

Merril C. Tift, Grand Master Workman of Minnesota.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen of Minnesota has just closed another prosperous year and enters upon the one before it with joy and great expectation. The experience of the past has been of great advantage to the order, and there is surely a brilliant future before it.

During the past year 290 Brothers have been called, and not only has the sorrow of these homes been lightened by the sympathy of the kind Brothers, but in a substantial way have the burdens of those left behind been made lighter easier and a little lighter. With such a band of faithful workers as the A. O. U. W. has, there surely can be nothing but success for it in the future.

Pythian Outlook.

Carroll S. Bartram, Grand Chancellor of Minnesota.

Nearly all of the Pythian lodges in Minnesota are aggressively at work. In December there was a general "housecleaning"—most of the lodges showing a disposition to suspend men whom they had been carrying for years without receiving from them a penny for

dues. I presume the lodges proceeded on the theory that in these days of prosperity the man who won't pay dues isn't entitled to further brotherly consideration. It seems strange that men will pay fifteen to twenty-five dollars for initiation into an order and then not pay the four or five dollars annual dues required to maintain the lodge and provide the social entertainments at which the delinquents are usually "much in evidence." Perhaps our initiation fee is too low and our dues too high.

The newly organized Pythian lodges are very active. Chrisholm, organized less than a year ago, with 33 members now has more than 60. Zumbrota doubled its membership in the first 13 months of its existence. Jasper, organized last June with 23 members now has 33. These are evidences of how Pythianism is taking hold of the people in the communities where our tri-colored banner has been recently planted.

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President Roosevelt will touch an electric button and formally open the Jamestown Exposition on April 26th. Except Sundays the gates will be open daily from 8 a. m. to 11 p. m. until November 30, when President Tucker, of the Exposition Co. will formally close them.

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The Masonic Grand Lodge, of North Carolina, will soon start work on a quarter of a million dollar temple at Raleigh.

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The first Oddfellow lodge in New Hampshire was organized at Nashua Sept. 11, 1843. Since then one hundred and four lodges have been organized and all still remains on the roster.

Ever since the organization of the company of the Uniform Rank K. P. at Morris, Minn., Robt. Delahunt has held its captaincy and on

An exchange truthfully says "Masonic honors easily won are lightly valued, and the brother who is advanced to the east by the rapid transit line is likely to be of very little use to the lodge after his years of service.

Ancient York Masons should ever remember that wherever they are, or whatever they do, that God's all-seeing eye ever beholds them, and while they continue to act towards each other as true and faithful Craftsmen they should never fail to do their duty towards Him with fervency and zeal. — Five Points of Fellowship.

From the Crescent and Grip we clip the following beautiful sentiment. The best thought to give your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to your father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.

The 1907 officers of DeGraaf Minn., M. W. A. camp are Venerable consul, Wm. Byrnes; worthy advisor, C. J. Ferry; eminent banker, J. H. Ferry; clerk, John G. Gilroonan; escort, D. G.

Swanson; watchman, H. Madden; sentry, John A. Johnson; managers; three years, J. H. McKay; two years, A. D. Beaudreau, one year, F. Armstrong.

From the Confederate Veteran we learn of the death of John E. Helms, of Moristown, Tenn., who is said to have been the first Odd-fellow in Eastern Tennessee, receiving the degree nearly sixty years ago. He was also a member of several other societies and had many public offices, both under the United States Government and the Confederacy.

The annual state convention of the Sons of Herman was held at St. Paul Jan. 22-23. The ladies auxiliary was divorced and will form a grand lodge of its own. The age of limit of admission was raised from forty-five to fifty years. Fred. Zeigler, Stillwater, elected Grand President, John Borchert, St. Paul, Grand Vice President, Carl Harpske, St. Paul, Grand Sec. and Frank Nothen, Minneapolis, Grand Treasurer.

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The Minnesota Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., was held Jan. 23-4 at St. Paul. The secretary's report showed 22104 members in good standing, a gain of 865 for the past year. The following officers were selected for the ensuing year: Grand master, Gustaf Widell of Mankato; deputy grand master, W. P. Roberts of Minneapolis; senior grand warden, E. P. Swan of Stewart; junior grand warden, S. L. Frazer of Duluth;

gran treasurer. B. W. Knowlton of Minneapolis; grand secretary, Thomas Montgomery of St. Paul, O. E. Eberhart, Mankato, grand orator; Rev. George Satterlee of Renville, grand chaplain; E. E. Kling of Little Falls, senior grand deacon; E. H. Foote of Red Wing, junior grand deacon; O. A. Cottford of Winona, grand standard bearer; W. C. Masterman of Stillwater, grand sword bearer; Owen Morris of St. Paul, grand marshal; J. A. Schlener of Minneapolis senior grand steward; G. Berthold of Heran, junior grand steward; F. Cadey of Winnebago City, grand pursuivant; John Ludvig of St. Paul, grand tyler.

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Burnes G. Covell, Grand Master of Minnesota

The Sovereign Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. accepted an invitation to hold its next session in St. Paul and immediately thereafter the Minnesota lodges began preparations to receive all visitors with unbounded hospitality. As a result increased activity in all matters pertaining to the order is evident. During December many lodges initiated classes and there is every indication that this will be a banner year for the order in Minnesota.

Try to make others better,
 Try to make others glad;
 The world has so much of sorrow,
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The following is a partial list of the fraternal organizations which will hold meetings in the convention hall at the Jamestown Exposition. About two hundred different organizations of various kinds have thus far settled upon Jamestown during the fair as meeting point.

Trav. Protective Ass'n.	June 10-17
Knights of Columbus	Aug 6
Rebekah's, Va.	May 13
L. O. O. F., Va.	May 8
U. C. T.	
Junior Order U. A. M., W. of W.	May 21 May 14
L. O. of Red Men	Sept 12
Ladies of the Maccabees	July 23
K. P., Va. Brigade	Aug
K. P., Ohio Brigade	Aug
Columbian Woodmen	Oct.
U. O. of Druids, Va.	June 10
Order Heptasopaths	June 4
Ind. Order Rechabites	Sept 10
Knights of Malta	Oct. 15
Brotherhood of America	Oct. 21
Knight Templars, Va.	Oct 7-9
F. O. E.	Sept. 2

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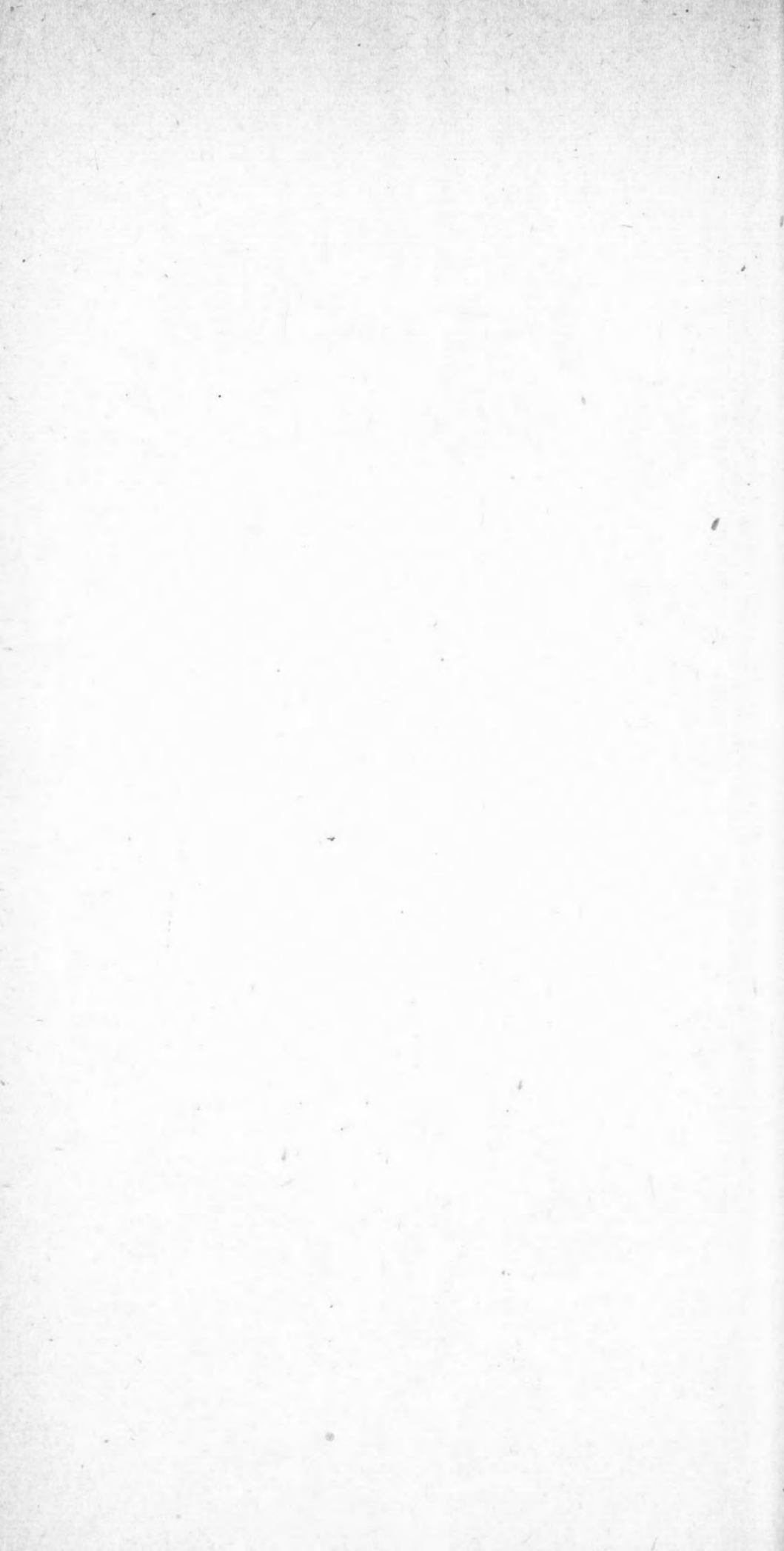
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- David B. Woodruff, Ga. 1878-80
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- John P. Linton, Pa. 1882 84
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- Geo. B. Shaw, Wis 1890-92
- Wm. W. Blackwell, Ky. 1892-94
- Walter B. Ritchie, Ohio 1894-96
- Phil. T. Colgrove, Mich. 1896-98
- Thos. G. Semple, Pa. 1898-1900
- Ogden H. Fetchers, Wis. 1900 02
- Tracy R. Bangs, N. D. 1902 04
- Chas. E. Shivley, Ind. 1904 06
- Chas. A. Barnes, Ill. 1906 —

As a matter of courtesy to this list can be added the name of the order's founder Justin H. Rathbone who was its head prior to the organization of the supreme lodge.

