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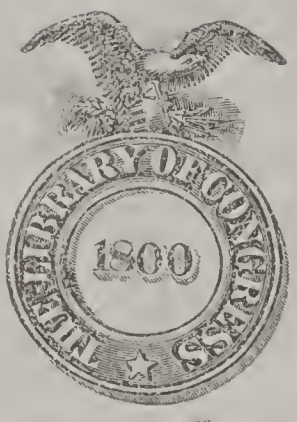

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ST. CECILE LODGE, NO. 568, F. & A. M.,

BY THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

We, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of New York, in ample form assembled, according to the old constitutions, regularly and solemnly established under the auspices of Prince Edwin, at the city of York, in Great Britain, in the year of Masonry, 4926, viz.: The Most Worshipful Robert D. Holmes, Grand Master; The Right Worshipful Stephen H. Johnson, Deputy Grand Master; The Right Worshipful James S. Gibson, Senior Grand Warden; The Right Worshipful John R. Anderson, Grand Junior Warden:

Do, by these presents, appoint, authorize, and empower our Worthy Brother Frederick Widdows to be the Master, our Worthy Brother George F. Ilsley to be the Senior Warden, and our Worthy Brother Thomas S. Nedham to be the Junior Warden, of a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be, by virtue hereof, constituted, formed, and held in the city of New York, which lodge shall be distinguished by the name or style of ST. CECILE LODGE, No. 568; and the said Master and Wardens, and their successors in office, are hereby respectively authorized and directed, by and with the consent and assistance of a majority of the members of the said Lodge, duly to be summoned and present upon such occasions, to elect and install the officers of the said Lodge as vacancies happen, in manner and form as is, or may be, prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

And further, the said Lodge is hereby invested with full power and authority to assemble upon proper and lawful occasions, to make Masons, and to admit members, as, also, to do and perform all and every such acts and things appertaining to the Craft as have been, and ought to be done, for the honor and advantage thereof; conforming in all their proceedings to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, otherwise this warrant and the powers thereby granted, to cease and be of no further effect.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at the City of New York, in the United States of America, this twenty-eighth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and in the year of Masonry five thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

SEAL OF GRAND LODGE

JAMES M. AUSTIN,
Grand Secretary.

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SIT LUX, ET LUX FUIT.

Robt. G. Holmes — GRAND MASTER.
Stephen Richardson — DEP. G. MASTER.
James Gibson — SEN. G. WARDEN.
John R. Anderson — JUN. G. WARDEN.

We, The Grand Lodge of the State of New-York and Jurisdiction thereof, by Free and Accepted Masons of the State of NEW-YORK, duly Assembled and Clothed under the Authority of PRINCE EDWIN, at the City of New-York, the 27th day of March A. L. 4926, A. D.

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL Robert G. Holmes — Grand Master.
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL Stephen Richardson — Deputy Grand Master.
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL James Gibson — Senior Grand Warden.
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL John R. Anderson — Junior Grand Warden.

Do, by these Presents appoint, authorize and empower our worthy Brother Frederick Warden to be the Master, and worthy Brother George H. Hosley to be the Senior Warden, and our worthy Brother Thomas S. Truthern to be the Junior Warden, of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be duly called, constituted, formed and held in the City of New York.

Which Lodge shall be distinguished by the Name or Style of **St. Cecile Lodge** Number 508 and the said Master and Wardens, and their successors in Office, are hereby authorized and directed to do and perform all and every such Acts and Things appertaining to the CRAFT as have been and ought to be done by the Master and Wardens thereof, conforming in all things to the Constitution of this **Grand Lodge**, otherwise this **WARRANT** and the powers thereby granted to

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our **Grand Lodge**, at the City of New-York in the United States of America this twenty Eighth day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty five and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty five.

James M. Austin — Grand Secretary.

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PREFACE

Daylight Masonic lodges, so called, were practically unknown in New York prior to 1865. In that year a coterie of brethren engaged principally in the dramatic and musical profession conceived the idea of a lodge which should hold its communications in the afternoon at a convenient hour so that those who were similarly occupied could enjoy the privileges of membership in the fraternity. St. Cecile Lodge was the result. Its institution met instant appreciation, and all the years since have proved the wisdom of its founders. From the smallest place in the Seventh Masonic District the lodge has grown and developed, until now it stands at the top in membership and influence. In the present volume it is designed to speak of the more important activities of the lodge during its first half-century, touching occasionally on other matters of interest to the fraternity, yet keeping well within the established boundaries of Masonic ethics concerning the publication of matters of a confidential nature.

It is of interest to note that the character of membership in St. Cecile has never varied from the first. The ranks are still constantly recruited from the same professional elements, with additions from the newspaper, medical and other professions and those following commercial pursuits. A large percentage of the membership is necessarily travelling a great part of the time, and it has been said that "the sun never goes down on St. Cecile Lodge," for somewhere in every country may be found its members, carrying the sunshine of optimism into the furthermost corners of the world. Likening St. Cecile Lodge to the radiant orb of day recently, a beloved Past Grand Master aptly said the Lodge had well earned the title

of the "Sunshine Lodge." To our nomadic brethren, as well as those more permanently resident, who for any reason are obliged to forego the happy privilege of attending the communications, who will deny the luxury of a volume devoted exclusively to activities of the lodge they love?

Books and magazines devoted to the dissemination of Masonic principles form an ever increasing and important factor of the age in which we live, and carefully written lodge histories have their place in the library of every well-informed brother. These volumes will doubtless furnish food for thought in the youthful mind of future generations concerning the record of progenitors. Masonry, it is unnecessary to add, needs no publicity of the press, yet authentic information concerning successful Masonic organizations may be a great incentive for increased usefulness.

The writer has enjoyed the personal acquaintance of many of the founders of St. Cecile Lodge, from whom much valuable data has been gleaned. Such men as Widdows, Johnston Fountain (first tiler, who served from 1865 until his death in 1895), Decker, Morgan, Nedham, O'Reilly, Davis, Pfeiffer, Latham, Withers, and others have each added to the general fund of knowledge. Most of these have laid down the earthly working tools of life, but their names and deeds are indelibly impressed upon the whole character of the lodge. During the passing years many men of talent have affixed their names to the roll, performed their labors, and are now no more. Of these brethren volumes of an anecdotal nature, in lighter vein, may be written.

During the fifty years of its prosperity, St. Cecile has been known as a vital force for the accomplishment of good; indeed, its fame extends throughout our vast mystic circle. Carrying succor to the weak, wise counsel to the strong, the uplifting influences of Masonic tenets to all, St. Cecile Lodge, with gratitude to the Great Architect, submits this volume for the favorable approbation of the brethren.

THE AUTHOR.

IN THE BEGINNING.

He that holds fast the golden mean,
And lives contentedly between
The little and the great,
Feels not the wants that pinch the poor,
Nor plagues that haunt the rich man's door.

—*Horace.*

REMARKABLE as it would appear to many of the younger brethren of the fraternity, the present-day custom of Masonic lodges in various parts of the United States, holding their stated communications in the day time instead of after nightfall, was far from usual half a century ago. It is of official record that the first regularly chartered Lodge in New York State privileged by competent authority to hold its regular communications at a time other than after sundown met in the metropolis early in 1865. After due discussion by its founders, it was appropriately named St. Cecile. It may be noted that the idea of a Masonic Lodge meeting in the daytime was not at first regarded seriously by some of the wiseacres, who saw in it merely a more or less interesting experiment, others were more generous in their predictions.

It is, of course, well known that Masonic Lodges in ancient times usually met at an hour when the light was good; for are we not taught that "our ancient brethren held their lodges on high hills the better to observe the approach of eavesdroppers"? As men's occupations began to take up the hours of daylight the meetings of lodges were naturally

relegated to the hours of relaxation in the evening. Lodges have met in emergency by day; and army lodges have always existed in the field, in which the brethren met by day or night, as convenient. It is the universal custom of lodges in our generation to meet in the evening, after the day's business is over. The "matinee lodge," so called in its inception, was an expedient to meet certain unusual conditions, and did not make its appearance in New York until after the conclusion of the Civil War. The success since attained by St. Cecile Lodge has been imitated in many other cities, until now there are Masonic lodges meeting by day in a score of cities throughout the country. It is said that in some rural sections lodges have so met for generations, especially where the membership is widely scattered, in order that the brethren might reach their homes before darkness set in. Certain Masonic lodges in Europe, where the conditions found in New York also prevail, sometimes begin their sessions as early as nine in the morning, continuing their labors during the entire day, terminating the proceedings with a banquet in the evening.

Many members of the fraternity employed nocturnally in the theatres and various metropolitan newspaper offices had received their Masonic degrees from time to time as best they could, affixed their names to the Lodge roll and were rarely seen again in lodge meetings. Thus the membership of night workers was divided among many lodges, assembling in places widely separated, and they seldom if ever met their business associates in the lodge room. Then again, as the chances of regular attendance were precarious, few night workers had the temerity to accept office and it was rarely indeed that any of them reached a position of official prominence in the lodge to which he belonged.

Peculiarly happy, therefore, was the idea of forming a "matinee" lodge for the accommodation of night workers. Conveniently meeting in the afternoon, a Masonic rendezvous was provided where the gregarious lychnobite could in his

hour of leisure mingle with the brethren, enjoying in comfort the manifold advantages of fellowship.

The advent of the new lodge in January, 1865, the first of the kind in New York, naturally excited more than a passing interest among the Masons of the metropolis. At first there was expected from the more conservative elements some slight opposition to the introduction of so radical a departure from prevailing custom, but the trend of opinion soon became favorable to the project. It was well argued that a Masonic body with stated meetings at such a convenient hour for night workers would be welcomed as a great boon by many hitherto unable to enjoy the privileges of fraternal association.

When the enterprise was broached its advocates fortunately secured a powerful ally in the person of the Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, a man of advanced ideas, who encouraged the promoters personally and cheerfully promised his official approval as soon as the matter was properly laid before him. The originator of the enterprise and his associates were naturally elated, and lost no time in completing the necessary preliminaries. Meanwhile there were numerous conferences.

In due time the application, properly indorsed by the requisite number of contemporary lodges, was forwarded to R. W. Robert D. Holmes, Deputy Grand Master. On January 25, 1865, he graciously granted St. Cecile, as the new lodge was called, permission to work under dispensation.

Named in honor of St. Cecilia, patron of musicians, it was decided to give the word the French form, Cecile, as a compliment, it is said, to Mrs. Cecile Robir Holmes, the beautiful and accomplished wife of the Deputy Grand Master.

Signatures to the original petition totaled an even dozen. Of these six were professional musicians, two were opera singers, three were engaged in mercantile pursuits and one was a printer. Seven were of foreign birth, while five were natives of the United States.

So St. Cecile Lodge was born. Although the child of war

times, when the roar of cannon was a lamentably familiar sound throughout the land and lines of marching men an every day sight, yet hers has been a mission of joy and peace; within her portals have entered no jarring factions to disturb; no touch of scandal has dimmed the lustre of her record. Charity has been the watchword, fidelity to the ancient traditions the guiding motive.

It may truthfully be said that the whole career of St. Cecile Lodge is one long story of uninterrupted generosity and good will. Thousands have known and praised her good works. Though at times the light may have burned dimly, it has never been extinguished, but with the years has continued to illume with increasing power until to-day St. Cecile Lodge is acknowledged as one of the brightest stars in the Masonic firmament. From the little coterie of nine, insignificant in numbers and influence, has grown the mighty organization of approximately a thousand good men and true, justly celebrated the world over for steady devotion to the noblest principles of our fraternity.

While St. Cecile Lodge has at all times welcomed good men, with clean records, from every walk of life, the afternoon hour for meeting has been found especially convenient for those who toil at night.

Inquiring minds find a fascination in getting back to the beginnings of things. Delight is found in tracing the great stream to the little rill, winding its devious way o'er grassy fields, through dark defiles, purling musically the while in its rocky course, until at length is found its source in the clear, limpid waters of the bubbling spring high up on the mountainside. In somewhat similar fashion are we conducted, my brethren, by the founders of St. Cecile Lodge to the very fountain-head of the highest ideals of Masonic tradition—the practice of charity and the cultivation of music. However short of the full measure of perfection the members may have been, it cannot truthfully be said that they have failed to observe faithfully the foregoing precepts.

IN THE SIXTIES.

The merry heart, the merry heart,
Of heaven's gift I hold thee best;
And they who feel its pleasant throb,
Though dark their lot, are truly blest.
—*Anon.*

1865.

In a certain side street near the main uptown thoroughfare of the metropolis there stood years ago a café and restaurant. The proprietor was one who, having tired of the somewhat uncertain plaudits of a fickle opera-going public, devoted himself to catering to the material rather than the intellectual appetite. In its successful days his place was the rendezvous of a large number of professional friends, singers and actors, who came frequently to gossip over a luncheon, passing away the hours in pleasant social intercourse while satisfying the cravings of the inner man.

Here were wont to meet such kindred spirits as Dionysius Barron, phenomenal male alto singer; John R. Thomas, baritone; Myron Whitney, great American basso; Nelson Varley, English tenor; William J. Castle, operatic tenor; William Campbell, baritone; Henry C. Peakes, marvellous basso profundo, and a score of other celebrated professional singers and musicians, popular favorites of the day. Many of these afterward became members of the new "Musical Lodge," as St. Cecile was familiarly called. Great times had they, indulging in impromptu singing contests to determine which could reach certain remote notes in the lower register or perchance sustain for the longest period certain high ones. Chance visitors listened with delight to the songs

of these talented artists, their splendid renditions being greeted with tumultuous applause.

It is not unlikely that the founders of St. Cecile Lodge sometimes found themselves together in this very place. Who knows? The moving spirit in forming the lodge was W. Bro. Frederick Widdows, Master of Clinton Lodge, a musician well known to professional singers, business manager for Ole Bull, violin virtuoso; at various times theatre manager. His immediate Masonic associates in the founding of St. Cecile Lodge were Bro. George F. Ilsley, of Americus Lodge, dealer in pianofortes; Bro. Myron A. Decker, of Masters' Lodge, piano manufacturer; Bro. George S. Weeks, Jr., of Americus Lodge, popular leading tenor, who sang in opera and with the great minstrel organizations; Bro. George W. Morgan, of Montauk Lodge, recognized as a leading organist; Bro. James Mills, of Excelsior Lodge, a printer, erstwhile employe of the great Frank Leslie publishing establishment; Bro. David Graham, of Worth Lodge, musician in leading orchestras; Bro. John R. Thomas, of Mystic Tie Lodge, famous as the author of "The Cottage by the Sea" and other popular musical compositions; Bro. Henry Tissington, of Eureka Lodge, the well-known leader of the Union Square Theatre orchestra; Bro. William Walter, of Chancellor Walworth Lodge; Bro. Richard Horner, of Manitou Lodge; Bro. Edward Mollenhauer, of Absalom Lodge, Hamburg. Although enthusiastic about the new organization, for some reason the last three never consummated their membership when the charter was granted to St. Cecile Lodge on June 28, 1865.

PERMISSION TO WORK UNDER DISPENSATION

The granting of the dispensation to St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, by R. W. Robert D. Holmes, Deputy Grand Master, on January 25, 1865, may fairly be said to mark an epoch in metropolitan Masonic history. Never before had a Masonic lodge in New York been granted a charter by competent au-

thority to meet exclusively in the daytime. In recent years matinee or "daylight" lodges have attained popularity in many parts of the country, and numerous Masonic organizations now hold their stated communications before sunset instead of after it, but St. Cecile Lodge was undoubtedly the first subordinate lodge to do so in New York, and no other similar lodge made its appearance for several decades afterward. While a history of this unique lodge is practically a review of "daylight" Masonry for over forty years, it is the especial purpose of the present work to deal in simple language only with the activities of St. Cecile. As tritely expressed by the immortal bard, "An honest tale speeds best being plainly told."

Conspicuous among those interested in starting the "matinee" lodge, as previously stated, was W. Bro. Frederick Widdows, of Clinton Lodge, No. 453, who personally visited various lodges meeting in the city and secured official approval of the petition for a dispensation, which was duly presented, properly indorsed, to R. W. Robert D. Holmes, Deputy Grand Master. The document verbatim follows:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York:

"The undersigned petitioners, being Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in good standing, having the prosperity of the fraternity at heart, and willing to exert their best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry, respectfully represent—

"That they are desirous of forming a new lodge, to be located in the city of New York, to be named the Lodge of St. Cecile.

"The reasons which induce the petitioners are:

"1—That your petitioners are members of the musical profession, vocal and instrumental, and in the exercise thereof many of them are engaged in the evening and are consequently debarred the privileges of Masonry.

"2—Many of their friends in the profession are for a like reason prevented from uniting themselves with our beloved institution.

"3—They propose, should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, to hold their lodge in the afternoon and thus gratify the wishes of their professional brethren, as well as enable those who are not Masons to become such.

"4—We hope to form a 'Masonic Musical Corps' that may add greater interest to all the ceremonies of the craft.

"For these reasons they therefore pray for letters of dispensation to empower them to assemble as a regular lodge, to discharge the duties of Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner according to the original forms of the order and the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

"They have nominated and do recommend W. Bro. Frederick Widdows to be the first Master, Bro. George F. Ilsley to be the first Senior Warden, and Bro. George S. Weeks, Jr., to be the first Junior Warden.

"If the prayer of the petitioners shall be granted they promise a strict conformity to the constitution, laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

(Signed)

Frederick Widdows, Past Master Clinton Lodge, No. 453.
George F. Ilsley, Americus Lodge, No. 535.
George S. Weeks, Jr., Americus Lodge, No. 535.
James Mills, Excelsior Lodge, No. 195.
John R. Thomas, Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 272.
George W. Morgan, Montauk Lodge, No. 286.
Myron A. Decker, Masters' Lodge, No. 5.
Richard Horner, Manitou Lodge, No. 106.
William H. Walter, Chancellor Walworth Lodge, No. 271.
Edward Mollenhauer, Absalom Lodge, Hamburg.
David Graham, Worth Lodge, No. 210.
H. Tissington, Eureka Lodge, No. 243."

This petition was indorsed by Kane Lodge, No. 454, at a stated meeting held January 10, 1865, in the following words:

"We the officers and members of Kane Lodge, No. 454, do most cheerfully recommend the granting of the prayer of the above named brethren, believing them to be good Masons and true men.

"Done at a regular meeting of Kane Lodge, No. 454.

"James A. Tighe, W. M.

"New York, January 10, 1865."

The petition was also indorsed by Benevolent Lodge, No. 28, on January 11; by Strict Observance Lodge, No. 94, on January 11; by Pacific Lodge, No. 233, on January 12; by George Washington Lodge, No. 285, on January 13, and by Americus Lodge, No. 535.

The Deputy Grand Master was pleased, on January 25, to indorse the petition, and added, "Provided always, that the regular communications must be held in the daytime, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and eight o'clock in the evening, and not otherwise, save on emergencies."

The first meeting, under dispensation, was held at the hall, corner of Broome and Crosby streets, on Wednesday, February 15, 1865, at half-past three in the afternoon. There were present a number of interested brethren to witness the beginning of the new lodge. W. Bro. Widdows read the dispensation, after which the lodge was regularly opened with the following officers:

Master	W. Bro. Frederick Widdows.
Senior Warden . . .	Bro. George F. Ilsley.
Junior Warden . . .	Bro. George S. Weeks, Jr.
Treasurer	Bro. Henry Tissington.
Secretary	Bro. Myron A. Decker.
Senior Deacon . . .	Bro. James Mills.
Junior Deacon . . .	Bro. W. H. Walter.
Tiler	Bro. Johnston Fountain.

After the regular opening services the lodge proceeded

to transact business. It was resolved to meet every Tuesday at three o'clock in the afternoon. On motion the initiation fee was fixed at $50. The by-laws of Clinton Lodge, except the amount of initiation, were adopted *pro tem.* W. Bro. Widdows then presented the first proposition for membership, Mr. Henry S. Cutler, aged 39, organist; Bro. George Ilsley proposed Mr. David B. Johnson, piano dealer. The Master and Wardens were appointed a committee to obtain permanent quarters.

The first warrant is dated February 21, 1865, and is for $40, payable to W. Bro. Frederick Widdows, for money advanced to meet the expenses of the dispensation. The minutes of the first meeting were signed by Bro. James Mills, Secretary *pro tem.*

The Committee on Rooms, after looking at a number of places, finally decided to rent a lodge room at No. 594 Broadway, the first and second floors of which were occupied by the Helmbold pharmacy, the upper floors being fitted as lodge rooms. The rent was $200 per annum, and $10 extra for use of the organ.

FIRST CANDIDATES INITIATED

The committee upon the applications of Messrs. H. S. Cutler and David Johnson having reported favorably, at the communication of Tuesday, February 21, 1865, a ballot was taken and they were duly elected to membership. They were at this same meeting initiated in the Entered Apprentice Degree, being the first novitiates. At this meeting the affiliation fee was fixed at $15, but at the following meeting this action was rescinded and affiliation made free. Subsequently it was made three dollars, and on July 17, 1866, it was raised to $10. The fee for passing and raising was $25.

On March 14, Mr. Alfred Burnett, a noted elocutionist and entertainer, and Mr. David L. Downing, leader of the

Ninth Regiment Band, were initiated. At the communication of March 21 Messrs. Cutler, Johnson and Burnett were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and consummated their membership by signing the by-laws. Bro. Burnett received his second degree in less than constitutional time by special dispensation. At this same communication applications for affiliation were received from Bro. Thomas S. Nedham, of Greenwich Lodge, and Bro. Thomas G. Howard, of Rocky Mountain Lodge. These petitions were referred to a committee, and on March 28 they were duly elected to membership.

During the following May there arose some discussion in regard to changing the name of the lodge to "St. Cecilia," but upon receiving an adverse recommendation from the committee to which the matter had been referred, it was decided by vote of the lodge to make no change from the original form.

The sessions of the Grand Lodge of 1865 were begun June 6, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at No. 446 Broadway. The Most Worshipful Clinton F. Paige, Grand Master, in presenting his report, alluded to having issued a dispensation to St. Cecile Lodge, which that day had the honor of opening the ceremonies with appropriate music. The Most Worshipful Grand Master said, in part:

"Although my opinion is unchanged as to the propriety of an increase of lodges in the city of New York (an opinion in which the Deputy Grand Master fully coincides), yet the dispensations issued in those localities seemed to present claims that warranted making an exception in their favor and in his action I fully concur. . . . St. Cecile is composed entirely of musicians and artists whose business pursuits occupy their evenings, and they are therefore deprived of the privileges of lodge attendance. They propose to hold their meetings in the daytime exclusively, and their labors thus far have fully justified the confidence reposed in them by the Deputy Grand Master. The Grand Lodge has

witnessed, in our opening ceremonies, a pleasing exemplification of their devotion to the cultivation of at least one of the liberal arts and sciences and their ability to minister to the gratification of more than one of the five human senses—a portion of their work which, by their by-laws, they propose to exemplify at each annual communication and as often as requested by the Grand Lodge."

One of the first official acts of M. W. Robert D. Holmes, Grand Master, upon assuming the duties of his office, was to grant to St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, its charter. The document bears date of June 28. It was thereupon decided to set apart Tuesday, July 11, as the day upon which to regularly constitute the lodge. The brethren were accordingly notified and awaited the day with eagerness.

CONSTITUTION AND CONSECRATION.

Promptly at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day were gathered a large number of Masonic brethren invited to witness the ceremony which was to place St. Cecile Lodge permanently in the galaxy of metropolitan Masonic organizations. The brethren who had the success of the enterprise nearest at heart were enthusiastic. W. Bro. Widdows and his official staff were in their respective places on the stroke of the hour and the lodge was opened in full form with music. The Master appointed W. Bro. John Martin, of Antiquity Lodge; Bro. William H. Walter, of Chancellor Walworth Lodge, and Bro. David L. Downing, of St. Cecile, a committee to ascertain whether the officers of the Grand Lodge were in waiting and to inform the Grand Master that St. Cecile Lodge was ready to receive him. The Grand Master and his associates entered at once and took their stations as follows:

Grand Master . . . . M. W. Robert D. Holmes.
Deputy Grand Master . R. W. John W. Simons.

Senior Grand Warden	R. W. Royal G. Maillard.
Junior Grand Warden	R. W. Daniel Carpenter.
Grand Secretary	R. W. James S. Austin.
Senior Grand Deacon	R. W. Samuel Kirkham.
Junior Grand Deacon	R. W. Bro. Sinclair.
Grand Chaplain	R. W. Rev. F. C. Ewer.
Grand Marshal	R. W. Robert Macoy.

The ceremonies which followed were unusually impressive. Bro. William H. Walter presided at the organ, and during the day the odes "While Thus We Seek Protecting Power," "How Blest the Sacred Tie," "Once More Beneath the Lights," "Hail, Masonry Divine," and others well known to the brethren of those days, were sung, all joining. The address of the Grand Master was especially eloquent and befitting the occasion. Proclamation being duly made and the officers installed, the Most Worshipful Grand Master presented the gavel to W. Bro. Widdows, complimenting the brethren upon their enterprise and predicting for St. Cecile Lodge a brilliantly successful future. It is to be regretted that the exact words of this masterly address have not been recorded. There were several scores of prominent Masons present. The records mention but five who were present by special invitation, namely, R. W. Bro. Driver, D. G. M., Louisiana; W. Bro. Thorpe, of Americus Lodge, No. 535; W. Bro. Zacharie, of Antiquity Lodge, No. 11; R. W. Bro. Woodruff, of Manhattan Lodge, No. 62, and W. Bro. Kirk, of Abraham Lodge. There was also a delegation from New Jersey. The officers were installed as follows, being the first under the charter:

Worshipful Master	W. Bro. Frederick Widdows.
Senior Warden	Bro. George F. Ilsley.
Junior Warden	Bro. Thomas S. Nedham.
Treasurer	Bro. Henry Tissington.
Secretary	Bro. David Graham.
Senior Deacon	Bro. David L. Downing.
Junior Deacon	Bro. Nathaniel Sawyer.
Stewards	Bro. Henry S. Cutler. Bro. George S. Weeks, Jr.

Marshal	Bro. Harvey B. Dodworth.
Trustees	Bro. David B. Johnson. Bro. Henry S. Cutler. Bro. James Mills.
Standing Committee .	Bro. David L. Downing. Bro. Nathaniel Sawyer. Bro. Thomas G. Howard.
Organists	Bro. George W. Morgan. Bro. William H. Walter.
Tiler	Bro. Johnston Fountain.

There are no Masters of Ceremonies mentioned in the minutes as having been appointed or installed at this time. Subsequently in the latter part of the year the names of Bros. Laurence O'Reilly and J. C. F. Rietzel appear in that capacity.

The interesting exercises were brought to an end when the proclamation was made and the benediction pronounced by the Grand Chaplain. The Grand Lodge officers then retired. Bro. William H. Walter presented the lodge with a handsomely bound copy of the Scriptures, receiving therefor a vote of thanks. It was decided on motion to meet on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of each month. After disposing of various details of routine business the brethren adjourned to the City Assembly Rooms, where a banquet had been prepared. While doing justice to the repast the brethren were regaled with music and responded to numerous toasts in honor of the new lodge and its officers.

R. W. Frederick Widdows (Musician).—Initiated in New York Lodge, No. 330, April 5, 1859. Affiliated with Clinton Lodge, No. 453, in 1862, and became Master in 1863. Withdrew to become first Master of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, in 1865. In 1866 appointed Junior Grand Deacon by M. W. Robert D. Holmes; in 1867 appointed Grand Steward by M. W. Stephen Johnson. Affiliated with New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, Washington, D. C., June 23, 1881;



Frederick Widdows.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1865-1866.
JUNIOR GRAND DEACON, 1866.
GRAND STEWARD, 1867.

reaffiliated with St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, September 30, 1887. Died in Washington, D. C., Monday July 17, 1893.

Possessed of personal magnetism to a marked degree, R. W. Bro. Widdows numbered his friends by the score. He was a descendant of a family of musicians, and had a natural predilection for music, which continued throughout his entire life. Artistic, he also contributed several poetic contributions to the newspapers, and as a wit and raconteur he was known far and wide. In stature R. W. Bro. Widdows was rather under the medium height, with blue eyes and a frank, engaging smile. Though generous to a fault, he drew the line at excess. Bro. Widdows was born in Norwich, England, Aug. 29, 1820. He was first cousin of the father of Bro. Reuben Withers, of St. Cecile Lodge, and came to the United States in 1858, engaging in various theatrical enterprises, and was business manager for Ole Bull's concert tours. He was a noted ringer of the chimes of the large churches in New York and other cities, and also rang the chimes on Machinery Hall at the World's Fair in Philadelphia in 1876. For many years previous to his death Bro. Widdows was an employé of the Treasury Department in Washington. In founding St. Cecile Lodge, W. Bro. Widdows was untiring in his efforts, and although in after years he dimited, he never was satisfied elsewhere, however agreeable his associates, until he was again numbered among the members of the lodge of his own creation. His frequent letters to the lodge during periods of absence from New York were models of loving solicitude, as of a tender parent to an only child. W. Bro. Widdows' great popularity in the Masonic fraternity was attested by his election as an honorary member of New York Lodge in 1866, Clinton Lodge in 1867, and St. Cecile in 1882. He was also identified with many Masonic organizations other than those mentioned.

The first stated communication of St. Cecile Lodge after being constituted took place in the lodge room, No. 594 Broadway, on Tuesday, July 18, 1865, at three in the afternoon. Bro. David Graham proposed for initiation and membership Mr. Laurence O'Reilly, musician, this being the first petition for membership received after being duly chartered. The Committee on By-laws, consisting of W. Bro. Widdows, Bros. Nedham and Ilsley, made report and the by-laws of Clinton Lodge, with slight changes, were used as a model. It was agreed that the initiation fee should be $50. The dues were placed at five dollars per annum, payable quarterly. The Secretary's salary was $50 per annum, payable quarterly. Two

hundred copies of the by-laws were ordered to be printed for the use of members. Article XI. reads as follows: "No smoking or refreshments, other than water, shall be allowed in the lodge room." It was also ordered that an advertisement of the lodge meetings should be inserted in the New York "Dispatch." Bro. William H. Walter, one of the original petitioners, who did not consummate his membership, although most zealous in helping to establish the lodge, was unanimously elected an honorary member. Resolutions were adopted thanking Normal Lodge, No. 523, for fraternal courtesies in loaning its jewels and paraphernalia. Bro. Thomas S. Nedham presented the lodge with a beautiful dagger, and received a vote of thanks therefor. Owing to disturbing noises from the street it was decided to meet in another part of the building, and at the first communication in October the lodge met in an upper floor room. Upon this occasion Bro. Alfred Burnett presented the lodge with a handsome clock. A committee was appointed to select appropriate lodge music.

Upon the death of Bro. John P. Cooke, orchestra leader at Laura Keene's Theatre, a well-known and popular member of New York Lodge, resolutions of condolence were adopted by St. Cecile and sent to the lodge of which he had been a member and also to his family.

W. Bro. Brow, of Greenwich Lodge, who took great interest in the welfare of St. Cecile, at this time presented the lodge with a handsome examination Bible, and from Bro. Nathaniel Sawyer there was received a set of four staves. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the two brethren for their thoughtfulness.

There were still a great many complaints from the members of the lodge about the noises from the street during the meeting and also about the negligence of the janitor of the building in not keeping the rooms in order, and it was decided to make a change. Accordingly, on February 20, 1866, the lodge moved into the rooms at Fourth and Greene streets

occupied by Greenwich Lodge and others. The rent was $200 per annum.

The first election of officers of the lodge after becoming a regularly chartered body occurred on December 19. All the elective incumbents were continued in office and the roll of appointed officers was practically unchanged. The election was conducted by W. Bro. S. S. Thorpe, of Americus Lodge, who also installed the officers. The report of the Secretary showed the membership was twenty-two Master Masons, one Fellowcraft, one Entered Apprentice, and one Honorary member. The Treasurer's report showed that the expenditures had exceeded the receipts by $12.25. Notwithstanding this the report of the Finance Committee concluded with the cheerful statement that "not five months have elapsed since we obtained our charter and we find ourselves in possession of all the necessary working tools, of a style that will bear favorable comparison with those of any other lodge in this city, all of which are paid for, and all bills have been promptly paid when due. We can only say, in reviewing the past we derive pleasure and the future is brilliant and hopeful."

1866.

During the communication held on February 6, W. Bro. Charles Brown, of New York Lodge, accompanied by Bro. Edwin Booth, the famous actor, entered the lodge and both were invited to seats in the east. Upon motion it was resolved to contribute $20 in aid of the fund to erect a monument to the late Bro. John Parker Cooke, of New York Lodge, a well-known musician.

At a stated communication in March, upon a motion made by Bro. George Ilsley, it was resolved to present to each candidate, upon his initiation, a lambskin apron, at the expense of the lodge. Delegates were appointed to represent the lodge in the Masonic Board of Relief; those so named

were Bros. Lanktree, Johnson and Decker. The demands upon the lodge for assistance at this time were numerous. At every session impoverished brethren and destitute women applied at the outer door of the lodge for financial assistance, which was seldom refused. It has been said that at one meeting no less than fourteen applicants were relieved.

On the occasion of the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, which in 1866 was held in Irving Hall, beginning June 5, St. Cecile provided an orchestra and singers from the lodge membership. Among other selections, the "Hallelujah Chorus," by Bro. George W. Morgan, and the Doxology were sung by the lodge, accompanied by the lodge orchestra. In recognition of these and other services the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed W. Bro. Frederick Widdows Junior Grand Deacon. The appointment was received with many expressions of pleasure by members of the lodge.

At the first meeting in July M. W. Robert D. Holmes, Grand Master, was unanimously elected an honorary member of St. Cecile. A motion was passed that the lodge celebrate the first anniversary with a social gathering. Bros. Lanktree, Dodworth, Baker and Rietzel were appointed a committee of arrangements. The festivities took place at Terrace Garden and were in the nature of a family party. There was an excellent band of fifteen pieces, which discoursed the popular airs of the day and provided music for the dancers. There were refreshments, and it was a well managed, jolly affair. The necessary expenses were met by the members buying tickets at one dollar each, and as the use of the garden was donated it cost the lodge nothing. This was the first formal social function held by the lodge, and was a great success.

There was no cessation of work during the summer. In August a contribution was made toward the "purchase of certain relics of Bro. George Washington, President of the United States, for the purpose of depositing the same in the archives of the Grand Lodge."

BENEFIT FOR HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.

Working conjointly, New York Lodge and St. Cecile Lodge gave an entertainment at Dodworth Hall for the benefit of the Hall and Asylum Fund, which realized a tidy amount of money. A formal vote of thanks was shortly afterward given by the lodge to Bros. J. C. F. Rietzel and Frank Gilder for valuable services rendered in connection with this concert.

As an organized body St. Cecile had no part in the successful fair held this year in the Masonic Building, corner Grand and Crosby streets, but individual members served on committees and assisted the enterprise in various ways.

The reading of reports at the annual communication in December, 1866, aroused a good deal of interest among the members. The Secretary reported a substantial gain in the membership, and that the receipts for the year exceeded the expenditures by $509.20. There was a good-natured rivalry for the various offices at the election, which was presided over by R. W. Bro. Widdows, who also installed the officers elect. Bro. George F. Ilsley was elected Master; Bro. John M. Burnett, Senior Warden; Bro. David L. Downing, Junior Warden. Bro. Henry Tissington was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. David Graham re-elected Secretary. The Master appointed Dr. H. S. Cutler organist for the ensuing term. The Trustees were R. W. Frederick Widdows, Bro. Nathaniel Sawyer and Bro. David B. Johnston. A complete list of officers for this and all succeeding years is given in a table at the end of this book. The Finance Committee presented its report, complimenting the Treasurer and Secretary upon the able manner in which they had performed their duties, and congratulating the lodge upon its prosperity. The salary of the Secretary was increased to $100 per annum, and a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers. It was ordered that an advertisement setting forth the time and place of meeting should be inserted in the "National Freemason."

1867.

W. Bro. George F. Ilsley (Musician).—Raised in Americus Lodge, No. 535, July 24, 1863. Withdrew to become a charter member of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, in 1865. He was the first Senior Warden in 1865-66, became Master in 1867; Secretary in 1875-76-77-78. Died in Brooklyn, March 13, 1897.

Entirely different from the first Master was the personality of the second. So far from being hail fellow, W. Bro. Ilsley was rather more inclined toward a deep religious feeling. While cheerful and agreeable, jokes and trivialities did not appeal favorably to him. He was usually engrossed with business cares and found time only occasionally for the little social gatherings which with regularity followed the meetings of the lodge. W. Bro. Ilsley was a native of the United States and was born in 1824. He engaged with somewhat indifferent success in the business of piano broker in Broome Street, and was very well known to the leading musicians, by whom he was respected. He was a member of the various Masonic bodies and was Past Eminent Commander of De Witt Clinton Commandery, No. 27. Bro. Ilsley resided in Brooklyn, and for many years attended the meetings of Marsh Lodge, No. 188, of which he was made an honorary member. He frequently installed their officers and by them was greatly beloved.

A superb past master's jewel, purchased by individual subscriptions, was presented to R. W. Bro. Frederick Widdows in January. The Past Master expressed his thanks in a characteristic speech abounding in witticisms and good feeling.

Bro. Joel A. Gordinear, while travelling from Philadelphia, became snowbound in New Brunswick, N. J. The splendid hospitality shown by the brethren there to the New York brother was such that he brought the matter to the attention of the lodge, and a vote of thanks was officially sent to Union Lodge, New Brunswick, for its courtesy.

A motion was introduced in March changing the hour of meeting to two o'clock in the afternoon. After discussion, upon a ballot being taken, the motion to change was lost. At

the same time a motion was carried defining more clearly the duties of the Trustees.

A committee to instruct new candidates was appointed, consisting of R. W. Bro. Widdows, Bros. Webb, Gordinear, O'Reilly and J. M. Burnett.

Some objection being made to the rooms occupied by the lodge, it was resolved to return to the former place of meeting at No. 594 Broadway, and the Trustees were instructed to lease the large room formerly occupied by the lodge. The Trustees secured the rooms at an annual rental of $150, and on April 22 the lodge held a special communication there for work in the first degree. There were four candidates, one of whom was Mr. William F. Sherwin, a pianist of acknowledged ability and well known as a writer of hymns and songs; Mr. Henry C. Peakes, an opera singer with a marvellous bass voice, was another. Upon the conclusion of the first degree work the Fellowcraft degree was conferred upon three waiting Entered Apprentices.

VISIT OF PENNSYLVANIA GRAND OFFICERS.

There was a flutter of excitement in the lodge on April 30, when St. Cecile was honored by a visit from R. W. J. L. Goddard, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Pennsylvania, who entered the lodge room accompanied by a large delegation from the neighboring State, including R. W. Bro. Richard Vaux, D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. H. M. Deckert, J. G. W.; R. W. Bro. Sargent, S. G. D.; R. W. J. Boswell, Grand Treasurer, and numerous others more or less prominent in the craft. They were cordially received with appropriate honors by W. Bro. George F. Ilsley, who was ably assisted in properly receiving the distinguished guests by M. W. Robert D. Holmes, Grand Master. Another Masonic celebrity present at this reception was M. W. Bro. Pierson, P. G. M., of Minnesota. R. W. Robert Macoy and a large number

of eminent brethren of New York and New Jersey were also noted among the visitors. Brethren of St. Cecile provided instrumental and vocal music, and there were several highly interesting addresses. M. W. Robert D. Holmes, G. M., spoke in a flattering manner of the music which St. Cecile had provided at the previous session of the Grand Lodge, and cordially invited the lodge to officiate in a similar manner at the ensuing session of the grand body. The Master of St. Cecile responded by saying that St. Cecile Lodge would feel proud to furnish a musical programme for the Grand Lodge at any time. The second degree was then exemplified, after which the Grand Master of Pennsylvania complimented the officers of St. Cecile upon their efficiency and declared that the pleasure received by their visit had more than repaid him and his colleagues for their journey.

It is a matter of record that the ritualistic work of St. Cecile Lodge at this time was of such superior character as to win praise from officers of Grand Lodges and other eminent Masons, who frequently commended the lodge for the excellent manner in which the impressive ceremonies were conducted. At the same time the lodge enjoyed an enviable reputation for the open-handed charity evinced upon all proper occasions and the atmosphere of brotherly love which pervaded the lodge.

The ladies of the Eastern Star, a new order formed exclusively of feminine relatives of Masons, had long discussed a proposal to demonstrate for the members of St. Cecile Lodge their ability to preside in the lodge room as well as in the home, and upon receiving an invitation from the lodge they turned out in force on Thursday afternoon, May 30, giving a splendid exposition of their degree work, which pleased the spectators immensely. As the bills paid by St. Cecile for ice cream and other delicacies amounted to more than $90 it will readily be seen that the feast was not wholly of an intellectual character.

Agreeable to the request of the Grand Master, St. Cecile

Lodge was ready with another delightful musical programme at the opening of the Grand Lodge on June 4. The sessions were held in Irving Hall. Upon taking office M. W. Stephen H. Johnson, G. M., in appreciation of the services rendered by St. Cecile Lodge, appointed R. W. Frederick Widdows a Grand Steward, and at the same time Bro. George W. Morgan was appointed organist to the Grand Lodge. These kindly expressions of appreciation from the Grand Master endeared him very much to the members of St. Cecile, especially as the fair fame of the lodge was greatly enhanced thereby.

A very successful concert was given by the lodge for the relief of distressed Masonic brethren resident in the Southern States, but no extended account of the affair was made in the records of the lodge at that time.

In the month of November the lodge was honored by the presence of M. W. Stephen H. Johnson, G. M., attended by members of his staff, including R. W. John H. Anthon, D. G. M.; R. W. Joseph B. Chaffee, G. L.; R. W. Bros. J. H. Chase, S. J. Fisk, W. M. Gambling, and a number of others. The third degree was conferred in splendid form, winning numerous compliments from the Grand Master and other visitors. A motion was introduced at this communication changing the hour of meeting to half past two. After a short discussion the motion was carried.

The next event of particular importance in the lodge occurred at the communication of December 3. Word had been quietly passed among the members to be on hand as there was to be something of interest brought before them. By special invitation M. W. Robert D. Holmes, P. G. M., was present. After briefly transacting the routine business, W. Bro. Ilsley arose and expressed in words of warm feeling the great love and esteem felt by all the members of St. Cecile Lodge for the Past Grand Master. He then presented Most Worshipful Bro. Holmes with a certificate of honorary membership executed in most artistic style upon

parchment. The distinguished guest of the day replied with many expressions of esteem for St. Cecile, saying that the certificate would always be a cherished possession as long as he lived. The attendance on this occasion was exceptionally large and there was a great amount of enthusiasm. A musical programme was contributed by several members. Among the notable visitors to the lodge may be mentioned Bro. Carpenter, of Brant Lodge, chief of the Mohawk Indians.

Very prosperous indeed was the lodge at the close of the year. The Trustees were instructed to open a bank account in the name of the lodge, which they subsequently did on Jan. 29, 1868, in the Manhattan Savings Institution, starting the account with $426.35. The election of officers resulted in practically no change in the staff of the preceding year. During the election R. W. Robert Macoy presided and installed the officers in their several stations.

1868.

During the month of March R. W. Bro. Widdows introduced to the members of the lodge Bro. Ole Bull, the celebrated violin virtuoso, who was making concert tours under the management of Bro. Widdows. The distinguished musician made a short address to the brethren, in the course of which he said that if in the city at the time he would play with the musicians of St. Cecile Lodge at the next opening session of the Grand Lodge.

The great popularity of the founder of St. Cecile Lodge was manifested in many ways. Formal notice was received in April from Clinton Lodge, No. 453, that R. W. Frederick Widdows had been elected an honorary member of that body, as he had already been distinguished the previous year by New York Lodge. These evidences of favor gratified his

numerous friends, and the Secretary was requested to write a letter of thanks to Clinton Lodge.

Applicants for financial assistance became so numerous during the severe winter weather that there was considerable talk as to the advisability of maintaining a separate charity fund in the lodge for the relief of the distressed, but the idea was abandoned upon receiving an adverse report from a committee appointed to consider the various phases of the matter.

Death removed from the ranks of Arcana Lodge, No. 246, Bro. Reuben Lowell, a member well known to the musicians, and a large number of the brethren of St. Cecile attended the Masonic services which were held in the lodge room on Sunday afternoon, May 10.

Under the direction of W. Bro. George Ilsley, an enjoyable programme of music was provided for the opening session of the Grand Lodge. The meetings of the grand body were held at Cooper Institute, beginning June 2. Many compliments were heard concerning the superior character of the entertainment contributed by the musicians of St. Cecile on this occasion.

A large delegation of the brethren of Rhinebeck and Hudson River Lodges was received on June 18 by the Master of St. Cecile. The visitors were entertained with a special musicale, after which there were refreshments.

Some of those who sought admission found that St. Cecile Lodge, though small in numbers, was determined that no unworthy material should knowingly be accepted into the membership. A well-known editor, employed upon one of the leading dailies, did not reach the standard. He made application, but found to his surprise that the doors were tightly closed against him.

The heartfelt sympathy of the members went out to Bro. David Graham, Secretary of the lodge, upon the death of a well-beloved daughter, who died during September. The young lady was in her eighteenth year, the pride and joy of

her father, who was greatly affected by her death. The lodge was summoned by the Master and attended the funeral in a body. Resolutions were adopted by the lodge on Oct. 20, expressing the condolence of the brethren.

One of the first printers who joined the lodge was Sigismund Voytits, who applied for admission October 20. He was accepted, and remained an esteemed and honored member until his death, in 1881.

That new members might be properly instructed the lodge appointed a committee, consisting of Bros. John Denham, Thomas D. Benson and John M. Burnett, to attend to this important duty. The committee was authorized to rent a room when necessary, at the expense of the lodge.

There were eighteen new members added to the roll during the year, and the receipts exceeded the expenditures $537.71. The reports of officers showed the lodge to be prospering in every way. The election of officers was harmonious and satisfactory. Bro. John M. Burnett was elected Worshipful Master, Bro. David L. Downing Senior Warden, and Bro. William F. Sherwin Junior Warden. W. Bro. George F. Ilsley presided during the election and afterward installed the officers. The appointments were practically the same as in the preceding year. The lodge passed resolutions eulogizing the work of the officers for the past year, and at the adjournment the brethren enjoyed a jolly banquet.

At the next stated meeting W. Bro. John M. Burnett presented the lodge with a large and expensive photograph album and requested the brethren to contribute their photographs. The brother was thanked by a formal resolution for his handsome gift.

1869.

W. Bro. John M. Burnett (Printer and Stationer) was raised in Central Lodge, No. 361. Affiliated with St. Cecile

Lodge, No. 568, Oct. 17, 1865. Elected Senior Warden, 1867-68; Master, 1869. Died in Plainfield, N. J., January 28, 1874, under which year a biographical sketch of the Worshipful Brother will be found.

The new year was inaugurated with earnest effort on the part of the officers to get the membership out to lodge meetings at half past two o'clock, but the Master's gavel rarely sounded before three o'clock. Among the more notable visitors during January was M. W. John W. Simons, Past Grand Master. Delegates to the Board of Relief were Bros. Ilsley, Fromme and Voytits.

In February W. Bro. Ilsley and Bros. Graham and Fromme were appointed a Committee on By-laws, and instructed to revise the existing laws and report, with recommendations, to the lodge.

About the first of February a fraternal invitation to visit Mozart Lodge, Philadelphia, was received. After earnest discussion it was decided that it would be inexpedient to accept, but an invitation was extended to the Pennsylvania brethren to come to the metropolis as the guests of St. Cecile. In due time the invitation was accepted, and a Reception Committee, consisting of the Master, Wardens and W. Bro. Ilsley, was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for properly entertaining the visitors. On March 2 W. Bro. Livingston, accompanied by his staff of officers and a large number of the members of Mozart Lodge, was received by W. Bro. Burnett, assisted by R. W. Jerome Buck, W. Bro. Ilsley and others. After a number of complimentary speeches by the visiting brethren the third degree was conferred upon four candidates, W. Bro. Ilsley occupying the east. During the afternoon there was much special music, and several vocal solos were sung by professional brethren. The lodge was closed in full form, and the brethren adjourned to the Sinclair House, No. 752 Broadway, where, judging from the menu, a glorious spread awaited the diners.

MENU.

SOUP.

Oyster.

BOILED.

Spiced Beef. Corned Beef. Ham. Beef Tongue.

ROAST.

Turkey, Cranberry Sauce. Duck, Apple Sauce.
Capon, Cranberry Sauce. Ribs of Beef.

SALADS.

Chicken. Lobster.

RELISHES.

Celery. French Olives. Chow Chow Assorted Pickles.

PASTRY.

Apple Pie. Custard Pie.

FRUIT.

Oranges. Apples. Figs. Nuts. Raisins.

DESSERT.

Vanilla Ice Cream. French Coffee.

The visitors returned home at a proper hour in a happy frame of mind, delighted with the hospitality shown them. This was the most ambitious social undertaking of the lodge up to that time, and was a brilliant success in every particular.

Among the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge in June, 1869, was the following:

> *Resolved*, That a permanent and standing invitation be extended to St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, of this city, requesting them to furnish hereafter full and appropriate Masonic music at the opening ceremonies of each annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

The adoption of this resolution by a unanimous vote naturally filled the members of St. Cecile with pardonable feelings of pride, and they were the recipients of many compliments from brethren of other lodges.

From Bro. Thomas S. Nedham the lodge received a very

handsome sign, which was placed at the street door to aid visitors in finding the lodge rooms. The lodge thanked the brother for his thoughtfulness.

W. Bro. Livingston, of Mozart Lodge, Philadelphia, was present at the communication of Aug 17, and thanked the lodge for the hospitality shown the brethren of Mozart upon the occasion of their visit in March.

At the stated meeting of August 31 the following communication was read and ordered spread in full upon the minutes:

MEMPHIS, TENN., *July* 7. 1869.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ST. CECILE LODGE, NO. 568, NEW YORK:—

BROTHERS—I am ordered by the Memphis Board of Relief to inform you that Bro. Alfred Burnett, a member of your lodge, tendered to our board a complimentary benefit that was well attended and added to our fund very materially. Bro. Burnett desired that if we extended any thanks for his gratuitous benefit it should be wholly given to his own lodge. We therefore wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to your lodge for the pleasant and profitable entertainment afforded us by Bro. Alfred Burnett, and to extend to every individual member of your lodge our best wishes for your prosperity and happiness.

Yours Fraternally,

[SEAL] A. J. WHEELER, *Secretary*,
Memphis Board of Relief.

Thus it will be seen that this estimable and talented brother, a famous professional entertainer of the day, never at any time forgot his lodge, and it may be said that his affection for St. Cecile continued until the very end of his days, and was frequently manifested.

Probably the most notable communication held by the lodge in the first four years of its existence occurred on Tuesday, October 19, when St. Cecile was honored with a fraternal visit by R. W. Richard Vaux, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Pennsylvania, attended by members of his staff and a large delegation of brethren from Mozart, Union and Solomon Lodges, of Philadelphia. W. Bro. John M. Burnett was assisted in welcoming guests of such distinc-

tion by R. W. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary, who apologized for the unavoidable absence of M. W. James Gibson, Grand Master of New York. R. W. Bro. Austin delivered a most felicitous address of welcome, to which R. W. Bro. Vaux replied with expressions of affection for the fraternity of the Empire State. He informed the brethren that the fair fame of St. Cecile Lodge was well known and appreciated by the brethren of the Keystone State. After the several interesting addresses the lodge proceeded to the work of the third degree. The visitors were loud in their admiration of the splendid rendition of the standard work by the officers of St. Cecile, and complimented all upon the proficiency displayed. There was a large audience present, and even standing room was scarce. Music was provided by a number of the brethren, and this feature was favorably commented upon by the guests. After formally closing, all the visitors, including representatives from Rhinebeck, Mystic Tie, Montauk, Marsh and other New York lodges, together with the Pennsylvanians, repaired to the Astor House, then the leading hostelry of the city, where the committee had arranged an elaborate banquet in honor of the distinguished guests. The postprandial speeches were of a high order, and of toasts there was a profusion, interspersed with stirring songs, evoking great enthusiasm. Famous throughout the land as a wit, R. W. Bro. Vaux kept his auditors in roars of laughter by his humorous sallies. The function was an unusually brilliant one, and was reported in the daily newspapers. Certainly the occasion was one not to be forgotten by those fortunate enough to be present. The committee in charge of the arrangements were deservedly praised for their successful efforts.

Bro. Alfred Burnett returned to the metropolis in December, and on his appearance among the brethren in the lodge room was warmly welcomed by all and thanked by the lodge for the magnificent manner in which he had exemplified the principles of the fraternity while on his travels.

SOME SKETCHES OF PIONEER MEMBERS.

Glancing over the early register we find many names familiar to old-time Masons. Among those who attained celebrity was Bro. JOHN R. THOMAS, who was made a Mason in Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 272, April 9, 1857, and who was afterward one of the founders of St. Cecile. He was born in Newport, Wales, March 26, 1829, and came to New York in 1849. He dropped out of the lodge after a few years and died April 5, 1896. Aside from his numerous musical compositions Bro. Thomas was favorably known as leading baritone with the Seguin Opera Company, and with Clara Louise Kellogg, Parepa Rosa, and with the famous Buckley's minstrels. He sang in the fashionable Calvary Church at times, and in the same year that saw the birth of St. Cecile he was created a bard by the Welsh societies. Bro. Thomas was an honorary member of St. David's Society and other similar organizations. In addition to the well known ballads which bear his name, he wrote the operetta "Diamond Cut Diamond." The following is from his "Old Friends and Old Times":

> Thinking of old times, hopes ne'er to be,
> Speaking of old friends, far o'er the sea;
> Distance can change not dear ones like you,
> Fortune estrange not hearts that are true.
> Thus in the twilight fond thoughts will stray
> Back to the old homes, homes far away.

Another charter member who will be remembered with pleasure by many is Bro. GEORGE S. WEEKS, JR., who was raised in Americus Lodge, No. 535, December 11, 1863. Bro. Weeks was a tall man, blond, with blue eyes, and of generally handsome appearance. By profession he was an opera singer who filled engagements with many musical organizations and sang in the large churches. He often obliged with fine tenor solos at lodge meetings. When St. Cecile was chartered Bro. Weeks was slated for Junior Warden, but as

the time neared he was compelled to relinquish the idea because of a professional engagement out of the city. He died in the State Homœopathic Hospital at Middletown, N. Y., June 30, 1900.

Bro. George W. Morgan was raised in Montauk Lodge, No. 286, September 5, 1854, and withdrew in 1865 to become a charter member of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568. He was appointed Grand Lodge Organist by M. W. Robert Holmes, and was reappointed by many subsequent Grand Masters. On his appearance after receiving his first appointment he was received in St. Cecile with grand honors. While engaged in an extended concert tour in later years he was taken suddenly seriously ill in Tacoma, Wash., and died July 10, 1892. Bro. George W. Morgan was born in England, April 9, 1822. As a mere lad he attracted unusual attention as a vocal soloist in large churches. He came to America in 1853, making his home in New York, but occasionally visited Europe. He soon became internationally famous as an organist, and filled engagements at St. Thomas' and Grace Church, besides giving many public concerts. Bro. Morgan is reputed to have been the first musician to play in America the organ compositions of Bach and Mendelssohn. He is also said to have been the first to play a Bach fugue with pedal obligato, and he did much to popularize organ music in the United States. He was Organist of St. Cecile for many years. It was his delight to play the great organ at Grand Lodge sessions and he wrote a great deal of special music for these occasions. He was a natural musician and an organist of the very first rank.

Of those installed in the various offices when the lodge was chartered all have passed away except one. Bro. Thomas S. Nedham was raised in Greenwich Lodge, No. 467, April 25, 1862. He affiliated with St. Cecile, March 28, 1865, two months after the formation of the lodge under dispensation, and although not one of the original petitioners, because of his absence in Europe at the time, may fairly be said to have

been one of the founders, his being the fourteenth name on the roll. Bro. Nedham is the Junior Warden mentioned in the charter. Although not afterward holding office other than that of Organist and Trustee several terms, none takes a keener interest in the lodge. Bro. Nedham was born in Leicestershire, England, November 21, 1818, and attended boarding school in Warwickshire. During six years' service as apprentice to a chemist in Nottingham he became interested in the study of music and took violin lessons. He entered the Royal Navy as bandmaster in 1843 and spent four years cruising in the West Indies and the Mediterranean, retiring to take up the profession of music in his native town. He married in March, 1848, and on April 1 sailed from Liverpool for New York, which was finally reached after a pleasant voyage of thirty-three days! Bro. Nedham at once obtained a position to play second violin at the Broadway Theatre, then a few doors from Worth Street. He afterward played in the orchestra at Castle Garden, and for eleven years played oboe and second violin at Burton's Theatre, in Chambers Street. His last theatre engagement was at Wallack's. In 1852 he became a piano tuner, and was for seven years each with Messrs. J. & D. Walker, the Chickerings and the Steinways, then a like period in business for himself. He retired in 1882, since which time he has crossed the Atlantic several times, visiting Norway, Russia, Denmark, and other places of interest abroad, as well as the Yellowstone Park, Alaska, and other places of interest in the United States. Bro. Nedham finds much pleasure in reading, and the Monday evening recitals of classical chamber music at his home by a coterie of friends have attained wide celebrity.

Besides the first Junior Warden there are still living several other brothers who by reason of long and faithful membership deserve conspicuous recognition. Bro. Christian T. Plate, a musician, who has been in continuous good standing since his initiation, August 21, 1866, up to the present, is one of these. For forty-one years he passed in and out

among the brethren without ostentation of any sort. The venerable brother by thrift and economy accumulated a competence sufficient to retire from active life and has sailed away to the Faderland for an indefinite period, taking with him the best wishes of a host of old friends, who have long admired his sterling character and worth.

Another who is well and favorably known among musicians is Bro. Alexander Davis, who was made a Mason in St. Cecile Lodge, January 29, 1867, and has a record of which any brother might well be proud. Bro. Davis was born in Quebec, Canada, February 22, 1838, and is a well preserved man who looks years younger than his age. He has been first cornetist in one or the other of the bands of the National Guard of New York for over forty years. He travelled with the famous Gilmore Band many years, and always takes delight in playing for St. Cecile whenever opportunity offers.

Bro. John G. Pfeiffer is one of the few whose membership in St. Cecile Lodge dates back nearly to its beginning. He was raised in St. Cecile, March 5, 1867, and has been in continuous good standing ever since. In addition to long membership his services to the lodge have been many and extend over all these years. In 1868 he was Junior Master of Ceremonies; in 1869, Senior Deacon; in 1870, Junior Warden; in 1875 again Senior Deacon, and in 1876 Senior Warden. By some inexplicable combination of circumstances he was side-tracked for Master, although he believed that eventually he would be elected. However, Bro. Pfeiffer although disappointed never lost interest in St. Cecile. No musician has ever been more willing when called upon to play for the lodge. Bro. Pfeiffer has had an interesting and varied career as a musician. He was born in Missouri in 1843, and upon starting his professional life secured a position in the Naval Academy at Annapolis, also playing at Newport. For many years he travelled with leading theatrical attractions, was with the Mapleson Opera Company, the Emma Juch and other celebrated opera organizations, and for fifteen

years had charge of the stage music at the Metropolitan Opera House, in New York City. He still attends lodge meetings regularly.

Bro. John C. Denham, a machinist, has been a member since December 31, 1867. For the last few years he has been quartered in the Soldiers' Home in Steuben Co., New York.

Among those who have passed out of the lodge are many at one time conspicuous in the membership. Bro. Harrison Millard, the well known composer, affiliated with St. Cecile in 1867 from Mount Lebanon Lodge. He was born in Boston, Mass., November 27, 1829. In boyhood he was an alto singer, and before the war taught music in New York. He was intensely patriotic, and served with distinction in the Seventy-first New York Volunteers. He was wounded in action, but recovered and was appointed by President Lincoln a first lieutenant in the regular service. In later years he was tenor soloist at the Broadway Tabernacle. He wrote "Waiting," "Under the Daisies," "When the Tide Comes In," and other songs, and a Mass in A flat favorably known to musicians. He composed music expressly for St. Cecile upon several important occasions. He dropped out of the lodge in 1880, and died in 1895. The following is from "Vive l'America," one of his best known patriotic songs:—

Noble Republic, happiest of lands!
Foremost of nations Columbia stands!
Freedom's proud banner floats in the skies,
Where shouts of liberty daily arise.
United we stand, divided we fall,
Union forever, freedom for all;
Throughout the world our motto shall be
Viva l'America, home of the free.

Bro. Harvey B. Dodworth was a very popular bandmaster and composer of the day. He was a first-class instrumentalist, and successively directed the orchestra at such notable theatres as Niblo's and Daly's. He was the originator and for many years conductor of the Central Park concerts.

Bro. David Braham, orchestra leader at Harrigan and Hart's in its palmy days, was famous for his catchy music.

Bro. David Wallace Reeves, cornetist, won a name for excellence as leader of the American Band in Providence.

Bro. Henry Mollenhauer, first-class 'cello soloist, established the well known Mollenhauer Conservatory of Music in Brooklyn.

Bro. Edward Mollenhauer, famous violinist, formerly orchestra leader at Daly's, Wallack's and other prominent theatres, was very favorably known to music lovers throughout the United States and Europe.

Bros. Benjamin A. Baker and John Moore were noted comedians in the old standard productions at leading theatres.

Bro. William J. Castle, English operatic tenor, sang with Richings-Bernard and Parepa Rosa. Whenever in the city Bro. Castle could always be found at lodge meetings, and never required urging to sing for the delectation of the brethren.

Then there was Bro. Gustav Schirmer, music dealer, publisher and importer; Bro. Thomas D. Benson, who manipulated the calcium lights for the great theatrical productions; Bro. George W. Harrison, actor; Bro. Alexander Murray, M.D.; Rev. Bro. William S. Coffey, of East Chester, Chaplain of the lodge; Bro. William B. Taylor, music printer; Bro. Edward T. Hardy, lawyer; Bro. Francesco Ramacciotto, manufacturer of piano strings; Bro. Henry Conraider, railroad conductor; Bro. George A. Ramseyer, manufacturer of piano stools; Bro. Alonzo Rice, photographer; Bro. John Wild, comedian; Bro. Charles H. Ludwig, insurance agent. Among the musicians were Bros. John M. Lander, who is later referred to in these pages; and Carl P. Sohst, cornetist, a very fine player, who was a member of the Philharmonic Society. The foregoing brethren were all among the first hundred members whose names were affixed to the roll, and nearly all of whom are dead.

Among those reported ill during the latter week of Novem-



D. L. Downing

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1870.

ber was M. W. Robert D. Holmes, Past Grand Master, who was one of the most conspicuous figures in the Masonic life of the metropolis and a never failing friend of St. Cecile Lodge. Some of his kindly acts have already been referred to in these pages. Much solicitude was expressed in the lodge when it was learned that Most Worshipful Bro. Holmes was ill, and a committee was at once appointed to visit him and extend the sympathy of the brethren, with an earnest wish for his early recovery. Committees were also named to visit several brethren of the lodge suffering from slight ailments.

In view of the lavish entertainments and numerous charities of the lodge, it was not surprising that the report of the secretary disclosed the fact that the receipts of the year had been $124.93 less than the expenditures. The report of the Trustees expressed regret that no increase had been made in the funds in bank during the year. There was, however, an increase of fourteen in the membership. The Treasurer's report was as follows:

In bank		$326.35
In treasury		211.36
From propositions	$140.00	
From initiations	280.00	
From affiliations	30.00	
From dues	427.50	— 877.50
Disbursements		1,002.43

The Secretary reported that twenty-six stated communications and one special had been held, and that there were 89 Master Masons in good standing. There were several waiting for degrees. The Finance Committee recommended that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Secretary and Treasurer for the "very able and faithful manner in which they had performed their duties." Bro. David L. Downing was elected Worshipful Master, Bro. William F. Sherwin Senior Warden, and Bro. John G. Pfeiffer Junior Warden. Bro. David Graham was re-elected Secretary, and Bro. Henry Tissington, Treasurer. The newly elected and appointed

officers were regularly installed by R. W. Bro. Wiltsie, assisted by W. Bro. Ilsley. A committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions for presentation to the retiring master, W. Bro. John M. Burnett.

And thus in peace and harmony passed the first five years of the lodge's existence. Always an object of unusual interest from the beginning, it was becoming famous throughout the world, as R. W. Frederick Widdows heard good words concerning St Cecile Lodge upon his visit to England. One of the chief blessings was that not one death had occurred in the ranks, and the multifold mercies of the Supreme Architect were remembered with thankful hearts by all. Of the labors of the lodge the chief events have been enumerated. There was an ever present desire to fulfil faithfully all the responsibilities of membership. Whatever of prosperity was the portion of the lodge was always regarded as in direct ratio to accepted opportunities for doing good. There was a general feeling that St. Cecile had an unusually promising field of labor, and one not occupied by any other lodge.

IN THE SEVENTIES.

Here, brothers, secure from all turmoil and danger.
We reap what we sow, for the soil is our own;
We spread hospitality's board for the stranger
And care not a fig for a king on his throne;
We never know want, for we live by our labor,
And in it contentment and happiness find.

—*Morris.*

1870.

W. Bro. David Lorenzo Downing (Musician).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, April 18, 1865, his being the twelfth name on the roll. He was the first Senior Deacon when the lodge was regularly constituted; Junior Warden, 1867-'68; Senior Warden, in 1869; Master, in 1870. He became one of the Trustees in 1871 and served continuously until his death, August 19, 1880. A biographical notice will be found under that year.

Owing to the severity of the winter there were many applications for financial assistance, a considerable number from widows of deceased Masons. The lodge dealt generously with all deserving cases, which kept the relief committees busy.

The presentation of a bill for $\$3.33\frac{1}{3}$ for four months' advertising in the New York "Era" caused considerable merriment among the brethren. As the newspaper proprietors waived their claim for the fraction of a cent, the account was settled without serious clerical complications.

After a short illness, during which committees from St. Cecile Lodge frequently visited him, M. W. Robert D. Holmes, P. G. M., suddenly passed away on March 12. Intelligence of the death of this valued friend produced a feeling of profound sorrow among the members of the lodge, to whom he had by innumerable kindly acts endeared himself. A self-made man, M. W. Bro. Holmes left at the close of his life a record seldom equalled for activity in the various spheres in which he moved. He was a personal friend of the founders of St. Cecile, and was elected an honorary member in July, 1866. Resolutions expressing the deep sorrow of the brethren were adopted, ordered spread upon the minutes and an engrossed copy sent to the family of the deceased. The lodge room was draped for thirty days. The funeral ceremonies, which were held in Grace Chapel on March 16, were largely attended. Members of St. Cecile formed in procession and marched to the church. The interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Closely following the demise of M. W. Bro. Holmes came news from London, England, that Bro. Edward Dalling of St. Cecile, who will be remembered by old theatre-goers as a celebrated pantomimist who played with Maffit, had died in that city February 17. While performing on the stage the previous year Bro. Dalling met with a painful accident, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. He was the first member of the lodge to die.

An encyclical letter was received from M. W. James Gibson, Grand Master, in regard to the raising of funds with which to build a new Temple. The site selected was at the northeast corner of Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, opposite the then famous Booth's Theatre, which the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund had purchased in 1869 for $340,000. The lodge appointed Bros. William F. Sherwin, J. F. C. Rietzel, Louis Fromme, David Graham, William Keating, John Lanktree and John G. Pfeiffer a committee to solicit subscriptions in aid of the fund.

LAYING OF CORNER STONE OF MASONIC TEMPLE.

A communication was received in April from the Grand Master, notifying the lodge that he had selected St. Cecile to take charge of the musical programme at the laying of the corner stone of the new Temple on June 8. Accordingly, the Secretary of St. Cecile was directed to address a letter to other city lodges, requesting them to co-operate with St. Cecile in singing the odes at the ceremony. Badges were ordered for the brethren to wear in the parade previous to the ceremony of laying the stone. The Master and Wardens were appointed a Reception Committee, to act in unison with a similar committee from St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 321, to receive and entertain the brethren of Mozart Lodge, Philadelphia, who had accepted an invitation to be present and assist in the musical exercises. The Reception Committee was empowered to draw upon the lodge funds to meet the expense of properly entertaining the visitors. On Monday afternoon preceding the ceremonies a rehearsal of the music was held.

The "first stone of the corner" was laid on Wednesday, June 8, 1870. The exercises of the day began with a great parade of "Master Masons in dark clothing, high black hats, white linen aprons and white gloves." The procession formed in the neighborhood of West Fourteenth Street, and was joined in Fifth Avenue by members of the Grand Lodge, which that day assembled in Apollo Hall:

M. W. James Gibson, Grand Master.
R. W. John H. Anthon, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Christopher G. Fox, S. G. W.
R. W. Edmund L. Judson, J. G. W.
M. W. John W. Simons, G. Treas.
R. W. James M. Austin, G. Secretary.
R. W. Rev. R. L. Schoonmaker,
" Ferdinand C. Ewer,
" John G. Webster,
} G. Chaplains.
R. W. Charles B. Foster, G. Marshal.
R. W. Cornelius Esselstyn, G. Standard Bearer.

R. W. R. H. Huntington, G. Sword Bearer.
R. W. John Boyd,
R. W. Philip Merkle,
R. W. William Sinclair,
R. W. James M. Fuller,
} G. Stewards.
R. W. C. A. Marvin, G. S. D.
R. W. Charles E. Young, G. J. D.
W. Johnston Fountain, G. Pursuivant.
W. John Hoole, G. Tiler.

Great numbers of Masons from other jurisdictions participated in the demonstration. More than 12,000 Master Masons were in the parade. Such an imposing spectacle is seldom witnessed. The ceremonies at the setting of the stone were fittingly solemn and impressive, and of a character so interesting that, despite their unusual length, the immense throng remained quietly to the end. St. Cecile Lodge had an important part in the great work of the day, as will be seen from the programme, which follows:

PROGRAMME.

Prayer—Grand Chaplain.

Anthem—Sung by St. Cecile Lodge, Bro. William F. Sherwin, Chorus Conductor; W. Bro. David L. Downing, Leader Seventy-first Regiment Band. Words and music by Bro. Harrison Millard, of St. Cecile Lodge.

Here we meet to lay the Stone,
Here our Temple shall be found;
Here our hearts, not hands alone,
By the mystic tie are bound.
Here the craft will meet again
On the Level, tried and known,
Meet as brothers, part as men
Bound by ties now sacred grown.

Here for ages may it stand,
Like a beacon, light to give;
While life's waves shall wash the strand
Here Masonic Truth shall live;
Here our jewels shall be stored—
Peace and Love, Masonic gems,
Hung like pearls on Virtue's cord,
Truths more bright than diadems.

When the Architect of All
(Heaven's Grand Master, full of love)
From our labor us shall call
To the Lodge prepared above,
We will gather once again
Round our Great Commander's throne,
And degrees of bliss attain,
Higher than on earth are known.

R. W. John H. Anthon, Deputy Grand Master.
Chairman of Committee.
Invocation—Grand Chaplain.
Anthem—Sung by Mozart Lodge, of Philadelphia.
Grand Master.
Anthem—Sung by St. Cecile Lodge; words by Bro. A. Pike; music by Bro. W. K. Bassford.

"In God we trust," was sweetly sung
By every morning star on high;
"In God we trust," right gladly rung
From sons of God in loved reply;
When from old Chaos systems rolled,
From darkness, light in rosy youth,
And Faith, enwrapped in clouds of gold,
Taught men to know Masonic truth.

"In God we trust," the builders said,
And Faith built up the Temple wall;
In Hope our corner-stone is laid—
Let Faith hold up our lofty Hall!
May all be done by Square and Plumb,
The walls be builded true and strong;
And may we all together come
To sing the dedication song.

Here may we with fidelity
Our sacred covenants fulfil;
Here Faith and Hope our sovereigns be,
And Truth inspire the earnest will;
Here loving kindness always reign,
And toleration, born of love.
Oh, may we not have lived in vain,
When summoned to the Lodge above.

Ceremony of Laying the Stone.
Music—"Egmont," Downing's Seventy-first Regiment Band.

Ceremonies.
Anthem—Sung by St. Cecile Lodge.

Ere this vast world was made,
Or its foundations laid,
Our art began;
Cherub and cherubim,
Seraph and seraphim,
Joined in one glorious hymn
Before the throne.

God there Grand Master was;
Fixed their unerring laws
By His decree.
Faith, Hope and Charity,
Friendship and Unity,
Truth, Love and Secrecy,
All laws divine.

Oh, may our constant theme
To heaven's great King supreme
Be grateful love.
May we, where'er we meet,
Chant hallelujahs sweet,
And with glad hearts repeat
Jehovah's praise!

Ceremonies.
Music—Orchestra of Mozart Lodge, Bro. C. R. Dodworth, Conductor.
Ceremonies.
Proclamation by the Grand Marshal.
Oration—Rev. E. S. Porter.
Anthem.
Benediction—Grand Chaplain.

On the evening of the same day thirty or forty New York Masons resident in Chicago held a great banquet at the Tremont House in that city. Among others present was R. W. Frederick Widdows, of St. Cecile, who was called upon to preside during the festivities. The congratulatory address prepared and sent by the banqueters to the Grand Lodge of New York during the evening will be found printed in full in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1870.

Members of the Lodge of St. Cecile had reason to feel

proud and happy over the splendid rendition of the musical programme of the corner-stone ceremonies. The Master took the first opportunity to officially thank Bros. Harrison Millard and W. K. Bassford, as well as all the assisting brethren, for the notable artistic success attained. After the Grand Lodge session of June the following interesting communication, with the seal of the Grand Lodge attached, signed by the Grand Secretary, was received and read for the edification of the brethren:

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, of the City of New York:

Greeting—Please take notice that the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, at the Annual Communication, held in the city of New York, on the 10th day of June, 5870:—

Resolved—That the thanks of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York be and they are hereby tendered to our brethren of St. Cecile Lodge, of New York, and Mozart Lodge, of Philadelphia, for their aid rendered in the solemn and imposing musical service at the laying of the corner stone of the Masonic Hall.

[seal] James M. Austin, *Grand Secretary.*

During the months of July and August the lodge took a recess, convening for the autumn on September 6. A letter was read from the Roman Catholic Publication Society offering for sale to the lodge a painting of St. Cecilia, but no action looking toward a purchase was taken.

A check for $51.34, expenses incident to the corner-stone laying, was received from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, which was duly acknowledged.

During the succeeding months there was nothing of unusual interest to record. The committee having in charge the subscriptions to Hall and Asylum Fund on December 20 turned over to the lodge $100 which had been contributed by the brethren. On reading the yearly reports it was observed that there was a slight decrease in membership, but the assets were reported $506.91, a gain of nearly $100 over

the preceding year. W. Bro. David L. Downing, the Master, informed the brethren that the demands of his profession were such that he could not accept a re-election, and Bro. William F. Sherwin was thereupon unanimously elected to preside over the lodge during the year 1871. Bro. Myron A. Decker, who had served the preceding year as Marshal, was elected Senior Warden; Bro. Thomas Kroupa was elected Junior Warden, and the Treasurer and Secretary were unanimously re-elected. The Trustees were Bros. David L. Downing and John G. Pfeiffer. Bro. Theodore Jacoby was appointed Senior Deacon. During the election there were thirty-nine brethren voting out of a total membership of seventy-four. R. W. Robert Macoy installed the officers, in which ceremony he was ably assisted by W. Bro. De Long, of Marsh Lodge, No. 188, who acted as Grand Marshal.

1871.

W. Bro. William Fisk Sherwin (Musician and Composer).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, May 21, 1868. Never occupied any of the subordinate stations; Junior Warden in 1869; Senior Warden in 1870, and Master in 1871. Died in Boston, April 14, 1888. Was appointed Musical Director of the Grand Lodge by M. W. John H. Anthon, Grand Master, in 1871.

There never has been, perhaps, in St. Cecile Lodge a man of loftier ideals than W. Bro. William F. Sherwin. Aside from his wide fame as a choral director and composer of hymns, Bro. Sherwin was known as a God-fearing man. He was deeply impressed with the wondrous works of the Supreme Architect, and delighted to dwell poetically upon the boundless mercy of the Creator, as evidenced in his "God's Love":

Grander than ocean's story,
Or songs of forest trees;
Truer than breath of morning,
Or evening's gentle breeze;

Clearer than mountain echoes
Ring out from peaks above,
Rolls on the glorious anthem
Of God's eternal love.

Who has not been inspired by "Sound the Battle Cry," another of his popular hymns, heard frequently in revival meetings to this day? Bro. Sherwin's poems and hymns are so numerous and varied that it would be a task indeed to attempt to enumerate them. Bro. Sherwin was born in Buckland, Mass., March 14, 1826. In 1841 he studied music under Dr. Lowell Mason; in 1842 he became a school-teacher at Ellenville, N. Y., and from 1845 till the beginning of the war he taught music in a female seminary in Albany. In 1865 he began teaching music in New York City. As a mere lad Bro. Sherwin had won fame as an alto singer, also playing creditably upon the violin. While in the metropolis he became leader of the Philharmonic Society in Jersey City. He was director of the celebrated Chautauqua choruses, numbering hundreds of trained singers, and at the time of his death was president of the New England Chautauqua Union, as well as an official of many other musical associations. He was an enthusiastic Mason from his first association with the fraternity, and was known as an honorable, lovable gentleman.

In recognition of the many courtesies of W. Bro. John Giffen, of New York Lodge, No. 330, he was elected to honorary membership, and a committee appointed to secure an engrossed certificate for presentation at an early date.

As the Trustees had failed to report at the annual meeting, the Secretary was ordered to send them a summons to attend the meeting of March 21.

Although St. Cecile had been honored from time to time by fraternal visits from most of the Grand Lodge officers, it was not until March 7 that the Lodge had the pleasure of receiving the Grand Treasurer, M. W. John W. Simons. The distinguished brother entered the lodge room and was received in the east with appropriate honors. He spent the afternoon assisting in the work.

The monument erected in Cypress Hills Cemetery by the Masonic Board of Relief was dedicated on the 21st of May with appropriate exercises in which St. Cecile Lodge took an active part.

By resolution of the Grand Lodge at the annual session in June the Most Worshipful Grand Master was authorized to appoint a Grand Lodge Musical Director, "Who shall have charge and direction of the music during the regular sessions and on all occasions of ceremony in which the Grand Lodge takes part." M. W. John H. Anthon, Grand Master, thereupon appointed W. Bro. William F. Sherwin, Master of St. Cecile, to this important position. Upon learning of this appointment the lodge presented the Master with a letter of congratulation upon his preferment.

An invitation was received from M. W. John H. Anthon, Grand Master, requesting St. Cecile to participate in the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the State Capitol at Albany, but it is not recorded that the lodge as an organization accepted the invitation.

By the death of Bro. William Humphrey Dayas, on July 27, the lodge lost one of the most popular and conscientious members—one who never wearied in well-doing. He never occupied any station in the lodge except that of organist, but served on many committees and was a regular attendant upon all meetings. Bro. Dayas signed the by-laws on October 31, 1865, and was by profession a musician. The brethren were summoned to attend the funeral, and met on Sunday, July 30, at the lodge rooms, No. 594 Broadway. All the officers were present, as well as a large number of the members. The lodge was formed in procession and proceeded to the residence, whence the body was borne to the Presbyterian Church in Twenty-third Street. Immediately after the services brethren of the lodge repaired to the rooms, where condolatory resolutions were adopted. Meanwhile a committee of members accompanied the funeral cortege to the cemetery. This was the first funeral ceremony that the lodge had been called upon to perform in the six years of its existence, and the proceedings made a deep impression upon the members.

The great fire in Chicago in October presented an opportunity for the display of that generosity which distinguishes

Masonic lodges, and in consequence thereof St. Cecile was called in special session by the Senior Warden, Bro. Myron A. Decker, in the absence of the Master. The lodge promptly subscribed $100 to the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the terrible calamity. A graphic word picture of the conflagration was given the brethren by R. W. Bro. Widdows, who had just returned from the stricken city. He also informed the brethren as to the measures of relief undertaken by the fraternity.

The close of the year brought the annual meeting and the consideration of the various reports. These showed that the year had not brought gains, either in membership or money. The receipts had been $715.75, the expenditures $773.95, leaving a deficit of $58.20. There had been a decrease, also, in membership. In order to increase the revenue it was resolved to raise the yearly dues from five dollars to six dollars. The condition of affairs in the lodge, though not entirely satisfactory, was not altogether discouraging, and the brethren were not dismayed. They elected officers as usual and hopefully promised themselves better things for the future. Bro. Myron A. Decker was chosen Master, Bro. Edward Hopkins Senior Warden, and Bro. Theodore Jacoby Junior Warden. The Treasurer and Secretary held over. Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee resolutions were adopted complimenting Bro. David Graham, Secretary, upon the highly satisfactory manner in which he had performed the onerous duties of his office. These resolutions were ordered engrossed for presentation. During the election and installation W. Bro. William F. Sherwin presided. The Trustees reported that the lodge had $289.38 deposited in the Manhattan Savings Bank, and that the property of the lodge consisted of "one iron safe, one Bible, one set of jewels, four staves, eleven officers' aprons, eighty white aprons, seven dozen white gloves, eighteen singing books, one sword for Tiler, one poignard, drawers, slippers, cabletows, mallet, canvas, etc., all in good order." Verily, an outfit so complete left little to be

desired. By vote of the lodge it was resolved to endeavor to bring sessions to a close no later than five o'clock in the afternoon.

1872.

W. Bro. Myron A. Decker (Piano Manufacturer).—Raised in Masters' Lodge, No. 5, Albany, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1855; withdrew in 1865 to become a charter member of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568. Appointed Secretary while the lodge was working under dispensation, but was unable to accept. Marshal in 1870; Senior Warden in 1871; Master in 1872-73-74-87; Chaplain, 1879-80-84-85-86-90-94-96, and annually thereafter until his death in New York City, August 16, 1901. Also served many years as a Trustee.

Brilliant and successful as many Masters have been in St. Cecile Lodge, few have left the enduring record for good work well done that was made by the late W. Bro. Decker. In the early seventies, during his first term as Master, he was absent but twice in the three years, both times because of serious illness. He was a man in whom many admirable qualities were evenly balanced, and left a reputation for wisdom as well as generosity which will never be forgotten in the lodge. He cared for St. Cecile with the solicitude of a tender parent, and spent hundreds of dollars in her behalf without the slightest ostentation. It was these lovable attributes which justly earned for him the affectionate appellation of "Father of the Lodge." His rendition of the ritualistic work was impressive, and his exceedingly dignified appearance lent weight to his words. He was an imposing figure in all ceremonials, but without pedantry. Was a brother reported ill, in need? W. Bro. Decker was usually first to aid. His friendship was sincere, practical; his course straightforward. Well beloved he was by all, and deservedly so. May his rest be peaceful; the awakening the realization of his confiding trust in the manifold goodness of "Him who doeth all things well." W. Bro. Decker was a native of Manchester, Ontario County, N. Y., where he was born January 2, 1823. After a brief season at the country school, at the age of thirteen he became an apprentice in a tannery. From there he went to Albany, where he learned cabinet making, later becoming an employé in Van Winkle's piano factory. He was with Boardman & Gray for eight years, during which time he married and joined the Masonic order. In 1858 he concluded to strike out for himself. He came to the metropolis and started a small place in Broome

Street. As the business increased it was successively removed to Twenty-second Street, to Fourteenth Street, to Eighty-seventh Street, and finally, in 1890, to the large factory in East 135th Street.

Resolutions complimentary to the Secretary, which had been adopted at the annual meeting, had been handsomely engrossed and placed in a neat frame. At the meeting of January 16 W. Bro. William F. Sherwin addressed Bro. David Graham in a happy speech, calling attention to the Secretary's onerous duties, and dwelling upon the satisfactory manner in which Bro. Graham had always performed every task allotted him. He then presented the resolutions, amid loud applause from the brethren. In accepting this expression of appreciation Bro. Graham modestly thanked the brethren for their kindness.

The meeting of January 30 proved to be one of somewhat unexpected interest. During the afternoon W. Bro. John Giffin, of New York Lodge, who was present, made a very felicitous address, paying a number of compliments to W. Bro. William F. Sherwin and his official staff for the excellent work done by them during the preceding year. At the conclusion of his remarks he presented to W. Bro. Sherwin a beautiful black walnut reception chair and writing desk, as a testimonial from his numerous friends in the lodge. The recipient expressed his pleasure at receiving so practical a gift, disclaiming any especial credit as his due and paying a glowing tribute to the fidelity of the officers who supported his efforts. He bespoke for the lodge many years of usefulness and increasing prosperity.

A report received from the Masonic Board of Relief stated that owing to the plethoric condition of the funds the per capita had been reduced from fifty cents to forty cents. This was taken as an indication of prosperity.

There were many objectionable features about the meeting rooms at No. 594 Broadway, which caused a lot of complaints from the brethren. A committee was appointed to find better accommodations, but was unsuccessful. After the Trus-

tees reported that the rent had been reduced to $125 per year it was decided to continue in the present location for another twelvemonth.

One of the particularly agreeable features of lodge meetings was the superior quality of the musical entertainment provided by brethren before the opening of the lodge and during the progress of the work. Among the artists frequently so contributing to the general enjoyment were Bros. Theodore Jacoby, Jacob Mallach, Thomas S. Nedham and J. Richter, who formed an instrumental quartet, rendering classical selections in superb style. They were the recipients of many compliments from brother musicians, as well as from music-loving visitors to the lodge.

LODGE ROOMS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The rooms then occupied by the lodge were in a building adjoining Niblo's Theatre. A fire which demolished the playhouse early Monday morning, May 6, did considerable damage to the contiguous buildings and ruined nearly all the paraphernalia of St. Cecile. The Trustees could find but little of the lodge property undamaged. Fortunately the records were elsewhere and were uninjured. W. Bro. Robert H. Thomas, of Kane Lodge, No. 454, promptly tendered to St. Cecile the hospitality of Kane's splendid rooms at No. 948 Broadway, with the use of that lodge's paraphernalia. This timely offer was gratefully accepted, and St. Cecile held its first meeting there in the afternoon of the following day. W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, who presided, greatly consoled the brethren by the confident prediction that the outcome of this apparently serious disaster would be the betterment of the lodge. Many generous offers of assistance were received from sister lodges—too many in fact to permit of enumeration here—but it was finally decided to accept the proposal of Kane Lodge to rent its rooms at $275 per annum. A



Myron A. Decker

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1872-73-74-87.

complication arose about the insurance to which the lodge was entitled. Secretary Graham was ill at his residence, and no trace of a valid policy could be found. The only document of the sort discovered was a policy which had expired. The Secretary, when questioned by the Trustees, declared that the policy had been renewed, but the renewal certificate had not been delivered by the company. Matters appeared even worse when it was learned that the insurance company had suspended because of its great losses in the Chicago fire. It was then thought that the lodge must bear the entire loss. The Trustees were ordered to purchase an entire new outfit, and to have it properly insured. Though the case seemed almost hopeless, W. Bro. Decker never ceased his efforts to have the lodge reimbursed by the insurance company. He was at last successful, when it was learned that the company had resumed business. The claim was amicably adjusted December 29, 1874, the lodge accepting an indemnity of $108.13 in settlement.

A curious circumstance in connection with this fire which has been talked of among the professional brethren of that day and which will be appreciated by orchestra players is the fact that no double bass viol was burned, although the musicians' place was destroyed. The double bass is too cumbersome to be conveniently removed every night from the theatre as the other orchestral instruments usually are, and when fire destroys a theatre during the run of a play at least one double bass is almost certain to be destroyed. It happened on this particular occasion that the regular player, having a chance to earn a good fee by playing elsewhere on the preceding Saturday, obtained permission to absent himself and took his bass viol with him. The substitute player, being engaged but for one day, brought his own instrument and at the close of the performance on Saturday night took it away again. Thus it happened that there was no double bass in the theatre at the time of the fire, a very unusual occurrence during a regular season.

A committee was appointed May 21 to revise the by-laws of the lodge. Those named for this work were W. Bro. David L. Downing, Bros. Edward Hopkins, Theodore Jacoby and Louis Fromme. The committee deserves great credit for the excellence of its work, which with slight subsequent change has been the law of the lodge practically ever since the recommendations of the committee were duly presented to the lodge, and after adequate discussion adopted October 29. The "Introduction," presented then in the by-laws for the first time, is a remarkably clear exposition of the principles and requirements of the Masonic order. It is as follows:

INTRODUCTION.

It is a common error of the times to class Freemasonry among secret societies. In the general acceptation of that term, nothing could be more unjust to us. It is true that our internal affairs are managed in our own way; that the public at large are not admitted to our assemblies; that in the practice of charity, we do not suffer our left hand to know what the right doeth; but our principles, our aims, the designs drawn on our Trestle-board, are an open page whereon he who wills may read; our Temples are on the highway, and to the worthy our doors are open; our times and places of meeting are never concealed; in a word, our general business and purposes are as public as need be required, and are conducted with no greater degree of secrecy than those of any well-governed institution, family, or individual. On the other hand, we especially desire that our system should be scrutinized, that our inculcations should be tried by the test of fair public opinion, in the full confidence that, in the estimation of good men, it will now, as heretofore, prove "like gold seven times tried in the fire."

Masonry is a universal system of morality, to which all men may subscribe. While she discriminates between the stupid atheist, the libertine, the outlaw, and he who, believing in an eternal and all-powerful Creator, sees Him in all the works of His hands, she makes no inquiry into a man's peculiar religious or political opinions, but strives to unite all in a generous brotherhood.

As Masons, we open our Temples to all men, that they may be incited by precept and example to overcome the prejudices of their country, the errors they may have inherited from their fathers, to love and assist each other, to efface the conventional distinctions of birth, rank, opinion, or nationality, to annihilate fanaticism and superstition, to extirpate national hatred and the scourge of war; in short, to arrive by free and

peaceful progress at that condition of humanity when each one, enfranchised from the darkness and errors of the past, shall be free to develop the faculties God has given him, and unite the whole family of man in the bonds of love, science and unity.

It will not be argued, we apprehend, that the human race has arrived at that state of moral and physical beatitude when no further efforts for its amelioration are required, and it seems clear to us that a system presenting to the novitiate a series of indisputable truths, impressing them on his mind by solemn ceremonies, enstamping them on his memory by a beautiful symbology, teaching him to love and practice virtue and abhor vice, must be worthy of a place among the best efforts of humanity.

We claim these things for Masonry, and for the truth of that claim we appeal to the history of the past—we call on the great and good in all ages of the world for their testimony. On that we are willing to rest; in it we find a reason, if a reason were needed, for our devotion to the system of Freemasonry.

You have expressed a wish to become a part of the Fraternity of Freemasons. The realization of this desire will depend, under our organization, upon the judgment of the brethren as to whether you may be suitable material for the Order, and whether the Order is suitable for you. It will therefore be the duty of every member—in case you see fit to present your name—to institute diligent inquiries about you; after which a vote by ballot will be taken, wherein one single negative will preclude your admission. Examine yourself again, therefore; see whether you can answer the expectations of the Order. Above all, endeavor to become clearly conscious of what you seek among us, and what motives have led you to seek our society. In order to facilitate this self-examination, to guard you against a misstep, and to secure ourselves against the danger of being hereafter reproached for any disappointment on your part, we deem it a duty, previous to your proposal, to meet you with candor, and ask you to reflect on the following points:

First. Do you expect by initiation into the Masonic Fraternity to obtain any outward advantages relative to your position as a citizen and as an individual? If so, pause while it is yet time; for, in this instance, you would be disappointed.

Second. Would your present convictions prevent you from forgetting the differences made in society between individuals, as to their station, wealth, capacities, religious opinions, politics, etc.? If so, relinquish the idea of becoming a Freemason, as you would probably find no pleasure in our meetings, where no notice is taken of these differences.

Third. Should you, however, believe that we work at a chimerical annihilation of the necessary civil relations; that we aim at a liberty and equality that are neither good nor practicable; or that we even teach a chilling indifference—then you will do well to consider your resolution to come among us; because, with such views, you would not suit our Order.

Fourth. Should your request for initiation arise only from curiosity, or, what is equally fallacious, the desire to enlarge the circle of your social acquaintance, we beg you, for your own sake, to renounce it—you would not attain your expectations. Neither your curiosity nor your desire to obtain secrets would be gratified. Your vanity might also be sensibly touched, when you found yourself beneath those whom you had, perhaps, heretofore considered your inferiors; and the mere social purpose you may accomplish in many other societies with greater ease and less restraint than with us.

Fifth. Every Freemason, at his initiation, has to make a vow of the most inviolable secrecy. Disappointed expectations, aggrieved selfishness, excited passions, might induce some to break their word: yet, how singular it is, that, notwithstanding the possibility of such treason, our union continues to exist, and includes so many respectable men, identified with us with all their strength. He who has finished his internal consecration and to whom the dead word has become a vital flame, cannot become a traitor to the Order. He, however, who breaks his vow commits treason against himself only, and thus proclaims that he has nothing of ours to reveal. From you such a vow will be demanded, and you should therefore seriously consider the motives by which you are governed. If you are not quite clear within yourself, you may be in danger of forgetting your vow and becoming a traitor, which we nevertheless do not fear on our account, but on yours.

Sixth. The obligations which, as a Freemason, you will be required to assume, in no wise conflict with the duties you owe to God or the rulers of your country, neither with your honor, good manners, or domestic relations.

Seventh. Our membership is also attended with some expense, which we require to be promptly and punctually paid, that our good works may not cease for want thereof. The amount you can readily ascertain (by reference to our by-laws), and you will give this consideration due attention.

Eighth. As the Masonic Society, as has been already said, consists of men of all classes and circumstances, you might, perhaps, find some one among us with whom you have been or are at variance. It therefore requires serious deliberation on your part as to whether you will be strong enough to acknowledge such a man as your brother.