A. F. & A. M. Swift Lodge No. 129. Regular meeting Feb. 12, 26. Orin Kinney, W. M. E. R. Aldrich, Sec'y.

A. O. U. W. Benson Lodge No. 54. Regular meeting every Wednesday evening except the first one in the month. Heman Hancock M. W. J. N. Edwards, Fin. E. R. Aldrich, Rec.

D. of H. Benson Lodge No. 45. Regular meeting Feb. 6, Louise Hanley C. of H.; Emma Jensen. Fin., Sarah McGowan Recorder.

O. E. S. Benson Chapter No. 157 Regular meeting Feb. 5 Cora G. Smith W. M. E. A. Smith, Sec.

G. A. R. McPherson Post No. 17. Regular meeting Feb. 9, 23. John Sheridan Com. Geo. Stewart, Adj.

I. O. O. F. Benson Lodge No. 114. Regular meeting every Thursday. J. P. Moran N. G. P. S. Gallagher, Recording Sec.

K. of P. Benson Lodge No. 106. Regular meeting every Monday. I. A. Francis C. C. W. A. Foland, K. R. S.

K. O. T. M. Benson Tent No. 80. Meets every Tuesday evening. Ed. Pederson, C. O. O. Sordahl Rec.

M. W. A. Chippewa Camp No. 2485. Regular meeting every Saturday. Thos. Walston, C. A. F. Nelson, Clerk.

R. N. A. Methvin Camp. Regular meeting Feb. 9. Mrs. Cindra Lewis, O. Miss Loraine Fogerson, Rec.

S. of N. Bjorgvin Lodge No. 10. Regular meeting every Monday. Ole Lere Pres. Arnold Olson, Sec.

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The law that reclaims man, binding him in allegiance to the fraternal spirit of the universe says: "Learn now and forever, that you cannot become an Odd Fellow in spirit and truth unless you are grateful to your Creator, faithful to your country and fraternal to your fellow man. This law is the throbbing heart of Odd Fellowship. Obey it and the good work of the order will follow — preparing the way for higher incentives flashing across the mystic way like new stars swinging in view, giving birth to new and better gifts, opening fields of higher and greater usefulness in the fraternal world.

It's the duty of an Odd Fellow is regard the great Author of his existence as his Father in whom he lives and has his being and to recognize others as the offspring of the same parent, and to illustrate the truthfulness of his profession by reciprocal relief and

kindly offices is the days of trial. The principle is eternal, it presents a practical idea of the higher life of man and his vital relation to the universal Creator, and the recognition of man wherever found as a constituent part of the Brotherhood, it teaches that "no man liveth unto himself."—The Fraternal Journal.

The I. O. F. Election.

The ballot for grand lodge officers I. O. O. F. Minnesota, resulted in the election of the following:

Deputy Grand Master, E. D. Buell, of Minneapolis.

Grand Secretary, A. L. Bolton, St. Paul, (re-elected.)

Grand Treasurer, C. M. Sprague, of Sauk Centre, (re-elected.)

Representative to Supreme Lodge, B. G. Covell, of Atwater.

It will be necessary to elect the Grand Master and Grand Warden at the grand lodge meeting there being no choice in the ballot, the result being Grand master, Chas. H. Budd, Montevideo; 406; Geo. W. Meyers, Minneapolis; 468; F. O. Rice, Northfield, 241; George W. Scherer, Mankato, 490; C. R. Wilkidson, St. Paul, 413.

Grand warden, W. N. Barber, Long Prairie, 675; M. B. Haskell, Faribault, 409; M. H. McDevitt, Minneapolis, 291; Herman W. Phillips, St. Paul, 71; E. C. Sheldon, Pine Island, 282.

Duluth Camp No. 2341, M. W. A. has purchased lots at 21 Ave. W. and First St., Duluth, Minn., on which a \$2,000 lodge hall will be erected.

A Tribute to Fraternal.

Rev. M. A. Matthews, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Seattle, Washington, talked life insurance to his congregation, taking for his subject, "Is domestic safety assured and personal righteousness aided by fraternal insurance?" his text being I Timothy, V, 8: "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." The gentlemen delivered an excellent discourse, proving conclusively that it was the duty of every man to carry life insurance, and during his sermon made the following statements which are worthy of consideration.

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men in a bond that cannot be broken. It has bridged the grave and made the surviving members the personal guardian of the widow and the orphans. If I could go into every humble home and light a fire in the grate, put a warm meal on the table, cover each bed with blankets and make happy each child, my cup of joy would overflow. If I cannot go in person, I can go in a fraternal insurance certificate. My monthly premium shall take the wings of the morning and carry to homes of sorrow comfort and brotherly support. God bless the day of insurance. A man owes it to the state, to himself and to the family to insure his life.

The new Michigan senator Wm. A. Smith, is an enthusiastic Mason, belonging to York lodge No. 410, of Grand Rapids, and is both a 32 degree and K. T. member.

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Illinois has 26,500 members of the Royal Neighbors.

The contract for a \$200,000 Masonic temple at Atlanta, Ga., has been let.

The Royal Neighbors missed three assessments in 1906, missing the January, June and November assessments.

A \$150,000 Pythian home to care for aged members of the order and orphans of members is projected at Decatur, Ill.

Bro. Wheaton in an early number of the Pythian Advocate will publish the results of his researches into the origin of the Pythian order, tracing back to the sources from which Justin Rathbone received his inspirations for founding the order.

A. O. U. W. Facts.

Gleaned from the annual reports read at Grand Lodge February 19th, 1907.

Minneapolis Lodge No. 12 with 1157 members, Dec. 31, 1906 is the largest lodge. The average age of the membership of this lodge is 40.4. The year's increase of this lodge was 28 new members, less than many of the smaller lodges.

The banner lodge for increase in membership was Parker's Prairie No. 232, which with a membership at the beginning of the year of 21 added 34 members a gain of over 160 per cent. The average age of this lodge is 33.9 a decrease of 4.5 showing that the additions were of the most desirable class.

Three new lodges were formed during last year, at Chisholm, St. Louis Co., June 20th, with 16 members and at Bovey, Itasca Co. with 19 members, both organized by D. G. M. W. Nickerson and at Thief River Falls, Red Lake Co. July 17th with 13 members by D. G. M. W. Olson.

The average age of membership on January 1st, 1907 was 41.63 years, an increase of .7 years over January 1st 1907. The average age of the newly admitted members of 1906 was 29.53 years, that of the deceased members 49.11 and that of the suspended and withdrawing members 33.05 years. 56 lodges show a decreased age, ranging from .1 yr. with Vorwaerts Lodge No. 107 to 7 years which great decrease Hinckley Lodge No. 198 shows. The other lodges show

increases ranging as high as 8.8 in the case of Graceville Lodge No. 268. The lowest age average, excepting the newly organized lodges is that of Harmony Lodge No. 274 which with 92 members shows an average of 30.8 while the highest is shown by Caledonia No. 61 which with 39 members averages 53.4 years. The average age of death in the \$1000 class was 36.6 years and in the \$2000 class 52.6 years.

Three of the deceased had been members over 29 years, while the average duration of membership was 11 years, 11 months and 9 days. The death rate was 7.98 per 1000 members. Seven deaths of those joined during the year occurred, four being accidental. There are 343 members 70 years old or over and 49 under 21 years old. The beneficiary receipts in 1906 were \$606,370.50 of which \$584,841.73 were dispensed during the year.

Forty accidental deaths occurred during the year, fifteen being of railway employees and eight suicides occurred. From disease, 38 deaths were caused by tuberculosis, 33 from intracranial diseases, 30 from kidney troubles, 21 from cancer, 15 from pneumonia and 7 from typhoid.

The annual grand lodge was held in Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, Feb. 17-20. Nearly every lodge was represented, nearly 500 delegates being in attend. nec.

The most important legislation passed was the suicide clause, rendering policies void in case of suicide within one year and a law permitting monthly payment of dues. The field work system will be continued. The election resulted M. C. Tift, Long Prairie, grand chief; J. F. Creamer, Crookston, grand foreman; Peter A. Nelson, Red Wing, grand overseer; August Floerky, Minneapolis, grand guard; J. A. Schumacher, Duluth, grand inside watch; R. W. Richards, Moorhead, grand outside watch. The trustees, Jacob Newsalt, Alex VanPraag and Wm. Harmish were re-elected. For Supreme representatives, W. B. Anderson, Fred White and M. C. Tift were selected.

Eighty Years a Mason.

On January 29, Otis Eddy died at his home in Rockford, Ill. He was undoubtedly the oldest Mason at the time of his death, in the world, having celebrated his hundred and second birthday last August. His Masonic career started May 20, 1826, at which time he joined Friendship lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Chepachet, R. I., and was raised to the degree of Master Mason on the 17th of the month following—June 17, 1826—so that he had been a Mason eighty years, seven months and twelve days. During this time he had affiliated with Blackstone River lodge, Massachusetts; Mountain Shade

lodge, Downeville, Cal.; Morning Star lodge, Rochester, Minn., and finally with E. F. W. Ellis lodge, of Rockford, of which he has been a member since May 25, 1882.

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Education Building: 124x129 feet.

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M. W. A. Contest.

This month has witnessed a novel contest for promoting the growth of the Benson Camp M. W. A. The camp was divided into two factions, one being decorated with a red button and the other with a green, having the inscription "Benson M. W. A. Contest" around the edge and in large letters in the centre "Ask Me." The buttons being worn caused the asking of many questions which would have never been asked or the attention of the inquirers ever called to the contest if curiosity had not been required by the "Ask Me" The two sides were captained by State Deputy Reilly and District of St. Paul Deputy Moore at the outset. The former being replaced in a few days by the deputy of this district E. B. Powers. It was Bro. Rielly's first visit to Benson and he made scores of friends in his few days sojourn. Brothers Moore and Powers certainly did splendid work in seeking recruits and forty-three applications was the results of the ten days canvas and it is the unanimous feeling of Chippewa camp that either or both can hang their clothes in the closet of their camp whenever they want to. Not only the number of applications but especially the quality of material was especially pleasing to the local camp. The contest was close thruout and a single application ahead gave the victor

By the "Powers" of persuasion
 In the Benson contest they say
 With only just one "Moore"
 The reds did gain the day.

From the 1905 report of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina we clip relative to Senator Matt W. Ransom who for twenty-three years represented that state in the upper branch of the national congress: "Before the war, and while residing in Warrenton, the subject of this sketch took the Entered Apprentice degree of a Mason in Johnston Caswell Lodge. His marriage and removal from the county delayed his further advancement, as his active and strenuous life was directed to other matters, and in the meantime the charter of the lodge had been surrendered, but was subsequently restored. Later on, when his life was full of honors and full of years and the sunset drew near, he again appeared at the door of the lodge and craved admittance. He was asked by what right he hoped to secure the reward, and unable to satisfactorily answer, he was denied admission. For Masonry is no respecter of persons, but it clothes its Grand Masters with prerogatives, which, like charity, may cover the acts of omission and commission. Exercising this power, the Grand Master issued his dispensation, the lodge was convened, and accompanied by many friends, this grand old man was made a Master Mason."

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EDITORIALS.

Then do your best for one another,
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And help a poor and weary brother
Pulling hard against the stream.

Marshall, Minn. is arranging for a Woodman picnic on June 22.

The Minnesota membership of the A. O. U. W. on Feb. 1 was 32-637.

The Crescent and Grip says that the A. O. U. W. will not renew its license in Michigan this year.

Five Cleveland lodges have combined to build a new Pythian temple in that city to cost \$30-000.

On Dec. 31, 1906, the K. P. insurance department held as investments state bonds to the amount of \$226,000, municipal, county and school bonds \$1,005,666.57, real

estate or mortgages thereon \$337-300. The total resources including cash on hand was \$1,791,296.17, with liabilities including death claims pending \$207,936.39.

The twin city division of the M. W. A. is planning a large class initiation to take place June 19-20 at the state fair grounds.

An illustration in the Westminster Journal of London, England, for May 8, 1842, is believed to be the earliest picture showing the letter G as a Masonic emblem.

Great Britain will send four warships to participate in the naval features of the Jamestown Exposition, France three, Japan two, Portugal one, Austria two, Italy one, Sweden one, Brazil three, Chili one, Argentine at least one and possibly three and several other countries will probably participate. With the U. S. Atlantic fleet it will be one of the greatest naval reviews ever witnessed.

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New York is the banner Maccabee jurisdiction with 62,000 members.

The largest R. N. A. camp is that of Rock Island, Ill., with 351 members.

Milwaukee lodge of Milwaukee, has adopted an anti-treating resolution. This rule however, does not apply to visiting Elks from other lodges.

A Maccabee exchange says: The best tent is the one that is not dependent on any one member, but is preparing many others to take the place of the one now most efficient. Give everyone a chance and constantly bring the young men to the front.

The Improved order of Red Men will assemble at Jamestown the middle of May. This order will produce a reproduction of the landing of Capt. John Smith. Three ships will be built to represent the God-speed, the Susan Constant and the Discovery and both palefaces and redskins will be represented in appropriate costumes. They will have a log house or building in which they will display all their relics of the aborigines and everything of a pictorial nature which relates to the Indians. The great council of Red Men will meet there in September.

The Uniform Rank, Knights of

Pythias will encamp by brigades on the military camp ground of the Jamestown Exposition and it is expected that several thousand Knights will be in attendance. The Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia brigades will be in camp from July 29 to August 3rd, inclusive and the Ohio brigades from August 3rd to August 10th, inclusive. Brigades from all other states will be assigned dates later, but their encampment will be held in July. Major B. F. Rice, Senior Major of the First Virginia Regiment has charge of the K. P. features of the exposition.

In an address in 1904 James A. Wetmore, then grand master of the District of Columbia said: "It was in one of these army lodges, No. 19, on the Pennsylvania roster, that Lafayette was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason." On what authority this statement is made it yet remains on record that when he visited the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1827 he said he had long been a member of the order, having been initiated young as he was, even before he entered the services of our country in the Revolutionary war.

How to Judge.

"Judge ever as ye would be judged." From the official paper of the Insurance Department of the Knights of Pythias we clip.

In the lives of many there is

been tragedies enacted that racked the mind and caused the heart to bleed. The unfeeling and the unsympathetic stood aside and reviled the victims. History repeats itself every day in the lives of all men. Tragedies are being enacted and re-enacted from day to day. Many men draw down the curtain and shut the spectacle in from the view of the world. But others are not always so fortunate. When your brother's life is marred by some tragedy do not add to his burden by unkind words of criticism. Remember that the Knighthood of Pythianism was founded on a tragedy. The life tragedy of Damon has been immortalized by the glory of Pythias' act of friendship. How have you acted when your brother frater's life was clouded? Have you joined the rabble and sneered, or have you proven your right to wear the golden spurs by putting yourself in your unfortunate brother's place? If you have never put yourself in your unfortunate brothers's place? If you have never put yourself in another man's place you have missed a great experience. Put yourself in the place of the other fellow and see how different life looks to you. Put yourself in the place of the man charged with crime and get the sensation. Put yourself in the place of the man charged with some moral delinquency and see how it feels. If you would judge the actions of other men put your-

self into their places. Suffer for them. Stand as pledges for them, as did Pythias for Damon. If you will do this you will experience a life unknown to you before. Cultivate the habit of refusing to judge a man's acts until you have first put yourself mentally, at least, in his place. This will be practicing Pythianism. Force yourself to get something real out of this fraternity. Get a real life out of it. Do something for somebody. Do these things and forget yourself and you will grow to become worthy of the title that you bear -- a Pythian Knight.

Installed Master's Degree.

The Rev. L. H. Jackson, chairman of the committee on correspondence in the Deleware 1905 grand lodge report under the head of Vermont says:

At the session of the Grand Lodge in June, 1904, a committee was appointed to prepare a ritual for the purpose of communicating to Worshipful Masters elect of lodges the instruction necessary for them to receive before installation. This instruction is known as the Past Master's Degree. The term is a misnomer, as the instruction is not a Masonic degree, nor is it designed for past masters, but for present masters-elect.

This last clause expresses just the same truth we have been preaching for years—the term Past Master's Degree is a misnomer, it is not designed for Past

Masters but for Masters-elect for their installation into office, and should be called simply the installation ceremony. There is nothing in the nature of a degree in symbolic masonry about it, but if you will dub it a "degree," please call it "Installed Master's Degree." Every Worshipful Master out of office, is a Past Master, but there is no degree belonging to that title any more than there is a Past Grand Master. See? Both have to be installed into office and there is a ceremony of installation for both, but the ceremonies used are not degrees by any sort of manipulation. Consistency should be a jewel of great value among Masons.

Three Link Notes.

Wayne lodge of Detroit can claim to have in its membership in the person of George Dean the oldest member of the order in Michigan. For fifty-three years Mr. Dean has been an Odd Fellow in good standing and for forty-eight years has never missed a session of the grand lodge.

During a recess no one should be allowed to leave the lodge room except in proper manner. The noble grand should be called to his station and permit the brother to retire.

Diamond lodge, Detroit, recently laid the foundation for a \$200,000 temple.

A fine new building will be

erected at the Odd Fellows' home at Liberty, Mo., \$35,000 having been appropriated by the grand lodge for the purpose.

The new orphans' home which the Odd Fellows of Oklahoma have had in contemplation for some time will be located at Carmen.

West Virginia is soon to have an I. O. O. F. home. The location is at Elkins, and the membership of that jurisdiction is very enthusiastic and jubilant over the fact that they will soon have a place for their orphans.

Past Grand Sire A. C. Cable is noble grand of his subordinate lodge, guide in his encampment and R. S. N. G. in his Rebekah lodge.

In the history of of the order a past grand wore a scarlet collar and a scarlet apron. The noble grand wore a scarlet collar and a white apron.

What Constitutes a Good Member?

A good member of a fraternal insurance order is one who pays his assessments and dues promptly and cheerfully. He does not wait to be dunned by the financier; neither does he postpone payment for a few days after time, and expect the financier to put up for him, but he makes it his practice to pay early in the month, so as to be sure of being on the safe side. A good member is faithful and regular in his attendance on the meetings. He is not satisfied

to leave the business in the hands of those who must be there, but he remembers that it is also his business to be there. He therefore plans his other affairs so that he is free on lodge night to be present at the meeting and do his part in encouraging the officers and other members in their work for the order.

A good member is always willing to do his full share of the work in the lodge room and out of it, and not over particular about doing too much. A good member is charitable in his judgment of the words and actions of his fellow members. He does not willingly or gladly attribute selfish motives to everyone who differs with his ideas and methods of doing business. On the other hand, he is willing to believe that others are as unselfish in their aims and as honest in their intentions as he is.

A good member is always ready on suitable times and occasions, to speak a good word for his order. He believes in it himself, and he wants others to share his benefits. The logical result is that the good member is a working member. He uses his opportunities to speak to his "unsaved" neighbor about the importance of protecting the home, and persuades him to take out a beneficiary certificate for the benefit of those who are dependent upon. In brief, a good member is always ready to use

his ability as opportunity offers, to promote the best interests of the order, and does not fret because some one else does not do as much as he does. He remembers his obligation and tries to keep it.—D. of H. Review.



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The ear is deaf to tale too oft
Of one called "brother dear,"
But charity that whispers low.
Here's this to lighten care,
And this your hunger to appease,
And help your burden bear—

Unostentatious though it be
Beyond all earthly ban—
'Tis heaven's own true and timely boon
Through man to suffering man.

The frater, well beloved of all,
Is one of sympathy

Aflame in heart and soul,
Not steeped in apathy.
For whoso sees his brother's need
And hath of this world's good
But no compassion showeth him
Hath not the "love of God."

The book itself avows this truth,
And this the good man knows,
Though but a dole his purse afford,
He silently bestows.

Unostentatious charity,
Like the refreshing rain
Or modest dewdrops from above,
Falls on the arid plain.

And so again the good book says
As touching charity,
It "vaunteth not itself" at large,
Gross in its rarity.

For all the gaping world to see
Some Plutus' boasted wealth—
While "not puffed up" true charity
Gives but its mite by stealth.

"Two mite" the needy widow gave,
Mere farthing though it were,
Was more, Christ said, than all the rich

Cast in of its treasure there.
For out of grinding poverty
She gave her "all," Christ said.
Her farthing, substance, "living," all,
The price of meager bread.
The rich of their "abundance" gave,
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Three Link Notes.

Two encampments in Kansas have over 400 members; Wyandotte No. 9 of Kansas City, and Stafford No. 82 of Stafford.