Ninth. It may be also possible that you should meet some one in the Order whom, for good reason, you may deem unworthy of your esteem. A moment's reflection must, however, convince you that the Fraternity cannot guard against all mistakes in regard to initiation; and it is probably no dishonor to it, when it, only in an extreme case, and then with great reluctance, renounces a man on whom it had once conferred the name of brother. But now, while you can still choose, consider seriously whether you will have the courage to bear with such a one, to lead the erring, to raise the fallen, to love one who almost seems to be past redemption. This is unquestionably one of the most

difficult virtues, but it does not thereby cease to be such, and unless you are familiar with it you will never be a Freemason in the true sense of the word.

The true Mason does not consider the duties of his profession as a substitute for the requirements of religion, but regards his Lodge as a Temple of the Most High, who is ever present when two or three are gathered together in His name. He does not rashly attempt to draw the Deity down to himself, but, in humble consciousness of his own imperfection, he looks upward and endeavors to make the image of God, after whom he is created, visible in himself.

We ask you to ponder on these remarks and allusions, assuring you, that if you find a place in your heart for the principles contained in them, you may hope for a generous welcome to the society in which you ask to be initiated.

A more concise and beautiful declaration of principles or one furnishing richer material for the consideration of the thoughtful could scarcely be imagined.

In October the Master had the pleasure of welcoming to the east R. W. J. Rand Bailey, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, who was received with the honors due his exalted station. The distinguished visitor delivered a short address, which was received with marked favor.

At the annual communication, with but two exceptions, the officers held over for another year. Seldom has a more harmonious election taken place in the lodge. During the election R. W. John C. Boak presided. He was ably assisted by R. W. Isaac H. Brown, A. G. L. At this communication W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, at his own expense, provided the lodge with a full set of handsome officers' aprons and the splendid set of working tools in use in the lodge at the present time. R. W. Isaac Brown, A. G. L., at this meeting was elected to honorary membership.

A complete list of the officers follows:

Master	Myron A. Decker.
Senior Warden	Edward Hopkins.
Junior Warden	Theodore Jacoby.
Treasurer	Henry Tissington.
Secretary	David Graham.
Senior Deacon	William J. Leonard.

Junior Deacon	Ernest Neyer.
Masters of Ceremonies	Alvin G. Kohler. Christian Jauss.
Marshal	Francesco Ramacciotto.
Organist	Joseph Poznanski.
Tiler	L. Fromme.

The Trustees were: W. Bro. David L. Downing, Bros. Thomas S. Nedham and Louis Fromme. The Standing Committee: Bros. Edward Hopkins, Theodore Jacoby and William J. Leonard. Presumably, there were no Stewards appointed, as none are mentioned in the records.

The receipts exceeded those of the previous year by nearly $500. The Treasurer reported having received $185.50 in subscriptions to the Hall and Asylum Fund, and the lodge added $14.50 to bring the total up to $200, which was turned over to the custodians of the fund.

1873.

Commendable excitement and generous enthusiasm among the ladies attended the opening of their fair in aid of the Hall and Asylum Fund on March 15 in Apollo Hall, in West Twenty-eighth Street. An excellent chorus was provided by St. Cecile Lodge and the members busied themselves with the sale of tickets to their friends and assisted the management of the fair in many other ways. W. Bro. James E. Morrison, of Atlantic Lodge, was chairman of the Committee on Music, ably assisted by W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, of St. Cecile. By the indefatigable energy of the Ladies' Masonic Fair Association more than $45,000 was added to the fund.

A beautiful custom prevailing in the lodge was giving impromptu concerts before the opening, while the members were strolling in. As the musicians contributing were generally of the best, many visitors were attracted to the meetings, and the attendance was usually large. Among those who volunteered

for this pleasing service during the year were Bros. George W. Morgan, Thomas S. Nedham, Joseph Poznanski, Henry Lautenschlager and Ernest Neyer, who with trios and quartets comprising various instruments gave entertainments of rare artistic excellence. One of the classic instrumental pieces rendered was Haydn's "Imperial Quartet." Bro. Keppel also sang many beautiful songs with fine expression.

Bro. David Graham proposed for honorary membership W. Bro. Robert H. Thomas, of Kane Lodge, No. 454, who had on numerous occasions assisted St. Cecile, especially during the crisis following the fire which destroyed the old lodge room. Bro. Graham, in presenting this petition, said he felt that the lodge would be greatly honored in having upon its roll the name of a brother so worthy. W. Bro. Thomas was then elected an honorary member.

A special session of the lodge was called for October 21, for the purpose of considering a plan to raise money for the Hall and Asylum Fund for the completion of the Temple. On motion it was decided to loan the Fund $200 for two years, the sum to be taken from the lodge treasury. Accordingly, on November 4, the Trustees were authorized by vote of the lodge to draw the money from the bank, and it was soon after paid to the Hall and Asylum Fund Trustees, the lodge receiving therefor bonds payable two years from date. In addition to this another committee was appointed to receive individual subscriptions.

Meagre details of an appalling ocean disaster startled the world December 1. The French steamship *Ville du Havre,* which left New York on November 17, when about two hundred miles east of Newfoundland collided with the *Loch Earn,* a Scotch sailing ship. In the terrible wreck 226 lives were lost, only eighty-seven being saved. It was learned with deep sorrow that Bro. Luigi Squadrilli, a popular member who had joined St. Cecile Lodge eight months previous, was among the missing. Bro. Squadrilli was an importer, his place of business being Nos. 9-11 Maiden Lane, New York.

Return of the annual meeting brought the usual yearly reports. The Secretary reported 109 members in good standing, and that twenty-three stated communications and one special had been held. The Treasurer's report showed that the assets of the lodge were $303.20 and two Hall and Asylum bonds for $100 each. R. W. Bro. Frederick Widdows journeyed from Washington, D. C., expressly to meet with the brethren, and was warmly welcomed. The election was harmonious and was presided over by R. W. John C. Boak, who installed the elective officers, assisted by R. W. Bro. Widdows. There was little change of importance in the official roll. Bro. William J. Leonard replaced Bro. Jacoby as Junior Warden, and Bro. Ernest Neyer was appointed Senior Deacon in the place of Bro. Leonard. The other officers held over for another year. The appointed officers were installed at the meeting of December 30, W. Bro. William F. Sherwin presiding.

1874.

The brethren gathered on January 30, in response to a summons from the Master to perform the last sad rites for one whose association among them had revealed many lovable qualities. W. Bro. John M. Burnett, a Past Master of St. Cecile, who had been ill for some time at his residence, in New Jersey, passed away on January 28, aged forty-nine. He was the first among the presiding officers to die. The brethren of St. Cecile met in the lodge room and proceeded in a body to Liberty Street, where they met Jerusalem Lodge, No. 23, of Plainfield, N. J., which had escorted the body from Plainfield. The cortege then proceeded to Greenwood Cemetery, where in the presence of a large gathering of friends W. Bro. Myron A. Decker conducted the Masonic service for the dead. A beautiful and touching eulogy upon the life and character of the deceased brother was delivered by W.

Bro. Leis, of Jerusalem Lodge, who paid a high tribute to his worth as a man and Mason. W. Bro. Burnett affiliated from Central Lodge, No. 361, in 1865. After officiating as Senior Warden two years he was elected Master, upon the retirement of W. Bro. George F. Ilsley from the east. He was engaged in the stationery and printing business at No. 64 Cedar Street. The lodge subsequently adopted appropriate resolutions, a copy of which were sent to the family. A letter of thanks was also sent, under seal of the lodge, to the brethren in New Jersey who had displayed so much consideration for Bro. Burnett.

As the Temple neared completion many of the brethren thought the lodge ought to obtain accommodations therein. The matter was brought to the attention of the Master, who called the members together to consider the advisability of moving. Among the visitors present was R. W. Bro. Smith, S. G. W., of New Jersey. After a full expression of opinion Bro. Edward Hopkins moved that the Trustees be empowered to engage rooms in the Temple. At a subsequent meeting the Trustees reported that the Temple was not ready for occupancy, and they were instructed to re-engage the rooms then occupied at No. 948 Broadway.

OPEN-HANDED GENEROSITY OF THE LODGE.

It was customary in those days for applicants for pecuniary assistance to present themselves at the outer door of the lodge, and often a score or more unfortunates gathered there waiting for relief. St. Cecile had a reputation for generosity, and worthy applicants never went away empty-handed. The usual course was to "pass the hat" among the brethren, who contributed as the spirit moved them, the amount realized being distributed among the needy. Very frequently the lodge funds were drawn upon for the same purpose.

A striking instance of the open-handed generosity which

characterized St. Cecile Lodge occurred in the month of May. Among the numerous applicants for financial assistance who applied at the door while the lodge was in session was a distressed brother from some lodge the name of which is not recorded. The brother gave his name as M——i. He asked that aid be given him to enable himself and family to return to their home in Italy. The Master appointed Bros. L. Fromme, Thomas S. Nedham and F. Ramacciotto a committee to investigate the matter. The members of the committee were so strongly impressed with the applicant's story that they recommended giving a benefit concert to raise the money, as to take enough from the lodge treasury would deplete it. At their own request the three brethren mentioned were appointed to arrange for the entertainment, being voluntarily augmented by the addition of Bro. James Pearce, Bro. John C. Barnes and several others. Where the concert was given is not recorded, nor any particulars concerning it, except the financial statement. The receipts were $294.50, expenses $109. The tickets for the family's passage cost $182.50, and the grateful brother was sent on his way rejoicing. So lightly was this incident considered that the records give but these meagre details of it.

Owing to the rapidly increasing number of applicants for assistance at the lodge door, it was decided on June 16 to withdraw from the Board of Relief, so that the brethren could perform their eleemosynary work in their own way.

Interesting as were ordinary communications, the meeting of November 3 was unusually attractive because of a special programme of classical music. The occasion was the visit of M. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, Grand Master, accompanied by numerous officials and members of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, after being received with all the formalities due his exalted station, addressed the brethren in an eloquent tribute to the memory of the late Grand Master, M. W. John H. Anthon, who died October 29, and was buried at Otsego Lake two days previous to the meeting. Addresses

were also made by several others. Bro. Rudolph Kiers, of Progressive Lodge, No. 354, presented for the delectation of the brethren his "Cantata," a composition of merit intended for use in the third degree.

With the close of the year 1874 W. Bro. Myron A. Decker retired from the Worshipful Master's station. Under his administration the lodge had gained numerically and financially and had a high reputation for superior ritualistic work. In charitable undertakings the only limit was its ability to give.

The retirement of W. Bro. Decker brought with it many other changes. Chief of these may be noted a change at the Secretary's desk. Bro. David Graham, a charter member and Secretary of the lodge from its inception, declined a re-election, owing to ill health and pressure of business engagements. He was succeeded by W. Bro. George F. Ilsley. Bro. Edward Hopkins was elected Master, Bro. Theodore Jacoby Senior Warden and Bro. John C. Barnes Junior Warden. Bro. John G. Pfeiffer was appointed Senior Deacon. The Trustees were W. Bros. Decker and Downing, and Bro. Graham. The officers were installed by R. W. John C. Boak, assisted by W. Bro. Decker as Grand Marshal, a position which in later years gave him the keenest pleasure and in which he officiated with great dignity. The lodge passed complimentary resolutions upon the work of R. W. Bro. Boak, which were well merited.

1875.

W. Bro. Edward Hopkins (Music Dealer).—Affiliated from London, England, May 17, 1870. Marshal in 1871; Senior Warden, 1872-73-74; Master, 1875-76-77; Trustee in 1878-79; Organist in 1881. Died April 6, 1897.

The new officers made a heroic effort to get the lodge at work by half-past two o'clock on meeting days, but found it difficult to secure the attendance of the brethren at the unac-

customed hour. R. W. Bro. John C. Boak, who had shown a marked interest in everything pertaining to St. Cecile, was elected an honorary member on Feb. 2.

A communication was received from the Grand Master notifying the lodge that the date for dedicating the Temple had been fixed for Wednesday, June 2, and requesting contributions to the fund.

As the rooms in the Temple were ready for occupancy the Trustees were ordered to secure proper quarters there for St. Cecile Lodge. At a subsequent meeting the Trustees reported that they had secured the Tuscan Room at an annual rental of $215. The last regular communication at No. 948 Broadway was held April 20. At this meeting W. Bro. Hopkins announced that the Grand Master had requested St. Cecile to assist in the ceremonies incidental to the dedication of the Temple and committees were appointed to make the necessary preparations to properly observe the occasion.

On Tuesday, May 4, 1875, St. Cecile Lodge for the first time occupied the Tuscan Room. Every officer was in his proper station promptly, and after opening the lodge in full form the Master proceeded to work the first degree in the presence of a large number of members and visiting brethren. The room was filled to its capacity.

A beautiful Masonic hymn entitled "Hail, Brother Masons, Hail," composed by W. Bro. William F. Sherwin, of St. Cecile, was the principal musical number at the opening of the Grand Lodge on June 1. After rendering the music at the meeting of the Grand Lodge the brethren of St. Cecile retired to the Tuscan Room, where W. Bro. Hopkins, in a speech expressing the sincere esteem in which the recipient was held by his brethren of St. Cecile, presented to W. Bro. Myron A. Decker a beautiful and valuable Past Master's jewel. The affair had been so quietly conducted that Bro. Decker had not received the slightest intimation of the presentation and was completely taken by surprise. The eloquent words of W. Bro. Hopkins made a deep impression upon Bro.



Thos. J. S. Bradbury

PAST
JUNIOR WARDEN.





Geo. H. Morgan

ORGANIST.

Alexander Davis

1867.



John G. Pfeiffer

PAST SENIOR WARDEN.

Decker and it was several moments before he could express his gratification. He wore this valued token till the day of his death and bequeathed it as a prized souvenir to his son.

A MASONIC RED LETTER DAY.

One of the red letter days in the annals of Freemasonry in New York was Wednesday, June 2, 1875. On that day the new Temple was dedicated with most impressive ceremonies. The services at the Temple were preceded by a parade consisting of twenty-six divisions of Master Masons, which passed in review before the Grand Lodge in Fifth Avenue. The procession then continued downtown as far as Canal Street, returning up Broadway and thence through Madison Avenue as far as Thirty-fourth Street, returning to Twenty-third Street by way of Fifth Avenue. The line started at nine in the morning and reached the Temple at twelve o'clock. In this great parade, which doubtless was the most imposing Masonic spectacle ever witnessed in the United States, there were more than 23,000 Master Masons, "dressed in dark clothing, with high black hats, white gloves and plain white aprons for officers and members alike." St. Cecile Lodge was assigned to the eleventh division and had sixty men in line, but a great many of the members, musicians, necessarily marched in the various bands to which they were assigned. The services at the Temple were witnessed by an immense concourse of brethren, who were deeply impressed with the solemnity and dignity of the proceedings. The programme:

Grand overture—Orchestra, organ and chorus.
Prayer—Grand Chaplain.
Hymn.
Reading from Scriptures—Grand Chaplain.
Music.
Address—M. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, G. M.
Ceremonies.
Vocal music—Masonic Ode, by Bro. Harrison Millard, of St. Cecile Lodge.

Our Temple reared, complete it stands,
A monument of skill;
We clasp all brother Masons' hands
With true Masonic will.
Our children's children here will meet,
On Level and on Square,
And ages hence each other greet
Upon the mystic stair.

Here love and peace shall ever dwell,
And unity be found,
And many a breast with pride will swell
To tread the hallowed ground.
Here many a Mason will be raised
To wisdom's high degree.
Here many a widow's tear assuaged
And orphan's heart made free.

And when in Lodge above we meet,
Within heaven's brightest blue,
The great Grand Master will us greet,
As Masons tried and true.
Apprentice then and Fellow Craft
Will give the password blest,
And in the bright Blue Lodge with Love
Eternally will rest.

Ceremonies.
Instrumental music.
Consecration Prayer—Grand Chaplain.
Music.
Dedication of Temple by Grand Master and Grand Lodge.
Invocation—Grand Chaplain.
Oration—By M. W. John L. Lewis, P. G. M.
Proclamation—Grand Marshal.
Vocal and instrumental music.
Doxology.
Benediction.

The evening was devoted to a great banquet in Irving Hall.

R. W. John C. Boak offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to the Master and brethren of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, for their services at the opening of the Grand Lodge.

The following resolution, unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge, was introduced by M. W. Isaac Phillips. In

seconding the motion M. W. John L. Lewis expressed great gratification at its introduction.

Whereas, The ringing of the chimes and sounding of the bells at Grace Church on Broadway during the dedication procession ceremony of yesterday was a most beautiful and interesting feature which greatly added to the impressive character of the event, and proved most grateful to the feelings of our brethren without exception, and was cordially approved and responded to by the listening and observing masses of our fellow citizens, as a graceful compliment from a sacred and venerated institution to an ancient and honorable fraternity.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the R. W. Bro. Frederick Widdows (of St. Cecile) for his skilful and beautiful performance and execution of the chimes at Grace Church during the procession on the day of dedication. . . .

Resolved, That copies of the foregoing preamble and resolution be transmitted to Bro. Widdows.

The approach of the tenth anniversary of the birth of the lodge filled the brethren with a desire to properly celebrate the occasion. A committee, of which W. Bro. George F. Ilsley was chairman, was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The first Tuesday in July (6th) was the day selected. On that afternoon the capacity of the Tuscan Room was taxed to its utmost by members and visiting brethren. The lodge was opened in full form at half-past two o'clock, the chairs being filled by Past Masters, according to seniority. W. Bro. George F. Ilsley occupied the east, W. Bro. David L. Downing the west, and W. Bro. William F. Sherwin the south. W. Bro. Myron A. Decker was Senior Deacon. The third degree was conferred in a flawless manner. During the refreshment hour the brethren were entertained with splendid music. M. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, G. M., attended with members of his official staff. W. Bro. E. D. Brush, of Amity Lodge, No. 323, presented St. Cecile Lodge with a magnificent basket of roses, which was placed at the left of the Master, and the fragrance of the beautiful flowers pervaded the entire room. On behalf of the lodge W. Bro. Ilsley presented to R. W. John C. Boak an album, bound in leather, containing a certificate of honorary membership,

handsomely engrossed. The distinguished brother made a happy speech, which was loudly applauded. A vote of thanks was tendered to Bros. George W. Morgan, Wilkie, Dr. Kelly, Dionysius Barron and Henry Schwicardi for the excellent musical programme presented by them. After closing the lodge the brethren proceeded to Bro. Donovan's hotel, in East Twelfth Street, where a feast had been spread. The time quickly passed with song and story and it was the "wee sma' hours" before they adjourned.

During the month of August there was an intermission, and the lodge did not meet until September. W. Bro. E. D. Brush, of Amity Lodge, No. 323, was elected an honorary member of St. Cecile on September 21.

In the month of October the Trustees were instructed to exchange the bonds of the Hall and Asylum Fund, then falling due, for "Ten Year Income Bonds," with interest at 7 per cent., payable semi-annually.

R. W. Frederick Widdows wrote, under date of December 18, from Washington, D. C., a fatherly letter to the lodge, which was read at the next communication for the edification of the brethren. Among other suggestions looking to the good and welfare of the lodge which the esteemed Past Master made was the following: "The lodge having joyously celebrated the anniversary of the first decade since its institution, should also have a season of mourning in memory of those of our brethren who have passed through the 'dark valley.' I would, therefore, suggest that a lodge of sorrow be held on the anniversary of the first meeting of the lodge while under dispensation." The suggestion found supporters and a committee was accordingly appointed. The committee reported on January 18 that, while they deemed the project of holding a "lodge of sorrow" most fitting, they thought it inexpedient at that time. They recommended, however, that "a memorial page be prepared for each deceased brother and placed in the book of records of this lodge." This report was signed by W. Bros. Ilsley, Downing and Decker, and Bros.

Fromme, Brush, Tissington and Baker, and the recommendation was adopted by the lodge.

As the close of the year drew near the officers found themselves confronted by a difficult problem—one with which most organizations have to wrestle—the collection of back dues, a matter which at times has sadly vexed the best of lodges. It was found on examination of the accounts that there was outstanding on the books no less than $768.92. Many plans for bringing in this money were considered without reaching a satisfactory conclusion.

At the annual communication W. Bro. Edward Hopkins was re-elected Master, Bro. John G. Pfeiffer Senior Warden, and Bro. John H. Allen, a recent affiliate from George Washington Lodge, No. 285, Junior Warden. The Treasurer and the Secretary were unanimously re-elected. The ceremony of installation was conducted by R. W. John C. Boak, R. W. Isaac Brown assisting as Grand Marshal.

1876.

The first communication in 1876 of more than passing interest occurred on February 29, when the lodge was visited by a large delegation from Trumbull Lodge, No. 22, of New Haven, Conn., accompanied by brethren of other lodges in that city. The work of the day was the third degree. During the refreshment hour professional brethren rendered vocal solos and other music of a pleasing and artistic character and the afternoon was spent in a profitable manner. After closing in full form there was a substantial feast near by.

In the following May, St. Cecile accepted an invitation to visit New Haven. The brethren were met at the train by a committee and escorted to the rooms of Trumbull Lodge. They were received with many kind expressions by the Master, and were interested witnesses of the Connecticut work.

After closing the lodge they were taken in hand by a Reception Committee and introduced to many good things provided for the inner man. After passing a most agreeable evening the brethren returned home on a late train. There were about twenty-five in the party.

The singing of Bro. Morgan's "Hallelujah Chorus" by St. Cecile at the opening of the Grand Lodge on June 6 was a conspicuous success and many compliments were received by W. Bro. Hopkins and Bro. George W. Morgan upon the superb music provided on that day.

By death the lodge lost two valued members during the year. Although of widely different nationalities each had endeared himself to his fellows by a kindly, honorable personality. Bro. Louis Fromme, who died March 16, joined the lodge December 29, 1868, and was a regular attendant, endeavoring to perform every Masonic duty to the best of his ability. He served on all kinds of committees, was Tiler in 1872-73, and at the time of his death was one of the Trustees of the lodge. The lodge was summoned to attend the funeral, and responded in numbers. The services were held in the Grand Lodge Room on March 19, at noon. Religious services by the Rev. O. B. Frothingham preceded the Masonic ceremony, which was directed by W. Bro. Hopkins. The interment was in Cypress Hills Cemetery. Condolatory resolutions were adopted by the lodge, and copies ordered sent to the family and also to the Order of Elks, of which Bro. Fromme was a member.

Bro. Michael O'Reilly, who died November 13, was a native of Dublin, Ireland, and had been a member of the lodge since October 18, 1870. He was a brother of "Larry" O'Reilly, then Junior Master of Ceremonies. Two days afterward the lodge met in the Tuscan Room to pay the final tribute of the living to the dead. W. Bro. Hopkins was assisted in the service by W. Bros. Isaac Brown and E. D. Brush, the Wardens and many friends and brethren. The lodge was draped in mourning for thirty days in respect to

the memory of Bro. O'Reilly and appropriate resolutions were sent to his family.

PRINTED PROGRAMMES INTRODUCED.

Printed programmes for music at lodge meetings were introduced in St. Cecile for the first time November 21, 1876, being the idea of Bro. John H. Allen, Junior Warden. Although one or two brethren thought it was "putting on too much style," the innovation was nevertheless accepted with much favor and from time to time the custom has been continued. The first programme will doubtless be read with interest by the brethren of the present time. It follows:

VOLUNTARY, Organ.....Bro. Jas. Pearce.

OPENING EXERCISES.

ODE 13, Blest are the Sons of Peace.....Wallace.

LODGE BUSINESS.

QUARTETTE, The Roses are Drinking the Dew.

Bro. Archi. Johnston.

Bros. Warden, Weeks, Dalton, Schwicardi.

WORK—THIRD DEGREE.

Reception of Candidate.

ODE 125, Guide me, O thou great Jehovah!

DUETT, Tenor and Bass, Remember now, etc....Bro. Keirs.

Bros. Weeks and Schwicardi.

FIRST SECTION OF DEGREE.

SONG.....Bro. Schwicardi.....Mozart.

Within this sacred dwelling
Revenge no refuge finds;
Where joy each bosom swelling
And love to duty binds.

SEPTETTE, Brass Instruments.

DUETT.....Bros. Weeks and Dalton.....Blamphin.

We meet in brotherly love, brothers in heart,
Never to sever, ne'er to depart
From that fond love, faithful and true,
Pure as the pearly morning's dew.

SECOND SECTION OF DEGREE.

Reception of Candidate.

QUARTETTE, The Chapel.....KREUTZER.

DEGREE CEREMONIES.

SOLO, Be thou faithful unto death.....MENDELSSOHN.

BRO. GEO. S. WEEKS.

CHARGE TO CANDIDATE.

SOLO, Xylophone.....BRO. JOHN SENIA, JR.

CLOSING.

ODE 52, Once more, O Lord!.....LUTHER'S HYMN.

During this meeting the lodge room was filled with the delicious odor of fresh-cut roses arising from a magnificent bouquet of choice flowers placed in the east by W. Bro. E. D. Brush. After the lodge closed the bouquet was divided among the brethren for boutonnières. Among those noticed in the lodge room were many of the most prominent Masons in the city. One of those welcomed for the first time to the east of St. Cecile was the talented Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth District, R. W. Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers.

Although the year 1876 had not proven entirely satisfactory to the lodge in some ways, yet harmony prevailed among the members and there was not much cause for alarm. Among the more notable additions to the lodge membership during the year may be mentioned the name of Bro. F. C. P. Robinson, of Globe Lodge, No. 588, who affiliated in April. Bro. Robinson was the scion of a famous old English family, and was an actor of the first rank, at that time leading man at Wallack's. He was a most enthusiastic Mason. The more important changes in the roll of officers at the annual communication included Bro. William J. Leonard to Senior Warden, and Bro. Charles Ludwig to Junior Warden. Bro. Charles A. Stevenson was appointed Senior Deacon. Owing to the large amount of outstanding dues it was resolved to offer five per cent. for the collection of them.

1877.

Nothing of unusual importance occurred to disturb the placid course of events in the lodge all through the winter. Meetings were held regularly and the charities of the lodge were dispensed according to its ability. Aside from this there was little practical Masonic work.

The death of Bro. David Graham on April 6 marked the first break in the ranks of the charter members. Bro. Graham's death was not unexpected, as he had suffered from various maladies for a long time. The brethren were summoned to meet at the rooms of Lily Lodge, No. 342, in Morrisania, on April 8, to attend the services. From the lodge room there marched to Bro. Graham's home a numerous gathering of the members. The body was removed from the residence to the Presbyterian Church in Washington Avenue, St. Cecile acting as an escort. Religious services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Cumming, pastor of the church. The Masonic ceremony was held immediately afterward by W. Bro. Hopkins, assisted by W. Bro. George E. Simons. The funeral cortege then proceeded to Woodlawn, where the final services were held by Bro. William J. Leonard, Senior Warden. Bro. David Graham was a drummer of more than ordinary ability. He had been a member of Julian's great orchestra in 1857-58 and toured the United States with that superb organization. He afterwards settled down in New York and became drum-major of the Seventh Regiment Band. He was for many years connected with the orchestra at Wallack's Theatre. Bro. Graham was raised in Worth Lodge, No. 210, October 3, 1854, and remained a member thereof until the formation of St. Cecile, of which he was one of the original petitioners. He took great interest and pride in St. Cecile and was for nearly ten years Secretary of the lodge. In December, 1871, as has heretofore been mentioned, the lodge

presented him with a set of engrossed resolutions in appreciation of his services. Bro. Graham was an uncle of Bro. John G. Pfeiffer, a faithful, conscientious member of St. Cecile since March 5, 1867.

The musical programme supplied by St. Cecile for the opening of the Grand Lodge this year was quite interesting. The principal offering was a solo by Bro. William J. Castle, the lodge assisting in singing the chorus. Bro. George W. Morgan presided at the great organ during the ceremonies. The members of the lodge received warm praise on all sides for the excellence of their music.

There were no lodge meetings held from June 19 until September 18. On that day there was a very good attendance ready for the resumption of lodge work.

The annual meeting, on December 18, brought out the fact that the lodge was not making much progress, and considerable anxiety was felt. Reports of officers indicated that something would have to be done to increase the revenue. The receipts of the year were $841.66, the disbursements $807.50, leaving a balance of but $34.16. The total assets were $567.45. Outstanding dues, $914.17. The Trustees recommended the sale of the old iron safe in which the lodge books had formerly been kept, and the Master was by vote of the lodge authorized to dispose of it. During the election of officers the east was occupied by M. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, P. G. M., who afterward presided during the ceremony of installation. Bro. William J. Leonard was elected Master, Bro. Charles H. Ludwig Senior Warden, Bro. Harry J. Beckett Junior Warden. The Treasurer and Secretary were unanimously re-elected. W. Bro. Decker gave notice of an amendment reducing the initiation and affiliation fees. An amendment was also offered prohibiting delinquents from visiting other lodges and barring them from holding office. The introduction of these resolutions provoked a great deal of discussion among the brethren, but upon a vote being taken the motion prevailed.

1878.

W. Bro. William J. Leonard (Actor).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, April 18, 1871. Senior Deacon, 1872-73-76; Junior Warden, 1874; Senior Warden, 1877; Master, 1878-79. Served as Trustee in 1880. Dropped from the roll, September 5, 1882.

On January 15, 1878, the constitutional time having elapsed and the lodge having been duly summoned to consider the matter, W. Bro. Decker called up his amendments reducing the initiation fee to $30 and the affiliation fee to $1, and that debarring delinquents from holding office or visiting sister lodges. There was forthwith a spirited discussion, and upon a vote being taken it was made evident that a substantial majority were opposed to any change whatever in the by-laws.

Among the curious economical measures adopted at this time was a resolution ordering 150 copies of the by-laws printed and instructing the committee having the matter in charge to remove the covers from the old books and have them used upon the new ones. Bro. Charles Ludwig, of the Committee on By-laws, reported at the meeting of March 5 that the printers refused to do this and that the cost of 150 copies would be $30. Another member of the committee, Bro. Harry Beckett, reported that he could get 150 copies printed for $25, and then there was a lively discussion, which terminated in the decision that the lodge could not afford the expense, and the matter was tabled. Economy being the watchword of the day, and the meeting place in the Temple thought too much of a luxury, the Trustees were requested to find cheaper quarters for the lodge. It was finally decided to return to the rooms formerly rented from Kane Lodge at No. 948 Broadway, and the Trustees were ordered to secure those

rooms, if possible, at $150 per annum, beginning with May 1st.

NEWSPAPER WORKERS JOIN THE LODGE.

It was at this same meeting that W. Bro. Leonard proposed for affiliation Bro. Millard F. Horton, of Zeredetha Lodge, No. 483. Bro. Horton was a make-up on the New York "Times," and was probably the first out-and-out lychnobite to join the lodge. Theatrical musicians are usually through with their work before midnight, but the morning newspaper worker seldom is released before three o'clock in the morning, ofttimes an hour or two later. The latter is therefore compelled to take his rest at a time when the sun shines and the ordinary wheels of industry are busiest. Bro. Horton was the first morning newspaper printer to join St. Cecile Lodge. He was elected and signed the by-laws March 19. His first act after signing the roll was to present the petition of Mr. Charles H. Govan for initiation. On April 16 the first degree was conferred upon two candidates, one of whom was Mr. Govan, who has from that day been one of the sturdiest members of the lodge, and is a man of whom any organization might well be proud. This was the first ceremonial work done in the lodge in six months.

Although St. Cecile was not then prosperous, it must not be supposed that the debts of the lodge were ignored or the charities neglected. On the contrary, all bills were paid promptly and the lodge was never weary in well-doing. For example, at the meeting of March 19 bills to the amount of $79.43 were presented and paid and donations of $57 made for the relief of distressed brethren. Scarcely a meeting passed without voting money or taking up a collection for some beneficent purpose. Though straitened in circumstances, the lodge was harmonious and generous at all times.

Before returning to the old quarters in Broadway the last communication in the Tuscan Room was held April 30, 1878.

There was plenty of music and good-fellowship prevailed. Upon closing the lodge the Master notified the members to turn out in goodly numbers at the next communication. In transcribing his minutes the Secretary found himself near the end of his book, and made the following entry in addition to the minutes:—"I close up the minutes in this book as we leave Tuscan Room, Masonic Temple, and open a new book as we meet in the new room. I trust our communications may be as pleasant, if not more so than ever. May St. Cecile Lodge ever prosper is the earnest prayer of George F. Ilsley." This prayer has been re-echoed in many a heart since that day, and the writer of this work takes this opportunity to indorse the sentiment.

The first meeting upon returning to Broadway was held May 7. The second degree was conferred upon the two candidates who presented themselves, Messrs. Govan and Tighe, and after disposing of routine business the lodge adjourned.

A large number of brethren assembled in the lodge room on June 4 at half-past two in the afternoon. After opening the lodge and hearing the minutes, work was suspended, and the brethren formed in line and marched to the Temple, where the Grand Lodge was assembled. A musical programme similar to that of the preceding year had been prepared and was given during the opening of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Sargent, of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 610, singing the solos, St. Cecile rendering the chorus. At the conclusion of this portion of the ceremonies the lodge returned to its rooms in Broadway, where labor was resumed.

Another name was added to the list of honorary members on June 18, when M. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, P. G. M., was unanimously chosen for this distinction.

The lodge was summoned to attend the funeral of Bro. Charles H. Ludwig, Senior Warden of the lodge, who died July 19. The brethren assembled at the Temple at noon two days later. Agreeable to the expressed wish of the deceased brother the beautiful service of the Knights Templar

was performed by Palestine Commandery, No. 18, of which Bro. Ludwig had been a member. Music was provided by St. Cecile. The service was beautifully rendered and made a deep impression upon all present. The interment was in the Lutheran Cemetery. Bro. Ludwig was engaged in the insurance business, and had been a member of St. Cecile since 1873. The Senior Warden's chair was draped until the ensuing election and resolutions expressing the sympathy of the lodge were sent to Bro. Ludwig's family.

The great scourge of yellow fever throughout the Southern States caused much distress, and appeals for financial assistance met with spontaneous and generous response from the lodges of the metropolitan district. St. Cecile, as usual, did her part.

It is a singularly interesting fact that at no time in her existence has St. Cecile Lodge had a more brilliant corps of officers, intellectually, than those installed by R. W. John C. Boak at the annual election in December. The Master, W. Bro. William J. Leonard, was a popular leading actor at Wallack's, the principal theatre of the city at the time. Bro. Frederic C. P. Robinson, Senior Warden, was renowned as an actor of great ability in America and England. Bro. "Harry" Beckett, Junior Warden, leading comedian at Wallack's, had no superior in comedy. Bro. Henry Tissington, a charter member and Treasurer from the beginning, was orchestra leader at the Union Square Theatre for over nine years, and was known as a musician of unusual ability. Bro. "Larry" O'Reilly, Secretary, was also a musician—a member of Gilmore's great band—and afterward became Secretary of the Musicians' Union, an organization with several thousand members. Bro. Charles H. Govan, Senior Deacon, a natural elocutionist, lecturer and mimic, made a fine record for superior ritualistic work in the lodge room. Others holding office were Bro. Ernest Neyer, Master of Ceremonies, who was orchestra leader at the Standard Theatre. Then there was W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, successful piano manufacturer,

who was Chaplain. At no other time has such a galaxy of talented men held office in the lodge simultaneously. Of these brilliant members all have gone except W. Bro. Govan, who is still as strong in the faith as ever, and watches the progress of events with undiminished interest.

1879.

On January 21 Bro. Frederic C. P. Robinson gave notice of an amendment to the by-laws reducing the initiation to $30. At the meeting of February 18, the constitutional time having elapsed and due notice having been sent to members, this resolution was called up for action. An interesting discussion ensued, at the conclusion of which a vote was taken and the motion was declared carried.

Another matter which caused some discussion was the disposal of the old iron safe previously mentioned in this record. The matter was finally settled by selling the safe for $14.10, the cash being turned into the treasury.

The three-million-dollar robbery of a prominent banking institution in Broadway caused some anxiety as to the safety of the lodge funds deposited therein, and the Trustees were called upon to investigate the stability of the concern. Upon a report from the Trustees that the funds were safe the temporary alarm was allayed.

With extreme regret it was learned that Bro. Alfred Burnett had been seriously injured in Cincinnati. The particulars were not known at the time, but it was some months before this deservedly popular brother recovered from the effects of the accident and was able to appear again in the lodge room.

Glancing at the work accomplished during the year it will be seen that little in the way of initiations was accomplished. As a matter of fact there had not been any degrees conferred since the previous June. Notwithstanding the lack of appli-

cations for membership, lodge meetings were never dull. Among such talented and genial men there was always a good song, an instrumental number or some other diversion to while away the refreshment hour.

The approach of the annual election (Dec. 16) presented some knotty problems for the consideration of the slate-makers. W. Bro. William J. Leonard pleaded business engagements and declined a third year as Master. The Senior Warden, Bro. Frederic Robinson, having decided to accept an engagement for a long tour, also declined the honor. Bro. Theodore Jacoby, who had served as Junior Warden in 1872-73 and as Senior Warden in 1875, was persuaded to accept the office. Bro. Robinson was re-elected Senior Warden, and Bro. John H. Allen, who had filled the same position two years previous, was again elected Junior Warden. Bro. Henry Tissington, Treasurer, and Bro. Laurence O'Reilly, Secretary, were both re-elected, and Bro. Charles H. Govan was reappointed Senior Deacon. W. Bro. Myron A. Decker presided during the election, and the officers were installed at the following meeting by R. W. Isaac H. Brown. The Treasurer's report showed that the actual assets were: Bonds, $200; in bank, $267.63; in hands of Treasurer, $87.43—total, $555.06.

The close of the seventies found the finances of the lodge in just about the same condition they were in at the close of 1869, but the enthusiasm of ten years previous was wofully lacking and there was a large amount of uncollected dues on the books. While it cannot truthfully be said that there was lack of harmony in the ranks, the essential element of success was wanting. The tide of the lodge's affairs was at its lowest ebb, and there was not a proposition for membership received from October 7, 1879, until January 4, 1881. However, the little band of the faithful continued to meet regularly, settled all obligations promptly, and as opportunity presented lent a helping hand in the relief of the distressed, hoping for the return of more prosperous days.

IN THE EIGHTIES.

> But the nearer the dawn, the darker the night.
> And by going wrong all things come right;
> Things have been mended that were worse,
> And the worse, the nearer they are to mend.
> —*Longfellow.*

1880.

W. Bro. Theodore Jacoby (Musician).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, March 2, 1869. Junior Deacon, 1870; Senior Deacon, 1871; Junior Warden, 1872-73; Senior Warden, 1875; Master, 1880; Chaplain, 1881-87-89. Served as Trustee in 1882-83. Died New York City, January 8, 1897.

One noteworthy circumstance in the winter of 1880 was the introduction of recitations during the refreshment hour. To Bros. Allan Latham and Frederic Robinson belongs the credit of this pleasing innovation, as they were fathers of the idea and the first volunteers. Up to that time the lodge entertainments had been exclusively of a musical nature. With the brilliant offerings of these and other masters of elocution added to the charming music for which the lodge had a wide reputation the "refreshments" of St. Cecile took on the distinctive characteristics which have become famous around the world and have won approbation from the brethren of many lands.

But notwithstanding the highly interesting character of the lodge meetings, with such an abundance of unrivalled

talent to draw upon, even with the reduced rate of initiation, new members were not attracted. It is an interesting and remarkable fact that during a period of twenty months only one degree was conferred. On January 6, 1880, after resting from ceremonial work for seven months, the lodge conferred the third degree upon Bro. Henry W. Roe, who had received his second degree in the preceding June. This was the last work performed until February 1, 1881, a period of thirteen months! It was natural, under such unfortunate circumstances, that every endeavor should be made to keep down the expenses, as little money was coming in. The Trustees were requested to endeavor to effect a reduction in the rent, and failing in that to seek cheaper quarters. Notice of an amendment to the by-laws reducing all salaries was given and after the proper interval called up for action by the lodge. This amendment was defeated and the idea abandoned. However, determined effort was made to collect some of the outstanding dues. These were the most trying days ever experienced by the lodge, and the older members never weary of telling of their struggles to keep the lodge alive during that period.

A distinct apprehension of loss was felt when Bro. Frederic C. P. Robinson announced that the time had arrived for him to fulfil a Western engagement which would necessitate his absence from the city until March, 1881. The brethren were loath to part with one who had manifested such great interest in the welfare of the lodge.

DEATH OF W. BRO. DAVID L. DOWNING.

During the summer the brethren were shocked to learn of the death of W. Bro. David Lorenzo Downing, fourth Master of the lodge, who died at his residence, in West Twenty-seventh Street, on Thursday, August 19. The brethren were summoned to meet at half-past eight in the morning on Mon-

day, the 23d, to attend the funeral. The turnout was large, and, clothed in white gloves and aprons, the lodge formed in funeral procession and marched to the residence. From there the body was escorted to the Church of the Holy Apostles, in Ninth Avenue. Members of the Ninth Regiment Band, of which W. Bro. Downing was leader, were present in dark clothing, without instruments. There was a great throng of friends and members of the various civil and military organizations of which he was a member, filling the large church to overflowing. The Episcopal service was read by the Rev. A. T. Anderson. Mr. P. S. Gilmore, with his celebrated band of one hundred musicians, was present and played (it is said for the first time in public) his celebrated "Death is at the Door," "The Lost Chord," and "The Dead March in Saul," after which the pall-bearers, Bros. Christian Michl, Jacob Malloch, Nathaniel Sawyer, Christian Mihr, Frederick Fischer and Gustave Wilkins, bore the coffin to the hearse. A procession was formed and proceeded to the railroad depot, where the train was taken to Woodlawn. At the grave the full Masonic service was given by special request of the deceased brother. The floral pieces were numerous and beautiful. The daily newspapers said it was the largest funeral ever seen in that vicinity.

W. Bro. Downing was proposed in St. Cecile Lodge by Bro. Henry Tissington, February 21, 1865, his being the third proposition received while the lodge worked under dispensation. He received the degrees early in the year and was an active member from the first, always placing his services at the disposal of the lodge in whatever capacity they could be useful. After filling minor positions in the lodge he became Master in 1870, and was deservedly esteemed. Resolutions expressive of the loss it had sustained were passed by the lodge and sent to the family. But the sympathy of the lodge was not manifested in words alone. The fact having been made known that the affairs of the deceased Past Master had become so involved that his family were likely to suffer, it

was unhesitatingly resolved, on motion of Bro. Myron A. Decker, to donate to Mrs. Downing the last $100 of the lodge funds, leaving an empty treasury.

Nor was this the only loss by death at the time. On the day of W. Bro. Downing's funeral there was borne to the tomb another who had been a steadfast friend of the lodge. R. W. Bro. Isaac Brown, of Puritan Lodge, No. 339, was an honorary member of St. Cecile, a man whom all delighted to call friend and brother. Of great stature and weighing over three hundred pounds, Bro. Brown had a heart of love in proportion. Many stories are told of his generosity. It was greatly regretted that, owing to the obsequies of W. Bro. Downing, the lodge could not attend the funeral of R. W. Bro. Brown. Appropriate resolutions, however, were sent to his family.

CORNER STONE OF OBELISK LAID.

A public function which aroused much interest was the laying of the corner stone of the Obelisk in Central Park. The date originally set, October 2, was found to conflict with the unveiling of the Robert Burns statue by the Scottish societies, and a postponement was had until the following Saturday, October 9. On that day there was a procession of Masonic bodies which numbered nearly 10,000 men. R. W. Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers was grand marshal. There were eleven divisions of Masons in line, with members of the Grand Lodge. Commanderies of Knights Templar acted as escort. The weather was fine and the parade made a deep impression upon all beholders, on account of the eminently respectable appearance presented by the ranks of Masons, all dressed in dark clothing, white gloves and aprons, marching in sections of six, under their lodge officers. St. Cecile Lodge was in the seventh division, but, as usual, many of her members were in the various bands engaged. The lodge took no especial part otherwise in the ceremonies.

The many friends and acquaintances of Bro. Henry Jesson Beckett, Junior Warden in 1878-79, were grieved to learn of his illness and sudden death while playing an engagement at a leading theatre in London, England. Bro. Beckett received the degrees in St. Cecile Lodge in May, 1876, and was remembered for his sunny disposition no less than for the fine ability which characterized his work on the stage. As a leading comedian he had few equals. He brought into Masonry the same qualities which endeared him elsewhere, and was highly esteemed for his sterling worth. He was one of the seven founders of the Lambs' Club, and was a member of other popular organizations.

As the lodge was getting no new members and quite a number of the old ones had apparently ceased paying dues, financial affairs looked dubious, to say the least. In this emergency it was decided to give a benefit performance to recoup the treasury. Miss Annie Pixley and others volunteered to appear. Unfortunately, the date selected happened to fall on a Sunday evening. This raised a discussion in the lodge as to the propriety of giving such a performance on the Lord's Day, which some contended would be an infraction of one of the fundamental laws of Masonry. Upon the whole question being referred to higher authority the opposition was sustained, and thus the well-meant plan fell through.

Another question which excited considerable discussion was raised by the candidacy of Bro. John H. Allen for the east. It was contended that an affiliated member should not seek the gavel when children of the lodge, as it were, wished to wield it. Viewed in the light of subsequent years it is well indeed that the narrow policy of some members did not prevail, as the lodge seemed immediately to take on new life with the installation of Bro. John H. Allen, Bro. Allan Latham, Bro. Charles H. Govan and their associates. R. W. Bro. James E. Morrison was invited to install the new officers and cheerfully accepted the invitation. The words of wise counsel spoken by this esteemed brother found a responsive chord in the hearts of his hearers and greatly encouraged them.

1881.

W. Bro. John H. Allen (Druggist).—Raised in George Washington Lodge, No. 285, August 2, 1872; affiliated with St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, November 2, 1875; Junior Warden, 1876-80; Master, 1881-82-83-84; Trustee, 1885-86. Affiliated with Shekomeko Lodge, No. 484, in 1894; elected honorary member of St. Cecile Lodge, 1894.

"Energy and enthusiasm" were the watchwords of W. Bro. John H. Allen, characteristics which he carried with him into everything with which he had to do. Better still, he had the rare faculty of imparting these qualities to his associates. No sooner was Bro. Allen at home in St. Cecile Lodge than he impressed the brethren with his energetic methods, and to him must be accredited many of the plans for reviving the somewhat drooped spirits of the members. He never was backward when he thought he was right. "Be sure you are right, then go ahead." It might also aptly be added, in his case, "with a full head of steam." Notwithstanding Bro. Allen's popularity, there was opposition from some conservative members when it was proposed to make him Master. Fortunately, the opponents were won over, and he was elected. W. Bro. Allen introduced the idea of holding public installations of officers, thus attracting attention to the work of the lodge. This brought the families of the members to these functions, many of whom had never witnessed a Masonic ceremony of any sort, and added greatly to his popularity. When he was criticised on economical grounds for spending the lodge money for printed invitations he characteristically replied that "the best was none too good for St. Cecile." He awakened interest in all branches of the lodge work, but the full effect of his influence was not noticeable until later. At the termination of his four years' service as Master the lodge presented him with a handsome gold watch, which he still wears with pride in far-off Australia, where he is as enthusiastic in Masonry as he was twenty years ago. Bro. Allen was born in Cork, Ireland, in 1847, of ancient Quaker stock, and for many years maintained a successful drug business in Second Avenue, this city, which was a rendezvous for all his Masonic friends.

Brethren of the present day may be interested to learn that in January the south was occupied by Bro. "Harry" Roe, who displayed the same accuracy in the work of that station which has ever characterized his efforts in other important offices in the lodge. It was during this period that he sang for the first time in the lodge "Rocked in the Cradle of the

Deep," the artistic rendition of which made a tremendous hit with the brethren. On January 4 there was presented for the consideration of the brethren the first petition for initiation and membership received since October 7, 1879, a period of about fifteen months.

The official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Horatio W. P. Howson, on February 1, was made the occasion for providing an interesting programme during the refreshment hour. The first degree work upon a St. Cecile Lodge candidate in thirteen months was witnessed on that day. During the long interval the lodge occasionally performed ceremonial work for practice, and on one occasion conferred a degree to oblige the officers of another lodge, but aside from this there was no degree work done from June 3, 1879, until the date mentioned above. Every one was gratified to observe signs of returning activity. A pleasing addition to the ceremonies was introduced by Bro. Allan Latham, who displayed a series of stereopticon views illustrating subjects familiar to the brethren.

A fraternal invitation to visit George Washington Lodge, No. 285, was accepted by St. Cecile Lodge, and as many of the brethren as could do so on Friday evening, April 28, repaired to the rooms of George Washington Lodge. They were received with many expressions of welcome by the lodge officers and courteously entertained. George Washington Lodge was the Masonic home of Bro. John H. Allen before his affiliation with St. Cecile, and was also remembered as one of the lodges which indorsed St. Cecile's application for a charter in 1865. In recognition of these kindly acts a formal letter expressing the fraternal regards of St. Cecile was sent George Washington Lodge on May 3.

ST. CECILE THE FIRST MATINEE LODGE.

The following interesting communication was received from R. W. Bro. Frederick Widdows and read in open lodge for the information of the brethren :—

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 2, 1881.

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, WARDENS AND BRETHREN OF ST. CECILE LODGE, No. 568, F. & A. M.

GREETING—Having upon several occasions of the annual communications sent congratulatory letters to you, thus renewing from time to time my fealty to the lodge, I am now about to ask that the ties which have bound me to the lodge for over sixteen years be severed. I feel, dear brethren, that for the last ten years or more I have done nothing for the honor and glory of our beloved order except paying dues. Those members who were with me at the institution of the lodge know how much I love the order, and especially St. Cecile, and how I worked to bring into existence the lodge of my own creation. The idea of a lodge to meet in the daytime for the benefit of our musical brethren was conceived by me. I drew up the petition for the dispensation and invited those whose names appear as charter members to sign it. I visited the several lodges to get the indorsements necessary, and taught the work to the stationed officers, who were recommended by myself, and who were young members of the order at the time. I also had the honor of being the charter Master and first elected Master of the lodge, and had the proud satisfaction of hearing St. Cecile spoken of and acknowledged as one of the best working lodges in the jurisdiction. It is now over sixteen years since the first meeting under the dispensation was held, and although my business has been such that for the last ten or twelve years I have not been able to visit the lodge more than two or three times, still my love for the lodge of my creating has not waned and my sympathies will always be with St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568. As there is every possibility that this city will be my permanent residence, and as many of my friends here are desirous that I should become an active member in this jurisdiction by affiliating with some lodge, I would respectfully though regretfully ask the lodge to grant me a dimit. . . . Trusting that I may be pardoned for thus indulging in a little self-laudation, I shall always feel proud of my connection with St. Cecile; proud that the name of St. Cecile as the first musical lodge ever established in any jurisdiction is known Masonically, not only throughout the United States, but in England, where I heard it spoken of when in London six years ago. . . . Trusting that the lodge may go on and prosper and that peace and harmony may prevail within her walls is the sincere wish of

Yours fraternally,

FREDERICK WIDDOWS.

This letter from the founder of the lodge was read and ordered to be spread in full upon the minutes. His request for a dimit was regretfully acceded to.

In connection with the claims set forth in the foregoing communication, the writer has had considerable correspond-

ence, as well as many personal interviews, with brethren deeply learned in the history of Masonry in this country, with a view to establishing the fact beyond contradiction that St. Cecile was the first regularly chartered lodge to meet exclusively in the daytime. There seems to be no question, apparently, that this claim is well founded. Of the many letters received, the following is from the learned Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.:

Replying to your letter of the 3d inst., permit me to say that St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, was undoubtedly the first lodge, in America, at least, to hold its communications in the daytime. Of course lodges theretofore frequently held special communications in the afternoon, but that was simply done to expedite the work of the lodge in regard to candidates. You may say emphatically that St. Cecile was the first lodge to hold its stated communications in the daytime in this country.

Fraternally,

E. M. L. EHLERS,
Grand Secretary.

This interesting official communication from such eminent authority should set at rest whatever doubts any may have hitherto entertained in regard to St. Cecile Lodge's claims in this respect. As a further expression of opinion, appended is another communication on the subject, this from a brother who has also delved deeply in the quarries of Masonic research:

MASONIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.:

In reply to yours would say that Masonry was brought to this country by the British soldiers, and the first lodges here were army lodges only, with "wandering" charters. These generally met in the daytime, but these lodges can in no way be compared with our present system, as they had no steady existence and no cohesiveness. After the establishment of our State Grand Lodges meetings in large cities were generally held at six o'clock or after sundown, while in the country lodges met by the moon. (See Proceedings of Grand Lodge, New York, 1906.) Hence, I believe St. Cecile was the first lodge to meet in daytime under charter granted

with that object in view. She has good ground for her claim; long may she wave. Our brethren formerly were in no hurry to make Masons and took a good solid day for their meetings.

Fraternally yours,

E. Lowenstein.

In recognition of many years' faithful service as Treasurer the lodge passed a series of highly eulogistic resolutions for presentation to Bro. Henry Tissington. After having the testimonial handsomely engrossed it was presented by W. Bro. Allen in his happiest manner. The Master but expressed the sentiment of all when he referred in the most complimentary terms to the fidelity of Bro. Tissington and called attention to his unusually regular attendance and the fact that the lodge had never yet been called upon to change its Treasurer from the first election in 1865. Of the brother's high reputation as an orchestra leader he said it was entirely superfluous to speak; he was favorably known as a musician on both sides of the Atlantic. In accepting the testimonial Bro. Tissington expressed his love for the lodge and thanked the brethren for their kindly feeling.

It is interesting to note that the first police officer to join the lodge was Bro. James Hunter, of Arcturus Lodge, No. 274, who affiliated with St. Cecile September 4.

In response to a summons brethren of the lodge, together with many members of other Masonic bodies, on September 13 gathered at the residence of Bro. Sigismund Voytits, Horatio Street, to pay the last sad tribute to one who had proved himself worthy to be known as a friend and brother. Bro. Voytits, who owned a printing office near the Post-office, joined the lodge in 1868, and was never found wanting when duty called. The exigencies of his business did not permit him to devote to Masonry the time he desired, and he never accepted any important office in the lodge, but a more willing worker in the great cause would be difficult to find. There were Masonic services conducted by the Master, after which the interment took place in the Cemetery of the Evergreens.

The deplorable death of Bro. James A. Garfield, President of the United States, occurred Monday, September 19, 1881, at half-past ten in the evening. At the regular communication of the lodge on the following afternoon the Master called attention to the fact, and stated that as St. Cecile was the first lodge meeting in regular session since the President's death he thought it appropriate that a message expressing the sentiments of the lodge be sent immediately to Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, Washington, D. C., of which Bro. Garfield was a member. Consideration of the suggestion was taken up and W. Bros. Decker, Hopkins and Jacoby were appointed a committee to draft appropriate resolutions, which were also ordered to be suitably inscribed in the records of the lodge. In acknowledging the prompt action of St. Cecile the Washington lodge addressed a courteous letter of thanks, accompanied by a copy of the memorial book issued by them at the time of the obsequies. Thus St. Cecile had the honor of being the first Masonic lodge—probably the first organized body of any sort—to adopt and send appropriate resolutions upon the untimely death of the martyred President.

The kindly feelings entertained for R. W. Frederick Widdows was illustrated on November 15, when W. Bro. Hopkins, in a speech extolling the virtues of this esteemed brother, proposed him for honorary membership. A committee was appointed and upon its favorable report the brother was unanimously elected. It was ordered that a certificate, suitably engrossed, be prepared and placed in the hands of the Master for presentation on some opportune occasion. On the 12th of January following W. Bro. John H. Allen went to the city of Washington for the express purpose of personally presenting the certificate in a manner as impressive as possible. Bro. Allen was received with high honors in New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the District of Columbia in person, in the presence of a gathering of brethren which filled every available space in the hall. R. W. Bro. Widdows was called out before the great assemblage and there presented with the certificate.

The eloquent speeches filled his eyes with tears of pleasure and pride, as well they might. The occasion was a great one for Bro. Widdows and no less so for St. Cecile Lodge. Some of the best known Masons in the United States were present.

The close of the year did not exhibit any extraordinary signs of prosperity in the lodge, but subsequent events proved that good seed had been sown which in due time brought forth satisfactory results. The earnestness of the Master, the particularly careful work of the other officers, especially that of the Senior Deacon, Bro. Charles H. Govan, whose brilliant efforts during this year attracted much attention, brought back to the lodge in increasing measure that prosperity which had formerly marked her course. From that time on the lodge has never taken a serious backward step.

1882.

Among the prodigals who returned to the fold at the beginning of the year 1882 were several old members who had not attended lodge meetings for a number of years. Conspicuous among these was Bro. George W. Morgan, a charter member, who had been absent a long time. Bro. Morgan was surrounded by old friends, who insisted upon his accepting the post of lodge organist, which he did.

It looked like a revival of the "gool old days" when on January 31 the lodge was honored by a visit from M. W. Horace S. Taylor, Grand Master, accompanied by members of his staff and other distinguished Masons. The Grand Master was welcomed with all the *éclat* possible, and made an address which greatly encouraged the brethren. The lodge worked the third degree and provided an excellent musical programme for the delectation of the visitors, who expressed their pleasure at the reception given them. An inspiriting event was the offer of Bro. Charles A. Stevenson to give a benefit performance with his dramatic company in aid of the lodge treasury. This generous proposition met with ready acceptance.

Although the lodge had on its roll actors and theatrical *attachés* of almost every sort, it was not until this communication that professional circus performers were enrolled among the many branches of "the profession" represented. Among those elevated to the sublime degree of Master Mason were two gymnasts of high repute employed by a large travelling organization.

One of those peculiarly delightful functions which linger lovingly in memory occurred on the 4th of April, when St. Cecile was honored by a fraternal visit from the Master and members of New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, of Washington, D. C. The visit was supposed to be somewhat in the nature of a surprise, but W. Bro. Allen and his officers were not unprepared. The visiting delegation was led by the venerable founder of St. Cecile, R. W. Bro. Frederick Widdows, who, upon invitation of W. Bro. Allen, presided during the work of the second degree. Those from Washington included W. Bro. W. E. Dennison, Bros. Harrison Dingman, H. C. Bowers and several others. W. Bro. Dennison, on behalf of New Jerusalem Lodge, presented St. Cecile with an elaborately executed set of resolutions setting forth the amicable feeling existing between the two lodges, and expressed in eloquent words the ties which bound them. During the refreshment hour there were piano solos by Bro. George W. Morgan, and Bros. Henry Schwicardi and Henry W. Roe sang beautifully, Bro. Allan Latham recited, Bros. John Hunt, Alexander Davis, Michael Schlig, Christian Mihr, Laurence O'Reilly and Michael Link played a sextet for brass instruments. There was great enthusiasm at each number. The afternoon's entertainment was only concluded in time to finish the degree work before dark. An imposing galaxy of Masonic notables were present, among whom may be mentioned R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, then acting Grand Secretary; R. W. Lincoln Sage, J. G. D.; R. W. Frank Magee, G. S.; R. W. Bros. Costenbader, Hyde, Stelfax, J. M. O'Reilly, C. L. Clark, W. H. Reilly, and many others.

Later in the evening there were refreshments at a near-by restaurant.

The officers deemed it wise, for economic reasons, to move from the quarters then occupied, and after obtaining permission from the Grand Master the Trustees were ordered to secure the rooms of New York Lodge, No. 1, B.P.O.E., at Nos. 113-117 West Twenty-third Street, over Bryant's Minstrel Hall. On May 2, 1882, the brethren met there for the first time. It was the 403d communication of the lodge and the third degree was conferred upon three candidates.

A peculiarly distressing accident was the drowning in Spofford Lake, N. H., of a promising young son of Bro. J. C. Reitzel. The young man had shown exceptional talent as an artist. Bro. George Conly, of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 529, Pennsylvania, well known as a vocalist, was fishing with young Reitzel when their boat was overturned and the two sank before assistance could reach them. It was a long time before the bodies were recovered. Bro. Reitzel had the profound sympathy of all in the hour of his sorrow.

By the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Master a musical programme was provided by St. Cecile for the opening ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, which convened June 6, in the Temple. Bro. George W. Morgan presided at the great organ and played as an introduction the "Grand Processional March," composed by him expressly for the Grand Lodge. Bro. William J. Castle, also a member of St. Cecile, sang with fine expression an opening solo, after which the members of St. Cecile joined in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus." The members then formed in procession and returned to their lodge room, where labor was resumed. On Wednesday, June 7, the following was introduced in the Grand Lodge by R. W. William T. Woodruff, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the best thanks of this Grand Lodge are very largely due to St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, for the beautiful musical exercises furnished by that lodge at the opening of the Grand Lodge.

An incident illustrating the universality of Freemasonry occurred in September, when the lodge received a request from St. John's Lodge, No. 673, of Liverpool, England, to confer upon two of her fellowcrafts the sublime degree of Master Mason. The two brothers, Bence and Reid, being in very truth seafaring men, were unable to get the degree at home, owing to their enforced absence. St. Cecile complied with the request and reported the action taken to the proper Masonic authorities.

Owing to the difficulty of obtaining a theatre in which to hold the performance, the benefit tendered by Bro. Charles A. Stevenson had long been in abeyance. About this time Mr. A. M. Palmer was approached on the subject and generously donated the use of the Union Square Theatre for the purpose. The date decided upon was Thursday afternoon, January 27.

Another name was added to the roll of those distinguished by honorary membership in the lodge when, September 19, R. W. James E. Morrison was elected for this distinction. Bro. Morrison was decidedly popular with the members of the lodge, with many of whom he was on terms of intimacy. The lodge ordered a certificate to be prepared for presentation.

A glance at the names added to the roll during 1882 reveals such well-known brethren as Theodore Thieler, lawyer; David H. Agan, M.D.; James H. Baxter, professionally known as George Olmi, opera singer; Isaac Friedenberg, merchant; Joseph Laendner, Gustave Mohr and Hugh E. Mollenhauer, musicians; Paul Drosihn, grocer, etc., many of whom are still living and active in lodge affairs. Certainly good timber was accepted, though many applications were rejected. The annual reports were very encouraging, eleven new members having been enrolled during the year, and about $200 added to the funds in excess of expenditures. W. Bro. John H. Allen was re-elected Master, Bro. Allan Latham was elected Senior Warden and Bro. Michael Schlig Junior Warden. Bro. Theodore Thieler was appointed

Senior Deacon. It was decided to hold a public installation of officers and to invite the families of members to witness the ceremonies.

1883.

On Tuesday, January 2, 1883, the lodge met in a small room adjoining the regular lodge room, and forming in line marched into the larger room, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The room was filled to the doors with ladies and other invited guests. After the ceremonies of installation were concluded R. W. James E. Morrison, acting Grand Master, invited all to remain for a musical entertainment contributed by such artists as Bros. George Olmi, John J. Howson, Alexander Liberati, Charles H. Govan, Mr. Marshall P. Wilder and others. At the conclusion of the entertainment the ladies were presented with handsome bouquets. This was the first public installation of officers held by the lodge and was voted a great social success. It was also the first occasion when printed invitations were sent out to lodge friends.

ORIGIN OF THE LODGE CREST.

Every member of St. Cecile, at least, is familiar with the emblem or crest frequently seen on the lodge printing, while comparatively few are aware of its origin. When a young man, starting out to seek his fortune, Bro. " Larry " O'Reilly, for many years the efficient Secretary of the lodge, was presented by a well-beloved sister with a talisman or keepsake in form like an old-fashioned horseshoe made of silver arranged to be worn as a scarfpin. This he wore all through the Civil War and on his extensive travels. Upon becoming a Mason Bro. O'Reilly conceived the idea of incorporating in his keepsake something of a Masonic character. With this end in view he placed in the centre the square and compasses

resting against the strings of a lyre, thus forming a very original and appropriate emblem for St. Cecile. Later when he became Secretary, he had a cut made and began using it on the lodge stationery as a crest, and many members adopted it as the lodge emblem, had pins made, and wore it as such. From time to time its appearance has been altered by the addition of the name and number of the lodge, inserted in the space at the foot, but the original form is as here given:



While never adopted by formal vote of the lodge, the emblem has been in use for so many years that printed matter without it now would scarcely be regarded as entirely official or complete.

The singing of "Old Hundred" by members of the lodge during degree work was an innovation introduced by Bro. Thieler, Senior Deacon, a feature which added to the attractiveness of the ceremonies.

Through the open-hearted generosity of Bro. Charles A. Stevenson, of St. Cecile, and Mr. A. M. Palmer, the benefit performance which has been alluded to was given by the Kate Claxton Dramatic Company at the Union Square Theatre on Thursday afternoon, January 27, 1883. "Frou Frou" was played to a crowded house, and the performance was an artistic and financial success. The affair was wholly arranged and carried to a successful conclusion by Bro. Stevenson, assisted in no small measure by his charming wife, Miss Kate Claxton. Bro. Stevenson had often expressed regret that he was unable to take a more active part

in the lodge work, owing to frequent absences from the city with his theatrical company. To make amends, as he put it, the benefit was arranged. It was a great stroke for the lodge finances, $475 in cash being turned over to the Treasurer. A heartfelt vote of thanks was passed by the lodge, and the Worshipful Master personally visited Miss Claxton and expressed to her the gratitude of the lodge. It was decided that the money realized from this benefit should be used exclusively for charity.

Early in May it was resolved to arrange for a "Ladies' Matinée." Committees were appointed to make preparations and the feminine relatives and friends of members were invited to be the guests of St. Cecile Lodge on Tuesday afternoon, May 29. As may be inferred, the ladies needed no great urging, and they turned out in force. There was a fine orchestra from the Union Square Theatre, under the leadership of Bro. Henry Tissington. Following is the programme:

PART FIRST.

1. *March* . . . . . *Orchestra*
Composed and dedieated to St. Cecile Lodge by Bro. Henry Tissington.
2. *Opening Addresss* . . . . . *By the Worhipful Master*
3. *Overture* . . . . . *Orchestra*
4. *Song* . . . . . *Bro. L. S. Stone*
5. *Flute Solo* . . . . . *Bro. Lax*
6. *Song* . . . . . *Bro. George Olmi*
7. *Horn Solo* . . . . . *Bro. Weston*
8. *Recitation* . . . . . *Bro. Chas. Govan*

INTERMISSION.

Organ Obligato . . . . . *Bro. G. W. Morgan*

PART SECOND.

9. { *Selcetions* . . . . . *Orchestra*
   { *Xylophone Solo* . . . . . *Bro. John Senia, Jr.*
10. *Song* . . . . . *Bro. W. J. Castle*
11. *Song (Comic)* . . . . . *Bro. John Howson*
12. *Recitation* . . . . . *Bro. Lamb*
13. *Song* . . . . . *Bro. Digby Bell*
14. *Reeitation* . . . . . *Bro. Allan Latham*
15. *Song* . . . . . *Bro. St. Clair*

The fine programme was greatly enjoyed by the large audience, which demanded many encores. The moving spirit was W. Bro. John H. Allen, ably assisted by Bros. Govan, Schlig, Latham, Tissington, Olmi and O'Reilly.

The Master appointed as a committee to prepare suitable music for the Grand Lodge opening exercises Bros. George W. Morgan, William H. Anstead and George Olmi. On Tuesday, June 5, St. Cecile Lodge met at the rooms in Twenty-third Street, and, preceded by W. Bros. John H. Allen and Myron A. Decker, marched in double file up the street to the Temple, taking no little pride in the attention they attracted from passers-by. In the Grand Lodge Hall the ceremonies began with Morgan's "Processional," the great organ being augmented by brass instruments played by members of the lodge. The musicians participating were Bros. George W. Morgan, John Hunt, John G. Pfeiffer, Reuben Withers, Louis Baer, William H. Anstead and Michael Link. By special request of the Grand Master, Bro. William J. Castle sang as a solo the "Opening Ode," composed for the Grand Lodge by Bro. George W. Morgan. One of the features of the day was the singing of "Old Hundred" by the entire assembly, led by St. Cecile Lodge and band. The effect was impressive and inspiring. The Grand Lodge unanimously adopted the following resolution, which was sent to St. Cecile Lodge, bearing the official seal:

MASONIC HALL, NEW YORK, Oct. 6, 1883.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF ST. CECILE LODGE, No. 568.

At the one hundred and second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, held June 5, A. L. 5883, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby extended to St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, for the charming musical programme so beautifully rendered at the opening of this session of the Grand Lodge.

(SEAL) EDWARD M. L. EHLERS,
Grand Secretary.

This highly gratifying communication was read to the brethren, and by vote of the lodge it was resolved to have the

letter properly framed and hung in a conspicuous place in the lodge room, which was subsequently done.

CHARITY BOX DISPLAYED IN LODGE ROOM.

The beautiful "charity box" displayed in the lodge room for so many years was placed there by W. Bro. Myron A. Decker at his own expense, June 19. Upon being opened in December it was found to contain $11.16. It has been the receptacle of many times that amount since those days.

Agreeable to a special invitation officers and members of the lodge paid a fraternal visit to Covenant Lodge, No. 758, on the evening of June 20, and assisted in the degree work. Brethren of Covenant Lodge returned the visit on the 21st of November. There was a great throng of visitors in the lodge room, many of whom were from afar—some from Alaska and California. The degree was conferred in full form, costumes being used, the ceremony concluding with stereopticon views illustrative of the work. R. W. William J. Gage, District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh, and many prominent brethren honored the lodge with their presence.

Uniform courtesy marked the kindly feelings frequently shown toward St. Cecile by New York Lodge, No. 1, B.P.O.E. On December 4 a formal resolution was adopted thanking the Elks Lodge for their many courteous acts, especially that of placing their piano at the disposal of St. Cecile and promising to see that the instrument was kept in proper tune.

A pleasing incident in connection with the annual meeting was the presentation to the lodge of a handsome crayon portrait of R. W. Frederick Widdows, sent from Washington in response to a request from the lodge for his photograph to be placed in the lodge album. The gift was accompanied by a letter expressing the love the venerable founder felt for the lodge and his regret at not being present. The presentation to the lodge was made by the eldest Past Master present,

W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, and the picture was received in behalf of the lodge by the Master.

In presenting their report for the year the Trustees directed special attention to the untiring energy displayed by W. Bro. John H. Allen and his associate officers, and complimented the lodge upon the splendid support of its members. W. Bro. John H. Allen was prevailed upon to accept a re-election as Master, Bro. Allan Latham was re-elected Senior Warden and Bro. Charles A. Stevenson Junior Warden. Dr. David H. Agan was appointed Senior Deacon.

The Master expressed his pleasure at the harmonious spirit which pervaded the lodge. He also voiced the satisfaction of the brethren that the Temple had been preserved from destruction in the recent fire, which had caused a loss of over $60,000. It was decided by vote to hold a public installation of officers in January, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Bro. Thieler at this communication gave notice of an amendment to the by-laws changing the hour of meeting to half-past one in the afternoon.

1884.

A letter of thanks was received from New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, Washington, D. C., for fraternal courtesies extended to its officers and members by Bro. Charles A. Stevenson, of St. Cecile Lodge, while sojourning in that city a short time before.

For a long time the lodge had not been connected with the Masonic Board of Relief, but W. Bro. Decker, who had given the subject considerable attention, explained in detail the methods of the Board and stated that its work was worthy of support. By vote of the lodge it was decided to get in touch with the Board again.

When it became known that St. Cecile Lodge intended to have a public installation on January 15 the demand for

invitations became so great that it was deemed expedient to obtain the Grand Lodge Hall for that day. This proved to be a wise precaution, for when the doors were opened the waiting guests quickly filled the spacious room to its full capacity. Meanwhile the brethren met in the regular lodge room, and, preceded by the officers, all in their best apparel, marched proudly up Twenty-third Street to the Temple. The beautiful decorations, the inspiring music, the large gathering of handsomely dressed ladies, combined to make a picturesque scene likely to be remembered. The ceremonies which preceded the entertainment were conducted by M. W. Charles Roome, P. G. M., assisted by R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers as Grand Marshal. After the impressive ceremony of installing the officers there was presented an entertainment such as has made St. Cecile Lodge justly famous.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Organ Voluntary . . . . . Bro. G. W. Morgan

Reception of Installing Officers.

Grand March—"St. Cecile" . . . . . Tissington

Orchestra.

Installation Ceremonies.

Overture—"Fest" . . . . . Bach

Orchestra.

Musical Declamation—"Des Sangers Fluch" . . . . . Uhland

Bros. Latham and Morgan.

Song . . . . . Miss Annie Pixley

Flute Solo—"Witches' Dance" . . . . . Paganini

Bro. F. Lax.

Recitation—"Scotch Words" . . . . . Bro. Chas. H. Govan

Song—"Happy Muleteer" . . . . . Tully

Bro. R. Senior.

Recitation—"Robert of Lincoln" . . . . . Miss Alcyone E. Gallup

French Horn Solo . . . . . Bro. Harry Weston

Selection—"Beggar Student" . . . . . Wiegand

Orchestra.

Song—"Mia Piccirella" . . . . . Miss Frances Guthrie

Recitation—"The Fun Did Not Pay for the Trouble" . . Bro. Latham
Song—"Nil Desperandum" . . . . . R. Inch

Bro. R. Senior.

Violin Solo—"Souvenir di Moscow" . . . . . Weineweseki

Accompanist, Bro. G. W. Morgan.
Directors of Orchestra,
Bros. Tissington, Neyer and Papst.

Thus beguiled with song and story the afternoon passed all too quickly, but the recollection of those pleasant hours lingers fondly in the memories of veterans.

The constitutional time having elapsed since giving notice thereof, Bro. Thieler on January 29 called up his amendment changing the hour of meeting to half-past one in the afternoon. The resolution was unanimously adopted without serious discussion, as all the brethren realized the necessity of meeting earlier than had been the custom.

Bro. "Charley" Stevenson generously proposed giving the lodge another benefit by his theatrical company and guaranteed the lodge against financial loss. The kind offer was gratefully accepted and a committee was appointed to make preliminary arrangements. The date was changed several times, owing to inability to get a theatre and because of Bro. Stevenson's extended tours away from the city, and the enterprise was finally abandoned.

Intelligence of the sudden death from apoplexy of Bro. Alfred Burnett at his home in Cincinnati on April 4 caused feelings of great sorrow among his many friends. The family declined to allow any Masonic service at the funeral. Religious services were held in the Central Christian Church, in Ninth Street, which were largely attended by members of the many organizations to which he belonged, including Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks and Grand Army of the Republic, who attended as individuals. Bro. Burnett was born at Utica, N. Y., in 1825, and was raised in St. Cecile Lodge, March 21, 1865, being the third initiate. He was a professional humorist, mimic and lecturer, well known in England and

America, and always displayed a marked affection for Masonry, although his constant travelling prevented him from regular attendance at lodge communications.

SUCCESSFUL AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT.

A very pleasant afternoon entertainment was provided for the ladies on May 13. The affair was in the nature of a family gathering, and was largely attended by members and their relatives. There was a programme of music and recitations, after which refreshments were served. Members and guests vied with each other in promoting good-fellowship; all became acquainted, and there was merriment and a jolly good time.

There were many interesting meetings during the spring, notably the occasion of the visit, in April, of M. W. Edward J. Simons, Grand Master, accompanied by members of his staff. The Grand Master's address was listened to with marked interest, and during the refreshment hour there was a special programme of high class music in honor of the distinguished visitors.

Again, in November, was St. Cecile honored by a visit from Grand Lodge officials. Upon this occasion R. W. Frank R. Lawrence, D. G. M., accompanied by a delegation which filled the room to overflowing, entered and was accorded the place of honor beside the Master, who assured him of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren. Bro. Lawrence's remarks provoked the greatest enthusiasm. During refreshment Bro. George W. Morgan, famous as an instrumentalist, surprised all by singing solos and delivering a recitation. Among the Masons of celebrity present was M. W. "Bob" Morris, P. G. M., of Kentucky, who felt constrained to dedicate to St. Cecile Lodge a poem which he read for the edification of the brethren. One of those who were received into full membership on this day was Bro. Marshall P. Wilder, the well-known raconteur, who also contributed to the

enjoyment of the occasion by several of his inimitable characterizations.

Although urged at the annual communication to serve another year as Master, W. Bro. John H. Allen pleaded business engagements and declined the honor, but accepted a position as Trustee. It is in no sense derogatory to the record of other faithful executives to say that, judging from the records, the lodge never had an abler, more conscientious, painstaking and popular Master than W. Bro. Allen.

Bro. Allan Latham succeeded to the east, supported by Bro. David H. Agan as Senior Warden and Bro. Michael Schlig as Junior Warden. The Treasurer and Secretary were both unanimously re-elected, and the new Master announced his appointments, which will be found in full with those of other years elsewhere in this volume. The officers were installed by M. W. Benjamin Flagler, P. G. M., assisted by R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers as Grand Marshal. It was resolved to entertain the friends of the lodge on January 6. Bros. David H. Agan, Benjamin E. Hays and Raymond R. Minor were appointed to represent the lodge on the Masonic Board of Relief.

1885.

W. Bro. Allan Latham (Musician).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, June 30, 1868. Senior Master of Ceremonies, 1869-70-71; Senior Warden, 1881-83-84; Master, 1885. Also served as Trustee.

The eleventh Master of St. Cecile Lodge is descended from old stock, both in America and England, in the latter country the family tracing its lineage back to William the Conqueror. Masonic membership has run through various branches of the family. The Earl of Latham stands high in the councils of the fraternity in England, and W. Bro. Latham's father, M. E. Bela Latham, was Grand Commander, K. T., of Ohio, in 1845, and was honored by having a lodge named for him in Kenton, O. W. Bro. Allan Latham came to New York City in January, 1867, and has since been engaged in lecturing, with stereopticon views, when not other-

wise employed as a musician in the various orchestras. After joining the lodge he became interested in the work, and has retained his membership in St. Cecile ever since.

It was necessary to use the largest hall in the building to accommodate the host of friends who answered the invitation to an entertainment on January 6. The committee provided a bill of rare excellence, as follows:—

GEO. S. WEEKS	Tenor.
HARRY E. DIXEY	Song and Recitation.
ALBERT OPERTI	Charcoal Sketching
EDWARD S. JONES	Dialect and Humorous Recitations.
LOUIS J. CORNU	Violin Solo.
GEO. W. MORGAN	Organ Solo.
EMIL HABERCORN	Piano Solo.
JOHN HOWSON	Song.
CHAS. H. GOVAN	Comic Descriptive Song.
MICHAEL SCHLIG, P. and J. PETERS	String Trio.
FRANK W. NASH	Cornet Solo.

Wor. Bro. ALLAN LATHAM will give a selection from an Illustrated Lecture on the Arctic Circle, consisting of many new and interesting views taken by the *Greely Relief Expedition*, and now presented to the public for the first time.

The orchestra will be under the direction of
Bro. HENRY TISSINGTON.

The rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion, and everything passed off smoothly and successfully.

In accordance with notice previously given a large number of brethren turned out on the 31st of March to listen to a lecture on "Esoteric Masonry," by M. W. Robert Morris, of Kentucky, popularly known as the "Poet Laureate of Masonry." During the course of the distinguished brother's address he alluded to the poem he had written in honor of the lodge, and which he read amid much applause, as follows:

THE SINGING CRAFT OF ST. CECILE.

Lines Composed and Affectionately Inscribed to the Master, Wardens and Brethren of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, New York City.

By Robert Morris.

The singing craft of St. Cecile
Your poet well may praise.
The solemn chant, the merry peal,
Such wealth of harmony reveal
That listeners, in amaze,
Exclaim, This is no common fire;
This comes from a celestial choir.

The social craft of St. Cecile
Your poet well may praise.
Such jests and healthy fun reveal
A lodge where Momus has his seal
And Comus hangs his bays.
In innocent mirth their hours go by
And leave sweet memories as they fly.

The generous craft of St. Cecile
Your poet well may praise.
A brother's woes they keenly feel
At lowest spoke of fortune's wheel;
The gathering tear betrays
That sympathy so rarely found
In human hearts, on earthly ground.

Join me in praise of St. Cecile,
Ye lovers of the craft.
May time in bounteous measure deal
With every member true and leal
A polished parian shaft,
And when their lodge notes all expire
May the Great Master call them higher.

One enthusiastic brother immediately introduced a resolution thanking Bro. Morris for his offering, which was unanimously passed, and the poem was ordered inserted in full in the minutes.

Those having the best interests of the lodge at heart had long been convinced that the only proper place for St. Cecile

Lodge to call "home" was the Masonic Temple, and upon thoroughly discussing the matter it was resolved to return there as soon as possible. The Trustees were therefore ordered to secure the Tuscan Room, where the lodge had formerly met. W. Bro. Decker, chairman of the Board of Trustees, reported at a subsequent meeting that the Tuscan Room had been leased at an anuual rental of $200. The last meeting at Nos. 113-117 West Twenty-third Street took place on April 21, 1885. A letter thanking New York Lodge, No. 1, B.P.O.E., for the use of their piano and for many other courtesies was prepared, donations were made to the janitors of the building, and the lodge property was prepared for removal to the Temple. On May 5, at half-past one in the afternoon, the lodge was opened in the Tuscan Room. Among those present on this occasion was R. W. Theodore Tilton, District Deputy of the Seventh, and other prominent Masonic brethren well known in the Temple. Congratulatory addresses were made by Bro. Tilton, Bro. Allan and others. There was general rejoicing that the lodge again had quarters in keeping with its standing and character. The approach of the twentieth anniversary attracted the attention of the brethren and committees were appointed to arrange details for properly celebrating the event.

During the visit of R. W. Theodore Tilton, and upon several other occasions, the brethren were charmed with classical music by the Knickerbocker Quartet, composed of Bro. George S. Weeks, Jr., first tenor; J. M. Smith, second tenor; Le Grande McKown, first bass, and Samuel Meigs, second bass. These brethren were vocalists of high repute, some of whom sang in opera.

St. Cecile Lodge was present and assisted in opening the sessions of the Grand Lodge, on June 2, with music, solos being sung by Bro. George S. Weeks, Jr. Referring to this talented brother, a charter member of the lodge, who frequently sang at lodge meetings during many years, it is only necessary to say he was a professional tenor of splendid

power, whose singing of "You'll Remember Me" and similar selections never failed to thrill his hearers.

CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

There was some anxiety as to the financial ability of the lodge to properly celebrate the twentieth anniversary, but the brethren finally got together to make the affair a success. The celebration took the form of a banquet at the restaurant of Bro. Polifonte Morelli,. in Twenty-eighth Street near Fifth Avenue, on the night of Wednesday, June 17. R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers was present and in the course of a characteristically witty address declared that the year 1865 was one of the most important in American Masonic history, for that year witnessed the birth of St. Cecile Lodge and also his own induction into the mysteries of Freemasonry—epochal events for the craft. R. W. James E. Morrison delivered an eloquent address, in which he feelingly alluded to the "absent ones," concluding by referring to the unavoidable absence of the Master, and then, on behalf of W. Bro. Latham, drew forth a mysterious parcel, which he presented to W. Bro. John H. Allen. Bro. Allen thought the proceeding something of a joke and gingerly opened the little packet. He was dumfounded when he discovered within it a handsome gold watch and chain, the gift of his brethren in the lodge. In a recent letter W. Bro. Allen informed the writer that he carries this token in his pocket to-day in far-away Australia and regards it as a most precious souvenir. W. Bro. Latham was unable to join the company till eleven o'clock, when he hurried in from the theatre where he was nightly employed. He was greeted with a burst of applause and delivered a felicitous speech which had evidently been prepared with care, and in which many trite proverbs were ingeniously interwoven. W. Bro. Myron A. Decker and W. Bro. John H. Allen gave reminiscent talks, testifying to the pride they felt at the vigor and prosperity of the lodge, whose

growth they had watched with the most earnest solicitude for many years. Bro. Ralph Delmore recited "The Pride of Battery B," Bro. Charles H. Govan gave a German dialect sketch, and Bro. Frederic C. P. Robinson gave his admirable rendition of "The Vagabonds." Altogether, the occasion was one of the most enjoyable in the annals of St. Cecile.

A matter which stirred up considerable feeling was that of placing a piano in the lodge room. Some of the other lodges meeting in the room objected to having a piano there. After correspondence on the subject, and through the influence of a Grand Lodge officer, the custodians of the building finally granted the necessary permission, and in February, 1886, Bros. Laurence O'Reilly, Henry Tissington and W. Bro. Allan Latham were appointed a committee to purchase a piano and have it installed in the Tuscan Room. The instrument was purchased from W. Bro. Decker's firm for $250. That the members considered the piano a bargain may be inferred from the fact that a special vote of thanks was given Bro. Decker for "his generosity in giving the lodge such an excellent instrument at such low terms."

A large funeral was that of Bro. Christian Mihr, who was buried from his residence, in First Avenue, on December 11. There was a band of music discoursing solemn airs and a large procession of friends. Masonic services were conducted by W. Bro. John H. Allen.

At the close of the year the lodge was found to be in quite a healthy state. The number of members in good standing was 139. Although there was something over $500 owing for dues, the finances were in a satisfactory condition. Receipts of the year were $1,082, which with $118.22 carried over from the preceding year made a total of $1,200.22 cash received. The amount in bank was $1,012.63. Expenses for the year totalled $787.89. During the election of officers, which was somewhat perfunctory, there were no contests, the officers merely moving forward. Bro. David H. Agan, M.D., was elected Master, with Bro. Michael Schlig as

Senior Warden, and Bro. John E. Morse as Junior Warden. R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers presided in that happy manner which caused the brethren then and there to resolve that henceforth no other official should be invited to install St. Cecile's officers when Bro. Ehlers' services were to be had.

1886.

W. Bro. David H. Agan (Physician).—Raised in Evening Star Lodge, No. 75, West Troy, N. Y., December 13, 1870. Affiliated with St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, December 10, 1882. Senior Master of Ceremonies, 1883; Senior Deacon, 1884; Senior Warden, 1885; Master, 1886; Chaplain, 1888.

Born on a farm fifteen miles east of Troy, N. Y., June 7, 1848, Dr. Agan has by his own efforts risen from a farm hand and made a name as a physician of unusual skill and learning. As a boy he was accustomed to walk two miles to school, over the country roads in the freezing blasts of winter. The summer was occupied in attending to the necessary labor of the farm. An education acquired under such adverse circumstances is not likely to be lost in after years. When eighteen years old Bro. Agan found employment in the shipping department of a large foundry in West Troy (now known as Watervliet), afterward becoming an apprentice in the moulding room, where he served his full time and became a journeyman. Meanwhile his evenings were employed in study at a near by commercial school. He began reading medical works early in the seventies, studying with Dr. Daniel Magee, a highly reputable physician practising in Troy. In 1877 Bro. Agan had saved enough from his earnings as a moulder to take a course in the University of Vermont, going from there to the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, where he graduated in 1878. In the autumn of 1878 he came to the metropolis and entered Bellevue Medical College, graduating in March, 1879. He at once entered upon the practice of his chosen profession, attaining success. Bro. Agan became a Mason in 1870 in Evening Star Lodge, No. 75, and after serving as Senior Master of Ceremonies was elected Senior Deacon; in 1872 he was elected Junior Warden, and had he remained in Troy no doubt would shortly have been elected Master of his lodge. He is a Past High Priest of Hudson River Chapter, No. 262. Owing to the demands upon his time the genial physician is only able to visit St. Cecile occasionally, but keeps in touch with all lodge matters.

The strenuous efforts put forth by M. W. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, to lift the load of debt from the Temple met with the decided approbation of members of St. Cecile, who encouraged all efforts toward that end. During the winter various schemes to raise money for this praiseworthy object were assisted by the lodge, and on April 6, on an appeal from the Grand Master, the lodge contributed $200 from the funds to aid in liquidating the debt.

The discussion about the piano previously alluded to did not end with the installation of the instrument in the lodge room. It was contended by some of the lodges meeting in the Tuscan Room that a piano placed there should be for the use of all lodges meeting in that room. This proposition did not meet with favor from the brethren of St. Cecile, who naturally felt that ownership endowed them with some exclusive rights. The lodge Trustees were finally authorized as a compromise to rent the piano to other lodges for $10 a year. At the same time a resolution of thanks was tendered R. W. George Hayes, Grand Steward, for having obtained from the Hall and Asylum Trustees the privilege of placing the piano in the room and for his efforts to aid in the peaceful possession thereof.

Members of the lodge were startled by the intelligence that Bro. Henry Tissington, Treasurer of the lodge since its inception, had fainted in the lobby of the Union Square Theatre, April 16, had been removed by friends to his home, and died that night. He was a man of exemplary habits, who rarely missed a communication of the lodge during all the years of his membership. He had been failing in health for some time, but had continued to conduct the orchestra made famous by his efforts. By desire of the family, there was no Masonic service at his obsequies, which were attended by more than two score of the members of the lodge. Bros. Raymond R. Minor and Paul Drosihn guarded the body previous to the funeral and accompanied it to the grave. The lodge sent a floral piece and adopted resolutions, which were inscribed on a memorial page in the records. And so passed one

of the most conspicuous members. Bro. Tissington was made a Mason in Eureka Lodge, No. 243, in September, 1855, and withdrew to become a charter member of St. Cecile in 1865. He was selected for Treasurer on account of his well known executive ability, and from that time he was annually re-elected as long as he lived. Bro. Tissington was a native of England, where he was born in 1822, the son of an English officer. In manhood he became, like his father, a soldier, and served with his regiment in many strange lands. At one time he was a member of the band of the famous "Light Brigade," which many years before had won imperishable glory at Balaklava. One of the anecdotes which is remembered by his old friends, and which he delighted to tell about those days, was of a certain occasion when he had had his hair cut contrary to the regulations and presented himself at the barracks. He was seen by an officious young officer, who took the opportunity to humiliate the innocent offender. Bro. Tissington was a man of peculiar temperament, very loyal to his friends, but a determined antagonist, as became a military man. He was the soul of honor and "every inch a gentleman."

Through the well-directed efforts of Bro. Robinson members of the lodge were granted the use of the elevators in the Temple on lodge days, and thus relieved of the necessity of walking upstairs. Bro. Robinson was congratulated upon the success of his campaign.

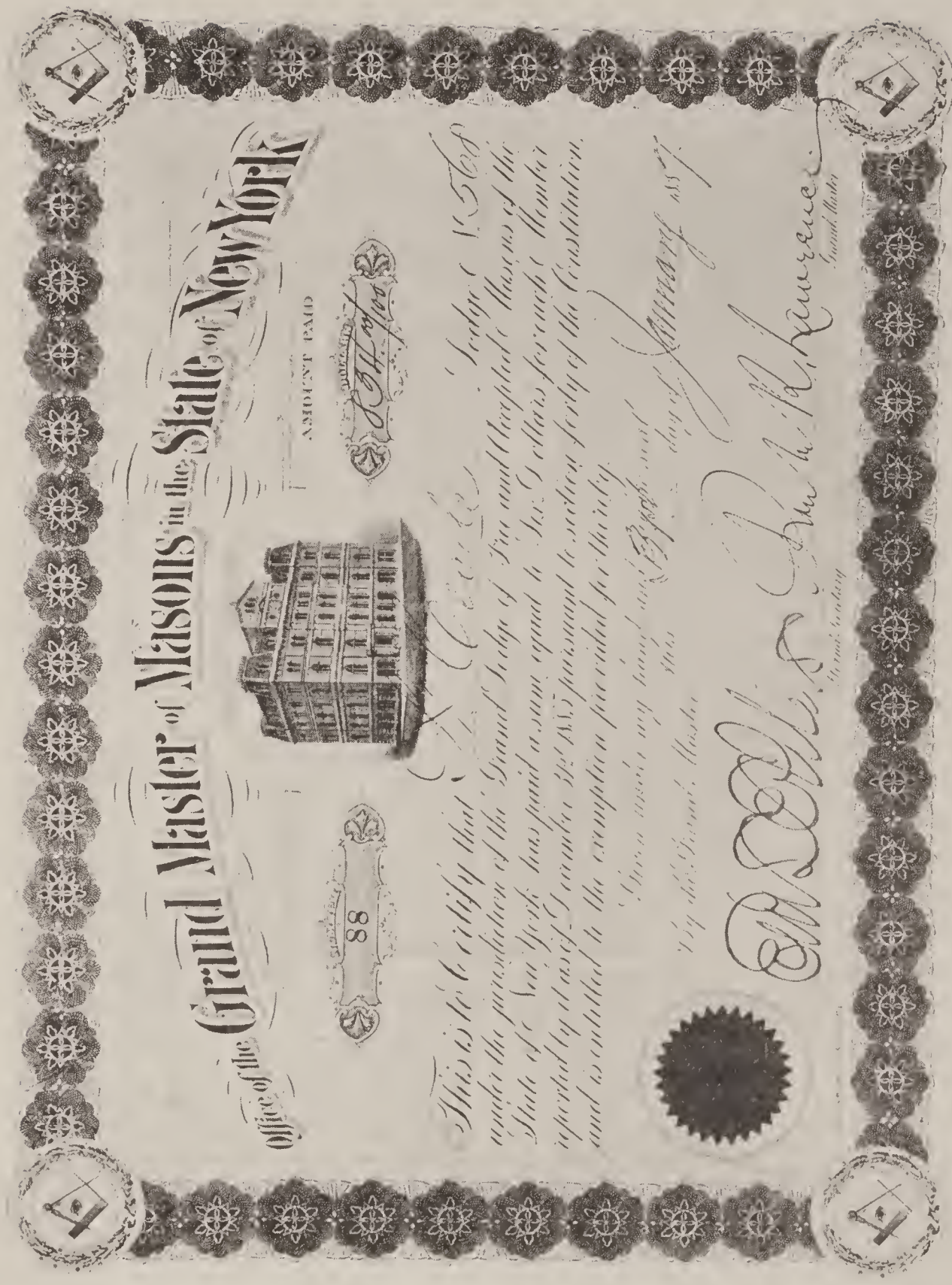
St. Cecile Lodge furnished music at the opening of the 105th annual communication of the Grand Lodge, on June 1, as was the custom, but owing to the illness of Bro. William Castle the usual solos were omitted.