The largest lodge in Kansas is Queen City No. 296 of Wichita which has 468. Seven other lodges in that state have a membership of over 300.

The Sovereign grand lodge has \$100,000 invested in Philadelphia city bonds and \$55,000 in Lake Shore stock, a total investment of \$155,000.

There are 304 lodges working in the German language, 11 in Italian, 10 in Swedish, 8 in French, 7 in Bohemian, 13 in Danish-Norwegian, and 2 in Spanish.

The Grand Master of Michigan recently came out very strongly in favor of all lodges in that state displaying an emblematical lantern on lodge nights both to remind members and show the way to visiting brethren.

The Texas Oddfellow says: "We know of several lodges that for years have dragged along, doing no good whatever. No life, no interest, no enthusiasm. Gradually losing members by suspension and getting in no new ones. Almost ready to surrender their charters, they agreed as a last resort to try taking the paper. It works like a charm. Meetings are more regular, interest increas-

es, new members begin to come in, a team is organized, the work is properly put on, soon the lodge is doubled in membership. Money flows into the treasury, and they are on the high road to prosperity.

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With the Lodges.

Kerkhoven Camp R. N. A., initiated a class of three on April 20.

Owing to the dismantled condition of the Oddfellow hall the W. R. C. met at the S. of N. hall April 24.

Benson Lodge A. O. U. W's. payment to the general beneficiary fund each assessment is but little short of \$500.

On April 22 Methven Camp, R. N. A., elected Mrs. O. E. Bowers as V. O. and Mrs. Clara Froschaug as receiver.

Kerkhoven Lodge I. O. O. F. held appropriate anniversary exercises on April 29. Rev. Grays,

of Willmar, delivered an eloquent address.

The alterations upon the Odd Fellow's hall are nearly completed. The hall will be redecorated and thoroly renovated, the walls being papered with a dark rich shade of paper.

Mrs. Clara Froshaug was recently elected chief of ceremonies of the Benson Lodge, D. of H., the office having been left vacant by the removal to Montana of Mrs. Hilda Hancock.

Benson Camp M.W.A. have adopted a new set of bylaws which were approved with one minor change by Head Consul Talbott on April 12. Under these bylaws the camp meets every Thursday evening except the second.

McPherson Post will at its meeting May 8 decide upon the arrangements for Decoration Day. Arrangements have already been made for the address which will be delivered by Prof. H. S. Hilleboe.

Have you sent for that calendar the Macoy Co. wants to give you? If not, why not?

An exchange says that the number of masons in Chicago approximates 35,000. There are 104 lodges and the largest has 1,262 members.

With its March number the Square and Compass of Denyer

entered upon its eighteenth year. Bro. Greenleaf puts out an excellent journal and may it celebrate many more birthdays.

The receipt of the grand lodge A. F. & A. M. proceedings, Minnesota, 1909, from G. Sec. Fishel is acknowledged with thanks.

The Welfare is a neat little paper published in the interests of the Royal Arcanum at Boston. Gideon C. Ryder is the capable editor thereof. May long life be its lot.

The first half of April saw 260 new woodmen brought into the fold in Minnesota by the deputies. The record stood: A. F. Nelson 86, E. B. Powers 36, J. C. Moore 36, B. G. Covell 30, T. Strand 26, L. Rosness 21, J. L. Sundeen 16, W. S. Jordan 12.

As ships meet at sea a moment together, when words of greeting must be spoken, and then away into the deep, so men meet in this world; and I think we should cross no man's path without hailing him, and, if he needs, giving him supplies.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Grand Sec. Fishel has issued a list of clandestine lodges. He lists 4 in Cali., 10 in Ill., 3 in Ky., 2 in Maine, 2 in Marysland, 28 in Mass., 11 in N. Y., 47 in Ohio, 24 in Penn., 2 in R. I., and 1 each in

Del. Ind , Ind. Ter., N. H., Ore., and S. D. The list however does not include colored lodges.

Bro. Rev. Carmichael, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, has declared: "As a clergyman of the Church of England, I would like to bear witness to a fact worth mentioning, that although there are many members who do not avail themselves of the privilege of attending religious services, yet I can say that the best attendants at the services of our church are Masons and have always been. I came to this conclusion long before I was a brother amongst you, and it was one of the predisposing causes that finally prepared my heart to join the Masons. The honor which is accorded in every Masonic Lodge to the Bible or Word of God, and the esteem in which it is held cannot be too highly regarded."—Masonic Observer.

The Poets and the K. P. Ritual.

(Continued from March Number.)

Pope's poem, *Eloisa to Abelard*, furnishes the line, "The world forgetting, by the world forgot."

The passage beginning,

"Heaven's clear vault
Studded with stars unutterably bright." Is from part of Shelly's "Queen Mab."

Colebridge's weird poem, "Kubla Kahn," opens with a reference to

"Alph, the sacred river," which ran,

"Through caverns measureless to man,

Down to a sunless sea."

In the "Ars Poetica" of Horace (434) are the following lines:

"Reges dicuntur multis urgere
culillis Et torquere mere quem
perspexisse laborent

An sit amicitia dignus."

Among the many English speaking versifiers who have made metrical translations or paraphrases of this famous classic was the Earl of Roscommon, an English poet, of the seventeenth century, who thus renders the foregoing passage:

"Wise were the kings who never
chose a friend,

Till with full cups they had un-
masked his soul,

And seen the bottom of his deepest
thoughts."

It was entirely fitting that, in appropriating these lines, the ritual of an order which debar from its portals all who deals in cups which both cheer and inebriate, should sedulously omit the "full cups" from its text.

Finally, the familiar admonition beginning,

"The friends thou hast and their
adoption tried,"

will be readily recognized as part of the sage counsel of Polonius to the young Laertes (Hamlet I 3).

The original subordinate lodge ritual as is well known was prepared by the founder of the Order.

It has since been three times revised, the first revision having been adopted by the Supreme Lodge in 1872. By whom this revision was prepared is not ascertainable from the official record, although there is a tradition that part of it known as the "Amplified Third" was the work of Rev. Dr. B. B. Ussher of Illinois. The next revision, adopted in 1882, was prepared by a special committee consisting of Past Supreme Chancellors S. S. Davis and D. B. Woodruff and Supreme Representatives S. J. Willey of Delaware, R. L. C. White of Tennessee and Wm. H. Lee of Massachusetts. The subordinate lodge ritual now in use was the work of a special committee consisting of Supreme Representatives Walter B. Richie, of Ohio, R. L. C. White of Tennessee, W. A. Radcliffe of Missouri, and E. E. French of Nebraska. This was adopted in 1892.

The Confederate 2c. Green,

(Continued from March Number.)

While primarily designed to meet the rate on drop letters, the rate on newspapers were such that the greater number of the stamps used was probably on wrappers upon printed matter, which accounts for the scarcity of used specimens as such wrappers are very seldom saved. The section of the postal laws on this subject was:

"And there shall be charged

upon every other newspaper, and each circular not sealed, or handbill, engraving, pamphlet, periodical and magazine, which shall be unconnected with any manuscript or written matter, not exceeding three ounces in weight, and published within the Confederate States, two cents; and for each additional ounce, or fraction of an ounce, two cents additional; and in all cases the postage shall be prepaid, by stamps or otherwise, as the Postmaster General shall direct.

"And books, bound or unbound, not weighing over four pounds, shall be deemed mailable matter, and shall be charged with postage, to be prepaid by stamps or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General shall direct, at two cents an ounce for any distance.

It is thought that only one supply of stamps were prepared and the cause is said to have been that the plates were destroyed by fire. Such is the statement made by J. Alex H. Stevens Jr., in a letter published in the American Stamp Mercury, April 1868. In the post office report dated Dec. 7, 1863, it is stated 527200 2c. stamps were issued that year, but this may or may not include 2c. red stamps of the 1863 issue. In the first proposition made Hoyer and Ludweg quote a price of 30c per 1000, but it is not likely that this was the contract price.

Almost as soon as issued the

stamp was counterfited by one S. C. Upham in Philadelphia, who was in 1862 offering counterfeits both of Confederate stamps and money. In what manner these early counterfeits were made, whether lithographed or engraved is, so far as I can find, unknown, altho the lithographed counterfeit which is discribed by Earee, and which he states is seldom met with, might have been this manufacture.

This lithograph counterfeit is said to be on very thick paper, almost thin card and can thus be easily distinguished. Crude counterfeits made from electrotypes can also be found, but of such crude workmanship as to hardly deceive even a beginner. The Advanced Catalog quotes Sept. 4 1862, as the earliest cancellation and a leading foreign catalog, deceived thereby has given this as date of issue.

The price quoted for used specimens for the past fifteen or twenty years has been \$3, while the unused specimens have fallen from \$2.50 in 1895 to \$2 and the leading foreign dealers have followed these prices very closely. The Advanced Catalog, undoubtedly based upon Mr. Corwin's studies, list four shade varieties:

- 2c. green.
- 2c. grey green.
- 2c. dark green.
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A Masonic Caucus in 1775.

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In the days of seventeen hundred and seventy five, when our forefathers were trying to strike from their limbs the shackles of British despotism, Free Masonry was on the side of liberty and played no small hand towards giving freedom to their fellowmen. And as was Boston the birthplace of American Free Masonry (1733) in form of St. John's Lodge, so was it the birthplace of American liberty in the lodge room of St. Andrew's, in the famous "Green Dragon Tavern (owned by Masons,) within those ancient walls were held the noted "North End Caucuses," or what the Tories termed "nest of traitors," but was merely a lodge of Masons holding regular and special meetings.

On the evening of April 18, 1775, St. Andrew's held a special meeting. Among those present were Gen. Joseph Warren, Master of St. Andrew's, and Grand Master of all the Masons of North America; Dr. John Warren (his brother), Col. Peter Faneuil, who gave to the Colonies spacious Faneuil Hall, Boston; Col. Paul Revere (who made that famous ride which immortalized his name) Maj. Thomas Melville, Col. Jos. Webb (a Mason of much note in his name), Hon. Samuel Gore, Dr. Church, Col. Thomas Crofts, Hon. John Adams, Caleb Hopkins,

Esq., Capt. Edward Proctor, Hon. Percy Morton, Samuel Barrett, Esq., Hon. Wm. Palfrey, Capt. Christopher Gore, Lt. Col. Jeremiah French, Dr Josiah Bartlett and one hundred other eminent Masons. After the lodge of St. Andrew had gone through with its regular work, each member present was required to take oath over an open Bible that nothing of the proceeding on that meeting should be divulged. The lodge was then closed and the "Tea Party Song" (of 1773) was sung, which ran something as follows:

Rally, Mohaks! Bring out your axes,

And tell King George we'll pay no taxes

On his foreign tea;

His threats are vain, and vain to think

To force our girls and wives to drink

His vile Bohea.

Then rally, boys, and hasten on
To meet our chiefs 'at the Green Dragon.

Our Warren's, there and bold Revere,

With hands to do and words to cheer
For liberty and laws.

Our "country's braves" and firm defenders

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Then rally, boys, and hasten on
To meet our chiefs at the Green Dragon.

This singing caused more excitement outside, the mob of Tories grew more fierce, and threw stones at the ancient tavern, during which time the tale of the

British lion had been pinched, as those eminent patriots inside had planned the famous ride. Dr. Joseph Warren had appointed Col. Faneuil to walk the shore and note any movement that might be made by King George's ships of war, which were safely lying at anchor in the harbor. In the meantime the mob of Tories became tired and retired, many of them, to their respective homes. In a few minutes all became quiet. The noisy Tories were sleeping and the sailors in the bay knew not even as much. Dr. Warren went to the shore with Caleb Hopkins, whose wife took off her petticoats and muffled the oars, and Revere pulled across the bay and rode out to Lexington, waking Hon. John Hancock, another eminent Mason, who had gone a-courting, and had fallen to sleep.

St. Andrew's Lodge, A. F. & A. M. and that "nest of traitors" or the noted "North End Caucus" played an important hand in the cause of American liberty, and the writer thinks:

It was twelve in Green Dragon Tavern,

When St. Andrew's closed that night.

The British fleet lay anchored in the harbor;

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On the shore stood good old Peter Faneuil,

Planning victory for Americans all.

"We'll whip old King George's navy,"
Said that brave Peter unto Paul.

The Anglo-American lodge had a very successful meeting at Hotel Cecil Strand, London, on Tuesday, March 16th. The lodge opened early so as to give time for work before the arrival of the lady guests. Wm. Edgar Lincoln was initiated. Past Master W. L. Lincoln being in the S. W. chair, so he had the pleasure of helping. On the arrival of the ladies, all sat down to a splendid banquet and concert.

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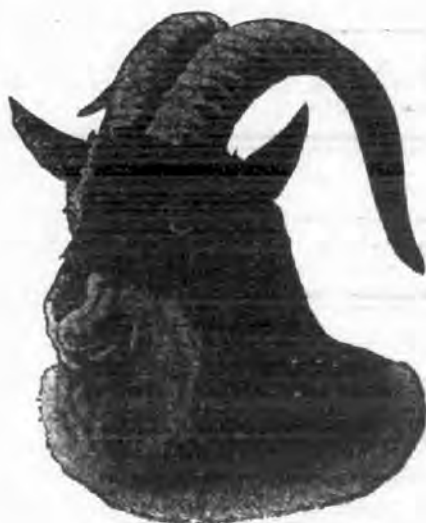
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Wartime Masonic Incidents.

After the surrender of Major Anderson at Fort Sumpter a single American flag still floated in Charleston. This was the property of the eminent Masonic author, Capt. Charles Mackey, and it still floated, as had for years been his custom, over his residence. Bro. Mackey was a staunch Unionist, and up to this time his opinion, while differing from his neighbors and the members of the craft in the city had been respected but such action could hardly now be tolerated, so accordingly a Confederate officer ordered it down. Mackey's answer was, "not until the sun goes down."

Soon a detachment of Confederate soldiers appeared to enforce the order. The gray-haired old captain, standing alone at his door, told the detail that they could haul the Stars and Stripes down only after his life was gone. Awed, and admiring the attitude and patriotism of the venerable old man, then over 70 years old, the officer of the detail reported his reply to the commander, who in turn reported to Gen. Beauregard, and asked what to do.

A letter was sent to the venerable patriot, by order of the general, and still came that answer, "Not till the sun goes down." Gen. Beauregard was a Sir Knight Templar Mason, with great respect for Mackey, and the flag was not disturbed. At sundown

the grand old man took the flag down, folded it up, laid it away, and it was not till after the evacuation of Fort Sumpter that Old Glory was again fluttering in the Charlestown breezes.

John Corson Smith, the well known Masonic writer of Illinois tells the following:

When in Murfreesboro, Tenn., among the Confederate prisoners under my charge I found the adjutant of an Alabama regiment wearing a Masonic charm. He was wounded and needed care. I asked him if he was a Freemason and receiving an affirmative answer, without letting him know that I was a member of the Craft, I accepted his personal parole, within the lines, and sent him to the house of Judge Ready, the father-in-law of the Confederate General, John H. Morgan. When about to be sent to the rear for exchange the adjutant asked me why I had so much confidence in him as to parole him. I answered: "Because I knew you to be a Freemason."

The following story is attributed to the Confederate General Hoke, who was in command of a division at Cold Harbor where the incident occurred. While resting during the heat of the day under a tree two of his men approached, saluted and said:

"General, a wounded Yankee is lying out in front and he wanted to know whether there are any

Masons among us. We told him there were, whereupon he gave the sign of distress and begged us to go out and bring him into our lines. We replied that we had been fired upon while helping his companions, and because of that you had issued strict orders against our passing outside."

General Hoke roused up and looked keenly at the two men.

"Are you Masons?" he asked.

"They told him they were.

"Do you know that it is almost certain death for you to try to give any help to that poor fellow?"

"We do; but he has made the Masonic appeal to us, and we only await your permission to try to bring him in."

"Then go, in God's name. I do not stand in the way of such courage as that."

As eagerly as if rushing to meet a returning brother, the brave men ran toward the Federal who lay helpless on the earth. They had hardly started when the enemy, failing to understand the meaning of the act, opened fire on them. They did not falter or show hesitation. Every one expected to see one or both fall dead at every step, but they reached the sufferer, coolly held a can to his lips, and then raised his limp body between them. They walked deliberately back with their burden, and neither of them received so much as a scratch.

General Smith D. Atkins, of Illinois, relates that during the Atlanta campaign when pushing the enemy, he saw a little white apron nailed to a cabin door and riding up to the cabin he asked a woman he found there its significance, and was told that her husband was in Forest's cavalry, which was then fighting; that her husband was a Freemason and on leaving his home had said: "There are many Freemasons in the Federal army and if she would nail a white apron upon her door and let the Federals know she was the wife of a Freemason she would be protected." It is unnecessary to say that she was unmolested.

Never Slight a Halling Brother.

Rob. Morris.

(This poem was written in 1863, and set to music was sung at a Masonic gathering held at Memphis, Tenn. at which soldiers from both armies were present.)

Never slight a halling brother—
Be it Blue or Gray he wear,
Never ask his creed or country,
So he's faithful to the Square;
Only know he's true and faithful
To the solemn vow he swore,
And then a generous hand extend
him
As in peaceful days of yore.
Sad the strife, and fearful, Brother,
Almost hopeless seems the end;
Some have felt its utmost horror,
In the loss of home and friend;
Yet the fire and shot have left us
Even stronger than we were—
And oh! this day Freemasons con-

quer
 Faithful, faithful to the Square.
 When sweet peace shall bless us,
 Brother,
 And the fire and shot have ceased,
 Then we'll strive not to remember
 All the cruel things that passed;
 But there's one thing we'll forget
 not,
 While a memory we bear;
 Its the sacred tie so cherished
 By the brothers of the Square.

Military Lodges.

While there were numerous requests from members "at the front" during the civil war, for permission to establish military lodges, yet as Grand Master Pierson always refused the requests so there never were any such lodge upon the rolls of the grand lodge of Minnesota.

A number of years ago Grand Sec. Ehlers gave out this list of those authorized by New York:

National Zouaves Military Lodge, 10th Regiment, New York Volunteers.

New York Military Lodge, 28th Regiment, New York State Militia.

American Union Military Lodge, 21st Regiment, New York Volunteers.

Scott's Life Guard Military Lodge, 38th Regiment New York Volunteers.

Robert Anderson Military Lodge, 62d Regiment, New York Volunteers.

Niagara Military Lodge, 28th Regiment New York Volunteers.

Patriot Military Lodge, 76th Regiment, New York Volunteers.

These dispensations were each for one year and those for the 10th, 28th and 76th Regiments were renewed, but in 1864 Grand Lodge prohibited the issue of dispensations for any more Military Lodges.

With The Lodges.

The I. O. O. F. hall remodeling has been completed. The hall while now a trifle smaller, with its new decorations and lighting is as handsome a meeting place as any lodge in a place the size of Benson.

Benson's representative to the K. P. grand lodge, Eric Lawrence Thornton, came home with the new honor of Grand Trustee to maintain.

Judge and Mrs. J. N. Edwards represented Swift Chapter 154 O. E. S. at the session of the grand chapter at St. Paul.

At its meeting on May 19 Benson Lodge A. O. U. W. appointed a committee to report upon a rate for initiation, their old by-law on the subject being inoperative under the new rates.

The K. P. lodge on May 3 conferred the rank of Knight upon two candidates, with the largest attendance present for several years. All resident members except two were present.

Syver Berg has been elected by Benson lodge as delegate to the Oddfellow grand lodge which meets June 16-17.

A Swift County Tent.

The success with which the M. W. A. sanitarium near Colorado Springs has met commands both the attention and support of every member of America's largest fraternal insurance association.

The sanitarium is located about nine miles north of Colorado Springs, Colo., and four and a half miles from the famous Garden of the Gods, the great geological treasure of the Pikes Peak region. The sanitarium grounds include many similar and not less interesting formations than those in this better known place.

The society owns 1,350 acres of land, comprising some of the most beautiful spots in Colorado, without a doubt. The view in every direction is interesting and delightful to the eye. Valleys, winding roads, hills, rocky ledges, curious rock formations and great boulders; beautiful clumps of evergreens in their native state: sunrises and sunsets which cannot be surpassed anywhere, are some of the things which make this a very pleasurable dwelling place. One of the charms of the property is its great variety of views, and one of the most picturesque views is the colony itself, as looked down

upon from the neighboring elevations.

The sanitarium is about three miles from the Denver & Rio Grande railway station of Woodmen, and three and a half miles from the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway station of Brede.

There are now on the grounds sixty tent houses for patients and the number is constantly being increased. In addition there are quarters for the physicians and attendants, besides the buildings for dining room and medical headquarters, etc.