ADOPTION OF IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS.

Discussion of several amendments to the constitution submitted by the Grand Lodge for the consideration of the

lodges of the State was had by St. Cecile Lodge at the meeting of June 15, and after thorough argument of the propositions submitted the lodge took action upon them and notified the Grand Secretary of the result. On September 15 St. Cecile Lodge was informed that the amendment levying a tax of six dollars on each member had been carried. A spirited debate concerning the finances of the lodge ensued, and it was at first thought expedient to give a benefit performance to raise the necessary money. This scheme was abandoned, and it was decided, after much argument, to draw the money from the bank and pay it over to those authorized to receive it. Bro. Govan fought hard and successfully for the resolution, though opposed to it were some of the most influential members of the lodge. St. Cecile's quota was $834, part of which had been paid in the spring. At the annual meeting in December a warrant was ordered drawn for $619, the balance due.

Notwithstanding the time consumed in financial arguments and consideration of the various charities, the lodge managed to find an occasional hour for a number of exceedingly enjoyable entertainments during refreshment at the various meetings held during the year. It was a very poor day, indeed, when there was no talent in sight. As a matter of fact, such a contingency could scarcely occur, as almost every member of the lodge was some sort of an entertainer, either professional or amateur. During the year the brethren were frequently entertained by Bro. Narberti, a splendid vocalist; Bro. Robert Fulford, well-known leading man, whose rendition of "Othello's Address" and other Shakespearean selections were superb, and Bro. "Harry" Roe, who sang "A Son of the Desert Am I" and similar songs for bass with splendid effect. Besides these there were such well-known singers, actors and musicians as Bros. George S. Weeks, Jr., "Harry" Pepper, George E. Fuller, Frederic C. P. Robinson, Ralph Delmore, Charles H. Govan, Alexander Liberati and William A. M. De Watteville, and on several occasions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Bro. Horatio C. King, a popular lawyer, obliged with recitations, once surprising all by bursting into song. There were any number of others ready with instrument, song or story.

An invitation extended R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers to officiate during the annual election was promptly accepted. Upon assuming the chair Bro. Ehlers addressed a few remarks to the brethren which deeply touched them. He particularly referred to the absence of the familiar features of Bro. Henry Tissington, the deceased Treasurer, of whom he spoke in eloquent praise. In the election for officers it was found that W. Bro. Myron A. Decker had again been selected to fill the east. Bro. John E. Morse was elected Senior Warden, and Bro. William H. Livingston Junior Warden, Bro. Martin Papst was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Laurence O'Reilly Secretary. It was decided to hold a public installation of officers the first Tuesday in January.

1887.

On the 4th of January the public installation of officers took place. Handsomely printed invitations had been sent out and the friends of the lodge gathered in numbers to witness the ceremony. The Commandery Room had been obtained and soon was filled with ladies and gentlemen intent upon witnessing some of the "open work" of Freemasonry. M. W. Charles Roome, P. G. M., accepted an invitation to install the officers, while R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers acted as Grand Marshal. The ceremonies which followed were exceedingly interesting to the audience, many of whom had never witnessed anything of the kind before. After the officers had been properly installed in their places, the following programme was presented:

1. Grand March—"Nibelungen" . . . . . Wagner
2. Overture—"Festlichkeit" . . . . . Reissiger

By the orchestra, under the direction of Emil Habercorn.

3. Violin Solo—Aria . . . . . De Beriot
Otto Dossenbach.

4. Vocal Selection—"Sicilian Vespers" . . . . . Verdi
"I Fear No Foe" . . . . . Pinsuti
J. Arveschou.

5. Reading—"Mark Antony's Oration" . . . . . Shakespeare
"Lord Ullin's Daughter" . . . . . Campbell
Frederic Robinson.

6. Quartette—"Occarina" . . . . . Clements
By members of Harrigan's Theatre Orchestra.

7. Recitation—Comicalities . . . . . Selected
Mr. Caldwell.

8. Ballad—"My Dearest Heart" . . . . . Sullivan
George Weeks.

9. Viola Solo—Fantasia . . . . . Kudelski
Theodore Jacoby.

10. Vocal Selections—"Never to Know" . . . . . ———
"Who Shall be my Darling" . . . . . Abt
William Castle.

11. Funny Dialect Stories . . . . . Selected
Chas. H. Govan.

12. Vocal—"The Challenge of Thor" . . . . . Longfellow
W. A. De Watteville.

At the conclusion of this entertainment the ladies were each presented with a handsome bouquet, after which the feminine portion of the audience retired happy and content with the hospitality of St. Cecile Lodge. Members of the lodge before leaving repaired to the lodge room for brief transaction of business.

The lodge was visited by R. W. George W. Creiger, District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh, on February 1. The distinguished brother was welcomed by the Master, after which he addressed the lodge. Second degree was the work, and Bro. Charles H. Govan, Senior Deacon, was highly complimented by the District Deputy, who declared he had never heard a more superb rendition of the lecture. A letter from the Grand Master, rejoicing in the progress made toward the obliteration of the debt upon the Temple, was read for the edification of the brethren. One of the petitions for

membership presented this day was that of Mr. Robert Recker, orchestra leader.

Visitors during the winter were often charmed with the delightful vocal music contributed by St. Cecile's Quartet during the progress of the degree work and in the refreshment hour, and also by the rendition of instrumental music by several of the brethren. On one noteworthy occasion the "Hallelujah Chorus," composed by Bro. Morgan, was given, the author at the organ, accompanied by Bros. John Pfeiffer, Alexander Davis, Michael Schlig, George Fuller, Michael Link, of St. Cecile; Bro. Nichoff, of Germania, and Bro. Charles Sanderson, of Scotia Lodge, with various instruments, including trumpets, drums, etc., the whole combining to produce a majestic harmony which probably could not have been surpassed anywhere, each of the contributing musicians being recognized as among the best. This was a particularly fine concert.

As had been the custom for many years, St. Cecile attended the opening ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, the first Tuesday in June, and provided for the enjoyment of the members of the grand body a fine musical programme, given under direction of Bro. George W. Morgan.

Announcement of the death of Bro. Thomas G. Howard, which occurred at his residence, in Perry Street, on June 4, filled the brethren with sorrow. The lodge was notified through the daily newspapers and attended the funeral services on the 5th. W. Bro. Decker conducted the Masonic services. Bro. Howard affiliated from Rocky Mountain Lodge, March 28, 1865, and signed the roll on the same day as Bro. Thomas S. Nedham.

It was learned with sorrow that one very dear to the Masonic brotherhood of the metropolis, R. W. James E. Morrison, had been stricken by death in the city of Buffalo on June 14. He was a man of superior qualities, who won for himself a high place in the esteem of his Masonic brethren. St. Cecile Lodge was proud to see his name on her honorary

list. Bro. Morrison was but forty-five years old at the time of his death. A page in the lodge records was devoted to his memory and letters sent to the family and also to Atlantic Lodge, No. 178, of which he was a member.

RETURN OF R. W. FREDERICK WIDDOWS.

One brother who felt that for him at least there was perfect contentment in no other lodge, however attractive, was R. W. Frederick Widdows, who petitioned to be restored to full membership in the lodge of his own conception, after an absence of six years in Washington, D. C. The esteemed Past Master's request was speedily granted, and on November 15 he journeyed from the Capital for the purpose of again consummating his membership in St. Cecile. As the venerable brother took up the pen to affix his name to the roll for the second time his eyes filled with tears, and, turning to those about him, he said, "Boys, this is the happiest day of my life." Nobody who knew the old man doubted his sincerity.

For many weeks preparations had been under way for the great Masonic Fair in aid of the Asylum Fund. The doors were formally opened on Monday afternoon, November 28, and for the next three weeks the Temple was a scene of such wholesome excitement and benevolent activity as is seldom witnessed. There were booths for the sale of articles everywhere from the ground floor to the topmost, and no visitor escaped without yielding up some sort of contribution. Notable features, of which there were many, included a restaurant, flower booth, daily newspaper, etc. The following programme was observed at the opening:—

Organ—Bro. George W. Morgan, St. Cecile Lodge.
Entrance Ladies' Executive Committee.
Entrance Officers' Executive Committee.
Organ—Bro. George W. Morgan.
Military Band—St. Cecile Lodge, Bro. M. Schlig, Conductor.

Entrance Officers of Grand Lodge.
Prayer—R. W. Robert Collyer, Grand Chaplain.
Organ—Bro. George W. Morgan.
Military Band—St. Cecile Lodge.
Address—R. W. John J. Gorman.
Transfer of Fair.
Address—M. W. Frank R. Lawrence.
Acceptance and Declaration.
Prayer—Rev. Bro. Floyd E. West.
"Hallelujah Chorus," Bro. George W. Morgan.
Military Band—St. Cecile Lodge.

Thus it will be seen that St. Cecile Lodge was among the active workers, furnishing music as well as being represented by several brethren serving on the Amusement Committee and on the Committee on Reception of Goods. Individual members of the lodge were constantly assisting in various other ways to make the undertaking a success, working in any capacity in which they could be useful. Practically every Mason in the city was doing likewise, consequently there was at no time any scarcity of volunteers. At the conclusion of the fair, on December 17, it was found that the net receipts were considerably over $75,000, and the credit for the success of the venture was cheerfully conceded to the Ladies' Masonic Fair Association, the principal officers of which were Mrs. Frank R. Lawrence and Mrs. Edward M. L. Ehlers.

At the communication of December 6 business was abbreviated and an early adjournment taken in order to witness the Eastern Star work exemplified by Alpha Chapter, No. 1. W. Bro. Decker and other members of St. Cecile attended the ceremony, which they pronounced highly interesting.

The brethren turned out in large numbers to attend the annual meeting in December. The officers were gratified to observe this indication of a growing interest in lodge affairs. Reports of officers also indicated a steady, substantial growth in numbers and assets, although there was still a matter of $600 owing for dues. The list of expenditures

for the year included almost every conceivable thing for which a healthy, progressive lodge could conscientiously spend money, but notwithstanding unusually large donations and contributions voted from the funds and the increase in necessary expenses, the Treasurer's report showed a comfortable balance on the credit side of the ledger. Bro. Charles H. Govan was elected Master, Bro. John E. Morse Senior Warden and Bro. Raymond R. Minor Junior Warden; Bro. Martin Papst was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Laurence O'Reilly Secretary; the Trustees were W. Bro. Decker, Bros. Thomas Nedham and Edward G. Jardine. R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers presided during the election and was invited to install the officers.

1888.

W. Bro. Charles H. Govan (Proof-reader).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, May 21, 1878. Senior Deacon, 1879-80-82-87; Junior Warden, 1881; Master, 1888; Trustee, 1889.

It is interesting to note that W. Bro. Govan joined St. Cecile at the close of its thirteenth year, and that he became its thirteenth Master when it had reached the age of twenty-three. Notwithstanding this portentous array of "unlucky numbers," he has proved anything but a Jonah. He was the second newspaper worker to come into the fold of St. Cecile, and was the first printer (barring W. Bro. Burnett, who kept a stationery store) to preside over St. Cecile Lodge. Good workers were few when W. Bro. Govan happened along. His exceptional talent as a speaker was quickly recognized, and prompted his appointment as Senior Deacon in the first year of his membership. He soon acquired celebrity for the correctness and impressive character of his work, particularly in the second degree, and was frequently invited to officiate in sister lodges, the mere announcement of his acceptance being sufficient to fill the room. It is as a humorous entertainer, however, that he is best known, and his mimetic gifts make him a particularly welcome guest at any gathering of merry-makers. It cannot be said that W. Bro. Govan gained his spurs without earning them. Ten years of faithful service, four of which were spent in the arduous position of Senior Deacon, elapsed before he reached the

east. W. Bro. Govan describes himself as a "Scotch-Irish Badger," his father having been a Scotchman, his mother an Irish woman, and himself being a native of Milwaukee, the chief city of the "Badger" State. Left an orphan in 1865, at the age of fourteen, he became the ward of the late Judge Arthur MacArthur, of the Supreme Bench in Washington, at one time Lieutenant-Governor of Wisconsin. Thus W. Bro. Govan is a foster brother of General MacArthur, who is a son of the eminent jurist. W. Bro. Govan's life has been one of strange vicissitudes. Thrown upon his own resources at an early age, he has been by turns a blacksmith's helper, a cook, a bartender, a boilermaker, a book canvasser, a patent right agent, a dock laborer, a negro minstrel, a character comedian, a newspaper correspondent, a vaudeville performer, a compositor and a proof-reader. He has been for fifteen years a lecturer for the New York Board of Education, is a life member of the New York Press Club, is founder and president of the Manhattan Branch of the Dickens Fellowship, is a Trustee of Typographical Union No. 6 and was chairman of the New York delegation to the I. T. U. Convention of 1901, and a year later was the Republican and Liberal Democratic candidate for the Assembly in one of the most populous districts of the metropolis. W. Bro. Govan has been for nearly a quarter of a century a most enthusiastic advocate of the economic reform known as the Single Tax, the principles of which he declares to be identical with those of Freemasonry and the Declaration of Independence. The brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God can only be realized, he insists, when the nobility of labor is recognized as of old, when the equal right to natural opportunities of all who dwell on earth is acknowledged, and the full reward of his toil is secured to every man.

Following the custom which had proved so popular in preceding years, it was resolved to hold a public installation of officers, after which an entertainment would be given by members of the lodge. The guests were invited to assemble in the Commandery Room at two o'clock in the afternoon of January 3. The room was tastefully decorated for the occasion and the installation ceremonies were witnessed with the greatest interest. After R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers had performed the important ceremony of the day, assisted by W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, there was a fine musical and literary entertainment contributed by such favorites as Bro. Marshall P. Wilder, W. Bro. Charles H. Govan, Bro. George Olmi and others. Bro. Robert Recker was present with a fine orchestra, which added greatly to the effectiveness of



Charles H. Govan

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the programme. In consideration of their efforts Bros. Wilder and Recker were the recipients of a special vote of thanks. The committee comprised Bros. Robert Recker, Marshall P. Wilder, Michael Schlig, George Olmi and John E. Morse.

Although Bro. William H. Livingston, who had been Junior Warden the previous year, died on February 4, no information concerning his death reached the officers of the lodge until March 6. A committee was then appointed to inquire into the particulars; a page in the records was ordered inscribed to his memory and the lodge was draped. It had been the expressed wish of the brother that in the event of his death the lodge should hold Masonic services over his body.

One of the oldest and most faithful members of the lodge was the next brother to be summoned by death. Bro. Nathaniel Sawyer, who signed the by-laws May 16, 1865, passed away on March 27, aged eighty years. He was playfully referred to by the first Master of the lodge as the "Widdows' Son," which never failed to amuse the old gentleman very much. Bro. Sawyer was a Masonic soldier content to march quietly in the ranks, and although for twenty-three years a model member, he never accepted office of any kind after 1865, when he was Junior Deacon. Otherwise he took a decided interest in all lodge matters and was a regular attendant at meetings.

On many occasions during the winter the refreshment hour was enlivened with vocal music by such well-known professional singers as Bros. W. A. De Watteville, H. W. Roe, George Olmi and others, a feature which added greatly to the interest of the meetings.

One of the most talented men who ever mingled with the brethren of St. Cecile Lodge was W. Bro. William Fisk Sherwin, fifth Master of the lodge. He died at his residence in Boston on April 14, 1888, aged sixty-two. Intelligence of his death reached the lodge several weeks later. A committee was then appointed to draft resolutions expressing the sorrow

felt by the brethren and a page in the records was set apart to his memory. As long as Bro. Sherwin resided in the metropolis he was always a regular attendant at lodge meetings and took an interest in all Masonic matters. For several years prior to his death he resided in Boston, where he enjoyed a high reputation. His son, a clergyman, is (1906) Chaplain of Republican Lodge, Greenfield, Mass.

SINGULAR FACTS CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP.

Certainly there are few Masonic lodges which receive members from so many distant and out-of-the-way places as does St. Cecile. From every quarter of the globe the membership is gathered. Many dimits are received from foreign jurisdictions, and after searching investigation, satisfactorily disposed of. Bro. Jefferson De Angelis, a popular actor, a native of California, on May 29 presented a dimit issued to him by Carnarrow Lodge, No. 1,735, of Cape Town, South Africa, which was duly accepted and the brother elected to membership. At the same time Bro. Felix Morris, a well-known actor, born in England, presented a dimit from Elgin Lodge, of Montreal, and was also elected to membership. Numerous brethren initiated at various times in the lodge have had their nativity in Australia, South America, Russia, India, Norway, New South Wales and other far-away lands, and the mysterious ways of Providence are such that in 1874 one brother was born under the Stars and Stripes on shipboard off the coast of Portugal, near a point where twenty years previously another brother of the lodge had suffered shipwreck, his family losing all but their lives.

Preparations having been made as usual to assist at the opening of the Grand Lodge, June 5, members of St. Cecile provided a splendid musical programme which was greatly enjoyed by the assemblage. After the opening ceremonies

of the Grand Lodge the members of St. Cecile returned to the Tuscan Room and resumed labor.

By vote of the lodge, July 3, it was resolved to revise the by-laws, which had not been overhauled since 1872. Many minor alterations were demanded to meet changed conditions. The committee consisted of Bros. John E. Morse, Charles H. Govan, Robert Recker, Julius Kahn and Laurence O'Reilly. The committee made its report in October, and at the meeting of October 16 the recommendations were considered seriatum and the by-laws, as amended, were adopted.

During the summer, while the lodge rested from labor, M. W. Robert Morris, P. G. M., of Kentucky, died at his home in La Grange, Ky. Bro. "Bob" Morris, popularly known as the "Poet Laureate of Masonry," was a stanch friend of St. Cecile Lodge, to which he dedicated several poems, one of which has been incorporated in these pages. Upon resuming labor in September, W. Bro. Charles H. Govan referred to the death of M. W. Bro. Morris and pronounced a brief eulogy on the genius and character of the departed bard.

The unveiling of the monument erected by the Masons to the memory of R. W. James E. Morrison, an honorary member of St. Cecile Lodge, took place in Woodlawn Cemetery on Saturday, October 6. By special request St. Cecile Lodge had charge of the music. Bro. Michael Schlig directed the orchestra, and singers from the lodge contributed greatly to the interesting character of the ceremony. The exercises were as follows:

Orchestra—St. Cecile Lodge, Conductor, Bro. Michael Schlig.
Invocation—R. W. Robert Collyer, D.D.
Ode—By W. Bro. J. A. Kelly, Concord Lodge.
Report of Executive Committee.
Unveiling of Monument.
Music—"Rest, Spirit, Rest."
"Integer Vitæ"—Double Quartet.
Address—M. E. William Sherer, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, R. A. M., State of New York.

Solo—"The Lost Chord," by Bro. George Olmi, St. Cecile Lodge.
Oration—M. W. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master, F. & A. M., State of New York.
"The Consecrated Grave," words by M. W. Robert Morris.
Doxology—"Old Hundred."
Benediction—Rev. Bro. George R. Vandewater, D.D.

At the conclusion of these impressive ceremonies many remained to examine and admire the beautiful shaft, which is embellished with appropriate Masonic emblems.

It developed from reading of reports at the annual meeting that there had been during the year a gain of twenty-three in membership, three were lost by death, one had withdrawn and eighteen had been dropped for non-payment of dues, leaving a net gain of one member, and making the number of those in good standing 150. W. Bro. Charles H. Govan was strongly urged to stand for re-election, but declined on account of professional engagements. Bro. John E. Morse was thereupon elected Master, Bro. Michael Schlig Senior Warden, Bro. George Olmi Junior Warden, Bro. Martin Papst Treasurer and Bro. Laurence O'Reilly Secretary. R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers was present and presided during the election. It was resolved to install the officers publicly in January and a committee was appointed to provide talent for an entertainment to follow the installation ceremony.

1889.

W. Bro. John E. Morse (Printer).—Raised in Lodge of Israel, London, England, in 1870. Affiliated with St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, May 6, 1884. Junior Warden, 1886; Senior Warden, 1887-88; Master, 1889; Chaplain, 1891; Historian, 1896-97.

W. Bro. John E. Morse was born in London, England, April 25, 1833. In youth he began active life as an apprentice to a printer. After learning the details of his trade Bro. Morse sailed for America, arriving in New York in 1851. He soon secured a position on the New York "Herald," and went from there to the "Times," where he spent many

years. In 1860, while employed in the composing room of the latter paper, he had the pleasure of obtaining a cup of coffee for the Hon. Abraham Lincoln, who, with the Hon. William H. Seward, had called to see Mr. Henry J. Raymond in regard to certain important political matters. Lincoln was then a candidate for the Presidency and chatted affably with Bro. Morse, who readily promised to support the ticket. He treasures this recollection of the martyred President as one of the brightest experiences of his life. W. Bro. Morse is a stalwart Mason, and his chief regret is that illness has prevented his attendance at lodge meetings during recent years.

However brethren may differ as to their propriety, public installations have always proved interesting to the uninitiated friends of the lodge, as has been manifested by the eagerness to secure invitations and by the uniformly large attendance. The function of January 15 was no exception to the rule, and seats in the Commandery Room were quickly filled with ladies invited to witness the ceremony. The room was handsomely decorated and the fair guests entered to the strains of popular airs by a large orchestra under direction of Bro. Robert Recker. R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers acted as Grand Master, assisted by W. Bro. John H. Allen as Grand Marshal. All the officers were installed except the Treasurer, Bro. Martin Papst, reported ill, who was inducted by proxy. The ceremony was followed by an entertainment in which the contributing artists were W. Bros. Charles H. Govan and Theodore Jacoby, Bros. Marshall P. Wilder, George W. Morgan, W. A. Sander, Joseph Laendner, Michael Schlig, John G. Pfeiffer, Franz Hess, Carl F. Sohst and others.

It was learned with much regret that Bro. Theodore Cays had been afflicted with a serious affection of the eyes, by which his sight was impaired. The disease threatened to cause total blindness.

A letter of sympathy was also sent to Miss Kate Claxton, expressing a hope of early recovery from an attack of illness.

Almost the first duty which the new officers were called upon to perform was a sad one. It was to read the service for the dead for the recently elected Treasurer of the lodge,

Bro. Martin Papst, who died January 16, after a protracted illness. The lodge was summoned and met at the residence, where Masonic services were conducted by the officers of the lodge, after which Bro. Horatio C. King, who had known Bro. Papst for many years, delivered a short eulogy. There was no instrumental music, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Papst, but members of the Aschenbroedel Verein provided vocal music. Bro. Papst affiliated in 1883 from Adytum Lodge, No. 640, and upon the death of Bro. Henry Tissington was elected Treasurer of the lodge. A peculiarly sad feature of his death was the fact that his wife never recovered from the shock and survived him but a few days. At the meeting of January 29 the lodge elected Bro. Francesco Ramacciotto to fill the unexpired term as Treasurer.

GREAT OCCASION FOR THANKSGIVING.

Joyful tidings were received in March from M. W. Frank R. Lawrence, Grand Master. The great work of freeing the Temple from debt, begun October 21, 1885, had been completed and the last dollar of indebtedness paid. It was an occasion well worthy of congratulation. That proper expression might be given the feeling of gratitude it was decided that Wednesday, April 24, should be set apart as a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing. On that day members of the various lodges meeting in the Tuscan Room gathered there in force and the room was soon full. The lodges participating, in addition to St. Cecile, were Lafayette, No. 64; Silentia, No. 198; New York, No. 330; Americus, No. 535; Livingston, No. 657, and Ancient, No. 724. The assemblage was called to order at eight o'clock in the evening, and by request of the Grand Master promptly at a quarter past eight the brethren arose and united in singing "Old Hundred." In every room of the Temple and in lodge rooms all over the State brethren were at that moment similarly engaged. It was a thought to inspire all. The address of M. W. Frank R.

Lawrence, Grand Master, was then read by W. Bro. John E. Morse, of St. Cecile. The remainder of the evening was given over to festivity. Bros. Julius Kahn and George S. Weeks, Jr., sang solos; Bro. James T. Donovan recited a number of selections; W. Bro. Anderson and Bro. Hutchinson, of New York Lodge, recited; Bro. E. P. Chase sang songs; Bro. Williams played a trombone solo; Bro. Endries, of Livingston Lodge, gave a humorous reading; Bro. Mann played a piano solo; Bro. W. A. De Wattville sang several songs; Bro. Johnson, of Lafayette Lodge, and many others contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion. About eleven o'clock all adjourned to the restaurant of Bro. Christian Jauss, in Sixth Avenue, where a jolly banquet was served.

The officers of the lodge appeared with new aprons and staves on June 4, and after opening the lodge in full form, adjourned to the Grand Lodge Room, where a fine musical programme was rendered at the opening of the Grand Lodge. The members of the lodge then returned to the Tuscan Room, where labor was resumed. R. W. Frederick Widdows was present and assisted in the work of the third degree. By vote of the lodge $50 was donated to the relief fund for the sufferers by the Johnstown flood. The affairs of the deceased Treasurer having been found in a somewhat tangled condition, were satisfactorily straightend out by the Trustees.

The official visit of R. W. Thomas Moore, District Deputy of the Seventh, on October 29 attracted a large number of visitors, among whom were R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, R. W. Robertson and many others. The distinguished visitors were received with due honor, and the remarks of the District Deputy were received with applause. As there was no degree work the brethren were entertained with music, song and story. Bro. George W. Morgan played classical selections on the piano, R. W. Thomas Moore sang, Bro. Charles H. Govan related humorous stories, Bro. Robert Fulford again gave "Othello's Address," and thus a pleasant hour was quickly passed.

At the annual meeting in December 157 members were reported in good standing, the amount in the treasury was $891.55, and the paraphernalia was new and in good condition. R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers presided during the election. Bro. Michael Schlig was elected Master, Bro. William H. Donogh Senior Warden, and Bro. Robert Recker Junior Warden. Bro. Joseph L. Henning was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harry W. Roe was chosen Secretary in place of Bro. Laurence O'Reilly, whose duties as secretary of the Musical Union, an organization of many members, required all his time. A special vote of thanks to the retiring Secretary was passed by the lodge. As in preceding years, a public installation of officers was decided upon and a committee appointed to arrange the details.

And so closed the history of another ten years of the lodge's existence. The decade had been one of severe trial. Many times the treasury had been emptied, and on more than one occasion had there been a bare quorum present at lodge meetings. But the little band of faithful workers never entirely lost heart, although there had been a time when, with one exception, there had not been a degree conferred upon a St. Cecile candidate during a period of twenty months! However, it was noticed with intense satisfaction that the tide had turned; that once again the lodge was moving onward and upward. Innovations introduced were the sending out of printed invitations for the various lodge functions, such as public installations, and another was the introduction of an entire orchestra into the lodge room, a feature which has given no end of pleasure to members and visitors alike. Vocal and instrumental music, of course, had always been a leading characteristic of the lodge, and its usually fine rendition of the ceremonies was famous. The complete orchestra seemed to fill the last desideratum.

IN THE NINETIES.

Though cheerfulness and I have long been strangers
Harmonious sounds are still delightful to me,
There's sure no passion in the human soul
But finds its food in music.—*Lillo.*

1890.

W. Bro. Michael Schlig (Musician).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, January 19, 1875. Senior Master of Ceremonies, 1876-77-78-79; Junior Master of Ceremonies, 1880; Junior Deacon, 1881-82; Junior Warden, 1883-85; Senior Warden, 1886-89; Master, 1890; Marshal, 1891-92. Died February 23, 1897.

This well-beloved brother was born at Aldernach, Germany, September 29, 1849. After pursuing the study of music for several years in his native land, he emigrated to the United States, where he at once secured a position as violin player in one of the theatre orchestras. He was an open-hearted man who made friends on all sides. W. Bro. Schlig was a very jovial companion, who was never so happy as when in musical surroundings. Naturally he became a member of the Music Verein, the Aschenbroedel Verein, the Musical Protective Union, etc. W. Bro. Schlig was orchestra leader for several seasons "on the road" with the W. J. Florence company, later with Rosina Vokes, and finally became leader at Koster & Bial's, where he remained for a number of years. He was very active in Masonry and owing to his great popularity was the means of bringing to St. Cecile a large number of musicians. Never was there a more willing and faithful worker in the lodge than W. Bro. Schlig, who was always a willing volunteer for any work, no matter how inconspicuous. He provided an orchestra for lodge functions upon numerous occasions, and often played with others at lodge meetings for the enjoyment of the brethren. His health began to fail in 1896, and he died the following year. The funeral cortege was preceded by a band of one hundred picked musicians who volunteered for the occasion.

There were wide differences noticed in the condition of affairs in the lodge at the beginning of the nineties as compared with those of 1880. There were nearly twice as many members in good standing and there was four times as much money in the treasury. But better than these, important as they are to any organization's success, was the earnest interest manifested in lodge affairs by the members. Attendance at all meetings showed a steady increase.

In view of the demand for invitations to the installation ceremony it was deemed wise to secure the Grand Lodge Room for the occasion. On the 7th of January members and friends turned out in force to attend the function and soon every seat in the large hall was occupied. The brethren were early on hand and vied with each other in looking after the comfort of the guests. R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers called the assemblage to order, and after a few brief remarks proceeded to install the officers, being assisted by W. Bro. Myron A. Decker as Grand Marshal. This important ceremony was followed by an entertainment which evoked liberal applause. Music was furnished by the Casino Orchestra, under the direction of Bro. Gustav Kerker. There were vocal solos by Miss Louise Gerard, Bros. H. W. Roe and Albert Gerard Thiers, the Cecilian Quartet rendered a number of pleasing selections, Miss Jennie O'Neill Potter recited "How Salvator Won," and W. Bro. Charles H. Govan gave several excellent imitations. Bro. Horatio C. King told some brand new funny stories, Bro. Theodore Hoch played cornet solos, and there were many other interesting and amusing contributions by the artists on the bill. A feature not mentioned on the programme, but which aroused enthusiastic applause, was the presentation of a beautiful basket of flowers to Mrs. Edward M. L. Ehlers, with the compliments of St. Cecile Lodge.

It was decided to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the lodge in a fitting manner, and a committee was appointed February 4 to arrange the details.

During the winter the lodge was visited several times by W. Bro. William B. Smith, of William B. Schneider Lodge, of Philadelphia, accompanied by members of lodges in that city. These occasions were enlivened by witty speeches by Bro. Smith and W. Bro. C. G. Cadwallader, of Mozart Lodge. The visitors were entertained with music by Bros. George E. Fuller, Nathan Mann and H. W. Roe, and much amusement was provided by W. Bros. Allen, Govan, and Bro. Louis Mann, the popular fun maker. The visitors complimented the lodge upon the superb degree work.

Bro. William Henry Roe, the sweet singer, was made a Mason in St. Cecile Lodge, January 6, 1880. He became Secretary of the lodge in 1890, and from that time to the present (1907) has not been absent from his desk half a dozen times. He has earned the reputation of being the most efficient lodge secretary in the Temple, by his ability and energy. As he also officiates in a similar capacity for Corinthian Chapter and Ivanhoe Commandery, both meeting in the afternoon, Bro. Roe enjoys the unique distinction of being the only "matinée" Secretary in the city. He was born in Nottingham, England, in 1849, near old Sherwood Forest, so familiar to admirers of Robin Hood and his merrie men. As he possessed a baritone of magnificent volume he became a pupil of Clement Tetedoux, of the Grand Opera in Paris, who took a great pride in the development of his promising pupil. Eventually Bro. Roe came to America, and from that time has been well known to theatre-goers. In 1872 he was baritone with Pauline Lucca and Ilma de Murska; in 1873, baritone soloist with Simmons & Slocum's Minstrels, also filling engagements with Haverly's great company of singers. Bro. Roe was the baritone of the unequalled "California Quartet," which attained much celebrity in the early seventies. He was for eight years vocal director and stage manager for Mr. Haverly, during the European tour of the noted Haverly's Minstrels. He was later with Birch

and Backus, and in 1885 with the Thompson Opera Company, singing leading rôles. He has also filled engagements with Neil Burgess, Modjeska, Jefferson, Marlowe, "Old Homestead," Dixey's "Adonis," etc. As a church soloist of rare power Bro. Roe is equally famous. He was solo bass at the Wood Street Presbyterian Church, in Pittsburg, Pa., and two years soloist at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in the same city, afterward filling engagements in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, New York; Sinai Temple (synagogue), Chicago, etc. For the last nineteen years Bro. Roe has been solo bass singer at the Church of the Ascension, Fifth Avenue, New York, where everything musical must be of the best. Bro. Roe is deservedly popular with all classes for his affability and unquestioned integrity.

CELEBRATING THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Somewhat extensive preparation had been made for celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary, and June 17 was the day set apart for the jubilee. The Commandery Room was specially decorated for the occasion and when at half-past one in the afternoon the doors were opened handsomely gowned ladies, with bright eyes and smiling faces, soon took possession of all available space. W. Bro. Michael Schlig made the opening address and welcomed the visitors. The Master then introduced R. W. Frederick Widdows, the founder of the lodge, who gave a brief sketch of the early days, filled with interesting reminiscence. Bro. George W. Morgan, another charter member, played an overture on the organ in magnificent style and the "County Fair Quartet" sang several old-time melodies, followed by songs by Bros. Frederick Solomon and Albert Gerard Thiers. There were violin solos by W. Bro. Theodore Jacoby and Master Allen and a musical act contributed by the Brothers Weston. The hit of the day was made by W. Bro. Charles H. Govan, who deliv-

ered a sketch entitled "Looking Backward," prepared for the occasion, and in which he depicted himself as an octogenarian making an address on the occasion of the lodge's seventy-fifth anniversary. The following extract from this remarkably prophetic forecast will be read with unusual interest by the thoughtful, in view of its partial fulfillment:

I will ask you to imagine that the seventy-fifth anniversary has arrived, and that an old gentleman—not a "lean and slippered pantaloon," but a tolerably well-preserved old chap—by the name of Govan is brought forward and introduced as the oldest living past master of St. Cecile Lodge. I will pull myself together and say something in this strain:

"Brethren: I have just arrived from the great metropolis—Chicago—where I have been making a visit to some of my grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who are settled there. Fifty years ago it took me nearly a third of the time to reach this spot from the eastern section (then called Brooklyn) it took to-day to come from Chicago, and as I overlooked this beautiful city from the top of the tunnel tower, at the western end of this street, before descending the chute, and recalled the smoke-enshrouded desert of brick and mortar known as New York in the past, I rejoiced that I had been spared to see this happy time. I can appreciate the change as you young men cannot. You have never known what it was to live in a city with so few parks that the only playground for most children was the streets; where, instead of the beautiful elevated sidewalks, with all the retail stores on the same level, with roadways underneath, and the ground floors of the business district given up to wholesale traffic, horses, carriages, carts, and pedestrians, bales, barrels and boxes were all jumbled together on the dusty ground, and you had to risk your life at every crossing; where, instead of the silent electric motor, which takes you wherever you want to go at the rate of five miles a minute, you had to depend on a horrible, nerve-wearing arrangement on stilts, called an elevated railroad, which roared like a leviathan while it crept like a snail, and on which you shivered in winter and stewed in summer.

"This is now a city of homes, but in my young days it was largely a city of hovels. Since the government first took the transportation business out of the hands of rascally corporations it has gradually become possible for every workingman to sit under his own roof-tree, for it now costs no more either in time or money to ride twenty miles than it formerly did to ride one mile, and the portions of Westchester, Long Island and East Jersey lying within a radius of twenty miles from this spot, which were once solitary and desert-like, now blossom like the rose. In my early days hundreds of thousands of strong men tramped the country looking vainly for somebody to hire them. I have seen women picking up rags and paltry odds and ends in the street for a

livelihood. I have seen little children barefooted on November nights selling papers or begging pennies. I have seen swarms of them at work in dingy factories when they ought to have been at play. I have seen sick men at work, when they ought to have been in bed, because they could not afford to stop. All these evils were rife in my time, because of a system of taxation which choked production at the fountain head and permitted a few idlers to grow rich at the expense of their toiling brethren. The working and business day was gradually shortened from ten or twelve hours to six—from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.—because every labor-saving invention, instead of serving to still further enrich the land owners, went to lighten the burden of life for all mankind.

"St. Cecile, as you all know, was once an afternoon lodge. Now the only difference between this and other lodges is that we meet two hours later—at 9 in the evening instead of at 7. Theatrical and musical performances being now given between the hours of 5.30 and 8.30, actors and musicians are enabled to attend lodge in the evening and meet with their brethren in other walks of life. The ladies are no longer obliged to wear themselves out and spoil their beautiful complexions over cooking-stoves and wash-tubs, or to roughen their fingers with ashes, clinkers and caustic soda washing powders, or to burn themselves up with kerosene oil; for all laundering is now done as if by magic at the public laundries, hygienic knowledge has become so widespread and the race has so gained in vigor that raw food has largely taken the place of cooked, and tea and coffee are no longer a daily necessity; every house has its own electric light plant and its own ice machine; manufacturing and culinary operations are now conducted by means of water gas, which is far cheaper than coal used to be, and a roaring fire is now started by simply turning a gas-cock, which at once turns on the gas and ignites it. The whiskey business has ceased to be profitable; the old prohibition party found out long ago that the chief cause of intemperance was poverty—that men drank to forget their misery—but when poverty was abolished there were comparatively few troubles left to be drowned in the flowing bowl. Drunkenness is now considered a disgrace, because there is no excuse for it. Inventions have not proved an unmixed blessing, however, for us Masons, for since the wonderful improvements in flying machines we are obliged, during our meetings, to have a tiler at every window.

"The beautiful and spacious parks and commodious dwellings which distinguish the east central quarter of this island occupy ground once the site of wretched tenement houses, where neither decency nor comfort was possible and where children died like murrain-smitten sheep. The struggle for existence is no longer the desperate battle it once was, in which men grew prematurely old and sank into the grave before their time; business and professional jealousies no longer array men against each other; standing armies, so long a standing menace to the peace of nations, have been disbanded to engage in peaceful pursuits, and the lesson of universal brotherhood set for mankind one hundred and fifty years ago

by Bro. Robert Burns has been so well learned that, really, my brethren, I do not see that there is much further use for our order, except to preserve well loved traditions and to promote sociability."

A splendid vocal rendition of "I Fear No Foe in Shining Armor," by Bro. H. W. Roe, provoked great applause, and Bro. George Olmi sang several operatic airs with fine expression. A dainty collation brought the afternoon's enjoyment to a close. There was quite a gathering of old members present, including the founder of the lodge and two other signers of the original petition. The occasion may be considered the last grand rally of veterans of 1865, nearly all of whom have since passed away.

During the summer the brethren were twice called upon to pay the last tribute to the dead. Bro. George Hildebrand, a musician, who was initiated in the early part of 1871, died August 25. The lodge met in the Ionic Room on August 28 and proceeded to the residence, where services were held in the presence of the friends and relatives of the deceased brother, after which the body was accompanied to the cemetery by a committee from the lodge.

The funeral of Bro. Benjamin A. Baker, a well-known theatrical man, was held September 10 in the "Little Church Around the Corner," the Rev. Dr. George Houghton officiating. St. Cecile Lodge met in the Tuscan Room at ten o'clock in the morning, and marched in funeral procession to the church, where a large number of friends were gathered. After the religious service the remains were conveyed to Greenwood Cemetery, where W. Bro. Michael Schlig, assisted by a number of brethren, held Masonic services. Bro. Baker was an old member of the lodge, having joined in May, 1866, but, owing to frequent absences from the city, had not been a very regular attendant at lodge meetings.

There were many gratifying evidences of prosperity in the lodge during the year, and at the close it was discovered that twenty-three new names had been added to the roll. The financial report was very satisfactory, and about $700

was added to the funds, making a total of $1,512.69. Many new faces were seen at lodge meetings, which showed increased attendance. Upon hearing these encouraging reports the brethren were more than usually generous when the matter of Yuletide donations came before them for action. R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers occupied the chair while balloting for officers took place, and made a witty address which greatly pleased the brethren. Bro. William H. Donogh was elected Master, Bro. Robert Recker Senior Warden, and Bro. Sydney Herbert Junior Warden. It was resolved to follow the custom of previous years and publicly install the officers at an early date, the ceremony to be followed by an entertainment.

1891.

W. Bro. William Hamilton Donogh (Printer).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, March 29, 1887. Senior Deacon, 1889; Senior Warden, 1890; Master, 1891. Died in New York City, April 9, 1907.

W. Bro. Donogh was a well-known printer and proof-reader, a native of Toronto, Canada. He was for several years foreman of the composing room of the New York "Times." Later he engaged as a proof-reader on prominent morning newspapers.

The growing interest in lodge affairs was strikingly shown by the increased attendance at the public functions. None but the largest hall would now accommodate the great throngs which annually gathered to witness the installation of St. Cecile's officers and the most conspicuous of the daily newspapers had accounts of the event. The installation took place in the Grand Lodge Room on January 6, and the splendid audience which gathered that day awakened feelings of pride in the breast of every member. The ceremonies were very impressive, R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers presiding, and W. Bro. Myron A. Decker assisting as Grand Marshal.



GRAND SECRETARY.

Among those present was R. W. Frederick Widdows, Master of the lodge in 1865, who viewed the proceedings with the greatest delight. A pleasing feature of the day was the presentation to the retiring Master, W. Bro. Michael Schlig, of a massive basket of roses, with the compliments of the lodge. An especially fine entertainment was then given as follows:

PROGRAMME.

1. "Manhattan March" . . . . . George W. Morgan
   Organ and Orchestra.
   Bro. Robert Recker, Conductor.
2. Installation of Officers.
3. Octette for Brass Instruments, "Largo" . . . . . Handel
   Dr. Wm. Volckmar, W. Bro. Schlig, Bros. J. G. Pfeiffer, Wm. Rowell, H. G. Spargur, G. E. Fuller, F. W. Dierks and M. Link.
4. Song, "In Sweet September" . . . . . Hope Temple
   Bro. Harry Pepper,
   Accompanied by Bro. W. E. Fredericks.
5. Quartette (Selected)—
   1st tenor, George Lyding; 2d tenor, John B. Macauley; 1st bass, Woolf D. Marks; 2d bass, Henry W. Roe.
6. Flute Solo (Selected)—
   W. Bro. Allan Latham.
7. "The Obituary Poet"—
   W. Bro. Charles H. Govan.
8. Song—
   Mrs. Bella Thomas-Nichols.
9. Mr. Burr-Mackintosh in His Special Drawing-room Entertainment.
10. Violin Solo, "Walther's Prize Song," from the "Meistersinger" . . . . . Wagner
    Master Willie Rowell,
    Accompanied by Bro. W. E. Fredericks.
11. A Few Moments with Bro. Jefferson De Angelis.
12. Song, "The Palms" . . . . . Faure
    Mr. Harry Foresman,
    (Baritone of the Schumann Quartette)
    With organ accompaniment.
13. Organ Solo . . . . . Benedict's Ballad
    "By the Sad Sea Waves" (Varied),
    Bro. George W. Morgan.

14. Bro. Marshall P. Wilder.
15. Recitation—

Miss Jennie O'Neil Potter.

16. Song, "Many a Mile Away."

Mr. John B. Macauley.

17. The Weston Brothers, in Their Specialties.
18. Recitative and Ballad, "A Father's Love" . . . . . Wallace

Bro. Henry W. Roe.

19. A Few Remarks by Bro. Horatio C. King.
20. Overture by Bro. Recker's Harmonists.

Instrumental music was contributed by a large orchestra, over which Bro. Robert Recker wielded the baton. W. Bro. John E. Morse was chairman of the committee.

Just twenty-one years after the laying of the corner-stone of the Temple the lodge was invited to participate in a similar ceremony at Utica. The occasion was the laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Asylum on May 21. St. Cecile as an organized body did not participate, but individual members of the lodge attended and marched in the great parade, which numbered over 7,000 Masons, from all parts of the State. R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers was marshal of the day. The ceremonies were witnessed by one of the greatest gatherings ever seen in that city.

It was learned with sorrow that Mrs. Martha Widdows, wife of the estimable founder of St. Cecile Lodge, had died in the city of Washington on June 2. The Secretary was requested to address a letter to R. W. Bro. Widdows expressing the sympathy of the lodge in his hour of bereavement.

One of the most faithful members the lodge ever had was Bro. Francesco Ramacciotti, who died June 13. The lodge met in a hall corner of Third Avenue and Eighty-sixth Street, on June 15, at half-past seven in the evening, and marched to the residence, where impressive services were conducted by W. Bro. Donogh. There was a large attendance. Bro. Ramacciotti joined the lodge in 1871 and from the first took an enthusiastic interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the lodge. He filled many minor positions, perform-

in every duty with conscientious fidelity, and upon the death of Bro. Papst was selected by the lodge as Treasurer to fill the unexpired term.

An unpleasant incident occurred during the early part of June, which caused considerable feeling in the lodge. A certain brother who had been initiated in the first degree was challenged upon appearing for the second. Charges were thereupon preferred against the candidate, and after due trial he was declared guilty. Upon the recommendation of the committee trying the case the brother was detached from membership by a unanimous vote. As this was the lodge's first experience of the kind it made a profound impression upon the members.

Among the distinguished brethren visiting from a foreign jurisdiction in this year was M. W. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master of Canada, who was welcomed in St. Cecile Lodge by the Master on November 21. Bro. Robertson delivered an intensely interesting address upon the purposes and work of the Masonic Relief Association, and spoke instructively upon the condition of Masonic charitable work in general throughout the United States and Canada. He also complimented the lodge upon the efficiency of its officers, particularly mentioning the splendid work of Bro. John F. Dobbs, Senior Deacon.

Aside from the official visit of the District Deputy in November there is nothing of unusual importance to record during the remainder of the year. The election of officers passed off quietly, Bro. Robert Recker being chosen to wield the Master's gavel as well as the orchestra leader's baton, Bro. John F. Dobbs was chosen Senior Warden, Bro. A. J. Bisnett Junior Warden. Bro. Joseph L. Henning, Treasurer, and Bro. "Harry" W. Roe, Secretary, were unanimously re-elected for their third terms. Tuesday, January 5, was set apart for a public installation ceremony and entertainment, and a committee was appointed to secure the necessary talent for the occasion.

1892.

R. W. Robert Recker (Orchestra Leader).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, March 29, 1887. Junior Master of Ceremonies, 1889; Junior Warden, 1890; Senior Warden, 1891; Master, 1892-93-94; Chaplain, 1895; Treasurer, 1896, and annually ever since. In 1896 appointed Grand Steward by M. W. John Stewart, Grand Master.

A presiding officer of unusually imposing appearance is R. W. Bro. Robert Recker, whose six feet of well-proportioned manhood makes him a striking figure upon all ceremonial occasions. As Master he soon gained a reputation for excellent ritualistic work, and during his very successful three years' term, added materially to the numbers and prestige of the lodge. R. W. Bro. Recker was born in Indianapolis, Ind., August 10, 1856, and is a descendant of a soldier of the Grande Armée of Napoleon I. At an early age he displayed a talent for music little short of precocity. Every moment was devoted to the study of theory and harmony, under such well-known musicians as Professor Godhardt, Professor Vogt and Henry B. Beissenberz. Upon starting his professional career R. W. Bro. Recker obtained a position as first clarinet with the orchestra of the Schueller Opera Company. In a short time he obtained a position as musical director for the Emerson California Minstrels, leaving this to become first clarinetist with Gilmore's Band, with which he remained four years. He then accepted the position of orchestra leader at the London Theatre, where he remained until recently, when he became orchestra leader of the Alhambra Theatre. There is probably no better known musician in the city than R. W. Bro. Recker. He easily won the diamond studded gold baton offered by a leading metropolitan newspaper for the most popular theatre orchestra leader in 1893, in a contest in which there were many popular leaders entered. In Masonic circles R. W. Bro. Recker is equally well and favorably known. In addition to St. Cecile, R. W. Bro. Recker took a great deal of interest in Corinthian Chapter, No. 159, and was largely instrumental in having its time of meeting changed from night to afternoon. He is a member and past officer of numerous Masonic organizations, including Corinthian Chapter, Columbian Commandery and Mecca Temple, as well as the Scottish Rite bodies of the Northern Jurisdiction, Order of Anoïnted High Priests, etc., but none of these can take from him the affection he cherishes for St. Cecile.

It is safe to say that the great hall of the Grand Lodge in the Temple never held a larger or more enthusiastic audience than that which filled every nook and corner of that spacious

meeting place on Tuesday afternoon, January 5, 1892. At half-past one o'clock even standing room was at a premium. Aside from the eminently respectable character of the audience, which was composed of handsomely gowned ladies and their escorts, there was presented by St. Cecile Lodge that day for the entertainment of the guests such a remarkable programme as is seldom equalled in a Masonic lodge anywhere. The lodge was honored by the presence of the Grand Master of Masons in New York and members of his staff, and there were in attendance as entertainers some of the most renowned artists in the world. M. W. William Sherer, Grand Master, installed the officers, being assisted by W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, of St. Cecile Lodge. The ceremonies of installation were enlivened by the orchestral music of a splendid band, accompanied by Bro. George W. Morgan at the great organ. The audience observed the entire proceedings with the closest attention. After the formal ceremonies there was a buzz of animated expectancy. Surely no Masonic lodge other than our own St. Cecile has ever presented such a delectable array of high-class artists for the entertainment of its guests at a public function as were introduced upon this occasion.

PROGRAMME.

Reception to Grand Master and Staff.

March—"St. Cecile" . . . . . Bro. George W. Morgan
Bro. Robert Recker and Orchestra.

Installation of Officers . . By M. W. William Sherer, Grand Master

Proclamation . . . . By W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, Grand Marshal

PROGRAMME OF CONCERT.

Overture—"William Tell" . . . . . Rossini
Bro. George W. Morgan.

"Bedouin Love Song" . . . . . Pinsuti
Bro. Henry W. Roe.

Violin Solo—"Souvenir de Moscow" . . . . . Wieniawski
Miss Maud Powell.

Songs—(*a*) "Sunset" . . . . . Dudley Buck
(*b*) "The Bloom Is on the Rye" . . . . . ———
Bro. Albert Gerard Thiers.

Contralto Solo—(*a*) "Serenade" . . . . . Meszkowski
(*b*) "Arabian Song" . . . . . Max Vogrich
Miss ALICE MANDELICK.

Grand Polonaise . . . . . Liszt
Mr. FRANK LIONEL CURTIS.

Aria—"Robert, toi qui j'aime" . . . . . Meyerbeer
Miss FRANK STEEL.

"The Two Grenadiers" . . . . . Schumann
Dr. CARL MARTIN.

Grand Polonaise from "Mignon" . . . . . Ambroise Thomas
Miss ELLA WERNER.

Aria—"Salve Dimora" from "Faust" . . . . . Gounod
Signor ITALO CAMPANINI.

Funeral March, B flat minor . . . . . Chopin
Mr. FRANK LIONEL CURTIS.

Songs—(*a*) "I Hardly Know" . . . . . } Kjerulf
(*b*) "My Heart and Lute" . . . . . }
Miss LOUISE GERARD.

"I'm a Roamer" . . . . . Mendelssohn
Dr. CARL MARTIN.

Overture—"Zampa" . . . . . Herold
Bro. GEORGE W. MORGAN.
Accompanist, Mr. MAX LIEBLING.

The Committee of Arrangements was composed of W. Bro. John H. Allen, Bros. William M. Thoms and Robert Recker, who received thanks and compliments on all sides for the success of their plans. An incident which for a time looked as though it might cause disaster happened near the close of the concert. Some one in the rear of the hall called loudly "Potter, Potter!" (evidently meaning Miss Jennie O'Neill Potter), probably thinking to have her deliver one of her popular recitations. At any rate, it was taken for "Water, water," and some of those in the front became frightened, thinking of fire, and started from their seats in alarm. In an instant there was a tumult, which happily was quickly terminated by W. Bro. John H. Allen, who grasped the situation instantly and sprang to the front of the stage calling upon all to sit down, as there was no fire and no cause for

alarm. Several ladies fainted, but order was quickly restored and the concert concluded without further incident.

At the meeting of January 19 a letter was received from the director of the fair for the benefit of the Actors' Fund, to be held in the Madison Square Garden in May, requesting St. Cecile Lodge to open a "Masonic Booth" at the fair. After full consideration of the proposition it was decided to be inexpedient to accept the invitation.

At the meeting of February 16 the resignation of W. Bro. W. H. Donogh as Trustee was accepted and Bro. Laurence O'Reilly was selected to fill the unexpired term.

Among the distinguished visitors who were welcomed to the lodge in the month of March was R. W. Bro. Drummond, District Deputy of the Second, who assisted in the work of the second degree. Afterward, in addressing the lodge, he said that the work of the officers equalled the best he had ever seen, and that "were the quality of St. Cecile's work more generally known it would result in a much larger number of visitors anxious to learn and inwardly digest the Masonic teachings so perfectly exemplified by the superior work of the officers."

FUNERAL BENEFITS DISCUSSED BY THE LODGE.

A question having arisen in regard to the expenditures in connection with a brother's funeral, it was ordered by resolution of the lodge that no more than $75 should be expended upon the funeral of any individual, except by formal vote of the lodge after full discussion. Well-informed brethren use caution in advising members of their families as to just what financial assistance may be expected from a Masonic lodge in the event of death. Many members are careless about this important detail, and when the inevitable happens sometimes there are serious differences of opinion arising from this cause which are likely to bring discredit upon our beloved

institution, whereas the fault rests entirely with the thoughtless brother himself.

Attendance at lodge meetings became so large that it was found necessary to obtain the Commandery Room to accommodate the great number of brethren who came on third degree days. One of these occasions was March 29. On that day there were present the usual immense throng, including many brethren of high position in the councils of the fraternity. A very pleasing innovation was the singing by a quartet composed of Bros. Roe, Crispin, Chase and Crosby. This feature added greatly to the effectiveness of the proceedings. There was also a brass band, composed of ten instruments, playing soft music at intervals. This was arranged by W. Bro. Michael Schlig, who received numerous compliments upon his success. It was all very delightful. The brethren were also entertained by W. Bro. Charles H. Govan with "How Salvator Won," with orchestral accompaniment, under direction of W. Bro. Robert Recker, who wrote the music especially for the occasion. Others contributing were Bros. Louis Mann, Paul Stanley and William Reed, with character imitations and songs.

"Blind Harry" Woods died suddenly at his post in the organ loft of one of the rooms in the Temple on April 19. He had faithfully attended to the duty of assisting the organist in St. Cecile Lodge for many years, and was exceedingly popular with all. In early life he had been a plasterer by trade, earning good wages, but had his sight destroyed through getting lime in his eyes. He was buried with Masonic honors in the plot at Cypress Hills, where his last resting place is marked by a marble slab upon which are the words "Now I See," this appropriate inscription having been suggested by R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary.

Early in the spring Bro. George W. Morgan determined to try the invigorating climate of the Pacific coast in hope of regaining his health, which had been steadily failing. W. Bro. John H. Allen, in behalf of the lodge, accompanied

Bro. Morgan to the train upon his departure, and presented him with a handsome bouquet, together with the best wishes of the brethren for his recovery. Bro. Morgan undertook an extended concert tour, and while in Tacoma, Wash., suddenly became seriously ill, and on July 10 he breathed his last. He was buried with Masonic honors by the brethren of that distant city, after communicating with the officers of St. Cecile. When the friends who hastened to Tacoma saw the exceedingly beautiful spot in which he was laid they had not the resolution to disturb the body. Bro. Morgan was organist for the lodge many years, also officiating in a similar capacity at Grand Lodge ceremonials. A sketch of his life will be found elsewhere in these pages. Bro. E. P. Chase was appointed to occupy the position of organist for the remainder of the year.

DEDICATION OF THE HOME AT UTICA.

The dedication of the Masonic Home at Utica was an event in which the brethren of the entire State felt a genuine interest. The date for the ceremony was October 5. As on the occasion of the corner-stone laying, the ceremonies were preceded by a large parade, of which R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers was chief marshal, as he had been at the previous ceremony. About 9,000 Master Masons participated in the parade, of which St. Cecile furnished about thirty. The members of St. Cecile had a private car, with a conspicuous banner on the outside extending along the side of the car. Bro. Harry C. Jacobs, who was to be Marshal for St. Cecile in the parade, missed the regular train, but hired a locomotive which carried him to Utica in time to participate with the others. The surprise of the brethren when he made his appearance may be imagined. It was a commendable stroke of enterprise, although expensive to Bro. Jacobs. The dedicatory ceremonies were very elaborate. Practically the entire

city was out to witness the proceedings, and there were throngs of visitors from near and far.

One of the interesting events which occurred during the year should be mentioned. It was learned that upon being presented by his wife with a new daughter one enthusiastic brother immediately demanded that the little newcomer be called "Cecile," in honor of the lodge, which was done. These tidings being conveyed to the lodge it was ordered that the circumstance be entered upon the records.

Among the frequent visitors of the year who were very welcome were W. Bros. Foster, of Neptune Lodge, No. 317; Captain Albert Maxfield, of Constitution Lodge, No. 241, and W. Bro. Charles Hotmer, of Copestone. These brethren were great aids to the Master and were justly popular with all the brethren.

About as odd a gift as a lodge ever received came from Bro. Laurence O'Reilly, who presented the lodge with a deed for a grave in the Cemetery of the Evergreens, with the prayer that it might be many a long day before it was found necessary to use it for any member of the lodge.

Many expressions of sympathy were sent to W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, who lost his beloved wife by death in September. A committee from the lodge attended the services.

As the time of election drew near there arose quite a discussion among the brethren in regard to the advisability of continuing the annual practice of holding public installations of officers. Finally the matter was brought up in lodge meeting and after being viewed in all lights, referred to a committee consisting of W. Bro. John H. Allen, Bro. James H. Curtin and Bro. Henry Jacobs. The recommendation of the committee was that hereafter the officers be installed in the lodge room immediately after the election and that an entertainment be provided at some later date for the friends of the lodge. The suggestions of the committee were adopted by the lodge. The same brethren were continued as a committee to arrange for a public entertainment, and they were author-

ized to spend not more than $100 in hall rent or other expenses incidental to the success of an affair commensurate with the reputation of the lodge. The talent and music would of course be voluntary. It was the general opinion that a large theatre should be secured in order to properly accommodate the great number anxious to secure invitations to the reception. The annual election passed off without material change in the staff of the current year. The principal changes were in the west, where Bro. A. J. Bisnett took the place of Bro. John F. Dobbs, who in turn replaced Bro. Charles M. Carter as Senior Deacon, and in the south, where Bro. James H. Curtin took the position vacated by the advancement of Bro. Bisnett. All the other officers were re-elected.

1893.

Preparations for the annual entertainment were viewed with more than usual interest, as the extraordinary programme of the preceding year had not been forgotten, and it was expected that the Entertainment Committee would endeavor to equal if not surpass that memorable event. The friends and members, therefore, gathered in large numbers on Tuesday, January 10, at Chickering Hall. Without unnecessary delay the doors were opened and the seats were quickly filled. The entertainment was opened with an organ solo by Professor Chase. Then followed a long programme of great excellence. Gilmore's Band, under the leadership of Bro. D. W. Reeves, contributed a concert; there were comical stories by W. Bro. C. H. Govan and Bro. Marshall P. Wilder, and many enjoyable features which caused the afternoon to quickly pass. The affair was fully up to all expectations.

During the month of January there were a number of eminent members of the fraternity welcomed by the Master,

among whom may be mentioned M. W. G. M. Vincent, Past Grand Master of Rhode Island.

One of those enjoyable occasions ratifying the exchange of fraternal compliments occurred at the meeting of March 7, when W. Bro. John H. Allen, on behalf of Bro. James H. Curtin, manager of the Olympic Theatre, presented W. Bro. Robert Recker, orchestra leader at the London Theatre, with a handsomely embroidered silk apron appropriate for the lodge's presiding officer. W. Bro. Allen was in one of his happiest moods and made a witty speech congratulating the lodge upon the efficiency of its officers and mentioning the Master in particular. W. Bro. Recker in a few earnest words expressed his surprise and pleasure, thanking the donor for the beautiful gift. Among the visitors present that day was a brother from St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 250, Dublin, Ireland. Bro. Edward Quinn, of St. Cecile Lodge, was also present, after an absence of several years in Europe.

About this time there again arose some dissatisfaction in regard to the Masonic Board of Relief. A motion was made that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of the lodge withdrawing from the Board. The motion was carried and Bros. Bisnett, Low and Perpignan were selected to investigate the matter. Subsequently the committee made a report explaining the various methods employed in distributing relief, and recommended that the lodge retain its membership in the Board. The recommendation of the committee was adopted.

A number of brethren gathered at the residence of W. Bro. Robert Recker on Sunday evening, April 30, the occasion being the first birthday of Miss Cecile Recker, named in honor of the lodge. A very enjoyable evening was passed, during which the young lady received a beautiful gold locket, suitably engraved.

At the request of M. W. James Ten Eyck, Grand Master, the lodge prepared a musical programme for the opening of the Grand Lodge on June 6. On that day St. Cecile met in

the Tuscan Room and, preceded by W. Bro. Recker, the members marched to the Grand Lodge Hall, where the lodge assisted in the opening ceremonies, after which they returned to the Tuscan Room, where labor was resumed.

Here is the programme of the occasion:—

GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

June 6th, 1893.

M. W. James Ten Eyck, Grand Master.

OPENING EXERCISES

BY

ST. CECILE LODGE, No. 568, F. & A. M.

Robert Recker, W. M.

Harry Alton Russell, *Organist of the Grand Lodge.*

1. "The Grand Lodge Processional March" . . Bro. Geo. W. Morgan
   (Organ with Military Band accompaniment.)
2. Salutation.
3. Evening Star Song . . . . . Wagner
   Bro. Harry W. Roe.
   (Arranged for this occasion by Bro. Albert J. Holden.)

QUARTETTE:

Bro. Fred. Harvey, 1st Tenor	Bro. H. W. Roe, 1st Bass
Bro. E. P. Chase, 2d Tenor	Bro. Herman Trost, 2d Bass

O! ye who seek for wisdom here,
Tho' veiled in darkness, light is near.
Be strong in faith, and look above,
To God's high throne, where all is love.

Through night and gloom your steps we guide,
To where His light and truth abide;
Fear not, the darkness soon is passed,
And God's own glorious light shall shine at last.

4. Opening Ceremonies.
5. Prayer . . . . . Grand Chaplain
6. (*a*) "Still as the Night" . . . . . Bohm
   (*b*) "Daddy" . . . . . Behrends
   Bro. Albert G. Thiers.

7. Hallelujah Chorus . . . . . Handel
(Organ with Military Band.)

8. Chorus (Old 100th) . . . . . By members of St. Cecile Lodge
(Brethren are requested to rise and unite in singing.)

Be thou, O God, exalted high,
And as Thy glory fills the sky,
So shall it be on earth displayed
Till Thou art here as there obeyed.

9. Proclamation (with fanfare of trumpets) . . . . Grand Marshal

The death of R. W. Frederick Widdows, aged seventy-three, first Master of St. Cecile Lodge, occurred at his residence, in Washington, on July 17, after a protracted illness, during which the lodge kept in touch with the family and performed such services as were possible for his comfort. Besides being the founder of St. Cecile, Bro. Widdows also had the distinction of being an honorary member of several Masonic lodges, including St. Cecile, and was well known in musical circles. A sketch of the venerable brother will be found in the previous pages of this work. The funeral took place from the Hamlin M. E. Church, in Washington, on July 19, at half-past four in the afternoon. After the church service New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, of Washington, at the request of St. Cecile Lodge, accompanied the body to the cemetery, where Masonic services were held in the presence of a large gathering. The only members of St. Cecile present were Bros. Theodore Cays and Charles McPherson, the latter acting as candle bearer. During the progress of the funeral the chimes of the Metropolitan Church were tolled, adding greatly to the solemnity of the obsequies. Bro. Widdows' last resting place is in a beautiful location in the celebrated Rock Creek Cemetery, in the District of Columbia, where he lies beside his beloved wife, Martha, who preceded him two years. The spot is appropriately marked by a marble slab. The following lines, from a prominent daily newspaper of Washington, D. C., refer to a touching incident connected with the death of his wife, which has been mentioned in this record:—

THE LAST REQUEST.

[Inscribed to Prof. Frederick Widdows.]

Hark, from the belfry's quivering height
  Titanic music swells
And freights the city's pulsing night
  With the message of the bells.

Now joy, now grief, in rhythmic beats
  Melodious clangor sends;
Anon the unseen player greets
  His noblest of all friends.

And now centennial chimes obey
  That cunning artist's hand;
And sound Columbia's glorious day
  Abroad thro' all the land.

A proud thrill stirs the player's soul—
  A flush his pale cheeks wear;
Exultant clashes grandly roll
  To a listening nation's ear.

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"Play for me once again," she said,
  "The shadows gather fast;
Let the dear notes so oft you've played
  Of earth's sounds be the last."

Shadowed by death's descending wing
  The snowy head droops low
And hands that made the great bells sing
  Falter and tremble now.

Tremble, but fail not, for the strain
  Best loved till life's last even
Falls on her dulling ear again;
Forgot are age and care and pain
  Earth's last is first of Heaven.

WASHINGTON, June, 1891.

By vote of the lodge it was decided to hold a "ladies' day" on October 3. The lodge met in the Tuscan Room at the usual hour, but at once adjourned and the doors were thrown open to the ladies, who were welcomed by the brethren and escorted to seats. There was plenty of talent and the

visitors were convulsed with laughter by the efforts of some brothers to exemplify certain mystic degrees originated for the benefit of the ladies. Refreshments were served, after which the audience was dismissed, returning to their homes greatly pleased with the reception.

APPERTAINING TO THE MUSICIANS.

Included in the membership are many prominent composers and musicians, who have gained renown, some of whom have been connected with the lodge for many years. Brief reference to a few of these, in the order in which they joined, will be found interesting. The percentage of musicians is larger than that of any other vocation. Among the familiar names is that of Bro. Henry Wannemacher, orchestra leader at Booth's, who signed the roll October 15, 1873, and remained a member, till his death in 1902, twenty-nine years. Others are Bro. Louis Baer, Jr., also an orchestra leader; Bro. James Pearce, lodge Organist; Bro. Julius Bernstein, a well known violinist, who became suddenly insane during rehearsal in the Cathedral and smashed his beloved violin; Bro. Michael Keinz; Bro. Joseph Withers, a relative of R. W. Bro. Widdows, who was bandmaster with the Barnum and Bailey show; Bro. Reuben Withers, brother of the preceding, who is still with us, musical director of the famous "Black Crook" and other big productions; another brother was William, who was orchestra leader at Ford's Theatre in Washington the night of the assassination of President Lincoln, and who was slashed by the escaping murderer in his flight; Bro. Joseph Laendner, well-known violinist; Bro. William Bayne, the popular leader for many years of the famous Sixty-ninth Regiment Band; Bro. William Lloyd Bowron, for fourteen years musical director at the Fourteenth Street Theatre; Bro. Edward P. Quinn, drum artist; Bro. Joseph A. De Bona, violinist and teacher; Bro. Emil Habercorn,



Allan Latham

WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

1885.





Michael Schlig

WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

1890.



Jno E. Morse

WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

1889.

Jno H. Allen

WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

1881-82-83-84.

a well-known orchestra leader, who married Margaret Mather, the actress; Bro. Louis Begiebing, orchestra player; Bro. William A. Sander, noted teacher; Bro. Gustave A. Kerker, author of numerous operatic successes at the Casino and elsewhere; Bro. Philip Straub, Jr.; Bro. Horace G. Spargur; Bro. William M. Armstrong, drummer; Bro. Theodore Moses Tobani, whose "Hearts and Flowers" have won for him fame and fortune; Bro. Frank Stretz and Bro. Charles W. Freudenvoll, clarinetists.

SOME WELL-KNOWN ACTORS AND SINGERS.

Then there were the actors and singers, most of whom are so well known that it is almost superfluous to mention their achievements. Bro. Henry Schwicardi, a vocalist with a phenomenal voice; Bro. Dionysius Barron, opera singer, and Bro. John Fielding, a well known comedian, all came into the lodge in the early seventies. Bro. Charles A. Stevenson, who became Junior Warden in 1884, is an actor of acknowledged ability, who affiliated from Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston, in 1876, and has never lost his interest in the fraternity; his generous actions endear him to all. Bro. Henry Jesson Beckett, celebrated comedian, is mentioned elsewhere. Bro. Frederic C. P. Robinson, actor, who affiliated from Globe Lodge, 588, in 1876, played important characters with such celebrities as Booth; he was very active in his interest in lodge affairs, was Senior Warden in 1879-80, and doubtless would have been Master of the lodge had he remained in America. Bro. John W. Peck, an actor, joined the lodge at about the same time that Bros. Jabez Freeth and Harry W. Roe, singers, were initiated. In 1882 the first circus performers were initiated, the brothers Hartley—Charles and William. Shortly afterward Bro. George Baxter (Olmi) affiliated from a Scottish lodge; he was regarded as a very fine opera singer, and often delighted the brethren with his

renditions of popular airs, and sang the solos at the opening of the Grand Lodge and other ceremonies; he was Junior Warden in 1889. Bro. Robert Fulford, an English actor, favorably known to old theatre-goers on both sides of the Atlantic, has been a member in good standing since 1883. Bro. Ralph Delmore is a famous leading actor who had been identified with numerous notable metropolitan successes of recent years. Bro. Marshall P. Wilder, "king of entertainers and entertainer of kings," has frequently volunteered at functions of the lodge. Bro. Marlborough Hardy and George S. Robinson were actors. Bro. William A. M. de Watteville, M.D., was the possessor of a splendidly trained voice, and often sang in the lodge room. Bro. John Findlay, a sterling actor of the old school; Bro. Joseph H. Herbert received his first degree in 1888 and his third seventeen years later; Bro. Jefferson De Angelis, leading operatic comedian, travelling for years as the star of a large company, and Bro. Julius Kahn, are still members. The Weston brothers, Morris and Samuel, old-time entertainers, joined the lodge in 1889, as did Bro. Felix Morris, a fine actor, and Bro. R. A. Rice (Roberts), a noted stage manager. Then there are the three Mann brothers—Samuel, Nathan and Louis, the latter a comedian of the first class, starring in successful productions. Bro. John H. Ryley, comedian, also at the head of a large theatrical company. Bro. Abraham Symmons forsook the newspaper field to sing in opera, and is stage manager for one of the successful travelling companies. Bro. Frederick Solomon, versatile actor and musician who has staged many successes, is chef d'orchestra for Klaw and Erlanger; Bros. John Cardall and John C. Rice, actors, are familiarly known in leading attractions; Bro. Eugene O. Jepson is well known in the metropolis for his fine impersonations in many important dramatic productions. Bros. George and Barton Swope (Rice and Barton) have long been favorably known to the vaudeville stage as actors and managers. Bro. Joseph M. Weber and Bro. Lewis M. Fields have long been famous as leading exponents of German comedy.

PRINTERS FLOCKING INTO THE LODGE.

The printers, too, have furnished many talented men, among whom in seniority of membership may be noted: Bros. Millard F. Horton, Charles H. Govan and Theodore A. Cays, alluded to elsewhere; Bro. George H. Moore, a veteran of the Civil War, who affiliated from Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1885, and who is employed as proof-reader on leading daily newspapers of the metropolis. Others who joined in the latter part of the eighties or early in the nineties are Bro. Frederick Ditchie, Bro. Charles M. Carter, formerly very active in the lodge; Bro. John F. Dobbs, who gained a wide reputation for efficiency as Senior Deacon; Bro. Darius Minshull and Bro. Joseph Babcock, the latter for many years a proof-reader in the Government Printing Office in Washington. Bro. Joseph Greenbaum, also a proof-reader, who was formerly active in lodge affairs; Bros. Charles McPherson, Theodore C. Lauer, A. L. Mishler, William S. McCurdy and Charles F. Brodie, all of whom are well known and who have been in the lodge since the beginning of the nineties.

Prominent among those engaged in theatrical enterprises other than previously mentioned were Bro. William B. Gross, an agent, who joined the lodge in the early part of 1888. Bro. Henry C. Jacobs was the first to be registered as a "theatrical manager." He was very enthusiastic, and on one occasion, with true fraternalism, journeyed to Washington and successfully used his influence in having an old member of the lodge retained in a position from which he was about to be removed. Bro. Jacobs was Senior Master of Ceremonies in 1890-92, and Chaplain in 1893; he was also the first Librarian of the lodge.

SOME MEMBERS WITH NOTABLE RECORDS.

Among those engaged in other occupations are Bro. William M. Young, watchman for a prominent East Side thea-

tre ever since the close of the war in 1865, and a member and regular attendant of St. Cecile since Feb. 17, 1873. Bro. "Billy" may not be as active physically as he once was, but his mind is a perfect storehouse of interesting reminiscence.

Bro. Joseph Henning was born in New York City in 1835, and was engaged in business for forty-five years in Fulton Market, where his reputation for upright dealing was of the best. He first saw Masonic light in Piatt Lodge, No. 194, in 1865, but withdrew in 1867 to become a charter member of Citizens' Lodge, where he was Treasurer several years. He affiliated with St. Cecile in January, 1877, and was Treasurer of the lodge from 1890 to 1894, and also served as Trustee a number of terms.

Bro. Raymond R. Minor, collector for twenty-five years for one firm, who was raised in De Witt Clinton Lodge, No. 141, Cartersville, Virginia, and paid for his initiation by cutting cordwood and selling it to the lodge. He was Senior Deacon for a number of years afterward, and affiliated with St. Cecile January 18, 1881. There could scarcely be a more steadfast adherent to the principles of the fraternity than Bro. Minor. His favorite work has been largely in connection with the Masonic Board of Relief, where he represented St. Cecile many terms. Bro. Minor is a large man of towering stature, with a kindly, generous disposition which especially fits him for the duty of relieving those in distress. He was Junior Master of Ceremonies in 1882, and afterward served four years as Junior Deacon, and as Marshal in 1889-90.

Bro. Albert C. Perpignan, Jr., a tobacconist, was made a Mason in Mizpah Lodge, No. 738, and affiliated with St. Cecile in April 5, 1881. He was Junior Warden in 1882, Senior Deacon in 1886-88, Marshal in 1897. Bro. Perpignan is a veteran of the Union Army in the Civil War, and takes an active interest in all matters Masonic as well as in those of the Grand Army of the Republic, and retains an affection for St. Cecile which nothing can displace.

Among the old members of the lodge none is regarded with greater affection than Bro. Isaac Friedenberg, a retired merchant, who has given St. Cecile four sons. Bro. Friedenberg was made a Mason in Georgia fifty years ago. He affiliated from Hamilton Lodge, No. 16, on December 5, 1882, and has since been a regular attendant at meetings whenever possible.

In addition to these are Bros. Thomas Grey, policeman, who joined the lodge October 31, 1882; Louis Wachter, a butcher; Horatio C. King, well known author and lawyer; Louis F. Weisman, pharmacist; John McElroy, dairy products; Louis J. Friedenberg, son of Bro. Isaac Friedenberg; Bro. Merritt W. Larabee, merchant, and Bros. William J. Bailey, plumber; George W. Walker, grocer; Walter T. Sternenberg, John C. Duffy, dealer in paints and oils in Worth Street for many years; J. Charles Grasmuk, music publisher; Arthur J. Reeder, drugs; Henry Mueller, Jr.; William M. Thoms, editor of "Musical Art Review"; James M. Embree, proprietor of a large variety market at Dobbs Ferry, and Bernard McCann, hatter.

By a remarkable chain of circumstances during the year an unusual number of brethren were sufferers from one cause or another. Bro. Henry Hauck, of the Fire Department, had one of his hands badly injured while in the performance of his duty. W. Bro. Charles H. Govan underwent two painful operations, one in Roosevelt and the other in the Post-Graduate Hospital. Bro. Thomas S. Nedham was quite ill for some time, as were also W. Bro. Myron A. Decker and Bro. William M. Thoms. Bro. James H. Curtin had one of his legs broken in an accident, and several other brethren met with slighter mishaps.

In most respects the year was a very prosperous one for the lodge. After hearing the annual reports the brethren chose officers for the ensuing year. The election resulted in but little change. Bro. James H. Curtin was elected Senior Warden and Bro. W. W. Walters Junior Warden, all the

other elective officers being retained in their several places. W. Bro. Myron A. Decker was appointed Chaplain, and Bro. Henry S. Jacobs Librarian. By vote of the lodge it was resolved to install the new officers publicly, as had been done in several previous years. A committee was appointed to secure artists for an entertainment to follow the installation ceremonies. It was decided to have the installation in the Grand Lodge Hall.

1894.

Members of the lodge met in the Tuscan Room on Tuesday, January 9, the date of the installation ceremonies. Preceded by the officers, the lodge marched to the large hall, already well filled with expectant friends. During the ceremonies R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers acted as Grand Master, being assisted by W. Bro. Myron A. Decker as Grand Marshal. After the installation the platform was taken possession of by the artists, who delighted the audience with vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with vaudeville. W. Bro. Robert Recker directed the orchestra.

The lodge was the recipient of a programme of the last concert given by Bro. George W. Morgan. A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Nathaniel Mann, the donor. A letter was received from Bro. Sidney Herbert, playing with Daly's company in London, in which he reported the death of Bro. Ralph Nisbet, which occurred at his father's home, in Worthing, on January 5. The lodge was visited by R. W. William J. Duncan, Grand Librarian, who was welcomed with appropriate honors by the Master.

A resolution was introduced that a committee be appointed to consider the advisability of adopting some kind of distinctive lodge button to be worn by members and which was to be presented to all new members upon their signing the by-laws.

Some of the members of the lodge complained about the

garbled reports of lodge affairs which from time to time found their way into the newspapers. It was thereupon resolved to add the office of Historian to the list of annual appointments. The duties of the Historian were defined to consist of "furnishing the press with proper notices of work accomplished and to be done, and to boom the interests of the lodge generally." W. Bro. John E. Morse was appointed by the Master as Historian for the year.

The meeting of March 6 was a record breaker, although attendance at lodge meetings all through the winter had been phenomenally large. It had been announced in the notices that the lodge would be honored by a visit from R. W. Charles F. Booth, M.D., District Deputy of the Seventh, accompanied by a delegation of Masters. The cordial reception accorded the distinguished brother gratified him very much. There were fully six hundred brethren in the Commandery Room when the District Deputy entered. He was introduced to the brethren in a neat speech of welcome by W. Bro. Recker, to which he made appropriate reply. The lodge then proceeded with the work of the third degree, which was done in splendid style, the lodge being complimented by the representative of the Grand Master. The regular force was augmented by W. Bro. August Eichelberg and members of Scotia Lodge in costume. R. W. John Stewart, D. G. M., delivered the lecture on the symbolism of the degree in his well-known impressive manner. During the refreshment hour there was a quartet of brass instruments played by Bros. Thomas Baugh, Horace G. Spargur, Alfred C. Kruger and George E. Fuller, under direction of W. Bro. Michael Schlig, which played "The Lord's Own Day," "Annie Laurie" and other music in faultless style. Bro. "Harry" Roe sang "I Fear No Foe" and other songs, and W. Bro. Govan amused the brethren with several of his inimitable characterizations. There were present scores of the leading Masonic brethren from lodges all over the city, and the Commandery Room could not accommodate all the throng.

The reception tendered to the Grand Master by the lodges

of the Seventh District took place in the Commandery Room on April 3. W. Bro. Robert Recker and about fifty members of St. Cecile Lodge were present. It was a grand affair, attended by a large number of prominent Masons. Orchestral music was provided by W. Bro. Recker, who had arranged special numbers for the occasion.

In March a resolution was introduced in the lodge increasing the initiation to $50, but after the constitutional time had elapsed, upon the matter being thoroughly threshed out on the floor of the lodge, it was decided to make no change.

W. Bro. John H. Allen, who had engaged in business at Millbrook, N. Y., applied for a dimit to Shekomeko Lodge, No. 458, located at that place. It was with no small regret that the brethren acceded to his request. St. Cecile Lodge never had a more conscientious or able master, and a more popular one it certainly would be difficult to imagine.

The death of Bro. Johnston Fountain, of Lafayette Lodge, No. 64, occurred June 5. Bro. Fountain was the first Tiler of St. Cecile Lodge in 1865, and served, with slight interruption, in that position for twenty-six years. Owing to the serious illness of W. Bro. Recker, the lodge did not turn out in a body to the funeral, but a number of the brethren attended the services.

There was so much unfinished lodge work demanding attention that it was decided not to adjourn during the summer, and notwithstanding the hot weather the attendance at lodge meetings was satisfactory.

In October the Treasurer informed the lodge that the funds had reached the limit at which they could draw interest in the bank where the account was kept. This pleasing intelligence interested the brethren very much, and the Treasurer was authorized to start an account in another institution.

By the generosity of Bros. W. W. Walters and W. L. Marshall the lodge was made the recipient of a handsome clock, which was acknowledged by a formal vote of thanks.

Among the many visitors present upon the occasion of the official visit of R. W. Stephen D. Affleck, District Deputy, November 19, was his venerable father, who had not attended a lodge meeting in many years because of his inability to be out at night. Bro. Affleck, Sr., was in his eightieth year, mentally active although somewhat weak physically. He was called up to the east to shake hands with the Master, which gave him great pleasure. The reception to the District Deputy was largely attended. R. W. James B. Gillie, District Deputy of the Fifth, was also present, as were several hundred other brethren.

The annual meeting attracted an unusually large number of brethren, and the Tuscan Room was filled. The reports of the officers were very flattering. The Treasurer reported that the assets of the lodge had passed the $4,000 mark and congratulated the lodge upon its prosperity. The Secretary, not to be outdone, reported that this had been a banner year also in the way of work, no less than thirty-three new members having been added to the roll, beating all previous records for one year. W. Bro. Robert Recker was unanimously re-elected Master, but declined to accept a fourth term. During his three years as Master the lodge had increased in membership from 203 to 250, a net gain of 47, and the assets had doubled. Bro. James H. Curtin received the undivided support of the members for Master, Bro. William W. Walters was elected Senior Warden, and Bro. C. Edward Low Junior Warden. The Trustees were W. Bro. Robert Recker, W. Bro. Michael Schlig and Bro. Laurence O'Reilly. The appointments included Bro. William B. Clayton as Senior Deacon, W. Bro. Myron A. Decker as Historian and W. Bro. "Harry" Russell, of Mosaic Lodge, as Organist. Delegates to the Board of Relief were Bros. Isaac Friedenberg, Raymond R. Minor, Benjamin E. Hays, John C. Barnes, James B. Smith and Augustus P. Greene. The Finance Committee was Bros. William W. Walters, C. Edward Low and William B. Clayton. The election was pre-

sided over by R. W. John Stewart, D. G. M., who addressed the lodge in well chosen words of wise counsel. The retiring Master also addressed the brethren, and made several suggestions for the improvement of the work. Among other things he proposed that a lodge of sorrow be held in memory of departed brethren of St. Cecile Lodge. It was decided to have the officers installed publicly, as in former years, and a committee, consisting of Bros. Curtin, Schlig, Rogers, Walters and Clayton, was appointed to arrange the details of an entertainment to follow the induction of the new staff.

1895.

W. Bro. James H. Curtin (Theatrical Manager).—Raised in Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, Carlisle, Pa., February 8, 1881; affiliated with St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, February 2, 1892; Junior Warden, 1893; Senior Warden, 1894; Master, 1895; Trustee, 1896.

The well-known and popular theatrical manager, W. Bro. James H. Curtin, was born in Houston, Tex., May 23, 1858, and is a distant relative of the famous war Governor of Pennsylvania. After learning the business of architect he engaged in politics, and served as Sheriff, a position which in that locality demands a strong man, of quick decision and unquestioned courage. He came to New York City in 1883 and engaged in the theatrical business, in which he has continued ever since. After obtaining his Masonic degrees in Pennsylvania, W. Bro. Curtin removed to New York, and in 1892 affiliated with St. Cecile Lodge. He is a man of generous impulses and his many lovable qualities endear him to a host of friends, who never think of his having any imperfections. The lodge prospered well under his administration as Master. "Uncle Jim," as he is familiarly known to his intimates, is enthusiastic on all subjects of interest to the fraternity. He has made a personal investigation of all the different branches of Masonry, and it is doubtful if there is a man in St. Cecile who is a member of more organizations of a Masonic character. Besides St. Cecile Lodge, W. Bro. Curtin is a Past High Priest of Corinthian Chapter, No. 159; Past Thrice Illustrious Master Columbian Council, No. 1; Past Eminent Commander Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 36; member of various Scottish Rite bodies of Northern Jurisdiction;

is a member of Mecca Temple, Order of Anointed High Priests, Azim Grotto, No. 1; Knights Templar Club, Masonic Club, Masonic Veterans, etc. Really, if one did not know W. Bro. Curtin, he might be pardoned for thinking him a "jiner," sure enough.

There was little difference from similar functions of previous years in the installation ceremonies of '95. The most prominent figure upon this occasion was R. W. John Stewart, D. G. M., who presided as acting Grand Master and inspired all by his eloquent address. He was assisted by W. Bro. Myron A. Decker as Grand Marshal, who was very much at home in the part, having performed the duties many times. Brethren of the lodge marched into the Grand Lodge Hall, headed by the officers, and the following programme was observed:—

March . . . . . By Wor. Bro. Harry Alton Russell

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Installing Officer,
Right Wor. Bro. John Stewart,
Acting Grand Master,

Assisted by
Wor. Bro. Myron A. Decker,
Acting as Grand Marshal.

Wor. Bro. Robert Recker and his celebrated Harmonists will furnish the incidental music and accompaniments to the entertainment.

1. Overture—"Merry Wives of Windsor" . . . . . Nicolai
Military Band. Under the direction of Bro. W. B. Rogers.

2. George J. Gaskin—New York's Favorite Vocalist.

3. The Character Comedians,
STEELE & MURRAY,
In their original creation, "A Night at the Players' Club," introducing imitations of all the popular actors, original parodies, witty dialogues, etc.

4. Melodies—From "A Gaiety Girl" . . . . . Jones
Military Band. Under the direction of Bro. W. B. Rogers.

5. Song—"Call Me Back" . . . . . Dinza
Miss Olive Barry.

6. "The Tots" . . . . . Miss Alice Keese and Miss Lulu Decker
[By permission of Bro. J. T. Keese.]

7. Recitations,
Bro. Ralph Delmore.

8. Overture—"Stradella" . . . . . Flotow
Wor. Bro. Harry Alton Russell.

9. Song—"I Fear no Foe" . . . . . Pinsuti
Bro. Henry W. Roe.

10. Quartette for Brass Instruments,
Douglas Bros., Rogers, Hunt, Alessio and Archimede.

11. Chas. Vann—In Original Songs.

Grand March—"Organ" . . . . . Wor. Bro. Harry Alton Russell

A standing committee was appointed to pass upon all applications for membership which should come before the lodge. The following brethren were named: W. Bros. Robert Recker, John E. Morse and M. A. Decker, Bros. H. W. Roe, W. W. Walter, W. B. Clayton and C. E. Low. Subsequently, on February 19, this action was rescinded and the committee discharged. The Trustees were ordered to rent a box in the safe room of the Temple in which to keep securely the jewels and other valuables belonging to the lodge.

One of the noteworthy communications of this year occurred on May 21. The work was the third degree, with five candidates. The various stations were all occupied by Past Masters, as follows: W. Bro. Decker, W. M.; W. Bro. Recker, S. W.; W. Bro. Donogh, J. W.; W. Bro. Govan, S. D.; W. Bro. Jacoby, J. D.; W. Bro. Schlig, S. M. C.; W. Bro. Morse, J. M. C.; W. Bro. Latham, Steward; W. Bro. Larabee, Marshal; W. Bro. Wood, of Stuyvesant Lodge, Chaplain. It was unusually interesting to see so many old members working together at one time. There was a splendid instrumental programme by Bros. Michael Schlig, John Mundwyler, Bodeman and Christian Hess, and vocal solos by Bro. Julius Witmark and others. A great many of the best known Masonic brethren in the city were present.

The one hundred and fourteenth communication of the Grand Lodge was opened in the Temple on Tuesday, June 4,



James Henry Cutler

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with the usual imposing ceremonies. St. Cecile Lodge was present by invitation and furnished special music, among other pieces a grand march composed expressly for the occasion by W. Bro. Recker.

END OF THE THIRD DECADE PROPERLY OBSERVED.

Handsomely printed invitations for the thirtieth anniversary were sent out, bidding the friends to gather in the Commandery Room on Tuesday, June 11, at half-past one in the afternoon. The brethren of the lodge assembled in the Tuscan Room. After forming in double rank they ascended to the upper chamber, where the guests had already gathered in force. As the lodge entered the Commandery Room the orchestra struck up an inspiring march. After a brief address of welcome to the many prominent Masons present and a few appreciative compliments for the ladies, the Master introduced R. W. Stephen Affleck, D.D., of the Seventh, who after a few mysterious remarks proceeded to bestow upon W. Bro. Robert Recker a magnificent gold watch and chain, a testimonial of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the lodge. At the same time W. Bro. John H. Allen was presented with a handsomely engrossed certificate of honorary membership in St. Cecile Lodge. Bro. Allen made a characteristic speech, which caused a great deal of amusement. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to an entertainment, in which Miss Maud Morgan played the harp and Bro. Imro Fox mystified all with his clever sleight of hand performance. Bros. Walter B. Rogers, Frederico Sonty, Albrie and Archimede, on a quartet of brass instruments, discoursed some delightful music. Bro. Frank Harding sang, Bro. Gus Williams played a comical piano solo, Bro. Hans Albrecht played violin solos, W. Bro. Charles H. Govan recited "Casey at the Bat," and there were other attractive numbers. After the programme

a collation was served. As the day drew to a close the guests departed with many expressions of pleasure at St. Cecile's hospitality. W. Bros. James H. Curtin, M. A. Decker and Robert Recker, Bros. R. W. Ryer and Walter B. Rogers were the recipients of many congratulations upon the success of the affair.

Bro. Thomas Russell, a well-known music publisher, who joined the lodge in 1867, by affiliation, died at his residence, in Westchester County, on October 14. He had often expressed the wish that the brethren of the lodge should bury him in the event of his death, and in compliance with his request the Master, Secretary and a number of the brethren went to Somers Centre, N. Y., on October 17, and accompanied the body to Kensico Cemetery, where Masonic services were read by W. Bro. Curtin.

Another member lost by death this year was Bro. John C. F. Reitzel, who died December 12, aged seventy-one. Bro. Reitzel was one of the oldest members, his name being seventeenth on the roll, his membership dating back thirty years. He always delighted in attending lodge meetings, but never cared to accept any office, except that of Junior Master of Ceremonies in 1865-66. As a musician he was one of the best known orchestra flute players and conductors in the city of New York. He was bandmaster of the Seventh Regiment in the early fifties, and became a member of the Philharmonic Society, the first regularly organized large concert orchestra in the city, November 25, 1848; was elected vice-president in 1880, and re-elected annually until his death. He conducted all the dance and lighter music for the Arion Society and it was not unusual for him to wield the baton over orchestras of two hundred or more musicians at the great functions in Madison Square Garden and the Metropolitan Opera House. A kindly man he was and his word could absolutely be depended upon at all times. He was one of the substantial men of the lodge, and his name frequently occurs among the lists of volunteers. He was buried with Masonic honors,

W. Bro. James H. Curtin reading the service, in the presence of numerous mourning friends.

The close of the year 1895 found the brethren of St. Cecile in a very complacent and hopeful frame of mind about the affairs of the lodge. The year had been a satisfactory one in every particular and the outlook never was better. The brethren increased the Christmas donations of the lodge to $295, and proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. W. Bro. James H. Curtin was pressed to stand for re-election, but excused himself on the plea of business. Bro. C. Edward Low was elected Master, Bro. A. J. Bisnett Senior Warden, Bro. Laurence O'Reilly Junior Warden, W. Bro. Robert Recker Treasurer. Bro. H. W. Roe was re-elected Secretary, W. Bro. M. A. Decker was appointed Chaplain and W. Bro. John E. Morse Historian. The Trustees were W. Bros. Decker and Curtin and Bro. Joseph L. Henning. Delegates to the Board of Relief were W. Bro. Michael Schlig, Bros. R. R. Minor, I. Friedenberg, John C. Barnes, Robert B. Potts and J. B. Smith. It was decided to follow the custom of other years in the matter of a public installation of officers. The following brethren were appointed a committee to provide talent: W. Bros. James H. Curtin, Robert Recker, Bros. Walter B. Rogers and Henry C. Jacobs.

1896.

W. Bro. C. Edward Low (Proof-reader).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, March 7, 1893. Senior Deacon, 1894; Junior Warden, 1895; Master, 1896-97; Trustee, 1898.

The fifth Master contributed to St. Cecile Lodge by the "art preservative" was W. Bro. C. Edward Low, a native of Carlisle, Pa., where he was born September 15, 1856. After receiving instruction in the public schools, he attended the Carlisle High School, where he graduated in 1873. W. Bro. Low learned the printing trade in the office of the Carlisle

"Herald," after which he travelled through the South. He came to New York in 1876, and since that time has been steadily employed upon the large metropolitan dailies as a proof-reader. As a Mason he appears to hold the record in St. Cecile for rapid advancement. In two years and ten months from the time he received his first degre he was elected Master of the lodge. As presiding officer he displayed that accuracy which his business training requires in order to be successful. More than $1,600 was added to the lodge funds during his two-year term. He frequently serves the lodge on important committees and is regarded as a capable and conscientious worker.