The sanitarium opened on Jan. 1 1909, and is now practically filled to its capacity. Any beneficiary member of the society can, under the rules established, be admitted and will receive proper care free of charge. While the society has placed a ten cent per capita tax on its members to support the institution, this is not sufficient to very materially enlarge the accommodations necessary for the growing demand for treatment and it is to the generosity of the local camps that the enterprise must appeal. Many of these have already made donations, and not a few have separately or united with other camps arranged to establish a tent cottage upon the grounds.

Why should not the Camps of Swift County unite and establish a Swift County tent there? The idea is entirely feasible and could

be done with very small individual expense. About \$250 is the sum necessary to be raised and with a membership of about 500 in the county this would mean only about a half dollar a member. Will not every member in the county be willing to not only assist to this extent in fighting the "great white plague" but also to show by means of "Swift County Tent" upon the sanatorium grounds the loyalty of Swift County to the great M. W. A. order?

Steps looking to such action was taken by Chippewa Camp No. 2485, of Benson, at their meeting on May 20. A proposition was to be discussed at that meeting to contribute 25 cents a member to the Sanatorium. Neighbors Ness and Weber from Murdock Camp were in attendance and stated that Murdock Camp proposed if possible, to interest the other Camps in the county, to unite with them in donating a "Swift County Tent." Needless to say that the idea immediately met with favor and a resolution was presented to be acted upon at the next meeting that fifty cents per member be raised for the purpose, and there is little doubt but what it will be adopted unanimously. This means that practically one-half of the needed amount is pledged, as the two Camps have a membership of 250. Will not the other Camps do likewise? Let us all

put our shoulder to the wheel and boost for a "Swift County Tent."

There was no session of the grand lodge A. F. & A. M. in Minnesota in 1862. G. M. A. T. C. Pierson in his address in 1863 tells why thus:

Not a company has gone from this State but that some of our lodges were represented in it; not a regiment but that at least one-half of its officers were members of our order; not a lodge in the State but that some of its officers have answered to its country's call. In some of our lodges, one year since, all the officers had gone; in others a portion of the officers and members, and in one lodge but three members were left. So crippled were our lodges, that in September, 1862, I sent a circular letter to the lodge, requesting their views as to the policy of postponing the meeting of the Grand Lodge. Of the answers received, all of the lodges, but with one exception, recommended a postponement of the meeting.

History tells us that at the first battle of Bull Run very many of the Union soldiers were taken prisoners, and after many removals were finally confined in New Orleans. But history does not tell us of another fact, and one, too, of which we as Masons may be justly proud, that M. W. Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows the representa-

tive of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, visited the prisoners in their cells, administered to their wants, furnished food, medicines and attendance to the sick, undeterred by the mob who threatened his life. And when the prisoners were exchanged and about to return home, each brother was by him presented with a suit of clothes.

In Feb. 1866, James L. Orr was installed grand master of South Carolina by grand master Pierson of Minnesota. In his address at the next grand lodge Bro. Orr said:

This ceremony was attended by brethren representing nearly every state in the Union—conducted by a worthy brother residing in the far West, and representing a people, who only a few brief months before, were arrayed in arms against our people, but who, as soon as the obligations and allegiance of the belligerents to their respective governments permitted, united on a common altar, and cheerfully buried the animosities of the past in oblivion. No sooner was peace proclaimed, than our fraternal relations were re-established, and the harmony of our temple re-constructed without question, condition or amendments. The charity of Christian churches has not yet been found equal to the obliteration of the bitter dissensions in the past, and yet our brotherhood is firmly—

gloriously re-established. Such is Masonry! May we prove worthy exemplars of an institution which teaches such tenets as generously dispel from our bosoms all hate and malice against a brother.

The year after the close of the war Bro. Chas. Mackey, the Masonic author and historian, then sec. of the grand lodge of South Carolina said:

“In the darkest hour of the night which has just passed over us, the star of Masonry ever shone with ‘purest ray serene’. In all the suffering and anguish and despair to which we have been subjected, Masonry was always present, with its help and support, for the wounded and the captive,—its arms of refuge for the widow and the orphan. Where there was the utmost darkness, there was its light. Where there was the deepest sorrow, there was its consolation. Where the cloud was blackest, there was its silver lining, to give, in the midst of the storm, the promise of a calm.”

1860—1909.

Sing anthems of a holy love that
country breeds in men,
And o'er their graves in muffled
tones let drums sound taps
again.
And with each note that fills the
air a scented bower raise,
And let a rain of flowers fall to
tell a nation's praise.
Oh, flowers, red and white and

blue, pile on and mark them all;
 In nature's flag enshroud the man,
 who heard their country's call.
 And those who march, let's cheer
 for them and cheer both blue
 and gray,
 For this is theirs—a country's
 thanks—this Decoration day.

Anon.

Thomas Knudson.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of one of Swift county's early pioneers and one who in the early days was prominent in its lodge circles, Thomas Knudson passing away at Funkley, Minn., on May 23.

He was born in Hallingdal, Norway, nearly sixty years ago, coming to this country when but a child with his parents. After living for some years in Iowa, he came to Minnesota, arriving in Benson in 1870.

At the organization of the county he was selected as sheriff, and from then until the time he removed to the northern part of the state was prominent in local affairs, being also one of the organizers of the village of Benson.

In 1877 he married Mary Thorson, to which union six children were born, five of whom with the widow survive.

Bro. Knudson was a member in good standing of Benson Lodge, A. O. U. W.

We understand the remains will be brought to Benson for interment.

An Oddfellow's Incident.

Gen'l. (afterwards U. S. Senator for California) J. F. Miller, is responsible for the following account of Oddfellow charity work:

"While I was in command at Nashville, and the two armies laid there side by side, he was fitting back and forth from one army to the other every day, until I had about made up my mind to have him arrested as a spy, when he came to me voluntarily, and asked me for a permit to take the body of a dead soldier lying in one of the hospitals, which he said he wanted to prepare and ship to Michigan for burial. Finding that he was the man I had under surveillance, and had thought of arresting, I questioned him very closely as to his movements back and forth between the two armies, and his object; and I found that he was devoting his whole time to hunting up, and caring for, sick and wounded and dead Odd Fellows, in both armies. I then gave orders to let him go and come as he pleased at all times; but my men still kept some watch upon him, and I afterward found that he bankrupted himself, and his lodge, and I guess all his friends, too, in the work of mercy and benevolence in which he was engaged. I made up my mind that if that was Odd Fellowship, I would be one. As soon as I got home to California, I applied for admission to, and became a member of, Templar Lodge, where I was afterward very happy to find that he, also, had become a member."

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R. N. A. Methvin Camp. Regular meeting June 10. Etta Robinson, O. Mrs. Alvin T. Edwards, Rec.

S. of N. Bjorgvin Lodge No. 10. Regular meeting every Friday. J. B. Johnson, Pres. Carl Gilbertson, Sec.

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Upon his vest he wore a badge,
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He bought a brand new suit of
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And shiny boots and hat;

And when he took his gal to
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Way up in front they sat.

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But lodge—from morn till night.
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K. P. NOTES.

The thirty lodges, of St. Louis, Mo., held a joint installation on Jan. 11 and not far from 15000 were in attendance. It was held in the Coliseum and G. K. R. S. John H. Holmes was presiding officer. Mayor Kreisman made a few remarks and Supreme Representative Brown, of Illinois, delivered an eloquent address.

On Dec. 31st the endowment rank had 74006 members, of which 61087 belonged to the fifth class. The total amount of insurance in force was \$111,365,000.

Two new lodges are in the course of formation in St. Paul and one in Minneapolis, the first to be formed in the cities for nearly twenty years.

P. G. C. Chas. H. Tasker, of Minnesota, died at his home in Minneapolis, Jan. 13, 1910. He was G. C. 1888-9 and during his term of office added thirteen new lodges to the domain. He was one of the stalwart old guards of Minnesota Pythianism.

A. O. U. W. NOTES.

Twenty deaths were reported in Minnesota in the February report of the grand recorder. Two of these were of members under

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The thirty lodges, of St. Louis, Mo., held a joint installation on Jan. 11 and not far from 15000 were in attendance. It was held in the Coliseum and G. K. R. S. John H. Holmes was presiding officer. Mayor Kreisman made a few remarks and Supreme Representative Brown, of Illinois, delivered an eloquent address.

On Dec. 31st the endowment rank had 74006 members, of which 61087 belonged to the fifth class. The total amount of insurance in force was \$111,365,000.

Two new lodges are in the course of formation in St. Paul and one in Minneapolis, the first to be formed in the cities for nearly twenty years.

P. G. C. Chas. H. Tasker, of Minnesota, died at his home in Minneapolis, Jan. 13, 1910. He was G. C. 1888-9 and during his term of office added thirteen new lodges to the domain. He was one of the stalwart old guards of Minnesota Pythianism.

A. O. U. W. NOTES.

Twenty deaths were reported in Minnesota in the February report of the grand recorder. Two of these were of members under

thirty years of age and two over seventy, while the average age approximated 48 years. Of these one had been a member 32 years, another 22 years, and three others over 18 years, the average length of membership being nearly 12 years.

In January Thief River Falls initiated 21 new members, and E. Grand Forks, 17. In all the lodge 220 were added to the lists and 15 old members reinstated. There being 20 deaths and 15 suspensions; the total gain was 200. The membership Feb. 1st was 21202.

Having decided that suitable accommodation could not be had at Putin Bay, O., the chosen meeting place, the Supreme Grand Master has designated Louisville, Ky. as the next meeting place of the Supreme Lodge.

The Minnesota grand lodge was held this month and reelected the corps of grand officers. It decided upon holding biennial sessions hereafter, altho this will not begin until after the 1911 session.

One of the most enjoyable lodge affairs that has ever occurred in Benson, came off on Monday, Feb. 7th, when the members of the Kerkhoven Oddfellows' Lodge conferred the First and Second Degrees on two candidates for the local lodge. A. Westerdahl acted as N. G., T. G. Berge as V.

G. and O. G. Hough as Cond. and Past Grand Master Berniss G. Covell as King Saul. The remainder of the degree team were, C. B. Cox, H. A. Steen, C. L. Merriman, C. U. Wood, Z. P. Pritchard, J. W. Miller, O. E. Erickson, C. L. Johnson, Eric Ericson, A. Engberg, Aug. Anderson, Sam Mattson, J. A. Johnson, A. Jacobson and Chas. Segerstrom. The work which was of the highest order was under the direction of the captain of the team, James Lundquist. The local lodge entertained their visitors at six o'clock dinner at Knight's Cafe, and when the work was done escorted them to the Electric Theatre where a special performance had been arranged for at 11 o'clock. They then proceeded to The Merchants where a sumptuous banquet was served at midnight and it was nearly two o'clock when the gathering dispersed. Most of the Bensonites stayed with their guests until they boarded the early morning train for home.