If popularity were measured by attendance upon the annual entertainment, St. Cecile Lodge need have no fears as to its standing in the community. Gracious! how the people did turn out to the installation in the Grand Lodge Hall on January 12. There were at a conservative estimate at least twelve hundred persons in the hall when R. W. James B. Gillie sounded the gavel and called the assemblage to order. It was a beautiful, inspiring scene. The platform was filled with flowers, the odor from which permeated everywhere. The brethren marched into the hall, as usual, to strains of music, and were seated in the front rows. The ceremony of installing the officers according to the ancient usages was then proceeded with. W. Bro. Recker acted as Grand Marshal in the absence of W. Bro. Decker, who was unable to attend because of illness. The entertainment was opened with a concert by the Seventh Regiment Band, Bro. Walter B. Rogers conductor. After the overture "Merry Wives of Windsor," by the band, there was two hours of amusement, contributed by many brethren from the various theatres, who presented a programme of interesting specialties. Everything passed in first class style, without wait or hitch of any kind. As the guests retired there was heard nothing but praise for St. Cecile Lodge and her talented members.

There was an alarming amount of illness reported among the brethren during this winter. One of the first to be taken ill was W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, followed by Bros. William W. Walters and Christian Jauss. Secretary Roe also was

absent from his post on one occasion through illness. Bro. Alfred C. Kruger was confined to his home.

It was with sad hearts that the brethren responded to a summons to attend the funeral of the genial Christian Jauss, who died on May 2. The brethren met at No. 416 Sixth Avenue on May 4. Services were conducted by W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, who spoke feelingly of the dead brother's twenty-seven years' membership in the lodge, during which period he was always the trusted friend of all. His café and restaurant on Sixth Avenue had been for years a resort for members of the Masonic fraternity. A committee representing the lodge accompanied the funeral cortege to the cemetery. On the same day another faithful member of the lodge, Bro. Albert C. Kruger, died at his residence, in East Eighty-fifth Street. He was well known among musicians and had been initiated in St. Cecile Lodge early in the year 1892. The funeral service was held at the residence on May 5, at one o'clock in the afternoon. W. Bro. Recker read the service, and there was a vocal solo by a gifted soprano, "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep;" Bro. H. W. Roe sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and a quartet of trombones played a dirge. There was also a band of forty pieces from the Musical Union, which played "Forsaken." The lodge was draped in mourning in memory of these brothers, and letters of condolence addressed to their families.

Not only did the lodge lose these faithful brothers by death, but quite a number of others departed to fill engagements in distant cities. Bro. Frederic C. P. Robinson, who had been a devoted member of St. Cecile for twenty years, announced his departure for Europe, where he had signed for a long engagement. The brethren bade him a hearty godspeed in his undertaking. The Secretary was ordered to write him a letter expressing the esteem in which he was held by the lodge and officially wishing him bon voyage. Bro. John F. Mundwyler, son of Bro. John J. Mundwyler, had been ordered by his physician to seek the balmy breezes of the Pa-

cific coast in search of health. The brethren extended to him their hearty wishes for a safe and quick return to the metropolis. Thus these two brothers parted in the lodge room, never to meet again on earth with the brethren of their beloved lodge. Bro. Mundwyler died in San Francisco in 1902, and no tidings of Bro. Robinson have been received for a number of years, although professional brethren travelling in Europe have made exhaustive inquiry many times.

FIRST GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENT IN MANY YEARS.

Many years had passed since St. Cecile Lodge had been honored with a Grand Lodge appointment, and the announcement that W. Bro. Robert Recker was the fortunate individual caused the brethren a great deal of pleasure. It was learned that M. W. John Stewart, Grand Master, had been pleased to appoint W. Bro. Recker a Grand Steward, and the lodge appointed a committee to purchase a handsome silk apron for presentation to the favored brother. R. W. Allan Williams, District Deputy of the Seventh, was requested to present the apron at the meeting of July 7. This Bro. Williams did in an eloquent address, calling attention to the spirit which animated the brethren in so promptly taking advantage of the opportunity to display their regard for a brother's welfare. R. W. Recker thanked the brethren for their thoughtfulness in a few well-chosen words.

The sickle of the grim reaper was busy in the ranks of the lodge in 1896, and on August 10 the members assembled at eight o'clock in the evening at No. 156 South Fifth Street, Williamsburg, to attend the funeral of Bro. William W. Walters, aged twenty-eight, who, although young in the lodge, had made a host of friends by his manliness. Bro. Walters had long suffered from consumption, and finally succumbed on August 8, at Sea Cliff, L. I. In youth Bro. Walters was a member of the celebrated boy choir of the San

Francisco Minstrels, and afterward travelled extensively with various theatrical companies, finally accepting a position as treasurer of the People's Theatre, where he was employed at the time of his last illness. Bro. Walters was very popular among the theatrical folk. He was initiated in St. Cecile in 1892, became Junior Warden in 1894 and Senior Warden in 1895. The interment was in Greenwood.

Bro. Charles F. Hildebrant, a musician, was in failing health and journeyed to the Adirondacks, hoping that life among the pines might restore his lungs to their normal condition. He passed away in October, and was taken by relatives to Salem, R. I., for burial. Bro. Hildebrant was twenty-nine years of age, and had been a member of the lodge since June 3, 1890.

At the first meeting in December, W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, ever desirous that St. Cecile should want for nothing in the way of first-class equipment, presented the lodge with a handsome ballot-box. A resolution was promptly passed accepting the gift and thanking the venerable brother for his generosity.

It was decided to make the meeting of December 15 a sort of rally for the old-timers. The third degree was the work, and the stations were to be filled, as far as possible, on that day with Past Masters of the lodge. It was very pleasant to see so many old members together. The chairs were filled as follows: R. W. Bro. Recker, W. M.; W. Bro. Donogh, S. W.; W. Bro. Curtin, J. W.; W. Bro. Decker, S. D.; W. Bro. Larabee, J. D.; W. Bro. Govan, S. M. C.; W. Bro. Latham, J. M. C.; W. Bro. Morse, Chaplain; W. Bro. Agan, Marshal. W. Bro. Govan described it as "an all-star cast." The Commandery Room was comfortably filled with appreciative brethren.

There was little change made in the personnel of the staff at the annual election. The reports showed that the lodge was growing rapidly, but not abnormally. There were 304 members in good standing, and the lodge had over $5,000 at in-

terest. Aside from the loss of several valued members by death and removal, there was reason to be satisfied with the showing made. R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers presided during election. W. Bro. C. Edward Low received substantial indorsement of his administration in the shape of unanimous re-election, the only change of importance being in the south, where Bro. Laurence O'Reilly was succeeded by Bro. John A. Nickel. It was decided to install the officers immediately after election, and hold an entertainment for the friends independent of any lodge ceremony. R. W. Bro. Ehlers therefore installed the officers at once, R. W. Bro. Decker making due proclamation as Grand Marshal.

1897.

It was noted with the deepest concern that many of the oldest and most faithful members were passing away from among the brethren. Some of these had been so regular in attendance that they were looked upon as fixtures and were quickly missed once they failed to appear. W. Bro. Theodore Jacoby was one of the "old guard" of the lodge. For nearly thirty years he never failed to appear at the call of duty, and his features were familiar to all. Quiet, modest, unassuming, he was a man of sterling qualities; a splendid musician and a faithful teacher of those who sought instruction. In the lodge room he was always ready to place his services at the disposal of the Master. It was not strange, therefore, that the brethren expressed sorrow when they received notice to attend his funeral service. W. Bro. Low and a number of the brethren met at the residence, in Brooklyn, on Sunday, January 10. There were also present members of the De Witt Clinton Chapter, No. 142, R. A. M., and others. The services were unusually impressive. The interment was in Greenwood. Bro. Jacoby was raised in St. Cecile Lodge,

March 2, 1869. He served faithfully in many positions in the lodge and was Master in 1880. Though small of stature, he was large of heart and no worthy cause passed him unaided.

The committee having secured Chickering Hall for the annual entertainment, invitations were sent out, and on Tuesday, January 26, the friends and members assembled there promptly at two o'clock in the afternoon. The day was cold and stormy, but the interior was comfortable, and it was not long before every seat was taken. The programme follows:

Opening Organ Voluntary . . . . . Wor. Harry Alton Russell

Overture—"Morn, Noon and Night in Vienna" . . . . . Suppe
Grand Orchestra. Bro. ERNEST NEYER, Conductor.

Recitation (Selected),
Bro. FELIX MORRIS.

Solo for Violoncello.

a. "In Dreamland," from "The Wizard of the Nile" Victor Herbert

b. Scherzo . . . . . St. Saens
Mr. VICTOR HERBERT.
Bro. MAXWELL DAVIDSON, Accompanist.

Ballad—"A Father's Love" . . . . . Wallace
Bro. HENRY W. ROE.

"After the Election" . . . . . Govan
Wor. CHARLES H. GOVAN.

Refined Musical Act by the Little WESTON SISTERS,
(Daughters of Bro. Sam Weston)

Song for Tenor—"Let Me Love Thee" . . . . . Arditi
Mr. ARTHUR G. CUNNINGHAM.

Song for Baritone—"Bantry Bay" . . . . . Molloy
Mr. REGINALD ROBERTS.

Solo for Autoharp—Fantasie—"Blue Bells of Scotland" . . . Gery
Mr. ALDIS J. GERY.

Bro. FRED SOLOMON . . . . . in Comic Songs

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM ROBYNS,
Presenting "The Counsel for the Defence."

Ballad (Selected) . . . . . Bro. JULIUS P. WITMARK
Accompanied by EMIL KATZENSTEIN.

Violin Solo—"Fantasia Appassionata" . . . . . Vieuxtemps
Mr. J. M. SPARGUR.
Mrs. CARL HILD, Accompanist.

Little ALICE KEESE . . . . . Songs and Dances

America's Leading Banjoist . . . . . Bro. VESS L. OSSMAN
Accompanied by Bro. FRANK P. BANTA.

Musical Monologue—"Music Mania" . . . . Bro. EDWARD QUINN

a. "Annie Laurie" . . . . . Robert Fyfe

b. Lullaby—"Sweet and Low" . . . . . Barnby
By "ST. CECILE" BRASS QUARTETTE.

Standard Songs, Illustrated . . . . . Bro. FRANK HARDING
"The Coast-Guard's Daughter," "The Stowaway,"
"The Village Blacksmith."

The Committee of Arrangements were R. W. Robert Recker, W. Bro. C. E. Low, Bros. Bisnett, Ernest Neyer, I. Witmark and William B. Clayton, to whom all the credit for this very successful affair is properly due.

Death, even when terminating a long illness, brings mourning as the friend departs from his suffering. Although W. Bro. Michael Schlig had been ailing for a considerable time, his death, on February 23, caused a feeling of general sorrow among his legion of friends. In response to the call of the Master the lodge met at the residence, in East Eighty-eighth Street. With but one or two exceptions all the officers of the lodge were present, besides a very large number of brethren. The Masonic service was read by W. Bro. C. Edward Low, assisted by the Wardens and brethren. Bro. Harry W. Roe sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee," after which there was music by a quartet of brass instruments. The pallbearers were Bros. Edward Quinn, James M. Embree, John F. Dobbs, George E. Fuller, Henry Braham and William B. Clayton, all of St. Cecile Lodge. The body was followed to the grave by a great gathering of friends, led by a band of one hundred musicians who had promptly

volunteered for the occasion. The great cortege attracted the notice of hundreds of people. At the following meeting of the lodge resolutions of condolence were adopted, copies of which were sent to the family, and a page in the lodge records was set apart as a memorial. A short biographical sketch of W. Bro. Schlig will be found on a preceding page.

On the day that W. Bro. Schlig passed away the wife of W. Bro. Govan died suddenly of heart failure under peculiarly distressing circumstances. The sincere sympathy of his many friends went out to the genial elocutionist in the hour of his affliction and the lodge adopted resolutions of condolence.

The third death in the year was that of another past executive officer, a charter member of the lodge, W. Bro. George F. Ilsley, aged seventy-three, who died at his residence, in Brooklyn, on March 13. By request of the family there were no Masonic services. He was one of the founders of St. Cecile Lodge, being the second signer of the petition for a charter. That he felt a genuine love for the lodge is manifested in many ways in the minutes of the period during which he served as Secretary.

While the brethren were speculating upon the mysterious coincidence of the death of three Past Masters within as many months they were startled by intelligence that still another had occurred, making the fourth Master to be removed by death within the short space of twelve weeks. W. Bro. Edward Hopkins was the last, having laid down the working tools of life and passed into the shadows April 6. W. Bro. Hopkins served as Master from 1875 to 1877. He had not visited St. Cecile for many years before his death.

As the time drew near for the annual session of the Grand Lodge, the first Tuesday of June, preparations were made in accordance with the request of the Grand Master to properly assist in the opening ceremonies. Quite an elaborate musical programme was prepared under direction of R. W. Robert Recker, Grand Steward. It was as follows:

GRAND LODGE F. & A. M.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

June 1, 1897.

M. W. JOHN STEWART, GRAND MASTER.

OPENING EXERCISES

BY

ST. CECILE LODGE, No. 568, F. & A. M.

C. E. LOW, W. M.

W. Bro. H. A. Russell, Organist of the Grand Lodge.

Music under the Direction of

R. W. ROBERT RECKER, GRAND STEWARD.

The Grand Lodge Processional March . . . . . Russell
(Organ with Military Band Accompaniment.)

Salutation.

(*a*) Evening Star Song . . . . . Wagner
(Vocal Solo and Brass Quartette with Organ Accompaniment.)

(*b*) Fidelity . . . . . A Masonic Song
Bro. H. W. Roe and Quartette.

"And so the Masons' songs arise up to the Father's Throne,
And blend their heart-warm melodies, as in the ages gone."

(Gratefully inscribed to R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, by M. W. Rob't Morris, Masonic Poet Laureate.
Music by R. W. Robert Recker, Grand Steward.)

Opening Ceremonies.

Prayer . . . . . Grand Chaplain

(*a*) "Beauty's Eyes" . . . . . Tosti

(*b*) "Come Into the Garden, Maude" . . . . . Balfe
Bro. Albert Gerard Thiers of St. Cecile Lodge.

Hallelujah Chorus—Grand Organ with Military Band . . . Handel

Chorus (Old 100th) . . . . . By Members of St. Cecile Lodge
Brethren are requested to rise and unite in singing:

"Be thou, O God, exalted high,
And as Thy glory fills the sky
So shall it be on earth displayed
Till Thou art here as there obeyed."

Proclamation . . . . . H. B. Pruser, Grand Marshal
(With fanfare of Trumpets.)

As may be inferred, this fine musical offering appealed to the artistic sense of members of the Grand Lodge, and complimentary remarks were heard on all sides. After the conclusion of the programme the brethren of St. Cecile retired to the Commandery Room, which had been obtained for the day, and resumed labor in the third degree, R. W. Robert Recker delivering a splendid lecture upon the symbolism of the Master Mason's degree.

Misfortune seemed to follow members of the lodge during this year. A distressing accident which resulted in serious injuries to Bro. John Stromberg, was brought to the attention of the lodge in June. The popular composer was seriously injured by a runaway horse, and was removed to his home in Woonsocket, R. I. In August Bro. Joseph Davidoff lost his beloved wife by death, and two weeks later Bro. John A. Nickel, Junior Warden, met with a similar bereavement. As these circumstances occurred the lodge passed resolutions expressing the sympathy of the members with their unfortunate comrades. Bro. E. P. Chase, organist in 1893-94, was reported seriously ill at his residence, in Yonkers, and on November 1 he died. Bro. J. C. Barnes was also reported seriously ill. Three days before Christmas one brother was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital with a broken leg, and the lodge was kept busy looking after various unfortunates during the entire year.

At the annual meeting, on December 21, the Secretary read the following:

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568.

Brethren—Herewith I make application for a dimit, which you will please send to Ridgewood Lodge, No. 210, Brooklyn, when notice of my election to membership is received from that lodge. With the highest esteem for the members of my mother lodge, I remain, fraternally yours,

Laurence O'Reilly.

It was with feelings of the deepest regret that the elder members of St. Cecile voted to grant this request. Aside

from personal esteem for Bro. O'Reilly, who had been associated with the brethren from the beginning of the lodge, it was a matter of no small importance to lose one who had been for so many years concerned in all the work of the lodge and who was undoubtedly, with one exception, the best informed member on lodge affairs on the roll. Bro. Laurence O'Reilly was the first petitioner for the degrees after St. Cecile received its charter, July, 1865. He was accepted for membership and his was the eighteenth name on the roll. He took great interest in the lodge for many years. In 1865-66 he was Senior Master of Ceremonies; in 1867, Marshal; in 1876, Junior Master of Ceremonies; from 1879 to 1889, Secretary; in 1893, Trustee; in 1896, Junior Warden. Bro. O'Reilly was born in Dublin, Ireland, April 11, 1836, and was left an orphan at an early age. He took lessons in music from his brother Michael while at the same time learning the trade of book binding. He came to America in 1858, and enlisted in the Sixth Infantry, U. S. A., as band musician. He was a participant in the Third Utah Expedition, which marched on foot 2,600 miles through a wilderness to Benicia Barracks, Cal. He was under fire at Gaines' Mill, Malvern Hill, Bull Run, Antietam and other battles. Bro. O'Reilly studied the German language while in the army, becoming proficient. After the war he was for many years a member of the various theatre orchestras of this city. He became secretary of the Musical Union in 1890, and has long occupied a clerical position in Brooklyn. Long association with the members, familiarity with the usages and traditions of the craft and his unquestioned integrity made Bro. O'Reilly an exceedingly valuable official in whatsoever capacity he was called upon to serve. It is a pleasure to record the fact that though this brother's membership is in a lodge nearer to his home, he has never lost interest in St. Cecile, and when his advanced age permits he invariably takes advantage of each opportunity to visit his mother lodge. The writer is under many obligations to Bro. O'Reilly in the preparation of this



C. Edward Low

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1896-1897.

work, he having cheerfully placed at the disposal of the Historian many important documents and data otherwise unobtainable.

The receipts of the year as shown by the reports were $2,289.05; expenses, $1,644, leaving a balance of $645.05 to be added to the general fund. During the year there were eighteen new names added to the roll, and the attendance at meetings had been generally very large. W. Bro. Low declined a re-election and the brethren unanimously named Bro. A. J. Bisnett for Master, Bro. John A. Nickel for Senior Warden, and Bro. William B. Clayton for Junior Warden. W. Bro. Ehlers presided during the voting and the lodge decided to publicly install the officers in the Grand Lodge Hall.

1898.

W. Bro. A. J. Bisnett (Printer).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, April 21, 1891. Junior Warden, 1892; Senior Warden, 1893-96-97; Master, 1898-99. Dropped from the roll, January 29, 1907.

Friends of the lodge were invited to the ceremony of installing the officers, which took place Tuesday, January 11, in the Grand Lodge Hall, R. W. Edward M. Ehlers acting as Grand Master. Before the beginning of the ceremonies of installation there was a very enjoyable concert by the Twenty-second Regiment Band, Mr. Victor Herbert conductor, during which there were played several selections from Mr. Herbert's popular compositions, including "The Serenade." The installation then followed and was observed with the greatest interest by the audience. Following this there was another concert, by Bro. Ernest Neyer's orchestra. Several entertaining features were introduced by Bro. Fred Solomon, Bro. Julius P. Witmark, Bro. Louis Mann, Miss Josephine Sabel, Bro. Henry Roe, and others. Mem-

bers of the Entertainment Committee were Bros. N. D. Mann, William B. Clayton, Ernest Neyer, James H. Curtin and H. Hammerstein. In the hall there was standing room only, and the affair was in every respect successful.

It became known in the lodge that on March 9 Bro. Thomas S. Nedham, charter Junior Warden of St. Cecile, would celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his wedding. A committee, consisting of W. Bros. Myron A. Decker, William H. Donogh, C. E. Low, Robert Recker and Bro. Henry Roe, was appointed to wait upon the venerable brother. A beautiful basket of roses and a letter of congratulation accompanied the committee. These were presented to Bro. Nedham as a slight token from the brethren with whom he had been so long associated in the lodge room. A pleasant evening was spent, and subsequently the lodge received a letter of thanks from the happy brother, which was ordered spread in full upon the minutes.

Among the appointments made by the Master was that of Bro. Charles Miller Williams as Historian. Bro. Williams was made a Mason in St. Cecile Lodge June 2, 1891, and had served upon many committees, but declined to accept office, owing to frequent absences from the city, until appointed Historian, a position to which he has been annually reappointed ever since. He began collecting data for the present work, and all the Past Masters of the lodge for the previous twenty-five years were interviewed. The manuscript was prepared in leisure moments since 1903. Bro. Williams was born in Allegheny City, Pa., April 19, 1858, the eldest son of a well-known manufacturer of agricultural implements, who was a Mason of many years' standing. He is a nephew of Brigadier-General Constant Williams, U. S. A., and the family was among the early settlers in Pittsburg. After a season in the public schools, Bro. Williams spent about two years at the State Normal Academy for Teachers in West Virginia, and then engaged in the wholesale hardware business, followed by newspaper writing and various

occupations, travelling through the West and South, finally becoming a printer. He joined Pittsburg Union, No. 7, in 1880, since which time he has continuously carried a membership card, finding steady employment in the large job and newspaper offices, and occasionally writing for the press. In addition to St. Cecile Lodge, Bro. Williams is a member of Columbian Council, No. 1; Constitution Chapter, No. 230; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 36, and Mecca Temple, and was for years connected with the Clio Literary Club, Allegheny City Gymnastic Club, Eighteenth Regiment, N. G. P.; I. O. O. F., American Mechanics, etc.

As ten years had passed since the by-laws had been revised, it was deemed advisable to appoint a committee to go over them and make such changes as were necessary to meet existing conditions. The committee consisted of W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, R. W. Robert Recker, W. Bro. C. E. Low, W. Bro. A. J. Bisnett and Bro. "Harry" Roe.

MOZART LODGE OF PHILADELPHIA AGAIN VISITS.

Although St. Cecile is not much given to visiting other lodges, owing to the difficulty of finding time to do so at night, the brethren are usually never so happy as when acting as host to any who may choose to visit St. Cecile. A letter was received in February from Past Master C. G. Cadwallader, of Mozart Lodge, No. 436, of Philadelphia, in which he intimated a desire on the part of that lodge to pay another visit to St. Cecile, the first visit having been at the time of the laying of the corner-stone of the Temple in 1870. A cordial invitation was thereupon extended to the Philadelphians and March 29 was set as the day for their visit. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for entertaining the visitors. They came to the metropolis in a special train, which was met by the Master and officers of St. Cecile, acting as a reception committee. The visitors were led by

W. Bro. James Buchanan, Master of Mozart Lodge, and numbered one hundred and eighty-two, including many prominent Masons of the Keystone State. They were a particularly fine looking body of men, and attracted no little attention as they marched to the Temple. The Commandery Room was radiant with decorations. The reception of the visitors by the Master and brethren was an inspiring spectacle. After several speeches expressive of fraternal esteem an orchestra rendered a number of popular airs, which were followed with vocal music by a fine double quartet from Mozart Lodge. Then there was a quartet of brass horns, played by brethren of St. Cecile, in a number of choice classical selections, after which W. Bro. Govan told some of his best stories, and Bro. McGilquin, of Mozart Lodge, amused the brethren by his facetious remarks upon current topics. The work of the day was the third degree, the Pennsylvanian brethren evidently finding much in the ceremonies to interest them. The afternoon was far spent when the closing exercises were reached. It was understood that the visitors had arranged with the railroad officials for an early return to Philadelphia; a substantial repast had been prepared in the adjoining banquet room, and thither the brethren went. An exceedingly pleasant social hour quickly passed while partaking of the viands. The visitors were then escorted to their train, departing with many fraternal expressions of regard. An earnest invitation was subsequently received to visit Mozart Lodge in the Quaker City, but it was not thought practicable at the time to accept.

It would be indeed difficult to find one more sincerely devoted to the best interests of St. Cecile Lodge than is the efficient Secretary of the Grand Lodge, R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers. Certainly none stands higher in the esteem of the brethren of St. Cecile. A proposal at this time to elect him to honorary membership in the lodge met with enthusiastic approval. A committee, consisting of W. Bros. Myron A. Decker, C. Edward Low and Bro. "Harry" W. Roe, was ap-

pointed to prepare suitable resolutions and to inform Bro. Ehlers of his preferment. At the meeting of May 17 the distinguished Secretary was invited to visit the Tuscan Room. He was received with honors and escorted to a seat beside the presiding officer. The Master then spoke of the affection of the brethren of the lodge for Bro. Ehlers and their desire to do him honor, concluding by informing him of his election to honorary membership. Bro. Ehlers replied earnestly, expressing his love for the fraternity at large, and especially for St. Cecile. The Grand Lodge of 1901, as a complimentary testimonial to his worth, conferred upon Bro. Ehlers the honorary degree of Most Worshipful Grand Master, a tribute particularly pleasing to his hosts of friends. It was in Continental Lodge, No. 287, in 1865, that Colonel Ehlers was raised, the event occurring in the same year with the birth of St. Cecile. Bro. Ehlers was Master of his lodge four years; District Deputy Grand Master, Sixth Masonic District, one year; Grand Marshal, one year; Representative of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, fourteen years; Grand Secretary, from December 8, 1881, to date.

NEW LEGISLATION OF IMPORTANCE.

The report of the Committee on Revision of By-laws was presented to the lodge, with recommendations. After the requisite constitutional notice, on June 21, the by-laws were taken up seriatum and adopted as a whole. The articles provoking the most discussion were the following, which were eventually adopted:

ARTICLE X.

CHARITY FUND.

SEC. 1.—The Charity Fund of the Lodge shall be for the benefit of members who may be in distress, or their widows and orphans. This Fund shall at all times be in charge of the Master and Wardens of the Lodge.

SEC. 2.—This specific Fund shall be created by withdrawing from our regular Lodge fund the sum of four thousand dollars, reserving five hundred dollars as a sinking fund, the remainder (three thousand five hundred

dollars) to be placed at interest on First Mortgage Bond at not less than four and one-half per cent. per annum, and the interest to be paid semi-annually into the Sinking Fund.

SEC. 3.—In order to keep the Fund intact, the sum of fifteen per cent. of the dues and initiations paid by each member shall be paid over to the Sinking Fund at the end of each Masonic year.

SEC. 4.—No moneys shall be drawn from the Sinking Fund except as hereafter provided, viz.: As soon as the Lodge is notified of the death of a Brother, the Custodians of the Fund shall at once pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars to the nearest of kin, and report the same to the Lodge at its first Communication thereafter.

SEC. 5.—No Brother shall be entitled to receive any benefits from this fund who shall be over one year in arrears for dues at the time of his death. The Lodge may, however, vote to assist the deceased Brother's family, if found to be in need.

SEC. 6.—The amount comprising the Sinking Fund—five hundred dollars—shall be deposited in the name of the Master and Wardens in some banking or trust company that will pay three per cent. interest, and subject to check; and no money can be drawn for any purpose without the signature of the Master and Wardens.

SEC. 7.—All moneys or property derived from any source, either by gift, bequest, or devise, shall be added to the charity fund.

ARTICLE XI.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SEC. 1.—Any Brother who has been a member in good standing in this Lodge for twenty-one consecutive years, shall forever be exempt from all dues, except Grand Lodge dues, and shall be entitled to receive a Gold Medal of Honor with his name suitably inscribed thereon as a gift from St. Cecile Lodge.

SEC. 2.—He shall also be entitled to have his name suitably engrossed in the Roll of Honor Book of St. Cecile Lodge, which shall give the Masonic history of the Brother, and the particular services he has rendered to the Lodge during his Twenty-one Years of Membership.

SEC. 3.—He shall be entitled to be received at all times and welcomed by the Master as a Loyal and Honored Veteran Member of St. Cecile Lodge.

There was an immense number of brethren at the meeting of December 6, on the occasion of the official visit of R. W. Leonard G. Starbuck, District Deputy of the Seventh, who was accompanied by a large delegation. Aside from the splendid address of the District Deputy the ritualistic work performed this day was superb and elicited much praise from

the visitors. During refreshment there was a notable array of talent, including Bro. Fred Solomon, Bro. Jefferson De Angelis, W. Bro. Govan and Bro. "Harry" Roe. Bro. Herman Perlet wielded the baton over an exceptionally fine orchestra, made up as follows:

Bro. LOUIS W. BEGIEBING,
" W. LLOYD BOWRON,
" LOUIS EGNER,
" CARL KNUST,
" GAETANO M. PINTO,
" ISAAC WESSEL, *Violins.*
" JOSEPH LAENDNER,
" CHARLES BORGMAN, *Violas.*
" JOHN F. MUNDWYLER, *Cello.*
" A. C. A. HELLEBERG,
" F. SCHUCHMANN, *Basses.*
" CARLO DE CHIARA, *Oboe.*
" GEORGE FULLER, *Trombone.*
Bro. FRED. J. SEE,
" ANTHONY PINTO, *Flutes.*
" A. P. CERILLO,
" FRANK STRETZ, *Clarinets.*
" GEORGE LOESCH,
" HERMAN ZILM, *Horns.*
" HERBERT L. CLARKE,
" THOMAS BAUGH, *Cornets.*
" MARTIN J. SCHLIG, *Tympani.*
W. Bro. HARRY A. RUSSELL.
Bro. ALBERT KRAUSSE,
" WM. E. FREDERICKS.
Accompanists.

The entertainment gratuitously given to their lodge by these artists would have cost a large sum to duplicate anywhere else. Some of those playing were conductors of orchestra themselves, others were soloists of renown and the names of many of them are favorably known to music lovers everywhere. Yet these brethren gave their valuable services freely to St. Cecile and considered it an honor as well as a great pleasure to do so. Bros. Joseph Greenbaum, William B. Clayton and George Loesch, the committee, received many compliments upon the character of the talent provided, and by a rising vote the thanks of the lodge were given to all those contributing.

One of the new by-laws enacted in June exempted from further payment of dues, except Grand Lodge assessments, all members in good standing in the lodge for twenty-one years or more. Upon examination of the books it was learned that eighteen were entitled to this exemption, which also entitled them to the gold medal of honor with which such worthy members were to be decorated. As no one had suggested any particular design for these medals, it was decided to refer the matter to a committee which should recommend for adoption something appropriate. The committee named by

the Master was R. W. Robert Recker, W. Bro. James H. Curtin and Bro. R. W. Ryer. The appointment of this committee brought on a discussion in regard to several of the by-laws recently adopted by the lodge, some of which had caused considerable talk among the members individually. As a result of the renewed discussion in the lodge a resolution was adopted summoning the brethren to take further action in the matter, and on February 21 another revision of the by-laws took place. The whole of Article XI., relating to the exemption of veteran members from the payment of dues, together with everything pertaining to the gold medals, was ordered stricken from the by-laws. An attempt was made to increase the amount of initiation to $50, but after consideration of the question in all its bearings the resolution was lost.

Among the deaths of the year were those of Bro. Charles F. Bussing, who died February 23, fifteen years after signing the roll; Bro. Albert Erfurth, a well known musician, who died October 8; Bro. Christian Michl, one of the "old guard," who died November 16, after being a faithful member since March 29, 1870; Bro. Hilmar A. Himmelreich, also a musician, who died December 5, and Bro. John Winter, who died in Buffalo, December 16. The lodge also lost several valued members by dimit, among them Bro. Laurence O'Reilly, whose leaving has already been referred to.

There was practically no change made in the official roster at the annual election, except that Bro. Harry Greene became Junior Warden, and Bro. William B. Clayton moved to the west, taking the place of Bro. Nickel, who declined to accept any office, owing to the demands of his business, which prevented regular attendance. Immediately after the election the officers were installed in their several stations by R. W. Robert Recker, assisted by W. Bro. Charles Hotmer, of Copestone Lodge. The receipts for dues at this communication shattered all previous records of St. Cecile. There was paid to the Secretary for dues alone $499.75, a very good indica-

tion of the interest taken in the lodge by the members. A committee was appointed to arrange for an entertainment, to be given January 27. Those named were Bro. Joseph Greenbaum, William B. Clayton, George Loesch, W. Bro. James Curtin and R. W. Robert Recker.

1899.

An interesting relic was presented to the lodge in 1899 by Bro. Louis Baer, who had returned after a long sojourn in Boston, Mass. When the old "tea-party house" in that city was demolished he secured a piece of the woodwork from it, upon which he had Masonic emblems carved to make it an appropriate gift for St. Cecile. The gift was accepted as a valuable souvenir, and Bro. Baer received a vote of thanks for his thoughtfulness.

The customary annual entertainment took place at the Star Theatre, on Broadway, Friday afternoon, January 27. The house was crowded with the members and their friends, who gave evidences of their pleasure. The programme was long, and various attractive features were presented. As usual, there were many professional brethren in the audience, with their families, and the opportunity of witnessing a performance from the "front" was a pleasure thoroughly appreciated by them.

PROGRAMME.

Petit Concert, Seventh Regiment Band, Bro. Ernest Neyer, Conductor.
(*a*) "Merry Wives of Windsor" . . . . . Nicola
(*b*) Cornet Solo—"Fantasie Brilliant" . . . . . Hartman
Bro. Holly W. Wilder.
(*c*) Selection—"Fortune Teller" . . . . . Herbert
Miss Clara Bernetta, Soprano Solo, "L'Incantatrice" . . . . Arditi
Bro. Felix Morris, "A Game of Cards,"
Assisted by Bro. John Findlay, Miss Rachael Crothers and Mr. Foster Lardner.

Bro. Lew Dockstader, of Primrose & Dockstader Minstrels.

Bro. Thomas Whiffen—"My Friend the Major."
Assisted by Miss Adelaide Keim and Miss Blanche Kelleher.

Overture—Selections from "Hurly Burly" . . . . . Stromberg
Director, Bro. John Stromberg.

Mr. Thomas Boyd McQueen, Aria for tenor, from "Queen of Sheba," Gounod

Mr. Harry B. Lester, in "A Vassar Boy."

Miss Carrie Scott—Songs.

Mr. Charles Saxon and Miss Florence Brooks—Operatic Duets.

Musical Director, Bro. Charles Borgman.

Accompanist, W. Bro. Harry A. Russell.

Many guests present thought this the finest entertainment ever given by the lodge. One of the notable features was the presence of Bro. Ernest Neyer and his famous Seventh Regiment Band of sixty men in uniform, who were liberally applauded. Bro. Charles Borgman and his orchestra of twenty-eight musicians also received great applause. The lodge passed a special vote of thanks to all those contributing, and the committee was complimented upon its successful efforts.

MANY VALUED MEMBERS LOST BY DEATH.

But the season of pleasure was tempered with sorrow. While the guests of the lodge were passing the afternoon in innocent amusement the Master, Secretary and several brethren were gathered about the bier of Bro. Charles R. Young, who had suddenly expired Jan. 24. Bro. Young was a police officer who joined the lodge in March, 1893. The Masonic service was read by the Master and Bro. Harry Roe sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The interment was in Woodlawn. Thus does St. Cecile, in a spirit of truest charity, provide pleasure for the living while binding up the wounds of the stricken, sympathizing with the mourner and burying the dead.

A hero who fell at his post of duty was Bro. Frederick W. Fabricus, M.D., U. S. A., who was raised in St. Cecile

Lodge in March, 1896. When war with Spain was declared Dr. Fabricus was one of the first volunteers. He was sent to Fort Monroe as assistant surgeon in the army, afterward serving in Cuba, where he was pathologist and bacteriologist in the General Hospital at Santiago. He was zealous in fighting the yellow fever among the soldiers, but fell a victim himself, and died Sunday, June 26. He was buried by his comrades with military honors, a martyr to duty. A page was set apart to his memory in the lodge records.

There were eleven deaths among members of the lodge during the year. In addition to the loss of Bros. Young and Fabricus, Bro. Judson C. Smith, a physician, died January 28, at his residence. Masonic services were conducted by the Master and brethren.

Bro. Samuel T. Jack, well-known theatrical manager, died at his residence April 27. Masonic services were largely attended by members of St. Cecile Lodge, Corinthian Chapter, R. A. M., and other organizations of which the deceased had been a member.

Bro. James W. Hart died June 11, in the State Hospital at Poughkeepsie.

Bro. Charles Petit died July 13, at the Seton Hospital. Masonic services were held by the lodge, after which the body was sent to Carlisle, Pa., where on Saturday, July 15, at four o'clock in the afternoon, additional services were held by Cumberland Star Lodge, No. 197, the interment being in Ashland Cemetery.

In the death of Bro. Ernest Neyer, at St. Luke's Hospital, on August 30, the lodge lost one of the most popular men ever recruited from the ranks of the musicians. Bro. Neyer served during the Civil War as a drummer in the Ninth Regiment Band, of which his father was also a member. Later he succeeded Bro. Harvey B. Dodworth as leader of the Twenty-second Regiment Band, making way in turn for Gilmore. At the time of his death Bro. Neyer was leader of the Seventh Regiment Band. He was also orchestra

leader at the Broadway Theatre, and the services of his orchestra were in constant demand for large social functions. At no time did he require urging to place himself and his men at the disposal of St. Cecile Lodge, as he had done at the annual entertainment in January. Bro. Neyer was initiated in St. Cecile Lodge in the spring of 1873 and signed the by-laws June 11. In 1898 friends induced him to apply for membership in a German Lodge, Trinity, but before he consummated his membership with that lodge his love for St. Cecile overcame his resolution and he reconsidered his intention to dimit. Bro. Neyer's funeral was an occasion of profuse musical display. Inside the church an orchestra of one hundred and fifty instruments and a grand choir took part in the services and as the body was removed from the sanctuary the Seventh Regiment Band rendered appropriate airs. The pall-bearers were the Colonel and officers of the Seventh Regiment. At the grave there were military honors. At the request of the family there were no Masonic services, although the Master and many members of the lodge were present.

Bro. Edward E. Williams, a member of the lodge from June, 1873, died October 14.

Bro. Charles Wright, a popular newspaper foreman, well known to many printers, met a violent death by being jostled from the elevated railroad structure in Brooklyn on October 22. The Masonic services conducted by the lodge were very largely attended.

Bro. William E. Fredericks died November 17. Masonic services being held at the residence by the lodge, Bro. Harry Roe sang and there was instrumental music by brethren.

Bro. William Rowell died suddenly on Sunday, December 17. The lodge met at the residence, in East Eighty-seventh Street, on December 20, and Masonic services were conducted by the Master. There was appropriate music by a large band.

Among the illustrious names which have from time to time adorned the annals of Freemasonry none is more con-

spicuous than that of General George Washington, the "Father of his Country," who died at Mount Vernon, Va., December 14, 1799, after an illness of two days. In order to fittingly express their sorrow the Masons of the national capital two weeks later held elaborate ceremonies on December 31 at four o'clock in the afternoon. In commemoration of these services of one hundred years previous the Most Worshipful Grand Master called upon the brethren of the State of New York to assemble at their various places of worship on Sunday afternoon, December 31, and hold memorial services. The brethren of the Sixth and Seventh Districts met in Vesey Street at half-past three in the afternoon and, properly clothed, marched in procession to St. Paul's Chapel, where appropriate services were held. St. Cecile turned out a comparatively small contingent.

Some very effective flashlight pictures were taken in the lodge room by Bro. Abraham Symmons, who generously presented copies to members. A resolution of thanks was extended him by the lodge.

The year 1899 was an unfortunate one for the lodge in many respects. Not only were there an unusual number of deaths and calls for assistance, but for the first time in thirteen years the expenditures exceeded the receipts. When the Treasurer's report was read at the annual communication it was found that the lodge had run behind $150 during the year.

R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers was invited to preside during the election, a privilege which, he declares, always gives him pleasure. Bro. William B. Clayton, the Senior Warden, well known among musicians as the manager and confidential secretary of Mr. Victor Herbert, was selected to preside during the year. His principal lieutenants were W. Bro. Theodore Thieler, Senior Warden, and Bro. Horatio T. Noyes, Junior Warden. Bro. Ehlers kindly consented to install the new officers, which he did in faultless style. An entertainment committee was appointed, consisting of W. Bro. James H.

Curtin, R. W. Robert Recker, Bro. George Loesch, Bro. Horatio I. Noyes and Bro. Philip S. Friedenberg, and it was resolved to obtain Chickering Hall, for February 27, if possible.

Remarkable strides characterized the progress of the lodge during the nineties. A spirit of enthusiasm before unknown seemed to take possession of the brethren during the latter part of the eighties. This admirable quality, when properly reinforced by energy, becomes a force before which inaction or failure flees in dismay. Wisdom in choosing officers of known executive ability had much to do with the great success of these years. A poor choice for leader at a critical period has been known to check, and even destroy, what seemed a foregone success. Fortunately no such contingency at any time confronted St. Cecile Lodge. From 1890 to 1899 the membership more than doubled, increasing from 157 Master Masons in good standing at the beginning of the decade to 342 at the close, a net gain of 185 members in ten years. Of these the musicians increased from 123 in 1890 to 192 in 1899; the printers from 16 to 81, and the actors from 41 to 82. The gain was general all along the line. Financially, it was much the same. The receipts of 1889 were $1,080.50, those of 1899 were $2,509.00. Complete statistics for all the years will be found elsewhere in this volume. The impetus given in these years by the infusion of new blood has carried St. Cecile nearly to the goal of being the leading lodge of the Seventh Masonic District, only one other being greater in membership.

IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

Such is the use and noble end of friendship.
To bear a part in every storm of fate,
And, by dividing, make the lighter weight.
—*Higgins.*

1900.

W. Bro. William B. Clayton (Musical Business Manager).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, June 30, 1891. Senior Master of Ceremonies, 1893-97; Junior Deacon, 1894; Senior Deacon, 1895; Junior Warden, 1898; Senior Warden, 1899; Master, 1900.

In W. Bro. William B. Clayton the lodge not only secured an experienced business manager for presiding officer, but an exceedingly popular one as well, who probably knows personally every musician of importance in the United States. His long association in a confidential capacity with the late Mr. P. S. Gilmore, and since then with Mr. Victor Herbert, has brought him in personal contact with the very best artists before the public. His tactful manner of transacting business is proverbial and has won for him the genuine affection of all with whom he has associated. In St. Cecile Lodge he speedily became acquainted with the brethren of every walk in life and impressed all with his sincerity. As an officer of the lodge he maintained the high standard for which St. Cecile is famous. W. Bro. Clayton was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1862, being the son of a Mason and one of a family of fourteen. Early in life he became a musician, playing the B flat clarinet. He went to London, where he found employment in a music engraving concern. On his return to America he met Mr. P. S. Gilmore on shipboard, who took a fancy to him, and engaged him as private secretary, and it was not long before he was intrusted with important details of the great musical organization. Since the death of Mr. Gilmore W. Bro. Clayton has acted in a similar capacity for Mr. Victor Herbert, the composer. He is the proud possessor

of a beautiful watch presented to him by Mrs. Gilmore as a memento of the deceased bandmaster. It is safe to say there is no more popular band manager in the country than W. Bro. "Billy" Clayton.

Thirty-five years had passed since first St. Cecile Lodge took her place among the Masonic bodies of the metropolis, and the dawn of the twentieth century found her grown to a sturdy stature. The years which had elapsed were filled with varied experiences. Few of the brethren who had started on the journey at the beginning remained to tell of the early days of the lodge, but the good seed sown by the pioneers was reaped in the present prosperity.

The first death recorded among the members in the new year was that of Bro. Felix Morris, the popular actor, who died January 15. At the request of the family there was no Masonic ceremony, but many members of the lodge attended the religious service in All Saints' Unitarian Church two days later. Bro. Morris affiliated from Elgin Lodge, Montreal, Canada, May 29, 1888. He was a courtly gentleman of the old school, who achieved a wide celebrity as a character actor, ranking with the best in his profession. Bro. Morris had often volunteered his services for lodge entertainments.

Among the eminent brethren welcomed by the Master in January was M. W. Bro. Rowland, P. G. M. of Nova Scotia, who addressed the lodge in regard to Masonic work. He delivered a pleasing review of Masonry in the provinces and extended a cordial invitation to the brethren to make themselves known when visiting there.

It is doubtful if Chickering Hall ever held a greater audience than on February 27, the occasion being the annual reception by St. Cecile to some of its multitude of friends. The entertainment began with a concert by Bro. Lederhaus' Squadron A Band, followed by a vaudeville performance in which there were an exhibition of the mystifications of legerdemain, comical remarks and songs by Bro. Charley Seymour, soprano solos by Miss Belle Thorne Perlet, songs by



William B. Clayton

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1900.

J. Aldrich Libbey, violin selections by John Spargur, and many other interesting features to delight the auditors. The orchestra was conducted by Bro. Charles Borgman. The committee which arranged this admirable entertainment comprised W. Bro. James H. Curtin, Bros. Horatio T. Noyes, Phil Friedenburg, George Loesch and R. W. Bro. Robert Recker.

In March Bro. Samuel Friedman, M.D., announced his appointment as surgeon in the United States Army and stated that he had been ordered to duty in the Philippine Islands. Upon his departure for his distant post he carried with him an expression of the best wishes of the brethren and their earnest hope for his safe return.

Having learned that M. W. Wright D. Pownall, P. G. M., had expressed a desire to visit St. Cecile Lodge and witness the work, the Master invited the distinguished brother to meet with the brethren of the lodge at a special communication, to be held in the Commandery Room on May 8. Upon this occasion there were present, in addition to the usual complement of visitors, delegations from Trenton and Newark, N. J. The guest of the day was welcomed and received with due honors and cordiality by the Master, after which he addressed the lodge in an interesting manner. Third degree was the work, during which R. W. George L. Montague delivered a fine lecture. Artistic programmes in colors, containing twenty-one portraits of officers and brethren of the lodge, were distributed and were eagerly carried away to be preserved as souvenirs by many of the visitors. An amusing incident in connection with these works of art is worth relating here. When the printed matter was received, a few hours before the time of the meeting, it was observed for the first time that W. Bro. Decker's picture had by some unintentional oversight been omitted. The consternation of the committee may be imagined. It was decided that under no circumstances could the programme be used as it was. But what could be done in so brief a time? A photograph of

Bro. Decker was hastily obtained, and a lifelike photo-engraving was quickly made. The programmes were then adorned with a neat cover from which smiled the familar features of the venerable Past Master, who was delighted with the implied compliment, never dreaming of his narrow escape from temporary obscurity.

While the nomadic occupation of the actor frequently interferes with his regular attendance at lodge meetings, generally speaking, no class of the membership is more sincerely devoted to the sublime principles of Freemasonry than are our brethren of the stage. Especially true is this observation when a question of relief arises. None are more prompt in reaching out the helping hand. A case in point occurred during May. When it was learned that Bro. John W. Isham, a well-known theatrical manager, was ill, possibly in want, a committee was promptly appointed to arrange a benefit in his behalf. Everything needed was cheerfully donated, from the use of the theatre to the services of even the humble call-boy. Under such promising circumstances the success of the entertainment was a foregone conclusion. The committee from St. Cecile was composed of R. W. Robert Recker, Bros. Henry W. Roe, Horatio T. Noyes, Robert W. Iverson and Gustav Myers.

INTRODUCTION OF OUTDOOR CELEBRATIONS.

In order to get away from the usual form of lodge celebration it was decided by vote of the lodge, on motion of Bro. Loesch, to commemorate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the lodge by a "stag" outing (the first) to some nearby seaside resort. The place selected was New Dorp, the time Friday, June 29. Tickets were sold to members at $1.50, the promised attractions being a fine shore dinner, sea bathing, field sports, etc. About fifty hungry epicures gathered about the festive board when the dinner call was heard, and finished a merry feast with music and speeches. The weather was all that could be desired and everybody enjoyed

himself. This very successful affair was engineered by Bros. George Loesch and Horatio T. Noyes and is remembered with pleasure by its participants.

Much distress, it was learned, resulted from the disastrous flood at Galveston, Tex. The Masonic fraternity responded quickly and generously to the call for help. St. Cecile Lodge was one of the first contributors, and there was talk of giving a benefit performance in aid of the sufferers.

It is seldom that any official is welcomed with such a glorious musical reception as was given R. W. William E. Wilkinson, District Deputy of the Seventh, upon the occasion of his visit to St. Cecile on December 4. On that day the lodge fairly surpassed all previous efforts in this direction. The District Deputy was escorted into the lodge by a double line of worshipful masters which extended the entire length of the Commandery Room. It is needless to say that otherwise the attendance was large. There were several interesting addresses, after which there was a concert, during which no less than five brethren led the orchestra, four of them during the playing of their own compositions. The following was the programme:

1. Opening of the Lodge, 1.30 P.M.
   Transaction of preliminary business.
2. Reception of the District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District,
   R. W. William E. Wilkinson and Escort.
3. Ballet Suit—"Im Walde" . . . . . Perlet
   (*a*) Valse lento.
   (*b*) Polka pizzicati.
   Orchestra directed by Bro. Herman Perlet.
4. First Section of the Third Degree.

REFRESHMENT.

5. Medley March—"Everything at Reilly's must be Done in Irish Style" . . . . . Recker
   Personally conducted by R. W. Robert Recker

6. Grand Selection—"The Rogers Brothers in Central Park . . Levi
Arranged especially for this occasion by Bro. Maurice Levi
7. Prologue—"Pagliacci" . . . . . Leoncavallo
Soloist, Bro. Alfred Doria
Conducted by Bro. Thomas Hindley
8. Grand Selection—"Fiddle-Dee-Dee" . . . . . Stromberg
Specially Contributed by Bro. John Stromberg
9. Conclusion of Third Degree.

ORCHESTRA.

CONDUCTORS,

R. W. Robert Recker

Bro. Herman Perlet
Bro. Maurice Levi
Bro. Thomas Hindley
Bro. John Stromberg

BRO. LOUIS W. BEGIEBING.
" THOMAS HINDLEY.
" EDWIN G. CLARKE.
" MAX RICHTER.
" FRANK HESS.
" W. LLOYD BOWRON.
" JOSEPH DE BONA.
" HERMAN HEISER.
" CARL KNUST.
" GAETANO M. PINTO, *Violins.*
" JOSEPH LAENDNER.
" CARL HACKERT.
" CHARLES BORGMAN.
" FRITZ DIERKS, *Violas.*
" WILLIAM J. SEE.
" JOSEPH RILEY, *'Celli.*
" OSCAR GRETT.
" ISAAC WESSELL, *Basses.*

BRO. JOHN B. DAUSCH, *Oboe.*
" FREDERICK SEE.
" FREDERICK WADSDWORTH.
" ANTHONY PINTO, *Flutes.*
" AUGUSTUS STENGLER.
" FRANK STRETZ.
" CHAS. FREUDENVOLL, *Clarinets.*
" HERBERT L. CLARKE.
" FREDERICO SONTY.
" HORACE SPARGUR, *Cornets.*
" ROBERT W. IVERSON.
" HERMAN ZILM, *Horns.*
" GEORGE FULLER.
" GUSTAV MYERS, *Trombones.*
" MARTIN SCHLIG.
" AUGUST HELMECKE,
Tympani and Drums.

More than ordinary credit was given W. Bro. William B. Clayton for the many sacrifices he made in order to perform his duties during his term of office as Master. Professionally engaged in Pittsburg, Pa., he frequently took a night train which brought him to New York in time for lodge meeting in the afternoon, after which he returned the same night to the smoky city of multifarious industries. This fidelity to his trust, besides the personal inconvenience, involved considerable expense. The brethren took note of this and resolved to manifest their appreciation in some practical manner. A committee quietly solicited fifty-cent subscriptions (no one being permitted to subscribe more) and soon an amount was raised sufficient to purchase a beautiful diamond studded Past Master's jewel. The presentation was made at

the meeting of December 18, and R. W. Robert Recker was deputed to speak on behalf of the contributors. His eloquence was never better placed, and his remarks caused blushes of pleasure to mantle the cheeks of W. Bro. Clayton. When the Worshipful Master found words to express himself, with characteristic modesty he disclaimed any particular credit for the success of the year, attributing it all to his staff of officers. He afterward declared that he valued the gift of the brethren far beyond any other material possession, it being a reminder of some of his happiest experiences. While on this subject it may interest those who contributed to purchase it to learn that subsequently this beautiful jewel was abstracted from Bro. Clayton's trunk in transit while on tour and has never been recovered, although the greatest efforts were made to find it.

The brethren regretted to learn at the annual communication that Bro. Clayton's professional interests precluded the acceptance of another term. W. Bro. Theodore Thieler was elected Master, Bro. Horatio Noyes Senior Warden and Bro. George Loesch Junior Warden. R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers presided during the election, but was later called away on business and the new officers were installed by W. Bro. Eugene C. Akers, of United States Lodge, No. 207.

1901.

W. Bro. Theodore Thieler (Lawyer).—Raised in Cambridge Lodge, No. 662, January 18, 1866, of which he was Master in 1881. Affiliated with St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, December 20, 1881. Senior Deacon, 1883-85; Senior Warden, 1900; Master, 1901. Died suddenly in Brooklyn, March 3, 1903.

Plain, simple and unostentatious, of well-seasoned experience in the battle of life was W. Bro. Thieler. He was a native of England, but his

early life was spent in the city of Brooklyn. Later he removed to the West, and after some years' residence returned to New York. During his active life he was at times engaged in various newspaper enterprises, meanwhile pursuing the study of law, and finally being admitted to the bar. He was a man of admirable qualities, sincere and honorable in all his actions. He was highly respected by a large circle of friends. Being a lawyer of ability, Bro. Thieler's services to the lodge were exceedingly valuable, and he was always ready to assist gratuitously any worthy brother in need of legal advice, and frequently did so.

The more conservative element in the lodge had observed with no little satisfaction a growing inclination to do away with public installations of officers. Many had long contended that such ceremonials were out of place in public; that as a matter of propriety, if for no other reason, such proceedings should be kept within the closely tiled doors of the lodge room. The customary annual entertainment, which was given at the Lexington Avenue Opera House, March 27, a later date than in former years, was therefore minus one of the previous features. For the first time the annual entertainment was given as an evening reception with dancing as a part of the pleasure. The idea was popular from the start, and has since become one of the principal attractions. Immediately after the finale of a splendid vaudeville entertainment the floor was cleared, and a splendid orchestra, under the baton of the well-known Bro. John M. Lander, struck up a march. This was followed by the various popular dances, and the hours quickly passed. A feature which contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening was an exhibition drill by the fraters of Morton Commandery, whose faultless execution of several manœuvres evoked much admiration. So skilfully was this affair managed that for the first time in the history of the lodge's innumerable entertainments there was a cash balance turned into the treasury after paying expenses. A special vote of thanks was tendered the committee and all the artists who contributed their services on this occasion. The General Committee was composed of W. Bro. James H. Curtin, R. W. Robert Recker, Bros. George E. Wallen,

George Loesch, Frank G. Howie, "Gus" A. Myers and Philip S. Friedenberg.

A stranger reading of the splendid social affairs given by St. Cecile might unthinkingly conclude that the lodge spent the greater portion of its time and money in the pursuit of amusement, to the exclusion of good works. Any such opinion would not only be erroneous but would be most unjust to the lodge. To attempt to recount in detail the benevolences of St. Cecile Lodge would require many pages such as these. Space permits but brief reference to the more important undertakings. No meeting of the lodge passes without evidence of generous and serious thought by the brethren. A great deal of practical good is accomplished quietly and without ostentation. The sick are visited; the dead are buried; the sufferings of the unfortunate alleviated. Certainly this record, though incomplete, shows that St. Cecile Lodge has been "faithful over a few things."

The action of the Grand Lodge of 1901, in conferring upon R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, the honorary title of Most Worshipful Grand Master, was very gratifying to his legion of friends, and particularly to members of St. Cecile Lodge, of which he is an honorary member.

A handsomely bound copy of the Holy Scriptures was presented to the lodge by Bro. Robert Potts at the meeting of May 7, and a resolution was passed thanking the brother for his thoughtfulness. One of the pleasant features of this communication was the admission into full membership of Bro. Jacques Friedenberg, the fourth son of Bro. Isaac Friedenberg, to be initiated in St. Cecile Lodge. This circumstance so pleased W. Bro. Charles F. Hotmer, of Copestone Lodge, who was present, that he at once improvised several verses apropos of the event, which he read for the amusement of the brethren.

For many years a familiar figure about the halls of the Temple was that of Bro. "Charlie" Sanderson, tiler for St. Cecile and other lodges. His death occurred May 11, after a

protracted illness, and caused general sorrow. Bro. Sanderson was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland. During the Civil War he enlisted in the Seventy-ninth New York Regiment and was chief bugler in Robertson's Band. He was in several famous battles, including the first Bull Run. After the war he was a member of various bands, finally accepting a position as Tiler in the Temple. He was favorably known to Masons, and a more upright, honorable gentleman could scarcely be found anywhere. He was a well-beloved member of Scotia Lodge.

The success of the "stag" outing of the previous year determined the brethren of St. Cecile to again indulge in an outdoor reunion. The second outing was held at West New Brighton, S. I., Thursday, June 27. The day was sunny and pleasant. Upon arriving at the grounds the brethren devoted themselves to all sorts of outdoor amusements and when the dinner hour arrived no time was lost in securing seats. W. Bro. Theodore Thieler presided at the board, and made a peculiarly happy speech, after which he presented a silver loving cup, won on the baseball field, to members of New York Lodge, No. 1, B. P. O. E., who were present by special invitation. A group photograph was afterward taken, and when the sun was low in the west one hundred and twenty-seven weary but happy brethren reluctantly departed for home.

THE "FATHER OF THE LODGE" PASSES AWAY.

The third Tuesday of June, 1901, should be set down by the brethren of St. Cecile as a day ever to be held in loving remembrance for the sake of one who had from the very beginning of the lodge watched over its destinies with the solicitude of a parent. Upon the day mentioned W. Bro. Myron A. Decker, the venerable Chaplain and Past Master, was in his accustomed place, assisting in the work of conferring the first degree. He concluded the labors of the session with a prayer,

in which he thanked the Almighty Father for his manifold mercies and implored a continuance of the success and harmony prevailing. As the benediction was pronounced the brethren unknowingly gazed for the last time in the lodge room upon the familiar features of the "Father of the Lodge." Although he did not complain, it was observed that W. Bro. Decker was not in his usual health. On July 16 the brethren were informed of his serious illness and requested to call at his residence. His condition changed rapidly for the worse, and on Friday, August 16, W. Bro. Decker peacefully closed his eyes forever. Being a man whose faith in God was well founded, death brought to him no terrors, but

> ——Sustained and soothed
> By an unfaltering trust, he approached his grave
> Like one that draws the drapery of his couch
> About him and lies down to pleasant dreams.

Religious services were held at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, after which the Masonic ceremony was read by W. Bro. Thieler, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Decker's favorite hymn was sung by Bro. Harry Roe, his voice trembling with suppressed emotion. As the casket was borne from the church there was appropriate music by a sextet of brass instruments played by members of the lodge. The floral pieces were numerous, the lodge sending a particularly beautiful one. At the next lodge meeting a committee was appointed to draft resolutions expressing the sorrow occasioned by the death of so valued a member. This tribute to Bro. Decker's memory was in the form of a beautiful volume, bound in leather, which was presented to the family. Thus passed out of the lodge one who for thirty-six years had been its most conspicuous and honored member. An extended sketch of W. Bro. Decker's life and services will be found elsewhere in this volume, under the year 1872.

During one of the meetings in October the Secretary unfolded a mysterious looking parcel with numerous foreign

marks upon it and brought forth two boxes of fine cigars and a complimentary letter from Bros. Roderick McLean and A. Bonhomie, of Havana Lodge, No. 99, Havana, Cuba. These were sent to the brethren of St. Cecile as a slight acknowledgment of attentions shown the foreign brethren while sojourning in the metropolis. The perfectos were promptly distributed among the brethren and a special dispensation granted by the Master so that the "smoke offering" might at once be enjoyed. The lodge adopted a resolution thanking the donors for their generosity.

When R. W. Frederick T. Slack, Deputy for the Seventh District, visited St. Cecile Lodge in his official capacity, December 17, he was entertained with a musical programme which gratified and surprised him. There was an orchestra of twenty-five well-known musicians, at times under the leadership of Bro. Herman Perlet, Bro. Maurice Levi, Bro. Fred W. Hager and Bro. John Stromberg, each directing the playing of his own compositions. In addition there was some high class vocal music, including solos by Bro. "Harry" Roe and others. Programmes especially designed by Bro. Walter Chippendale and printed in colors were distributed among the visitors. The District Deputy was accompanied by a large delegation of well-known Masons and was presented to the Master by W. Bro. Albert Maxfield, of Constitution Lodge. The address delivered by the representative of the Grand Master was a glowing tribute to the principles of the fraternity. He also complimented the lodge upon the elaborate reception accorded him.

GRATIFYING INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP NOTED.

That the remarkable increase in membership during the nineties was not in the nature of an immature boom is evidenced by its continuance up to the present day. The number of members in good standing in 1890 was 177 Master

Masons; in 1900 the number had increased to 367, or more than doubled in the decade. The quality of material accepted was of unusually high character, as will be observed from a perusal of the names of some of those who joined during the period mentioned.

As in former years a large percentage of the new members were musicians: Bros. Agostino Cerillo, John Magdalin, George W. Quine, Carl F. Williams, orchestra leader; William Skuse, orchestra leader; Charles H. Hoyt, Albert Krausse, orchestra leader; Frederick J. See, Carl Schilling, orchestra leader; William Loraine, composer of "Peggy from Paris" and other successes; the Witmark brothers—Isidore, Jacob and Julius, well-known music publishers; Herbert L. Clarke, solo cornetist of Sousa's band; Carl G. Wolff, Frederick Sonty, Herman Perlet, operatic composer and conductor; Edwin G. Clarke, Carlo de Chiara, A. C. A. Hellcberg; Louis W. Egner, the Pinto brothers, Anthony and Gaetano; George H. Foster, orchestra leader; Martin Schlig, brother of the late W. Bro. Michael Schlig; Oscar C. Grett; Maurice Levi, a conspicuous band leader; Frederick Proescholdt, Joseph A. Riley, Gustav A. Myers, Albert H. Prescott, William J. See, Charles E. Borgman, musical director and arranger; John W. Bratton, composer and song writer; August Helmecke, Jr.; Carl H. Hackert, band leader; John B. Dausch, Robert W. Iverson, a well-known and popular official of the Aschenbroedel; George May, orchestra leader; Edward J. Biedermann, famous composer of church music; Vincent Miraglia, Justus Ringleben, prolific composer; Frederick L. Blodgett, and Frederick W. Hager, now a successful publisher, author of "Laughing Water," who directed the orchestra for the lodge upon many occasions. These all joined in the order named.

While there was but one theatrical manager registered in 1890, during the ten years since there have been over thirty added to the membership, as well as many brethren otherwise employed about the playhouses. Among the names are: Bros. Joseph Oppenheimer, Eleazar Aarons, John McGowan,

Thomas E. Dunbar, J. W. and W. H. Isham, Ridge Waller, Harry D. Wallen, Charles R. Norman, Samuel Scribner, William J. F. Schoepf, Henry Rosenberg, Clark G. Ball, Frank B. Carr, Charles L. Walters, Thomas Ebert, George J. Cooke, Ferdinand Rider, Richard Watson, Abraham Morris, Louis Cohen, Robert and Henry Stone, Louis M. James, Charles and William Beamish, John McKeon, Frank G. Howie, Claude E. Laning, John A. Shoemaker, Edwin P. Wakefield and William Paley, of moving picture fame; Albert J. Minehan, Solomon Mannheimer, Robert Barr, Max Hirsch and William H. Walsh.

Quite a number of prominent members of the theatrical profession found a Masonic home in St. Cecile during the nineties, joining in the following order: Bros. Charles J. Greene, Frank Russell, William F. Wilson, Leonard Delmore, William B. Watson, Ernest Lockwood, Imro Fox, "the Professor"; Herbert Prior, Charles Edwin Brandt, Joseph Morris, George E. Beban, William A. Galpen, Charles A. Bigelow, John H. Davies, Frank Abbott, Harry Stockley, Charles E. Grapewin, William Ruge, M. Woods, Joseph E. Howard, William Robyns Claytor, Caryl Wilbur, Charles H. Falke, Mark Ellsworth, Raymond Hitchcock, Thomas Whiffen, Edgar Forrest, Louis W. Wills, Thomas A. Wise, Howard Whitney, C. H. Anderson, Louis H. Kluth, Benjamin Berger and Charles Weitzell. All of these are so familiar to theatre-goers that comment is unnecessary here.

Those employed in the printing offices of the city who were added to the membership included Bros. Henry Martin, superintendent mechanical department of the "Globe"; E. L. Ingalls, E. L. Hatfield, John A. Nickel, David J. Klein, Louis A. Johnson, holder of a world's record for linotype composition; John H. Horner, George J. Cannon, Charles E. Osborne, Lewie M. Grummond, Henry J. Benedict, Samuel H. Hart, Reginald Walsh, John C. Holzer, William S. Ridgley, William J. White, Walter M. Moorhouse, Joseph D.

Jackson, superintendent mechanical department New York "World"; Bosanquet W. Gillis, Charles H. Lockwood, C. H. Jones, John H. Fichtel, George Kellington, Theodore T. Low, Henry L. Williams, Samuel M. Christie and John H. Maxwell. These printers are all favorably known in the trade, and take an active interest in all lodge affairs.

From the professions and various mercantile and other pursuits the names of more than fifty good men have been added to the lodge roster. Among them: Bro. George H. Jones, manufacturer; Bro. Richard W. Ryer, merchant; Bro. Oscar Taussig, wholesale liquors; Bro. Franklin D. Lawson, M.D.; Bro. Michael J. Lampert, salesman; Bro. James G. Swart, cigars; Bro. Simon Bookman, retired; Bro. Frank H. Andrews, lineman; Bro. Henry Mason, hotel; Bro. John W. Ennis, restaurant; Bro. William H. Geiger, lawyer; Bro. Henry B. Faroat, railroad tickets; Bro. George Schworer, butcher; Bro. Philip Friedenberg, salesman; Bro. Robert E. Ullner, lawyer; Bro. William B. Wilson, salesman; Bro. Henry S. Dinkelspiel, salesman; Bro. Hugh Wiese, telegraph; Bro. H. W. Youngling, jewelry; Bro. Henry A. Kolkebeck, fireman; Bro. Robert Joste, artist; Bro. Arthur F. Easton, newspaper clerk; Bro. John W. Van Oost, artist; Bro. Philip Levy, merchant; Bro. Peter Short, fire chief; Bro. Herman Schmidt, broker; Bro. William B. Sawers, merchant; Bro. Charles F. Roof, salesman; Bro. William C. Marsh, merchant; Bro. Edward A. Humble, advertising; Bro. Henry Seligman, agent; Bro. Lewis W. Hyde, Jr., salesman; Bro. Arthur J. Dowling, salesman; Bro. Edwin R. Corbett, tobacco; Bro. Samuel Friedman, M.D.; Bro. A. L. Levy, salesman; Bro. Edwin J. Cohn, music publisher; Bro. John Knox, manager; Bro. Walter McDougall, livery; Bro. James Lake, manufacturer; Bro. James Schwackhammer, railroad superintendent; Bro. Edward Nahan, salesman; Bro. Edwin Churchman, salesman; Bro. Walter J. Hilton, insurance; Bro. Nathan Rothstein, manufacturer; Bro. Robert G. McFarran, superintendent;

Bro. David C. Paterson, watchman; Bro. Gabriel T. Harrower, salesman; Bro. Gustave J. Grunow, electrical engineer; Bro. Edward McDonald, hotel; Bro. William H. Hovey, clerk; Bro. Henry Hauck, lieutenant in Fire Department; Bro. Roy A. Wilson, surgeon, U.S.A.; Bro. Jacques S. Friedenberg, salesman; Bro. Joseph A. Kapp, merchant; Bro. Clayton Mayo, merchant; Bro. John M. Adler, merchant; Bro. Charles F. Wilson, cashier; Bros. Albert Sanders and M. P. Morse, salesmen.

The following officers of the police have connected themselves with the lodge: Bro. Albert Reed joined in December, 1892, and since then these others: Bros. Charles A. Place, John W. Cottrell, Edward C. Frizzell, who manages the theatricals for the benefit of the officers' association; Bros. Oscar Geissler, Louis Harris, Edward D. Hoffman, Raphael Schulum, Robert P. Beck, Henry Ebert, Robert M. McNaught, William F. Boettler, Irving Houghtaling and Samuel W. Beatty.

One of the old-time members passed away in 1901. Bro. Jacob Mallach, who died Dec. 8, aged seventy-three years, was sixty-fourth on the list of members, having signed the roll December 4, 1866. His death, coming so soon after that of W. Bro. Decker, saddened the brethren very much, as it was realized that the lodge fathers were rapidly departing from the scenes which had known them so long. Bro. Mallach was a well-known musician, with an extensive acquaintance. He was of a modest, retiring disposition, and in the lodge could never be prevailed upon to accept any office, except in one year (1868), when he served as Marshal. In deference to the wishes of his family Masonic services were omitted at the funeral.

The record of the year would be incomplete should no mention be made of the election of officers, which occurred December 31. As had been the custom for many years, whenever his onerous duties permitted, R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, accepted an invitation to preside during the

election. It has really seemed as though some important essential were lacking when business prevented his attendance at the annual meeting of the lodge. Bro. H. A. Greene was elected Master for the ensuing year, his assistants being Bro. George Loesch, Senior Warden, and Bro. George E. Wallen, Junior Warden. Practically the same brethren occupied the other stations as in the preceding year.

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W. Bro. H. A. Greene (Advertising).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, June 1, 1897. Senior Deacon, 1898; Junior Warden, 1899; Master, 1902. Withdrew July 5, 1904.

The year 1902 opened with intelligence of the illness of several brethren in distant localities. Bro. Montague L. Andrews was heard from in San Antonio, Tex., and Bro. John F. Mundwyler, son of Bro. John J. Mundwyler, also of St. Cecile, in San Francisco. Letters of sympathy and encouragement were sent to each of these brethren. The lodge was entertained occasionally in January with charming vocal duets by Bros. Thomas Boyd McQueen and Harry W. Roe, whose voices blended harmoniously in operatic selections. Attendance at lodge meetings was exceptionally large.

The annual reception was held in Lenox Lyceum on Thursday evening, January 23. The great hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the seats were all filled long before eight o'clock, the hour scheduled for the stage performance. Late comers found considerable difficulty in obtaining a place to stand, owing to the crush. The handsome costumes of the ladies and the inspiring strains of the band elicited a great deal of admiration, and the affair was most successful. The stage was directed by the veteran W. Bro.

James H. Curtin, who provided a splendid array of attractions for the enjoyment of the audience, not the least of which was Bro. William Paley's kalatechnoscope, displaying well-known members of the lodge. The orchestra was composed of brethren of the lodge, directed in turn by R. W. Robert Recker, Bro. Carl Williams, Bro. Fred W. Hager and Bro. John Stromberg. There were nearly three hundred couples taking part in the grand march when the dancing began. Altogether, the function proved an entire success in every way, and reflected great credit upon the committee, Bro. George E. Wallen, R. W. Robert Recker, W. Bros. William B. Clayton, James H. Curtin and Theodore Thieler, and Bros. Robert E. Stone, Joseph Greenbaum, George Loesch, Max Hirsch, Gustav Myers and Reginald Walsh, whose report to the lodge was accompanied by a small cash balance. The committee was awarded a special vote of thanks for its efforts.

During the afternoon of February 4, W. Bro. Theodore Thieler was called before the altar of the lodge and presented with a valuable gold watch, with chain and Masonic charm complete. The presentation was made in behalf of the lodge by M. W. John Stewart, whose eloquent words brought tears to the eyes of the former Master. On the same day Bro. Joseph Greenbaum was presented, by his numerous friends, with a handsome gold ring, inscribed with Masonic devices. Bro. Greenbaum had been unusually zealous in promoting the various undertakings of the lodge, particularly the entertainments.

One of St. Cecile's principal articles of faith seems to be that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," whether it be a gift of gold, of pleasure, of honor. Certain it is that the lodge never wearies in well-doing, and there is something doing pretty much all the time. Cordially inviting W. Bro. Eugene C. Akers, of United States Lodge, No. 207, to the east, on January 27, the Master welcomed him with a hearty greeting, after which he informed him that, in recognition of



Harry A. Greene,

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the many services he had rendered the lodge, he had been elected an honorary member. Bro. Akers thanked the Master, but excused himself from talking as he was suffering from a bronchial ailment.

The first meeting of May was notable for the introduction of a resolution to reduce the affiliation fee to five dollars. When the question was brought to a vote it was declared lost.

The death of Bro. Montague L. Andrews occurred April 13, in Texas. The body was brought to New York, and on Sunday, April 20, funeral services were held in the Grand Lodge Hall at two in the afternoon. There was a great throng present. In accordance with the request of the deceased brother Masonic services were held by the Master and brethren of St. Cecile Lodge. There were vocal solos appropriate to the occasion by several lodge members. Bro. Andrews was a popular hotel man, with an extensive acquaintance. The interment was in Woodlawn.

MATINÉE LODGE ESTABLISHED IN CHICAGO.

For thirty-seven years St. Cecile Lodge had enjoyed the unique distinction of being the only regularly chartered Masonic lodge in the United States privileged to meet exclusively in the daytime. It was therefore not without some regret mingled with their fraternal good will that the brethren learned that steps had been taken to establish in the city of Chicago a lodge with the peculiar characteristics of St. Cecile. On April 29 St. Cecile was visited by Bro. Albert Roullier, Senior Warden of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 311, Chicago, who informed the brethren of the project to institute a "matinée" lodge in the Windy City. He was warmly welcomed by the Master, and said that his object in visiting the metropolis was to inspect the methods and work of St. Cecile, with a view to applying some of them in the new lodge. On Tuesday, May 20, the new organization, St. Cecilia Lodge, No.

865, was granted permission by the Grand Master of Illinois to work under dispensation. It was subsequently learned that the meeting days, and even the hours, of the two lodges were identical. In addition to the similarity of names, a coincidence that has been noticed as remarkable is that the number of the new lodge is that of St. Cecile reversed.

The Commandery Room was invaded by several hundred ladies on May 1, the occasion being St. Cecile's reception to the mothers, wives, sisters and other feminine relatives and friends of the members. The doors were thrown open at one o'clock in the afternoon, and soon the ladies occupied every seat in the spacious hall. The following programme was received with enthusiastic expressions of approval:

PART FIRST.

Overture { *a* March, "Fellowcraft" . . . . } St. Cecile Orchestra
{ *b* Overture, "Stradella," (Flotow). . }
Solo . . . . . Miss Rose Ringleben
Something Doing . . . . . Bro. Harry B. Lester
Soprano Solo . . . . . Miss Gertrude Mansfield
Solo—"Preislied"—"Meistersinger"—(Wagner) . Bro. Thomas Boyd
Piano Solo—(Selected) . . . . . A. Eugéne Messinger

Intermission and Refreshments.

PART SECOND.

Overture. { *a* Polonaise, from "Mignon" . . . . . Thomas
{ *b* Valse lento, "Falling Leaves" . . . . . Ringleben
Musical Comedians . . . . . Bros. Falke and Semon
Brother Chas. J. Seymour's Company.
Blind Pianist and Whistler . . . . . Edward I. Boyle
In "Masons'" Jars . . . . . Shantrell and Schuyler
Magician . . . . . Professor Ginsberg
"Prince Morning Glory," from Hayti . . . Johnson and Murray

Never has the feminine contingent seemed more gratified with an entertainment than on this occasion. The success

of the affair was due to the efforts of Bros. H. A. Greene, W. M. Moorhouse, A. J. Dowling, W. E. Tway, G. E. Wallen, Gustav Myers, J. F. Lyons, P. Friedenberg, and William A. Baird, chairman. There was also an auxiliary committee of thirty-five ladies.

During the warm days of June some of the brethren started a discussion as to the advisability of changing from the Tuscan to some other room in the Temple. Several had a predilection for the Austin Room and brought the matter up in lodge meeting. After thoroughly discussing a motion to change the meeting place the matter was tabled.

On the tenth anniversary of his initiation into Masonry Bro. John Stromberg, on July 5, quietly closed his eyes in death. The news greatly shocked his friends in and out of the theatrical profession, among whom he was exceedingly popular. At the time of his last illness he was orchestra leader for Bros. Weber and Fields. The lodge members were notified to attend the funeral services, which were held in the Grand Lodge Hall on Sunday, July 8. There was a numerous gathering of friends. The Masonic service was read by the Master, after which R. W. William J. Duncan delivered an address which was an eloquent tribute to the genius of the deceased brother. During the services the pathetic melodies of the dead composer were played by an orchestra of forty instruments, and there were solos by Bro. Harry Roe, accompanied by a large orchestra. The pall-bearers were Bros. Joseph Weber, Lewis Fields, John W. Bratton, Frederick Solomon, John Kelly and Julius P. Witmark. The floral pieces were exceedingly beautiful and numerous. The body was temporarily deposited in a vault at Woonsocket, R. I., and in the following year, at the request of St. Cecile Lodge, Bro. Stromberg was buried with Masonic honors by the local lodge in the tomb prepared for him in Oak Hill Cemetery. There is a granite monument representing an angel kneeling on one knee, holding a lyre, with outstretched arm dropping flowers upon the grave. The inscription reads: "My Honey,

He Was a Man. His Like I Shall Never See Again." Bro. Stromberg was a composer of recognized ability, and in the lighter plaintive melodies had few equals. As a man and Mason he won the love and respect of all.

AN ENJOYABLE SUMMER DAY'S OUTING.

Summer outings to the various attractive resorts near the metropolis are always popular. The third annual outdoor function of St. Cecile showed an increased attendance over preceding years and was a social and financial success, although of course there was no intention of making gain out of a purely fraternal gathering. Thursday, July 31, was the day set apart for the outing and several hundred brethren went by boat to College Point, where the time was pleasantly spent in various games of the field, interspersed betimes with sufficient quantities of the good things for which the resort is famous. About four in the afternoon a delightful shore dinner was served, during which a silver loving cup was presented to New York Lodge, No. 1, B. P. O. E., with the best wishes of St. Cecile Lodge. The weather was delightful, and a most enjoyable excursion was had. The committee which managed the affair was composed of Bros. George Loesch, William E. Tway, George E. Wallen, William A. Baird, H. W. Roe, Frank Howie, George Hackenberger, W. B. Wilson and W. M. Moorhouse.

Some twenty or more brethren, including the Master and Wardens, met at the home of Bro. Isaac Friedenberg on the evening of September 2, the occasion being the seventy-second birthday of the esteemed brother. It also marked the forty-sixth year of Bro. Friedenberg's Masonic life, the last twenty years of which had been spent in St. Cecile Lodge. The Master congratulated the venerable brother upon his unusual vigor, and on behalf of the lodge expressed the wish that he might for many years enjoy a continuance of health and hap-

piness. With these expressions of good will was presented a silver loving cup, appropriately inscribed, as a testimonial of esteem from the lodge. In accepting the very appropriate gift Bro. Friedenberg expressed his pride in St. Cecile Lodge and invited the brethren to join him in baptizing the cup. While partaking of the hospitality of the honored brother several speeches were made tending to cement more closely if possible the brotherly love between Bro. Friedenberg and the lodge.

Exceedingly impressive were the obsequies over the body of Bro. John W. Isham, scion of an old New England family, who died in Flushing on September 24. The funeral took place in Utica, N. Y., four days later. At the request of St. Cecile the services were conducted by Oriental Lodge, No. 224. M. W. Jesse B. Anthony, P. G. M., officiated, assisted by the Master of St. Cecile. After services in Calvary Church the funeral proceeded to Forest Hill Cemetery during a terrific rain-storm. Among those participating were several hundred Masons from St. Cecile Lodge, Oriental Lodge, Oneida Chapter, Utica Commandery and the Masonic Club. The daily press commented in very flattering terms upon the excellent precepts of an organization whose members had turned out in such inclement weather to pay the last honors to one who was a comparative stranger. In recognition of the fraternal courtesy displayed on this occasion by Oriental Lodge it was resolved by St. Cecile to present some significant token of appreciation. A silver loving cup, artistically ornamented with copper, was prepared and Bros. George Loesch and William Paley were appointed a committee to carry the gift to Utica upon the occasion of the annual meeting of Oriental Lodge. There had been no intimation of the intended visit, and when Bro. Loesch arose in the lodge room and eloquently expressed the gratitude of St. Cecile Lodge as he presented the loving cup the applause with which he was greeted was strengthened by the surprise of his auditors. The gift was accepted by W. Bro. J. S. Cole, on behalf of

Oriental Lodge, who thanked the brethren of St. Cecile for the beautiful sentiment thus exemplified.

"Seventh District Day" was the appellation given October 21, when the Masters of the district were present by special invitation to assist in the work of the third degree. There were also present a great many other prominent Masons, the lodge being honored by the presence of the Grand Master and members of his staff. The Commandery Room was filled to the doors with interested witnesses of the proceedings. The stations were filled as follows:

W. M.—R. W. John Morrow, A. G. L.
S. W.—W. Bro. Lord, of Harlem Lodge, No. 457.
J. W.—W. Bro. H. H. Howe, Corinthian Lodge, No. 488.
S. D.—W. Bro. Donald Gow, Normal Lodge, No. 523.
J. D.—W. Bro. Charles W. Spiegel, Manhattan Lodge, No. 489.
M. C.—{ W. Bro. J. D. Merrill, Gramercy Lodge, No. 537.
{ W. Bro. H. A. Greene, St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568.
Stewards—{ W. Bro. Emile Baker, Globe Lodge, No. 588.
{ W. Bro. Frank C. Barker, Girard Lodge, No. 631.
Chaplain—W. Bro. Elmer B. Silver, Copestone Lodge, No. 641.
Marshal—W. Bro. Robert A. Miller, Americus Lodge, No. 535.

A splendid lecture on the history of the degree was delivered by M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary. Music was provided by twenty-five members of the lodge, under the baton of Bro. Frederick W. Hager. The programme consisted principally of excerpts from the works of the late Bro. John Stromberg. Bro. John Schilling contributed an instrumental solo from Mozart's "Magic Flute." During the afternoon a telegram of congratulation and good wishes was sent to St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 865, Chicago, that day constituted, as had been done upon the occasion of their first meeting under dispensation.

Another occasion upon which an exceptionally fine musical programme was provided by members of the lodge was the official visit of R. W. Richard Shepard, Jr., District Deputy of the Seventh, on December 2. An orchestra of thirty pieces was conducted by Bros. Maurice Levi and Frederic W. Hager,

in selections from their own compositions. Among the pleasant features of the day was the presentation to the distinguished representative of the Grand Master of a beautifully engraved gold match-box as a memento of his visit.

A man who holds a strong grasp upon the affections of his Masonic associates is Most Worshipful Bro. John Stewart, Past Grand Master. Certainly among the brethren of St. Cecile the distinguished brother is regarded as "one of her very own." For years his words have stirred the hearts of the brethren, and his appearance in the lodge room is sufficient to attract attention at any time. It was Most Worshipful Bro. Stewart who, in 1895, added lustre to the name of St. Cecile by giving one of her sons, W. Bro. Robert Recker, a Stewardship in the grand body. This was the first Grand Lodge appointment that had come to St. Cecile in twenty-eight years, aside from the Musical Directorship of W. Bro. William F. Sherwin in 1871, and the perennial appointment of Bro. George W. Morgan as Grand Lodge organist. It is not to be wondered at that the brethren felt joyful over the honor and have ever since retained a feeling of gratitude to the esteemed Past Grand Master. A proposition to elect Most Worshipful Bro. Stewart an honorary member was hailed with delight, and at the annual meeting in December this was one of the important actions of the lodge. Most Worshipful Bro. Stewart is so well known to the fraternity that it is almost unnecessary to add that he was made a Mason in Albion Lodge, No. 26, in June, 1874. For four years he faithfully served his lodge as Senior Deacon, and for six years as Master. He was Assistant Grand Lecturer, 1881-83; Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District, 1884; Trustee Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, 1891-93, during which period the Home was built; Deputy Grand Master, 1894; Grand Master, 1895-96; Trustee Hall and Asylum Fund, 1906-07.

Another name was also added to the list of honorary members at the annual meeting when it was proposed to so distin-

guish W. Bro. Charles F. Hotmer, of Copestone Lodge, No. 641, who had long been a regular attendant at the communications of St. Cecile, and who was ever ready to assist in the work.

The Secretary reported at the annual communication that the day's receipts at his desk were $487, which was considered large for one meeting. He also reported 424 members in good standing, and the Treasurer, not to be outdone, called attention to the fact that the lodge was drawing interest on nearly $10,000 in bank. Bro. George Loesch was the unanimous choice for Master, Bro. George Wallen for Senior Warden, and Bro. George Johnston for Junior Warden. Great predictions were made when it was observed that a trio of "Georges" were to occupy the three most important stations in the lodge during the ensuing year. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers presided during the election, and kept everybody in a cheerful frame of mind while the balloting progressed. He afterward installed the new staff.

1903.

R. W. Bro. George Loesch (Insurance Manager).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, September 20, 1898. Appointed Junior Deacon, 1899; Senior Deacon, 1900; elected Junior Warden, 1901; Senior Warden, 1902; Master, 1903. Appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1904 by M. W. Frank H. Robinson, Grand Master.

Musicians have never furnished the lodge with a more active worker than R. W. George Loesch, Master in 1903. From his induction into Masonry he has striven to do as much work as possible and to do it, not only well, but as good as the best. As Senior Deacon he was practically letter perfect, and was selected by the Grand Lecturer to officiate in that capacity during the exemplification of the first degree in the lodge of instruction. As Master of the lodge he presided with rare ability, being satisfied with nothing but first-class work in every particular. A ready speaker, at times unusually eloquent, he commands attention whenever

he addresses the brethren. But it has been as a practical rather than theoretical worker that R. W. Bro. Loesch has made his mark. He has served times without number upon all the important committees, and as an organizer has few equals. He was the originator of the idea of giving the monster concert in aid of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and it was largely through his personal efforts that the success of the huge undertaking was assured. Although so greatly interested in the outcome of this venture, Bro. Loesch was denied the gratification of being present at the concert, as his efforts brought on an illness which threatened his life. R. W. Bro. Loesch was chairman of the excursion to Philadelphia, when nearly two hundred brethren visited that city in 1904. He wrote the book for the latter as well as that for the concert, and was active in making both events successful. As an officer of the grand body, R. W. Bro. Loesch won the unqualified commendation of the Grand Lecturer for his ability in the performance of his duties. Bro. Loesch was born in Boston, Mass., May 30, 1872. His boyhood was spent in San Francisco, where he attended the public schools, and studied music betimes, becoming a proficient instrumentalist upon the violin and French horn, after engaging professionally with the best musical organizations. He travelled extensively through the United States and Canada, after which he accepted an orchestral position in New York. Tiring of music as a profession, R. W. Bro. Loesch engaged with the New York Life Insurance Company as agent and by sheer merit gained appointment as agency director, since which time he has earned a high reputation as a manager, and has won several trophies for superior efficiency. He is a member of several Masonic organizations and is a Past Exalted Ruler of Bronx Lodge, B. P. O. E.

Although there had been an unusual number of deaths brought to the notice of the brethren during the winter, all of them sad, some of them peculiarly startling, never had the brethren received such a shock as was caused by the sudden death of W. Bro. Theodore Thieler on the evening of March 3. W. Bro. Thieler had been in attendance upon a lodge meeting near his home in Brooklyn, and at half-past ten o'clock started to walk to his residence. At a street corner he was seen to stagger and a moment later fell lifeless to the sidewalk. That very afternoon he had been present at the regular communication of St. Cecile, apparently in the best of health. He was unusually affable during the day, chatting with his friends and assisting in various portions of the lodge work, as little likely as any man there, it seemed,

to be standing upon the threshold of eternity. Though usually reserved in manner, modest and retiring, W. Bro. Thieler was highly respected by a large circle of friends. His Masonic career will be found under the year 1901. The funeral was held in the Baptist Temple in Brooklyn, and was largely attended by prominent members of the order, after which the body was removed to Fresh Pond Crematory for incineration. Brethren of St. Cecile Lodge and companions of Corinthian Chapter, No. 159, R. A. M., were present and afterward formed an escort.

One of the many interesting features of the annual reception, which was held in the Lexington Avenue Opera House, Thursday evening, April 2, was that every number of the dance music played by the orchestra was written by a member of the lodge. All the musicians, under the direction of Bro. Frederic W. Hager, also were members of the lodge. This was the order of dancing:

FIRST PART.

Entree—"Craftsmen's March," . . . . Bro. Justus Ringleben, Jr.
Lanciers—"Hoity-Toity," . . . . . Bro. John Stromberg
Waltz—"The Bower of Love," . . . . . Bro. John W. Bratton
Two-Step—"The Three Georges," . . . . Bro. William T. Francis

Especially arranged for this occasion and respectfully inscribed to George Loesch, Master; George E. Wallen, Senior Warden, and George Johnston, Junior Warden.

Waltz—"Fair Harvard," . . . . . Bro. Maurice Levi
Two-Step—"Midnight Flier," . . . . . Bro. Fred. W. Hager
Lanciers—"The Rogers Bros. in Harvard," . . . Bro. Maurice Levi
Waltz—"Carnations," . . . . . Bro. Arthur Weld
Two-Step—"My Little Hong Kong Baby," . . Bro. John W. Bratton
(From "A Chinese Honeymoon.")

Waltz—"Oh, My Sweet Little Rosey," . . Bro. Justus Ringleben, Jr.
Two-Step—"Universal," . . . . . Bro. Henry Hackert

SECOND PART.

Waltz—"Sleeping Beauty and the Beast," . . . Bro. Fred. Solomon
Two-Step—"The Rogers Bros. in Harvard," . . Bro. Maurice Levi
Waltz—"It Seems Like Yesterday," . . . . Bro. Isidore Witmark
(From "The Chaperons.")

Lanciers—"Our Boys," . . . . . Bro. Fred. W. Hager
Waltz—"Moon, Moon," . . . . . Bro. Nat Mann
(From "The Toreador.")

Two-Step—"Troubles of the Reuben and the Maid," Bro. Maurice Levi
Waltz—"Come Down, Ma Evenin' Star," . . . Bro. John Stromberg
(From "Twirly-Whirly.")

Two-Step—"The Billionaire," . . . . . Bro. Gustave Kerker
Lanciers—"The Chaperons," . . . . . Bro. Isidore Witmark
Waltz—"Monte Carlo," . . . . . Bro. John Stromberg
(From "Hoity-Toity.")

Two-Step—"Etiquette," . . . . . Bro. William T. Francis
(From "The Stickiness of Gelatine.")

A great deal of merriment was caused by a series of Bro. William Paley's moving pictures, depicting scenes at St. Cecile's last summer outing. As the familiar features of the various brethren were recognized among the contestants in sack races and other amusing athletic sports there was an outburst of applause from the audience. The other novelties included many of the leading attractions from the vaudeville theatres of the city, which were received with approval. The Committee of Arrangements for the reception was composed of Bro. George E. Wallen, R. W. Robert Recker, W. Bros. Curtin, Greene and Loesch, Bros. George Johnston, William E. Tway, George W. Hackenberger, Philip S. Friedenberg, William A. Baird, Frank G. Howie, Caryl Wilbur, C. M. Carter, Gustav A. Myers, Joseph Greenbaum, Maurice Levi, Alfred F. O'Connor, William Paley and W. M. Moorhouse. By resolution of the lodge they were formally thanked for the exceptionally successful manner in which the function had been conducted.

Several brethren were victims of severe accidents during the spring. W. Bro. Charles H. Govan fractured his collar-bone by a disastrous tumble from his bicycle, and Bro. James Smith suffered a broken arm from a similar cause. Other brethren of the lodge complained of minor mishaps.

One of those spontaneously generous acts which indicate the practical interest taken in the welfare of the lodge by its

members occurred in July, when Bro. William E. Tway, Senior Deacon, observing that the lodge piano had become somewhat the worse for wear, offered to take the old instrument away and replace it with a splendid new one without cost to the lodge. This generous offer was gratefully accepted by vote of the lodge and soon the new piano was installed in the room. Bro. Joseph Davidoff thoughtfully provided a silver name-plate which was attached to the front of the piano. These brethren were formally thanked by the lodge for their kindness.

Warm days brought thoughts of outing. The day set apart for the excursion was Friday, July 24. There was a good attendance when the hour arrived to step aboard the boat for College Point. On arrival at the grounds it was found that refreshments were already in waiting, and the brethren sat down to enjoy a feast of clams. During the day athletics, ball games, bathing in the cool waters of the Sound and other amusements available at the shore resort were enjoyed by all. In the afternoon upon hearing the dinner signal all hands quickly repaired to the dining pavilion, where a shore dinner was spread. During the enjoyment of the repast prizes were distributed to the successful contestants in the athletic contests. A beautiful vase was presented to R. W. John Morrow, A. G. L., as a slight expression of gratitude from the brethren for his efforts in perfecting the lodge officers in the standard work during the previous months. The day passed without accident to mar the pleasure of the occasion, and the committee was congratulated upon its successful efforts. The chairman was Bro. William E. Tway, with W. Bros. George Loesch, H. A. Greene, Bros. Frank E. Howie, William A. Baird and William D. Lang as coworkers.

Solicitude for the individual welfare of its members, whoever or wherever they may be, is an old and strong characteristic of St. Cecile Lodge. In misfortune, the helping hand is promptly extended; in prosperity, she is ever ready with congratulations and good wishes. A pleasing illustration of



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WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1903.
GRAND DIRECTOR CEREMONIES, 1904.

the latter took place in August, when it was learned that several brothers in the flesh, who were also brethren of the lodge, had embarked upon an extensive business enterprise. The lodge sent the firm the following telegram of congratulation: "St. Cecile Lodge presents its compliments to the Messrs. Witmark & Sons, under the beehive clock tower, and wishes them abundant success on their opening new headquarters this day." Bro. Marcus Witmark, of Naval Lodge, No. 69, has been a Mason over fifty years. His sons, Isidor, Julius P. and Jacob, have long been members of St. Cecile Lodge.

MANY DISTINGUISHED VISITORS WELCOMED.

A number of interesting addresses by well-known Masons from various corners of the earth were heard by the brethren during the year. Among them was that of the Very Worshipful Bro. R. Peacock, President of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Australia, who visited St. Cecile in the autumn. Bro. Peacock spoke in a very entertaining manner, describing the importance of the work in which he was particularly interested and relating several anecdotes of his long voyage from Victoria. On the 15th of September W. Bro. Albert Roullier, first Master of St. Cecilia, the "matinée" lodge of Chicago, was again welcomed by W. Bro. Loesch, and told the brethren of the work of his lodge. Among those present was W. Bro. John H. Allen, honorary member of St. Cecile and formerly one of its most successful Masters. The latter, just returned from an extended tour abroad, during which he had visited lodges in England, Scotland, Ireland and other places, related anecdotes which kept the brethren intensely interested for an hour.

A ladies' matinée was decided upon by the brethren, and the feminine friends were invited to assemble in the Commandery Room on November 20. They were entertained with vaudeville and music and during the intermission re-

freshments were served. It was a delightful social affair, well managed, and provocative of much praise from the ladies present, who complimented the committee highly upon its success. Bro. George E. Wallen was chairman, other members of the committee being Bros. George Hackenberger, Caryl Wilbur, Fred W. Hager, William D. Lang, W. Bro. James H. Curtin and R. W. Bro. Recker. In the evening a score of the brethren, with several Grand Lodge officers and a number of ladies, gathered at the popular hostelry of Bro. Edward McDonald, near Broadway, where an exceedingly jolly, informal dinner was served, with music, a fitting conclusion of a notably pleasant day with St. Cecile.

The eighty-fifth birthday of Bro. Thomas Nedham, for nearly forty years a member of the lodge, provided the brethren with an opportunity for showing in a substantial manner the affection in which the venerable brother is held by the members of the lodge. On the evening of November 21 the Master and Wardens met at Bro. Nedham's residence to offer their congratulations. Not only was the brother felicitated upon his sturdy health and length of years, but upon his safe return from an extended tour in Europe. He was then presented, on behalf of the lodge, with a beautiful loving cup, bearing an appropriate inscription. Overcome by surprise and joyful emotion, Bro. Nedham declared it was impossible for him to express himself and called upon one of the others to speak in his behalf. Refreshments were served after the speeches and a very pleasant musical hour was spent with the veteran.

An amendment to the by-laws increasing the initiation fee to $50 was offered by Bro. George E. Wallen at a meeting in October. After being properly notified the brethren were summoned to take final action on the amendment November 17. There was a good attendance, and after a few desultory objections from one or two brethren the motion was declared carried, thus deciding in a few moments a question which had been periodically under discussion for years.

COMMUNICATION OF UNUSUAL INTEREST.

In answer to the summons of the Master there was a tremendous outpouring of the brethren on December 1. In addition to being the nine hundredth communication of the lodge it was the day set apart for the official visit of the District Deputy, R. W. Samuel J. McDonald. No better evidence of the loyalty of St. Cecile Lodge to the Grand Master need be sought than the splendid receptions accorded his representatives from time to time upon the occasion of their visits. When R. W. Bro. McDonald entered the Commandery Room, escorted by more than a score of the members of the Square Club, he was accorded a reception which must have been extremely gratifying, even to one accustomed to frequent ovations. The gracious words of the Master's greeting, the melodious music by a superb orchestra, the great throng of distinguished craftsmen, including nearly a hundred grand officers and Masters of sister lodges, all combined to produce an event of unusual brilliancy. The District Deputy was visibly pleased, and his address reflected his feelings.

One of the memorable features of this remarkable session was the presentation by W. Bro. George Loesch of a beautifully engrossed certificate of honorary membership, handsomely framed, to Most Worshipful Edward M. L. Ehlers, the distinguished Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York. Most Worshipful Bro. Ehlers accepted the certificate in the fraternal spirit in which it was presented, his words on this occasion being unusually felicitous. The remarks of both speakers were exceedingly eloquent and their earnest words found a ready response in every heart. As indicative of Colonel Ehler's sentiments regarding St. Cecile, the following extract from a letter to the Historian is printed:

> Complying with your request I hasten to forward the accompanying photograph for publication in the History you are now preparing for St. Cecile Lodge. The Historian, although he write with the ink of

patience, the pen of fidelity and the hand of love, cannot fully portray all the generous deeds of St. Cecile, nor the splendid manhood of its membership.

After musical selections by the orchestra, W. Bro. Charles F. Hotmer, of Copestone Lodge, who had also been elected to honorary membership at the meeting of the previous December, was called before the altar and likewise presented with an engrossed certificate, suitably framed. The Master alluded to the fraternal ties existing between W. Bro. Hotmer and members of St. Cecile, also voicing his own personal regard. Bro. Hotmer accepted the certificate with a brief speech of earnest thanks.

When the annual meeting came around W. Bro. George Loesch excused himself from accepting re-election, because of the demands of a growing business, and Bro. George E. Wallen was called upon to assume the responsibilities of the presiding officer. Bro. Wallen was elected Master, Bro. George Johnston Senior Warden, and Bro. William E. Tway Junior Warden. The other elective officers were continued in their several stations. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers was specially invited to preside, and upon entering the room was congratulated by the Master upon his narrow escape from injury in a recent serious trolley accident. As M. W. Bro. Ehlers was summoned from the room immediately after the election, the new officers were installed by R. W. William J. Duncan, Past Grand Librarian.

A pleasing feature of the day was the presentation to Most Worshipful John Stewart, Past Grand Master, of an elaborately executed certificate of honorary membership. This eminent Masonic friend has long been a welcome visitor to St. Cecile, upon numerous occasions assisting in the work of the lodge. Members of St. Cecile have had practical evidence of M. W. Bro. Stewart's good will upon more than one occasion, and it is well understood that the esteemed Past Grand Master is never at a loss for good words in speaking of St. Cecile. He accepted the certificate in a brief but earnest address of thanks.

In response to an appeal for clothing for some of the sufferers at the Home for Incurables the committee having the matter in charge reported having forwarded nine parcels, together with books and magazines. The brethren were enjoined to keep this subject in mind should opportunity present itself to contribute.

1904.

R. W. Bro. George E. Wallen (Theatrical Manager).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, May 21, 1895. Elected Junior Warden, 1902; Senior Warden, 1903; Master, 1904. Appointed in 1906 on the Printing Committee of the Grand Lodge; in 1907 appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado near the Grand Lodge of New York.

One who has brought honors to St. Cecile Lodge as well as receiving them is R. W. Bro. Wallen. He is a man accustomed to large responsibilities, whose character and standing in the business world are above question. Upon innumerable occasions he has contributed his valuable services in bringing to a successful conclusion the huge annual entertainments, the monster concert, the various large functions in connection with the interchange of visits with the Philadelphia brethren, and similar events. As an officer of the lodge he was punctual in attendance and faithful in the performance of every duty. His term as Master was a notably successful one, socially and otherwise. It was during his term that University Lodge, No. 610, of Philadelphia, visited St. Cecile, and it was largely on his account that St. Cecile journeyed over to the City of Brotherly Love later in the same year. R. W. Bro. Wallen had the unusual experience of being born in one State while his parents were residents of another. The interesting event occurred Sept. 5, 1861, during the visit of his parents to relatives in Philadelphia. Bro. Wallen as a young man learned the trade of gas and steam fitting, and in 1879 left that industry to become secretary and confidential man to Mr. F. F. Proctor in his theatrical enterprises. As a Mason R. W. Bro. Wallen is enthusiastic and earnest. He is a member of Constitution Chapter, No. 230; York Commandery, No. 55; Mecca Temple, and is an officer of the Square Club, Masonic Club, and several Masonic organizations.

The annual reception and entertainment was a brilliant success, even for St. Cecile Lodge. A well-known newspaper, commenting editorially at the time upon the event, said:

"In all our experience, extending over many years, we never saw such a crowd in the Lexington Avenue Opera House as was present on the evening of March 10, to attend the annual reception of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, F. & A. M. Every available space was occupied and hundreds were compelled to stand during the entire evening." On this occasion there were more than 2,700 persons present, but notwithstanding the many uncomfortable features of so great a throng, there were no serious complaints heard. The entertainment was up to the usual high standard of former years. Among those contributing were Bros. Caryl Wilbur, Harry B. Lester, William Robyns, Morris Weston and other volunteers, including many prominent musicians and singers. During the evening W. Bro. George Loesch was called to the platform and publicly presented with a handsome gold watch as a testimonial from the lodge. The presentation was made by M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, whose flattering allusions to Bro. Loesch's services caused the latter to blush with pleasure. Dancing was enjoyed for several hours after midnight. It was a very grand affair, reflecting the greatest credit upon all concerned. The committee in charge consisted of W. Bro. George Loesch, Chairman, with R. W. Robert Recker, W. Bros. George E. Wallen and James H. Curtin, Bros. George Johnston, William E. Tway, George W. Hackenberger, William A. Baird, John J. Dowers, W. M. Moorhouse, W. D. Lang, A. F. O'Connor, I. Witmark, Gustav A. Myers, Frank G. Howie, William Paley, Imro Fox and Maurice Levi.

VISIT OF UNIVERSITY LODGE OF PHILADELPHIA.

One of the most notable events in the career of St. Cecile Lodge occurred on April 5, when a special train bearing one hundred and eighty-three members of University Lodge, No. 610, of Philadelphia, arrived in New York especially to visit St. Cecile. The visitors were met in Newark by a committee

of twelve brethren, led by R. W. Robert Recker. The welcoming addresses which ensued were brief but hearty. Special surface cars were held in waiting at the Twenty-third Street Ferry, provided through the courtesy of Bro. Luther C. Vreeland, of Copestone Lodge, No. 641. Upon arrival the guests were escorted direct to the Temple. The tuneful St. Cecile Orchestra, under the leadership of Bro. Fred W. Hager, struck up an inspiring march composed for the occasion by Bro. Justus Ringleben, of St. Cecile. As the great delegation entered the Commandery Room, all attired in evening dress, that being the prescribed uniform for University members, their striking appearance created something of a sensation. The visiting Master and Wardens carried immense bouquets of choice flowers, which they presented to the respective officers of the lodge, W. Bro. Seltzer presenting his offering to W. Bro. Wallen, and similar compliments being paid by the Wardens to the similar officers of St. Cecile. W. Bro. Ralph Seltzer, Master of University Lodge, received a warm welcome from W. Bro. Wallen, himself a native of the City of Brotherly Love, and was introduced to the assembled brethren. Among those who accompanied the visiting party was quickly recognized the familiar features of W. Bro. William B. Smith, formerly Mayor of Philadelphia, an old and welcome friend of St. Cecile Lodge, who conceived the idea of the visit and carried it to a successful conclusion. Bro. John Wanamaker, Senior Warden of Friendship Lodge, No. 400, of Jenkintown, Pa., one of the master minds of the nation, and other distinguished visitors were also among the guests. The assemblage was addressed by W. Bro. William B. Smith in a brilliant speech, every witticism bringing out applause, and he concluded his remarks by presenting to St. Cecile Lodge a beautiful loving cup, decorated with ribbons and inscribed as follows:

I tell you there is generous warmth in good Masonic cheer;
I tell you 'tis a loving thought to bring this symbol here.
'Tis but the fool that loves excess—hast thou a drunken soul?
Thy bane is in thy shallow skull, not in my silver bowl.



This handsome gift was accepted by W. Bro. Wallen in well-voiced thanks. Third degree was the work of the day, the regular officers of the lodge being ably assisted by M. W. John Stewart, P. G. M., and M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers.

Several very interesting addresses were made by M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, W. Bro. Seltzer, Bro. John Wanamaker and others, after which W. Bro. Charles H. Govan told some new stories, and Bro. Raymond Hitchcock convulsed his audience with a humorous recital of his career as a budding merchant prince. There were fine vocal solos by Bro. C. A. Wiley, of Harmony Lodge, No. 17, in addition to the instrumental music. The orchestra:

Bro. FRED W. HAGER, *Director.*
" MAX F. SCHMIDT,
" WM. FENRICH,
" WM. L. RUSE,
" L. BEGIEBING,
" E. ERDMANN,
" G. M. PINTO,
" JOS. DE BONA,
" M. RICHTER, *Violins.*
" CHAS. E. BORGMAN,
" FRED. BLODGETT,
" CARL HACKERT, *Violas.*
" JOS. A. RILEY,
" JOHN MAGDALIN, *'Cellos.*

Bro. O. C. GRETT,
" I. WESSEL, *Basses.*
" F. MARTIN,
" E. KOENICKE, *Cornets.*
" JOHN DAUSCH, *Oboe.*
" F. SONTY,
" J. PFEIFFER, *Trumpets.*
" ED. BEISHEIM, *Bassoon.*
" A. PINTO,
" ED. PORTER, *Flutes.*
" THEO. PUSINELLI,
" H. HACKERT, *Clarinets.*
" R. IVERSON,
" H. ZILM,

Bro. C. WOLF, *Horns.*
" GUS. MYERS,
" J. SCHILLING, *Trombones.*
" MARTIN SCHLIG.

Bro. AUG. HELMECKE,
" H. FORSTER, *Drums.*
" JUSTUS RINGLEBEN,
Accompanist.

The printed programmes were illuminated with fine portraits of W. Bro. Ralph Seltzer, Master, and W. Bro. Smith, a Past Master of University Lodge, who has won for himself an enviable place in the esteem of St. Cecile members.

In the evening there was an elaborate banquet at the Hotel Lafayette-Brevoort, followed by a smoking concert. There were a great many speeches, songs and toasts, but as the diners were scattered about in several adjoining rooms it was impossible to hear all. The bill of fare was ingeniously arranged as follows:

MENU.

Huîtres de Blue Points

Hors d'Œuvres, Assortis
Crème de Volaille, Sévigné
au
Passe Grand Maître Stewart

Escallopes of Sea Bass à la Seltzer
Sauce Universite

Filet de Bœuf
à la
Depute Grand Maître du 7me District
Pommes Eichelberg

Choux-Fleurs Sautés
au
President du Masonic Club

Pigeon Grillé sur Canapé
à la
W. B. Smith

Salade, St. Cécile

Fantaisie, Wm. J. Duncan
Petits Fours

Fromage Fruits

Café

Many of the diners pressed around W. Bro. Smith and Bro. John Wanamaker, and these two celebrated brethren were kept busy signing their autographs to the dinner cards, which were carried off as souvenirs. About midnight the visitors were escorted to their train, delighted with the experiences of the day. So highly pleased were the Philadelphia brethren with W. Bro. Smith's able ministrations that they presented him with a beautiful watch, chain and charm as an expression of their appreciation.

Winter and spring found much suffering among members of the lodge. Bro. Charles Skinner (Seymour) was very ill in Flower Hospital; Bro. William Young was compelled to undergo a painful operation in Roosevelt Hospital; Bro. Alexander Davis was ill in Grosvenor Hospital; Bro. Charles M. Carter was forced to give up work and go to Colorado in the hope of prolonging his life; W. Bro. John E. Morse was ill; Bro. Porter Colhouer sought the wilds of Arizona in search of health; Bro. Augustus P. Greene was ill, and several others were reported ailing, and the officers and many brethren of the lodge were constantly employed ministering to the sufferers.

Among the appointments of the Grand Master announced in June was one that gratified members of St. Cecile Lodge very much. It was that of W. Bro. George Loesch, who was honored with the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies. During his incumbency of the east W. Bro. Loesch rehearsed his entire staff of officers regularly under the guidance of the Assistant Grand Lecturer, thus insuring a high degree of proficiency in every station of the lodge, and in many other ways attained a high standard of excellence. At the first communication in July M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, on behalf of the lodge, presented R. W. Bro. Loesch with a gold embroidered apron appropriate to his station in the Grand Lodge. The presentation brought forth several stirring speeches indicative of the satisfaction which the appointment had given to members of the lodge.



Geo E. Wallen

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1904.
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE, 1907.

CONCERTS AT THE HOME FOR INCURABLES.

One of the noblest charities that St. Cecile Lodge ever undertook is that of providing entertainment for the inmates of the Home for Incurables at Fordham. The practice began soon after the admission of Bro. George S. Robinson, of St. Cecile Lodge, to that magnificent institution and has continued ever since. It would be an exceedingly difficult matter to decide which is most benefited by these entertainments, the sufferers or the noble-hearted entertainers who journey out to the Home to bestow a few moments of pleasure on those who have so little. Certainly every artist thanks God for his art when he witnesses those grateful sufferers for a brief time forgetting their helpless condition. The greatest stars in the theatrical world readily volunteer for this noble service, giving their valuable time gladly and cheerfully. The entertainment for Thursday, June 9, was as follows:

PROGRAMME.

ST. CECILE ORCHESTRA . . . . . Direction BRO. JOHN GENNARO
BRO. RAYMOND HITCHCOCK . . . . . "Yankee Consul" Company
BRO. JEFFERSON DE ANGELIS . . . . Accompanied by BRO. BURNSIDE
BRO. CHARLES BIGELOW . . . . . "Man from China" Company
BRO. FRED MACE . . . . . "Piff Paff Pouf" Company
JACK HAZARD . . . . . Monologue
"Yankee Consul" Company.
WILLIAM NAUGHTON . . . . . Songs
Lulu Glazer Company.
DAN YEAGER . . . . . "Ethiopianisms"
JAMES TEMPLETON . . . . . Irish Monologue
MISS PEARL EVANS . . . . . Songs
"Yankee Consul" Company.
JAMES LARKINS . . . . . Monologue
HERBERT NOBLE . . . . . Songsmith
WILLIAM ZINELL . . . . . Bass Solo
JOHN H. COWLISHAW . . . . . Tenor Solo
"Yankee Consul" Company.

The committee from the lodge was W. Bro. George E. Wallen, Bros. George Johnston, William E. Tway, William D. Lang and R. W. George Loesch. Mrs. George E. Wallen was at the head of the Ladies' Committee.

In every large organization of men gathered from the different walks of life there is occasionally one who in a weak moment falls short of the standards set by his fellows and becomes amenable to the punishment due transgressors. It would be little short of a miracle if a lodge of such varied membership as that of St. Cecile did not at times find it necessary to discipline those who otherwise would bring discredit upon the beloved institution. There have been but four times in the near half century of the lodge's existence that the power vested in it to punish has been exercised by St. Cecile Lodge. The last case of this nature was disposed of in June, when the culprit was pronounced guilty by a trial commission, after careful consideration of all the evidence. His expulsion by the lodge promptly followed. "Judge with candor, admonish with wisdom, let justice be tempered with mercy."

> Speak gently of the erring—oh, do not forget
> However darkly stained by sin, he is thy brother yet;
> Heir of the selfsame heritage, child of the selfsame God,
> He hath but stumbled in the path thou hast in weakness trod.—*Lee.*

"Breakfast at eleven and dinner at five" was the magnet that attracted the brethren to College Point, Thursday, July 28. It was the fifth annual outing of the lodge, and, like similar previous affairs, was well attended. The fresh air, the exhilarating ride on the boat and the outdoor exercise combined to provoke an appetite in the most dyspeptic. A brass band composed of members of the lodge provided popular music at intervals. The day was fair and the outing was a pronounced success. The committee consisted of Bros. A. F. O'Connor, William A. Baird, William E. Tway, John J. Dowers, William D. Lang and George Hackenberger.

During the summer tragedy entered into the elements of

lodge life and a new cause of sorrow quickly dispelled the spirit of mirth. Bro. Charles G. Skinner, well known under his stage name of Seymour as a popular fun maker, who had been ill for some time, suddenly became deranged and on August 1 disappeared from his caretakers. His lifeless body was found several days later in the East River. He was given Masonic burial by the lodge. The brethren had scarcely recovered from this sad occurrence when it was reported that Dr. Albert W. Warden had died on August 9 of blood poisoning contracted a few days before while performing a delicate surgical operation upon a patient. The brethren of the lodge assembled at the residence, in the town of Union, N. J., on the 13th, and performed the Masonic funeral rites. The Masonic attendance was large. The interment took place later in Vermont. Dr. Warden was a tall man, of distinguished appearance, and his earnest, warm-hearted disposition won for him a host of friends who sincerely deplored his death. A school teacher, army surgeon and practising physician, his experience embraced many phases of life. He was devoted to St. Cecile Lodge, and always attended meetings when his duties permitted.

Still another sad death occurred in the membership. Bro. George S. Robinson, formerly an actor of ability, who had been resident at the Home for Incurables about two years, died October 2, of locomotor ataxia. He was a brave man. Successively losing the power of motion and the senses of sight, smelling, feeling and taste, though at no time deprived of reason, he yet bore his appalling affliction with that heroic fortitude of which we sometimes read, but which we seldom meet. He never faltered in his simple faith in God's mercy, believing that "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord." It was in his behalf that St. Cecile Lodge inaugurated the entertainments which are given several times each year at the Home. His fortitude was truly Masonic. Instead of idly bemoaning his plight and seeking sympathy, this blind and absolutely helpless brother

would actually try to entertain the brethren who visited him by telling humorous stories and delivering recitations which he would from time to time memorize by the aid of friends who would read to him!

The Masonic Home at Utica was the principal theme of R. W. William J. Wiley, District Deputy of the Seventh, upon the occasion of his official visit to the lodge November 15. R. W. Bro. Wiley made a special appeal in behalf of the proposition to impose a tax of fifty cents on each member for the benefit of the Home. At the conclusion of his address a motion to indorse the plan was promptly passed. The Master then gracefully presented the District Deputy with a beautiful cut-glass flower vase as a memento of his visit. R. W. Bro. Wiley was pleased with this evidence of esteem, and thanked the lodge for the splendid welcome he had received.

Among the visitors to the lodge on that day was W. Bro. William B. Smith, the popular Past Master of University Lodge, Philadelphia, who came as a special envoy to invite St. Cecile to visit University Lodge upon the occasion of its ninth anniversary, Friday, November 25.

EXCURSION BY THE LODGE TO PHILADELPHIA.

While St. Cecile has acted as host upon innumerable occasions, the brethren have seldom found opportunity to partake in a body of the hospitality of others. It was with some misgiving, therefore, that the invitation of University Lodge to visit Philadelphia was considered. It was finally decided to accept the invitation, hoping that a sufficient number could get leave of absence from their engagements to make a respectable numerical showing. Those in charge of the excursion were agreeably surprised at the number of applications for tickets. The Committee of Arrangements consisted of R. W. George Loesch, R. W. Robert Recker, W. Bros.

James H. Curtin, Charles H. Govan, Bros. George Johnston, William E. Tway and H. W. Roe. W. Bro. Curtin, who had charge of transportation, arranged for a special train. The brethren gathered in Jersey City at eleven o'clock in the morning, and when all had arrived it was found that there were just one hundred and sixty-three in the party. Each of the pilgrims wore an appropriate badge upon his breast. The train departed promptly at eleven-thirty. Jenkintown was reached without mishap, and there a committee from University Lodge boarded the train and extended a welcome that lasted all the way into the city. Upon arrival the brethren were at once escorted to the magnificent Masonic Temple of Philadelphia. University Lodge was holding a special communication and the visitors were promptly admitted. The welcoming words of the Master at once placed the brethren at their ease. W. Bro. George E. Wallen and other Masters were invited to the east and cordially welcomed. Third degree was the work, and the New Yorkers viewed the proceedings with profound interest. At the close of the communication well-informed brethren took the visitors in charge and showed them the wonders of the Temple, after which light refreshments were served. At seven in the evening the regular communication of University Lodge was held. After routine business had been disposed of R. W. George Loesch, of St. Cecile, delivered an eloquent address, concluding by presenting to University Lodge a handsome silver square and compasses for the lodge altar. In accepting the gift on behalf of University Lodge W. Bro. William B. Smith delivered an address which was greeted with applause. An elaborate banquet followed the closing of the lodge, of which nearly seven hundred diners partook, more than four hundred being seated in the main hall, while the remainder were distributed in adjoining rooms opening on the great dining hall.

The arrangements left nothing more to be desired; they were perfect. All the visitors were seated in the main hall, and each found on either side a brother of University Lodge.

The toast-master was W. Bro. William B. Smith. Among the toasts and those who responded to them were: "Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania," R. W. George W. Kendrick, D. G. M.; "Grand Lodge of New York," R. W. John Gardner, G. Treas.; "The Fraternal Spirit of Freemasonry," Bro. John Wanamaker; "Freemasonry and Scholarship," W. Bro. John L. Kinsey; "St. Cecile and University," W. Bro. George W. Kendrick, third; "Freemasonry in the Empire State," M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers. The appearance of W. Bro. Charles H. Govan, of St. Cecile, was the signal for an outburst of applause. He started the fun with a humorous speech, which provoked an exceedingly witty rejoinder from W. Bro. George S. Graham, a prominent member of the Philadelphia bar. The melodious strains of a superb orchestra, discoursing at intervals popular airs, intermingled with the lively flow of conversation. There were vocal solos by Bro. H. W. Roe, of St. Cecile, and other talented artists, all the diners joining in the choruses. The banquet, with its many pleasant features, consumed several hours, and at midnight the New Yorkers reluctantly left the scene of the festivities and made their way to the railroad station. They arrived in Jersey City at three o'clock in the morning, having nothing but words of praise for the princely hospitality displayed by the brethren of the Quaker City.

Among the unique souvenirs of the trip was a splendidly printed booklet, bound in lambskin, in the form of a Masonic apron, bordered with blue, given with the compliments of University Lodge to every visitor. Each one was also presented by Bro. John Wanamaker with a copy of the Rev. Charles Wagner's "Simple Life." Still another memento received by each was an engraving of the apron of George Washington, the distinguished exemplar of Freemasonry, presented with the compliments of R. W. George P. Rupp, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Bro. William Poillon, Curator of the American Numismatic Society, a member of St. Cecile, presented every participant with

an aluminum medal struck off in honor of the event, of which a picture is here given, together with the badge used by the excursionists:



FRONT. REVERSE.

BADGE.

Each of the diners also received from St. Cecile Lodge a handsome booklet, prepared by R. W. George Loesch. Here is the itinerary of the pilgrimage:

ITINERARY OF ST. CECILE'S TRIP TO UNIVERSITY,

November 25, 1904.

Dress—Black Clothes, Prince Albert Frock or Cutaway.

A.M.

11.25—Leave foot of Liberty Street, Central R. R. of New Jersey.

11.45—Leave Jersey City on special "St. Cecile Train."

11.55—Distribution of Souvenir Booklets and Handsome Souvenir Badges. Luncheon, Cigars and Refreshments en route.

P.M.

1.30—Train boarded at Jenkintown by Reception Committee of University Lodge.

1.45—Arrive in Philadelphia—Reading Terminal.

2.00—Procession of Delegates into University Lodge—Welcomed by the Worshipful Master.

2.05—Introductions of Most Wor. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, 7th District Deputy Grand Master of New York State and M. W. John Stewart, Past Grand Master.

2.10—Introduction of Right Wor. Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

2.20—Conferring of Third Degree by University Lodge.

4.45—Inspection of Temple. Explanatory lecture in each room and corridor.

6.15—Informal half hour, affording the brethren an opportunity for the exchange of felicitations.

6.45—Regular meeting of University Lodge.

7.45—Presentation to University from St. Cecile of beautiful Square and Compasses.

8.15—Banquet in Grand Banquet Hall.

11.15—Singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by all the Brethren.

12.00 Midnight—Leave Reading Terminal on special St. Cecile Train.

2.15—Arrive in New York, foot of Liberty St.

In order to propitiate the feminine portion of their households, the brethren of St. Cecile decided to give the ladies an afternoon of music and vaudeville, followed by a dinner. The Commandery Room was obtained for Tuesday, December 13, and handsomely decorated. There was a long bill of varied attractions, and during the intermission light refreshments were served. In the evening about one hundred adjourned to the Hotel Kensington, where a dinner was served, with music. The committee consisted of Bros. William E. Tway, Gustav A. Myers, Arthur C. G. Weld, William D. Lang and Frederic W. Hager.

Certainly no one could truthfully accuse the lodge of being inactive during the year. At the annual communication it was reported that there had been twenty-eight stated communications, two specials and seven emergent, thirty-seven meetings in all. Seven members were lost by death, five

dimitted to other lodges, three were dropped from the roll, two others were dropped at their own request. The gain was forty-two raised, five affiliated from other lodges and three restored. The Rev. Bro. Thomas Gilbert Losee, of Montauk Lodge, No. 286, was elected to honorary membership. W. Bro. George E. Wallen firmly declined a re-election, owing to the pressure of business engagements, and Bro. George Johnston was thereupon elected Master. Bro. William E. Tway was elected Senior Warden, and Bro. George Hackenberger Junior Warden. The Master-elect announced his appointments, and all the officers were then installed by M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, assisted by R. W. George Loesch as Grand Marshal.

1905.

W. Bro. George Johnston (Printer).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, March 29, 1898. Appointed Senior Master of Ceremonies, 1899; Senior Deacon, 1902; elected Junior Warden, 1903; Senior Warden, 1904; Master, 1905.

The coincidence of two members of the same family presiding simultaneously as Masters of two metropolitan lodges was the unusual experience of Bro. Thomas Johnston, of Day Star Lodge, No. 798, and his brother, George Johnston, of St. Cecile Lodge. These brothers had the unique pleasure of exchanging visits while presiding in the East. W. Bro. George Johnston, of St. Cecile, is a native of the celebrated city of Edinburgh, Scotland, where he was born January 6, 1854. In early life he had a thrilling escape from death by shipwreck off the coast of Portugal, the family barely escaping with their lives. Bro. Johnston attended the celebrated Lancasterian School of John and Robert Dun, well-known to all Scotchmen. After leaving school he learned his trade in the office of the "Courant," established in 1705, one of the first newspapers ever published. He came to America in 1873, and has been continuously employed on the New York "Herald" ever since, being one of the oldest employees in point of service. W. Bro. Johnston is known as a conservative, honest, painstaking man, and as Master made a substantial record for strict adherence to the ancient landmarks.

Dignitaries of the highest standing in the Empire State and from foreign jurisdictions have frequently spent a pleas-

ant hour assisting in the work of the lodge, ofttimes entertaining the brethren with anecdotes of travel or perchance a song. One of the visitors in January who was welcomed in a manner befitting his high standing was R. W. Edward Terry, an actor of international fame, formerly Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Terry courteously responded to the invitation of the Master, and during the refreshment hour entertained the brethren with stories of his travels, concluding with inimitable recitations, depicting several odd characters, and was greeted with generous applause.

Singularly fortunate has St. Cecile Lodge been in always securing at the Secretary's desk men of ability, high character, experience and courtesy. During all the years since the inception of the lodge but four electives have occupied that important post. All have been men well fortified with knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence and familiar with the peculiarities of the theatrical profession—two absolute essentials to success in St. Cecile Lodge. It would seem almost impossible to find in many men these necessary qualities. Yet Bro. David Graham, the first Secretary, was such a man, and gave satisfaction as long as he desired to hold the position. W. Bro. George F. Ilsley followed, with four years' service. Then Bro. Laurence O'Reilly took charge of the books, and for the next eleven years his familiar features were seldom absent from his post. It was his unerring judgment which led him to beg Bro. Harry W. Roe, the popular baritone, to accept the position, which he agreed to do only after earnest solicitation. It was a wise choice, for the present efficient Secretary is the most popular official the lodge has ever had in that position. Years of experience have proved that he is not only equal to the increasing responsibilities of the position, but absolute master of its every detail. With such efficient aid at his left, upon whose wise counsel he can depend in any emergency, it would be difficult for the most inexperienced executive to make serious error in transacting the lodge business.

The brethren of the lodge, realizing that faithful service deserved a suitable recognition, decided to surprise Bro. Roe upon the twenty-fifth anniversary of his membership with an expression of their appreciation. The gift took the form of highly eulogistic resolutions adopted by vote of the lodge. These were elaborately engrossed in book form, bound in leather. At the same time there was a substantial increase in the recipient's salary. The presentation was made, as one enthusiastic brother remarked, by the "best Grand Secretary to the best lodge Secretary." Certainly M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers has rarely had a duty to perform which manifestly gave him the genuine pleasure that this occasion provided. His words went direct to the heart, awaking there responsive chords. Bro. Roe tried to "talk back," but gave it up.

Notwithstanding the unusual inclemency of the weather the annual reception, at the Lexington Avenue Opera House, on Thursday, March 9, was like those of previous years, a magnificent affair successfully carried out. The early hours of the evening were devoted to vaudeville entertainment, in which the volunteers were the best in the city, artists of acknowledged excellence. After the stage performance the floor was cleared for dancing, the grand march being led by W. Bro. George Johnston and wife, followed by several hundred couples. The elaborate decorations, rich costumes of the beautiful ladies and the delightful music combined to produce a scene of surpassing splendor. R. W. Robert Recker was in charge of the orchestra, and the chairmen of the various committees were as follows: Entertainment, Bro. William E. Tway; Reception, R. W. George Loesch; Floor, Bro. Philip S. Friedenberg; Ushers, Bro. John J. Dowers. There was the usual big crowd present, and the affair was voted a complete success. There was a small balance turned into the treasury, which was considered worthy of a special vote of thanks. Resolutions thanking all concerned were later adopted by the lodge.

Several brethren took note of the fact that the year was

the fortieth of the lodge's existence and suggested that something unusual should be done to commemorate the event. R. W. Bro. George Loesch, at the meeting of April 18, introduced a resolution "That some time during the year the lodge give a grand afternoon concert in aid of some Masonic charity." The undertaking was to be in the nature of a thank-offering for the years of prosperity enjoyed by the lodge. R. W. Bro. Loesch was appointed chairman of the committee to arrange the details.

The pleasant duty of expressing to W. Bro. George Wallen the sentiments held by members of the lodge toward him fell to Bro. William E. Tway. It would be difficult to decide which of the twain was most pleased when on behalf of the lodge the Senior Warden presented to the former Master a beautiful bronze clock and candelabra as a mark of appreciation from the members. Bro. Wallen expressed his gratitude in a few earnest words of thanks.

LAST SURVIVOR OF ORIGINAL PETITIONERS DEAD.

It was learned that on April 20 there passed away at his home in Brooklyn the last surviving signer of the original petition to form St. Cecile Lodge. Bro. James Mills, who worked at his trade as a union printer until a short time before his death, was the last of the founders to lay down the working tools of life. He had not attended lodge meeting for many years, having dropped out of the lodge in 1874. The deaths of the nine petitioners occurred as follows:

April 6, 1877—Bro. David Graham (8), in Morrisania, N. Y.
April 16, 1886—Bro. Henry Tissington (9), in New York.
July 10, 1892—Bro. George W. Morgan (6), in Tacoma, Wash.
July 17, 1893—R. W. Frederick Widdows (1), in Washington, D. C.
April 5, 1896—Bro. James R. Thomas (5), in New York.
March 13, 1897—W. Bro. George F. Ilsley (2), in Brooklyn.
June 30, 1900—Bro. George S. Weeks, Jr. (3), in Middletown, N. Y.
Aug. 16, 1901—W. Bro. Myron A. Decker (7), in New York.
April 20, 1905—Bro. James Mills (4), Brooklyn.



George Johnston

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1905.

It was decided to have an outing in July and Bro. George W. Hackenberger was appointed chairman of the Outing Committeee.

As in previous winter months there were a great number of brethren reported ill. Bro. Alva M. Holbrook met with a painful accident, snapping a tendon in one of his legs; Bro. William A. Sanders was reported seriously ill; Bro. Thomas Porter Colhouer was obliged to remain in Arizona in his search for health; Bro. Charles M. Carter, left Colorado and sought the balmy atmosphere of Southern California; Bro. Joseph Babcock was laid up with a broken hip in the Sibley Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Bro. George Ramseyer was reported seriously ill, as was also W. Bro. John E. Morse; Bro. Benjamin E. Hays was very ill; Bro. Douglas Gordon unfortunately trod upon a nail, which pierced his foot, causing a serious wound; Bro. A. Durbrow was attacked with a fatal illness in Boston; Bro. A. D. Shippaugh was ill; Bro. Augustus P. Greene was suffering from cancer in Lincoln Hospital; Bro. John W. Swackhammer fractured a leg, and there were minor complaints from a host of others, giving ample opportunity to display in a practical manner one of the principal tenets of Masonic profession.

In behalf of a brother who had been expelled from the lodge in 1891, for cause, it was urged that some injustice had been done the defendant by the commissioners refusing to accept certain testimony in his behalf during the trial. After some discussion it was decided to reopen the case and give it full consideration. Another commission was thereupon appointed, which in due time reported that, after a careful hearing of all the evidence, they recommended that the brother be restored to full membership. The lodge was accordingly summoned, and after extended discussion of the matter the recommendation of the commission was adopted and the brother restored.

It was learned with sorrow that Colonel Augustus P. Greene, U. S. A., retired, had passed away at Lincoln Hos-

pital on May 31. He bore his sufferings with fortitude and met death bravely. He had long suffered from a cancer. The funeral was held in the Temple, June 2. There was a large gathering of friends to pay the last tribute. Masonic services were conducted by W. Bro. George Johnston, assisted by members of St. Cecile Lodge, Corinthian Chapter, R. A. M.; Ivanhoe Commandery, K. T.; Masonic Veterans, and others. There were also delegations of the G. A. R. present. Bro. Greene was a small man physically, but was large of heart. He was a man of simplicity and integrity, regular in attendance at lodge whenever his physical disabilities permitted him to leave his residence, and took a lively interest in everything pertaining to Freemasonry. In the earlier years of his life he fought with the United States Army in Mexico, and was Captain of Engineers in the Fifteenth New York Volunteers during the Civil War. He afterward remained in the regular service of the Government and was stationed in the far West for a number of years.

During the Communication of June 20 Bro. Charles Miller Williams, Historian of the lodge, presented in manuscript form a story of the activities of the lodge since its constitution in 1865. The history filled about three hundred and fifty pages of legal cap, and included a brief reference to everything of general interest suitable for publication which had occurred during the forty years of the lodge's existence. On motion the manuscript was accepted and the Historian formally thanked for his effort. The Historian was then appointed to prepare the manuscript for publication in book form.

Extremely hardy and vigorous in mind and body, despite the length of years with which he has been blessed, is Bro. Thomas S. Nedham, sole survivor of the officers of 1865. Although nearing the century mark, during recent years he has travelled to Norway, to the Klondike, and to other distant places of interest. He apparently thinks lightly of a trip across the Atlantic, and when in the summer of 1905 he an-

nounced his departure for another trip across the ocean to visit friends in England the brethren vied with each other in extending good wishes for a safe return.

Never was there a finer day for an outing than the 27th of July. The sail over the waters of the Sound to College Point, enlivened with stirring airs by the band, under leadership of Bro. Frederick W. Hager, and bursts of song from the brethren, combined to make an excursion long to be remembered with pleasure. At the grounds sports in the field whetted the appetites of all, and there were no truants when the gong sounded the call to the dinner table. Bro. Jefferson De Angelis was master of field sports, while R. W. John McMillan umpired the ball game, giving an exhibition of self-restraint under provocation which evoked admiration. Prizes were carried off by Bros. P. T. Duncan, F. E. Erdmann, Leon Baradet, H. Schaffer, H. Jones and R. Melville, also by W. Bro. E. B. Pierdon, of Alma Lodge, No. 728. About three hundred sat down to dinner. The trophies were presented by R. W. George Loesch, and among others included a handsome bronze statuette of Mercury, which was presented to the brethren of Polar Star Lodge for athletic prowess. There were brethren present from University Lodge, Philadelphia, as well as a number of Grand Lodge officers. Bro. George W. Hackenberger, chairman of the committee, received a great deal of praise for the success of the excursion.

One of those enjoyable entertainments which St. Cecile Lodge delights to give for the sufferers at the Home for Incurables was acknowledged as follows:

To the Officers and Members of St. Cecile Lodge.

My Dear Sirs: It affords me great pleasure to extend to you the sincere thanks of our patients who were able to hear Bro. Schmidt's Orchestra on Thursday afternoon last. Words cannot express what a treat such an entertainment is to our inmates, the majority of whom are obliged to stay indoors during the long winter months. It is exceedingly gratifying to see with what willingness the members of St. Cecile Lodge, through their worthy brothers William Lang and the other members of the committee, come up here and give us these excellent entertainments,

and I am sure, inasmuch as they do it to brighten the lives of the afflicted, that not only their lodge but the great order at large will be more blessed and prosper more abundantly in consequence thereof.

Very gratefully yours,

ISRAEL C. JONES, M.D., *Supt.*

In the early days of St. Cecile Lodge it had no stancher friend and supporter than M. W. Robert D. Holmes, P. G. M., who was intimately acquainted with all the founders of the lodge. It has been said that the name of the lodge was suggested as a compliment to his beloved wife, Cecile Robir, a lady of remarkable beauty, celebrated for her exceptional accomplishments. Miss Grace Cecile Holmes, his only daughter, and sole surviving member of the family, died August 25, in the old family residence, in Barrow Street, where she had resided for more than thirty years. As her death occurred in vacation time, when members of the lodge were widely scattered, there was no formal action taken by the lodge.

PASSING OF SEVERAL OLD MEMBERS.

Intelligence of the death of Bro. Charles Puerner, which occurred in Munich, July 28, reached the lodge long afterward. Bro. Puerner was well known as an orchestra leader in New York. He was a pupil of Franz Liszt. He wrote many operatic compositions, one of which was "The Robber of the Rhine" and another, "The Pyramid," which were well received. He was a native of Norfolk, Va., and joined St. Cecile Lodge March 28, 1893.

Two other deaths occurred which took from the lodge old and esteemed members. Bro. John M. Lander affiliated with St. Cecile June 19, 1866, and continued in good standing all the years until his death, on October 7, 1905. Bro. Lander was a musician of much celebrity. As a mere lad he appeared in public concerts as a pianist. During his lifetime he enjoyed the acquaintance and favor of the wealthiest and most influential of Knickerbocker families, and for many years

no function in the upper circles of exclusive New York society was complete without the presence of Lander's Orchestra to provide the music. He frequently furnished the music at St. Cecile Lodge receptions, the last occasion being shortly before he was taken with his fatal illness. At the request of the family there were no Masonic services at the funeral.

Another old member to pass away was Bro. George Ramseyer, who died suddenly October 16. The Masonic service for the dead was conducted by W. Bro. George Johnston, assisted by a delegation of brethren, at the residence, in Dobb's Ferry. Members of Diamond Lodge, No. 555, were also present. The interment was in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. Bro. Ramseyer was a man of much more than ordinary character and ability; aside from his business training he was an orator of rare power. In his prosperous days he was a manufacturer of piano stools, with a large business. Bro. Ramseyer was a public spirited man. He was a member of the School Board of Dobb's Ferry, and was known to all as an upright Christian gentleman, ever ready to place himself at the service of his fellow-men. He was raised in St. Cecile, July 2, 1872.

GREAT CONCERT GIVEN IN AID OF CHARITY.

There are few organizations of any kind, even in the great city of New York, that would be able to originate and carry to a successful conclusion a concert of the magnitude of that given by St. Cecile Lodge in Carnegie Hall on Sunday afternoon, October 29, in aid of the Masonic Sanatorium Fund. The splendid success of this great thank-offering, in grateful acknowledgment of forty years of prosperity, was a fine tribute to the popularity of St. Cecile. Seldom upon the same platform are so many eminent musicians gathered. Among the notable volunteers were Mme. Lillian Blauvelt, the renowned soprano; John Philip Sousa, the march king, who came from a distant city especially to be present; Victor

Herbert, the famous operatic composer; Walter Damrosch, the leading symphony conductor of America; Nahan Franko violinist of international fame and operatic conductor; Gwilym Miles, the great baritone soloist, and three hundred trained singers from the great Brooklyn Oratorio Society, under the leadership of Walter Henry Hall, the eminent choral conductor. Then there was the magnificent orchestra of one hundred and fifty musicians picked from the best in the United States. It will be a long time, it is believed, before the metropolis will see the equal of this grand testimonial given by so many talented volunteers. The audience, which filled the vast edifice, included the Grand Master and many members of his official staff, besides nearly all the prominent Masons of the city. Every number of the programme was enthusiastically applauded, and most of them encored. The complete bill follows:

PROGRAMME.

Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah," . . . . . Handel
Brooklyn Oratorio Society,
Conductor, Mr. WALTER HENRY HALL.

"Rakoczy," march from "Faust," . . . . . Berlioz

Baritone Solo, prologue from "Pagliacci," . . . . . Leoncavallo
Mr. GWILYM MILES.

"Grand American Fantasie," . . . . . Herbert
Conductor, Mr. VICTOR HERBERT.

"Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2," . . . . . Liszt
Conductor, Mr. NAHAN FRANKO.

"The King of France," from "Three Quotations," . . . . . Sousa

"Stars and Stripes Forever," march, ... Sousa
Conductor, Mr. JOHN PHILIP SOUSA.

Overture. "Tannhauser," . . . . . Wagner

Aria, "Una Voce," from "Barbier de Seville," . . . . . Rossini
Mme. LILLIAN BLAUVELT.

"Slav," march, ... Tschaikowsky
Conductor, Mr. WALTER DAMROSCH.

"Wotan's Farewell and Magic Fire Scene," from "Die Walküre," Wagner
Conductor, Mr. NAHAN FRANKO.

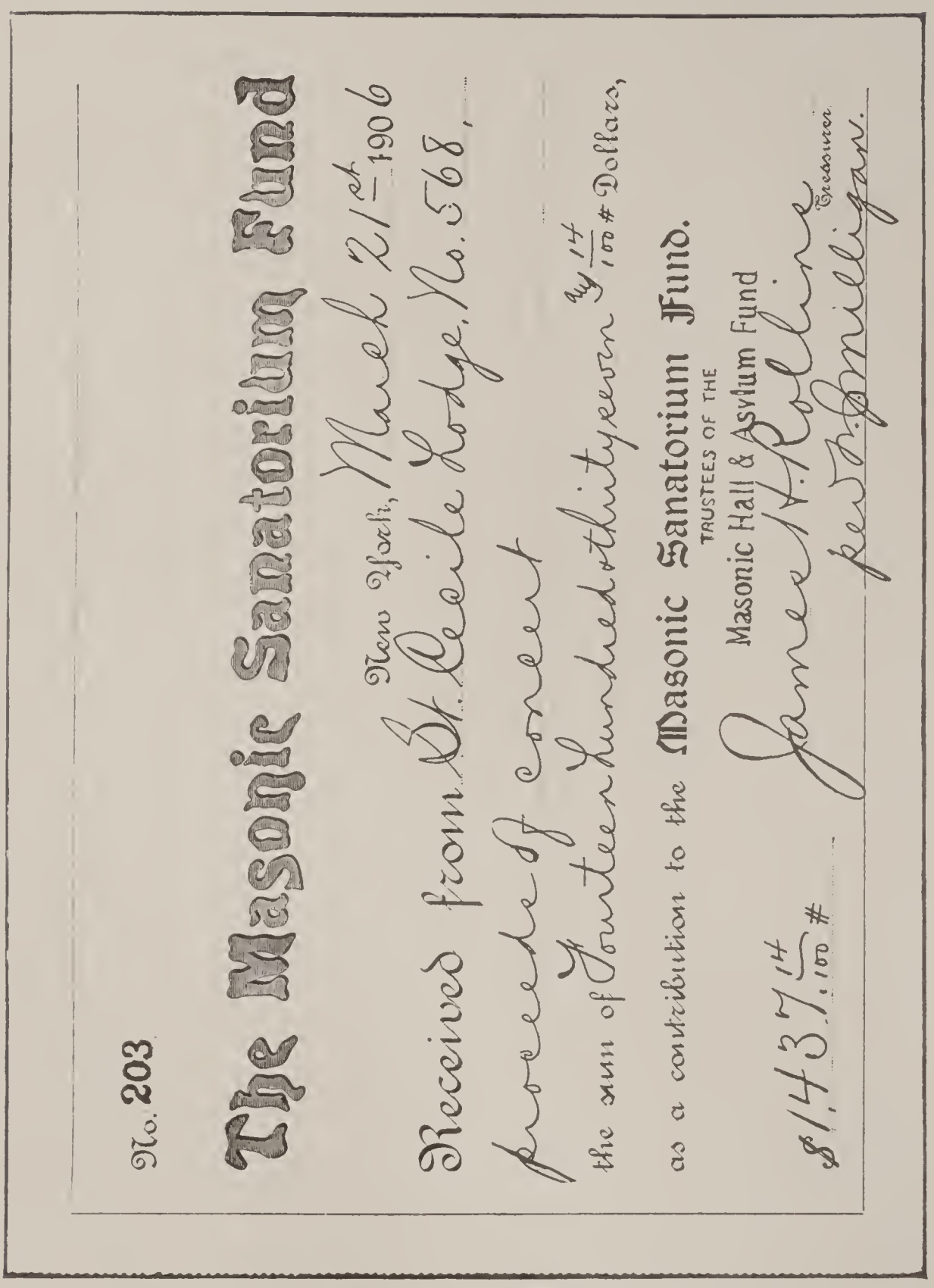
It is rare indeed that music lovers have spread before them so extraordinary an offering. All honor to those noble hearts which responded to the call for volunteers on this occasion. Letters expressing the appreciation of the lodge were later sent to each of the artists participating. Two handsome floral pieces were also sent by the lodge to Mme. Blauvelt as a slight acknowledgment. By the generosity of these renowned musicians the lodge realized $1,437.14, which was turned over to the Hall and Asylum Trustees.

The preparations made by the lodge for this monster concert were very elaborate and complete. From early in the spring unusual activity characterized the committee, and as the date drew near the anxiety to complete the arrangements so that there might be no disappointments greatly increased. Few can realize the number of exacting details necessary to such a project. R. W. Bro. Loesch worked day and night at the herculean task of securing volunteers, and the recurrent difficulties and disappointments that beset his path would fill a book. He persevered, however, and it was solely through his efforts that the four great conductors, the soloists and the great orchestra were secured. It all required great genius for organization, but Bro. Loesch was determined to make the event his monument in St. Cecile, and how well he succeeded can best be judged by the results. The Executive Committee consisted of R. W. George Loesch, W. Bros. William B. Clayton and George E. Wallen, and Bro. William E. Tway. The one regrettable incident in connection with this magnificent affair was the sudden serious illness of R. W. George Loesch at a time when all the arrangements had been practically completed. This was particularly distressing to him, as he was the originator of the undertaking, had written the booklet about it and had labored assiduously to make this the greatest affair in the history of the lodge. No one who has never engineered so great an undertaking can adequately conceive the immense amount of work necessary to make it a striking success. It was exceedingly

discouraging to be forced to relinquish cherished plans and take to a bed of illness in St. Luke's Hospital just as the goal was in sight. His anxiety as to the ultimate success of the undertaking doubtless retarded his recovery and he was confined to his room in the hospital for weeks. When Bro. Loesch was compelled to retire the burden of the uncompleted work fell upon the shoulders of the capable and willing brethren of the Executive Committee, who carried the plans to a successful conclusion. Bro. Tway attended to all matters concerning the souvenir book and other printing; W. Bro. George E. Wallen took charge of the tickets, advertising and press; the orchestra and music were in the hands of W. Bro. Clayton, aided by Bros. Fred L. Blodgett, Fred W. Ecke, August Helleberg, August Helmecke, Jr., Henry Hess, Robert W. Iverson, Fred La Croix, Joseph M. Laendner, Fred J. See, A. Van de Putte and August W. Zeiss. The Committee on Musical Library comprised Bros. August Helleberg, Henry Hess and August W. Zeiss.

The General Committee was as follows: R. W. George Loesch, R. W. Robert Recker, W. Bros. William B. Clayton, James H. Curtin and George E. Wallen, Bros. Fred L. Blodgett, Fred W. Ecke, F. Ernest Erdmann, William Fenrich, Herman P. Forster, Fred W. Hager, August Helleberger, August Helmecke, Jr., Henry Hess, Robert W. Iverson, Gustav A. Kirker, Albert Krausse, Fred La Croix, Joseph M. Laendner, Gustav A. Myers, Herman Perlet, Frank Stretz, Martin J. Schlig, Fred J. See, Maurice F. Smith, William E. Tway, I. Van de Putte, Arthur Cyril Gordon Weld, Isidore Witmark, August W. Zeiss and Herman E. Zilm.

In due time the following acknowledgment was received by the lodge from the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, which was read in open lodge. The brethren expressed great satisfaction that so large a sum had been realized by the entertainment.



RECEIPT FROM HALL AND ASYLUM TRUSTEES.

OFFICE OF TRUSTEES OF MASONIC HALL AND ASYLUM FUND.
NEW YORK, March 21, 1906.

TREASURER ST. CECILE LODGE, No. 568.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.: The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 20th inst., inclosing check for $1,437.14, the net proceeds of a concert given by St. Cecile Lodge in aid of the Masonic Sanatorium Fund.

Inclosed please find regular receipt. In addition the Trustees feel that they cannot refrain from expressing their highest appreciation of the energetic efforts of the brethren of St. Cecile Lodge, the evidence of which is this magnificent result.

Kindly convey to the brethren of St. Cecile Lodge the assurances of our high appreciation of their noble efforts in behalf of the Masonic Sanatorium Fund. Fraternally,

FRANK E. HAFF, *Secretary.*

Per F. J. MILLIGAN.

Especially interesting also to St. Cecile Lodge members was the splendid address of M. W. Frank Hurd Robinson, Grand Master, before the annual session of the grand body on May 2. In the course of his remarks the Grand Master was pleased to say:

"The Grand Master and his staff had the pleasure of attending the concert in the Carnegie Music Hall, this city, given under the auspices of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, for the benefit of the Masonic Sanatorium Fund. The concert was of the very highest order and appealed to all as without doubt the most thrilling, inspiring and best rendered music that it has ever been their pleasure to hear. A full programme is appended to this address in order that due credit may be given to the celebrated musicians who favored us and to place on permanent record the generosity of St. Cecile Lodge, which added the sum of $1,437.14 to this fund."

There was a large gathering of brethren to receive the representative of the Grand Master upon the occasion of his official visit, November 21. R. W. Frederick P. Hammond was accompanied by a large delegation of the Masters of the district when he entered the Commandery Room. After being welcomed by W. Bro. George Johnston, the District Deputy addressed the lodge in glowing terms, complimenting the brethren upon their splendid efforts in behalf of the vari-

ous charities. Before taking his departure the District Deputy was addressed by W. Bro. George E. Wallen, who presented him with a handsome souvenir from the lodge. Choice musical selections were contributed during the refreshment hour by Bro. Burke, of Herbert's Orchestra, violin, and Bro. Pfeiffer, 'cello. The receipts at the Secretary's desk were $558.50 for the day, which was considered substantial evidence of the interest of the members.

By way of statistics, it is interesting as well as instructive to notice how extensively the nationalities are represented in the membership of St. Cecile Lodge. As intimated elsewhere in these pages, the members have been gathered from nearly every country on earth. Some idea of the universality of the membership may be gained from the following table:

United States	616	Australia	2
Germany	115	Nova Scotia	2
England	102	Poland	2
Italy	30	Holland	2
Ireland	25	Bohemia	1
Scotland	23	South Africa	1
Canada	18	Peru	1
Russia	13	Denmark	1
Austria	6	Sweden	1
France	5	Malta	1
Bavaria	4	India	1
Switzerland	3	Channel Islands	1
Roumania	3	West Indies	1
Saxony	2	Prince Edward Island	1
Belgium	2	On shipboard (U. S.)	1
Hungary	2		

The above represents all those who have received one or more degrees. From one cause or another nearly seventy have not yet completed their membership. It is not long since a brother appeared for his second degree after seventeen years' wandering about the world, and upon another occasion a brother was received into full fellowship after an interval of fourteen years between degrees. It is not unlikely, therefore, that others now missing will eventually appear to complete their membership.

PRESENTATION OF BEAUTIFUL SILK BANNER.

On many former occasions when ladies were invited lodge members had vied with each other in making the fair guests welcome. But on the occasion of the "ladies' matinée," December 12, a committee of ladies, of whom Mrs. George W. Hackenberger was chief, neatly turned the tables by presenting to the lodge a magnificent silk banner, an illustration of which appears below:



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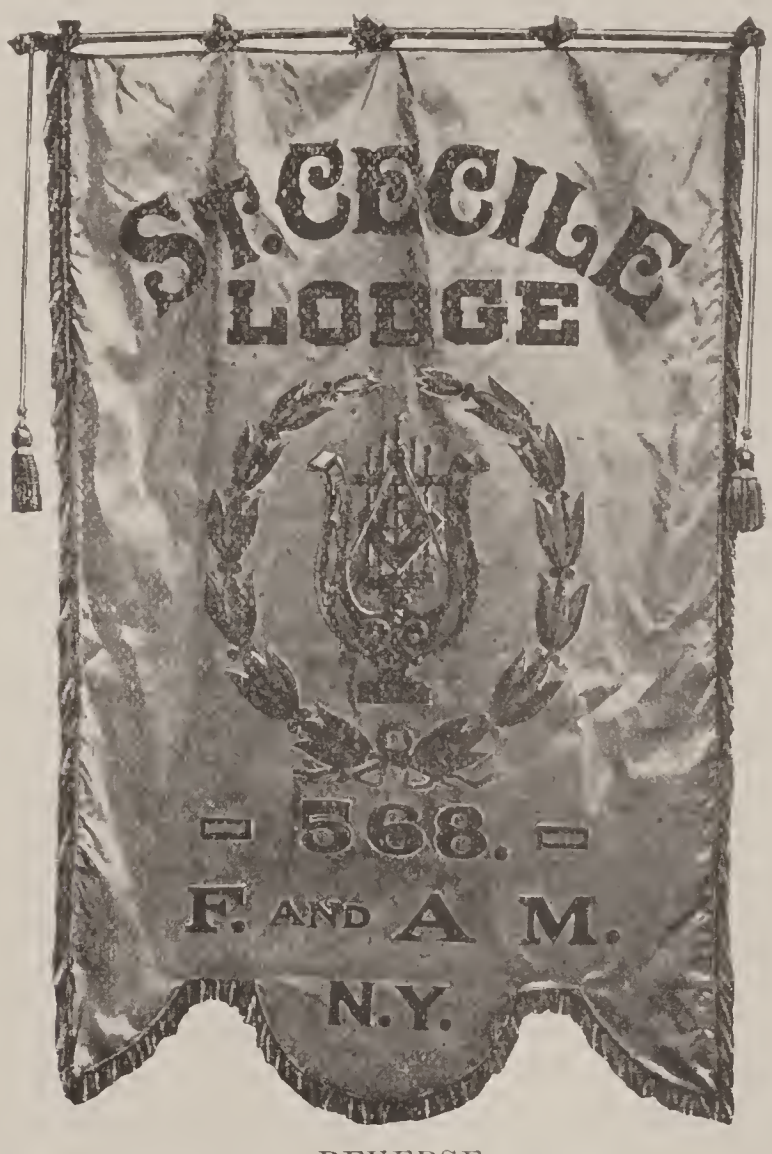
The cost of this beautiful gift was defrayed by the individual subscriptions of the ladies. The idea was conceived and executed by the energetic wife of the popular Junior Warden, who promptly paid the difference from her own purse when it was found that the cost of the banner was considerably greater than had been at first reckoned. M. W.

Edward M. L. Ehlers made the presentation in one of his happiest addresses. W. Bro. Johnston accepted on behalf of the lodge. The Trustees were requested at the next meeting of the lodge to secure a suitable case to permanently preserve the banner from defacement. After receipt of the banner there was a pleasing entertainment of vaudeville, with light refreshments during the intermission. Bro. F. Ernest Erdmann, with an orchestra of fourteen brethren, provided the music. The Entertainment Committee was composed of Bro.



REVERSE.

Frank G. Howie, Bro. William E. Tway, Bro. George W. Hackenberger, W. Bro. George E. Wallen, Bros. John J. Dowers, James B. Green, Clinton Wilson, Fred W. Hager, John D. Cawein, Albert von Tilzer, Gustav A. Myers, Henry W. Entwistle, C. F. Brodie, F. Ernest Erdmann, William Paley and W. Bro. James H. Curtin.

Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer read at the annual meeting, on December 20, indicated receipts for the year $4,386.83; disbursements, $3,307.45. The net increase in membership for the year was twelve, bringing the number in good standing up to 502. During the twelve months there had been twenty-two regular, four special and four emergent communications, making a total of thirty meetings held. There had been seven deaths. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers occupied the east during the election of officers, and appointed as tellers Bros. Joseph L. Henning and James B. Smith. As W. Bro. George Johnston declined a re-election the choice for Master fell upon the popular Senior Warden, Bro. William E. Tway, who accepted the trust with characteristic modesty. Bro. George W. Hackenberger was elected Senior Warden and Bro. Henry W. Entwistle Junior Warden. The new Master announced his appointments and they were installed in their appropriate stations by Bro. Ehlers, assisted by W. Bro. C. Edward Low, acting as Grand Marshal.

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W. Bro. William E. Tway (Piano Manufacturer).—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, January 21, 1902. Appointed Senior Deacon, 1903; elected Junior Warden, 1904; Senior Warden, 1905; Master, 1906; Trustee, 1907; appointed on Printing Committee of Grand Lodge, 1907.

The Master of this year was the second piano manufacturer to wield the gavel in St. Cecile. W. Bro. Tway, whose cheerful personality is as well known in Masonic circles as it is in business, has the distinction of being the only native of the metropolis thus far to be elected Master of St. Cecile. He was born in New York City, April 3, 1869, and is a direct descendant of an officer who fought with Washington. Bro. Tway's father is a Mason of many years' standing and a veteran of the Civil War. After attending the public schools of Brooklyn W. Bro. Tway entered mercantile life in 1885, and in 1898 engaged in the piano business with his father. He studied the violin under the tutelage of the late W. Bro. Theodore Jacoby in 1890, and little thought at that time of following him as a Master of St. Cecile Lodge. W. Bro. Tway's



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first impressions of St. Cecile were received as a lad Jan. 27, 1883, while attending the benefit given in aid of the lodge funds by Bro. Charles Stevenson at the Union Square Theatre. Since joining St. Cecile W. Bro. Tway has been one of its most active members, and does not stop at any expense of time or money in his efforts in behalf of the good name of the lodge. In social events of the lodge especially has Bro. Tway been prominent. He is a member of Corinthian Chapter, No. 159; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 36, and Mecca Temple. He is also a member of the Masonic Club, Square Club, etc., and was the successful contestant for the gold watch offered by one of the city newspapers for the most popular Masonic Master.

The sympathy of the brethren went out to Bro. Leon J. Curtin, nephew of W. Bro. James H. Curtin, who, while hunting in the mountains, accidentally shot himself in the right hand, necessitating amputation. As the brother is a promising young man the accident was peculiarly distressing, but with genuine American pluck he has largely overcome the impediment by learning to write with the left hand, as well as to perform other functions formerly accomplished with the right hand alone.

Communications during the early months of the year were made exceptionally interesting because of the increased attendance, as is usual at this period of the year. Music predominated during the refreshment hour, and very enjoyable were the impromptu concerts provided by the musicians and singers. A particularly fine programme was provided on one occasion in January by W. Bro. Harry Alton Russell, of Mosaic Lodge, at the piano, and Bros. F. Ernest Erdmann, violin, and Bro. Bruno Pfeiffer, 'cello, of St. Cecile.

A very jolly beefsteak party was held at a famous uptown restaurant on the evening of February 7. Although the weather outside was unpropitious, everything in the dining-room was conducive to good-fellowship. Prominent among the brethren who graced the festivities with their presence were M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers and R. W. William J. Duncan, the popular editor. Others participating were W. Bro. William E. Tway and thirty members of the lodge accompanied by ladies. The feast was followed by dancing.

There was a very pleasant feature introduced into the work on March 6, when W. Bro. George Johnston was called before the altar and presented with a handsome gold watch and chain as a slight token of appreciation from the lodge. The presentation was made by M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers in a characteristically felicitous address.

GRAND ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT AND RECEPTION.

While it is difficult to see how any improvement can be made in the manner of conducting the annual entertainment and reception of the lodge, yet each year finds some novelty which pleases. Experience has taught the brethren how to handle these functions successfully. So popular have these annual social gatherings become that none but the largest halls in the city can accommodate the throngs of friends who attend. It is not unusual to have an attendance numbering several thousand delighted participants. This is the event to which all look forward with anticipations of genuine pleasure. Here old friends are greeted, new acquaintances formed, and in many respects the reception is like a large family gathering. Terrace Garden was the place selected for this occasion; Thursday, March 8, the date. The hall was filled to overflowing. The scene when the dancers took possession of the floor was beautiful. Almost every musical number on the dancing programme was the composition of a St. Cecile brother and some of the composers conducted the orchestra during the rendition of their music. The musical director was Bro. Carl F. Williams. The programme:

THE ORDER OF THE DANCE.

Music by Members of St. Cecile Lodge under Direction of Brother Carl F. Williams.

PART FIRST.

March—"St. Cecile Lodge, 568" . . . . . Bro. Maurice Levi
Lanciers—"Twentieth Century" . . . . . Bro. Carl Williams

Waltz—"Loveland" . . . . . Bro. Abe Holzmann
Waltz—"Helmet of Navarre" . . . . . R. W. Robert Recker
Two-Step—"Gleaming Star" . . . . . Bro. Fred W. Hager
Lanciers—Operatic . . . . . Bro. Arthur G. Weld
Waltz—"My Heart Goes Bumpety Bump" . . Bro. Justus Ringleben
Two-Step—"Priscilla" . . . . . Bro. Jos. W. Stern
Waltz—"December as in May" . . . . . Bro. Ernest R. Ball
Two-Step—"Jack o'Lantern Joe" . . . . Bro. John W. Bratton
Waltz—"Love's Garden" . . . . . Bro. Theo. Morse
Two-Step—"St. Cecile" . . . . . Bro. John Gennaro

PART SECOND.

Waltz—"Oldsmobile" . . . . . Bro. Gus Edwards
Lanciers—"Silver Heels Medley" . . . . . Neil. Moret
Waltz—"Hearts and Flowers" . . . . . Bro. Theo. M. Tobani
Two-Step—"What's the Use of Knocking?" . . Bro. Vincent Bryan
Waltz—"Whippoorwill" . . . . . Bro. Fred W. Hager
Two-Step—"Nightmare Land" . . . . . Bro. William Lorraine
Waltz—"If a Girl Like You" . . . . . Bro. Gus Edwards
Two-Step—"College Life" . . . . . Henry Frantzen
Lanciers—Selected . . . . . Bro. Witmark
Waltz—"Twiddle-Twaddle" . . . . . Bro. Maurice Levi
Two-Step—"Starlight" . . . . . Bro. Theo. Morse
Waltz—Selected . . . . . Bro. Louis Gottschalk

Preceding the dancing there was the customary stage performance of high-class vaudeville, every number being greeted with general applause. The General Committee in charge of the arrangements was composed of R. W. Robert Recker, R. W. George Loesch, W. Bros. George E. Wallen, George Johnston, Charles H. Govan, James H. Curtin, Allan Latham, William B. Clayton, C. Edward Low, David H. Agan, Bros. Thomas S. Nedham, Isaac Friedenberg, A. F. O'Connor, H. W. Entwistle, Frank G. Howie, Philip S. Friedenberg, William J. Cooke, F. Ernest Erdmann, Albert von Tilzer, Charles F. Brodie, William A. Baird, John J. Dowers, William D. Lang, Fred W. Hager, Clinton Wilson, Gustav Myers, Henry W. Roe, Mark Ellsworth, Charles F. Shepard, William Paley, Joseph Davidoff, Robert E. Stone, George D. Freestone, Burt Green, David C. Patterson and

Maurice Levi. Bro. George W. Hackenberger, the Senior Warden, was chairman of all the subsidiary committees and arranged the decorations. W. Bro. William E. Tway was chairman of the Reception Committee, which endeavored to make every one feel welcome.

The visit of the Square Club, April 4, was an event of unusual interest to St. Cecile and the attendance that day taxed the capacity of the Commandery Room to the limit. About two o'clock the visitors were announced. After being cordially welcomed by the Master, R. W. Elmer B. Silver, president of the club, presented W. Bro. Tway with a handsome gavel, the gift of the Square Club. The Master had scarcely recovered from his speech of thanks when R. W. George Loesch arose, and, addressing W. Bro. Tway, informed him that as this was his birthday he had the pleasure of presenting him, in behalf of the brethren of St. Cecile, with a beautiful cut-glass ice tub, tray and glasses. It seemed to be a day of gifts. Bro. Gustav Myers, who has since been elected president of the Aschenbroedel, and who has a legion of friends, was called before the altar and presented with an artistic bronze clock as a mark of appreciation for his valuable services on many occasions. The regular lodge officers then vacated their stations in favor of members of the Square Club, who had been invited to confer the third degree and took their positions as follows:

W. M.—W. Bro. Elmer B. Silver, of Copestone Lodge.
S. W.—W. Bro. George E. Wallen, of St. Cecile Lodge.
J. W.—W. Bro. J. Robert Johnston, of Astor Lodge.
S. D.—W. Bro. William S. Barnaby, of Ivanhoe Lodge.
J. D.—R. W. Oliver H. La Barre, of Manhattan Lodge.
S. M. C.—W. Bro. Louis M. Donnatin, of Girard Lodge.
J. M. C.—W. Bro. James M. Brandon, of Evangelist Lodge.
Marshal—R. W. Allan Williams, of Architect Lodge.
Chaplain—R. W. August Eickleberg, of Scotia Lodge.
Stewards—Bros. H. Gray and J. W. Higgins, of Harlem Lodge.

Others actively participating were R. W. Donald Gow, who delivered a splendid lecture; R. W. Bros. John Spence

and Frederick P. Hammond. The music furnished was exceptionally good, for which thanks were extended to Bros. F. E. Erdmann (conductor), William Fenrich, Urbach, Dooley, Miller, Friedlander, Hirsch, Wessell, Couchoud, Pfeiffer, Ferrari, Pinto, Berry, Freudenvoll, Finklestein, Roeder, Del Negro, Blodgett, Kleinfelder, Magdalin and Myers. The visitors present on this occasion included several hundred of the most prominent Masons in the city.

ENJOYABLE CONCERT GIVEN AT HOME FOR INCURABLES.

A very acceptable entertainment was arranged for the consideration of the inmates of the Home for Incurables in April. The programme was as follows:

1 Overture—"Light Cavalry" . . . . . Suppe
2 Excerpts from "45 Minutes from Broadway" . . . . . Cohan
3 Plantation Echoes . . . . . Ross
4 American Patrol . . . . . Meacham
Max F. Schmidt and his Orchestra
5 Songs . . . . . Stanley Hawkins
6 Monologue . . . . . James H. Cullen
7 Songs . . . . . Miss Lucy Monroe
8 American Quartette, from "The Girl of the Golden West" Company, Belasco Theatre
9 Tenor Solo . . . . . Brother Thomas Boyd
10 The Eminent Violin Virtuoso . . . . . Miss Corrie Scheffler
Accompanied by Miss Harriet H. Levy
11 Solo Trumpet . . . . . S. Finkelstein
(With Herbert's Orchestra)
and others
Accompanist . . . . . Mr. Harry Sutton

Too much praise can scarcely be bestowed upon those actively aiding in this noble work. Aside from the lodge officers, who assist every worthy cause, the committee on this particular occasion was Bros. Arthur C. G. Weld, William D. Lang, Edwin P. Wakefield, Charles Sinclair, Louis F.

Gottschalk, Benjamin Harris and Van Rensselaer Wheeler.

Prompt relief in the hour of necessity is a world-wide characteristic of the Masonic fraternity. Scarcely had the telegraph informed the public of the disastrous earthquake in San Francisco before active measures were begun by Masons to aid the sufferers. It is due to the promptness of W. Bro. Tway that St. Cecile Lodge is reported to have been the first Masonic body in the metropolis to donote funds. Immediately upon learning of the extent of the disaster the Master in behalf of the lodge hastened to telegraph the sum of $100 to M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, which was duly acknowledged. It was learned soon afterward that members of the lodge touring with the grand opera company in California had barely escaped with their lives, losing all their baggage and musical instruments.

Not often does the general public have an opportunity to attend a Masonic gathering where so large a number of notables in the fraternity are assembled as on the occasion of the benefit given for the Daniel D. Tompkins Memorial Fund in Madison Square Garden on the evening of Tuesday, May 1. The scene when the Grand Master entered the amphitheatre, accompanied by his staff and others high in Grand Lodge affairs, was one to remember. The double lines through which the party passed extended the entire length of the building. The exercises consisted of several fine addresses, alternated with vocal and orchestral music. Brethren of St. Cecile Lodge had a block of seats near the centre on the north side of the hall.

One of the most popular brothers among the musicians of the lodge was Franz E. Hess, who died on May 29. The Master and a large number of brethren attended the funeral, which was in Masonic form. Added to the solemnity of the usual ceremonies there was a very impressive musical programme by two bands, playing in turn. Bro. Hess had been a faithful member of the lodge from May 1, 1888. He was sincerely mourned by many sorrowing friends.

ELABORATE RECEPTION TO PENNSYLVANIANS.

A fraternal visit by the Master, Wardens and officers of University Lodge, No. 610, of Philadelphia, gave W. Bro. Tway and his staff an opportunity to dispense that hospitality for which St. Cecile is famous. The occasion was on Tuesday, June 19. The Commandery Room was well filled with brethren when the lodge was called to order. The visiting delegation was received with great cordiality by W. Bro. Tway. W. Bro. Ginther, of University Lodge, then addressed the Master and in concluding his remarks presented W. Bro. Tway with a diamond-studded Shrine button as a memento of the visit of the Pennsylvanians. The refreshment hour was enlivened with musical selections, vocal and instrumental, by Bros. Henry W. Roe, Thomas Boyd McQueen, William J. Cooke, Simon Finklestein, the brothers Bell and a splendid orchestra of twenty-eight pieces, under the leadership of Bro. F. Ernest Erdmann. Several hundred of the prominent Masons of the city were in attendance during the afternoon. A very attractive feature of the day was second degree work, with specially arranged music, R. W. Bro. George Loesch, by invitation, acting as Senior Deacon. After closing the lodge in full form the guests were escorted to the rooms of the Masonic Club, where they lunched. In the evening a banquet was served for them at the Hotel Martin. W. Bro. William E. Tway was toastmaster, and there were after-dinner addresses by W. Bro. Francis S. Ginther, M. W. John Stewart, P. G. M., R. W. Daniel Dougherty, R. W. Elmer B. Silver, R. W. William H. Miller, and R. W. Frederick P. Hammond. The visitors expressed the greatest delight with their reception. The Committee of Arrangements was composed of W. Bro. George E. Wallen, R. W. George Loesch, W. Bro. George Johnston, W. Bro. James H. Curtin, Bro. George W. Hackenberger and Bro. Harry Entwistle. On the Reception Committee were R. W. Robert Recker, Bro. William A. Baird, and W. Bros.

C. E. Low, Allan Latham, W. B. Clayton and Charles H. Govan.

No class of men enjoy a day at the seashore more thoroughly than those whose indoor duties oblige them to forego the benefits of many beautiful days in the sunshine. Actors, musicians, printers, all look forward with anticipations of pleasure to the time when they can temporarily at least throw care to the winds and gather for an outing. For days before the event the various athletic features are the subject of discussion, and the talk does not cease till long after the outing is a thing of the past. The annual excursion of the lodge which took place at College Point on Wednesday, July 18, was, like similar affairs of former years, liberally patronized. Not the least enjoyable feature of the trip was the presence of the lodge band, which discoursed popular airs all day long. The start was made at ten o'clock in the morning, and soon all were enjoying the balmy breezes of a sail on the Sound. The day was warm and sunny, the air invigorating. Immediately upon arriving at the chosen place the more athletically inclined brethren proceeded to the field, where they were soon engaged in deciding the various contests. The waters of the bay attracted others, who donned bathing suits. Many sought the refreshment pavilion, where clams and other toothsome seashore delicacies were discussed with never-failing appetites. The shore dinner provided in the afternoon was welcomed with shouts of delight, and with appetites whetted by the vigorous outdoor exercise, the brethren made a bold attack. During the repast several vocalists obliged with popular songs, accompanied by the band, all the diners joining in the choruses. Bro. John J. Dowers, Junior Deacon, was congratulated upon the receipt of a silver loving cup from his employer a few days previously as a memento of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his connection with the German "Herold."

It is to the credit of the brethren that, notwithstanding the enjoyable sociability, they did not forget those who by reason of illness or misfortune were compelled to forego these pleas-

ures. A beautiful bouquet and a cheerful message were sent to R. W. Bro. George Loesch, who was laid up in the German Hospital with an attack of appendicitis, his second serious illness during the year, and who promptly acknowledged the courtesy by telegraphing his thanks and good wishes to the merry-makers. A telegram of condolence also was sent to Bro. Raymond Hitchcock, whose beloved mother had passed away the day before. After a particularly enjoyable day in the green fields by the water the brethren returned to their city homes tired but rejuvenated.

Members of the lodge learned with sincere regret of the death of Bro. Benjamin E. Hays, M.D., on August 18. Bro. Hays was one whose life was largely made up of actions in accordance with his convictions. In more fortunate days he had been a successful practising physician and had served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Afterward his professional services were constantly given freely to those unable to pay. No case was ever refused or neglected because of poverty, and his patients were treated with rare skill. During the latter years of his life the good physician himself became a patient, bearing with fortitude whatever affliction came upon him. Bro. Hays affiliated from Emanuel Lodge, No. 654, October 21, 1884. During all the years of his membership he was a regular attendant at the meetings, assisting when possible, until stricken with paralysis, which left him crippled and unable to engage in any active work. Masonic funeral services were held over his body at the family residence by Bro. Harry Roe, acting Master, assisted by Bro. James B. Smith, acting Senior Warden, Bro. Charles M. Williams, acting Junior Warden, and a number of brethren. There were also services by members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

AN OLD MEMBER HONORED BY THE LODGE.

A number of brethren, including W. Bro. William E. Tway, R. W. George Loesch, Junior Warden Hackenberger,

Secretary Roe and fifteen others, went to the residence of Bro. Isaac Friedenberg on September 2. The occasion was Bro. Friedenberg's seventy-sixth birthday. The visit was also to commemorate the fact that two weeks previous—to be exact, August 15—the fiftieth anniversary of his membership in the Masonic order had been passed. When the venerable brother was called to the door he was astonished to see such a large gathering of men. As soon as the invaders were recognized, however, they were cordially invited to enter. After the exchange of greetings Bro. F. Ernest Erdmann and the other musicians gave a little concert which was greatly enjoyed. During the evening W. Bro. Tway presented Bro. Friedenberg with engrossed resolutions from the lodge, expressing many kindly sentiments and wishing him continued health and prosperity. One of the pleasant features of the occasion was the presence of Bro. Friedenberg's four sons.

Members of the lodge were shocked to learn that Bro. Julius P. Witmark had been obliged to undergo a serious surgical operation, the amputation of his left leg. During the same week the lodge learned that Bro. Douglas Gordon had received injuries which temporarily incapacitated him. The latter brother was the victim of an accident which broke both wrists.

During the memorable visit of St. Cecile Lodge to Philadelphia, in 1894, none was more solicitous for the welfare of the New York visitors than Bro. Francis S. Ginther, at that time the efficient Junior Warden of University Lodge, No. 610. Bro. Ginther's progress through the various stations in his lodge has been coincident with that of Bro. Tway in St. Cecile, and this fact has cemented into strong friendship the acquaintance formed about that time. In recognition of his uniform courtesy upon the several visits it was proposed to place Bro. Ginther's name among the honorary members enrolled in St. Cecile. This was done and engrossed resolutions prepared for presentation to the honored brother.

A committee representing the lodge journeyed over to the City of Brotherly Love on October 27, and in the presence of the members of University Lodge delivered the document, W. Bro. William E. Tway making the presentation. The visitors were hospitably entertained and returned delighted with the trip. Those in the party included W. Bros. Tway and Wallen and Bros. Hackenberger, Entwistle, Baird, Dowers, Phil Friedenberg, Barry, Brodie and Cooke.

During October the Master addressed the lodge upon the importance of keeping the expenditures within the receipts. For several years, he said, the amount received from dues had not been sufficient to entirely meet all the current expenses. For example, in 1905, while the expenses of the lodge were $3,307.45, the receipts from dues were but $2,988, leaving a deficit of more than $300 to be met from other sources. This condition should not, in the Master's opinion, exist in St. Cecile. He also directed attention to the fact that about $2,500 was outstanding for dues, although the greater part of this sum would undoubtedly be paid in, as usual, before the beginning of the new year. After discussing financial affairs pro and con it was decided to refer the entire matter to a committee which should formulate some better system of regulating the finances. The following were appointed: R. W. George Loesch, R. W. Robert Recker, W. Bros. Curtin, Low, Johnston and Wallen.

The death of M. W. Frank Hurd Robinson, P. G. M., at Hornell, N. Y., on October 11, caused a feeling of profound sorrow throughout the fraternity of the Empire State, which realized the great loss sustained in the passing of a man of such unusual ability. The deceased Grand Master, in selecting his staff in 1905, had named Bro. George Loesch, of St. Cecile, as Grand Director of Ceremonies, an appointment which gratified members of the lodge very much. The lodge was ordered draped for a period of sixty days as a mark of respect.

Another deceased brother dear to members of St. Cecile

Lodge was W. Bro. Charles F. Hotmer, of Copestone Lodge, No. 641, who died on Friday, November 2. He was a regular visitor to St. Cecile, delighting at all times to assist in performing any duty requested, and had been elected an honorary member of the lodge in December, 1902. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, November 4. The Master, Wardens and eleven brethren of St. Cecile Lodge were present at the services, which were largely attended by other members of the fraternity.

MASONIC CLUB EXEMPLIFIES THE THIRD DEGREE.

One of the most enjoyable communications of the year was that of November 20, when the officers and members of the Masonic Club were present by invitation of the Master and exemplified the work of the third degree. The club was led by R. W. William H. Miller, president, followed by M. W. John Stewart, R. W. Bros. Robert Kenworthy, John Lloyd Thomas, Theodore C. Lefevre, Thomas Hilson, George W. Arnold, Henry Holding and Charles W. Frank, W. Bros. Harry B. Mook, Dr. John E. W. Sanderson, Louis N. Donnatin, George E. Wallen and Bro. Joseph W. Roberts. They received a particularly warm welcome from W. Bro. Tway, who is also a member of the organization. The rendition of the standard work by these experts was perfection itself and was thoroughly enjoyed by an assemblage of brethren which filled every nook and corner of the Commandery Room. At the conclusion of the degree the regular officers resumed their stations and the lodge closed in full form. During the afternoon the following programme was presented by the St. Cecile Orchestra, under Bro. F. Ernest Erdmann:

1 March—Arabia . . . . . L. Buck

2 Descriptive Fantasy—An American Abroad, Brother John W. Bratton

3 Two Songs with Orchestra Accompaniment

a "Good-by, Sweetheart, Good-by,"
Brother Albert Von Tilzer
as a Cornet Solo by Bro. Fred. Sonty

b "Anon,"
as a Trombone Solo by Brother Fred Blodgett

4 Solo—Selected . . . . . Bro. Will J. Cooke
5 Finale—"Thunder and Blazes" . . . . . Bro. T. M. Tobani

THE ORCHESTRA

Conductor, Bro. F. Ernest Erdmann.

Bro. Louis Begiebing,
" William Fenrich,
" Edward Clarke,
" Max S. Friedman,
" Edward Lang,
" Hugo Miller,
" Gaetano Pinto, *Violins.*
" Martin Van Praag,
" John Magdalin, *Violas.*
" Joseph Riley,
" Sol. Pfeiffer, *Cellos.*
" Emilie Couchoud,

Bro. Bruno Pfeiffer, *Basses.*
" Arthur Berry,
" A. Pinto, *Flutes.*
" Frank Stretz,
" Charles Freudenvoll,
" David Fink, *Clarinets.*
" Fred. Sonty,
" Nicola Del Negro, *Cornets.*
" Fred Blodgett, *Trombone.*
" Alex. Finnie, *Euphonium.*
" B. Kissenberth, *Small Drum.*
" Gustave Schmehl, *Bass Drum.*

ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON'S VAUDEVILLE FOR THE LADIES.

The Commandery Room was again called into service on Friday afternoon, December 14, when the ladies answered an invitation to present themselves at a matinée specially arranged for their enjoyment. As on previous occasions, no urging was required to bring them out in force. The room was handsomely decorated and even standing room was at a premium. There was an exceptionally pleasing array of voluntary talent on hand, embracing the leading vaudeville artists appearing in the city. Betimes light refreshments were served the fair guests. But the feature most applauded was the presentation to Mrs. George W. Hackenberger, wife of the Senior Warden, of a beautiful cut-glass punch bowl, in acknowledgment of her indefatigable efforts in raising funds with which to purchase the beautiful banner presented to the lodge by the feminine friends and relatives of the members. The afternoon was a notable social success, reflecting credit upon the entire committee. Bro. Frank G. Howie was chairman, assisted by Bros. William J. Cooke, George H. Thomas, William A. Baird, Harry W. Entwistle, Charles F. Shep-

ard, Edwin A. Rogers, Jr., F. Ernest Erdmann, George W. Hackenberger, Joseph Davidoff, Albert von Tilzer, W. Bro. George E. Wallen, Bros. Bert Green, David C. Paterson, Clinton Wilson, John J. Dowers, George D. Freestone, R. W. George Loesch and W. Bro. James H. Curtin, who acted as stage manager. There was a splendid orchestra, under the leadership of Bro. F. Ernest Erdmann, and Bro. Bert Helms presided at the piano.

Annual communications do not seem to differ much. As the lodge grows larger, of course the attendance increases, but the familiar faces, with some additions, are usually in their accustomed places. Not all, alas! From year to year are missed those who have passed on into the greater gathering—the lodge not of earthly form. But another takes the vacant chair, and the absent brother becomes a cherished memory in the history of the past.

Judging from the reading of the reports 1906 had been a busy year. The Secretary reported that there had been a total of thirty-four meetings held, of which four were emergent and three special. A net increase of eighteen in membership was reported. The receipts had been $6,690.86, expenses $6,265.77, leaving a cash balance of $425.09. The Treasurer reported $15,000 at interest in various banks. The time for choosing officers having arrived the Master vacated his chair and invited M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers to preside. The Grand Secretary appointed Bros. James B. Smith and Joseph L. Henning as tellers. Owing to the demands of his business W. Bro. Tway declined a re-election, and Bro. George W. Hackenberger was elected Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Henry W. Entwistle was chosen Senior Warden, and Bro. William A. Baird Junior Warden. The Secretary and Treasurer were each re-elected, after which the Master-elect announced his appointments. W. Bro. James H. Curtin assisted in the ceremony of installation. The attendance was unusually large, many old members appearing who had not been seen in lodge for a long time.

1907.

W. Bro. George W. Hackenberger (Pharmacist.)—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, April 29, 1902. Junior Deacon, 1903; Senior Deacon, 1904; Junior Warden, 1905; Senior Warden, 1906; Master, 1907.

Of the twenty-eight Masters who have occupied the east in St. Cecile Lodge eighteen have been initiates of the lodge. The present incumbent, W. Bro. George W. Hackenberger, president of the Miner Drug Company and vice-president of the American Druggists' Syndicate, is one who has worked his way upward through a long apprenticeship in subordinate positions. He is a dignified gentleman of well-balanced, conservative ideas, sincere and studious, and that his administration will be a notably successful one can be safely predicted. Since the beginning of the year a great deal of important work has already been accomplished. The by-laws have been revised, the huge annual reception successfully planned and carried out, the history of the lodge printed, and preparations well advanced toward making the celebration of the one thousandth communication an occasion worthy of the lodge. All this in addition to the regular work, which in so large and thriving a lodge has brought many responsibilities upon the Master, who has expressed his determination to keep the lodge up to the prestige of its most successful year. W. Bro. Hackenberger, though comparatively young in years, has lived an active life. He was born in Bainbridge, Pa., July 9, 1869, and attended the public schools of his native town. At the age of twenty-two he graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and has since that time made rapid progress in his profession, occupying a conspicuously prominent position in the drug business of the metropolis. In December, 1905, W. Bro. Hackenberger's estimable wife presented St. Cecile with a magnificent silk banner, the cost of which was defrayed by the subscriptions of the ladies, of whom she was chief. W. Bro. Hackenberger is a relative of the gallant Gen. Custer, who fell at the famous battle of the Big Horn, June 25, 1876. He is exceedingly popular among his Masonic associates, who predict for him a brilliant career. W. Bro. Hackenberger is a member of Corinthian Chapter, No. 159; of Constantine Commandery, No. 48, and of Mecca Temple.

Although the events which have occurred in the lodge since the first of the year are undoubtedly fresh in the memory of the brethren, it is fitting that brief mention be here made of some of the more important of them.

Long acquaintance with the artistic creations of expert

printers, many of whom are enrolled in St. Cecile, has given members of the lodge a keen appreciation of attractive specimens of the art preservative. Favorable comment has been elicited by the beautifully engraved design for the cover of the lodge notices adopted by W. Bro. George W. Hackenberger, and many compliments have been heard in regard to its striking appearance when printed in blue. A specimen is inserted herewith for general inspection. Certainly effective printing is of as much importance to a Masonic lodge as to any other successful organization. Happily, this fact is now generally admitted by all up-to-date lodge officers.

NOTABLY EFFICIENT STAFF OF OFFICERS.

A word *in re* the staff of 1907 will be read with interest.

The Senior Warden is second in importance only to the Master in a Masonic lodge, and his selection is always viewed with an eye to the possibilities of the future. Bro. Harry W. Entwistle, the efficient Senior Warden, was made a Mason in St. Cecile, March 17, 1903. He was born in Canterbury, England, October 30, 1860, and is a son of an English military man. He began learning the art of printing in 1873, and has since been employed on many of the largest newspapers in America and England. As a boy Bro. Entwistle sang soprano in the celebrated boys' choir of St. Editha's Church in Canterbury, and was elected deputy lay vicar's choral. He sang counter tenor in the Litchfield Cathedral, and after coming to America sang in the Church of the Advent, Boston, and in Grace Chapel, New York. He is a tall man, of fine appearance, and very much esteemed by his associates.

Bro. William A. Baird, Junior Warden, was raised in St. Cecile Lodge, July 30, 1901. He is a native of New York City, where he was born August 2, 1859. After receiving instruction in the public schools of the metropolis, he attended the High School in Mystic, Conn. He engaged



R.·. W.·. GEO. E. WALLEN
Trustee



W.·. WILLIAM E. TWAY
Trustee



W.·. GEORGE JOHNSTON
Trustee



R.·. W.·. GEORGE LOESCH
Chaplain



DAVID C. PATERSON
Senior Master of Ceremonies



R.·. W.·. ROBERT RECKER
Treasurer



HENRY W. ROE
Secretary



HERMAN NAUEN
Junior Master of Ceremonies



HENRY W. ENTWISTLE
Senior Warden



W.·. GEO. W. HACKENBERGER
Worshipful Master



WILLIAM A. BAIRD
Junior Warden



JAMES B. SMITH
Chaplain



JOHN J. DOWERS
Senior Deacon



CHARLES F. SHEPARD
Junior Deacon



CHARLES M. WILLIAMS
Historian



W.·. HARRY A RUSSELL
Organist



W.·. JOSEPH McELROY
Tyler



GEO. D. FREESTONE
Marshal



AUGUST SCHMEHL
Junior Steward



JOSEPH DAVIDOFF
Senior Steward

in the fire insurance business in 1872, and has been an adjuster since 1888. In Masonic circles he is well known, being a member of Corinthian Chapter, No. 159; Past Eminent Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 36; a member of Columbian Council, No. 1; Mecca Temple, Azim Grotto, No. 7, the Masonic Club, etc.

Of the other officers the Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and Historian have been previously mentioned. Bro. John J. Dowers, Senior Deacon, was initiated in St. Cecile and signed the roll June 3, 1902. He is a painstaking officer, who enters into all his undertakings with earnest zest. He is the originator and president of the Fellowcraft Club. Bro. Dowers has for more than twenty-five years had charge of the press-room of the German "Herold," and is a great favorite with employers and employees alike.

Bro. Charles F. Shepard, recently appointed to fill the unexpired term of Junior Deacon, is a well-known linotype operator on the morning newspapers. He was initiated in St. Cecile during the fall of 1902, and signed the roll Oct. 21, 1902. Bro. Shepard is a modest, unassuming gentleman, very popular in a large circle of friends.

Bro. "Davy" C. Patterson, Senior Master of Ceremonies, was raised in St. Cecile, Feb. 20, 1900. He has taken an active interest in lodge work from the first, and is a conscientious official, well liked by all.

Bro. Herman Nauen, Junior Master of Ceremonies, is a printer on a leading morning paper. Ever since his initiation in March, 1905, he has shown an ambition to master the details of the lodge work and is happiest when engaged in some portion of it. He is secretary of the Fellowcraft Club, previously alluded to.

The Rev. Bro. Thomas Gilbert Losee, Rector of the Episcopal Church at Walden, N. Y., who is associate chaplain in addition to being an honorary member of the lodge, is a member of Montauk Lodge, No. 286. He was formerly an actor, but left the stage to preach the Word of God. He

is a pulpit orator of marvellous power and is very popular with the members of St. Cecile.

Bro. James B. Smith, associate chaplain, was raised in Continental Lodge, No. 287, in 1859, and was its Secretary for ten years. In 1869 he affiliated with Merchants' Lodge, No. 709, and was for ten years its Secretary, serving a long time without remuneration, owing to hard times. He has been a member of St. Cecile since May 3, 1892, and is favorably known among the members of the various benevolent and fraternal organizations of which he is a member as a thoroughly honorable and upright man and Mason. "Uncle Jimmy" has a large heart, as many can bear witness.

Bro. George D. Freestone, Marshal, was raised in St. Cecile, July 21, 1903, and whenever business permits is always seen at his post in the lodge. He is an official of the Crown Cordial Company. In his private life Bro. Freestone is a devout Christian gentleman whose every-day actions are in keeping with his Masonic profession.