The Macoy Publishing Co., of New York, have recently issued "The New Masonic Musical Manual." It contains 116 pieces, of which 24 are popular selections, designed to be used at social occasions but the others are all odes or songs appropriate for blue lodge occasions. Every lodge should have a copy.

The fraternal society is a burden bearer. Each association has its prescribed charities, its common fund to which any member and his family may come in time of need; its lines of sympathy and communication extend from the heart of every one in distress direct to the treasurer's office; its financial lines reach to the door of every home in the order, and at its source there is a fountain to which orphan and widow may rightfully come.—Bee Hive.

“That which is good to be done, cannot be done too soon; and if it is neglected to be done early, it will frequently happen that it will not be done at all.” How much this quotation can be applied to the question of the payment of dues and assessments. Your motto should be, “Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today,” and try and strain a point to pay it now, while it is on your mind, and thus avoid suspension.—The Welfare.

Grand Senior Warden Geo. M. Stowe, of Wadena, inspected Bethel Commandry K. T. at Morris' on the 14th. Red Cross Degree was conferred in the afternoon and the Temple Degree in the evening.

The total membership of the D. of H. on Dec. 31st was 69048, of which 42951 were beneficial. The largest jurisdiction was Minnesota

with 18195 members, Nebraska second with 14811, South Dakota third with 6030 and Michigan fourth with 5935.

In Sept. 1909 the Panama—California Exposition Co., of San Deigo, Calif. was incorporated, which proposed to hold an international exhibition at that city in 1915, when it is expected the canal will have been completed.

Absolutely the finest Elks paper published is the Southern Buck, of New Orleans. Editor Murray certainly knows how to turn out a fine paper and should have the support of all members of the B. P. O. E.

A decision has been recently handed down by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York forbidding colored Elks from using the rituals, passwords, grips, pins or colors of the B. P. O. E.

From Grand Sec. Davis, of Massachusetts, we have received a copy of the fine memorial pamphlet prepared by that grand lodge to commemorate the long and valued services Bro. Soreno D. Nickerson rendered masonry.

A delegation of grand lodge officers, of Illinois, conferred the M. M. degree in the Alexandria—Washington Lodge at Alexandria, Va. on Washington's Birthday.

With its January number, the Oddfellows World, of Sioux Falls, S. D. begins its 17th vol. Brother Patton puts out a good paper and the Oddfellows of the Dakotas know it.

THREE LINK NOTES.

Plans have been prepared for the proposed Oddfellows Home to be erected at Dell Rapids, S. D., a two story building 43 by 120 feet, to cost \$27000.

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A WESTERN EPISODE.

The Oddfellow World relates the following incident as told by Grand Sire Kuykendall, who was one of the participants. It occurred at Deadwood, then nothing but a little mining camp:

One day during the summer of 1876 the blue eyed sheriff with many others intercepted a band of Indians, who were driving away some horses. A sharp engagement ensued and when the battle was over the sheriff and another one of the attacking party were found dead upon the hillside. A guard was stationed, and in due time a committee was sent out and took possession of their effects. Upon one was found evidence of membership in an Odd Fellow lodge, and on the other body was found evidence of Masonic membership. The bodies were brought into the camp, and report went round of the findings of the committee, and inquiries were sent out, and among the rude men of the mining camp about one hundred fifty were found who claimed affiliations with one or both of these fraternities. Funeral preparations were made—the only preacher in camp was summoned, and it is still said that in a voice of peculiar tenderness, he spoke to hardened men of “the sweet consolation of a faith in the living God,” and uttered a prayer of pathetic sweetness, commending

the spirits of the departed brothers to the Judge of the quick and the dead, and that from the eyes of many who had long been accustomed to look upon scenes of crime and had almost forgotten that they were made in the image of Him who is the creator of men and worlds, tears flowed down as the fountains of memory were unsealed. After this service the rough caskets were carried out and the Odd Fellows fell in line behind their dead brother, while the Masonic brothers marched parallel, following their own dead to the final resting place at White Rocks, where these two brothers of the two great fraternities were buried in one grave.

After the coffins had been lowered to their final resting places the assembled brothers recited from memory such fragments of the burial service as they could recall, and threw their sprig of evergreen into the open grave. The preacher uttered a short prayer consigning earth to earth, and dust to dust, and left these strange brothers upon the lonely mountain side, where the wintry night winds sing sad requiems over their remains, there to sleep until the resurrection morn shall call them forth to meet their just reward.

As the crowd moved back toward the mining camp the hush of meditation was upon them as though a voice had spoken to

them from another life, far, far removed from the scenes around them, counselling for peace and the universal brotherhood of man. And who shall say that these stranger brothers do not sleep as sweetly in their humble grave at White Rocks as they would in the most sarcophagi or costly mausoleum that wealth could procure.

THE ACACIA.

The Acacia fraternity, the body of Masonic university men whose installation of a chapter at Northwestern University was noted in this column recently, seems to be a sufficiently interesting organization to merit a little more attention. For the edification, therefore, of those who think that football and dances form the beginning and end of the college man's activities the following facts are set down:

The Acacia fraternity, to which only Master Masons in good standing who are students or members of faculties are eligible, has twenty-three active chapters and 1,200 members. The last annual grand conclave was held at the University of Pennsylvania, and the next will occur at the University of Missouri. In accordance with Masonic tradition each chapter is named from a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, instead of the Greek letters used by the "Greek" fraternities. The fraternity publishes the Acacia

Journal. The badge is a right-angled triangle, set with jewels. The grand president is Albert K. Wilson, 33d degree.

Chapters are located at the following institutions: The University of Michigan, Leland Stanford University, University of Kansas, University of Nebraska, University of California, Ohio State University, Harvard University, University of Illinois, University of Pennsylvania, University of Minnesota, University of Wisconsin, University of Missouri, Cornell University, Purdue University, University of Chicago, Yale University, Columbia University, Iowa State College, University of Iowa, Pennsylvania State College, University of Oregon, University of Washington and Northwestern University.

It is also likely that the Acacia fraternity, now national, will soon become international, for the University of Toronto and McGill University, both in Canada, have applied for chapters, and the grand officers are in correspondence with a body of Free Masons who are students of the University of Oxford in England, with a view to establishing a chapter there.

The total amount paid the grand lodge by Benson A. O. U. W. lodge in 1909 was \$3271.68; by Willmar \$5580.10; by Morris \$5198.51; by Montevideo \$2990.03; by Appleton \$2009.29; by Glenwood \$1215.81.

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Gopher State Philatelist—November 1900. (Ever see one?)

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It is difficult to keep up a good lodge attendance this time of the year and the officials of the different organizations are thankful to the old "stand-bys" who get out each meeting night and help make a quorum.

The Knights of Pythias in Chicago have recently formed a hospital association. Incorporation occurred March 14, and the week March 22—26 saw a most successful bazaar conducted in its interests. President Scott O. Cavette gives this account of its origin:

"One of our members some time ago was injured in a street accident. He was taken to a hospital and remained there for several weeks. The bill amounted to several hundred dollars and he was in such financial circumstances that it was a great burden to him.

"This set us to thinking, and the move for a Pythian hospital is the result. We are making arrangements with other hospitals to take care of members of our order and their families until their own building is erected. We are also taking up the matter with the police so that any person wearing a Pythian emblem who is the victim of an accident may be sent to one of the institutions with which the arrangements are being made."

Capt. Rudolph Burgesrode, one of the oldest, if not the oldest Mason in the state, died at Winsted, Minnesota, March 23. The A. F. & A. M. lodge of Watertown conducted the funeral ceremonies. The Captain would have been 100 years old in May.

The Masonic lodges of Chicago will this year maintain a base ball league of their own.

There were no assessments in the Fifth Class K. P. E. R. for March for members of over a year's standing.

The Knight Templar bodies of Minneapolis attended worship at St. Andrews Presbyterian church Easter and Bishop Samuel Edsall delivered the address.

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47th Problem of Euclid.

(From the Masonic Tidings we reprint the following from the pen of the late F. J. Thompson, for years the grand secretary of North Dakota.)

The 47th problem of Euclid's first book is the most important of all symbols in Masonry; for in it are concealed more ancient symbolism than all the other symbols used by, or incident to our order. The demonstration of this problem by Pythagoras is what the world has today, but, doubtless he only wrote what was well known to the Egyptians. In the the different bases of the triangle, we find the measurements employed by the Babylonians and Assyrians, the Egyptians, the Hebrews, as well as the Greeks and Romans. In it we find concealed the jewels of the Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens. In the classic form, with two perfect squares with corners impinging on the lower square, lies the conception of the apron of the Master Mason and the square of the Master, as well as the Tau square, the proper jewel of the Grand Master. In the Tau Square, or cross, we also find the crux ansata, the sacred symbols of the Egyptians, as well as the cross of Christian faith. Circumscribe a circle around the three perfect squares from a point at the center of the top line of the bottom square. the circumferential line

will touch each corner of the three squares, and thus we get the circle of eternity with materiality or form within. This is the foundation of the equilateral triangle, and other symbols within the circle. The two perpendicular lines of the lower square represent wherein we depict our patron saints. The lines of the top and bottom are symbols but indefinitely explained, perhaps referring to the physical boundaries of the earth as anciently believed.

This greatest of all symbols has scarcely received from Masonic ritualists the consideration it deserves. The truths it conceals have laid for centuries, but half, if at all, suspected; and though scholars have delved into the earth for ancient treasures, and sought the written records of forgotten hands, have they not failed to lift the cover and find the symbols which our brothers of olden days concealed from eyes profane? And have we found the truth.

We call attention to this important symbol, because it may, in a little way, awaken an interest in symbolism, and, push ajar the door to a study instructive, interesting and profitable, and on the visage of old Mother Masonry, we may find new beauties lying between the furrowed years.