Bro. Joseph Davidoff, the Senior Steward, first saw Masonic light in St. Cecile, June 30, 1896. There is no duty too arduous for Bro. Davidoff, who is ready and willing at all times to devote his services to the lodge. Affable, sincere, honorable, he makes every one with whom he comes in contact his friend. Although by birth a Russian, there is no more thorough star-spangled American citizen than Bro. Davidoff.

Bro. August Schmehl, the efficient drummer in the orchestra at the West End Theatre, is the Junior Steward. Though raised but last year, in May, Bro. Schmehl is enthusiastic on every topic concerning the lodge.

W. Bro. Harry Alton Russell, Organist, is well known as Past Master of Mosaic Lodge, No. 418, where he was raised in 1890. He is Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Columbian Council, No. 1; Past Eminent Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 36, and in addition to his duties in St. Cecile, has been for many years organist of the Grand Lodge, the

Grand Commandery, the Grand Council, etc., and had the pleasurable honor of presiding at the organ in Matinecock Lodge, No. 806, on the occasion of conferring the several degrees upon Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States.

Bro. James Pyper, the Organist's Assistant, is a son of Scotia Lodge, No. 634.

W. Bro. Joseph McElroy, Tiler, is a member of St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 321, as was his father before him. W. Bro. McElroy is also Tiler of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Max Butler, the obliging Assistant Tiler and official in charge of the coat room, is a member of Shakespeare Lodge, No. 750, and Empire Chapter, No. 170.

A GLANCE AT RECENT ACQUISITIONS.

Among the musicians who have come into the lodge since the beginning of the twentieth century are seen such well-known names as those of Bros. Herman P. Forster, Boniface Vandeputte, Theodore Pusinelli, James A. Johnson, John Schilling, George A. Kampe, James B. Green, Maurice F. Smith, president M. M. P. U.; Vincent Barnable, Anthony Abarno, band leader; F. Ernest Erdmann, orchestra leader; William T. Francis, orchestra leader; John Gennaro, band leader; Arthur C. G. Weld, orchestra leader; Giacinto Scarrano, Balt. Kissenberth, William Fenrich, Anton P. Kleinfelder, Max F. Schmidt, orchestra leader; Samuel Schiller, orchestra leader; Thomas Cutty, orchestra leader; Louis F. Gottschalk, orchestra leader; Luigi Ferrari, Simon Finklestein, trumpet soloist; Max S. Friedman, Martin Van Praag, Louis Doll, orchestra leader; Bernard J. Tiemann, theatrical chorister; Frederick W. Ecke, orchestra leader; Giuseppe De Leo, Louis A. Lesure, Bruno Pfeiffer, Nicola Del Negro, Hugo Miller, Henry Van Praag, Frederick W. La Croix, Henry Hess, Albert Von Tilzer, celebrated song

writer and publisher; Solomon Pfeiffer, Albert Finklestein, Vincenzo Palmieri, George O. Marshall, orchestra leader; Emile Couchaud, David Fink, William J. Kerngood, orchestra leader; Frank L. Dettinger, Henry E. Newell, Donato A. Lauria, Alexander A. Finnie, Edward M. Lang, Albert H. Simerlein, August Schmehl, Herbert Hancock, the Bell brothers, Paul and Arthur; Julius Lenzberg, orchestra leader; Adolph Finklestein, Leon I. Strashun, Louis Kramer, Otto Keller, Philip R. Phillips, Antonio Bellucci, James E. Lay, and George Lucas.

MANY WELL-KNOWN ENTERTAINERS.

The actors, many of whom are at the head of large companies, in the order in which they joined include such well-known artists as Bros. William Lenhart, Harry B. Lester, Charles F. Semon, Martin Healey, Alva M. Holbrook, Frederick W. Mace, Joseph P. Swickard, Vernon, the ventriloquist; Karl Yalto, Thomas Boyd McQueen, operatic tenor; Van Rensselaer Wheeler, baritone; Bert Leslie, Charles S. Sinclair, J. Knox Gavin, John W. Ransome, leading comedian; William J. Cooke, vocalist; William Cutty, Jr., Percival T. Moore, Charles E. Eldridge, William T. Sissons, Jess A. Dandy, Frederick R. Schmidt, Frederick J. Titus, George B. Reno, Willy F. Zimmermann, world famous character impersonator; Homer E. Davis, Thomas B. Ross, Clayton E. White, James E. Rosen, diminutive comedian; Martin T. North, George A. Parr, Karl Pantzer, Bennett Smith Mitchell and Archibald McDonald.

Those connected with the numerous theatrical enterprises in other capacities are Bros. George H. Harris, manager; William H. Weber, Manager; Leon H. Curtin, manager; Jesse L. Oberdorfer, manager; Louis F. Oberwarth, manager; William D. Lang, electrician; Edward J. Mortimer, stage carpenter; Henry Griesman, master of properties; Joseph A.

Pile, treasurer; Max Weber, John M. Ostrander, treasurer; George I. Pitt, treasurer; Sampson Gelder, stage mechanic; Henry Gilman, stage mechanic; Franklin R. Comstock, treasurer; Henry T. Taylor, stage manager; Daniel Lang, electrician; George W. Braisted, Henry F. Ertheiler, manager; George A. Larbig, superintendent of Fourteenth Street Theatre; Edward Thompson, electrician; Edward Hirsh, stage manager; Benjamin Harris, manager; James R. Somes, stage manager; Robert H. Thorne, stage manager; Charles G. Shay, President T. M. A.; Arthur J. Bell, treasurer; Henry M. Weigle, stage manager; Douglas Gordon, stage carpenter; Edwin A. Voigt, master of properties; Frederick A. Schaeffer, August E. Kleinecke, Walter M. Russell, stage manager; Morris Blau, George H. Thomas, moving pictures; John C. Swope, manager; William P. Seigman, electrician; Francis J. King, stage carpenter; Hiram H. Dixon, electrician; George Koster, stage carpenter; Isidor H. Heck, manager; Daniel D. Bernstein, arranger of stage effects; James E. Brooks, stage mechanic; Bro. Edward J. Drugan, stage mechanic.

Various branches of the newspaper and printing trades have furnished the following, in the order named: Eugene J. Flynn, John T. Wardley, Albert B. Corcilius, Samuel McCandless, Alfred Browne, Morris Rosenberg, George H. Little, Albert D. Shipaugh, William S. Bishop, John H. Heilbeck, James Rainnie, James W. Keller, Henry M. Vanderslice, George J. Greenwood, William C. Jordan, Elmer E. Troxell, James Merson, Charles F. Shepard, William Bishop, John F. Parent, C. Mitchell, Edwin E. Entrican, Ward W. Hill, Martin A. Rosanoff, editor; William F. Wilhelm, Edgar R. Laverty, Leon A. B. Baradet, Wendell P. Bishop, J. P. Scofield, Lambert K. Peecook, Howard Punzelt, Charles Pepple, Rockwell Kent, Edwin W. Challenger, Herman Nauen, Albert C. Griffin, James Tole, William B. Tindle, John H. Clapham, Peter S. Duncan, Ralph A. Guth, Edward Rock, publisher; Mark S. Guth, Albert O'Donoghue.

MERCANTILE AND OTHER PURSUITS WELL REPRESENTED.

Many members have been gained from mercantile and other pursuits, among them, in order of seniority: William G. Jackson, salesman; Bro. William E. Brandon, engineer; Bros. Arthur C. Oesch and Henry M. Sugden, salesman; Bro. Victor Barton, manufacturer; Bro. Chalmers Hughes, cashier; Bro. Alfred O'Connor, importer; Bro. Andrew V. Johnson, undertaker; Bro. Adelbert Klockgeisser, restaurant; Bro. Joseph North, lumber; Bro. Ford Kniskern, steamship superintendent; Bro. William Levison, cigars and tobacco; Bro. Leon Schmapp, designer; Bro. Lucien J. Gangler, manufacturer; Bro. Joseph Ansbacher, notions; Bro. Vernon F. Preston, marine engineer; Bro. Albert W. Bailey, lawyer; Bro. George H. McDonald, New York Central Railroad; Bro. Carl E. Cunningham, insurance; Bro. Emanuel M. Friedman, lawyer; Bro. Henry J. McCormick, attorney; Bro. John E. Leffler, clerk; Bro. Edwin H. Harris, stock clerk; Bro. George W. De Haven, insurance; Bro. Edwin A. Rogers, secretary; Bro. John D. Cawein, real estate; Bro. John T. McRoy, electrical engineer; Bro. Richard A. Beale, artist; Bro. Frederick R. Grenny, pharmacist; Bro. Arthur L. Beckner, electrician; Bro. Alex. C. Barry, tailor; Bro. Benjamin Pflaum, electrician; Bro. Henry Westerman, tailor; Bro. William Poillon, curator of the American Numismatic Society; Bro. James E. Poillon, real estate; Bro. Sydney E. Graham, steamship tickets; Bro. William A. Beebe, marine engineer; Bro. William R. Cameron, druggist; Bro. Arthur E. Rendle, contractor; Bro. Geoffrey M. Weiler, salesman; Bro. Charles Korber, dentist; Bro. Hubert L. Hymes, shoes; Bro. Walter L. Gibbs, advertising; Bro. Albert R. Force, electrician; Bro. Albert P. Schultz, M.D.; Bro. Merritt W. Rogers, salesman; Bro. Albert Frank, supt.; Bro. William P. Seigman, electrician; Bro. Hugh R. Jack, sanitary inspector; Bro. Hugh S. Clutsom, hotel clerk; Bro. William McKiernan, telegrapher; Bro. Milton S. Rice, sign painter; Bro. David

A. Kistler, and Bro. Milton S. Kistler, real estate; Bro. Thomas Berger, bridge superintendent; Bro. Edward A. Feuchtwanger, mineral water; Bro. Nathan Rosenberg, secretary; Bro. Henry Leconte, automobile machinist; Bro. Charles H. Merisch, grocer; Bro. William Hilgenberg, painter and decorator; Bro. Winfield S. Weedon, hotel proprietor; Bro. John C. Lyon and Bro. H. W. Guernsey.

PREPARATIONS FOR CELEBRATING 1000TH COMMUNICATION.

Several brethren noticed that the meeting of January 15 was the nine hundred and eighty-fifth communication of St. Cecile Lodge, and were reminded of the near approach of the one thousandth meeting of the lodge. In order that such an important occasion might be duly celebrated, it was resolved by vote of the lodge to appoint a committee to make proper arrangements for the event. The Master named W. Bro. William E. Tway as chairman, with the following brethren: R. W. George Loesch, R. W. Robert Recker, W. Bros. George E. Wallen, George Johnston, C. Edward Low, James H. Curtin, Charles H. Govan, Bros. Henry W. Entwistle, William A. Baird, Henry W. Roe, John J. Dowers, Charles M. Williams, George D. Freestone, Philip Friedenberg, Fred W. Hager, James Rainnie, Carl F. Williams, Maurice Levi, Frank G. Howie, William J. Cooke, Mark Ellsworth, Simon Finklestein, Raymond Hitchcock, and Jefferson De Angelis.

Among those welcomed by the Master was W. Bro. John E. Morse, who had been confined to his home for three years by illness. W. Bro. Morse was formerly one of the most active workers, and his presence after such a lengthy absence gave his many friends as well as himself a great deal of pleasure.

Many pleasant hours were spent in the lodge room during the winter. The brethren were entertained with music by Bros. F. Ernest Erdmann, L. Ferrari, F. Sonty, N. Del Negro

and Albert Simerlein, the latter brethren forming a brass quartet which produced delightful music. W. Bro. Harry Alton Russell, the lodge Organist, played the piano accompaniments. Among the vocalists who volunteered were Bros. William J. Cooke and George Albert Parr. Bro. David Fink, well known as a soloist, contributed classical selections on the clarinet which were greatly enjoyed.

After an absence of seventeen years, during which period he has been a resident of California, Bro. Julius Kahn, well-known actor who forsook the stage to practice law, again visited St. Cecile, of which he has been a member ever since his initiation in 1888. As Representative from San Francisco in the National Congress, Bro. Kahn has made for himself a reputation for ability and integrity. He found many new faces in the lodge room, yet he was readily recognized by several old members. He told of the terrible destruction wrought by the recent earthquake and spoke of the wonderful progress being made in rebuilding the city. The older brethren remembered that 'way back in '88, when Bro. Kahn joined St. Cecile Lodge, he had often entertained the members with delightful recitations. He was therefore prevailed upon to give his famous rendition of "The Vagabonds." It is safe to say that none present had ever heard Trowbridge's celebrated lines more charmingly rendered than they were by Bro. Kahn on this occasion. The brethren were also entertained by Bro. Charles Edwin Brandt, a leading actor in successful dramatic productions.

"Greatest ever" was the slogan of the brethren having in charge the annual reception of the lodge, Thursday, March 7. And so it proved. Attachés of the Lexington Avenue Opera House said that it was the largest function of the year. Conservative estimates placed the number present at 2,900 persons. As in previous years the attendance, largely made up of members of the lodge with their families and relatives, was all that could be desired. Everything moved with surprising smoothness, notwithstanding the fact that

hundreds stood during the entire stage performance. It was a physical impossibility to seat all. Good order and decorum marked the entire proceedings. The evening's pleasure began with a stage performance by leading artists playing in the city, who cheerfully volunteered for the occasion.

PROGRAMME.

Overture—Selected . . . . . St. Cecile Orchestra
Direction Bro. Carl F. Williams
Pages, Miss Olive Skinner, Miss Josephine Clyde

1 Carroll and Cooke . . . . . New Comedy Sketch
2 Bro. Willy Zimmermann,
Impersonations of famous Composers and Musical Directors

Verdi	Metra	Maurice Levi
Creatore	Sousa	Hammerstein

3 Una Clayton and Company . . . . . "What's in a Name?"
4 Jack Norworth . . . . . The College Boy
5 Miss Daisy Harcourt . . . . . English Comedienne
6 Pilar Morin . . In a Dramatic Monologue Entitled "The Actress"
7 Frank Fogarty . . . . . The Dublin Minstrel
8 The Dancing Mitchels
9 Miss Gertie Reynolds and her Twirly-Whirly Girls
Singing and Dancing
10 Baby Elinore, child phenomenon, in Songs
11 Murray Sisters . . . . . Vocalists
12 Miss Sabery D'Orsel . . . . . The Little Nightingale
13 John Nestor . . . . . The Little Man with the Big Voice
14 Charlie Wilkens . . . . . The Boy in White
15 St. Cecialiascope . . . . Presenting the Latest Motion Pictures

The splendid orchestra, all members of the lodge, was composed of Bro. Carl F. Williams, conductor, with Bros. William Fenrich, Martin Van Praag, Gaetano Pinto, Anton Kleinfelder, Hugo Miller, Edward Lang, Fred Blodgett, Harry Van Praag, Bruno Pfeiffer, John Magdalin, Arthur Berry, Charles Freudenvoll, George Kampe, Nicola Del Negro, Fred. Sonty, Gustav A. Myers, John Schilling, Balt Kissenberth and August Schmehl. In addition to the orchestra there was a fine promenade band, composed of Bro. F. Ernest Erdmann, leader, and Bros. Louis Roeder, Edward Clarke, John Pfeiffer, Henry Hackert, Frank Stretz, David Fink,

Carl Wolff, Fred La Croix, Anthony Pinto, Luigi Ferrari, Alexander Finnie, Albert Simerlein, Oscar Grett, Martin Schlig and August Helmecke. A glance at these well-known names will indicate the superior character of the music provided.

One of the pleasantest incidents of an evening replete with enjoyment occurred in the dining hall when W. Bro. George W. Hackenberger arose and after complimenting W. Bro. William E. Tway upon the success of his year as Master, presented him as a token from the lodge a locket ornamented with diamonds. The inscription on the handsome gift indicated that the brethren of the lodge desired to evince in some way the popularity of the Past Master. For the first time in many years the genial personality of W. Bro. James H. Curtin was missed from the scene. The brother was laid up utterly helpless with muscular rheumatism. Bro. Frank G. Howie was also absent through illness. The reception of this year was of a size to start the brethren thinking as to what is to be the outcome in future years should the attendance continue to increase at the present rate. The principal work of arranging this affair was in the hands of a General Committee of forty-five trained and experienced brethren, with Bro. H. W. Entwistle, Senior Warden, as chairman; R. W. Bro. Loesch, treasurer. Of the numerous subsidiary committees, chairmen were: Reception, W. Bro. George W. Hackenberger; Refreshments, Bro. William A. Baird; Talent, W. Bro. George E. Wallen; Floor, Bro. Phil S. Friedenberg; Decorations, W. Bro. George W. Hackenberger; Stage, Bro. William J. Cooke; Music, Bro. F. Ernest Erdmann; Ushers, Bro. John J. Dowers; Box Office, Bros. Frank G. Howie and Joseph A. Pile; Door, Bro. Joseph Davidoff; Badges, Bro. Phil S. Friedenberg; Carriages, Bro. George D. Freestone.

The accompanying table shows the dates of the elections of former years, together with dates of installations and public entertainments:

This table will doubtless revive many recollections of pleasurable experiences now treasured as never to be forgotten memories.

INSTALLATIONS AND ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENTS.

Master.	Date of Election.	Public Installation.	Installed By.	Place and Date of Annual Entertainment.
Widdows.....	July 11, 1865	.....	Holmes....	
"	Dec. 19, 1865	.....	Thorpe.....	
Ilsley.....	Dec. 18, 1866	.....	Widdows...	
"	Dec. 17, 1867	.....	Macoy.....	
Burnett.....	Dec. 15, 1868	.....	Ilsley.....	
Downing.....	Dec. 21, 1869	.....	Wiltsie.....	
Sherwin.....	Dec. 20, 1870	.....	Macoy.....	
Decker.....	Dec. 19, 1871	.....	Sherwin....	
"	Dec. 17, 1872	.....	Boak.....	
"	Dec. 16, 1873	.....	Boak.....	
Hopkins.....	Dec. 15, 1874	.....	Boak.....	
"	Dec. 21, 1875	.....	Boak.....	
"	Dec. 19, 1876	.....	Boak.....	
Leonard.....	Dec. 18, 1877	.....	Thorne....	
"	Dec. 17, 1878	.....	Boak.....	
Jacoby.....	Dec. 16, 1879	.....	Brown.....	
Allen.....	Dec. 21, 1880	.....	Morrison...	
"	Dec. 20, 1881	.....	Morrison...	
"	Dec. 19, 1882	Jan. 2, 1883	Morrison...	
"	Dec. 18, 1883	Jan. 15, 1884	Roome.....	
Latham.....	Dec. 16, 1884	.....	Flagler.....	
Agan.....	Dec. 15, 1885	.....	Ehlers.....	
Decker.....	Dec. 21, 1886	Jan. 4, 1887	Roome.....	Commandery Room.
Govan.....	Dec. 20, 1887	Jan. 3, 1888	Ehlers.....	Commandery Room.
Morse.....	Dec. 18, 1888	Jan. 15, 1889	Ehlers.....	Commandery Room.
Schlig.....	Dec. 17, 1889	Jan. 7, 1890	Ehlers.....	Grand Lodge Hall.
Donogh.....	Dec. 16, 1890	Jan. 6, 1891	Ehlers.....	Grand Lodge Hall.
Recker.....	Dec. 15, 1891	Jan. 5, 1892	Sherer.....	Grand Lodge Hall
"	Dec. 20, 1892	.....	Ehlers.....	Chickering Hall, Jan. 10
"	Dec. 19, 1893	Jan. 9, 1894	Ehlers.....	Grand Lodge Hall.
Curtin.....	Dec. 18, 1894	Jan. 8, 1895	Stewart....	Grand Lodge Hall.
Low.....	Dec. 17, 1895	Jan. 7, 1896	Gillie.....	Grand Lodge Hall.
"	Dec. 29, 1896	.....	Ehlers.....	Chickering Hall, Jan. 26.
Bisnett.....	Dec. 21, 1897	Jan. 11, 1898	Ehlers.....	Grand Lodge Hall.
"	Dec. 20, 1898	.....	Recker.....	Star Theatre, Jan. 27.
Clayton.....	Dec. 19, 1899	.....	Ehlers.....	Chickering Hall, Feb. 27.
Thieler.....	Dec. 18, 1900	.....	Akers.....	Terrace Garden, Mar. 27.
Greene.....	Dec. 31, 1901	.....	Ehlers.....	Lenox Lyceum, Jan. 23.
Loesch.....	Dec. 30, 1902	.....	Ehlers.....	Terrace Garden, April 2.
Wallen.....	Dec. 29, 1903	.....	Duncan....	Terrace Garden, Mar. 10.
Johnston.....	Dec. 20, 1904	.....	Ehlers.....	Terrace Garden, Mar. 9.
Tway.....	Dec. 19, 1905	.....	Ehlers.....	Terrace Garden, Mar. 8.
Hackenberger.	Dec. 18, 1906	.....	Ehlers.....	Terrace Garden, Mar. 7.
" .	Dec. 31, 1907.	.....	Silver.....	Lexington Opera House, Mar. 5, 1908.
Entwistle.....	Dec. 30, 1908	.....	Ehlers.....	Lexington Opera House, Mar. 4, 1909.
Dowers.....	Dec. 21, 1909	.....	Ehlers.....	Lexington Opera House, Mar. 3, 1910.
Shepard.....	Dec. 20, 1910	.....	Ehlers.....	Lexington Opera House, Mar. 15, 1911.
Williams.....	Dec. 19, 1911	.....	Ehlers.....	Lexington Opera House, Mar. 6, 1912.
Holcomb.....	Dec. 31, 1912	.....	Ehlers.....	Great Charity Ball, 71st Reg't Armory, Feb. 12, 1913.
Erdmann.....	Dec. 30, 1913	.....	Ehlers.....	Lexington Opera House, Mar. 18, 1914.
Brodie.....	Dec. 29, 1914	.....	Ehlers.....	Lexington Opera House, Jan. 18, 1915.
Tindle.....	Dec. 21, 1915	.....	Ehlers.....	Hotel McAlpin, Dec. 6, 1916.

At the communication of March 19, Bro. Charles M. Williams, Historian of the lodge, reported that the Lodge History was completed and ready for publication. The Master

thereupon appointed as a committee to devise ways and means for printing the book R. W. George Loesch, W. Bro. William E. Tway and Bro. Charles M. Williams.

It was learned with pleasure that M. W. Townsend Scudder, Grand Master, had, on April 1, appointed W. Bro. George E. Wallen as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado near the Grand Lodge of New York. No stronger evidence of the high regard in which Bro. Wallen is held could be desired than was evidenced by the attendance at the meeting of April 16, when R. W. Bro. Wallen received his certificate. The presentation was made by Most Worshipful John Stewart, Past Grand Master, who spoke in earnest terms of the great esteem in which the Right Worshipful Brother is held by the brethren. After placing in his hands the appointment of the Grand Master, Bro. Stewart, on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. Wallen with an elaborately decorated apron appropriate to his station in the grand body. Bro. Wallen made a brief speech of thanks in accepting the gift. R. W. Daniel S. Dougherty, District Deputy of the Seventh, then addressed the lodge in regard to the children in the Masonic Home at Utica. Among the many distinguished brethren present were M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, members of the Square Club and the Masonic Club, and a great number of others distinguished in the fraternity. Telegrams of congratulation were received from several prominent Masonic friends. Among the visitors from foreign jurisdictions were a member of the Grand Lodge of Norway and a member of the Grand Lodge of Hungary. Appropriate music was contributed by an orchestra of thirteen pieces, under direction of Bro. F. Ernest Erdmann.

DEATH OF TWO WELL-KNOWN MEMBERS

Intelligence of the serious illness of W. Bro. William H. Donogh was received at the lodge meeting of March 27. The malady was believed to be diabetes, accompanied by a soreness of the foot. The latter grew rapidly worse, necessitating several operations. Finally the leg was amputated at the hip.

From this operation the patient never rallied, and on the morning of Tuesday, April 9, W. Bro. Donogh breathed his last. Masonic funeral services were held at the residence in Brooklyn on Thursday evening, at nine o'clock. There were present W. Bro. George W. Hackenberger, the Wardens of the lodge, and fifteen brethren. A brief sketch of Bro. Donogh's life will be found in the annals of 1891 in this volume.

Another old member who died very suddenly, on Monday, April 29, was Bro. Theodore Austin Cays, who affiliated from Joppa Lodge, No. 201, in January, 1879. Bro. Cays had been walking outdoors with his wife about the noon hour, and upon entering his residence threw himself down on a lounge with the remark that he did not feel very well. In an hour his estimable helpmate was horrified to find him dead. The cause of his sudden demise was attributed to an attack of acute indigestion. Bro. Cays was a printer, in later years a proof-reader. He served in the Eighty-eighth New York Volunteers during the Civil War, and was a member of Phil Sheridan Post, No. 14, Department of the Potomac. While employed upon a metropolitan newspaper, after the war, he lost the sight of one eye. Soon afterward he obtained a position in the Government Printing Office at Washington, D. C. Eventually he lost the sight of his remaining eye, becoming totally blind six years before his death. He was still able to perform many tasks in a satisfactory manner notwithstanding his great handicap, but finally retired from active labor, subsisting mainly on his pension from the Government. Bro. Cays was of a cheerful, sanguine temperament, which caused him to be a welcome visitor at lodge meetings whenever he could attend. He was well known to almost all the members, who admired him for his courage and honesty. In addition to St. Cecile Lodge Brother Cays had been for forty years a member in good standing of the International Typographical Union, a national labor organization renowned for its beneficent enterprises. He was threescore and ten at the time of his death, but looked a great deal younger. Masonic services were

held at the residence in Harlem on Wednesday afternoon, W. Bro. George W. Hackenberger presiding, assisted by a number of the brethren. The interment was in Kensico Cemetery, and was attended by a committee from the lodge.

There was a large attendance at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, which began its sessions in the Grand Lodge Hall, Tuesday, May 7. The following musical programme was rendered by the lodge band:

ORCHESTRA OF ST. CECILE LODGE, NO. 568

ASSISTED BY THE

METROPOLITAN LADIES' QUARTETTE

Direction of Bro. F. Ernest Erdmann

AT 1.30 PRECISELY

Overture—"Semiramide" . . . . . Rossini
Selection—"Il Trovatore" . . . . . Verdi
Selection—"La Traviata" . . . . . Verdi

AT 2 P. M.

ENTRANCE OF COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE

March—"The Gladiators" . . . . . Tobani

ENTRANCE OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

March—"Shot and Shell" . . . . . Erdmann

ENTRANCE OF GRAND MASTER AND OFFICERS AND PERMANENT MEMBERS OF GRAND LODGE

Coronation March—"Folkunger" . . . . . Kretchmar
Ladies' Quartette—"The Palms" . . . . . Faure
Accompanied by String Quintette
'Cello Solo—Bro. Sol Pfeiffer . . . . . Selected
Ladies' Quartette—"The Lost Chord" . . . . . Sullivan
Accompanied by String Quintette

MEMBERS OF ORCHESTRA

Conductor, Bro. F. Ernest Erdmann

Bro. Martin Van Praag,
" Anton Kleinfelder,
" William Fenrich,
Bro. Lester Hirsch,
" Hugo Miller,
" Edward Lang, *Violins.*

Bro. Max Friedmann, *Viola.*
" Sol. Pfeiffer, *Cello.*
" Bruno Pfeiffer, *Bass.*
" Arthur Berry, *Flute.*
" Chas. Freudenvoll,
" David Fink, *Clarinet.*
" Louis Roeder, *Trumpet.*

Bro. John Pfeiffer.
" Fred Sonty, *Cornet.*
" Carl Wolff,
" Fred La Croix, *Horns.*
" Gustav A. Myers, *Trombone.*
" John Magdalin, *Small Drum.*
" August Schmehl, *Bass Drum.*

Constitutional notice having been given, the brethren were summoned May 21 for the purpose of taking up the recommendations of the committee appointed to revise the by-laws. The various sections had been carefully considered, and after hearing the report of the committee it was decided by vote of the lodge to accept the recommendations as a whole. The by-laws as amended are in full as follows:

ARTICLE I.

This lodge shall be known and designated as ST. CECILE LODGE, No. 568, Free and Accepted Masons, working under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1.—The regular Communications of this Lodge shall be held on the First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays of each month, at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon (omitting those on legal holidays). Between the last Communication in June and the Second Communication in September the Lodge may take a recess, subject to the call of the Master.

SEC. 2.—Special Communications may be called by the Master upon any emergency which he may deem necessary; but no business shall be transacted at such Special Communication except that for which it is called.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1.—The elective officers of this Lodge shall be: Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustees, who shall be elected annually by ballot at the last stated Communication in December, for which the Lodge shall be summoned.

SEC. 2.—The appointive officers shall be: Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, two Masters of Ceremonies, Chaplain, Marshal, Organist and Organist's Assistant, Tiler, Assistant Tiler, two Stewards, and a Historian.

SEC. 3.—There shall be a Finance Committee of three, appointed by the Master at his installation, whose duty it shall be to examine the books, vouchers, etc., of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustees, and from time to time, as required, report in writing to the Lodge. They shall also examine and audit all bills, accounts and claims presented to the Lodge for payment and report thereon in writing at each meeting of the lodge.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1.—The duties of the Master and Senior and Junior Wardens shall be as provided by the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from Secretary, give his receipt for the same, keep true and faithful account thereof, and pay all drafts that have been passed and found correct by the Finance Committee, on the warrant of the Lodge, signed by the Master and attested by the Secretary. This warrant shall constitute a check, and shall not be honored at the bank upon which it is drawn unless it is signed by the Master, Secretary and Treasurer, with the title of office opposite each signature. He shall deposit all moneys received by him as Treasurer to the credit of the Lodge in banks designated by the Trustees. He shall keep an account of the receipts and disbursements and submit a complete report to the Lodge at the last stated communication in December, or at other times if the lodge so directs, of the amount of expenses of the Lodge and moneys in his hands, or in banks; and when legally called upon he shall deliver up all money in his hands, books, papers, etc., belonging to the Lodge, to his successor in office.

SEC. 3.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all Communications of the Lodge, to keep a correct and true record of all proceedings of the same, keep the accounts between the Members and the Lodge, receive all moneys for dues, initiations, etc., and pay them over without delay to the Treasurer, and take his receipt therefor, which shall be his voucher in settlement of his account; conduct the correspondence of the Lodge, under the direction of the Master; notify the Members of the Lodge of all Special Communications at the order of the Master; furnish the Chairmen of Special Committees with the names of their associates, together with a copy of the resolutions or subject referred to them by the Lodge; also the residence of the candidates proposed for initiation or affiliation, stating their references, etc.; and shall notify candidates of their election or rejection. He shall file in the Grand Secretary's office, immediately after every Election of Officers, the names of the Master,

and Senior and Junior Wardens; make out a return to the Grand Lodge as often as the Law requires; notify the Grand Secretary of every Suspension or Expulsion, Restoration or Rejection in the Lodge. He shall, at all Regular Communications of the Lodge, have the minute book and all other documents of the Lodge for reference if required, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge; and at the expiration of his term of office he shall transfer all books, papers, seal, and any other property of the Lodge in his possession, to his successor in office. And for the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive four hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, and be exempt from the payment of Lodge dues during the period he serves as Secretary.

SEC. 4.—It shall be the duty of the Organist to preside at the organ and perform such music as the Master may direct; and for the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive five dollars for each Communication at which he officiates, payable quarterly. The Assistant to Organist shall receive one dollar and twenty-five cents for each Communication, payable quarterly.

SEC. 5.—It shall be the duty of the Tiler to keep all the properties clean and in order for the meetings of the Lodge; in all respects he shall be under the direction of the Master; and for the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive three dollars for each Communication at which he shall officiate, payable quarterly.

SEC. 6.—The Board of Trustees shall consist of three members, to be chosen by ballot at the Annual Election, one of whom shall be elected by the Lodge each year, to hold office for the term of three years.

SEC. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Trustees to hold in trust all Real and Personal property of the Lodge, subject to its direction and control, and deposit all moneys received by them in savings banks to the credit of the Lodge.

SEC. 8.—Any vacancy or vacancies in the Board of Trustees shall be filled by an election, at any stated Communication of the Lodge, the members thereof being duly summoned for that purpose.

SEC. 9.—No Trustee shall be eligible to the office of Treasurer, or appointed on the Finance Committee, during his term as Trustee.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1.—Any member of the Lodge desiring to propose a candidate for membership therein must first give notice thereof to the Lodge on the form furnished by the Lodge known as "Intention to Propose." A copy or abstract of such notice of "Intention to Propose" must be inserted in at least one regular notice of Lodge meeting, and mailed to each member before the proposition can be received.

SEC. 2.—Any person desirous of being initiated in this Lodge must be proposed in writing by a member thereof at a Stated Communication; the member making the proposition shall state therein the age, birthplace, profession, and residence of the person proposed. If the Lodge consent to receive the proposition, it shall be referred to a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to make a thorough investigation into the Physical, Mental, and Moral qualifications of said candidate, and make a report at the next Stated Communication thereafter, unless further time be granted, provided a period of two weeks shall have elapsed. On the report of said Committee being made, the Lodge shall proceed to ballot for the candidate, and if no black ball appear against him, he shall be declared elected; but should one black ball appear against him, the Master may, at his discretion, order another ballot, when, if a black ball finally appears, he shall be rejected.

SEC. 3.—No person can receive any Degree in this Lodge, or become a member thereof, who is not of mature age, sound in mind, possessing a good character, a trade or profession, or some visible way of acquiring an honest and respectable livelihood, and acknowledging a belief in the existence of an ever living and true God.

SEC. 4.—A Mason desiring to become a member of this Lodge by affiliation must produce a certificate of having paid his dues in his former Lodge, and of his having left the same in good standing, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 2 of this article.

ARTICLE VI.

PROPOSITIONS.

SEC. 1.—Every proposition for Initiation in this Lodge shall be accompanied by a fee of $10, which, if the candidate be elected, shall constitute part of his initiation fee, and in no case shall a proposition be received unless accompanied by such fee.

SEC. 2.—If a proposed candidate be rejected, the proposition fee shall be returned; but if an elected candidate shall fail to present himself for initiation or membership within six months after his election, the election shall be null and the proposition fee forfeited, unless sickness or absence from the city has been the cause of such failure, when the time may be extended by the Master or Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

FEES AND DUES.

SEC. 1.—The initiation fee shall be $30.00. The affiliation fee shall be $10.00.

SEC. 2.—The annual dues shall be $6.00, payable semi-annually.

SEC. 3.—Any member neglecting to pay his dues for one year shall be disfranchised from voting for any officer of the Lodge, or from holding any office, either elective or appointive, and shall be liable to the penalty of unaffiliation.

SEC. 4.—A member may withdraw from this Lodge by presenting a written application therefor at a Stated Communication, provided he is clear on the books. Such Brother may at his request be restored to membership at any Stated Communication by a majority vote, taken by a show of hands.

SEC. 5.—A member whose name has been stricken from the roll cannot again become a member of this Lodge without paying his indebtedness.

SEC. 6.—A brother of this Lodge shall not be suspended or expelled from membership, unless charges be preferred, duly specifying his offence, presented by a brother in good standing, and the accused being allowed full opportunity to make his defence.

ARTICLE VIII.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1.—The Master and Wardens shall constitute a Relief Committee, whose duty it shall be to investigate all applications for assistance. This committee shall have power to afford immediate relief in cases of emergency, but in no case shall a sum exceeding Ten dollars be donated at one time.

SEC. 2.—Special Committees may be appointed upon any business, and consist of as many members as the Lodge may think proper.

All Committees shall report at the next stated Communication subsequent to their appointment, said report to be in writing unless otherwise permitted by the Lodge. All Committees shall be appointed by the Master unless otherwise provided for.

Members who are appointed to serve upon Committees shall feel bound in honor to give patient and diligent attention to the business of their appointment, and shall faithfully report their conclusions to the Lodge.

ARTICLE IX.

DISCIPLINE, OFFENCE, TRIALS, ETC.

SEC. 1.—An offence in Masonry is defined to be an act which contravenes these By-laws, any constitutional rule or edict of the Grand Lodge, any infraction of the unwritten law of Masonry, any law of the land, or any law of God.

SEC. 2.—When an offence has been committed by a member or members of this Lodge against the laws of Freemasonry and charges are preferred

thereon, it shall be the duty of the Master to appoint a commission of not less than three or more than seven disinterested members of the Lodge, who shall appoint a time and place for the trial most convenient for those interested and summon the parties and their witnesses. After due investigation of all the facts of the case the Commissioners shall found their judgment thereon and give notice to the parties interested. A majority must concur in such judgment, which, if approved by the Lodge, shall be final, unless an appeal is taken therefrom to the Grand Lodge within six months, in which case it shall be the duty of the Commissioners, upon receiving notice of such appeal, to transmit their report to the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE X.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be repealed, annulled, altered or amended, provided a proposal in writing so to do shall have been presented to the Lodge at least two stated Communications previous to action thereon; when, if two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of the amendment, it shall be adopted.

Several very important changes have been made in the laws. The second section of the fourth article changes the method of handling lodge money; the third section increases the Secretary's salary. A new section is incorporated in Article V., making it necessary to give previous notice before proposing candidates for membership. Another notable change is the entire elimination of the former section relating to funeral benefits.

When it was learned that Bro. Joseph Davidoff, the Senior Steward of the lodge, was contemplating a trip to Europe, his friends determined to mark his departure with some evidence of their good will. Bro. Davidoff was inveigled to the rooms of the Masonic Club on Monday afternoon, May 27, the day before he sailed, where to his surprise he found a score of the brethren awaiting him. After the exchange of greetings, and on behalf the brethren, W. Bro. William E. Tway addressed Bro. Davidoff, expressing in glowing terms the affection in which he was held, and concluded by attaching to the esteemed brother's watch chain a handsome Masonic

charm in the form of a locket. Bro. Davidoff, taken by surprise, found difficulty in expressing his thanks. The brethren all wished him bon voyage and a safe return.

FELLOWCRAFT CLUB IS STARTED

The formation by Bro. John J. Dowers, Senior Deacon, of an organization among the members of St. Cecile to be known as the Fellowcraft Club met with the hearty approval of the Master, as well as the support of the brethren. The principal object of the club is to assist the Senior Deacon in improving the degree work. Such an organization will doubtless be the means of bringing out new talent and promoting sociability among the lodge members. The president is Bro. John J. Dowers; the secretary, Bro. Herman Nauen. Other members enrolled are: W. Bro. George W. Hackenberger, R. W. George E. Wallen, W. Bros. William E. Tway, C. Edward Low, Bros. Harry W. Entwistle, Albert O'Donohue, George Kellington, Theodore Tobani, Charles F. Shepard, E. Feuchtwanger, William J. Cooke, Joseph Davidoff, David Fink, David C. Patterson, Mark Guth, George H. Thomas, August Schmehl, D. D. Bernstein, S. Finklestein.

Earnest support by the Worshipful Master encouraged the members of the Fellowcraft Club, and one of the practical results was the division of the Second Degree lecture into several parts, giving an opportunity for brethren from the floor to recite some portion of the ritualistic work in the lodge room. This had the effect of bringing to light unexpected talent, and stimulated interest in the work.

Among the visitors welcomed by the Worshipful Master at the second communication in July was R. W. William J. Duncan, convalescent after a long illness. A good natured raffle was held this day in the corridors for a gold watch, for the benefit of the widow of Bro. Theodore C. Cays. Bro. George Delaney, of the *Morning Telegraph,* won with No. 342, and generously returned the watch to the widow.

Bro. George Kellington received the formal thanks of the Lodge for his efforts in this praiseworthy project, which realized a substantial sum. During the hour of refreshment there was a delightful concert by Bros. Ernest F. Erdmann, Simon Finkelstein, Edward Lang, Frederick Blodgett, Albert Simerlein, Anton P. Kleinfelder and John Schilling and at the close of the Master's degree the lessons of the historical legend were explained in an instructive and pleasing manner by R. W. Edward C. Ehlers, P. G. D. C.

CELEBRATION OF THE 1000TH COMMUNICATION

Preparations had been going on for some time, under the able direction of W. William E. Tway, chairman of a large and enthusiastic committee, and on July 30, there was an outpouring of brethren that completely filled the Commandery Room to its utmost capacity. For quite a lengthy period W. George W. Hackenberger, the Master, had his hands full welcoming the visiting delegations, and giving appropriate greeting to the great number of distinguished visitors. The room was handsomely decorated for the occasion, and there was an orchestra of some thirty pieces directed by Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann.

After an invocation, Rev. Thomas Losee, Chaplain of the Lodge, was invited by the Worshipful Master to address the assemblage. The Chaplain alluded principally to the reasons St. Cecile Lodge had for thanksgiving. Bro. Charles Miller Williams, the Lodge Historian, was the next speaker, and he briefly outlined some of the greater activities of the Lodge, describing the part taken by the Lodge at the building and consecration of the Masonic Hall in which we were now so happily assembled. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, was introduced and received an ovation lasting several minutes. His references to the personality and character of the founders of the Lodge, all of whom he had known, were enthusiastically applauded. At the con-



Geo. W. Hackenberger

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clusion of his address, he called for Bro. Thomas S. Nedham, the first Junior Warden, now in his 88th year, and as Bro. Nedham advanced to the east, the orchestra struck up "Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot," the entire assemblage rising and joining in the singing. It was a most inspiring scene. M. W. John Stewart, Past Grand Master, felicitated the Lodge upon its prosperity and the esprit de corps prevailing. After these addresses a luncheon was spread in the adjoining banquet hall, where, owing to the crowd, the brethren were served in relays. During intervals there was stirring music by the orchestra. W. Frank Elting, Master of University Lodge, No. 610, Philadelphia, with a large delegation, was received with honors. Among the many distinguished brethren present were several hundred Masters and a large proportion of the Grand Lodge officers. In every particular the celebration was a success. Before the close of the meeting copies of the first edition of this work were received and distributed, and the Lodge was complimented by everybody on the fine appearance of the book.

At the communication of August 6 the committee in charge of the 1000th Communication Celebration were the recipients of many compliments on the fine affair provided. At this communication, on the recommendation of the Historian, a resolution of thanks was adopted, and with a substantial sum of money, given to Bro. Hinmers T. White, of Crescent Lodge, No. 402, for valuable assistance as reviser in the printing of the Lodge history.

Bro. John C. Swope, in his forty-seventh year, died at Centreport, L. I., on August 6. The Lodge was summoned in emergent communication, and the brethren left the city by rail at 10:15 A. M., on the 10th inst. The Masonic service for the dead was read by the Worshipful Master at the residence. About twenty brethren, together with the relatives and friends, then followed the remains to the cemetery near by. Bro. Swope, who had been treasurer of the Rice and Barton theatrical enterprises, was a brother of

Barton and George Swope, of St. Cecile Lodge, all of whom are favorably known in the theatrical world.

According to the programme arranged early in the spring by the committee having the enterprise in hand, it was planned to have a public jollification in celebration of the 1000th Communication to follow the more dignified and formal communication held behind the tiled doors of the Lodge room. Invitations were sent out for the evening of September 11th, and Terrace Garden was brilliantly illuminated in anticipation of the usual St. Cecile throngs. The hall was tastefully decorated, and over the stage hung "Welcome," in brilliant electric lights. But alas! A heavy thunder storm came up in the early evening which deterred many timorous ones, and the attendance was somewhat disappointing, considering the great throngs one is accustomed to see at St. Cecile entertainments. However, the fair-sized crowd who came enjoyed a splendid evening of dancing interspersed with stage performances, and a bountiful lunch was provided in the adjoining restaurant hall. Among the artists who contributed to the pleasures of the occasion were Miss Ray Cox, "the girl from Dixie"; Bro. Charles Semon, known as the "narrer feller"; Frank Fogarty, who sang of Erin's Isle; Bro. George B. Alexander, who came from Boston expressly to appear; and Bro. Ed. Rogers' spectacular production, "Cotton Blossoms." A handsomely printed booklet, written and arranged by R. W. George Loesch, describing St. Cecile Lodge, was presented to each person present. W. William E. Tway was chairman of the committee with Bro. John J. Dowers as treasurer, and Bro. Philip S. Friedenburg as floor manager. The stage, as usual, was under the direction of W. James H. Curtin.

Lodge brethren who were at this time suffering from various forms of illness were not forgotten by those more fortunate, and every meeting was replete with reports concerning the relief of distress. Bro. Herman P. Foerster was in the German Hospital, where he had been for two months, ill

with various disorders, but was now reported on the mend; Bro. Elmer L. Ingalls, in St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, was reported to be quite ill; Bro. Albert Mishler was in the hospital at Franklin, Pa., and there were others ill at their homes. The Master and brethren kept in close touch with the sufferers, and, wherever possible, relief was given.

In October the brethren enjoyed a novelty during the rendition of the second degree lecture, as delivered by R. W. George Loesch, who introduced an accompaniment of violins and 'cello, the music being contributed by Bros. Ernest F. Erdmann, Sol Pfeiffer, Henry Mueller and Max Friedman. This proved to be a regular St. Cecile Lodge innovation, strikingly characteristic of our talented membership. During the refreshment hour there was also a pleasing instrumental concert provided by the same artists. A committee was at this time appointed to provide a suitable testimonial for presentation to the Historian.

The Worshipful Master had the unexpected pleasure of a visit by R. W. Louis Donnatin, District Deputy, who addressed the brethren on the subject of a donation toward the purchase of a new organ for the Home in Utica. It is rare indeed that any appeal for a worthy cause goes unheeded in St. Cecile Lodge, and on this occasion the District Deputy was quickly made happy by a substantial check. At this communication, also, the committee having in charge the disposal of certain articles belonging to our lately deceased brother, Charles H. McPherson, reported that they had realized a tidy sum, and were discharged with thanks.

Agreeable to notice previously given, R. W. Louis Donnatin, District Deputy, made his official visitation on Tuesday, October 29. In anticipation of this important function there were present a large attendance of the brethren, including many visitors. The distinguished representative of the Grand Master was escorted by many members of the historic Square Club. R. W. George E. Wallen presented the District Deputy in a eulogistic speech and after a warm

welcome by the Worshipful Master the District Deputy was received with the more formal honors befitting his high station. Bro. Donnatin delivered a stirring address which was liberally applauded by the brethren.

As a pleasant reminder of this occasion W. William E. Tway presented to Bro. Donnatin a handsome gold pocket knife, suitably inscribed, for which Bro. Donnatin very cheerfully paid a small coin to relieve the minds of any who hold to old superstitions. This coin later on figured in the receipts of the day, causing no end of merriment among the brethren. At the conclusion of the Master Mason degree R. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy gave an explanation of the third degree legend which gained for him the applause of all hearers, as well as the more formal expressions of gratitude from the Master. During the refreshment hour instrumental music of superior excellence was contributed by a number of the Lodge brethren, under the direction of Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, all of which added greatly to an afternoon long to be remembered with pleasure.

The first Tuesday of November being a public holiday, no communication was held on that day, but a "special" was called for the succeeding Thursday, the 7th inst. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, detained by important business, Bro. Harry W. Entwistle presided, and the Fellow Craft degree was conferred on candidates in due form, after which the Lodge closed. Bro. William M. Thoms, who had become incapacitated through illness, requested permission of the Lodge to go to the Utica Home. At the communication of the third week of November the Worshipful Master reported that he had placed Bro. Thoms in that splendid institution, where in all probability he would regain his health amid the salubrious breezes of the Mohawk Valley. The newly printed by-laws were distributed and read with interest. Among the visitors welcomed at this time were R. W. Louis Donnatin, District Deputy, and Bro. L. F. Armbrecht, Junior Deacon, St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 865, Chicago, Ill.

BAZAAR PREPARED BY THE LADIES

Those who visited the Commandery Room on the second Tuesday afternoon of December certainly had a surprise, for the entire floor had the appearance of a fancy bazaar. For weeks fair ladies had been at work preparing for their "day" at the Lodge, and with them came their gifts of beautiful and useful articles for distribution among the "guests" at the Masonic Home in Utica. There were presents for all, young and old. Handsome articles for the ladies; pipes and tobacco, pocketknives and substantial wearing apparel for the men; toys and candies of every description for the children. Everything had been selected by the ladies with an eye to practicability as well as beauty. Enthusiasm affected all, and eyes beamed brightly with the conscious pride of work well done. The brethren of the Lodge showed their appreciation by adding liberal contributions of money. Mrs. George W. Hackenberger was chairman of a large committee of ladies who vied with each other in their laudable endeavors and were highly complimented on their successful enterprise.

About two o'clock the St. Cecile Orchestra of twenty-five pieces, under the direction of Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, struck up a lively air as the ladies entered and took seats. The entertaining programme contributed by the artists who generously volunteered included Lamberti, musician; Harry Thompson, "His Honor, the Mayor"; Kenyon and De Garma, equilibrists; Lyonette Sisters, singers; John F. Clark, whose stories convulsed the ladies with laughter; Miss Annie Morris, comedienne; John Nestor, "the little man with the big voice"; Miss Beatrice Haines, singing and dancing; Wells and DeVeaux, eccentric musicians; McKenna and Marre, travesty. Refreshments were then served. Everywhere words of praise were heard. It was a brilliant affair, viewed from any standpoint. There was a capacity attendance, which included many well known in Masonic social circles.

The splendid success of this function was due to Bro. Frank G. Howie, chairman General Committee; with Bros. Ernest F. Erdmann, Carl Williams, Gustav A. Myers, Music Committee; R. W. George E. Wallen, W. James H. Curtin, Bros. Harry T. Taylor and Joseph Pyle, Talent Committee; R. W. George Loesch, W. George W. Hackenberger, Bros. Harry W. Entwistle and William A. Baird, Reception Committee; W. William E. Tway, refreshments; Bro. John J. Dowers, ushers; Brother George D. Freestone, carriages. The daily press commended in glowing terms the generosity shown in this timely enterprise.

At the communication of December 17 the Worshipful Master had the pleasure of greeting W. Francis S. Ginther, with a delegation of the good brethren from the City of Brotherly Love. Upon the conclusion of the Third Degree, the work of the day, M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers explained the lessons of the historical legend in his own eloquent manner, holding the undivided attention of all. A feature of the afternoon was the presentation of a valuable gold watch, suitably inscribed, to Bro. Charles Miller Williams, Historian of the Lodge. The beautiful gift was handed to the delighted recipient by W. George W. Hackenberger, with earnest words of appreciation and commendation, being a souvenir of the labors incidental to the compilation and printing of the Lodge records in a volume known as "1000 Communications of St. Cecile Lodge." During refreshment Bro. Charles Edwin Brandt gave several amusing recitations, R. W. George Loesch recited " 'Osler Joe," and there was a pleasing musical programme contributed by Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, violin, accompanied by W. Harry Alton Russell, piano.

CONCERT AT THE MONTEFIORE HOME

There was a fine entertainment provided for the enjoyment of the guests resident at the Montefiore Home, on Tuesday, December 19, under the auspices of the Lodge. Bro.

William D. Lang was theatrical director, while Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann directed the orchestra. Bro. "Jimmy" Rosen (Buster Brown) was the official announcer.

PROGRAM FOR CONCERT

March, "Old Faithful".....Abe Holzman
Selection, "The Merry Widow".....Franz Lehar
Potpourri, Southern Airs.....Theo. M. Tobani
Medley .....J. Bodewalt Lampe
Fantasia, "An American Abroad".....John W. Bratton

PROGRAM FOR ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. W. C. Weeden (Merry Widow Co.).....Tenor
Mr. C. W. Reynolds.....Accompanist
Miss Lucy Monroe.....Imitations
Mr. Chas. Alphin.....Piano Solo
Mr. Herbert Davis (Courtesy of Witmark & Son).....Baritone
Mr. Edgar Atkinson Ely (Dairy Maids Co.).....Songs
Miss Bennett .....Dances
From "Maxims" Scene in the season's greatest hit, "The Merry Widow"
Mr. Luis Gottschalk of St. Cecile Lodge will conduct specially in this number.

ST. CECILE ORCHESTRA

Musical Director, Ernest F. Erdmann; accompanist, Bert Helms.

Violins: William Fenrich, Lester Hirsch, Edward Urbach, Philip Leve, Max Friedman, John Pfeiffer, Edward Lang, Anthony Pinto, Anton Kleinfelder, Hugo Miller, J. Edward Lay. *Violas:* John Magdalin, Louis Kramer. *Cello:* Alexander Jenrich. *Basses:* Isaac Wessel, Bruno Pfeiffer. *Flutes:* Arthur Berry, Gaetano Pinto. *Clarinets:* David Fink, Charles Freudenvoll. *Horns:* Carl Wolff, Willy Bley. *Cornets:* Louis Roeder, Frank Martin. *Trombones:* Fred Blodgett, Gustave A. Myers, Sig. Pollatschek. *Euphonium:* Luigi Ferrari. *Drums:* August Schmehl, August Helmecke.

Of the eleven deaths recorded for the year 1907, that of W. William H. Donough was first. Brother Donough was a man of strong physique, and early in the nineties was quite active in the Masonic fraternity. His career is referred to elsewhere in this volume. He was at one time Grand Chaplain of the Order of the Eastern Star, in addition to his ac-

tivities elsewhere in Masonry. In the fall of 1906 his foot became infected from a small injury, and he was finally compelled to go to St. John's Hospital, in Brooklyn, for treatment. From time to time it became necessary to amputate several of his toes, and at last the entire limb had to be removed. From the effects of this operation Bro. Donough never rallied, and he finally passed away on the 9th of April. The Masonic services were held at the residence in Brooklyn, and were very largely attended by brethren of the fraternity and friends. Other deaths during the year included Bro. Theodore C. Cays, April 29; Bro. George O. Foster, May 31; Bro. Charles H. McPherson, August 1; Bro. John C. Swope, August 6; Bro. Louis A. Johnson, September 12; Bro. Albert W. Bailey, September 27; Bro. Samuel Weston, November 1; Bro. Agostino P. Cerillo (Stengler), one time solo clarinetist in P. S. Gilmore's famous band, December 2; Bro. William A. Beebe, December 17; W. C. Edward Low, who dropped dead while conversing with Bro. Harry W. Entwistle in front of the World Building, December 21.

A résumé of the year showed a net gain in membership of twenty-one. A feeling of enthusiasm not to be measured in prosaic statistics was clearly manifest over the "good" year in the Lodge. The annual meeting was held on the last day of December at which time the genial features of M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, the beloved Grand Secretary, were missed, owing to the death of his wife. Resolutions of sympathy were adopted, and a floral piece was sent. R. W. Elmer E. Silver, Grand Librarian, presided during the election, which was mostly of a perfunctory character. W. George W. Hackenberger was prevailed upon to continue for another year the excellent work begun under his administration, and the other stations and places were quickly filled. After hearing the annual reports and electing the officers, they were installed by Bro. Silver, assisted by R. W. George Loesch as Grand Marshal. The day was then happily closed with a jolly luncheon at Bro. "Billy" Ross's restaurant.

1908.

At the first communication of January the brethren had the pleasure of listening to a stirring address on timely Masonic topics by Bro. Samuel Gompers, of Dawson Lodge, No. 16, Washington, D. C. As the honored president of the powerful American Federation of Labor, Bro. Gompers has for years been a conspicuous figure in the national life.

When it became known that R. W. George W. Hackenberger, the popular Master of the Lodge, was about to branch out in business for himself, resolutions of "good wishes" were adopted by the Lodge, and to give them a practical form a handsome floral horseshoe, bearing the legend, "Good Luck," upon it, was sent by the brethren to grace the new enterprise.

Some of the good ladies of the Eastern Star, having a desire to start a new chapter in Brooklyn, communicated with the Lodge as to whether there would be any objections to their naming the new lodge "Saint Cecile." Being assured that the brethren felt complimented by their good taste in the selection of a name, the ladies proceeded with their plans, sending to the Lodge a grateful letter, which was duly made known to the brethren.

Striking examples of the lengths to which Masons go in practicing the precepts of the fraternity were displayed during the holiday season. Bro. William B. Wilson, of St. Cecile Lodge, having passed away, a request was made that University Lodge, No. 610, conduct services in Philadelphia, in behalf of St. Cecile. A large gathering of Pennsylvania brethren answered an emergent call, and in spite of a drenching downpour of rain, Bro. Wilson was given full Masonic honors at the grave. A truly commendable example of duty well done. Two weeks previous, a similar service

was performed at Carlisle, Pa., over the remains of W. C. Edward Low, who suddenly succumbed early in December. At the request of St. Cecile Lodge the brethren of Cumberland Star Lodge promptly responded, and took entire charge of the funeral of Bro. Low, who was a native of that city. Letters expressing the deep gratitude and appreciation of the St. Cecilians were promptly forwarded to the Pennsylvania brethren.

Another instance, though of an entirely different nature, occurred in New Orleans. A Fellow Craft of St. Cecile Lodge, who was traveling with a theatrical company in the South, was very anxious to complete his membership, as he had been absent from New York for a long time. Linn Wood Lodge, No. 167, was requested to co-operate in the matter. As no other time was available for the purpose except Sunday, the Grand Master was appealed to in the dilemma, and he gave formal permission to work the degree on that day. It is said that this was the first time authority was given in the State of Louisiana to work a Masonic degree on Sunday.

Many other instances of fraternal courtesy by brethren in distant parts of the country could easily be cited did space permit. One other notable instance, in passing, was the courtesy exhibited by the brethren of Osiris Lodge, No. 26, Washington, D. C., who hastened to grant a request from St. Cecile. At no time has any but the most perfect courtesy been shown by all lodges in foreign jurisdictions, responding to calls for service.

No metropolitan Masonic winter social season would be complete without the St. Cecile annual entertainment and ball, and feminine members of the families of brethren of the Lodge are always on the qui vive up to the moment of culmination of the affair, and it is a fact that no hall in the city is too large to accommodate the throngs who grace these delightful functions.

According to arrangement, on the first Thursday evening

in March the brethren and their friends gathered in the spacious halls and balconies of Lexington Opera House and soon that popular resort was filled to its utmost capacity. A splendid stage performance was followed by dancing, with merry parties gathering betimes in the dining halls. It was a typical St. Cecile crowd, jolly but decorous, bringing together the families of the members of the Lodge in a sort of annual reunion. From the first number on the stage to the last dance, every detail was arranged and carried out in a manner that reflected distinction on the Lodge in the fine character of the programme. Bro. John J. Dowers was chairman of the General Committee, and the stage was under direction of W. James H. Curtin. These were aided by numerous sub-committees, all working harmoniously, and a brilliant success was a foregone conclusion. The dawn was breaking when the last happy couples departed for their homes.

Bro. "Tom" Nedham had been married just sixty years on the 9th of March, and the brethren got together on the evening of that day and proceeded to Bro. Nedham's residence for purposes of congratulation. Sixty beautiful American Beauty roses were arranged tastefully in a handsome basket and presented to the venerable brother, together with the love of the Lodge brethren. The evening was afterwards spent in pleasant converse, with music and refreshments, and "Tom" was in high spirits. Just fourteen days later our dearly loved friend was cold in death. He was the last of the original coterie of officers who started St. Cecile Lodge in 1865. Never lived a finer example of rugged honesty and simplicity of character. The Great Architect had blessed his industry and frugality, so that in the later years he had an abundance of this world's goods, and he was enabled to live to the age of fourscore and ten, esteemed by all who knew him. The following letter, written by Bro. Nedham, quite a while before his demise,

was placed in the archives of the Lodge, to be read after his death. The lines are truly indicative of Bro. Nedham's love for St. Cecile Lodge:

23 West 82d Street, New York.

Dear Brethren:

When you receive this the hand that is now writing it will be cold in death, and I have left directions that the only service I desire to have held over my remains shall be that of the Masonic Order. I hope the brethren of St. Cecile will come, at least a goodly number of them, to take a last look at their old associate now, on the last occasion of meeting him forever. M. W. Brother Edward M. L. Ehlers long ago promised me to read the ritual as set forth for that purpose. You will please therefore notify him that the time to do so has at length arrived, and I doubt not he will duly respond to such notice.

To the dear brethren of my beloved Lodge I leave my fraternal greeting, with the hope that it will continue to prosper and be the beneficent dispenser of the love and charity which has for so long been characteristic of it. And so, dear friends, I bid you all a loving adieu.

Thomas S. Nedham.

It is needless to say Bro. Nedham's wishes were carried out to the letter, and the funeral ceremonies were all that he could have desired. During the services there was instrumental music written by Bro. Nedham expressly for this last sad ceremony, one of the numbers being "Sing Me to Sleep."

Those who attended Lodge meetings were constantly reminded of the fact that "operative masons" were about, and the noise of the mallet and chisel became very familiar sounds in the Lodge room. This was so much the case that on several occasions it was found necessary to remove to quieter quarters in other parts of the Temple. The noise was due to the work on the new Masonic Hall adjoining, now in course of construction.

"St. Patrick's Day" was celebrated in the Lodge with Third Degree, and special Irish music, generously provided by Bros. Ernest F. Erdmann, Gustav A. Myers, and other "hibernians," W. Harry Alton Russell playing the accompaniments. The gayety of the refreshment hour was somewhat softened by the Worshipful Master's announcement that during the preceding week he had attended the funeral of W.

Francis S. Ginther, of University Lodge (honorary member of St. Cecile), in Philadelphia. A committee was this day appointed by the Master to dispose of several musical instruments in aid of the widow of a deceased Master of the Lodge. Bros. Robert Iverson, Henry Hess, August Zeiss, Gustav A. Myers and Ernest F. Erdmann were named to perform this service.

Bro. Darius Minshull received expressions of sympathy from the Lodge on the death of his wife, followed a week later by that of his infant daughter. Bro. Samuel Friedman also had the sympathy of the brethren on the death of his mother. The Lodge was kept busy at this time with applicants for financial relief, mostly caused by illness among the brethren.

A project for arranging a monster picnic of all the "matinee" bodies was frowned upon by the committee appointed to consider the scheme, and the whole matter was promptly dropped. Bro. Imro Fox was present and mystified the brethren with sleight of hand performances in the Lodge room. During April there was plenty of music, vocal and instrumental, but mostly the latter, to delight the brethren. The average attendance was unusually large. On one occasion Bro. George H. Thomas entertained the Lodge with a brief lecture on "Eyescopitis." As usual, the St. Cecile orchestra entertained the Grand Lodge this year with a fine concert during its annual session. Bro. Charles Miller Williams, who was leaving for a lengthy tour of Alaska, was given a jolly dinner by the Lodge officers and many of the bretheren, who gave him a good sendoff.

It was learned with sincere regret that our good brother, R. W. August Eickleberg, had lost his estimable wife by death. Resolutions of sympathy were thereupon ordered sent. Several of the brethren also attended the service, and the Lodge sent a beautiful wreath of flowers. About this time the brethren were shocked at tidings of the sudden death of Bro. Eugene O. Jepson, who dropped dead from

the excitement attendant upon the burning of the theatre in which he was playing in Buffalo, N. Y. He was a man of the most lovable character and his demise was lamented by a host of friends. A memorial service, held by the Lodge, brought out a very large attendance. During the ceremonies a magnificent eulogy on our departed brother was delivered by Mr. F. F. Mackey, after which the Masonic funeral service was read.

Strange to relate, the summer months found no diminution in the appeals for financial assistance. From every part of the United States and Canada, from the Pacific to Atlantic, distress was reported. Nor were these calls confined to worthy brethren of the Lodge; many also came from outside sources. To each and all of these the Lodge gave respectful hearing, granting such assistance as possible, and also contributing to public charities, such as free ice funds, excursions to the seashore for crippled children and to other eleemosynary enterprises of a similar character.

The death of Most Worshipful John Stewart came as a great shock to his friends. The end came with startling suddenness, from an affection of the heart. While serving as Grand Master, Bro. Stewart honored St. Cecile Lodge with a Grand Lodge appointment, the first in thirty years. Bro. Stewart was so well known that his death caused profound sorrow throughout the fraternity. He was made an honorary member of St. Cecile Lodge in 1902, and was exceedingly popular with the brethren.

For the first time in years it happened at a communication during the summer that there was no work because of the non-appearance of the candidates. Several had been notified, but the exigencies of their professional labors had interfered with their attendance. The brethren took advantage of the unusual circumstance to extend the refreshment hour, and with song and story the time was very pleasantly spent. This day the genial Senior Deacon, Bro. C.

St. Cecile Lodge



No. 568

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MASONIC TEMPLE. N.Y.

CONSTITUTED JUNE 28. 1865.

MEETS FIRST, THIRD
AND FIFTH TUESDAY
AFTERNOON OF EACH
MONTH AT 1.30 O'CLOCK

Frank Shepard, appeared with an unusually expansive smile, which the brethren soon learned was caused by Bro. Shepard's recent marriage.

R. W. John E. Virden, District Deputy of the Seventh, made his official visit to the Lodge at the third communication in September, and was greeted with a large audience, which filled the Commandery Room. The Square Club turned out in force as escort to the distinguished representative of the Grand Master. Bro. Virden's address was listened to with deep interest by all, being both practical and interesting. There was an orchestra of twenty-seven instruments, conducted by Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann. It is to be regretted that no record of the names of these generous musicians is obtainable in order that they might be preserved in this volume. The occasion gave opportunity for a pleasant surprise to our good brother "Ernie," who was called before the altar and presented with a handsome baton, suitably inscribed, as a slight testimonial of the love of the brethren. At any time, for any worthy purpose, Bro. Erdmann has ever been ready to furnish for the good cause of Masonry almost any instrument or any number of them, from a bass fiddle to a violin, from a soloist to a complete band or orchestra. The brethren, therefore, viewed this presentation with manifestations of approbation, feeling that it was but a very slight token for unusually proficient and generous service. Bro. Erdmann modestly attributed the success of the various musical programmes given to the generosity of the musicians themselves who are always available. Then R. W. George Loesch was called to the altar, and the Grand Secretary, on behalf of Bro. Loesch's admirers in the Lodge, presented him with a gold Masonic charm to be worn on his watch chain. This souvenir was in the form of a Past Master's jewel, and pleased the blushing recipient very much. W. Charles H. Govan, Bros. George B. Alexander, Charles H. Falke, William Pruette, Percival Moore and others entertained

the brethren with song and story. This communication deserves remembrance for its many pleasant features.

Consideration of the ladies' annual matinée took up some time for discussion early in October. The question of purchasing some plots in the Kensico Cemetery, for Lodge use, also came in for a share of attention, and a committee was finally appointed to consider the proposition. Bro. Charles Miller Williams, Lodge Historian, was this day welcomed home after six months spent in the wilds of Alaska, and gave an interesting account of Masonry in that far distant land, as he found it in and about the Arctic Circle. During the "daylight" period, when the sun shines all the time, by night as well as by day (about five months in the year), all lodges are necessarily "daylight" lodges.

Among those reported as suffering and ill were Bro. R. A. Roberts, left leg broken, right elbow and several fingers broken in an automobile accident; Bro. Charles Peppel, ill; Bro. James W. Walker, arm broken, and several others suffering from a variety of complaints.

GREAT CHRISTMAS OFFERING BY THE LADIES

On the second Thursday of December, in accordance with prearranged plans, the ladies took possession of the Commandery Room, and from every available nook and cranny there was displayed beautiful specimens of feminine handiwork, mostly of a practical and useful character, all to be presented as Christmas offerings to the guests of the Masonic Home in Utica. A genuine spirit of generous Yuletide remembrance pervaded the atmosphere. Mrs. George W. Hackenberger was as usual chairman, assisted by a large committee of ladies. The attendance was so large that several hundred ladies were compelled to return home, unable to reach the upper floors owing to the crush. Beholders said it was wonderful. The ladies were entertained with a splendid show given by the Lodge. Dur-

ing intermission a hundred amateur waiters, selected from among the handsome brethren, endeavored to serve the fair visitors with luncheon in the main hall. These brethren soon realized that their work had been cut out for them, and loudly called for reinforcements, until finally all the men about the place were busy. Those ladies who came early and got into the building said they had had "the time of their lives."

This concluded the more important work of the year, with the exception of the annual meeting, which was held on the third Tuesday of December. At that time the annual reports were read by the various officers, and each showed a good share of prosperity. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers was again seen in his accustomed place as the rèpresentative of the Grand Master to conduct the election and install the new officers. Bro. Harry W. Entwistle was elected as Worshipful Master, together with Bro. John J. Dowers, Senior Warden; Bro. C. Frank Shepard, Junior Warden. The newly installed Master announced his appointments, and all were installed except the Senior Steward, unavoidably absent. The brethren afterward adjourned to Bro. Ross's restaurant nearby, where a substantial repast awaited them.

1909.

W. Harry W. Entwistle (Compositor)—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, March 17, 1903. Appointed Senior Master of Ceremonies, 1904; elected Junior Warden, 1906; Senior Warden, 1907-8; Master, 1909; Trustee, 1910-11-12-16.

The Worshipful Master of this year was born in Canterbury, England, in 1868. In early manhood Bro. Entwistle displayed considerable talent as a singer, and has been a member of several musical organizations in this country. Of late years, however, he has mostly confined his natural

love of music to listening to others. As a presiding officer Bro. Entwistle was noted for fine ritualistic work according to the official standards. As compositor on various newspapers Bro. Entwistle is favorably known in Boston and New York, and is popular wherever he goes.

As the newly elected officers had all served apprenticeships in Lodge work, the business of the Lodge moved with precision. As usual, the early winter found many of the brethren ill, and before the end of the first month of the year the Worshipful Master found plenty to occupy his time in visiting the sick. During the month there were two deaths. Emergent calls brought out the brethren to attend these funerals. A pathetic parting took place during this time, when a worn brother of the Lodge, unable to support himself and wife, was obliged to seek refuge in the Utica Home, while his helpmeet, afflicted with an incurable malady, was admitted to the Home for Incurables in this city. The couple thus separated by misfortune were never to meet again, as death carried away the wife before the husband, hastily summoned, could reach her side.

Committees were busy early in the year with the multifold preparations necessary to the success of the St. Cecile annual entertainment and ball, which was held this year at the Lexington Avenue Opera House on Thursday evening, March 4. The fact that a fierce snowstorm prevailed during the day did not discourage the St. Cecilians, for the spacious halls were well filled long before the curtain rose on the first number presented by the entertainers on the stage. It was an audience to inspire the artists to do their best, and every number was generously applauded. Dancing followed the stage performance, the grand march being led by W. Harry W. Entwistle, with his charming wife by his side; others in the festivities included practically everybody of Masonic prominence. R. W. George E. Wallen was chairman of the General Committee, assisted by W.

William E. Tway as chairman of Talent, Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann chairman of Music, and Bro. Phil S. Friedenberg as floor director.

ACTIVE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP ADOPTED

Due notice having been sent out previously, R. W. George Loesch moved the adoption of the following amendment to the by-laws, and after considerable discussion by the brethren at a summoned meeting the same was adopted and ordered printed in the laws of the Lodge:

"After a member of this Lodge shall have been in good standing for thirty consecutive years he shall be eligible to 'Active Honorary Membership.' The proposition for such membership must be made by a member in regular standing and must be referred to a committee consisting of five members of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to investigate the merits of the proposition. The full particulars of the proposition, together with the names of the investigating committee, must be printed in at least one regular lodge notice before it can be acted upon. Upon a majority report of the said committee the proposition shall be voted upon by the members present by a show of hands, and it shall require at least a two-thirds vote in favor of the proposition in order to declare the brother elected to said 'Active Honorary Membership.' The 'Active Honorary Members' shall be exempt from the payment of dues, but shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the regular members and also subject to all penalties. The name or names of the 'Active Honorary Members' shall be printed in the lodge roster each year, following the list of 'Honorary Members.' "

This was regarded as a fitting testimonial to any brother who for thirty years continuously has kept himself in touch with the affairs of the Lodge, whether holding office or not.

The first communication in March was made exceedingly enjoyable by reason of the unexpected visitation of the District Deputy of the Seventh, R. W. John E. Virden, who addressed the brethren on the subject of a memorial window for the Utica Home. On motion $75 was donated for that purpose, and this beautiful window may be seen by visitors passing through the well-appointed library in that admirable institution. Upon the conclusion of the District Deputy's remarks, W. George W. Hackenberger was called before the

altar and presented with a valuable gold watch, fob and charm, as an expression of the appreciation of the brethren for his invaluable services to the Lodge during two years as Worshipful Master. The presentation was made by R. W. George Loesch, on behalf of the Lodge, and Bro. Hackenberger received an ovation which lasted for some minutes. It was a grand tribute to a well beloved brother. A fine musical programme rendered by St. Cecile's own orchestra added much to the afternoon's pleasure. There were several humorous recitations contributed by some of the theatrical brethren. The attendance filled the Tuscan Room to its capacity.

One of the distinguished visitors early in the year was R. W. John Lovejoy, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, who gave a most interesting description of St. Cecile Lodge as he found it more than forty years before.

The first signs of spring brought with changing temperatures many cases of illness among the brethren. W. George W. Hackenberger was laid up with the grip; Bros. Archie R. Kerr, Edgar R. Laverty and William S. Ridgeley were also reported as being ill. The wife of Bro. Walter L. Knyvett (Vernon, the ventriloquist) was reported as being seriously injured by a leopard in the Zoo at Portland, Oregon. The animal reached through the bars of his cage and viciously clawed Mrs. Vernon, and was only beaten off with difficulty. The death of Bro. William J. Castle, formerly a member of St. Cecile Lodge, was reported from Chicago, April 1. Bro. Castle was a noted operatic tenor, who frequently sang in the Lodge many years ago. Bro. Harry F. Ertheiler was buried with Masonic funeral honors, April 9, in the presence of the Worshipful Master and a large gathering of the brethren.

Dimits were granted to Brother Edmund L. Hatfield to join a Lodge in Chicago, Ill., and to Bro. Edward Quinn, one of the founders of a matinee lodge in Newark, N. J.,

to be named St. Cecile. The Grand Lodge dues this year amounted to $672.75, which was significant of the Lodge's great growth. The attendance at Lodge meetings during the winter was very satisfactory, and the communications were generally noted for interest. Some fine music was contributed by Bro. Sol Pfeiffer, 'cello solos, after which there was a splendid classical concert by Bros. Ernest F. Erdmann and Hugo Mueller, violins; Bro. Sol Pfeiffer, 'cello; Bro. Max Friedman, viola; W. Harry Alton Russell, piano.

Fortunate indeed is that Lodge whose members carry with them in their travels afar thoughts of home. St. Cecile Lodge owes in no small measure its popularity to this very fact. Many of the theatrical brethren, as they journey, are wont to write cheering messages to be read to the Lodge, sending a word of greeting to the loved ones "at home." As indicative of that wholesome interest read the following:

NATHANIEL D. MANN,

CHICAGO, Mar. 2nd, 1909.

TO THE MASTER, WARDENS AND BRETHREN OF ST. CECILE LODGE, NO. 568, F. & A. M.

BRETHREN:

Upon this the twentieth anniversary of my having been raised in St. Cecile Lodge, I deem it an honor and privilege to extend to all the Brethren my sincerest and warmest greeting of fellowship. From the day that I became a Master Mason I have had a grateful heart and a warm spot for my "Mother." While it is true that of late years I have been unable to be with you in the flesh, yet in the spirit I have been with you alway.

I have been receiving the notifications from our beloved Secretary, who in a measure has apprised me of all that has taken place within the confines of the Temple.

It is with great gratification and joy that I have been watching (even though from a distance) the growth and good fellowship which has been existing in St. Cecile Lodge since my advent, and I desire to say I deem it a joy and privilege to be counted as one of its members, even though I may not see you as often as my heart desires.

With brotherly love, and again extending the hand of fellowship, I am,

Always yours,

NATHANIEL D. MANN.

[Brother Mann was called from labor to rest in April, 1915, while traveling in California. Details of the service will be found under that year.]

Early in March the subject of giving a memorial service in remembrance of the brethren who had recently died was brought up for discussion, and as a result R. W. George Loesch was appointed chairman of a committee to arrange the details. The service, which was held in the Commandery Room on the afternoon of the fourth Tuesday in April, attracted an audience of ladies and gentlemen which filled the hall to its limit, and was impressively performed throughout. In the center of the hall there was a large bier, which from time to time was decorated with the several floral offerings. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers delivered the oration, and there was superior vocal and instrumental music befitting the beautiful ceremony.

Tuscan Room was filled with brethren and visitors on the third Tuesday in May, all gathering to witness and take part in the work of the Third degree. The first portion of the work was taken up at twelve o'clock noon, thus giving more time for the special features of the day later on. Five Fellowcrafts were duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, after which the lessons of the historical legend were beautifully interpreted by R. W. William E. Wilkinson, P.D.D., 7th District. There was an orchestra of sixteen pieces, conducted by Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, and as an added feature Bro. S. Finkelstein played cornet solos. An enthusiastic vote of thanks was tendered to Brother Erdmann and the generous brethren who gave so freely of their time and talents for the entertainment of the Lodge members. Bro. Dan Dody was the recipient of numerous congratulations on the arrival of a lusty young son at his home, and showed his happiness by giving a concert a la siffleur.

As usual, the Grand Lodge appointments of the Grand Master were looked forward to with considerable interest,

as every one seems to feel that the official lightning is liable to strike almost anywhere, and, who knows—"I may be appointed." However, this time the Grand Master did select St. Cecile Lodge for grand honors, and the brethren were greatly pleased to learn that R. W. George Loesch had been named as the District Deputy of the Seventh District. The appointment could be taken as nothing more or less than a very high personal compliment. By motion, duly carried, the Trustees were ordered to clothe Bro. Loesch in a manner befitting his exalted station. At the first communication of July the formal presentation took place in the Commandery Room. Every available space was occupied, and many were in the corridors outside, unable to gain admission. The Lodge notices contained a handsome picture of the District Deputy, and spoke of his long and faithful service. Although the Third degree was on the trestle board, the occasion was really an ovation for Brother Loesch. W. George W. Hackenberger formally presented the apron, and R. W. Richard Shepard, Jr., P.D.D. of the Seventh District, with eloquent words presented the jewel of office, solid gold, ornamented with a large diamond, and properly inscribed. Bro. Loesch was deeply moved by these evidences of the love of the brethren, and voiced his assurances that his best efforts would ever be given to the craft in the future, as they had been in the past. Brother Ernest F. Erdmann led a band of twenty pieces, which provided most delightful music. There were also solos by Bros. Sol Finkelstein and Carl Wolf. Bro. Jefferson De Angelis sang several amusing songs, and Bro. Will J. Cooke sang ballads. After the Lodge closed the brethren adjourned to a nearby restaurant and made merry.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT AT HOME FOR INCURABLES

Agreeable to promise, the Lodge gave an entertainment at the Home for Incurables on Friday, July 23. There was a very appreciative audience. Contributed was a pro-

gramme of rare excellence, and seldom have artists of the stage felt better repaid than were the contributors on this occasion. At times many eyes were moist with tears of pleasure.

PROGRAMME.

St. Cecile Orchestra.....Overture
Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, conductor.
Bro. Thomas A. Wise, "Gentleman from Mississippi".....Recitations
Mrs. William E. Annis.....A Musical Treat
Assisted by Reed and St. John.
Bro. Jefferson De Angelis.....Songs and Dances
Miss Flora Zabelle.....Songs
Earl Brennan .....Monologue
George Evans' "Honey Boy Minstrels".....Vocal Selections
Bro. Raymond Hitchcock .....In Comicalities
Rorert Emmett Lennon, "Yankee Prince Co.".....Tenor Solos
Barry Brothers, "Cohan & Harris Minstrels".....Artistic Dancers
Clarence Marks, "Cohan & Harris Minstrels".....Bass Solos
Vaughan Comfort, "Cohan & Harris Minstrels".....Tenor Solos
Accompanist, Mr. Brady.

The happiness depicted in the faces of the invalids was sufficient expression of appreciation for the generous ones who came to bring the sunlight of joy into the hopeless existence of these whose lives are one long exhibition of patience. The Committee in charge of the entertainment included W. Harry W. Entwistle, W. George W. Hackenberger, W. George E. Wallen, Bros. Raymond Hitchcock, Ernest F. Erdmann, James Rosen, John Magdalin. Bro. William D. Lang was the efficient stage manager.

Bro. Charles J. Greene died of pneumonia on June 9, and services were held by the Lodge at the undertaking parlors of Bro. James B. Smith; Bro. "Billy" M. Young, who fought in the navy during the Civil War and who was initiated April 7, 1874, was well known to all the members of the Lodge as "the man with the blue woollen shirt," died suddenly June 11. His funeral was held in the Grand Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, and was very largely attended. About



Harry W. Entwistle

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1909.

this time it was reported that Bro. Frank B. Carr was lying ill in a hospital in Chicago, and W. James H. Curtin took a flying trip out to the city by the lake in order to satisfy himself that Bro. Carr received proper attention. Bro. Otto W. Stigler, an Entered Apprentice of the Lodge, died August 1, and the estimable wife of Bro. James B. Smith passed away on August 12. Mrs. Emil Recker died September 4th, and was buried in Kensico Cemetery. In July Bro. Edward J. Drugan was taken to Bellevue Hospital suffering from a broken leg, and was later removed to his home.

The Lodge was visited in the late summer by R. W. George Loesch, District Deputy, who recommended that every brother of the craft in the State be taxed a small sum to raise funds for the enlargement of the chapel at the Utica Home. On motion the Lodge contributed $100 for that commendable purpose. Among the old-timers present and assisting in the work was the venerable brother, W. David H. Agan, Master in 1886. Bro. Charles Miller Williams, Historian, delivered the lecture in the Fellowcraft degree, and the brethren were entertained with beautiful songs and ballads by Bro. Thomas Boyd McQueen and William Fullerton. Bro. Abel S. Holcomb was appointed Junior Master of Ceremonies, to fill a vacancy.

A visitation by officers and men from the British battleships *Inflexible* and *Drake,* then in the upper harbor, made the first Tuesday in October a notable day. Bro. John H. Ryley, formerly a popular member of the Lodge, now a resident of England, was also welcomed by the Master, and expressed his pleasure at meeting again with his old friends. Bro. Arthur Cunningham sang magnificently for the entertainment of the brethren, and was obliged to repeat several times. Bro. Forrest gave several pleasing songs also, as did Bro. "Billy" Fullerton. The historical legend was explained in a forceful and interesting manner by R. W. Percy W. Howard, P.D.D., 5th District. Instrumental music was provided by Bros. Ernest F. Erdmann, violin; Bert Helms,

piano; Sol Pfeiffer, 'cello; and Bro. Henry Van Praag, piano. It could not be said that there was at this season any lack of the "melody of delightful sensations."

The 1063d communication, held on November 30, 1909, was one of the historic events in the life of the Lodge. After the formal opening of the Lodge, and the disposal of the routine business, the Worshipful Master announced that the time had come to take leave of the Tuscan Room, where the Lodge had been meeting continuously since 1885, and proceed to the Renaissance Room, in the new building adjoining. There were short addresses by Bro. Larry O'Reilly, first initiate under the charter in 1865; by Bro. Isaac Friedenberg, by Bro. Charles Miller Williams, Historian, who gave a brief summary of the work performed in the Tuscan Room; by Bro. John G. Pfeiffer, and by several other brothers. After the speeches a wide circle was formed about the altar, and clasping hands the brethren solemnly sang "Auld Lang Syne," after which a procession was formed and, headed by the band playing a lively march, the brethren wended their way into the new room. The Band:—

Bro. ERNEST F. ERDMANN, *conductor.*
" NICOLA DEL NEGRO,
" WILLIAM KEATING
" A. WEEDLE,
" V. MIANO, *cornets.*
" CHAS. FREUDENVOHL,
" FRANK STRETZ, *clarinets.*
" LUIGI FERRARI, *Euphonium.*
" ARTHUR BERRY,
" ANTHONY PINTO, *Piccolos*

Bro. CARL G. WOLFF,
" JOHN MAGDALIN, *horns.*
" A. GRISWOLD, *tuba.*
" GUSTAV A. MYERS,
" ALEXANDER FINNIE,
" GEORGE POOLEY,
" T. PEARCE, *trombone.*
" JACOB WOLF, *bass.*
" AUGUST HELMECKE, *drums.*

In spite of the stirring music, there were wet eyes and the brethren were far from feeling cheerful, even amid the artistic beauties of the newer and more lavishly appointed surroundings of the Renaissance Room.

At the first communication in December framed certificates were presented to the several veterans who had rounded

out the full thirty years or more of continuous membership in the Lodge. The presentation was made by R. W. George Loesch, District Deputy of the Seventh, in words expressive of the love and respect in which the happy recipients were held by the brethren of the Lodge. Those who were present and received their certificates are as follows, with number on the roll:

52—Alexander Davis.....Raised January 29, 1867
58—John G. Pfeiffer, formerly Senior Warden.. Raised March 5, 1867
80—W. Allan Latham, Master in 1885.....Raised June 30, 1868
168—Joseph L. Henning, Treasurer 1890-1895.Raised January 16, 1877
178—W. Charles H. Govan, Master in 1888.....Raised May 21, 1878

Certificates had also been prepared for Bro. Christian Plate (No. 42), now residing in Germany, who signed the By-Laws December 4, 1866; Bro. Reuben Withers (No. 167), signed January 16, 1877, but who was too feeble to leave his home in the country; and for Bro. William M. Young (No. 141), whose death, June 11th, occurred before the certificates were ready for presentation. Bro. Young was raised in St. Cecile Lodge April 7, 1874. Other interesting features of this same communication included the presentation to Bro. Frank Stewart Rix, of Newburgh Lodge, No. 309, of a certificate of honorary membership, he having been elected to that distinction some time previously. W. William E. Tway handed Bro. Rix the framed certificate with many complimentary allusions to Bro. Rix's long service in the fraternity and of the universal esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. In accepting the honor conferred, Bro. Rix said he felt very much flattered, and at the conclusion of his remarks handed in his application for full membership in St. Cecile Lodge by affiliation, all of which was greeted with hearty applause by the brethren. Another feature of the day was the presence of no less than eleven Past Masters of the Lodge, who temporarily occupied the various stations and conferred the Master Mason degree in

a manner which elicited words of warmest praise from all. The veteran, W. John E. Morse, was present and took an active part in the degree work. The stations and places were filled as follows:

W. George W. Hackenberger.....Worshipful Master
R. W. George E. Wallen.....Senior Warden
W. William E. Tway.....Junior Warden
W. Charles H. Govan.....Senior Deacon
W. James H. Curtin .....Junior Deacon
W. Harry A. Greene.....Senior Master Ceremonies
R. W. George Loesch.....Junior Master Ceremonies
W. Allan Latham.....Senior Steward
W. John E. Morse .....Junior Steward
Bro. James B. Smith.....Chaplain
Bro. George Kellington.....Marshal

Past Masters Merritt W. Larabee and George Johnston were also present, and assisted in the work. This may well be regarded as one of the most successful roundups of "the old guard" ever held by the Lodge. Many never took an active part in another, having answered the summons which sooner or later calls each of us from labor to rest. The Lodge was edified by a splendid discourse delivered by R. W. John Lloyd Thomas, Commander-in-Chief of the Scottish Rite. Among the notable visitors welcomed was W. William Williams, of Robert Burns Lodge, England.

Ladies' Day was set down for the third Thursday in December, and as usual the attendance was measured only by the capacity of the Grand Lodge Room. The entertainment was one of exceptional excellence, and included some of the leading singers of the city. Among the artists who contributed to the enjoyment of the occasion were Bro. Carl E. Dufft, baritone; Mr. John M. Spargur, violinist; Miss Fannie Hirsch, soprano; Mrs. Mildred Hirschberg, contralto; Bro. William Fullerton, tenor; and Mr. Horace Britt, solo 'cellist of the Victor Herbert orchestra. W. Harry Alton Russell contributed a fine organ number, and Mr. J. Bertram Fox presided at the piano. This entertainment was

arranged by Bros. Joseph Greenbaum, Robert W. Iverson, and Phil Friedenberg.

Prosperity in the Lodge may be best illustrated perhaps not so much by numbers gained, as rather by the superior quality of the material added. Some of the additions of recent years follow:

ACQUISITIONS FROM THE MUSICAL WORLD

True to its original character as a musical lodge, the membership is constantly augmented from the ranks of the musicians who delight the lovers of the art with the works of the world's greatest masters. Among the musicians who have in recent years become brothers among us may be mentioned: Louis Kramer, Adolph Finkelstein, Leon I. Strashun, Otto Keller, Philip R. Phillips, James E. Lay, Antonio Bellucci, George Lucas, Emanuel Malach, William V. Montgomery, Jacob Eisenkramer, George H. Maurer, Israel Mendelssohn, John McGhie, Max Schiller, Jacob Wolf, Hans W. Meyer, John Kroupa, Harry Armer, Lion Vander Heim, Barnet Malach, Franz Listemann, Alfred Fasano, Charles W. Walker, Frank Wolf, Kinsel Pearce, Burdette Sullivan, Percy Wenrich, Victor Baravalle, Oscar Radin, Jacomo A. Lauletta, John L. Knowles, Romeo Bonensigni, David R. Oliver, Ludovico Barbieri, Stephen Masaro, Frank McGurgan, Henry Halpern, Marcel Tabetau, Harry Rosenberg, Max Pfeiffer, Louis Rossi, Ferdinand Fontenella, Adrian Schubert, Joseph B. Shadduck, Clarence West, Leonidas Verona, Umberto Buldrini, Leonard F. Miller, Louis Reinhardt, Henry Kalman Rush, Giuseppe Danza, Oreste Genovese, Louis Alberghini, William F. Cæsar, August C. Helleberg, Adolph Weiss, Frederick Balzer, Max Freisinger, Ernest Hussar, Charles I. Purisch, William Schulz, John Rocchetti, Stanislau K. Wroblewski, Antonio Colla, Oskar J. Lange, John H. Helleberg, Arthur J. Neumann, and others. Many of these are directors of orchestras in the largest theatres, in-

cluding the grand opera. Some will be recognized as solo players in the leading musical organizations, while not a few are authors of operas and popular compositions.

Among the well known singers may be found Bros. George M. Vail, George A. Parr, Philip Kaufmann, William N. Cripps, David Stamper, Percy Wenrich, Alvah Edgar Nichols, Arthur Edgar Behim, Orin Ralph Dudley, Harry Fisk Macdonough, Craufurd Kent, Carl Friedberg, George Stone, Arthur H. Ashley, Harry K. Rogers, Samuel H. Ash, and Melville Stewart.

The annual meeting was held on the third Tuesday of December, which fell on the 21st inst., and was like many similar occasions of former years given over to the reading of various reports, statistical and financial, after which the officers were elected for the ensuing term. Bro. John J. Dowers was chosen as Worshipful Master, with Bro. C. Frank Shepard as Senior Warden, and Bro. Charles Miller Williams, Junior Warden. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers presided during the election, and afterward installed the new officers. After closing the Lodge the brethren assembled around the festive board at Bro. "Billy" Ross's restaurant and spent a pleasant hour in animated conversation, with an occasional song thrown in for good measure.

ENTERING UPON THE SECOND DECADE.

"The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

1910.

R. W. John Jay Dowers (Printer)—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, June 3, 1902. Appointed Senior Master of Ceremonies in 1903; Junior Deacon in 1904; Senior Deacon in 1905; Junior Deacon in 1906; Senior Deacon in 1907; elected Junior Warden in 1908; Senior Warden in 1909; Worshipful Master in 1910. Appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1912. Died September 11, 1915.

From his first appointive position Bro. Dowers put into his Masonic tasks his entire energy. No duty was too trivial to engage his best efforts, and he set his ideals high. Unmistakable sincerity, coupled with rugged honesty, gained for Bro. Dowers the implicit confidence of his intimates, and these qualities with a more than ordinary comprehension of practical affairs made his acquisition of value to any enterprise. At times of a strangely contradictory nature, he was frequently misunderstood by strangers. On occasions there was a certain brusqueness of manner which had a tendency to repel those unacquainted with the real man within. He brought to the office of Worshipful Master a virile force,

with originality. Masonic duty ever was to him a sacred trust, and he had a profound reverence for the Great Architect. Besides his long service for St. Cecile Lodge, Bro. Dowers occupied the various stations leading up to and including that of High Priest (1907) in Corinthian Chapter, No. 159, R.A.M.; Thrice Illustrious Master of Columbian Council (1908), No. I. R. & S. M.; was appointed Grand Recorder (1912) of Grand Council, to fill unexpired term; in Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 36, K. T., was Eminent Commander in 1912. He was also active in the Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, and at the time of his death was Most Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix. He was a member of the Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests; of Azim Grotto, Veiled Prophets; vice-president of the Masonic Board of Relief; was a member of the Masonic Club, the Square Club, the Masonic Historical Society, etc. Bro. Dowers was born in Brooklyn in 1861, and lived there all his life. He was for more than thirty years in charge of the press room of the German daily *New Yorker Herold*. Details of his obsequies will be found under the proper date in this volume.

Scarcely was the installation of officers over when a Masonic funeral was requested for Bro. George W. Swope (Rice), who died on December 23 at his home in Long Island. A summons was sent out for the brethren to take the train on Sunday morning, the day after Christmas. When the morning broke there was a blizzard raging, and no one appeared at the New York terminal except the Master and the Junior Warden. Several of the brethren who were at the Brooklyn station were unable to leave. Bro. Dowers and Bro. Williams, carrying a handsome wreath of flowers, got as far as Hicksville, after considerable difficulty, and there the railroad officials decided to send the passengers back to the city, as it was impossible to make headway against the great fall of snow. The train then ran into a deep cut filled with snow and was unable to proceed in either direction.

There everybody remained in the cars from Sunday afternoon until rescued Monday morning, without necessaries, and during the last seven hours without light or heat, and with but little to mitigate the rigors of the storm—certainly an experience not easily forgotten.

The question of buying a cemetery plot, to be devoted exclusively to the use of St. Cecilians, was brought up and, after considerable discussion the Worshipful Master appointed a committee, consisting of Bro. Charles Miller Williams, W. George W. Hackenberger, W. George Johnston, W. Harry W. Entwistle and Bro. Isaac Friedenberg, to inquire into the advisability of securing a cemetery plot. After thoroughly canvassing the proposition, it was decided by the committee to be inexpedient, and the entire project was dropped.

"Auld Lang Syne Day" was the designation given by the Master to the first Tuesday of February. It proved to be an occasion replete with pleasurable incidents, aside from the reunion of old friends. The Renaissance Room was none too large for the crowd. During the afternoon the Grand Secretary was made the recipient of a magnificent grandfather's clock, in a handsome mahogany case six feet high, with silvery chimes and other accessories complete. The clock had been skilfully covered with a large American flag, which was drawn away at the psychological moment. This handsome gift was purchased by individual subscriptions of one dollar each. The presentation was made by R. W. George Loesch, in a highly complimentary speech, to which the genial "Colonel" responded with much feeling. Bro. Ehlers's surprise was complete, as no inkling of the impending gift had been permitted to reach him. Bro. Ehlers accepted the gift in the same spirit in which it was given, and likened the chimes of his clock to the beautiful music which he had so often enjoyed in St. Cecile Lodge. A poem was read which had been written for the occasion by Bro. William B. White,

the venerable father of Bro. William S. White, of St. Cecile Lodge, who had been a friend of the Grand Secretary for many years:

Could I control the fleeting years,
That mark our earthly score,
And hurl us through this vale of tears,
Toward Lethe's gloomy shore,
I'd check them with a heavy rein,
And bid them halt awhile,
That I might with a sweet refrain
Your noble heart beguile.

But time and tide will not us heed,
They run their rapid pace,
And we, like them, as fast a steed,
Must run our checkered race.
Then let us with a cheerful heart,
The flight of time defy;
Each strive some joy to each impart,
While years go rolling by.

Dear Brother, of the mystic tie,
Friend of my early days,
When brighter suns illumed my sky,
And warmer were their rays,
I hail thee with a heart sincere,
At threescore years and ten,
A loyal friend without a peer,
A jewel among men.

So, Brother, I my tribute bring,
To greet this festive day,
And in my heart your praises sing,
To cheer thee on thy way,
And while the years pile up their score,
Let us with craftsmen share
The blessings that we have in store,
Still act upon the square.

The programme provided for the enjoyment of the brethren included violin solos by Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, songs by Bros. Charles W. Walker, Edward S. Zeitz and William Fullerton, and a splendid brass quartet, composed of Bros. Frederico Sonty, Nicola Del Negro, Carl Wolff and Gustav A. Myers. The exercises were concluded with the singing

of "Auld Lang Syne," in which everybody joined. An interesting feature was the return to St. Cecile Lodge by affiliation of Bro. Laurence O'Reilly. After affixing his name for the second time to the By-laws, Bro. O'Reilly delivered an amusing speech in German, in which language he is an adept, and expressed his happiness in being "home again in St. Cecile Lodge." Among the great number of notables present none attracted more attention than W. John E. Morse, who had been brought from his home in Brooklyn by special conveyance, owing to his feeble health. Bro. Morse was very happy at being present on this day.

Third degree called out a very large attendance on the third Tuesday of February, and the visitors included M. W. Halfdan Bendeke, Grand Master of North Dakota; R. W. George Duncan Bowne, P. G. D. C., Asiatic Archipelago, at Singapore, accompanied by M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, and other distinguished brethren. The honored visitors expressed their pleasure at being present, and seemed very much gratified at their reception. The lessons of the historical legend were explained by W. Alfred J. Weber, of Gramercy Lodge, in an interesting manner.

ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT AND SOIREE

Much interest was manifested in the annual reception and ball of St. Cecile, held at the Lexington Opera House, on the evening of the first Thursday in March. Electric lights and decorations gave a strikingly beautiful effect to the hall. More than six hundred couples took part in the grand march, and many times during the evening more than five hundred couples were dancing. The stage programme had seventeen numbers of a thoroughly enjoyable show. The band and orchestra, alternating, were under the direction of Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann and Bro. Carl F. Williams. The arrangements were carried out smoothly and efficiently and the function of 1910 may be set down as another great St. Cecile success.

Bro. Charles Miller Williams was chairman of the General Committee, while the stage was in charge of W. James H. Curtin, W. William E. Tway and Bro. W. W. ("Seltzer") Waters. Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann was chairman of the Music Committee, and W. George W. Hackenberger provided the decorations.

Bro. Imro Fox, a popular magician well known in and out of the Lodge, died somewhat suddenly on March 4 and was buried in the Oheb Sholom Cemetery, in Newark, N. J. There were no services other than those provided by Rabbi Solomon Foster, of the Temple B'nai Jeshurun. The spot has since been marked with a handsome stone erected by the United Magicians' Association. Bro. John P. Schofield, a printer, who affiliated with the Lodge May 31, 1904, died March 9. Masonic services held at the funeral parlors of Bro. James B. Smith were attended by brethren and representatives of the Typographical Union, of which Bro. Schofield had long been a member.

The excellent piano provided for the Lodge years ago by W. Bro. Myron A. Decker having shown signs of approaching deterioration due to age, the question of an up-to-date instrument was mentioned, when W. William E. Tway took the matter under consideration and soon a brand new piano replaced the older one.

"HOME-COMING" OF "OUR" DISTRICT DEPUTY

"Home-Comings," so-called, are exceedingly popular functions in metropolitan lodges toward the close of the winter season. St. Cecile Lodge, being the proud possessor of a live District Deputy, prepared to bring to a close his formal official visitations among the Lodges of the Seventh District by showing him such honor as the brethren felt the exalted station demanded. The third Tuesday afternoon of April will be long remembered as welcoming "home again" of R. W. George Loesch after his long tour among the other Lodges.



John J. Dowers

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1910.
GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, 1912.

At an early hour the brethren began to gather in the Grand Lodge Room, and when the gavel sounded every seat was occupied. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers arrived early and occupied a seat in the east.

As the District Deputy entered, escorted by a long double line of Masters and Past Masters that reached the entire length of the room, the assemblage, led by Benevolent Lodge Quartet, rose and joined in singing "Home, Sweet Home." R. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, P. G. M., responding in behalf of Bro. Loesch to the eloquent words of greeting by the Grand Secretary, who spoke in behalf of the Worshipful Master, alluded in glowing terms to the fidelity with which Bro. Loesch had performed his deputative duties.

W. George W. Hackenberger then stepped forward and presented Bro. Loesch with a magnificent cut glass punch bowl as a souvenir from the brethren of the Lodge. The Grand Master was unable to attend, but sent a letter expressing in the highest terms his appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Loesch as his representative. R. W. August Eickelberg, Custodian of the Work, complimented the Lodge on having been so well represented in the councils of the Grand Lodge, paying tribute to the zeal displayed by Bro. Loesch in all his undertakings. W. George Fleming sang several baritone selections, and the St. Cecile Orchestra of twenty-five men played stirring music, under the direction of Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann. W. Harry Alton Russell presided at the great organ with fine effect.

After the Lodge closed there were material refreshments, waiting in the basement, and the brethren proceeded to satisfy the more prosaic demands of the physical appetite. Much merriment was furnished by Bro. "Seltzer" Waters, with comical songs, in which everybody joined in the choruses. Bro. Albert Von Tilzer and Bro. Harry K. Rogers also contributed to the fun during the feast.

Bro. John McGowan, who became a member of the Lodge in 1895, died suddenly April 21. He had been in conver-

sation with several friends, and arose to walk across the room, when he dropped lifeless at their feet. Bro. McGowan was very well and favorably known among theatrical folk, and his funeral was largely attended by brethren and numerous professional friends. At the next communication the Worshipful Master brought the unexpected death of Bro. McGowan to the earnest attention of the Lodge by a strikingly beautiful ceremony, during which "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was sung as a baritone solo.

How very slight is our hold on this mortal existence, and with what ease we throw it off when the fateful summons comes, was dramatically emphasized in the case of W. William E. Tway, who attended the masonic services over the remains of Bro. McGowan. He there expressed a hope that he might pass away in likē manner when the Great Architect should call him, and in the short space of seventeen days his wish had been realized. Bro. Tway's illness was of very short duration, and the bright eyes which sparkled with the gladness and the joy of life quickly closed forever, leaving a host of mourning friends and relatives with saddened hearts. The Masonic life and activities of Bro. Tway have been referred to elsewhere in this volume, and little can be added to what is set down there. He was but forty-one years old at the time of his death. The funeral services were held in the Grand Lodge Room and were attended by a very large assemblage. The ceremony of the Elks Lodge was first given, after which the Masonic service was performed by the brethren of St. Cecile Lodge, W. Harry A. Greene acting Master. There were appropriate musical selections by a vocal quartet, alternating with a soprano soloist, followed by a violin solo with organ accompaniment. The funeral cortége was headed by the St. Cecile Brass Band of thirty instruments, followed by a large number of uniformed Knights Templars and a long line of brethren and friends, who accompanied the remains down Fifth avenue as far as Washington square. The interment was in Greenwood.

A beautiful tribute to the departed brethren was inaugurated in the lodge room by the Worshipful Master, which, though brief, was strikingly impressive, and was favorably commented upon by all the brethren. The ceremony included a short address by the Master, with a vocal solo, followed by an interval of silence. It was thus that W. William E. Tway was remembered, and also King Edward VII., Grand Master of Masons in England, who died May 6, 1910. At a communication about this time a substantial contribution was made to the Children's Fund of the Masonic Home in Utica. R. W. Herbert E. Crocker, Assistant Grand Lecturer, through whose valuable assistance many of the officers attained proficiency in their official duties, was remembered with a handsome piece of cut glass, presented with much pleasant formality. A splendid entertainment and concert was also given at the Montefiore Home, which gladdened the hearts of its inmates.

Brothers selected from the floor were called upon to confer the Fellow Craft degree at the first communication in June, and the Worshipful Master was complimented on the happy thought. The appointments included: Bro. Charles Peppel, Senior Warden; Bro. Irving W. Wiggin, Junior Warden; Bro. George Kellington, Senior Deacon; Bro. William C. Cubitt, Junior Deacon. The work of the degree was given with the esprit of veterans. Leading masonic newspapers mentioned the innovation as encouraging the development of latent talent among the brethren.

There was a decided feeling of gratification when it became known that M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, Grand Master, had honored the Lodge by appointing W. George W. Hackenberger Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge. By formal vote of the Lodge a letter was sent to the Grand Master, thanking him for the distinction, and voicing the approbation of the brethren. A committee of ten, with R. W. George Loesch as chairman, was appointed by the Worshipful Master to arrange for properly investing the new officer of the

Grand Staff. The formal presentation took place early in the fall, and was the occasion for a great attendance. The Master Mason degree was conferred during the afternoon and the refreshment hour was made notable for the excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music provided. But the main attraction was, of course, the presentation to R. W. George W. Hackenberger of the insignia of his exalted office as Grand Steward. R. W. George Loesch spoke of the great affection felt for Bro. Hackenberger, and of the appreciation felt by the brethren for his faithful services, beginning as he did, with a small place in the Lodge, and now reaching important position in the Grand Lodge. Properly clothed with the beautiful apron and diamond-studded jewel of his high office, the Grand Steward was then officially received in the east, and formally presented to the brethren. Bro. Hackenberger expressed his appreciation in a well-chosen address, and took his seat amid tremendous applause. Features of the day were the address of M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers to the newly raised brethren, tenor solos by Bro. Thomas Boyd McQueen, songs by Bro. Thomas Baker and Bro. T. Harlan Fudge; 'cello solos by Bro. Alfred Fasano, and a splendid instrumental quintet, led by Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann. The Renaissance Room was crowded to the doors. Those present included many Grand Lodge officers and Masters, together with a numerous delegation from the Square Club.

Though other Lodges have their vacation time during the heated spell, there is no surcease of work for St. Cecile Lodge. During the summer season our theatrical brethren come to renew their acquaintance and very often with petitions for membership. The summer communications, therefore, never lack for either interest or attendance. Among the welcome visitors during the summer was Bro. Arthur Cunningham, a popular operatic singer, of California Lodge, No. 1, San Francisco, who is ever ready to entertain with delightful baritone solos; Lieutenant King, of the United

States Navy, also was present and took part in the work, as did W. George Winterburn, of York Lodge, who has assisted on many former occasions. The lessons of the historical legend were for the first time explained by W. Harry W. Entwistle in an instructively interesting manner, and it was noted that many years had passed since a Master of St. Cecile Lodge had performed this important service.

Bro. "Billy" White modestly acknowledged that he had recently married, and the "boys" immediately started a subscription, which resulted in the presentation of a handsome clock to Bro. White. Another presentation ensued when W. Harry W. Entwistle was called before the altar. R. W. George W. Hackenberger, on behalf of the Worshipful Master, spoke of the splendid service given the Lodge by W. Bro. Entwistle as officer and Master, and concluded by handing to the pleased recipient a handsome and valuable candelabra, complete, as a souvenir of appreciation from the Lodge.

A very unusual circumstance was the deaths of two Past Grand Masters of the State within a week. M. W. James Ten Eyck died suddenly on the evening of July 28, at his home in Albany, aged seventy years. Eight days later the craft was startled by the death of M. W. J. Edward Simmons, which occurred, after a short illness, at Lake Mohonk. The Masonic activities of these two distinguished members of the Grand Lodge are too well known to need more than passing mention here. For years their names had been identified with the best and most important events in the history of Masonry in the Empire State, and they died leaving behind them records of high attainment. W. Dowers had printed and sent to every member of St. Cecile Lodge a neat pamphlet, containing portraits of the eminent craftsmen, together with brief data concerning their lives.

GREAT DAY WITH THE ACTORS

"Actors' Day" as it was designated by the Worshipful Master, on which occasion our brethren of the theatre con-

ferred the Master Mason degree, occurred at the last communication of August, and drew an immense attendance to the Renaissance Room. For information and in keeping with the main idea there was printed for distribution among the brethren a semi-facetious cast of characters, as follows:

FOR THE ACTORS' DAY

The Worshipful Master presents

A Drama of Absorbing Interest. A Moral Uplift. Instructive and Historical. With the Following Cast of Sterling Players:

Worshipful Master.....Bro. Charles H. Clarke
(Formerly with Louis James and Frederick Warde, etc.)

Senior Warden.....Bro. C. Dallas Welford
("Mr. Hopkinson" and "The Girl from Maxim's.")

Junior Warden.....Bro. Thomas A. Wise
("The Man from Mississippi.")

Senior Deacon.....Bro. Al. M. De Lisser
(Captain Paul, in "Captain Paul.")

Senior Master Ceremonies.....Bro. Harry De Veaux
(Vaudevillian.)

Junior Master Ceremonies.....W. James H. Curtin
("The Sheriff from Texas," "Uncle Jim," etc.)

Other Stations and Places by Eminent Members of the Craft.
Fellow Crafts, Fishermen, Craftsmen,
Chorus of Villagers by the Entire Company
Appropriate Music by Skilled Artists.

Historical Legends will be exemplified by Worshipful Thomas J. Hart, of Day Star Lodge, No. 798.

The reading of the printed programme caused many smiles among the brethren, which soon gave way to expressions of commendation at the splendid manner in which the actors conferred the degree.

In addition to the foregoing somewhat waggish ritualistic programme there was a fine vocal entertainment contributed by Bros. Harry Kaskel Rogers, Thomas Boyd McQueen, William Fullerton, James Merson, and Bro. McKay, who imitated various musical instruments. Altogether, it was a remarkable communication, to be long remembered.

Much illness was reported at this time among the brethren. Bro. Walter T. Sternenberg was ill for a long time at his

residence in New Rochelle, and finally succumbed to a complication of ailments early in the following spring. Bro. John H. Heilbeck was stricken with pneumonia, and passed away during the latter part of October. Just a week later, on Oct. 25, Bro. Mark Ellsworth died. He was well known as an actor. Bro. Lucien J. Gaugler died December 10. Bros. Barney Gerard and George Greenwood were confined in hospitals for several weeks; Bro. Charles S. Sinclair was quite ill in Bellevue Hospital, and was finally taken to Long Island. All three recovered.

An invitation was received from New York Lodge, No. 1, T. M. N. A., of which W. James H. Curtin was president, to attend a memorial service, to be held in the Grand Lodge Room on November 6. As many St. Cecilians were also members of this organization, there was a good attendance at the service, which was interesting as well as impressive.

A gala day was the last Tuesday in November, when the Lodge was honored by the official visitation of the District Deputy of the Seventh District, accompanied by a delegation from the Square Club, together with a large attendance of the brethren. R. W. Dana B. Pratt, representative of the Grand Master in the Seventh District, was welcomed cordially by the Worshipful Master, and received in the east with the honors of his exalted station. His address was interesting and was received with marked approval by the brethren. During the afternoon a certificate of honorary membership was presented to R. W. August Eickleberg, P. D. D., Seventh District. The presentation was made by M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, in his best style. The response of Bro. Eickleberg was also in very happy vein. Bro. Charles Rann Kennedy, the gifted author of "The Servant in the House," gave a reading from the scriptures, followed by an Irish playlet, which was liberally applauded. Third degree, in addition to all the foregoing, made this a very busy afternoon. The orchestra: First violin, Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann; second violin, Bro. Martin

Van Praag; viola, Bro. Lester Hirsch; 'cello, Bro. Alfred Fasano; bass, Bro. Emile Couchoud. R. W. August Eickleberg explained the lessons of the historical legend in an exceedingly interesting manner, emphasizing the beauties of the standard work. Among the many visitors was a delegation of Masons from Asbury Park, headed by W. A. T. Van Cleve.

Ladies of the Lodge's extensive family look forward with anticipations of the keenest pleasure to the recurrence of the annual entertainment given each fall for their especial enjoyment, and the matinee of this year, like its predecessors, was an occasion of more than ordinary interest. It was held in the Grand Lodge Hall on the second Wednesday of December, and was followed with a luncheon by Bro. Prince, at which at least a thousand ladies sat down. The programme was a thoroughly enjoyable one, and the ladies departed at a seasonable hour with many expressions of pleasure. The committee in charge of arrangements was Bro. Archie R. Kerr, chairman; R. W. George E. Wallen, W. James H. Curtin, W. Harry A. Greene, and Bro. Joseph Pile.

There was plenty of music at Lodge meetings throughout the year, contributed by various brothers. Bro. George Vail, baritone; Bro. Karl Driggs, tenor, and Bro. Pasternak, assistant conductor at the Metropolitan Opera House, were prominent among those who entertained.

Among those who joined the Lodge during the year from the theatrical field were Bros. Lester Brown, Harry DeVeaux, Thomas G. Fortune, Franklyn Roberts, and Christopher Dallas Welford, actors; Bros. Hans W. Meyer, Lion Van Der Heim, William H. Hickey, Franz Listeman, Alfred Fasano, Frank Wolf, Kinsel Pearce, Burdette Sullivan, Victor Baravalle and Oscar Radin, musicians; Philip Chrispano, Robert Shingleton, Harry C. Gill, David Berk, Will H. Roehm, Herman Field, Harry Kaskel Rogers, employed in various theatrical occupations. Bro. Frank S. Rix, coal merchant; Bro. Samuel Orange, costumer; Bro. Joseph F. Silvers, Wil-

liam Beebe, Sidney M. Auer, George M. Alexander, Lewis H. Sugarman, Louis Perlman, traveling salesmen.

There was a gain of twenty-eight in membership over the preceding year, with eight deaths.

The annual meeting was held on the third Tuesday of December, M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, presiding during the election of officers, and afterward installing the new staff, elective and appointive.

1911.

W. Charles Frank Shepard (Linotype Operator)—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, October 21, 1902. Appointed Senior Master of Ceremonies in 1906; Junior Deacon in 1907; Senior Deacon in 1908; elected Junior Warden in 1909; Senior Warden in 1910; Worshipful Master in 1911. Trustee 1912.

The thirty-first Master of the Lodge, W. Charles Frank Shepard, was born in Turin, Lewis County, N. Y., in 1864. He received his early education in the public schools of his native place and in Utica, where he also learned the art of printing. Since coming to the metropolis Bro. Shepard has been steadily employed on the big morning dailies. Bro. Shepard is possessed of a pleasing personality, which wins for him many friends. Although not a "mixer," as the popular term goes, Bro. Shepard is a member of Corinthian Chapter, No. 159, R. A. M.; Ivanho Commandery, No. 36, K. T.; Mecca Temple, the Square Club, etc.

Christmas donations, always generous, were further augmented at this time by substantial checks sent to various brothers found to be in need. Occasionally these well meant remembrances came back, with expressions of thanks, when the recipient felt that others were in greater need of the donation.

It was learned with much regret that R. W. George Loesch had severed his business connections in the metropolis and accepted a position in Philadelphia, in which city he purposed to make his future home. Earnest wishes for his success in the new sphere were expressed in speeches—after which all joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Winter's rigors again brought with it much illness and the new staff of officers was kept busy visiting the sick and relieving distress. Bro. Harry B. Lester was laid up with congestion of the lungs; R. W. George W. Hackenberger was confined to his home with grip, and Bro. William M. Armstrong was reported ill with fever and grip. Bro. John B. Dausch, who had a large tumor removed, never recovered from the effects of the operation and passed away on the 16th of February. Bro. Jules Francke fell on an icy sidewalk and was laid up with severe injuries for several weeks. Bro. Joseph De Bona, a fine violinist and a familiar figure in the Lodge for more than a decade, during which time he was greatly loved by the brethren, died January 30, but no word reached the Lodge until some time afterward. A brief memorial service in his memory was given in the Lodge on the third Tuesday of February.

Quite a number were waiting to receive the Master Mason degree, and it was found necessary to have third degree twice in January, which relieved the trestle board to an appreciable extent. On the third Tuesday of January the brethren heard a fine lecture delivered by R. W. Richard Shepard, Jr., P. D. D., 7th District, and at the communication on the fifth Tuesday of the same month R. W. Donald Gow explained the lessons of the historical legend in a stirring address. Both of these occasions were enlivened by splendid vocal and instrumental music, contributed by such well known artists as Bro. Arthur Cunningham, of San Francisco Lodge; Bro. Al Von Tilzer, of St. Cecile, together with Bros. William Fullerton, Edward S. Zeitz, Harry K. Rogers and George Vail. Considerable amusement was fur-

nished by a sale of boxes for the annual entertainment of the Lodge, the amateur auctioneers vieing with each other for the best results.

The annual entertainment and ball was held at the Lexington Opera House on the evening of Wednesday, March 15. Owing to a violent rainstorm, the attendance was not up to that of former years, but those who came were well repaid. The stage performance, one of the best seen in many years, was given by many vaudeville celebrities. Dancing followed, and the main hall was soon filled with whirling couples. R. W. George E. Wallen was chairman of the General Committee, W. John J. Dowers, treasurer; and Bro. Archie R. Kerr, secretary. Bro. Carl F. Williams directed the orchestra during the stage performance, while Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann wielded the baton during the dancing.

Funeral services under difficulties were held in New Rochelle, in March, over Bro. Walter T. Sternenberg, who had been ill for a long time with a complication of diseases and who passed into the Great Beyond on March 25. The good brethren of Huguenot Lodge, No. 46, at the Worshipful Master's call, joined with those who went out from the city, and there was a substantial attendance at the services. The ceremony began about nine o'clock in the evening at the residence in Winyah avenue, and were conducted by W. C. Frank Shepard, Master, assisted by W. Harry W. Entwistle, W. Harry A. Greene of St. Cecile; and W. George A. Fisher, of Huguenot Lodge.

The annual communications of the Grand Lodge brought many visitors to St. Cecile, among whom were some from very distant points. Bro. George Myer, of Ketchikan Lodge, Alaska, was among those present and assisting in the work. Bro. William Thompson, lately of Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1714, London, England, affiliated. Bro. Charles E. Eldridge was welcomed home after an extended tour, and Bro. William Poillon reported the fishing fine in Florida, where he had spent several months.

Bro. Murry Woods, who is residing in Virginia, sent a poem which was inspired by seeing a number of costly monuments in a cemetery. The sentiments are worthy of a place in the records, and are here given for perusal:

HELP A BROTHER WHILE HE LIVES

Help a brother while he lives, don't wait for him to die,
To show how much you cared for him, with mourners standing by.
No funeral pomp can take the place of a kindly word or deed
Should misfortune be his lot or brother be in need.

When he will need a kindly hand to help him on his way,
While fighting life's tempestuous seas, to a brighter, happier day.
A crust of bread is better far a starving man to save
Than a monument of bronze or stone erected o'er his grave.

No eulogistic praise e'er wrote or flowers upon his bier
Can help a brother when he's dead, so help him while he's here.
No man's so great but the day may come when misfortune's chilly blast
Will wreck his fondest hopes and aims and shadows o'er him cast.

So help a brother while he lives; don't wait for him to die
To show how much you cared for him with tears that dim the eye.
For when his span of life is run and he sleeps the eternal sleep
He needs no help from mortal man, God has him in his keep.

W. Edmond F. Pierdon of Alma Lodge died suddenly on Monday, May 22d, and was mourned by a host of Masonic friends. Bro. Pierdon had been for years a regular attendant at all the meetings of St. Cecile Lodge, both formal and social, and was ever ready in all good works. He was raised in England, and affiliated with Alma Lodge, No. 728, of which he became Master in 1904. His genial personality won for him the love of all with whom he associated in the various Masonic bodies, and his death was generally deplored.

Early in June W. John J. Dowers, immediate Past Master of the Lodge, was called to the altar by the Worshipful Master, Charles F. Shepard, and presented with a handsome and valuable diamond ring, embellished with Masonic characters. The presentation was made by W. Harry A. Greene,

in a neat address, and W. Dowers thanked the brethren for the handsome testimonial of their appreciation.

It was thought expedient and for the best interests of the Lodge at this time to advance the fees for degrees and membership, and upon full discussion by the brethren, after fulfilling all the legal requirements, the By-laws were amended, making the fee for conferring the three degrees $75, instead of $50, as formerly. The fee for affiliation was advanced to $25. One of the interested old-timers present during the discussion was Bro. Larry O'Reilly, the first initiate in 1865. Other visitors who were welcomed by the Master included Bro. Theodore Schreiber, of Chelsea Lodge, No. 3098, and Earl's Court Lodge, No. 3768, London, England; Bros. Robert W. Burns and J. W. Silver, of Silver Trowel Lodge, No. 415, Los Angeles, Cal. Bro. Arthur Cunningham, of San Francisco Lodge, was also welcomed, and delighted all with several fine baritone solos. There was also a splendid vocal concert contributed by Bros. George Vail, William Fullerton, Al Von Tilzer, and Henry Halpern, which was greatly enjoyed.

Bro. Alfred Perpignan, having been more than thirty years a consistent and faithful member of the Lodge, was elected to Active Honorary membership, and was congratulated upon the bestowal of this honor by Bros. John G. Pfeiffer, Alexander Davis, "Larry" O'Reilly and many others. He was presented with a framed certificate as a souvenir of the event. A letter of congratulation was sent by the Lodge to Bro. Isaac Friedenberg, celebrating his eighty-first birthday, and letters of condolence were addressed to Bro. Edward Feuchtwanger, whose father had recently passed away, at a very advanced age, and also to Bro. James Rainnie, who had been bereaved in a like manner. Bro. William T. Francis suffered a stroke of paralysis; Bro. Lester Brown was laid up in the hospital with a broken arm. Bro. Caryl Wilbur was welcomed home again, after two years' absence in England.

Bro. Arthur J. Reeder was moved by the poetic muse, and sent in the following verses, which were read to the brethren, who liberally applauded the sentiments therein expressed:

DEAR ST. CECILE

When afar, in woods, on hillside,
On the land or on the sea,
Seeking rest from toilsome labor,
Oft I think, Dear Lodge, of thee.
Then my mem'ries gently take me,
And enriched my soul does feel,
As in fancy I am wafted,
Back to thee, Dear St. Cecile.

In big cities, when disheartened,
With the turmoil and the strife,
Filled with weariness and sadness,
Question I "Oh! what is life?"
Kindly thoughts of sweetest music,
Thro' my troubled mind will steal,
And so gently they will lead me,
Back to thee, Dear St. Cecile.

To the Master, Wardens, Brethren,
To the high ones and the low,
And to all the noble craftsmen,
Who attend at one three o,
Here's good cheer and best of wishes,
Here's to their Masonic zeal,
Workmen in the world's great vineyards,
Here's to Dear Old St. Cecile.—A. J. R.

Occasionally some brother is obliged to remove to some distant point before receiving all his Masonic degrees, and there have been occasions when some local Lodge has been requested to confer the remaining degrees. It is rarely that any brother requests a dimit during such circumstances, but Bro. Emmett I. Vaughn (Entered Apprentice), who was a physician, received an appointment in the Government service, and finding that he would probably be stationed for a considerable time in Panama, requested a dimit to affiliate



C. Frank Shepard

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with Sojourners' Lodge, Cristobal, Colon, which was duly granted, and that Lodge requested to confer the remaining degrees. This is the only instance of the kind which has ever occurred in the half century of St. Cecile's existence.

To gain time, so that the work would not be hurried, it has frequently happened that a special communication would be called for some early hour, before the regular hour of meeting. This has been found expedient on third degree days, as was the case on the third Tuesday of November. W. C. Frank Shepard arrived in time to resume the Master's station during the regular communication. This proved to be one of the most enjoyable meetings of the entire year. Aside from the interesting degree work, in which the regular officers were assisted by the Fellow Craft team from Sterling Lodge, No. 817, and the faultless lecture of M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, the Lodge was honored by the presence of M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, Grand Master, who entered with R. W. Jacob Klinck, Grand Marshal. The Renaissance Room was filled with well known brethren, many of them Grand Lodge officers. An orchestra of fifteen, conducted by Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, added greatly to the enjoyment, as did the singing of Bro. William Fullerton, tenor. W. Charles H. Govan gave "Casey at the Bat" in inimitable style, and there were instrumental solos by Bros. Erdmann, violin, and Fasano, 'cello.

There's only one "grand" Secretary known to the Masons of the Empire State, and his title among those honored with his acquaintance is the "Colonel." By this endearing appellation the genial Edward M. L. Ehlers is known to thousands. In order to properly celebrate the anniversary of his thirtieth year as Grand Secretary, on Saturday evening, December 2d, a great dinner was arranged at the Hotel Savoy, which was presided over by the Grand Master, and attended by nearly four hundred guests, including everybody of prominence in Masonry in New York.

R. W. Harold Grey, District Deputy of the Seventh District, made his official visitation to the Lodge the first Tuesday in December, accompanied by members of the Square Club. Bro. Grey was formally presented by R. W. Bro. Hackenberger, and escorted to the east, where he was cordially welcomed by the Worshipful Master. Bro. Grey's address was a sensible, practical appeal for faithful performance of the duties devolving upon all Masons, and in this he touched upon a popular theme. The District Deputy expressed his satisfaction with the work of the Lodge, and promised to attend communications of St. Cecile whenever time permitted his doing so.

Radiant femininity poured into the Grand Lodge Room on the second Tuesday afternoon of December, the occasion being the annual ladies' matinee. Fully fifteen hundred crowded in, and they enjoyed an excellent performance. The programme was given by brothers of the Lodge, assisted by several artists who generously volunteered their services. In addition, there was a fine concert by the St. Cecile Orchestra of twenty-five, under the leadership of Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann. Handsome souvenirs made in the form of gold-lacquered jewel boxes were presented to the ladies, and many complimentary remarks were heard as they departed, highly elated, after the entertainment.

Election day occurred in the Lodge on the third Tuesday of December and was very largely attended. After the reading of reports of the various officers, the staff for the ensuing year was selected. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers was present and presided during the election, afterward installing the new officers, assisted by R. W. George Loesch as Grand Marshal. Bro. Charles Miller Williams was elected as Worshipful Master, with Bro. Abel S. Holcomb as Senior Warden, and Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, Junior Warden. The Worshipful Master then named his appointees, who were charged by the presiding officer with a faithful performance of their

various duties. The usual liberal Christmas remembrances were made to various deserving persons, after which the brethren adjourned to the restaurant of Bro. William Ross, where a pleasant hour was spent in a substantial dinner interspersed with song and story.

1912.

R. W. Charles Miller Williams (Printer and Writer) Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, June 2. 1891. Appointed Historian of the Lodge in 1898, reappointed each succeeding year until 1909; elected Junior Warden in 1910; Senior Warden in 1911; Worshipful Master in 1912; Secretary in 1913. Appointed Grand Sword Bearer in 1914 by M. W. George Freifeld, Grand Master.

(A biographical sketch of Bro. Williams will be found in the earlier pages of this volume, under the year 1898.)

All the new officers were in their places promptly at the first communication of the new year, with the Entered Apprentice degree on the trestle-board. Among those received by the Worshipful Master was a delegation from St. Cecile Lodge, No. 193, Newark, N. J., including W. Edward Issler, Master, and several of his officers, among whom was noticed Bro. Edward Quinn, formerly of "568." The visitors received a particularly earnest welcome, as this was the first formal exchange of courtesies since the Lodge in Newark was constituted, May 4, 1910. The Master afterward entertained the visitors at luncheon in the Masonic Club.

At this communication the Worshipful Master appointed the "Harmony Committee," consisting of all the officers, whose duties were defined to be "boosters" for St. Cecile, especially charged to seek out strangers visiting the Lodge, making them welcome. Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, Junior Warden, was named as chairman.

Mrs. Sarah Friedenberg, the beloved wife of Bro. Isaac Friedenberg, passed away on the 16th inst., leaving a large circle of sorrowing friends. She was the devoted mother of Bros. Louis J., Philip S., Joseph I., and Jacques S., all members of the Lodge. The deceased, a woman of more than ordinary refinement and culture, was the idol of her family, beloved by a host of friends. There were many expressions of sympathy among the brethren.

Agreeable to previous notice, the fifth Tuesday of January was set apart as "Harmony Day," that the brethren might be brought together into closer acquaintance with each other. A special welcome was given to all the Active Honoraries, who were received in the east by the Master and each one presented with a beautiful American Beauty rose. W. John E. Morse, seventy-seven years old (Master in 1889), who had been for some time an invalid, was conveyed to the Lodge in an automobile, and was enthusiastically greeted. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers was present and received congratulations on the recurrence of his birthday. As a token of love from the brethren of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 193 (Newark, N. J.), W. Charles Miller Williams was presented with a silver trowel. W. Edward Issler made the presentation in his best style. The Lodge was closed early and the remainder of the afternoon was given over to music and oratory. Each brother was presented with a strawberry box hat, upon which his name was inscribed. Pipes and tobacco were distributed, and then ensued an impromptu programme. Bro. Arthur Cunningham sang delightfully, as did Bro. Thomas Boyd McQueen and Bro. William Fullerton; Bro. Thomas Benton Wilgus delivered a humorous speech, and there was a splendid orchestra, under the direction of Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann. At 4.30 the brethren adjourned to the Masonic Club, where a jolly lunch was spread. There was a large attendance, and everybody expressed their pleasure at the unique character of the day's proceedings.

During the early winter there was an unusual amount of

illness reported among the brethren. Bro. William T. Francis, a popular orchestra leader, who had long been ill and unable to work, was tendered a benefit performance at the Century Theatre, which proved very successful. Many St. Cecilians assisted in the project, besides which there was a substantial cash contribution by the Lodge. Bro. Arthur Cyril Gordon Weld, of the committee, reported that about $5,600 had been realized. W. Allen Latham (Master in '85), who had been ill in St. Vincent's Hospital, died on Lodge day, about the time the Worshipful Master was reporting his serious condition to the Lodge. Religious services were held in the Church of the New Jerusalem, in Thirty-fifth street, and were attended by the Worshipful Master and many officers of the Lodge, some of whom had been lifelong associates of the deceased. Bro. Latham was a polished gentleman, who had travelled much. He was formerly a musician in the leading orchestras.

DEATH OF FIRST INITIATE UNDER THE CHARTER

Bro. Laurence O'Reilly (No. 18) was initiated August 15, 1865, and signed the By-laws as a Master Mason September 19, the same year. He died February 25, 1912, after a lingering illness. Brother O'Reilly served in the Union Army during the Civil War, and afterward had many exciting experiences with the Army in the Far West, on one occasion marching with his command for 1,200 miles through an unbroken wilderness, finally reaching Fort Leavenworth. After being honorably discharged he settled in the metropolis, and became the third Secretary of St. Cecile Lodge, holding office from 1879 until 1889, when he relinquished the position because of his work as Secretary of the Musical Mutual Protective Union, an organization numbering several thousand members. Bro. O'Reilly was a man of exceptional talents, a German scholar, having mastered the language during his service in the army, and a writer of much ability on

musical topics. He was a critic for the *Musical Review,* and also wrote for other musical journals. Masonic funeral services were held at the residence in Brooklyn, on the evening of February 27, and were largely attended. There was also a short service by the Master and brethren at Cypress Hills Cemetery the next morning.

Bro. Bernard Price died March 2, and an emergent communication was called at his residence in upper Lexington avenue, where Masonic funeral services were held. Bro. Price bore his sufferings with fortitude and passed away with a firm reliance on the Great Architect. A week later the brethren were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Bro. Charles A. Bigelow, a popular musical comedy comedian, whose clever whimsicalities had amused theatre-goers for years. Bro. Bigelow was taken suddenly ill on a railroad train while returning home from Cambridge Springs, Pa. He was removed to a hospital at Meadville, where he died the same evening. Bro. Bigelow was a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and had been before the public as an entertainer from boyhood. He was raised in St. Cecile Lodge September 20, 1898. Masonic funeral ceremonies were held at an undertaking parlor in Brooklyn, on March 15, with a large attendance despite a rain that fell in torrents.

March winds were no deterrent on the evening of March 6, when the steps of St. Cecilians were directed to the Lexington Opera House, where the annual entertainment and dance was being held. Crowds of handsomely gowned ladies, with brave masculine escorts, defied the elements, to be present. Every number of the stage performance was enthusiastically applauded. Then came the grand march, with the Worshipful Master and little Miss Emma, the dainty daughter of Bro. Joseph Davidoff, in the lead. During the maneuvres of the grand march the lights in the hall were suddenly extinguished, with the exception of several spot lights. Streams of colored confetti were simultaneously

thrown across invisible wires above, festooning down upon the dancers, forming an indescribably beautiful effect.

There was a record attendance, which included the Grand Master with almost his entire staff. All the arrangements were splendidly carried out by experienced brethren, each committee contributing to the general success. Bro. Abel S. Holcomb, Senior Warden, was chairman of the General Committee, of which R. W. George E. Wallen was treasurer. The floor was in charge of Bro. Dan Dody, who arranged the remarkable chromatic effects and maneuvred the marching dancers through a maze of intricate movements, including the spelling of "St. Cecile." Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann directed the music, while "Uncle Jim" Curtin was in charge of the stage. R. W. George W. Hackenberger provided the beautiful decorations.

At the communication of the third Tuesday in March the brethren were surprised to see the venerable Bro. Christian T. Plate (No. 42 on the roster) enter the room. Bro. Plate had long been absent in Germany, and had given no previous notice of his presence in America. As one of the original coterie who had originated the Lodge in 1865, Bro. Plate was welcomed by the Master as being the oldest living member. The Master presented him with a large bouquet of flowers and assured him of the love of all the brethren. Bro. Plate thanked the brethren, and said he was about to return to Europe, where he expected to end his days. W. James H. Curtin was this day presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, diamond studded, the occasion being the twentieth anniversary of "Uncle Jim's" affiliation with St. Cecile. Then M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers handed Bro. Curtin a morocco booklet in which were bound a great number of complimentary letters from his friends in the Lodge. There was an unusually large attendance, the Master Mason degree being the work of the day. Everybody remained to hear the splendid exposition of the historical legend, as explained by

R. W. William J. Matthews. There was special music, which added greatly to the general enjoyment.

During the sessions of the Grand Lodge, which convened on the first Tuesday of May, the east was occupied by Bro. Abel S. Holcomb, who conferred the Fellow Craft degree in faultless style. Visitors from afar were present, and all expressed wonderment at the magnificence of the new Masonic building, which many now saw for the first time. During the communication an appeal was made for the relief of the families of the musicians who met death in the great *Titanic* disaster, and a substantial contribution was given. Several other appeals were answered in like practical manner. A check was also ordered sent toward the new addition to the Children's Building at the Utica Masonic Home.

SPLENDID VISITATION TO NEWARK

Those pleasant fraternal sentiments which had been exchanged on the occasion of the visit of the Worshipful Master and Wardens of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 193, Newark, N. J., early in the year, found practical expression in an invitation to "568" to pay a fraternal visit to Newark at some early day. The invitation was presented personally by W. Edward Issler, accompanied by the officers of his Lodge. The kind invitation was promptly accepted, and the Master appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements. On Thursday, June 13, special cars were provided, through the courtesy of Bro. Oliver T. Boyd, of the Hudson River tunnel road, and at one o'clock in the afternoon about two hundred St. Cecilians left Twenty-third street. Others of the visiting party went over from the lower section of the city. At the terminal in Newark more than fifty automobiles, provided by "193," were in waiting with one of the most noted cars in the State at the head of the procession. The first car was occupied by W. Edward Issler, of "193," and W. Charles Miller Williams, of "568." Headed

by captains of police on motorcycles, the great caravan started through the crowded streets of Newark and out into the beautiful suburbs of the city. Passersby gazed in wonderment as, with traffic held up here and there, the long line of cars whirled by. Through the parks, over to the hills beyond, the procession made its way, and after an hour's ride the party were driven to the Lodge rooms in Plane street. There was a brief session of the Lodge, the visitors being formally welcomed by the Worshipful Master. Then the entire assemblage repaired to the larger hall downstairs, where substantial refreshments were served. The harmonious strains of an orchestra of fifty musicians, under the leadership of W. Edward Issler, added to the pleasure of the day. There were splendid songs by Bro. Arthur Cunningham, operatic baritone; Bro. Willian N. Cripps, lyric tenor; Bro. William Fullerton, Scotch tenor; Bro. Harry K. Rogers, balladist. Instrumental numbers were also contributed by Bro. Frank Wolf, xylophone, and others. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary of New York, on behalf of the visitors, presented to St. Cecile Lodge, No. 193, a handsome drumhead of regulation size, beautifully engrossed, and containing possibly three hundred signatures of the officers and brethren of both Lodges, the whole inclosed in a shadow box. This unique gift was the thought of Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann as being an appropriate testimonial of the happy relations existing. R. W. George Loesch, on behalf of the New York delegation then presented to W. Edward Issler a handsome baton. Bro. William Poillon distributed souvenir medals commemorating the day. Among the dignitaries present were M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, R. W. August Eickleberg, R. W. George Loesch, R. W. John J. Dowers, R. W. George W. Hackenberger, R. W. Donald Gow, W. Harry A. Greene, and many others. All in all, it was a red letter day for both Lodges.

M. W. Charles Smith, the newly elected Grand Master, announced his appointments in June, and it was noticed

that St. Cecile Lodge had been honored by the appointment of Bro. John J. Dowers as a Grand Director of Ceremonies. This intelligence was received with a great deal of pleasure by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. A committee was appointed by the Lodge to properly clothe the new Right Worshipful, which ceremony was performed at the first communication in July. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers was the orator of the day. At the same communication W. C. Frank Shepard was called before the altar and made the recipient of a valuable gold watch as a testimonial from the Lodge. R. W. George W. Hackenberger, in making the presentation, referred to the untiring services of Bro. Shepard as Master of the Lodge in 1911, and complimented him on the success of the year. An interesting feature of the day was the lecture in the Fellow Craft degree, delivered by W. Gus Kobler, of Washington Lodge, No. 21. Of course, there was delightful music, vocal and instrumental, to top off the pleasantries of the day.

The third Tuesday in July happened to fall on the seventy-eighth birthday of Bro. James B. Smith, the venerable Chaplain of the Lodge. This fact became known to the Worshipful Master, and Bro. Smith was agreeably surprised by the presentation to him of a beautiful bouquet of choice roses, with the wish that his days might be long extended among the friends he loved so well.

There was a very enjoyable communication on the fifth Tuesday of July, when the Master Mason degree was conferred upon several proficient Fellow Crafts. The lessons of the historical legend were explained in a delightful manner by W. Ernest V. B. Getty, of Copestone Lodge, No. 641. Among the visitors from abroad was R. W. James Carver, Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of England, who made a very happy address. Bro. Carver also showed his generosity by placing in the charity box an English sovereign. Bro. Willian N. Cripps contributed more than a little to the general pleasure by introducing to the brethren a quintet of

male voices, and the vocal treat thus provided was voted the "best ever." The Master also had the unexpected pleasure of welcoming to his home Lodge Bro. William B. Gross, of late years a resident of California. Bro. Gross, formerly well known in metropolitan theatrical circles, now occupies a position of importance in the town of Grossmont, which was named for him. This is considered one of the beauty spots of California. Bro. Gross is the author of "One Hundred and Forty-four Epigrams," and other books of interest.

REFERENDUM VOTING EXPERIMENT

Several of the brethren, having in mind the success of the annual entertainments, and being of the opinion that a change would be acceptable to the brethren, proposed that the Lodge be summoned to properly consider making a radical departure from former years, both as to the form of entertainment and as to the place of holding it. The Worshipful Master suggested that several forms of entertainment be placed before the members and a referendum vote taken, so that all might be heard on the subject. This was decided upon, and this card was sent to every member of the Lodge, requesting that he indicate his choice, and return the card to the Worshipful Master:

First: Same style of reception and entertainment as in former years, at Terrace Garden, Tuesday, March 5, 1913. Gentleman and two ladies, $1.00.

Second: Dinner and Dance, Terrace Garden, Tuesday, March 5, 1913. $2.50 each person. Guarantee, 250.

Third: Dinner and Dance, Hotel Astor, dates in January or February. $3.50 each person. Guarantee, 300.

Fourth: Grand Charity Ball, Reception and Exhibition Knight Templar Drill, in the 12th, 22nd or 71st Regiment Armories, any of which are on the line of the subways and elevated railroads.

Fifth: Do away with the annual Reception and Entertainment entirely, and substitute nothing in its place.

It proved to be an interesting experiment, the majority of the brethren voting for the fourth proposition, which was afterward carried by formal vote of the Lodge in open meet-

ing, and a committee appointed to arrange with similar committees from the various Masonic bodies meeting in the city by daylight. A full account of this important enterprise will be found later in these pages. It should be noted in passing that referendum voting on any proposition is not the ordinary practice prevailing in Masonic Lodges.

As the books of the Lodge had never been thoroughly examined during the forty and more years of its existence, it was decided to have this done, and if necessary more equitable clerical methods introduced. A resolution was accordingly adopted, that, "In the matter of the books and accounts of the Lodge the Worshipful Master be given carte blanche in calling to his assistance any help he may need at the expense of the Lodge."

Although the weather during the summer was warm, attendance at Lodge meetings was fairly good, and at no time was there any lack of degree work. A number of theatrical brothers who had been out of the city for many months appeared at Lodge on their return, some of them bringing with them petitions for membership, and the work went steadily forward. Every communication found some one ready with a song or instrumental number, hence the interest never seemed to be lacking. Visitors from Europe, California, Philippines, Australia, and other distant places were with us frequently, assisting in the work, and enjoying the good fellowship found in St. Cecile Lodge. On one occasion the brethren also had the pleasure of hearing a fine lecture on the lessons of the historical legend, delivered by R. W. Albert Du Bois, president of the Masters' and Past Masters' Association of the Sixth District.

As the By-laws had not been revised for a number of years, a committee was appointed with a view to amending them to fit existing conditions. R. W. George W. Hackenberger, chairman, together with W. Harry W. Entwistle, W. C. Frank Shepard, W. George Johnston and Bros. James Rainnie and John Maxwell composed the committee.



Charles Miller Williams

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1912.

GRAND SWORD BEARER, 1914.

Application was made to St. Cecile Lodge for the degrees by a gentleman residing in an adjoining State who had been rejected there because of the loss of a portion of the third finger on the left hand. A diagram accompanied the petition. After consulting competent authority on the subject, the Master accepted the petition, and no other fault having been found with the candidate, in due time he was elected to membership, and application made to the proper authorities for a waiver of jurisdiction. Without giving any particular reason therefor, the request was denied, and the gentleman was so notified.

Agreeable to the instructions of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master visited the Masonic Home at Utica during the latter part of September. In making formal report to the Lodge at the following communication, the Master referred to the magnitude of this great charity, and called upon the brethren to lose no opportunity to visit the Home, and judge for themselves as to its work. During the Master's visit he had the pleasure of meeting the two brothers of the Lodge who reside there, William M. Thoms and Emil Recker. The Master also had a pleasant chat with R. W. William J. Duncan, in former years a faithful attendant at communications of St. Cecile Lodge.

The Worshipful Master referred to some recent personal experiences and called the earnest attention of the brethren to the matter of spurious Lodges composed of clandestine Masons. In some parts of the country it is reported that expelled members of the fraternity have been known to associate with these swindlers, who go to any length in their nefarious operations. The Master warned the brethren to exercise every care in dealing with strangers without properly issued credentials, who represent themselves to be worthy brothers of the craft.

Late in October a short memorial service was held in the Lodge room for those who had died during the year. The Worshipful Master referred to each one, individually, with

a few words of commendation and regret, after which there was appropriate vocal and instrumental music, and the reading of a passage of Scripture. The ceremony was impressively given and among visiting brethren was R. W. Frank E. Lyons, of Kingston, Jamaica.

Perhaps no Master of St. Cecile Lodge has ever been more generally beloved for his charities than was W. David H. Agan (Master in 1886), who died November 6, at the age of sixty-four years. For nearly forty years he had practiced medicine among the poor of the lower East Side, devoting practically all his time to the relief of the distressed, although his services were constantly in demand by those who have more of this world's goods, residing in more aristocratic surroundings. His very name was synonymous with good deeds, and he left a record which is stainless. Bro. Agan was raised in Evening Star Lodge, No. 75, Watervliet, but affiliated with St. Cecile Lodge in 1882. Masonic funeral services were held at the residence by the Worshipful Master, assisted by the brethren. The attendance was large. The remains were afterward taken to Troy, where the brethren of Evening Star Lodge, at the request of St. Cecile, took charge and performed the last sad rites. The Lodge adopted resolutions, which were handsomely framed and presented to the widow.

The first Tuesday of November being a public holiday, there was no communication. On the following Tuesday, however, the Lodge was specially summoned for the Fellow Craft degree. Among the distinguished visitors was R. W. George Freifeld, Deputy Grand Master, who quietly entered the Lodge by a side door, unnoticed by the brethren. The eye of the Worshipful Master spied him, however, and he was promptly presented to the brethren and welcomed in the east with the honors due his high and exalted station, where he made a very felicitous address.

The case of a brother of the Lodge, lying in a hospital in California, appealed to the brethren, and a hundred dollars

was promptly sent to repay the Board of Relief for their outlay. Owing to the illness of R. W. John J. Dowers, and at his request, the chairmanship of the great charity ball was transferred to W. Harry A. Greene, who, addressing the Lodge on the plans under way, reported progress. R. W. John J. Dowers agreed to serve as treasurer of the enterprise.

In all large organizations whose membership is gathered from every direction it is a matter of general regret that occasionally one is found too weak to resist temptation, when placed in some position of trust. By failure to fulfil with integrity the confidence reposed in him by his fellows such a man not only brings discredit upon himself, but very often upon the organization as well. When the offense is further aggravated by an affected nonchalance under circumstances which properly should be met with contrition rather than indifference, it is difficult to extend any practical sympathy. It is passing strange that St. Cecile Lodge, so forgiving, so generous, should have had the unpleasant experience of dealing with two such unfortunate cases during this year, both of which resulted in expulsion after fair trial.

A communication was received from Centreville Lodge, No. 648, calling attention to the devastation wrought by a recent tornado, and requesting financial assistance in rebuilding their home, which had been destroyed. As the request was regular in every way, the Lodge promptly sent a contribution. The Masonic fair being held in Brooklyn also appealed to the brethren, and a check was sent there. Several well known brethren were reported as ill and in distress, and a liberal donation was made for their relief.

R. W. Moses Altmann, District Deputy of the Seventh, made his official visit on the first Tuesday of December. In honor of the occasion a handsome photo-engraving of the Grand Master's representative was sent to every member of the Lodge, with the formal call to the communication. It was one of the "big days" of the year. The District Deputy, who was accompanied by a large delegation of members of the

Square Club, was presented at the altar by R. W. George Loesch, P. D. D., and after the Master's salutation, was escorted to the east, where he was welcomed in a manner befitting his high station. Bro. Altmann's very instructive address had to do with the "Ornaments of the Lodge," and his remarks were listened to with marked attention. During the refreshment hour there was a delightful concert by Bros. Ernest F. Erdmann, Leonidas Verona, Max Friedman, Alfred Fasano and Bruno Pfeiffer, quintet; songs by Bros. William Fullerton and William N. Cripps, and by special request a violin solo by Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann. W. Harry Alton Russell played piano accompaniments with his usual skill. The Master Mason degree was conferred on the constitutional number, after which the lessons of the historical legend were explained in an instructive lecture delivered by M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, P. G. M. There was a large attendance.

Brethren of the Lodge, together with the officers, joined with Harlem Lodge, No. 457, in a church service held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, on the third Sunday of December. Constantine Commandery, No. 48, formed an escort of uniformed Knights, with brass band, assisted by other commanderies of the city, and there was a very large attendance, which filled the spacious building to its limit while perhaps a thousand were unable to gain admittance. Rev. Dr. Karl Reiland, pastor of St. George's, preached a fine sermon, Masonic principles being his topic.

ANNUAL LADIES' DAY ENTERTAINMENT

St. Cecile ladies' days are famous all through Masonic circles in the metropolis as being among the most thoroughly enjoyable functions of the entire Masonic year. Invitations are eagerly sought, and once obtained nothing is permitted to stand in the way of the ladies attending the matinee. One year's performance varies but little from another, so that the charm can scarcely be said to lie in the mere witness-

ing of a stage performance. The chief attraction may be the fact that this day *is* a ladies' day. The fair ones have it all to themselves, and if any man can get into the hall on these occasions he may be deemed a very fortunate individual if he be permitted to remain, because the attendance of ladies is so great that late comers are often compelled to go away, being unable to gain admittance. On the occasion of this year's ladies' matinee souvenir plates, bearing the name of the Lodge, were distributed as the ladies entered the Grand Lodge Hall. Seventeen hundred were disposed of, one to each ticket of admittance, which is several hundred more than the seating capacity of the hall. Two handsome little girls, dressed as pages in costumes of silk, distributed programmes.

THE PROGRAMME

Overture.....St. Cecile Orchestra
Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, conductor.
Address of Welcome.....W. Charles Miller Williams
Dorothy Kenton .....Banjo Selection
Bro. Harry K. Rogers, Miss Olga Unnever and Miss Ruby Cowan..Songs
Bros. Hussar, Appel, Wilse and Drugman.....String Quartet
Miss Florence Crosby.....Contralto
Mr. E. Zervillio.....Cymbal
Mr. Chester Morris.....Fancy Dancing
Miss Clara Cubitt.....Comedienne, with Song
Mr. Louis Appel.....Xylophone Solo
Mr. Edgar Allen .....Bass
Mr. Bert Earl.....Banjo Selection
Miss Georgia Parker.....Soprano
Bro. William N. Cripps and Miss Parker.....Duet
Messrs. Andre and Pardue.....Fancy Dancing
Bro. William Fullerton.....Scotch Ballads
The Great Mackay.....Musical Mimic
Mr. Tom Penfold.....Songs
Bro. Al Jolson .....Songs
Knickerbocker Trio .....Popular Melodies
Georgette .....Character Songs
Sid Siderman .....Violin Solo
Conroy and Le Maire.....Musical Comedy
Bro. "Seltzer" Waters .....Monologue

Stage, direction W. James H. Curtin
Pages, Miss Elsie Begiebing and Miss Bessie Miller

Light refreshments were afterward served in the Masonic Club, and all voted the day as "the best ever."

The matinee was under the direction exclusively of the junior officers of the Lodge, Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, Junior Warden, chairman, and they vied with each other in the performance of their duties.

At a subsequent communication letters of thanks were ordered sent to the various artists who had volunteered on "Ladies' Day," and also to the Messrs. Steinway, who generously loaned the Lodge a beautiful two-thousand-dollar grand piano for the occasion. A letter of thanks was also addressed to the officers of the Scottish Rite for courtesies.

The special order of business at the second communication of December was consideration of the proposed amendments to the By-laws, as recommended by the committee having the matter in charge. These were adopted as a whole. Among the more important amendments, entirely new to St. Cecile Lodge, was one proposed by the Worshipful Master bonding the Secretary and the Treasurer each in the sum of $2,000. Another important matter was the adoption of a resolution loaning to the great charity ball, now under way, of the sum of one thousand dollars, so that the contemplated arrangements might go forward without any hitch by reason of lack of funds. It is proper to state at this time that this money was all returned to the Lodge treasury in due time by the committee.

During the progress of a busy year, the membership received additions to the musicians, among them: Bros. Max Pfeiffer, Herbert Spencer, Louis Rossi, Ferdinand Fontenella, Paul Yartin, John C. Magovern (Clarence West), Ernest Hussar, Alfred Langstaff, Joseph B. Shadduck, Bernard Schmidt. The actors, Bros. William Holden Maxwell, Philip Kaufmann, Franklyn Roberts, William N. Cripps, Albert Jolson, Benjamin McNally, Howard Anderson, David Wark Griffith, Leon Rogee, Bernard F. Woods, Oscar Lee Hickman, Adolph Pfitzenmyer (Mike Kelly), Alfred K. Hall.

Other theatrical brethren, George Leffler, manager; Walter Lewis, Frank Felder, George I. Field, Bernard Quatrochi. Bro. John J. Leary, editor, affiliated; Louis Rouillon, school director, affiliated; Albert C. Roy, dentist. Mercantile pursuits, Bro. George J. Lindemayer, Abraham Purisch, Edward J. Grathwohl, Willie R. Broughton, Arthur Liplich, Louis Moes, Frederick W. Schulenberg and others.

Everything considered, the year had been one of unusual importance and there was a net gain of twenty-six in membership. For one thing, the whole system, or lack of system, in managing the financial affairs of the Lodge had been thoroughly revised for the first time since the constitution of the Lodge.

1913.

W. Abel Sutherland Holcomb (Physician)—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, July 20, 1909. Appointed Junior Deacon in 1910; Senior Deacon in 1911; elected Senior Warden in 1912; elected Worshipful Master in 1913; elected Trustee in 1914.

Twenty-seven years had elapsed since the Lodge had for its chief officer a physician, and the induction of Bro. Holcomb as Master was welcomed as reviving tender memories of a generation before, and of the beloved physician whose recent demise was still fresh in the minds of the brethren. Bro. Holcomb's administration was characterized by a quiet dignity, a strict fidelity to the standard work, and a fine appreciation of the fraternal spirit that made degree days a source of genuine pleasure. The Lodge is a gainer in many respects from such admirable influences. Bro. Holcomb is the fifth native son of Pennsylvania to become Master of St. Cecile Lodge, and he was the second physician, the first being Dr. David H. Agan, in 1886. Bro. Holcomb was born at Lehigh Tannery, Carbon County, Pa., on August

21, 1867. He acquired a substantial education in the public and private schools of Pennsylvania and Plainfield, N. J., and in 1894 graduated from the New York University with high honors. He afterward graduated from the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, and has successfully practiced medicine in the metropolis ever since. The genial doctor is a popular member of the Square Club and the Masonic Club.

Discussion of the recently adopted amendments to the By-laws took up a portion of communications during the early months of the new year. Several very practical suggestions for improvement were advanced by various brothers. R. W. George Loesch, looking ahead to the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary in 1915, proposed an amendment, finally adopted, which advanced the annual dues from $6 per annum to $7, one dollar of which was to be set aside annually for three years in a fund to be known as the "Fiftieth Anniversary Fund." The initiation fee was to be $76 in 1913, $77 in 1914, and $78 in 1915; affiliation $26 in 1913, $27 in 1914, and $28 in 1915. The amounts over and above the usual fees were to be added to the "Fiftieth Anniversary Fund." It was estimated that in this manner possibly $2,000 would be available for "celebrating" purposes in 1915. R. W. George W. Hackenberger proposed an amendment making the salary of the Secretary $600 per year, payable quarterly, and doing away with all "donations," as in former years. This amendment was also adopted, as were several other changes of minor importance.

Bro. David C. Paterson was the first to be removed by death in the new year. He had been in failing health for a long time, and when the summons came he was ready. The Worshipful Master, in announcing the passing of Bro. Paterson, sent out to each member of the Lodge a circular letter, in which he described him as "a man of gentle and retiring nature, true to the teachings of our fraternity, carrying out of the Lodge in his daily walk those great moral principles which are inculcated in it." To this may be added that Bro.



Abel S. Holcomb

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1913.

Paterson was beloved by all with whom he came in contact. The Masonic service was read by the Worshipful Master, and the last sad ceremony was attended by a large assemblage of sorrowing friends. Other deaths which occurred early in the year were Bro. Max S. Friedman, February 19, and Bro. Edward S. Drugan, which occurred the following day. Bro. Drugan was a man of engaging personality, who had been for years a trusted employee of a large theatrical firm. He suffered from a fractured leg and injuries affecting the spine. After lingering for months in agony, which was borne with heroic fortitude, he finally closed his eyes forever. The Masonic service was given in the Renaissance Room, and was beautifully rendered. There were several vocal numbers and instrumental music by quartet and organ.

The following week the brethren were summoned to attend the Masonic funeral ceremonies in honor of W. John Edward Morse (1889), who succumbed to the infirmities of age February 26. Bro. Morse was a printer of the old school, who had the distinction of originating and publishing the first Jewish newspaper in England. Afterward making his home in New York, he became a member of St. Cecile Lodge, and was well known as a Mason of more than ordinary erudition. He excelled in the ritual, and knew all the peculiarities of the English and Scottish work. For many years he never missed a communication, and was a familiar figure at his post as the revered Chaplain of the Lodge. He died at the age of eighty.

Death removed another old member, Bro. John W. Peck, Active Honorary, early in March. Bro. Peck was formerly an actor, and affiliated from Putnam Lodge, No. 338, thirty-four years previous to his death, almost to the day. In the latter years of his life he resided in New Jersey, but was a frequent visitor at communications.

A pleasing innovation in the opening ceremonies at Lodge communications was introduced by W. Harry Alton Russell, the talented organist, who composed original music appro-

priate for such occasions, which was beautifully sung by Bro. William N. Cripps. This feature added much to the impressiveness of the service.

THE GREAT CHARITY BALL

Much interest was naturally centered in the great Masonic Charity Ball, given under the auspices of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568; Corinthian Chapter, No. 159, R. A. M.; Columbian Council, No. 1, R. & S. M.; and Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 36, and which was held in the spacious quarters of the Seventy-first Regiment. It is estimated that more than 6,500 persons attended, among whom were practically all the members of the Grand Lodge Staff, including the Grand Master, and many honored brethren of other jurisdictions. The drill hall was appropriately decorated, and every detail carefully arranged, so that the evening passed without a hitch to mar the enjoyment of all. The early portion of the evening was given over to Templar drills and the formal reception of distinguished guests, including the executives of Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, also of Mecca Temple, A. A. O. N.M.S. Then came Mrs. May M. Gooderson, Grand Matron, O. E. S.; R. E. T. Henry Dumary, Grand Commander, K. T.; M. I. Herbert W. Greenland, Grand Master, R. & S. M.; M. E. Frederick W. Culler, Grand High Priest, R. A. M.; and, finally, M. W. Charles Smith, Grand Master, attended by numerous members of his staff. After all these, with their illustrious attendants, had been seated, Colonel William G. Bates and staff, of the Seventy-first Regiment, were received. A review of the marching columns of sir knights followed, and then came the grand march, led by W. Abel S. Holcomb, Worshipful Master of St. Cecile Lodge. The floor directors were W. James H. Curtin, Bros. Dan Dody and Herbert E. Johnston. The dance music was furnished by the St. Cecile Orchestra of sixty musicians, under the direction of Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, while the promenade music

was under the supervision of Bro. Lambert Eben, Seventy-first Regiment Brass Band of sixty-five pieces. The entire arrangements were directed and carried forward by an Executive Committee, of which W. Harry A. Greene, of St. Cecile Lodge, was chairman. R. W. John J. Dowers was treasurer, with Bros. Harry C. Jones and James T. Petty, secretaries. Other of the Executive Committee were R. W. George E. Wallen, Treasurer of St. Cecile; Bros. Ernest F. Erdmann, George H. Thomas, Frank S. Rix, Roy C. Spong, Martin Q. Good, William B. Tindle, William Scherer, W. Knight Vernon, Edwin R. Knox, Abel S. Holcomb, Charles Groesch, James Stewart, Chauncey E. Goodrich and Frank C. Wardell, representing the various matinee bodies. As the result of the well directed efforts of the committee a sum of over fifteen hundred dollars was handed to the Grand Master, being the first contribution from any organization toward the establishment of a fund for the elimination of the indebtedness on the property owned by the fraternity in the metropolis. No little credit is also due the ladies of the Eastern Star, who were indefatigable in their efforts for the success of the enterprise.

Third degree day in March was largely attended, and proved to be a communication of unusual interest. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers delivered the historic lecture, and his explanation of the lessons of the legendary story was listened to with marked attention by all. A number of musicians were on hand, as usual, and a string quintet played. During the afternoon the Fellow Craft team appeared in their new costumes, and were complimented on the precision with which they performed their duties. Bro. Isaac Friedenberg, having rounded out the allotted thirty years of continuous membership in the Lodge, was this day elected as an Active Honorary, and congratulated on his vigorous health, despite advancing years. Fifty-seven years had passed since Bro. Friedenberg was raised in New Orleans, La. He was on this occasion the happy recipient of many

manifestations of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren.

An animated discussion arose as to the time, place and character of the 1914 annual social function, and the matter was finally referred to R. W. George E. Wallen, R. W. George W. Hackenberger, R. W. John J. Dowers and R. W. George Loesch. After carefully considering the matter from every angle, the committee later recommended that the "annual entertainment and ball for 1914 follow the same general characteristics made popular in former years," and it was so decided by the Lodge.

In the matter of fraternal reciprocity nothing can be more substantial, perhaps, than the way it is carried out by our good brethren of St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 865, of Chicago. One of our Entered Apprentices, a popular actor, was located in their city for a brief engagement, and requested permission to obtain the Fellowcraft degree in St. Cecilia Lodge should this work chance to be on the trestle-board, with a vacancy in the team. The Worshipful Master of St. Cecilia, upon the request being made known, immediately called a "special" for the express purpose of conferring this degree upon our brother, as it was found inexpedient to change the work already laid out. In appreciation of the numerous instances of these kindly acts by St. Cecilia, a set of resolutions was adopted in March containing the strongest expressions of our good will.

A letter was received from Olive Branch Lodge, No. 816, St. Louis, Mo., extending felicitations to St. Cecile Lodge of New York, and explaining the methods of work in vogue in Missouri, which were patterned largely upon those which had proved so popular in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568. The Secretary was instructed to convey the congratulations and good wishes of the brethren to this rising and popular "matinee" Lodge. Brethren finding it convenient when visiting St. Louis were requested to attend the communications of Olive Branch.

To safeguard the Lodge in the admission of candidates a committee, consisting of R. W. George Loesch, R. W. George W. Hackenberger, R. W. John J. Dowers, R. W. George E. Wallen and Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, was appointed, whose duties were to personally pass on the merits of candidates as presented to the committee by proposers.

Winter always brings numerous reports of illness among the brethren, and the Worshipful Master, being a physician, was kept busy attending the calls of suffering brethren. Among those thus disabled were Bro. William J. White, who finally sojourned in Sullivan County, with lung trouble; Bro. Samuel J. Marsh, ill at his home in Harlem; Bro. Melville Stewart, suffering with rheumatism; Bro. William T. Francis, ill in Connecticut.

BIG VISITATION OF NEW JERSEY BRETHREN

The last Tuesday of April was set apart for the entertainment of visiting brethren from St. Cecile Lodge, of Newark. The guests of the day were welcomed in the Grand Lodge Room by a large assemblage. The visiting delegation numbered about a hundred, and was led by W. Edward Fancher, who was formally presented by R. W. George E. Wallen. Among those welcomed were R. W. William H. Morgan, first Master of No. 193; R. W. William H. Howard, Grand Chaplain; W. H. M. Townley and W. James Mills, with a delegation from Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 88, Paterson, N. J. Among the distinguished brethren of our own jurisdiction were R. W. George Freifeld, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary; R. W. George R. Van De Water, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Moses Altmann, R. W. William J. McGaw, R. W. August Eickelberg, R. W. Stephen D. Affleck, R. W. John Spence, and many others. A pleasant feature was the presentation to W. Abel S. Holcomb of a framed heart-shaped set of resolutions, the handiwork of W. Edward Fancher, as indicating the brotherly love existing between

the brethren of the two Lodges. There was oratory aplenty, interspersed with stirring music by St. Cecile band.

PROGRAMME.

Opening March ..... "National Emblem"
Overture ..... "Festival"
March Militaire ..... "Hail to the U. S. Army"
Tenor Solo ..... "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes"
Bro. T. Harland Fudger, of Harmony Lodge, No. 438.
Toronto, Canada.
March Fantasy ..... "Old Black Joe"
(First time played.)
Baritone Solo ..... "The March of the Cameron Men"
W. George Fleming.
Characteristic Reverie ..... "Sliding Jim"
Trombone oddity.
Finale ..... "Stars and Stripes Forever"

Personnel of the band:

Cornets—
Nicola Del Negro,
Edwin G. Clarke,
John Kroupa,
John G. Pfeiffer,
Arthur Wedel,
Harry Venezia,

Horns—
Richard Lindenhahn,
Fred La Croix,
Carl Wolff.

Tuba—
Jack Richardson.

Drums—
George Maurer,
Robert Kiesow.

Clarinets—
David Fink,
Ferdinand Fontenella
George Kampe,
Giuseppe Deleo,
Charles W. Freudenvoll.

Saxaphone—
Maxwell A. Davidson.

Flute—
Arthur C. Berry.

Trombones—
Gustav A. Myers,
Fred Blodgett,
Edward Lang.

Baritones—
Alexander Archimede,
Alexander Finnie.

Conductor, Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann.

After the programme the brethren adjourned to the banquet rooms on the lower floor, where the guests were served with refreshments. Those who volunteered to entertain the diners included Bro. William Fullerton, tenor; E. J. Appleby, banjo; Miss Clara Cubitt, songs; Alexander Mack,

amusing monologue. Later in the evening the officers of St. Cecile, No. 193, were entertained at dinner in the Masonic Club.

Various suggestions looking to the elimination of the indebtedness upon the magnificent metropolitan property owned by the fraternity of the Empire State have from time to time occupied the attention of the officers of the Grand Lodge, and finally M. W. Charles Smith, Grand Master, decided to make a practical move toward this desirable end. Perhaps the success of the great charity ball, originated and carried to a successful conclusion by St. Cecile Lodge, and which was the means of placing in the Grand Master's hands over fifteen hundred dollars, had something to do with his decision, but at any rate the Grand Master sent out a circular letter to the members of the fraternity in the State, calling upon each individual to contribute at least $7.00 toward the elimination of the debt. After hearing the Grand Master's letter a resolution was adopted that each brother of the Lodge be required to pay the amount mentioned, and to make payments easy, as suggested by the Grand Master, installments of $1.40 for five years were permitted. Some of the brethren thought that the Lodge should pay this quota in full from the treasury, and the brethren were summoned to discuss the matter. It was then decided that each brother should pay his pro rata share, the same as annual dues.

Bro. William M. Thoms, formerly editor of the *American Art Journal* and other publications, died at the Masonic Home in Utica, on May 15, and was buried in the Home plot. Bro. Thoms as a boy was famous as a violinist, and he also possessed a voice of rare quality. He became the founder of *The Journal of the Day,* said to be the only musical daily newspaper ever published (1870-71). He was afterward editor of the *Musical Monthly,* and published the magnificent work known as "The World of Art—Its Eminent Men and Women." This superb publication brought him the en-

thusiastic commendation of the best journals of Europe and America, for the scholarly style of the text and its superb printing. The rooms of the *American Art Journal* were for years a veritable salon, where the most famous painters, musicians and singers met. Mr. Thoms was very popular with this coterie of celebrities and was the means of bringing before the public for the first time many of those who afterward became famous. Bro. Thoms married a lady known throughout the world as an eminent pianist and singer, who was a lineal descendant of General Israel Putnam of Revolutionary fame. In his Masonic life Bro. Thoms exemplified some of the most commendable tenets of our fraternity.

OCCUPY COLONIAL ROOM FOR FIRST TIME

It having been determined to remove to less expensive quarters in the Masonic Hall, the Trustees reported that the Colonial Room was available, and it was decided by formal vote of the Lodge to meet in that room thereafter, thus saving several hundred dollars in the annual rental expense. The first communication in the Colonial Room was held on the third Tuesday in May. There were no special services on account of the removal, and the brethren apparently waited to see how the new quarters suited before commenting on the change. A pleasing feature of the occasion was the rounding out of thirty-five years' membership in St. Cecile Lodge by W. Charles H. Govan, who was raised May 21, 1878. The Worshipful Master referred to his long and honorable record, and the brethren crowded about him with congratulations.

The first communication in June was notable for an unusually interesting second degree. Those who appeared for the degree included Bro. John H. Bunny, Bro. Al Jolson, Bro. Charles Emmett, Bro. David Stamper and Bro. Charles J. Dryden, all of whom are well known in the theatrical world. The lecture in the second section was delivered by W. Charles Haller, of Ionic Lodge, No. 486, who used col-

ored slides very effectively. Some consternation was caused by the discovery that two of the candidates had vanished after the conclusion of the first section. They were notified to present themselves on the next second degree day.

Intelligence of an accident which befell R. W. George E. Wallen while haying at his farm in Ulster County caused a general feeling of regret. He was removed to the hospital at Tuxedo, where a prompt operation probably saved his life. Bro. Wallen, who is Eminent Commander of York Commandery, No. 55, had made every preparation to attend the annual sessions of the Grand Commandery, in Albany, but was thus denied that pleasure. After some three weeks of skillful treatment he was enabled to resume his duties in New York.

Bro. Victor Baravalle, who had been quite ill, was reported as being convalescent; Bro. William Lawrason was reported ill, as was Bro. Louis Waechter. Bro. William W. Hatch was taken suddenly ill in Baltimore and removed to a hospital, where he died, it was reported, from diphtheria. Bro. Edward M. Lang was reported as being on the sick list. The death of Bro. Reuben Withers (No. 167), who was raised in St. Cecile Lodge January 16, 1877, removed from the membership one of the old school musicians, formerly well known in the metropolis. He was a close relative of Bro. Frederick Widdows (No. 1), the first Master of the Lodge. He was a brother of William Withers, of B. B. French Lodge, who led the orchestra in Ford's Theatre, Washington, D. C., the night of President Lincoln's assassination. For many years the two brothers had a store in the upper section of the city. Masonic funeral services were held by the Worshipful Master and the brethren in the Episcopal Church at Rye, N. Y.

"Flag Day" was celebrated by patriotic music and exercises in keeping with the occasion, on June 17, as being the nearest communication to the public holiday. Cards containing patriotic songs were distributed among the brethren, and each one wore on the lapel of his coat a miniature Ameri-

can flag. Bro. Bernard Tiemann delivered an address on "The American Flag, Its Origin and Meaning," and there was a strikingly natural representation of the "Spirit of '76," contributed by Bro. James Pierce (Franklin Lodge), drum; Bro. Arthur Berry, fife; Bro. Frank Wolf, drum; Bro. John G. Pfeiffer, flag bearer. The entrance of these brothers in costume, playing a martial quickstep, created great enthusiasm among those present. Besides the singing of patriotic songs by the entire assemblage, there was a fine instrumental quartet—Bros. John G. Pfeiffer, Vincent Miano, Louis Kramer and Gustav A. Myers. Bro. Frank Wolf contributed a xylophone solo and Bro. Arthur Berry played several flute selections. "The Star Spangled Banner," sung by the brethren, accompanied by the several instrumentalists, was a fitting close to a very enjoyable communication.

At the first communication in July there were present and assisting in the work of the day the three brothers Mann —Samuel, Nathan D., and Louis—all of whom have been members in continuous standing for more than a quarter of a century. Owing to the exigencies of the theatrical business, regular attendance of these brothers has been at times somewhat uncertain, but they have never lost their love for St. Cecile. Many years had elapsed since all three had found it possible to attend Lodge simultaneously, and congratulatory sentiments were expressed by the Worshipful Master and officers. The lessons of the historical legend were beautifully explained by R. W. Moses Altmann.

SUMMER OUTING, INCLUDING THE LADIES

This year it was decided to change the custom of former years, and have an outing to which the ladies might be invited. A committee was appointed, of which Bro. Leon Baradet was chairman. They selected Wednesday, July 23, as the time, and the place Fort Lee, N. J., for an afternoon of field sports and the gratification of the inner man. After



WOODLAND PICNIC AND DANCE IN 1913.

a bounteous repast, the prizes were presented, and the evening was spent in dancing.

Through the fraternal courtesy of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 576, St. Louis, Mo., Fellow Craft Alfred K. Hall of St. Cecile was, at the request of St. Cecile Lodge, raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. By special invitation M. W. Jacob Lampert, Grand Master of Missouri, was present and assisted in the work. There was a band of twenty-five musicians, and all sorts of "talent" to entertain the brethren. There was a luncheon, and in the evening the Lodge was invited to the theatre as the guests of Bro. Hall and Bro. Harry C. Jacobs, star and proprietor respectively of the show. By direction of the Lodge, a letter of thanks was sent, under seal, expressing the appreciation of St. Cecile Lodge.

W. Abel S. Holcomb, accompanied by Secretary Williams, visited the Masonic Home in Utica early in September, and the Worshipful Master afterward advised every brother of the Lodge to lose no opportunity to visit that splendid institution, when convenient. As a public charity, it is commendable in every way, and reflects the greatest possible credit upon the fraternity of the State for its maintenance.

Among the visitors welcomed by the Worshipful Master was W. James McGregor, of the Lodge of Lights, No. 148, Warrington, England, who spoke on topics of interest. Bro. William Fullerton, who was preparing to sail for Scotland, was given bon voyage.

On motion of R. W. John J. Dowers, it was decided to discontinue the paper receipts for dues and issue in their stead a neat card, suitable for carrying in a card case.

At the first communication in October W. Charles Miller Williams was called to the altar and presented with a valuable gold ring, set with diamonds and ornamented with Masonic characters, including the Lodge crest, made after an original design drawn by R. W. George W. Hackenberger. The formal presentation was made by M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, in a highly complimentary address.

This being a third degree day, the session was largely attended, and the brethren had the pleasure of listening to the historical legend as explained by R. W. William J. Matthews in his best style. There was a fine concert contributed by Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann, violin; Bro. Emile Maestre, of La Fraternidad Lodge, 'cello; W. Harry Alton Russell, piano, and Bro. Alvah E. Nichols, baritone. Many Grand Lodge officers and other well known craftsmen were present.

INTERESTING VISITATION BY THE DISTRICT DEPUTY

Visitation by the District Deputy is an occasion of much interest in St. Cecile, and the first Tuesday in December was therefore set apart as a day to honor R. W. Norman Wilmer Chandler, who made his formal visit to the Lodge as the Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh District. Bro. Chandler was attended by a large delegation from the Square Club. The scholarly and dignified address of the District Deputy was full of practical suggestions on topics of interest to the brethren, and at the conclusion the Worshipful Master presented him with a check for $928.20, being the first installment of the pro rata for the elimination of the debt on the metropolitan property. R. W. George Freifeld, Deputy Grand Master, was announced in waiting, and was greeted with an enthusiastic welcome. Bro. Freifeld's address held the undivided attention of all, and he was warmly applauded. Then came the great surprise of the day, which was a fitting climax to the remarks of the Deputy Grand Master, and M. W. Charles Smith, Grand Master, unexpectedly entered the Grand Lodge Hall escorted by M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, and followed by M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, P. G. M. The presence of so many distinguished Grand Lodge officers was a compliment to the Master and to the Lodge. The Grand Master spoke earnestly of the subject nearest his heart, and his affable remarks were greeted with much enthusiasm. "This is the way I

long have sought," said the Grand Master pleasantly, as Bro. Chandler handed him the Lodge check. Among the candidates of the day for the third degree was Bro. John H. Bunny, a noted "movie" actor, and as he walked down the main aisle during refreshment, arm in arm with Bro. Marshal P. Wilder, the "Prince of Entertainers," there was much merriment at the contrast in the physical proportions of the pair. The work of the third degree was performed in the best style of the Lodge officers, after which the brethren had the pleasure of hearing the lessons of the historical legend rendered in an entertainingly instructive manner by M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, P. G. M. The labors of the day were interspersed with stirring music by an orchestra of twenty musicians, under the direction of Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann.

One week later the ladies took possession of the Grand Lodge Hall, the occasion being the recurrence of the annual ladies' matinee. The programme included Miss Dorothy Magna, dances; Miss Clara Cubitt and Bro. Arthur Behim, duets; Hungarian Orchestra, Bro. Ernest Hussar, conductor; H. S. Thompson, song; Miss Margaret Hussar, aria from "The Prophet"; Edward Berger, parlor acrobatics; "St. Cecile's Trip to Europe," descriptive, by the St. Cecile Orchestra; Miss Elsa Raunser (Mrs. Raunser, accompanist), violin solo; Bro. William Fullerton, Scotch ballads; Bro. Alvah E. Nichols, baritone; Miss Sabary D'Orsell, prima donna, aria from "Lucia," Miss Elsa Lincke, accompanist; Bro. Leon Rogee, imitator of musical instruments; "Jasper," the dog who thinks, exhibited by Mr. Dixey Taylor; Mr. Bert Williams, in his inimitable compositions; Bro. Emile Maestre, 'cello. The whole terminating with portraits of officers of the Lodge projected on the screen. Members of the committee were R. W. George Loesch, R. W. John J. Dowers, W. Harry A. Greene, Bros. Ernest F. Erdmann, Charles H. Davis, Charles Peppel, William R. Hunn, Alvah E. Nichols. From all who were fortunate enough to get into

the hall there was nothing but praise, and the matinee was voted a great social success.

Quite a number of business men have found it congenial to mingle with the theatrical and newspaper brethren, among whom may be noted the following who joined since 1906: Bro. John C. Shields, merchant; Ben Zuckerman, salesman; Horace B. Miller, secretary; Harry Winfield, collector; David S. Bellows, merchant; Peter W. Hess, confectioner; Joseph F. Silvers, salesman; Henry Orange and Samuel Orange, costumers to the theatrical profession; William Beebe, salesman; Sydney M. Auer, George M. Alexander and Louis Perlman, salesmen; Frank S. Rix, coal merchant; Henry M. Friedman, insurance; David L. C. Hover, mining engineer; Karl H. Driggs, salesman; Emil C. Jessurun, photographer; Elias S. Lewis, Edward J. Grathwohl, salesmen; Norman L. Pollard, draughtsman; William A. Dulait, hotel steward; George W. Monell, agent; David Pindyck, grocer; Frederick H. Renner, paraphernalia; William Thompson, superintendent; Robert L. Hatch, merchant; Thomas Benton Wilgus, lawyer; Harry Levi, traveling agent; George J. Lindenmayer, manager; Abraham Pursch, manufacturer; Willie R. Broughton, Pullman conductor; Max Kahn, trimmings; Charles Battat, furs; Claude R. Fox, our proficient Senior Deacon, is a funeral director; Harry G. Wilson, Eugene C. Schwab, restaurant managers; Milton S. Rice, sign painting; Milton S. Kistler, real estate; Charles Merisch, grocer; Thomas Berger, bridge builder; George W. Washburn, fire insurance; William F. Gray, stationery; William Ross, restaurant; Carl Magdalin, salesman; Jacob Karlin, furniture; William S. White and Alexander McPhee, building inspectors; Richard Patzowsky, leather; Robert Irvine, decorator; James W. Walker, lawyer; John Miraglia, cloaks; Archie R. Kerr, mercantile agency; Arthur Liplich, traveling salesman; Edward Harris, dry goods; Carl Schaetzer, rare perfumes; Ernest Thorne, bank caretaker; Edward J. Horwath, public accountant; Travers H.

Dreyfuss, manufacturer lingerie; Ernest J. Fisher, Pullman conductor; George Morton Levy, lawyer; John Lloyd Barnum, telegrapher; Shepard Gibson Barclay, editor; George R. Byrd, president coal company; John J. Leary, editor; John J. Moran, writer; Louis F. Taussig, hardware; Alpheus C. Matthews, superintendent; Charles N. Whinston, architect; Philip Greene, insurance; John Valentine, railroad agent; Arthur Selig, traveling salesman; Vonce de Leon Skipworth, railroad traffic manager; Max Weisenfeld, manufacturer; Samuel Altschiller, restaurant; Arthur P. Cohen (E. A.), Henry L. Cohen, cigars; Edwin M. Kapp, A. W. Faber Pencil Company; Martin D. Pollock, chemist; Philip Dreher, dry goods; Arthur C. Schoenewaldt, chemicals. The above will give a fair idea of recent additions to the roll.

Newspaper men naturally join St. Cecile Lodge because the hours of meeting are convenient for their regular attendance. Being accustomed to the intellectual trend of mind, also, has something to do with their aptitude for ritualistic activity. For many years the morning paper printers have been conspicuous in the offices of the Lodge, no less than twelve out of thirty-three Masters having been disciples of "the art of arts." During the last seven years the following have been received into the membership: Bro. Alfred O'Donoghue, now in real estate business; James H. Dahm, William R. Hunn, James A. O. Ralston, Irving W. Wiggin, Henry A. Peters, William Fullerton, the Scotch tenor; William Lawrason, Louis A. Payne, Horace L. Ball, James E. Richardson, Andrew V. Markey, Jules Franck, Samuel J. Marsh, Francis Van Tassell, John W. Ramsay, Christian A. Moe, Charles W. Reed, John B. Adkins, Ben. J. Geiger, Walter C. Johnson, Herbert H. Hollister, Frederick W. Adolph, Walter J. Miller, Walter Utting, George B. Addison and DeForest E. Kamerer.

Disciples of the medical profession find in St. Cecile Lodge relief from the cares of a trying occupation. The air of cheerfulness which is usually present has a tendency to soothe

nervous tension, and many doctors have their membership with the "matinee" lodge. Among those who have joined of recent years may be noted: W. Abel S. Holcomb, who served as Master during the year 1913, after working upward through the various offices from the smallest position; Dr. Herman F. Nordemann, Dr. Hyman Male, Dr. Charles Brendler, Dr. Ira Brewster Terry, Junior Warden; Dr. Victor C. Pedersen, formerly of York Lodge, No. 197; Dr. Edward W. Pinkham, well known surgeon; Dr. George L. Schaub, formerly of Emanuel Lodge, No. 654. Then there are the dentists, Dr. Charles E. Smith and Dr. Albert C. Roy. Bro. Louis Moes is a druggist, as is also Bro. William F. Silvers.

A review of the year disclosed the following: Gain: Elected to membership, 23; initiated, 29; passed, 36; raised, 34; affiliated, 1; total, 35. Lost: By death, 8; suspended for nonpayment of dues, 17; total, 25. Net gain for the year was therefore ten, making total membership 673. During the year there had been 28 regular communications, 9 special and 6 emergent. In accordance with the new provisions of the By-laws, the books of the Lodge were critically examined by certified public accountants, who reported $11,485.53 total funds in bank.

The annual meeting was held on the 30th of December, when the various reports were submitted for the approval of the brethren. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers kindly consented to preside during the election and installation. Officers were moved up in regular rotation, and Bro. Ernest F. Erdmann was elected as Worshipful Master without opposition. The Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected. W. Abel S. Holcomb was added to the Board of Trustees, the term of R. W. John J. Dowers having expired.

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W. Ernest Frederick Erdmann (Musician)—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, April 7, 1903. Appointed Junior Deacon, 1908; Senior Deacon, 1909; elected Junior Warden in 1912; Senior Warden in 1913; Worshipful Master in 1914. Trustee in 1915.

The tenth musician to occupy the Master's station in St. Cecile Lodge was W. Ernest Frederick Erdmann. No musician ever performed his duties as chief officer of the Lodge with greater fidelity than he, nor with more practical success. At no time has Bro. Erdmann ever been known to spare himself in the performance of duty. At all times, frequently under circumstances entailing pecuniary loss, Bro. Erdmann has been at the call of the Lodge for his services as musician and director of orchestra. For many years he has provided duos, trios, quartets, in short, anything and everything from an individual personal contribution to brass band or full orchestra, as occasion required. He has remained awake nights writing the music or arranging the details for all sorts of Lodge entertainments, and all has been done as a labor of love. It is just such generous service that makes St. Cecile Lodge famous. Bro. Erdmann is a member of the various Masonic bodies, such as Columbian Council, Corinthian Chapter, Ivanhoe Commandery, Mecca Temple, the Masonic Club, the Square Club, etc. He is a regular contributor to the musical journals of the day, and is a popular official of the Musical Union and other musical organizations.

One of the first important matters which attracted the attention of the Worshipful Master in 1914 was the annual entertainment. Realizing the advantage of an early start on

the preliminary work, the Master appointed a large General Committee, of which Bro. William Boyd Tindle, Junior Warden, was made chairman.

An exceptionally interesting third degree was given the latter part of January. The lessons of the historical legend were admirably explained by R. W. Moses Altmann, P. D. D., and there were exceptional musical features of a very pleasing nature. Bro. Alvah E. Nichols, Senior Deacon, favored with several fine baritone solos. Then there was a capable orchestra, composed of Bro. Martin Van Praag, violin; Bro. Arthur Berry, flute; Bro. Giuseppe Deleo, clarinet; Bro. Henry Van Praag, 'cello; Bro. John Kroupa, cornet; Bro. Alexander Finnie, trombone; Bro. Bruno Pfeiffer, bass. In addition to other selections, there were "Forsaken," flute solo; Titl's "Serenade," for 'cello, and "The Rosary." Among the distinguished guests of the day were the venerable R. W. Stephen D. Affleck, P. D. D., of the Seventh; R. W. Edward C. Rushmore, R. W. John Schreyer, and other well known Masons of the metropolitan district.

A communication bearing the signatures of a number of the District Deputies, was received and read for the benefit of the brethren, calling attention to the convention to be held by R. W. Horace W. Smith, Grand Lecturer, for the purpose of exemplifying the ritualistic work of the several degrees. The brethren of the Lodge were urged to attend these meetings and thus obtain valuable pointers on the standard work.

Intelligence of the death of Henry C. Peakes was received in January, and the old timers recalled the magnificent bass who had so often entertained the Lodge in the years gone by. The death of Frederic Bond, a well known and popular actor, was announced also. Both of these artists had formerly been members of St. Cecile Lodge, and at one time were greatly esteemed by the brethren. Thomas Ebert also died about this time.

An interesting letter from Bro. John C. Denham was read, describing the experiences of the old warriors during the fire

in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, at Steuben, N. Y. Many escaped from the burning building with nothing more than their lightest clothing.

R. W. George E. Wallen, the efficient Treasurer of the Lodge, who is also Eminent Commander of York Commandery, No. 55, K. T., led the hosts of merrymakers at the Hotel Savoy in February, on the occasion of the forty-first annual reception of the Commandery. Bro. Wallen was complimented by having his photograph published in the newspapers, together with a flattering biographical sketch of his Masonic career.

Bro. "Jimmy" Smith came into the Lodge room all smiles on March 3d, the occasion being his fiftieth birthday as a Master Mason. The Worshipful Master congratulated him on his recovery from his recent illness, and expressed the hope that he would be enabled to occupy his seat as Chaplain for many years to come. Just forty-eight hours after receiving the congratulations of the Master and brethren on his recovery from a seemingly harmless illness on the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary as a Mason, Bro. James B. (affectionately known as "Uncle Jimmy") Smith closed his eyes in the sleep which knows no earthly awakening. His last thoughts were of the Lodge he loved so well. Notice to attend the funeral was sent to the brethren, and a large number attended despite the inclement weather, but owing to some objection of relatives the Masonic service was not given.

A good deal of harmless fun was had at the expense of the several brethren who were trying to conduct an auction sale of boxes for the annual entertainment and ball, to be given at Terrace Garden on March 18. R. W. George Loesch, Bro. William Boyd Tindle and others vied earnestly in disposing of tickets, and managed to bring in a neat sum toward swelling the receipts.

Bro. William G. Newman (225), who signed the By-laws March 20, 1883, and Bro. William Bayne (232), who signed

the By-laws October 2, 1883, having completed more than thirty years consecutive good standing in the Lodge, were made Active Honorary Members, and received the congratulations of the brethren.

Owing to the absence of Bro. Frank C. Higgins, who had been scheduled to deliver a short lecture on Masonic topics, his place was taken by Bro. John G. Purdie, vice-president of the Magian Society, who gave an interesting talk on the "Antiquity of Masonry." The balance of the day was largely given over to completing arrangements for the St. Cecile annual entertainment.

All the newspapers gave detailed accounts of the big social function given by the Lodge at Terrace Garden on Wednesday evening, March 18. Some of them contained photographs of the Worshipful Master, Ernest F. Erdmann, with interesting accounts of his activities. The "annual" was fully up to any of its predecessors in point of beauty of decoration, stage performance, music and general enjoyment. Guests of prominence included M. W. Charles Smith, Grand Master; M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary; R. W. William H. Miller, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Norman Chandler, District Deputy; and a great number of well known members of the Grand Lodge and their families. Bro. Victor Baravalle conducted the orchestra during the performance, and Bro. Gustav A. Myers wielded the baton during the grand march. The several orchestra leaders present alternated in conducting the music during the later hours of the evening. Bro. William Boyd Tindle was the efficient chairman of the General Committee, with Bros. Archie R. Kerr, chairman of Talent; W. Ernest F. Erdmann, chairman of the Reception Committee; R. W. George W. Hackenberger, chairman of the Committee on Decoration; W. Abel S. Holcomb, chairman of the Floor Committee, assistants, Bros. Dan Dody and William F. Boettler; R. W. George E. Wallen, treasurer, and Bro. William R. Hunn, secretary.