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Supreme K. R. S. Wheaton has favored us with the following sta-

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Alberta	23	1,002	Ontario	30	2,645
Arizona	25	1,669	Oregon	76	6,137
Arkansas	125	6,593	Pennsylvania	451	51,407
British Columbia	35	3,476	Quebec	11	*432
California	197	18,852	Rhode Island	32	2,936
Colorado	88	8,114	South Carolina	194	12,559
Connecticut	75	8,374	South Dakota	58	3,017
Delaware	18	1,476	Tennessee	183	12,670
District of Columbia	18	1,463	Texas	373	25,541
Florida	99	6,203	Utah	19	1,629
Georgia	213	14,094	Vermont	38	2,482
Idaho	40	2,732	Virginia	82	6,674
Illinois	567	55,876	Washington	101	9,635
Indiana	490	63,353	West Virginia	171	13,388
Iowa	332	24,435	Wisconsin	124	11,138
Kansas	167	11,920	Wyoming	19	1,252
Kentucky	178	13,520	Subordinate lodges	21	1,475
Louisiana	130	7,175		7886	706,501
Maine	140	16,853			
Manitoba	32	1,532			
Maritime Provinces	21	2,085			
Maryland	99	9,636			
Massachusetts	179	25,319			
Michigan	175	18,542			
Minnesota	106	8,258			
Mississippi	173	9,660			
Missouri	247	25,979			
Montana	42	3,061			
Nebraska	142	6,920			
Nevada	22	1,565			
New Hampshire	66	7,090			
New Jersey	129	14,255			
New Mexico	27	1,213			
New York	241	24,175			
North Carolina	165	9,426			
North Dakota	52	3,193			

*Membership Dec. 31, 1908. Report not received for 1909.

At the close of the eighteenth century there were fourteen Grand Lodges in existence in the United States. All of the original thirteen States of the Union, except Delaware, had organized a Grand Lodge; these, with Vermont and Kentucky, made up the fourteen. The dates of their several organizations are as follows: Massachusetts, 1777; Virginia, 1778; Maryland, 1873; Pennsylvania, 1786; Georgia, December 16, and New Jersey, December 18, 1876; North Carolina, 1787; Connecticut, July 8, and New Hampshire, July 18, 1789; Rhode Island,

1791; Vermont, 1794, and Kentucky, 1800. Delaware followed in 1806, and from that date the other Grand Lodges in the United States organized as follows: Ohio, 1808; District of Columbia, 1810; Louisiana, 1812; Tennessee, 1813; Indiana, January 12; and Mississippi, July 27, 1818; Maine, 1820; Alabama and Missouri, 1821; Florida, 1830; Arkansas, 1832; Texas, 1837; Illinois, 1840; Wisconsin, 1843; Iowa, January 8, and Michigan, September 14, 1844; California, April 28, and Kansas, March 17, 1850; Oregon, 1851; Minnesota, 1853; Nebraska, 1857; Washington, 1858; Colorado, 1861; Nevada, January 16, and West Virginia, May 11, 1865; Montana, 1866; Idaho, 1867; Utah, 1872; Indian Territory, October 5, and Wyoming, December 15, 1874; South Dakota, 1875; New Mexico, 1877; Arizona, 1882; North Dakota, 1889; Oklahoma, 1892.—
Long Island Masonic News.

The receipt of a copy of the proceedings of Minn. Grand Lodge from R. W. grand sec. Fishel is acknowledged with thanks.

Forsooth, brothers, fellowship is heaven and the lack of fellowship is hell. Therefore you should not dwell in hell but in heaven.—
B. Ray Mills.

On March 28 Judge A. F. Nordin was stricken down by the death angel at Carlson hall, Willmar, while taking part in a program for the Swedish Literary Society.

Axel Frithiof Nordin was born in Motala, Ostergotland, Sweden, November 16, 1849, and had thus attained the age of 60 years, 4 months and 12 days. He came to this country when but five years old, living in Massachusetts and Illinois before coming to Minnesota. In 1864 his parents settled in Kandiyohi Co. In 1878 he was elected register of deeds of that county, and ever since has been one of its most prominent citizens. 1885-1887 he served as assistant sec'y. of state of Minn. He has also been clerk of the court and county attorney of his county and was serving his twelfth year as judge of probate at the time of his death.

For over a quarter of a century the editor of the Record had numbered him among his personal friends.

He was a member of a number of fraternal organizations and his was the nature, which, if all could possess it, that, then indeed would the day of Universal Brotherhood of man be here.

On Feb. 10, Jos. Tuffree was initiated into the Elks at Marshallton, Ia. He is 99 years old, still active and insisted that there be no waiving of any part of the work on account of his age. He has seven children living, eighteen grand children and nine great grand children and says he intends to live until there is at least one great-great grand child.

The "Boosters" are a jolly lot,
And happy I shall be;
When I can go to my own lodge,
And none but "Boosters" see.

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In its issue of Sept. 30, 1876, the Benson Times gives the following obituary of the gentleman whom the G. A. R. post at Appleton was named after: "Mr. L. R. Whitney, an esteemed citizen and merchant of Appleton, died in that village on Monday, the 25th inst., of hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. Whitney became a resident of Appleton some two years since and was universally esteemed for his sterling qualities of character, and his gentlemanly, generous disposition. He gained a large circle of acquaintances, who now sincerely mourn his sudden death.

Justin Jacobs, of Waupun, Wis., is among those whose standing in Oddfellowship is of the oldest, having been a member seventy years, being initiated at West Troy, N. Y. in 1840. He was born in Vermont in 1815, his father being an officer in the war of 1812, and his grandfather a veteran of the old Continental line. He himself enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1833, serving until 1844. In 1848 he came to Wisconsin, settling near Waupun.

The D. of H. June first, had a membership of 69,210, of which 43,125 carried insurance. Minnesota remained the banner state with 18,179, Nebraska second with 15,537, the two having nearly half of the membership.

C. Homer Woodruff, of Mexico City has started the Mexico Ma-

sonic Journal, the only paper devoted to the craft in that country, and it will undoubtedly do much good for the cause.

The first number of a fine new journal "The Masonic World", has made its appearance from Kansas City, Mo. Alfred E. Young is manager and we presume editor. Success to you.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, N. Y. City conferred the third on July 14 using the old Bible on which Washington took his oath of office as president upon.

At New Boston, Ill., lately, a father and his six sons opened the Masonic lodge, and conferred the master's degree. The event was probably unique.

St. Paul now has a journal devoted to the Mystic Shrine—The Crescent, published by J. Harry Lewis.

The triennial encampment of the Knight Templars will be held at Chicago, Aug. 8-9.

The I. O. O. F. Bulletin, published by W. H. Doran, is a new one from Des Moines, Ia. and promises to be a fine journal.

We are pleased to receive a copy of the Missouri Freemason, published weekly by Chas. A. Snider at St. Louis. It is a bright, up to date paper.



Albert F. Nelson, whose "face" appears above, the hustling deputy of this congressional district for the M. W. A. is a member of Chippewa Camp and thus far this year heads the list of state deputies for applications secured.



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"When was that?" inquired the youngest entered apprentice.

"Back in '77, in the latter part of July. That year the baseball craze struck Benson good and hard and we had got together a pretty good club for those days. We had taken the Morris club into camp and the Montevideo boys came over on the Fourth and the principal part of that day's celebration was the ball game when we again won by a score of 35 to 30. That was in the days before curves were pitched and there was batting done good and plenty and scores ran high.

Well, of course, the village down the line developed a club too, and it chanced two of our best players lived down that way and it weakened our team considerable when the DeGraff "Eagles" were organized. Well, they challenged us for a game but we could'nt get our nine together but by hustling we got four of the club and filled in with our best scrubs and went down, taking Clausen along to umpire. By the way, he was one of the founders of this lodge and knew as much about baseball as he did about wheat.

"We had Fred Heebner to pitch

and our catcher having gone to the enemy we put in Haines, our first baseman to catch. Our infield was Eric Stone on first, Dunn our regular second basemen and "Quin" Braden, our lodge's first master, we put on third, while R. R. Johnson we put in as shortstop. In the outfield we had Gordon and Fridd of the regular club while Henry Greaves, always accomodating played centre. We went to bat and pounded out thirteen runs, of course that queered us, had we stopped at twelve we would have won, and then the Eagles got three, in the second we got three and they five, in the third we got two and the other fellows seven, but in the next we only found four while they had a cake walk going around twenty four times and kept it up in the fifth by adding sixteen more, the other four innings were about a standoff, and after four hours of conflict the game came to an end with a score 78 to 50 in favor of the DeGraff nine.

"A majority of the players of our club were members of our lodge but not a single one is left on our roll now, in fact only one of the players still lives here, several are dead and the rest scattered."

Just then the gavel sounded and further recollections were cut off.

With the Local Lodges.

The Masons have held two specials for work in July besides having it at regulars. Swift Lodge is a warm number this year.

The M. W. A. made one adoption this month.

Two of the foresters team of the M. W. A. had a perfect attendance record the first six months of the year.

Brother E. Munger of Swift Lodge will round out his fifty-third year as a Mason next month having been raised in in a Wisconsin lodge in August 1857.

J. H. Lowell, one of the oldest members of the Fond du Lac, Wis. A. F. & A. M. lodge, now a resident here, was raised in 1858 and consequently has been a Mason fifty-two years.

The K. O. T. M. have moved from the S. of N. hall to the Odd-fellow hall and will hereafter meet there on Wednesday.

Three Link Notes.

The state capital at Pierre, S.D., was dedicated by the I. O. O. F. on June 30, the services conducted by Chas. W. Whiting, judge of the supreme court as grand master, occurring in the great rotunda at 7 o'clock in the evening. The notice given was too short to secure the entire quota of grand lodge officers but large delegations of members were present from the surrounding towns. Gov. Vessey, also a member of the or-

der, acted as the state's representative and presented the building for dedication.

The grand lodge of N. D. now has 6465 members, a gain during 1909 of 455, while the Rebekah assembly shows a membership of 2614, a gain of 484. Geo. W. Wilson of Williston is grand master and Della Crosthwaite of Mandan, grand president.

The corner stone of the new Oddfellows Home at Dell Rapids, S. D., was laid with appropriate ceremonies by grand master Wallace on July 14.

Past grand master Geo. R. Wilburn, of Montana, for years supreme court judge, died on June 24. He had been one of the up-builders of the order in that state for years.

Wisconsin enjoys a membership of 18791 but like Minnesota during the past year the gain is but little in excess of the dropping out.

Grand master Armond dedecated the new home at Cullman City, Alabama, in May.

Dr. Rugg Dead.

Providence, R.I., July 22 -Rev. Dr. Henry W. Rugg, grand master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, and grand master of Masons of Rhode Island, died at his home here late yesterday of a complication of diseases.

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