The near approach of the fiftieth anniversary of the Lodge was referred to by the Worshipful Master early in the spring, and a committee to form the nucleus for a larger one to be appointed later was announced. Those named included R. W. George Loesch, chairman; all Past Masters of the Lodge, and the two Wardens. A meeting to organize was called for an early date. In this connection it was decided that the Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations should take place late in the fall of 1915, and that the usual entertainment and reception should be held Monday, January 18, in order that the one should in no wise conflict with the other.

Accepting an invitation by the Rev. William H. Morgan, D. D., a good sized crowd of St. Cecilians was present at divine service in Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church on the evening of June 7. Added to the splendid music of the regular church choir was instrumental music furnished by St. Cecilians of both Newark and New York City. The church was crowded, and the St. Cecilians assisted the regular church ushers in taking up the offerings of the faithful.

On the same day that the one hundred and thirty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge was convened at two in the afternoon on the first Tuesday of May, St. Cecile Lodge met at its usual hour, and after transacting necessary routine business, a recess was declared by W. Ernest F. Erdmann to permit the brethren who desired to witness the opening ceremonies, which was a brilliantly imposing scene. Among the distinguished visitors at St. Cecile this day was R. W. Otto W. Volger.

PLEASANT VISITATION TO NEW JERSEY

The famous drumhead was finally completed with shadow box, and pronounced ready for final delivery to St. Cecile Lodge, No. 193, Newark, N. J. On Thursday afternoon, May 21, a large delegation entered special cars on the Hudson Tun-

nel system, and were quickly transported to Newark. There they were escorted to the Lodge rooms. On the way from the depot, a stop was made at a convenient spot, and a group photograph taken. After the formalities were concluded in the Lodge room everybody adjourned to the larger hall, where



they were entertained with speeches and music, interspersed with good "eats." An orchestra and brass band of about fifty instruments, under the direction of W. Edward Issler, played. Interesting addresses were made by R. W. William H. Morgan, first Master of "193"; R. W. James C. Howard, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Vermilye, W. Edward Issler, W. Charles Miller Williams, W. Edward Fancher, W. Ernest F. Erdmann, and others. Pictures of the drumhead and the "heart" were distributed, and each one received a unique souvenir

of a copper penny, three inches in diameter, suitably inscribed, and suspended by a blue ribbon. There were songs by Bro. Schoetlin, of "193"; Bro. William Fullerton, Bro. Harry Rogers, "568"; Bro. Burkley, of St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 865, Chicago; with Bro. Louis A. Lesure, "568," at



the piano. Bros. Charles Friedenberg and William Roach also contributed to the fun.

Bro. Louis Baer, Jr., having been a faithful and consistent member of the Lodge for more than thirty consecutive years, was duly made an Active Honorary Member.

When the appointments of the Grand Master were published this year it was found that W. Charles Miller Williams, Secretary of the Lodge, had been appointed Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge. At the communication

of June 16 the new Right Worshipful was escorted into the Lodge by R. W. George Loesch, and after being formally welcomed by the Worshipful Master, was received in the east with grand honors. R. W. George Loesch, R. W. George W. Hackenberger, R. W. George E. Wallen, R. W. John J. Dowers, W. Abel S. Holcomb and W. Harry A. Greene were named as a committee to properly clothe the honored recipient of the Grand Master's favor. The first Tuesday of July was set apart for the ceremony.

Though all was gay socially, the hand of the Reaper was heavily felt. Bro. John H. Dahm, of Brooklyn Lodge, No. 288, a consistent brother of the craft for more than fifty years, died March 20, at the age of seventy-five. He was the beloved father of Bro. James H. Dahm, of St. Cecile Lodge. Bro. James W. Walker and Bro. Charles W. Walker had the sympathy of a large circle of friends in the death of their mother, which occurred early in March. Bro. George I. Field and Bro. Herman Field lost their father by death, and received many expressions of sympathy from the brethren. The angel of death continued to strike with appalling swiftness, and Bro. Louis J. Friedenberg (297) passed into the shadows of the life beyond. He was the eldest son of Bro. Isaac Friedenberg, and brother to Philip S., Jacques S. and Joseph I., all members of the Lodge. Masonic funeral services were held at Salem Fields, in the presence of a large number of mourning friends and relatives. R. W. George Loesch read the service by special request, and there was a quartet composed of Bros. Carl. Wolff, Fred. La Croix, Eric Hauser and August Wagner, with brass instruments playing soft music. Bro. Alvah E. Nichols sang a baritone solo.

The latter part of April the brethren were summoned to attend the Masonic funeral services held over the remains of Bro. Joseph L. Henning (168), formerly Treasurer of the Lodge. The deceased had been ill for some time, and passed away at "Maplehurst," the residence of his daughter,

about three miles northeast of Ossining, in the Pocantico Hills. The funeral was attended by W. Ernest F. Erdmann, W. Charles Miller Williams and Bro. John McElroy, of St. Cecile Lodge. Brethren of other lodges also attended. Owing to the difficulty of reaching the residence, but few of the Masons turned out. The Master gave a short Masonic service, immediately following that of the church and the burial was in the family plot in Dale Cemetery. Bro. Henning was at one time a man of affluence, with a taste for art and music. He gathered in his city home curios from every corner of the earth. He was for years devoted to St. Cecile Lodge, only relinquishing interest when the infirmities of fourscore years compelled it.

W. Harry A. Greene, of the Monster Charity Ball Committee, reported that the total amount realized from the ball had been $1,529.66, and that this sum had been turned over to the Grand Master. Bro. Christopher E. Dietrick of Fulton Lodge, No. 195, Westwood, N. J., presented the Lodge with a handsome enlargement of the Newark group picture, and received a formal vote of thanks for his generous courtesy. During the afternoon there was a concert by Bro. Nicola Del Negro, Adrian Schubert, and W. Harry Alton Russell at the piano. Bro. William A. Galpen and Bro. Finch, of Newark Lodge, No. 7, also contributed songs and stories.

The annual visitation of the Worshipful Master to the Masonic Home at Utica was made the latter part of June. One of the brothers of the Lodge who had died this year left to the vicissitudes of life two small boys. The Lodge applied for their admission to the Utica Home, and a conditional permission was granted. The Worshipful Master took these boys with him, and turned them over to the care of the superintendent. On his return, the Worshipful Master gave a vivid description of his visit to the Home and of the favorable impressions which that magnificent institution had left upon his mind.

Certainly the Lodge Secretary had good cause to be happy

on the first Tuesday of July. That day must go down in the annals of the Lodge as "R. W. Charles Miller Williams Day." There was no degree work, and the entire day was given over to honoring Bro. Williams. The Lodge was opened with the usual ceremonies, during which the Templar Quartet chanted the Lord's Prayer. Delegations began arriving early, and quickly filled the room, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, was warmly welcomed by the Master, and received in the east with appropriate honors. A great number of Grand Lodge officers and Masters came, followed by nearly half a hundred members of the Square Club, acting as escort to the Grand Sword Bearer, who entered the room escorted by R. W. George Loesch.

M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, in behalf of the Worshipful Master and brethren of the Lodge, then presented Bro. Williams with a handsome and expensive apron and solid gold jewel, properly inscribed. The Grand Sword Bearer was then escorted to the east and received with grand honors. After an address of thanks by Bro. Williams, and just at its conclusion, the Grand Master entered, and was presented by R. W. George Loesch, after which he was escorted to his proper station. The Grand Master made very complimentary allusions to the Grand Sword Bearer, which were enthusiastically applauded by the friends of the honored one. There was a fine orchestra of fifteen men, under the direction of Bro. Louis Baer, and many flowers added to the beauty of the scene. The Lodge was closed in short form, and the brethren were entertained with a splendid programme. Among those contributing were: The Templar Quartet, Bro. Orin R. Dudley, songs; Al Wallman, Sam Lewis and Sam Dody, comicalities; Bro. Thomas Boyd MacQueen, tenor; Bro. William A. Galpen, songs and stories; Bro. William Fullerton, tenor; Bro. William Robyns, monologue; W. George A. Fleming, baritone; Bro. Harry K. Rogers, songs; Bro. Arthur Behim, songs. Refreshments were served

in the Masonic Club, at which nearly one hundred and fifty sat down. Later in the evening Bro. Williams gave a dinner at Mouquin's to all the Past Masters, the District Deputy of the Seventh and the Grand Master, at which covers were laid for fifteen. The entire party were afterward guests of R. W. George E. Wallen at the Fifth Avenue Theatre.

MID-SUMMER EVENING SPENT NEAR THE SEA

On motion of R. W. John J. Dowers, it was resolved to hold a seashore outing at Brighton Beach. The enterprise finally took the form of a dinner and dance, to be followed by seats at the theatre. William Boyd Tindle, William R. Hunn, W. Abel S. Holcomb and W. Harry A. Greene, R. W. John J. Dowers, R. W. George W. Hackenberger and R. W. George Loesch were the committee, and Tuesday evening, August 25th, was the accepted date. The function was called "A Midsummer Night's Dream," but it proved to be very real and very enjoyable. About one hundred ladies and gentlemen of the Lodge gathered at the Brighton Beach Casino, where a section of the spacious veranda overlooking the sea had been reserved. The tables formed a hollow square, and during the intervals of the shore dinner dancing was indulged in by the brethren and their fair friends. Bro. Maurice Levi and his famous band furnished the music. After partaking of an excellent shore dinner, the diners wended their way into the Music Hall, where several brethren of the Lodge were appearing on the bill. The entire evening was spent by the sea, and will be remembered for the pleasant informality of the occasion.

During August, Bro. James H. Brough, who had been a member of the Lodge for nearly twenty years, made application for a dimit to join a new Lodge being formed in Broderick, Saskatchewan. The dimit was sent with best wishes for the success of the new Lodge.

Bro. Carl Henry Michaels (E. A.) was reported as being

desperately ill, and had been taken to the Adirondacks for treatment. He lingered until November 29, when he died. His body was brought to his residence in Freeport, L. I., and there the brethren gathered to give him the last sad honors. In the latter part of September Bro. James M. Embree laid to rest his faithful wife. A letter expressing the sympathy of the brethren was sent. Bro. John A. Nickel was reported ill and confined to the Post-Graduate Hospital. Fortunately he soon recovered. Bro. William Collins Marsh died October 8, after a lingering illness. Church services were held at his residence in Brooklyn on Saturday evening, 10th inst., and Masonic funeral services were given Sunday morning, after which several of the brethren attended the interment at Greenlawn. The sudden death of Bro. Arthur Cyril Gordon Weld shocked his many friends October 11. He was driving an automobile near West Point, when he suddenly collapsed and fell lifeless at the feet of his wife. Masonic funeral services were given in the Central Presbyterian Church, at which there was appropriate music by an orchestra of nearly fifty men, all of whom had at one time or another played under the baton of Bro. Weld, and most of whom were members of St. Cecile Lodge. The remains were taken to Woodlawn for interment. Bro. Weld was a musician with an international reputation as a conductor of light opera. On the day of Bro. Weld's funeral Bro. Max Pfeiffer was hurt in an automobile accident in Long Island, but fortunately escaped serious injury.

An appeal to the Great Architect to bring to a speedy close the terrible war in Europe was sent out from the Grand Lodge, and was read in all the Lodges of the State. The brethren of St. Cecile were deeply stirred by the noble sentiments expressed therein. On this day a substantial contribution was made to the Red Cross Society, in aid of their truly humanitarian work in Europe.

The annual dinner of the Square Club at the Hotel Astor was attended by many St. Cecile brethren. Invitations

to attend divine service were received from Republic Lodge, No. 690; from Naphthali Lodge, No. 752, and from Harlem Lodge, No. 457, all of which received the attention of the brethren. A few days before Thanksgiving baskets were distributed to several deserving widows of deceased brethren, which were greatly appreciated by the recipients. Bro. Al Jolson also contributed baskets of Thanksgiving cheer. Bro. Wendell P. Bishop, now residing in New Jersey, requested a dimit to affiliate with Rising Star Lodge, No. 109, as the hours of his employment prevented his attendance at afternoon communications.

ST. CECILE GOES TO WASHINGTON

Agreeable to an invitation received from King Solomon's Lodge, No. 31, a delegation composed of W. Ernest F. Erdmann, R. W. Charles Miller Williams, Bros. Joseph Davidoff, Ben. J. Geiger, and Adalbert Klockgieser journeyed to Washington, D. C., the first Tuesday of November for the purpose of making a fraternal visit to King Solomon's Lodge, No. 31, the "matinee" lodge there. The St. Cecilians were met at the railroad station by a committee of twelve representative citizens, headed by W. William H. Singleton, president of the Board of Trade, and other members of the local lodge, and taken in automobiles for a tour of the city and its suburbs. After several hours spent in this manner the visitors were escorted to the Hotel Hudson for a most enjoyable banquet. Covers were laid for sixty, and the seating was so arranged that the New Yorkers were distributed about the table with members of King Solomon's Lodge on either hand. There were numerous addresses of an informal character, marked with good fellowship. Following the banquet an hour was spent in the Congressional Library, under the personal guidance of Bro. William R. Bedell, Senior Warden, together with other brothers of the fraternity. The party wound up its session at Harvey's, where the gathering

broke up at a late hour. Bright and early the next morning a committee from King Solomon's Lodge took charge of the New Yorkers, and many points of interest were visited. In the afternoon the St. Cecilians were guests of honor at the communication of King Solomon's Lodge, on which occasion the Grand Master and his staff made their annual visitation. Bearing large bouquets of handsome roses, the St. Cecilians entered the Lodge room and were welcomed by W. James T. Casebeer in a speech full of pleasing epigrams, to which W. Ernest F. Erdmann made suitable response. Fine addresses were also made by M. W. T. John Newton, Grand Master; W. William H. Singleton, of King Solomon's Lodge; Rev. C. P. Sparling, of Daylight Lodge, No. 760, Louisville, Ky.; Bro. Waldo Warland Stevens, St. Paul Lodge, Ayer, Mass.; Rev. J. Henning Nelms, Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson, W. Delos W. Thayer, and others. Vocal and instrumental music was contributed by talented brethren of the Lodge. Among those present were M. W. Charles E. Baldwin, P. G. M., District of Columbia; M. W. Nichols, P. G. M. of Texas. Bro. Joseph Babcock, of "568," who was a resident of the District, very happily joined the St. Cecile party, as he said it reminded him of "home."

REMARKABLE FUNERAL CEREMONY AT NYACK

On the day set apart all over our land to render thanks to the Great Architect for His manifold blessings, there passed away in Nyack, N. Y., Bro. Frank A. De Bona, formerly well known to all St. Cecilians, who was raised in St. Cecile Lodge, Dec. 5, 1893. He was laid to rest on Sunday, November 29, and by request of W. Ernest F. Erdmann, the officers of Rockland Lodge, No. 723, conducted the arrangements for the funeral. The Worshipful Master and twelve members of St. Cecile Lodge attended. As the brethren, over a hundred strong, in dark clothes and white aprons, passed through the streets from the Masonic Temple



Ernest B. Erdmann

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, 1914.

to the residence, they attracted much attention. The solemnity of the ceremonies were greatly enhanced by instrumental music by a quartet of St. Cecile brethren, and at the conclusion of the service the procession wended its way to the cemetery on the hill overlooking the placid waters of the Hudson, where the remains were laid at rest. All praise is due the Worshipful Master and officers of Rockland Lodge for the truly Masonic spirit displayed in thus assisting St. Cecile Lodge at short notice to pay a final tribute to a worthy deceased brother.

"District Deputy Day" came the first Tuesday of December, and the Lodge was assembled at twelve o'clock noon, in order that necessary routine business might be disposed of before the arrival of the guests of the day. This included the appointment of a committee to take up the preparatory work of the regular annual entertainment and reception, to be held early in the new year. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. C. Frank Shepard for the very artistic manner in which she had repaired and improved the Lodge banner. Then the distinguished visitor of the day was announced, and R. W. William Wallace Grant, District Deputy of the Seventh District, was presented by R. W. George Loesch and escorted to the east. Members of the Square Club accompanied the District Deputy, and were cordially welcomed. The address of Bro. Grant attracted unusual interest, and at its conclusion the Worshipful Master handed him a check for $928.20, being the second installment of the Lodge's contribution to the Grand Lodge pro rata fund. The District Deputy thanked the brethren for their generosity, and after examining the books and accounts, expressed his pleasure at the manner in which the business of the Lodge was being conducted.

The first section of the Master Mason degree had been conferred upon candidates in waiting during the earlier hours of the communication, and labor was now resumed. The lessons of the historical legend were explained in an interest-

ing manner by the Rev. Bro. William H. Morgan, D. D., Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, who was also the first Master of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 193. Delightful music, rendered by the St. Cecile Orchestra of fifteen men, under the leadership of Bro. Gustav A. Myers, added to the pleasures of the day.

One of the agreeable features of the day was the presentation of a valuable diamond scarfpin to W. Abel S. Holcomb, Worshipful Master in 1913. R. W. George W. Hackenberger spoke of the valuable services rendered by Dr. Holcomb, and of the dignity with which the affairs of the Lodge had been conducted under his administration. Bro. Holcomb thanked the brethren for the esteem which had taken so beautiful and practical a form, and expressed his pleasure at serving the Lodge. Then M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, on behalf of many friends, formally presented to R. W. George Loesch an expensive set of Haviland china, being a wedding present from the brethren. Bro. Loesch thanked the Lodge in a modest speech for the many evidences of esteem which he had received in the past, and declared this surpassed all.

No year would seem complete without the annual Ladies' Matinee, usually held the second Tuesday of December. Although the weather had been stormy for three days preceding the date set, the Grand Lodge Hall was well filled with the fair guests, who were gracefully welcomed by the Worshipful Master. A first-class vaudeville performance was then presented, special numbers being contributed by Edward Turkislur, 'cello; Clarence M. Ernst, basso; Bro. Alvah E. Nichols, baritone; a splendid instrumental sextet by the popular Brown Brothers, and amusing moving pictures by Bro. George H. Thomas. During the day the St. Cecile Orchestra of eighteen men, under direction of Bro. Victor Baravalle, discoursed delightful music. W. Harry Alton Russell presided at the great organ with artistic skill. Bro. William Boyd Tindle was chairman of the General

Committee, with Bros. Charles H. Davis, W. Ernest F. Erdmann, W. James H. Curtin, R. W. John J. Dowers, and Brother Gustav A. Myers.

UNUSUALLY INTERESTING CONCERT AT HOME FOR INCURABLES

One of the most praiseworthy charities of St. Cecile Lodge is the giving of entertainments from time to time at the various hospitals of the city. Several of these functions have been given at the Home for Incurables, and there on the third Friday afternoon of December the brethren and the artists contributing assembled. The following entertainment was presented:

PROGRAMME.

St. Cecile Orchestra.....Overture
Direction W. Ernest F. Erdmann.
Mendel and Nagel.....Violin and Accordion
Courtesy Pat Casey Agency.
Madam Mariska Aldrich.....Mezzo-soprano
Metropolitan Opera House,
Mr. Maurice Eisner, accompanist.
Mr. John Gilroy.....Songs and Dances
Courtesy of White Rats Club.
Mr. Sam Curtis and Company.....Quartet
Courtesy Bro. Will J. Cooke.
Mr. Joe Burns.....Monologue
Courtesy of White Rats Club.
Miss Marie Russell.....Soprano
Courtesy of White Rats Club.
Bro. William Fullerton .....Tenor
St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568.
Miss Jane Fletcher.....Songs
Courtesy of Jerome Remick Co.
Bro. Harry K. Rogers.....Humorous Ballads
St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568.
The Thomascope .....Moving Pictures
Bro. George H. Thomas.
Accompanist, Bro. Paul Yartin.

This programme proved unusually interesting to the invalids, who rapturously applauded every number, and the artists who gave so generously of their time and talents felt well repaid in the enjoyment afforded. W. Harry A. Greene

was chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, together with R. W. John J. Dowers, Bro. William C. Cubitt, Bro. Charles H. Davis, Bro. Henry Kalman Rush, Bro. George H. Thomas, Bro. Will J. Cooke, and of course the Worshipful Master, Ernest F. Erdmann.

The numerous friends of Bro. John T. Wardley were pained to learn of his sudden death, which occurred about ten o'clock on the evening of December 14, while at his employment in the New York *World* office. Masonic funeral services were held at the residence on the evening of the 17th inst., and were attended by many of the brethren and sorrowing relatives. The deceased was a man of upright character and gentle instincts which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

There were three communications in December, the annual meeting falling on the 29th. The attendance at the several meetings was large. At the annual meeting on the 29th the great amount of business was transacted with dispatch. The reports of the Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees were ordered printed, as usual, for distribution among the brethren. A number of Christmas donations were voted at the communication of the 15th, and on the 29th letters of thanks from their recipients were read. Bro. Albert Maxfield, who had been a consistently faithful attendant at our communications for upward of twenty years, and whose ready help was always at the disposal of the Worshipful Master, was this day elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge. Although there were thirteen deaths during the year, there was a net gain in membership, as well as in the treasury department. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, conducted the election, and all the officers were duly installed, R. W. George Loesch acting as Grand Marshal, and making due proclamation. A small amount of routine business concluded a busy day, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony. And so ended the first half century of the Lodge's existence.

THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LODGE.

1865—1916



John C. Pelz Jr.

SENIOR WARDEN, 1876.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Remorseless Time!
Fierce spirit of the glass and scythe—what power
Can stay him in his silent course, or melt
His iron heart to pity? On, still on,
He presses, and forever.

W. Charles F. Brodie (Printer)—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, June 7, 1892; Worshipful Master in 1915.

As indicative of the manifold obligations of the Masonic fraternity, the year opened most inauspiciously with the announcement of two funeral services on the very same day the lodge held its first communication of 1915. These were over the remains of Bro. Morris Blau, of St. Cecile Lodge, and Bro. George Purdy, of Dramatic Lodge, No. 571, Glasgow, Scotland. Bro. Blau, who expired after only two days' illness, was buried in Mount Morris Cemetery, near Philadelphia, and upon a hurried request University Lodge, No. 610, of that city, performed the service for the dead, with an attendance of more than twenty-five members of the fraternity assisting. St. Cecile was represented by W. Ernest F. Erdmann, acting as Assistant Chaplain. At the obsequies over Bro. Blau, R. W. Vreeland Kendrick officiated, assisted by W. William P. Siegert, Master of University Lodge, and his Wardens.

On the same day and at the same hour Bro. George Purdy's remains were honored in like manner at Kingsbridge, New York City, under the auspices of St. Cecile

Lodge, it having been his dying wish that the lodge should thus honor him. Bro. Purdy had been well known for many years as a musical director in one or another of New York's theatres, and was preparing to affiliate with St. Cecile when overtaken by his fatal illness. At the services for Bro. Purdy, W. Harry A. Greene was Acting Master; Edwin F. Naulty, of Atlantic Lodge, No. 178, S. W.; Frank L. Landergreen, of Atlantic Lodge, J. W. and R. W. Herbert S. Clarke, of Pacific Lodge, No. 233, Chaplain. Bro. Frederick H. Renner was the efficient Tiler.

The first communication of the year was well attended, and the work of the Fellow Craft degree was rendered in a most interesting manner. A communication from the Knights Templars Charity Ball Committee resulted in the purchase by the lodge of twenty tickets for the occasion, to be distributed among the brethren.

W. Harry Alton Russell, the genial organist of the Lodge, was congratulated on the completion of twenty years' service in St. Cecile Lodge. Bro. Alexander Davis (1865) was present, and warmly welcomed by the Master and brethren. During the refreshment hour there were tenor solos by Bro. William Fullerton and baritone duets by Bros. Alvah E. and C. R. Nichols.

TWO VALUED BROTHERS ARE BURIED ON THE SAME DAY

Bro. Marshall Pinckney Wilder succumbed to pneumonia and heart trouble in St. Paul, Minn., on January 10. Masonic services were held on the morning of the 15th. There was a very large attendance and M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, a lifelong friend, read the impressive ceremony, assisted by R. W. George Loesch as Chaplain. Vocal music was rendered by a quartet composed of Frank Weisman, tenor; George Bietz, second tenor; Alvah Edgar Nichols, baritone; William Schalke, bass. Pages could be written of Bro. Wilder, who was famous the world over as "the prince of

entertainers and the entertainer of princes," which was literally true, as he enjoyed the personal friendship of many European rulers. Although physically slight, Bro. Wilder's mental equipment was marvellous, and he was popularly known as an exponent of the sunshine of optimism. He was raised in St. Cecile Lodge November 18, 1884, and frequently entertained the Lodge. In conversation with the writer shortly before leaving on his last tour, he expressed his gratification that he soon would be made an Active Honorary Member of the Lodge. It was his expressed wish to be laid at the side of his devoted wife in the family plot at Ridgewood, N. J.

IN MEMORY OF
JOSEPH D. JACKSON
FOR TWENTY-SIX YEARS FOREMAN
OF THE WORLD COMPOSING ROOM
BORN. APRIL 7, 1848. DIED, JANUARY 12, 1915.
ERECTED BY THE CHAPEL

Bronze Tablet on wall of Composing Room

Following the services over Bro. Wilder's remains on the same day occurred those over Bro. Joseph D. Jackson, whose death occurred on January 12 as a result of a fall on the ice a few days previous. Bro. Jackson had been with the mechanical department of the New York *World* as Superintendent for more than a quarter of a century, where he won the love of his employees and associates by his sincerity and generosity. He was a gentleman of kindly demeanor, known for his courtesy under all circumstances. As a business executive he had few superiors in the newspaper field. Bro. Jackson affiliated with St. Cecile Lodge June 1, 1897, and held a high regard for all the principles and time-honored traditions of the fraternity. During the Masonic service the stations were all filled with Bro. Jackson's employees. W. Harry W. Entwistle officiated as Master, with Bro. Wil-

liam Boyd Tindle as Senior Warden, Bro. Harry Vanderslice as Junior Warden, W. C. Frank Shepard Chaplain. Vocal music was rendered by the *World* Quartet, Bro. William Fullerton, tenor; Harold Dean, second tenor; Bro. James Merson, baritone; Bro. Leon Rouss, bass. As a mark of respect the entire mechanical department of the *World* stopped during the service. Interment was in Cypress Hills Cemetery.

TO J. D. J.

The blow has struck. We're ill prepared
To have you go—you can't be spared.
Our tear-drops fall—our souls are bared—
  O Lord, Thy will be done!
You've bowed to His Almighty will;
Your eyes are closed, your voice is still;
And none is here your place to fill—
  You were as sire to son.

The troubles that were ours you bore—
Our mentor and our counsellor.
Oh, art thou gone forevermore?
  A resting place you've found!
Your earthly burdens down you've laid;
You've faced your Maker unafraid.
Oh, would that you with us had stayed—
  Our sorrow has no bound.

O thou our leader—more than friend—
Your "boys'" devotion knows no end;
'Twill through Eternity extend—
  Oh, we must meet again!
Though you've gone to that place on high,
The love you earned will never die;
Your spirit, deathless, ever nigh
  Has made us better men.—N. M. S.

Terrace Garden on the evening of January 18 was the place and time of the annual entertainment and reception, which was, as usual, largely attended. M. W. George Freifeld, with his wife, occupied the place of honor, while near to the Grand Master were M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, accompanied by members of his family. Many other digni-

taries of the Grand Lodge attended. The entertainment fulfilled all expectations, and the several artists contributing had no reason to complain because of lack of appreciation. Bro. Victor Baravalle wielded the baton during the musical numbers. Bro. Edward Dietrick, of Westwood, N. J., took a flashlight picture of the grand march, which showed the Grand Master and several of the Grand Lodge officers in the front rank. Bro. William Boyd Tindle was chairman of the General Committee, while the floor was under the direction of W. Harry A. Greene and Bro. Dan Dody. R. W. John J. Dowers was treasurer, with Bro. William R. Hunn as secretary. W. Ernest F. Erdmann was chairman of Music, while Bro. Charles H. Davis headed the Talent Committee. R. W. George W. Hackenberger was chairman of Decorations. R. W. George E. Wallen had charge of the box office, while W. Harry W. Entwistle selected the badges.

Master Mason degree brought out a good attendance at the first communication in February, and the brethren had the pleasure of hearing the lessons of the historical legend explained by one of our own Past Masters, Bro. Harry W. Entwistle. During the day discussion was had as to the time, place and character of proper exercises to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Lodge. It was tentatively decided to hold a memorial service early in the spring. It was recalled that while the dispensation was dated January 25, 1865, the charter was granted June 28 of the same year. The last Tuesday of June was the approximate date of the charter, and representatives from all the known "matinee" lodges in the United States were invited to come together as the guests of the Lodge. Other celebrations were designed to follow later in the fall. The June 29th Committee named was R. W. John J. Dowers, chairman; with W. Ernest F. Erdmann, R. W. George E. Wallen, W. Harry A. Greene, W. Abel S. Holcomb, together with Bros. Alvah Edgar Nichols, Frank Rix, and Ira B. Terry. The Committee on Memorial in remembrance of the brethren who have died were R. W.

George Loesch, chairman; with R. W. John J. Dowers, W. Harry A. Greene, W. Harry W. Entwistle, Bros. Alvah Edgar Nichols and William R. Hunn.

Considerable sickness prevailed among the membership at this time, and calls for financial assistance were many. These were met in a variety of ways and altogether in a manner designed to be of the utmost benefit to the recipients. Bro. George H. Harris was reported to be in a serious condition as a result of being run down by a motor truck near his home, and was lying in a hospital on Washington Heights.

An interesting Third degree day was enjoyed the first Tuesday of March, many visitors from foreign jurisdictions being present. Bro. Robert Barclay, of Tuscan Lodge, St. Louis, Mo., journeyed all the way to New York to be present on this occasion, and had the pleasure of raising his son, Shepard G. Barclay, to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The brethren were entertained with songs by Bro. Alvah E. Nichols, and piano solos by Bro. Max Freisinger and Bro. George Stone (this day affiliated). W. Harry W. Entwistle on short notice again delivered the lecture and was the recipient of many compliments from the brethren. Consideration of the By-laws and several amendments was taken up and ordered printed in the Lodge notice for the information of the brethren.

R. W. George Loesch, chairman, announced the details as arranged by the committee for the forthcoming Memorial Ceremony, which he promised would be a service worthy of the object and character of the Lodge. The date named was Sunday, April 18. The chairman also reported that the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee had decided on a banquet at the McAlpin Hotel, on the evening of Wednesday, October 20.

Among those who assisted in the work of the afternoon were R. W. Stephen D. Affleck and R. W. John Spence. W. William R. Bedell, Master of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 31, Washington, D. C., was present and received the thanks of

the Worshipful Master for the hospitality shown the New York delegation on the occasion of their visit to the Capital in the previous November.

As several hundred unbound copies of the "One Thousand Communications of St. Cecile Lodge" were still available, the Secretary was instructed by vote of the Lodge to write the lodge annals up to date, insert the new matter in the volume, and have the books printed for distribution.

Among the many cases of illness reported was that of Bro. Nathan D. Mann (315), well known to theatrical folk, who succumbed after a surgical operation, in San Francisco, April 12. Bro. Mann was raised in St. Cecile Lodge March 5, 1889, and will be remembered in the Lodge for his affable disposition. He served the Lodge as Senior Deacon in 1890 and 1897. He formerly was active in Masonic work while a resident of this city. On April 13 Bro. Bosanquet Wesley Gillis passed away at his home in Brooklyn, a victim of bronchial pneumonia. He was at one time prominent in Richmond, Va., as proprietor and editor of the *Richmond State Journal*. His ancestors were distinguished in the early history of Pennsylvania during the Colonial days. Bro. Gillis affiliated with St. Cecile Lodge June 1, 1897, and was a respected member of the various afternoon Masonic bodies. On the day following Bro. Gillis's decease death claimed another of our membership, Bro. Louis W. Begiebing, a musician, who passed away at his home in this city. Masonic funeral services were conducted by W. Ernest F. Erdmann, at the request of the Master. An instrumental quartet rendered music, and a large band from the Musical Union played while the funeral cortege passed.

Brethren and friends of the Lodge were distressed to learn of the death of Mme. Sabary D'Orsell, who succumbed to pneumonia, after an illness of three days. A noted singer, who had been principal soprano at the New York Hippodrome and other large theatres for several seasons, Madame D'Orsell had several times generously volunteered for Lodge

entertainments. She was the beloved wife of Bro. John Nugent and was a popular favorite everywhere on account of her gentle and amiable character, as well as for her great beauty.

BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL CEREMONY PERFORMED

With illness and death making such havoc among the membership, it was an appropriate time indeed for the service which had been arranged in memory of those brethren who had gone to their last reward during the first half century of the Lodge's existence. This is the programme given in the Grand Lodge Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 18, and it may truthfully be said that the service was one of the most impressively beautiful ever held in the Temple:

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

PRELUDE (Organ)—Second Sonata.....*Mendelssohn*
QUARTETTE—"Fear ye not, O Israel".....*Spicker*
TENOR SOLO—"Cujus Animam".....*Rossini*

Opening Ceremony.

CONTRALTO SOLO—"The Lord is mindful of His own"..*Mendelssohn*
QUARTETTE—"The Radiant Morn".....*Woodward*
SOPRANO SOLO—"Inflammatus" .....*Rossini*

Oration.

QUARTETTE—"What are these arrayed in white robes".....*Stainer*
THANATOPSIS.....William Cullen Bryant

Closing Ceremony.

Doxology.

Officers for Service.

George Loesch .....Master
Harry W. Entwistle.....Senior Warden
George W. Hackenberger.....Junior Warden
Abel S. Holcomb.....Chaplain
Harry A. Greene.....Marshal
Charles G. F. Wahle, *Orator.*

Beulah Gaylord Young.....Soprano
Pauline MacBride Nichols.....Contralto
Charles Harrison .....Tenor
Alvah E. Nichols.....Barytone
Harry Alton Russell.....Organist

R. W. George Loesch was chairman of the committee, together with W. Harry A. Greene, R. W. John J. Dowers, W. Harry W. Entwistle, Bro. Alvah E. Nichols and Bro. William R. Hunn. The attendance was large.

Upon consideration of several proposed amendments to the By-laws at a summoned lodge meeting, a life membership was instituted, and payment fixed at $150; the annual dues were made $7.00 per year to begin with January 1, 1913; the regular hour of meeting was fixed at 1.30 in the afternoon, except when in the opinion of the Worshipful Master it became necessary to meet at an hour as early as ten in the morning or any time intervening, and the salary of the organist was increased to meet these increased requirements.

Fully one thousand Masons, including M. W. George Freifeld, Grand Master, and members of the Grand Lodge, were present at Masonic church services held in the Church of the Intercession, at Broadway and One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, on the evening of Sunday, April 25. An instructive sermon, peculiarly interesting to members of the fraternity, was delivered by the Rev. William R. Watson, Grand Chaplain. The usual church music was supplemented by St. Cecilians—W. Ernest F. Erdmann, violin; Bro. Adolph Schubert, violin; Bro. Oreste Genovese, violin; Bro. Louis Kramer, viola; Bro. Emile Maestre, 'cello; Bro. Emile Couchoud, bass. The spacious edifice was crowded to the doors.

Bro. Harry Delvig, of Cordova, Alaska, who had been a frequent visitor at lodge, many times assisting in the work, was about to return to that distant city by sailing vessel around South America, and was bid godspeed on his lengthy voyage.

An emergent call was sent out to the brethren to attend the funeral of Bro. John H. Bunny, who died April 26, at his Brooklyn home, after an illness which lasted about three weeks. Bro. Bunny was raised in St. Cecile Lodge December 2, 1913. As a comedian he was well known to patrons of musical shows, but with the advent of the motion pic-

tures he became universally famous. His big, genial features, with a fetching smile that was irresistible, became known all over the world. A man of sunny disposition, Bro. Bunny was always ready with a laughing retort to any sally. None who were present will ever forget the appearance presented by Bro. Bunny (260 pounds) and Bro. Marshall P. Wilder (98 pounds) strolling arm in arm down the main aisle of the Grand Lodge room during Lodge communication on one occasion. Through the courtesy of Lodge No. 1, B. P. O. E., the beautiful hall of the Elks' Club, in Forty-third street, was placed at the disposal of St. Cecile for the funeral of Bro. Bunny. Fully 1,500 friends and acquaintances of the deceased were present, among whom were the family and many Masons. The impressive service of the Elks was given by Dr. John Edwin Deardon, after which the Masonic service was read by R. W. August Eickelberg, assisted by R. W. George Loesch. Bro. Alvah Edgar Nichols sang Handel's "Trust in the Lord," and there was appropriate instrumental music by W. Ernest F. Erdmann, and Bros. Adolph Schubert, Leonidas Verona and Adrian Schubert. Many prominent personages were present from the theatrical and moving picture interests.

At the following communication, the Secretary reported that a letter of thanks had been sent to the officers of Elks' Lodge, No. 1, and that it had been printed in its entirety in the Elks' Lodge Bulletin, sent to all Elks, May 2, 1915.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BEGINNING

A committee to formulate the plans for the life membership fund was appointed, and Bro. Charles C. Shay was the first to pay the necessary $150 fee. R. W. George E. Wallen, R. W. Charles Miller Williams, W. Harry A. Greene and Bro. William Boyd Tindle were named to inaugurate the fund. As the Grand Lodge began its annual sessions this day, a recess was held to enable all who desired to attend

the opening ceremonies. Bro. William Boyd Tindle, Senior Warden, occupied the east in the absence of the Master, while Bro. Samuel McCandless volunteered in the duties of Secretary, in the absence of R. W. Charles Miller Williams, Grand Sword Bearer. A letter of thanks was sent to R. W. August Eickelberg for his aid during the funeral of Bro. John H. Bunny, and letters were read from W. John H. Allen, now residing in Australia, and from W. John H. Ryley (both formerly of St. Cecile), Past Master of Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, at present Secretary of Greenroom Lodge, No. 2957, London, England.

A very interesting third degree day was held early in June, at which time the lessons of the historical legend were admirably explained by R. W. Robert J. Hanna, Past District Deputy of the Second District, New Jersey. During the refreshment hour the brethren were entertained by Bro. Melville Stewart, who sang in splendid voice; Bro. Sam Dody, who gave some amusing songs and recitations, and Bro. Shirley, of Faxton Lodge, No. 697, who told some funny stories. W. Ernest F. Erdmann played several fine selections on the violin; there were delightful selections by an instrumental quartet, Bros. Ernest F. Erdmann, Louis Baer, Jr., Louis Kramer, Emile Maestre, and Harry Alton Russell, piano.

DAYLIGHT LODGE OF REVOLUTIONARY DAYS

Early in June W. Ernest F. Erdmann and R. W. Charles Miller Williams made a fraternal visit to St. Paul Lodge, Ayer, Mass., some thirty-six miles northwest of Boston. This lodge, though small in membership, is composed of many persons of local prominence, and has been meeting on the first Monday of each month, at one o'clock in the afternoon, ever since 1795. The ancient charter, signed by Paul Revere as Grand Master, is kept spic and span in a safe deposit vault, a more commonplace instrument being used in

the lodge room. The original was courteously brought forth by Bro. Parsons, the Secretary, for the inspection of the visitors. The original charter is printed and written upon heavy vellum, and in appearance is as clean and fresh as the day the noted patriot affixed his name to it. It was from this revolutionary hero that the lodge took its name. In the lodge room the visitors were shown a remarkably beautiful loving cup of large size, engraved and ornamented by Bro. Paul Revere himself, who was by trade a skilled and artistic silversmith. This valuable gift was formerly used at communications, but is now kept for state occasions. Many of the members of this lodge reside at a considerable distance from the Masonic Hall, but on lodge day they make it a point to arrive early. Before the sound of the gavel an hour or so of social converse is indulged in; then a procession is formed, and, headed by the Master, the brethren march to the dining room near by, where all sit at one long table and partake of a warm and substantial dinner, after which the brethren repair to the lodge room and begin business. The ceremonies are dignified and impressive, in keeping with the best traditions of the fraternity. Before leaving, the metropolitan visitors extended to the Massachusetts brethren a cordial invitation to visit St. Cecile Lodge at their convenience and suggested June 29 as an appropriate date.

CELEBRATION OF MATINEE LODGE CHARTER DAY

Celebration of the date of the Lodge charter, June 28, 1865, was set down for June 29. Invitations had been sent to all the known matinee lodges of the United States, to attend "Matinee Lodge Day," and there was a record attendance in the Grand Lodge Hall when the gavel sounded at one o'clock. The regular routine business was quickly dispatched, and then M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers was received with honors and complimented the Lodge on its fifty years of prosperity. At the request of the Master, the Grand

Secretary occupied the east and presided over the further ceremonies. M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, P. G. M., was received with grand honors, and made a flattering speech. R. W. Frank Herwig, District Deputy of the Seventh, was escorted to the east, as were a number of other distinguished Grand Lodge officers. Bro. John G. Pfeiffer (58), who was raised March 5, 1867, was welcomed as the oldest member of the Lodge present. Finally, all the Past Masters of the Lodge were grouped about the altar, and received the felicitations of the Master. Then M. W. George Freifeld, Grand Master, who had been detained, was announced and entered the room, receiving an ovation as he approached the east. Members of the Fellowcraft Club were admitted and formed a group in the center of the hall. W. Harry A. Greene, in behalf of the club, presented to the Lodge a handsome American flag, which was formally accepted in behalf of the Lodge by M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, who was unusually happy in his address. R. W. George Loesch, for the Lodge, then presented to W. Ernest F. Erdmann a handsome gold watch, as a testimonial of appreciation for his splendid service as Master.

PROGRAMME.

Organ Overture.....Harry Alton Russell

"Festival Overture," Leutner.....St. Cecile Brass Band

W. Ernest F. Erdmann, *Director.*

Chronological Cycle, consisting of songs and old-time music, extending from 1865 to 1915, played by the Band, with vocal numbers interpolated by Bro. Alvah E. Nichols, baritone; Bro. Thomas Boyd McQueen, tenor; Bro. Carl Friedberg, bass.

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home".....With drums and fife

"The Vacant Chair".....Bro. Alvah E. Nichols

"My Maryland" march.....St. Cecile Brass Band

"Silver Threads Among the Gold".....Bro. Carl Friedberg

"Graduates' March," by Maurice Levi.....St. Cecile Brass Band

Direction Bro. Maurice Levi

"Sally in Our Alley".....Bro. Thomas Boyd McQueen

"Stars and Stripes Forever".....St. Cecile Brass Band

(Flag Presentation.)

"Star Spangled Banner".....Grand Ensemble

Doxology.

This concluded the more formal exercises, and the Lodge closed about four thirty in the afternoon. A luncheon had been prepared in the banquet rooms in the basement, and more than five hundred of the brethren sat down. An enjoyable programme included Bro. Thomas Boyd McQueen, tenor; Miss Ruby Helder, female tenor; Rose and May, songs and dances; Miss Elsie Meadows, soprano; Driscoll and Lambert, songs; Bob Harding, songs. Bro. Harry K. Rogers had charge of the talent at the luncheon.

Representatives of matinée lodges present included: King Solomon's Lodge, No. 31, Washington, D. C., W. Bert Wolfe, W. John L. Johns, Bro. M. H. Stattler; St. Paul Lodge, Ayer, Mass., W. J. G. Willey and W. Timothy E. Flarity; Meridian Lodge, No 284, Richmond, Va., W. A. H. Flournoy (Master), Bro. M. L. Boyle (Senior Warden) and Bro. H. McD. Cousins (Junior Warden); St. Cecile Lodge, No. 193, Newark, N. J., R. W. W. M. Vermilye, R. W. J. C. Howard, W. Edward Fancher, W Edward Issler; St. Cecilia, No. 865, Chicago, Ill., Bro. Edward L. Gernert, who also played cornet in the band. Other lodges were represented by W. Charles D. Shackleford, Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, Washington, D. C.; W. John Wisener and W. Charles Bair, University Lodge, No. 610, Philadelphia; Brother Arnold Lucy, Greenroom Lodge, No. 2957, London, England, and others. There were about a hundred members present from St. Cecile Lodge, No. 193, Newark, besides delegations from lodges in every part of the metropolitan district. The musicians who contributed their services included Bros. Nathan Rosen, Nicola Del Negro, Walter J. Miller, H. Venezia, V. Miano, Edward F. Gernert (St. Cecelia, Chicago), Jacob Eisenkramer, Ferdinand Fontenella, Charles W. Freudenvoll, David Fink, Frank Stretz, Carlo di Chiara, Otto Koehler, Jacob Wolff, Gustav A. Myers, Anton P. Kleinfelder, Burdette Sullivan, Emile Couchoud, John Schilling, Andrew Bade, William F. Cæsar, J. A. Lauletta, Anthony Pinto, John Helleberg, F. Vennum, Carl Wolff, Gaetano Pinto, W.

Ernest F. Erdmann, director, who also arranged the musical programme.

Several of the out of town guests remained over. On the following day automobiles were provided, and a party of eighteen started from the Masonic Hall at ten o'clock in the morning, bound for a sightseeing tour of the city. Many points of interest in the city were visited, including the Riverside Drive as far as Grant's Tomb, and a run through Central Park. The party then wended their way over to the Elks' Club, in Brooklyn, where W. Harry A. Greene, chief officer, had a lunch prepared. From here a short visit was made to the home of R. W. John J. Dowers, who had been obliged to forego the pleasures of the previous day by reason of illness. The party reached Coney Island late in the afternoon, and after visiting several of the attractions at the resort, sat down to a shore dinner at one of the popular restaurants, where several hours were passed in pleasant fellowship. A heavy rain compelled a hasty retreat to the city, and the visitors later returned to their distant homes highly delighted with their metropolitan experiences. At a subsequent communication of the Lodge, letters of thanks were sent to Bro. Carl Schaetzer, who placed his large automobile and chauffeur at the pleasure of the visiting brethren; to Bro. William Lipptrott and Bro. J. L. Schild, who likewise donated cars. Those who composed the touring party included W. Timothy Flarity and W. J. G. Willey, St. Paul Lodge; W. A. H. Flournoy, Bros. M. L. Boyle and H. McD. Cousins, Meridian Lodge, No. 284, Richmond, Va.; W. John Wisener and W. Charles Bair, University Lodge, No. 610, Philadelphia; Bros. Edward Poole and Charles Willey, King Solomon's Lodge, No. 31, Washington, D. C.; R. W. W. M. Vermilye, of St. Cecile Lodge, No. 193, Newark; and Bros. Wallen, Greene, Williams, Rix, Hunn, and others of St. Cecile Lodge.

Many States now boast of daylight or "matinee" lodges, meeting regularly. Those in direct fellowship with St.

Cecile Lodge include the following, and there may be others. Given in order of seniority:

St. Paul Lodge, Masons' Hall, Ayer, Mass., January 26, 1797. Meets third Monday in each month, at 1 P. M.

St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, Masonic Hall, New York City, June 28, 1865. Meets first, third and fifth Tuesdays each month, at 1:30 P. M.

St. Cecilia Lodge, No. 865, Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill., October 9, 1902. Meets first, third and fifth Tuesdays each month, at 1:30 P. M.

Meridian Lodge, No. 284, Masonic Temple, Richmond, Va., December 3, 1903. Meets fourth Monday each month, at 12 noon.

Daylight Lodge, No. 760, Masonic Temple, Louisville, Ky., January 16, 1904. Meets second and fourth Saturdays, at 2:30 P. M.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 31, Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C., May 25, 1905. Meets first Wednesday in each month, at 2 P. M.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 576, No. 810 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo., September 27, 1906. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, at 1 P. M.

Jewel Lodge, No. 374, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Cal., October 10, 1906. Meets first Thursday each month, at 1:30 P. M.

St. Cecile Lodge, No. 193, No. 401 Plane Street, Newark, N. J., May 4, 1910. Meets every Thursday, at 3 P. M. Calls off during July and August.

Silver Trowel Lodge, No. 415, Masonic Temple, Pico Street, Los Angeles, Cal., October 13, 1910. Meets first Wednesday each month, at 10:30 A. M.

Meridian Lodge, No. 610, Masonic Temple, Cleveland, Ohio, October 19, 1911. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, each month, at 1:30 P. M.

High Noon Lodge, No. 635, A. A. S. R. Cathedral, 417 Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio, November, 1916. Meets second Friday of each month, at 11 A. M.

There is also, in Chicago, it is said, a lodge composed of newspaper men, which though not strictly a matinee lodge, would probably come under that classification. They hold their regular meetings about 3 A. M., after their work on the morning newspapers is finished.

Bro. John C. Hilberg (professionally known as John C. Rice) succumbed suddenly to pneumonia after two days' illness in Philadelphia, on Saturday, June 5. Bro. Rice was for years one of the most popular light comedians on the American stage. He was the devoted husband of Miss Sallie Cohen, a well known actress, and the couple had but recently

celebrated the silver anniversary of their wedding at their handsome home in Mount Vernon, N. Y. At an emergent communication on Monday, June 7, held at the mortuary parlors on Eighth avenue, possibly a thousand friends were in attendance. R. W. George Loesch read the Masonic service for the dead, assisted by the Master as Senior Warden, Bro. William Boyd Tindle as Junior Warden, and W. Harry A. Greene as Chaplain. Bro. Alvah E. Nichols sang, with W. Harry Alton Russell at the organ. The ceremony made a deep impression upon the audience, which included many persons of prominence.

Two brothers of the Lodge died during the month of June, but no information regarding their demise reached the Lodge until several weeks had passed. Bro. John H. Shoemaker, who was raised February 5, 1901, lay ill for some time in the Washington Heights Hospital, and finally died June 1st, from heart trouble. It was July before any information reached the officers of the Lodge regarding his illness and death. Bro. George B. Cobb (Reno) a Fellow Craft of the Lodge, died in Grand Rapids, Mich., June 22, after an illness of two weeks. No information was received in regard to his death until officers of the Lodge read the particulars in the newspapers. Memorial pages were set apart in the records to the memory of these two brothers.

The Master Mason degree was the work of the July 6th Communication, and the brethren had the pleasure of hearing a splendid exposition of the lessons of the degree delivered by R. W. Joseph Rossbottom, P. G. D. C. During refreshment Bro. Alvah E. Nichols sang in fine voice and Bro. Fred Solomon convulsed his hearers with several comic songs, accompanying himself on the piano. A letter was read from W. William B. Smith, of Philadelphia, expressing regret that he was unable to be present at the communication of June 29, and congratulating the Lodge on its prosperity.

At the first communication in August certificates of Active Honorary Membership were presented to Bro. Louis

Baer, Jr. (190), who was raised October 4, 1881; and to Bro. William J. Bailey (244), who affiliated April 15, 1884. The presentation was made by the Worshipful Master, who complimented them on their lengthy and honorable record. Among the distinguished visitors of the day was R. W. James W. Mathews, P. G. D. C., Grand Lodge of England, who presented the working tools, including the chisel, according to the old style. Bro. Thomas Whiffen (615), who was raised September 20, 1896, was granted a dimit, as he had taken up a permanent residence in Massachusetts.

Bro. John C. T. Rettich (theatrically known as Melville Stewart), who was spending the summer season with his family at Sea Gate, Brooklyn, suddenly collapsed on August 5 and passed away in a few moments. Apparently in his usually robust health and buoyant spirits, his death came as a distinct shock. By the finest qualities of heart and mind Bro. Stewart had endeared himself to a host of friends. He was a man of fine presence, an artist in his profession, and a wonder worker in the habit of optimism.

"How fast they fall, those loved ones we have known,
Like leaves from autumn's branches blown,
So quickly sere.

"Yes, one by one they drop away,
Like withered leaves they fall and stray,
And disappear."

Masonic funeral services were held by the Lodge in the Renaissance Room, on Sunday, August 8. W. Harry W. Entwistle read the ceremony for the dead in the absence of the Master. There was appropriate music by brethren of the Lodge. The attendance was large and the floral tributes beautiful.

Bro. Elmer E. Troxell, who had been ill for a long time in San Francisco, died August 27, at the Hahnemann Hospital in that city. He was widely known among newspaper workers all over the United States for his warmhearted na-



Wm. B. Tindle

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ture and integrity of character. His sufferings were greatly prolonged, but the end came peacefully. At the request of St. Cecile Lodge, Masonic funeral services were performed by Jewel Lodge, No. 374, and were attended by several New York Masons visiting in San Francisco.

After an unavailing fight against a malady which had sapped his vitality for months, R. W. John J. Dowers, well known in the various Masonic bodies, succumbed on the morning of September 11. Nothing but an indomitable will had kept him alive when another would have given up. To the very last his mind was bright and his intellect undimmed. Bro. Dowers practically died, as the saying is, in the harness. As he had long been ill, and many times reported to be in a dying condition, his death was not entirely unexpected. He was raised in St. Cecile Lodge June 3, 1902, and had been active in the quarries of Masonic endeavor right up to the last. Elsewhere in this volume will be found a biographical sketch, giving details of his activities. The funeral was held in the Grand Lodge Hall on Wednesday, September 15, and, although the weather was stifling, there was a large attendance of friends and relatives. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers read the Masonic services for the dead, and R. W. John Lloyd Thomas delivered a eulogy upon the life and character of the deceased. The music was of a high order, and lent no little impressiveness to the service. Representatives were present from the Scottish Rite, Ivanhoe Commandery, Corinthian Chapter, Columbian Council, Azim Grotto, the Masonic Board of Relief, the Square Club, the Masonic Club, and other organizations of which he was a member. Interment was in Kensico Cemetery.

Still another death among the brethren occurred at this time. Bro. Frederick W. Ecke, for many years an orchestra leader, died September 17, at his home at Patrick's Corners, N. J., after an illness of several months. Bro. Ecke was raised in St. Cecile Lodge April 5, 1904. Masonic services were held at St. Michael's Cemetery, Astoria, L. I., Septem-

ber 20, and were attended by the Worshipful Master and a number of the brethren.

Bro. Christian T. Plate (No. 42), who had been for some time the oldest member of the Lodge, died in Germany September 8, aged 86 years. The intelligence of his death was conveyed to the Lodge several months later by an attorney of this city. Bro. Plate had been a musician, but retired to spend his last days in Germany. His last appearance in the lodge room was in 1912, on which occasion he was received with many honors. He then sailed away, and none of the Lodge members ever saw him again.

At a regular meeting a resolution amending the By-laws was offered by Bro. Charles Miller Williams, striking out the clause exempting the Secretary from the payment of annual dues. He argued that the discrimination had a tendency to lessen the dignity of the office of the Secretary, and after some discussion the amendment was adopted.

In October began the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary with a thank offering church service. Through the courtesy of the pastor and officers of the Central Presbyterian Church, the Lodge was permitted the use of the splendid new edifice at Madison avenue and Fifty-seventh street, on Sunday, October 17. The brethren were joined by some fifty Sir Knights of York Commandery, No. 55, in full Templar uniform, under command of Eminent Sir George B. Roane. Promptly at one forty-five a procession was formed, the Sir Knights leading, which marched from the assembly room in the rear around the corner into the main entrance, where an arch of steel was formed by the Sir Knights, through which the brethren passed. When all were seated the divine blessing was invoked by Rev. William A. Masker, Past Commander. R. W. William E. Stevens, Grand Chaplain, read the lessons of the day in unison with the brethren, afterward taking his text from I Corinthians xiii, 13: "Now abideth faith, hope and love." His stirring address was a virile exposition of the words of the Apostle

as being peculiarly applicable to Masons. The musical programme was rendered by a vocal quartet, composed of Mrs. Edna Fassett Sterling, soprano; Mrs. Helen Niebuhr, contralto; Mr. Delos Becker, tenor; Mr. Andrea Sarto, baritone. Mr. Harry M. Gilbert was organist. The attendance filled the church comfortably, many ladies being present. Numerous small dinner parties afterward concluded a perfect autumn day.

MOST EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNICATION OF THE LODGE

On the following Tuesday afternoon occurred the 1224th regular communication, which must go down in history as the most extraordinary meeting of the Lodge ever held. It is doubtful if such a communication ever had a counterpart in the Empire State. Never before had such a galaxy of dignitaries gathered at one time in the Lodge, to say nothing of having at least fifteen hundred Master Masons present. Promptly at twelve-thirty the gavel was sounded, and the Lodge was opened with music, both vocal and instrumental. After the minutes were read and other routine business cleared away, the distinguished visitors were announced, and the following were received with proper honors in the order named: M. W. William Sherer, P. G. M.; M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary; M. W. William A. Brodie, P. G. M.; M. W. John W. Vrooman, P. G. M.; M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, P. G. M. Brief addresses were made by these veterans of the Grand Lodge, during which Bro. Kenworthy very aptly named St. Cecile "the Sunshine Lodge." Then R. W. Robert H. Robinson, Grand Marshal, announced M. W. George Freifeld, and the Grand Master was accorded an ovation on his entrance.

With the beginning of the ceremonial business of the afternoon, the conferring of the degree of Master Mason, the various stations and places were occupied as follows, and such a gathering of the most prominent Masons in the state for

work in a Lodge must be noted as being remarkable, to say the least:

M. W. George Freifeld.....Grand Master
M. W. William A. Brodie, P. G. M.....Senior Warden
M. W. William Sherer, P. G. M.....Junior Warden
M. W. Robert Judson Kenworthy, P. G. M.....Senior Deacon
M. W. John Vrooman, P. G. M.....Senior Master of Ceremonies
R. W. William B. Adams, D. D. 12th Dist..Junior Master of Ceremonies
R. W. Francis F. Leman, D. D. 11th Dist.....Senior Steward
R. W. Charles Bickard, D. D. 10th Dist.....Junior Steward
R. W. Moses Altmann, P. D. D. 7th Dist.....Chaplain
R. W. Robert H. Robinson.....Grand Marshal

Also assisting:

R. W. Francis F. Leman, D. D. 11th Dist.
R. W. George Cromwell, Com. of Appeals.
R. W. George Loesch, P. D. D. 7th Dist.
R. W. George W. Hackenberger, Past Grand Steward.
R. W. Frederick Wefers, Committee on Charity, Grand Lodge.
R. W. Dwight W. DeMotte, D. D. 5th Dist.
R. W. Frank Herwig, D. D. 7th Dist.
R. W. George E. Wallen, Past Grand Representative, Colorado.
R. W. Charles Miller Williams, Past Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Abel S. Holcomb, St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568.
Bro. Louis Mann, St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568.

Of seventeen candidates eligible for the degree, the fortunate five who thus were permitted the unusual distinction of being raised to the sublime degree by the Grand Master in person were Fellow Crafts Edwin M. Kapp, Oskar J. Lange, Oreste Genovese, John Rocchetti, John H. Helleberg.

At the conclusion of the degree work, M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers explained the lessons of the historical legend, giving his celebrated classic on "Charity," in his own inimitable manner. M. W. William A. Brodie also addressed the newly made Master Masons, who then signed the By-laws. There was exceptional instrumental music during the work and vocal numbers by Bro. Alvah E. Nichols, baritone. In an interval between sections, R. W. Charles Miller Williams, Past Grand Sword Bearer, in a brief but felicitous address presented to M. W. George Freifeld a handsomely engrossed

certificate of honorary membership. The Grand Master, in accepting this evidence of the esteem of the brethren, thanked Bro. Williams for the kindly sentiments conveyed in his speech, and said he accepted the distinction with the greatest pleasure. W. Harry A. Greene, on behalf of a modest brother, then presented to the Lodge a handsome set of silver plated altar lights, which were duly accepted by the Master. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Frederick Herman Renner, when it was discovered that he was the donor, and the gift was placed in service at once. At the conclusion of the degree the Lodge was closed in short form to make way for the entertainment that was to follow.

Bro. Fred Niblo, of Pacific Lodge, No. 233, who was in an unusually felicitous mood, cleverly announced the various numbers and caused much merriment by his witty sallies.

THE PROGRAMME.

Overture .....St. Cecile Orchestra
W. Ernest F. Erdmann, *Conductor.*

Bro. Louis Mann.....In inimitable recitations

Bro. Van Rensselaer Wheeler...."Many Happy Returns of the Day"
Words by Bro. Van Rensselaer Wheeler.
Music by Bro. Silvio Hein, Pacific Lodge, Director.

"We're often told of a love grown cold,
In these days of rush and go;
Yet here are we at the Third Degree,
And the work is never slow.

"Freemasons all, in this grand old hall,
At refreshment hour we play.
Surely one thing we feel, 'tis our love for St. Cecile.
Many happy returns of the day."
Chorus by Entire Assemblage.

Bro. Thomas A. Wise.....Recitations

Bro. Eugene Cowles .....Basso

Sketch (In one act).
Scene—Room in hotel.

"Mike the Crook".....Bro. Ralph Delmore

"International Pete" .....Bro. Alonzo Hagerdorn

A smooth female.....Bro. Norman Tharp

Final

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee".....Orchestra

Doxology.

When the sketch was put on there was an amusing diversion by Bros. Harry De Veaux, Thomas A. Wise, Sam Mann and several others objecting to the presence of females in the Lodge room.

Instrumental music befitting the occasion was rendered at intervals by the St. Cecile Orchestra, under direction of W. Ernest F. Erdmann. During the afternoon the Orchestra played as extra numbers "My Maryland March" and "An American Abroad," an international fantasy. The orchestra:

Violins—
HENRY HALPERN,
HENRY K. RUSH,
GAETANO PINTO,
HUGO MUELLER,
GEORGE MAY.
Viola—
LOUIS KRAMER.
'Cello—
ALFRED FASANO.
Bass—
ANDREW BADE.
Flute—
ANTHONY PINTO.
Clarinet—
CHARLES W. FREUDENVOLL.
Trombones—
CARL WOLFF,
BURDETTE SULLIVAN.
Trumpets—
NICOLA DEL NEGRO,
E. AKST.
Horn,
CARL WOLFF.
Drums—
GEORGE MAURER,
JOHN MAGDALIN.
Piano—
I. MENDELSSOHN.
Great Organ—
HARRY ALTON RUSSELL.

On Wednesday, October 20, a banquet was held at the Hotel McAlpin, in which nearly five hundred ladies and gentlemen participated. Between courses old-time songs were sung by everybody to the music of the orchestra. After the last course, R. W. George Loesch, as toastmaster, called upon M. W. George Freifeld, Grand Master, who felicitated the brethren upon the success of the Lodge, and the enjoyably appropriate character of the various ceremonies in connection with the half-century festivities. M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers made a happy speech in eulogy of the Lodge, and M. W. John W. Vrooman, who had remained in the city expressly to be present, told several amusing anecdotes. R. W. William E. Stevens spoke eloquently of the Lodge's op-

portunities, and R. W. Charles G. F. Wahle delivered a stirring address. Bro. Alvah E. Nichols sang with fine effect, "Keep the Home Fires Burning." Handsome glass souvenirs were presented to the ladies, while the men received gold-handled pocket knives, appropriately lettered. After the speeches, dancing occupied the remainder of the time until at an early hour of the morning the last guests departed.

After an honorable service extending over seventeen years as founder and editor-in-chief of the *Masonic Standard,* W. Charles C. Hunt found the increasing demands upon his time too onerous, and decided to retire from the journalistic field. The brethren had noted Bro. Hunt's uniform courtesy during all the years, and embraced this opportunity to express to him their love and admiration. This took the form of handsomely engrossed resolutions, suitably framed, which were presented by R. W. Charles Miller Williams in behalf of the Lodge. Bro. Hunt was most agreeably surprised at this manifestation and remarked that it was the first time he had ever heard of an editor being so honored. He thanked the brethren for the beautiful sentiments conveyed, and was enthusiastically applauded.

The first Tuesday of December had been set apart by R. W. Frank Herwig, District Deputy of the Seventh, for his official visitation to the Lodge. There was a large attendance in the Grand Lodge Room when the gavel sounded. Routine business was disposed of with timely speed, and then the distinguished visitor of the day was escorted by a large delegation of the Masters of the district and members of the Square Club. It was a brilliant and impressive scene as the District Deputy was received. During the afternoon a large bouquet of handsome chrysanthemums was presented to the District Deputy by R. W. George Loesch, who referred to the loyalty of St. Cecile Lodge to the Grand Master and his representative. Bro. Herwig was touched by this tribute and thanked the brethren for their courtesy. He also thanked the brethren for a check for $928.20, the third contribution

of St. Cecile Lodge towards the elimination of the indebtedness on the metropolitan property. It was a day of music and good fellowship. Before adjournment W. Harry A. Greene, chairman, announced the annual St. Cecile concert at the Home for Incurables, to be given on Tuesday, December 14.

The theatrical fields of endeavor constantly contribute their quota to swell the ranks of the Lodge. From every part of the house they come, proprietors, managers, actors, musicians, and every sort of mechanical occupation about the theatre, these brothers meet upon the level in St. Cecile Lodge. A partial list of the actors who have joined our ranks during the last half dozen years follows; all of whom are popular in their peculiar sphere: Bros. Frank North, Karl Pantzer, Vernon Asburn, Bennett S. Mitchell, Archibald McDonald, Clement Culver Christy, Dan Dody, Frederick A. Beane, Joseph H. Phillips, Frank L. Hall, Dallas Welford, Lester Brown, Harry Deveaux, Franklyn Roberts, Lincoln Plumer, George LeMaire, Walter ("Selzer") Waters, Thomas G. Fortune, Peter N. Keller, John H. Wood (Martine), William E. Armstrong, Joseph Salsburg (Rinaldo), Maxwell Holden, "Al" Jolson, Lee Hickman, Adolph Pfitzenmeyer, Howard W. Anderson, James Butler Haviland, the late John H. Bunny, Clarence Jack Bell, "Al" K. Hall, Mark Adams, Thomas Roy Barnes, Frank J. Otto, Charles B. Middleton, Samuel Dody, Alonzo Wood Hagedorn, Arthur Mehlinger, Frederick C. Weaver, Joseph Many Burton, Harry A. Silvey, Bertie Binns, George H. Binns, Claude M. Roode (survivor of the *Arabic*), George E. Whiting, Edward F. Beamish, J. K. Adams, Leon Rogee, Frank Fulton Damsel, James Budd Hill, Benjamin Beyer, Lew Hilton, Benjamin McNally and Bernard F. Woods. These highly paid entertainers are so well known that further comment is unnecessary.

The managers' office and the front of the house are well represented in St. Cecile Lodge, as will be seen from an incomplete list selected at random from the acquisitions of the last

few years, which are named somewhat in the order of seniority: Bro. Isidor H. Herk, Jule. Bernstein, James J. Lowry, William H. Roehm, George Leffler, Barney Gerard, David Wark Griffith (F. C.), Harry Rose, William W. Woolfolk, Frank A. Girard, John J. Moynihan, Leon Spachner, William C. Cubitt, John M. Faulhaber, Charles H. Davis, Frank Coren, Louis B. Mayer, Morris Streimer, Carl D. Lothrop.

Among the men who work behind the scenes, modestly performing the highly important services necessary to the success of all stage pictures, whether it be grand opera or the more modern form of art, are found many dyed-in-the-wool Masons, who appreciate the advantages of fellowship and take every opportunity to attend lodge. Many of these are masters of their art—in the very nature of things they must be. Electricians, scene painters, carpenters, property masters, in fact, even the humblest attendant, may be a well informed brother of the fraternity. St. Cecile is very well represented among the indispensable talent "back stage." These brothers have been welcomed to our ranks in recent years: Bro. Benjamin Leffler, William J. Wolf, Frederick G. Gaus, William A. Schellberg, Thomas S. Reyes, Adolph Werber, Frank J. King, James E. Smith, Philip Crispano, Robert Shingleton, Harry C. Gill, David Berk, Herman Field, Frederick Thomas, Charles J. Redmond, Julius H. Schwarz, William Hilgenberg, Arthur E. Nelson, Harold Williams, John W. Brousseau, Henry Metzner, Albert Marshall, Edward O. Roelker, Frank Felder, George I. Field, Bernard Quatrochi, Walter Lewis, Odo R. Shoff, Conrad G. Mueller, Morris Jacobs, David Rosenthal, Harry L. Williams, Frederick Fehlhaber, August C. Koehler, Harry Roberts, Frank G. Lemaster, Jacob Flamm (E. A.), Ira B. Scribner.

No less than twenty well known brothers passed away during the year. Among them was Brother Alexander Davis (52), at the time of his death the oldest member of the Lodge; Brother Louis A. Lesure, well known to leading mu-

sicians, met his death the week before Christmas by falling from the roof of his house while extinguishing a fire. Both of these brothers were greatly mourned by a host of friends. Among those reported as ill was Bro. William L. Bowron, widely known as "Elk No. 1," who resides in California. His death occurred in October.

Notwithstanding the heavy drain upon the treasury during this festal year the financial strength of the Lodge was found to be satisfactory at the close of the year, and the membership increasing steadily.



Bro Al. C. Perpignau.

1916.

W. Bro. William Boyd Tindle (Linotype Operator)—Raised in St. Cecile Lodge, No. 568, September 5, 1905. Appointed Junior Master of Ceremonies 1910; Junior Deacon 1912; Senior Deacon 1913; elected Junior Warden 1914; Senior Warden 1915; Master 1916.

In the Royal Arch and among the Knights Templars W. Bro. Tindle is as versatile as in St. Cecile Lodge, and has been honored with executive positions in all the various daylight organizations, being Past High Priest of Corinthian Chapter, No. 159 (1914); Past Illustrious Master of Columbian Council, No. 1 (1913); Past Commander Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 36 (1915). Bro. Tindle is a member of the Square Club and other organizations, and wears the red fez at Mecca Temple, N. A. O. N. M. S. As a presiding officer he is affable and courteous, and his attention to the standard work, coupled with unusual Masonic experience, enable him to perform the duties of Worshipful Master with intelligent thoroughness, which has resulted in marked advantage to the Lodge. Bro. Tindle was born in Pennsylvania, and is the sixth son of the Keystone State to preside over St. Cecile Lodge.

The Worshipful Master of 1916 is fortunate in his supporting staff. Each officer has shown marked interest in the work, which, coupled with good attendance, has left its impress upon the membership. A brief mention of the line officers follows:

Bro. Alvah Edgar Nichols, Senior Warden, is a baritone singer of great power and pleasing personality and enjoys the esteem of the brethren, among whom he is very popular.

Dr. Ira Brewster Terry, Jr., "the pillar of beauty," is a well known surgeon of the city who occupies a place of

importance in a leading hospital, and who is deeply interested in the success of the Lodge.

The Treasurer, R. W. George E. Wallen, and the Secretary, R. W. Charles Miller Williams, are both P. M.'s of the Lodge, who have also served as Grand Lodge officials.

The Trustees are W. Harry W. Entwistle, W. Ernest F. Erdmann and W. Abel S. Holcomb, all of whom are Past Masters of experience.

Bro. Claude R. Fox, Senior Deacon, although but a few years in the craft, has already attracted the commendation of the Assitant Grand Lecturer, who selected him as one of his principal aides. Bro. Fox is a mortuary director.

Bro. Joseph A. Kapp, Junior Deacon, is a prosperous business man, and, although the head of a large corporation, finds time to perform his duties in the Lodge.

Bro. Charles W. Reed, Senior Master of Ceremonies, is chief machinist of a large linotype plant.

Bro. Christian A. Moe, Junior Master of Ceremonies, is a photo-engraver on one of the large daily newspapers.

Bro. John Valentine, Senior Steward, is a railroad terminal man.

Bro. William Lawrason, Junior Steward, is the proprietor of a prosperous linotyping business.

W. Harry A. Greene, Marshal, is a Mason of mature experience, having served the Lodge in every station and place in it.

R. W. George Loesch, P. D. D., Seventh, is almost too well known to require introduction here. He is at present a high official of one of the large life insurance companies.

Bro. Frank S. Rix, Chaplain, carries on a large coal business, besides being an official of several railroads.

R. W. George W. Hackenberger, P. G. S., is the popular Historian of the Lodge. He is one of the very few who were called upon to serve a second term as Master. Bro. Hackenberger is a chemist of wide experience, and occupies a position of importance in the American Druggists' Syndicate.

W. Harry Alton Russell, the talented organist of the Lodge, is one of the noted musicians of the city, and has been at his place in the Lodge for more than twenty years.

W. Joseph McElroy, the esteemed Tiler, is also Tiler of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, as was his father before him.

Bro. Raymond R. Minor, the veteran in charge of the coat room, is an Active Honorary (No. 187), and has been affiliated with St. Cecile since January, 1881.

There are a very considerable number of brothers who, though not listed among the regular officers of the Lodge, should receive "honorable mention," as alternates in the absence of the above. Without the valuable assistance of these brothers, who are always willing to fill in, the Worshipful Master at times would find himself in an embarrassing dilemma. It is but simple justice to name a few of these devoted workers. Bro. Frederick H. Renner, the alert guide of the Fellow Craft team, is an invaluable assistant at all times, as is also Bro. George Kellington. Bro. John H. Wood, Bro. Frank King (when in the city), Bro. Ben Geiger, Bro. Fred C. Weaver and Bro. "Billie" Cubitt also deserve credit for much onerous committee work. It is, of course, out of the question to name all who help in various ways to carry on the work of the Lodge.

The work of the lodge as indicated by the official records from year to year is quite interesting to those who love to delve into statistics, and for their benefit the accompanying tables are inserted. It must be understood, in considering the classified membership table, that there have been a number of brethren who, after receiving their first or second degree, have gone away, doubtless on traveling engagements, and have never consummated their membership. For the above reason the table is necessarily incomplete in some minor details.

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Year.	Worshipful Masters.	No. Members.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Dimitted.	Unaffiliated.	Dropped at Own Request.	Expelled.	Died.	Rejected.
1865..	FRED'K WIDDOWS.....	22	4	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	2
1866..	" "	36	18	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
1867..	GEORGE F. ILSLEY.....	62	18	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	1
1868..	" "	78	11	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	6
1869..	JOHN M. BURNETT.....	86	10	3	1	....	9	....	....	....	2
1870..	DAVID L. DOWNING....	74	5	4	....	3	6	....	....	1	2
1871..	WM. F. SHERWIN.....	91	30	1	4	....	....	....	....	1	1
1872..	MYRON A. DECKER.....	86	11	....	....	3	3	....	....	....	2
1873..	" "	106	7	5	2	....	2	....	....	2	3
1874..	" "	109	5	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	2
1875..	EDWARD HOPKINS.....	108	3	2	....	1	6	1	....	....	....
1876..	" "	112	5	7	....	....	10	....	....	2	2
1877..	" "	117	4	4	....	1	....	....	....	3	1
1878..	WM. J. LEONARD.....	109	2	3	1	....	6	....	....	1	1
1879..	" "	99	3	1	....	2	11	....	....	1	....
1880..	THEODORE JACOBY.....	92	....	2	....	2	4	....	....	2	....
1881..	JOHN H. ALLEN.....	103	6	6	2	2	....	....	....	1	2
1882..	" "	116	13	13	1	....	9	2	....	2	9
1883..	" "	122	6	10	....	2	6	1	....	2	9
1884..	" "	132	7	3	2	1	....	....	....	3	1
1885..	ALLAN LATHAM.....	139	9	2	....	2	....	....	....	2	4
1886..	DAVID H. AGAN.....	134	3	7	1	1	11	2	....	2	2
1887..	MYRON A. DECKER.....	149	11	5	2	1	1	....	....	1	5
1888..	CHARLES H. GOVAN....	150	13	10	....	....	18	1	....	3	4
1889..	JOHN E. MORSE.....	157	7	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	....
1890..	MICHAEL SCHLIG.....	177	25	3	....	2	3	1	....	2	2
1891..	WM. H. DONOGH.....	192	23	1	2	....	7	....	1	4	....
1892..	ROBERT RECKER.....	210	19	9	2	4	3	1	....	4	....
1893..	" "	239	31	5	1	3	1	....	....	4	....
1894..	" "	249	32	2	....	4	16	....	....	4	2
1895..	JAMES H. CURTIN.....	284	33	7	3	1	4	1	....	2	....
1896..	C. EDWARD LOW.....	304	25	7	3	2	8	....	....	5	3
1897..	" "	316	18	8	1	2	9	....	....	4	1
1898..	ARTHUR J. BISNETT....	343	36	4	1	2	8	....	....	5	2
1899..	" "	344	29	4	....	5	14	1	....	11	5
1900..	WILLIAM B. CLAYTON..	367	25	3	2	1	....	1	....	7	2
1901..	THEODORE THIELER...	385	36	1	....	3	9	1	1	6	....
1902..	HARRY A. GREENE.....	424	50	3	....	2	7	....	....	7	2
1903..	GEORGE LOESCH.....	457	41	9	1	3	7	....	1	8	9
1904..	GEORGE E. WALLEN....	490	42	5	3	5	3	2	....	8	5
1905..	GEORGE JOHNSTON.....	502	29	3	2	2	11	1	1	6	4
1906..	WILLIAM E. TWAY.....	519	33	3	1	2	11	1	....	5	5
1907..	G. W. HACKENBERGER..	540	32	2	1	....	4	....	....	11	....
1908..	G. W. HACKENBERGER..	559	32	5	1	2	....	....	....	7	4
1909..	HARRY W. ENTWISTLE.	590	42	5	2	3	8	....	....	7	2
1910..	JOHN JAY DOWERS.....	618	41	10	2	1	16	....	....	8	5
1911..	C. FRANK SHEPARD.....	637	31	8	4	1	15	....	....	8	2
1912..	CHARLES M. WILLIAMS*	663	33	3	1	....	1	9	2	9	5
1913..	ABEL S. HOLCOMB.....	672	34	1	....	....	17	....	....	8	3
1914..	ERNEST F. ERDMANN..	662	31	1	2	4	31	1	....	13	5
1915..	C. F. BRODIE.....	672	43	3	3	3	15	....	1	20	1
1916..	W. B. TINDLE**.....	678	21	1	1	....	6	2	....	5	2

* Ten names added to Roll as result of certified accountants' audit.
** Incomplete. (First six months.)

An instructive table is one showing the financial operations of the lodge. This may be accepted as the only reliable barometer by which the lodge's prosperity may be measured from year to year.

PLACES OF MEETING AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Year.	W. M.	Place of Meeting.	Date of Removal.	No. Members.	Receipts.	Expenses.	G. L. Dues.	Funds.
1865..	Widdows.	594 B'way...	.....	22	$556.75	$569.00	$13.13	*def.*$12.25
1866..	" .	4th & Greene	Feb. 20.	36	1,012.67	503.47	67.87	509 20
1867..	Ilsley....	594 B'way...	April 22	62	1,221.25	1,212.28	110.13	518.11
1868..	"	" ...	.....	78	815.42	795.88	80.06	537.77
1869..	Burnett..	" ...	.....	86	877.50	1,002.43	75.62	412.78
1870..	Downing.	" ...	.....	74	826.34	732.21	67.37	506.91
1871..	Sherwin..	" ...	.....	91	715.75	773.95	75.00	411.74
1872..	Decker...	948 B'way...	May 7.	86	1,226.47	861.21	92.76	777.00
1873..	" ...	" ...	.....	106	769.42	1,094.25	72.50	559.11
1874..	" ...	" ...	.....	109	918.00	756.03	125.25	721.08
1875..	Hopkins..	Tuscan Room	May 4.	108	1,067.88	1,002.98	137.75	712.20
1876..	" ..	" "	.....	112	888.75	923.90	135.75	602.05
1877..	" ..	" "	.....	117	731.50	807.50	130.00	567 45
1878..	Leonard..	948 B'way...	May 7.	109	831.25	794.47	134.25	604.23
1879..	" ..	" ...	.....	99	664.35	647.86	111.25	555.06
1880..	Jacoby...	" ...	.....	92	587.00	727.27	124.75	428.31
1881..	Allen....	" ...	.....	103	671.50	585.85	104.25	522.18
1882..	"	115–117 W.23	May 2.	116	934.25	742.09	126.50	721.98
1883..	"	" "	.....	122	884.50	747.69	154.00	870.73
1884..	"	" "	.....	132	972.75	756.31	153.50	1,096 67
1885..	Latham..	Tuscan Room	May 3.	139	1,082.00	787.89	106.49	1,217.96
1886..	Agan....	" "	.....	134	1,176.16	1,258.46	168.00	1,168.02
1887..	Decker...	" "	.....	149	1,188.50	1,630.07	78.50	750.73
1888..	Govan...	" "	.....	150	1,082.50	983.50	112.00	863.84
1889..	Morse....	" "	.....	157	1,080.50	1,040.10	134.50	891.55
1890..	Schlig....	" "	.....	177	1,890.00	1,286.09	110.25	1,512.69
1891..	Donogh..	" "	.....	192	1,559.78	1,444.28	197.00	1,669.42
1892..	Recker...	" "	.....	210	2,145.09	1,305.33	164.25	2,557.10
1893..	" ...	" "	.....	239	1,747.52	1,363.51	189.00	3,011.82
1894..	" ...	" "	.....	249	2,385.30	1,485.00	225.00	4,008.37
1895..	Curtin...	" "	.....	284	2,299.00	1,866.99	247.25	4,566.63
1896..	Low.....	" "	.....	304	2,814.00	2,073.74	257.25	5,343.73
1897..	"	" "	.....	316	2,289.05	1,644.00	252.00	6,168.18
1898..	Bisnett...	" "	.....	343	2,830.50	1,896.12	263.00	7,113.26
1899..	" ...	" "	.....	344	2,509.00	2,659.03	303.50	*d.*7,187.23
1900..	Clayton..	" "	.....	367	2,728.00	2,499.43	252.75	7,640.80
1901..	Theiler...	" "	.....	385	3,513.69	2,377.93	287.25	9,006.99
1902..	Greene...	" "	.....	424	4,108.92	2,827.79	331.00	10,557.38
1903..	Loesch...	" "	.....	457	5,098.76	3,674.07	368.00	12,306.21
1904..	Wallen...	" "	.....	490	4,107.17	3,477.20	466.25	13,318.85
1905..	Johnston.	" "	.....	502	4,386.83	3,307.45	348.50	14,836.75
1906..	Tway....	" "	.....	519	6,690.86	6,265.77	532.25	15,764.41
1907..	Hacken-berger...	" "	.....	540	5,157.14	5,200.93	657.00	15,720.98
1908..	"	" "	.....	559	5,135.25	4,862.40	666.75	14,552.75
1909..	Entwistle	Renaissance..	Nov. 30	590	4,924.00	7,123.72	672.75	15,962.73
1910..	Dowers...	" .	.....	618	5,876.52	6,775.66	697.75	15,122.99
1911..	Shepard..	" .	.....	637	5,951.05	6,202.67	770.00	15,538.64
1912..	Williams .	" .	.....	663	6,763.16	7,298.16	770.25	13,415.19
1913..	Holcomb.	Colonial.....	May 6.	672	*7,069.66	*9,438.44	759.25	11,485.53
1914..	Erdmann.	"	.....	662	*8,734.21	*8,643.41	772.50	12,476.55
1915..	Brodie...	"	.....	672	*7,910.55	*12,684.54	835.50	8,094.06
1916..	Tindle...	"	.....	**678	4,365.97	3,573.17	773.00	8,886.86

* Includes Grand Lodge pro rate assessment and 50th Anniversary Accounts.
** First Six Months, 1916.

It is a curious circumstance, purely accidental, that the number of names of members who had been accepted and enrolled from 1865 to 1907, which reaches up to the 1000th Communication, total 993, thus only lacking seven of making the number identical with the number of communications. The greater number of meetings were held in Tuscan Room of the Temple, where the lodge made its home continuously from May 5, 1885, to November 30, 1909. Other places of meeting are noted elsewhere.

Brethren, the pleasurable task of placing in permanent form the annals of St. Cecile Lodge draws to a close. It has been a labor of love, and the pen is relinquished with a sigh of regret. A great many interesting anecdotes and details of occurrences in and out of the lodge concerning the membership, lacking verification, have necessarily been omitted. For our shortcomings in what is here presented we ask the fraternal indulgence of our readers. There is the hope that in coming years other and abler hands will take up the continuation of this record of well-doing, carrying it forward with increased power against that day in the far distant future when St. Cecile has gloriously fulfilled her destiny and is no more. May the achievements of the brethren of the past inspire those of the present and future to greater efforts, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe rest upon St. Cecile and all regular lodges now and forevermore!

Between two worlds life hovers like a star,
'Twixt night and morn, upon the horizon's verge:
How little do we know that which we are,
How less what we may be.—*Byron.*

L'ENVOI.

By Rudyard Kipling.

My new-cut ashler takes the light
  Where crimson-blank the windows flare;
By my own work before the night,
  Great Overseer, I make my prayer.

If there be good in that I wrought,
  Thy hand compelled it, Master, Thine;
Where I have failed to meet Thy thought
  I know, through Thee, the blame is mine.

One instant's toil to Thee denied
  Stands all eternity's offence,
Of that I did with Thee to guide
  To Thee, through Thee, be excellence.

Who, lest all thought of Eden fade,
  Bring'st Eden to the craftsman's brain,
Godlike to muse o'er his own trade
  And Manlike stand with God again.

The depth and dream of my desire,
  The bitter paths wherein I stray—
Thou knowest Who hast made the Fire,
  Thou knowest Who hast made the Clay.

One stone the more swings to her place
  In that dread temple of Thy worth—
It is enough that through Thy grace
  I saw naught common on Thy earth.

Take not that vision from my ken;
  Oh whatso'er may spoil or speed,
Help me to need no aid from men
  That I may help such men as need.

TRIBUTE TO BROTHER A. M. H.

(Deceased)

By a member of the Lambs Club.

A brother Lamb has joined the immortal throng.
That genial soul, brave, lovable and strong,
That kindly nature, of intrinsic worth,
Has looked his last on all we know of Earth.
With finite minds, we strive to learn the cause,
Beyond the workings strange of infinite laws,
Alas! How vainly, for inexorable Fate
Proclaims our tragic lessons learned too late.

We can but hold his treasured memory dear,
Recalling hours when, 'twixt a smile and tear,
He gave us of his best, by word and deed
And never failed a friend, in time of need.
God send his loved ones strength to bear their cross,
The balm of resignation, in their loss.
The mortal man will rest, beneath the sod.
The living soul is with Almighty God.

—J. C. H.

THANKS

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Bro. A. Merz, of Greenwich Lodge, No. 467.
Bro. Robert S. Wardle, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 195.
Bro. John J. McAlister, of Eureka Lodge, No. 243.
W. Bro. James W. Downing, of Worth Lodge, No. 210.
W. Bro. William E. Dennison, of New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, Washington, D. C.
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Bro. Frederick W. White, of Masters' Lodge, No. 5.
Bro. Henry Stowell, of King Solomon's Primitive Lodge, No. 91.
Bro. Hubert P. Main, of Bigelow & Main.

And also the following brethren of St. Cecile Lodge:

Bro. Joseph Greenbaum.
Bro. John G. Pfeiffer, Past Senior Warden.
W. Bro. Charles H. Govan.
Bro. Samuel McCandless.

BE WISE

So live that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan that moves
To that mysterious realm, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night.—*Bryant.*

These Brethren Rest.

It must be so: Plato, thou reasonest well;
Else whence this pleasing hope, this fond desire,
This longing after immortality?
Or whence this secret dread and inward horror
Of falling into nought? Why shrinks the soul
Back on itself, and startles at destruction?
'Tis the divinity that stirs within us;
'Tis heaven itself that points out a hereafter,
And intimates eternity to man.—*Addison.*

1870.

Feb. 17, Bro. Edward Dalling.

1871.

July 27, Bro. William H. Dyas.

1873.

Sept. 2, Bro Joun G. Beisheim.
Nov. 21, Bro. Luigi Squadrilli.

1874.

Jan. 28, Bro. John M. Burnet, P.M.

1876.

March 16, Bro. Louis Fromme.
Nov. 13, Bro. Michael O'Reilly.

1877.

April 6, Bro. David Graham.
Nov. 24, Bro. A. L. O. Breitkopf.
Feb., Bro. Richard S. Campbell.

1878.

July 19, Bro. Charles H. Ludwig.

1879.

June 22, Bro. Edward A. Hagan.

1880.

Aug. 19, David L. Downing, P.M.
Oct. 22, Bro. Henry J. Beckett.

1881.

Sept. 9, Bro. Sigismund Voytits.

1882.

May 3, Bro. Dionysius Barron.
June 1, Bro. Hans J. Theo. Dyring.

1883.

March 16, Bro. Millard F. Horton.
Sept. 5, Bro. Jabez Freeth.

1884.

Feb. 19, David H. Braham.
April 4, Bro. Alfred Burnett.
Oct. 20, Bro. Louis Ernst.

1885.

June 16, Bro. Harry A. Froom.
Dec. 10, Bro. Christian Mihr.

1886.

April 16, Bro. Henry Tissington.
Oct. 28, Bro. Sullivan A. Bates.

1887.

June 4, Bro. Thomas A. Howard.

1888.

Feb. 4, Bro. William H. Livingston.
Mar. 27, Bro. Nathaniel Sawyer.
April 14, Bro. William A. Sherwin, P. M.

1889.

Jan. 16, Bro. Martin Papst.
Dec. 10, Bro. Frederick Carl.

1890.

Aug. 25, Bro. George Hildenbrand.
Sept. 6, Bro. Benjamin A. Baker.

1891.

March 24, Bro. Chapin Lucy.
April 19, Bro. Augustus B. Palmer.
June 13, Bro. Francesco Ramacciotto.
Aug. 30, Bro. Andrew Poulson.

1892.

March 2, Bro. Thomas E. Oakes.
March 27, Bro. James E. Donovan.
June 13, Bro. Michael C. Daly.
July 10, Bro. George W. Morgan.

1893.

Feb. 17, Bro. James G. Sands.
March 8, Bro. Alexander Magner.
July 17, Bro. Frederick Widdows, P. M.
Nov. 27, Bro. Charles H. Davis.

1894.

Jan. 5, Bro. Ralph W. Nisbet.
Jan. 28, Julius Bernstein.
June 7, Bro. Emil H. Habercorn.
Nov. 11, Bro. Robert Scott.

1895.

Oct. 14, Bro. Thomas Russell.
Dec. 12, Bro. J. C. Frederick Reitzel.

1896.

March 15, Bro. Edward G. Jardine.
May 2, Bro. Christian Jauss.
May 2, Bro. Alfred C. Kruger.
July 5, Bro. Charles F. Hildebrant.
Aug. 8, Bro. William W. Walter.

1897.

Jan. 8, Bro. Theodore Jacoby, P. M.
Feb. 23, Bro. Michael Schlig, P. M.
Mar. 13, Bro. George F. Ilsley, P.M.
Nov. 1, Bro. Edward P. Chase.

1898.

Feb. 23, Bro. Charles F. Bussing.
Oct. 8, Bro. Albert Erfurth.
Nov. 16, Christian Michl.
Dec. 5, Hilmar A. Himmelreich.
Dec. 16, John Winter.

1899.

Jan. 24, Bro. Charles R. Young.
Jan. 28, Bro. Judson C. Smith.
April 27, Bro. Samuel T. Jack.
June 11, Bro. James W. Hart.
June 26, Bro. Frederick W. Fabricus.
July 13, Bro. Charles Petit.
Aug. 30, Bro. Ernest Neyer.
Oct. 14, Bro. Edward E. Williams.
Oct. 22, Bro. Charles Wright.
Nov. 17, William E. Fredericks.
Dec. 17, William Rowell.

1900.

Jan. 15, Bro. Felix Morris.
April 19, Bro. John C. Barnes.
May 31, Bro. Thomas E. Easlik.
June 30, Bro. George S. Weeks, Jr.
June 30, Bro. Thomas Baugh.
Aug. 9, Bro. William J. Ballard.
Dec. 25, Bro. John W. Smith.

1901.

Jan. 8, Bro. James H. Thurston.
July 19, Bro. Samuel H. Morris.
Aug. 16, Bro. Myron A. Decker, P. M.
Aug. 25, Bro. Henry J. Johnson.
Oct. 25, Bro. James T. Keese.
Dec. 8, Bro. Jacob Mallach.

1902.

April 13, Bro. Montague L. Andrews.
June 16, Bro. John F. Mundwyler.
July 5, Bro. John A. Stromberg.
Aug. 9, Bro. Stephen P. Cooney.
Sept. 24, Bro. John W. Isham.
Nov. 27, Bro. Henry Wannemacher.
Dec. 18, Bro. James Le Clair.

1903.

Jan. 28, Bro. Frank F. Goss.
Feb. 8, Bro. Jacob Schoenberger.
March 3, Bro. Theodore Thieler, P. M.
Mar. 31, Bro. Edward A. Janeway.
June 10, Bro. Orville A. Todd.
Aug. 8, Bro. Alvin G. Koehler.
Dec. 2, Bro. John F. Lyons.
Dec. 3, Bro. Joseph E. Bernolfo.

1904.

Feb. 19, Bro. Louis Rendt.
Feb. 29, Paul Drosihn.
July 31, Bro. Charles G. Skinner.
Aug. 9, Bro. Albert W. Warden.
Oct. 2, Bro. George S. Robinson.
Oct. 13, Bro. Thomas W. Valentine.
Dec. 15, Bro. Thomas P. Colhouer.
Dec. 16, Bro. Cornelius L. Twiggs.

1905.

Jan. 11, Bro. Charles W. Rodman.
April 4, Bro. Albert Durbrow.
May 31, Bro. Augustus P. Greene.
July 28, Bro. Charles Puerner.
Oct. 7, John M. Lander.
Oct. 16, Bro. George Ramseyer.

1906.

April 19, Bro. Wm. F. Heckman.
May 29, Bro. Franz E. Hess.
Aug. 18, Bro. Benjamin E. Hays.
Oct. 2, Robert H. Potts.
Nov. 25, Ernest D. Johnson.

1907.

April 9, Bro. William H. Donough, P. M.
April 29, Bro. Theodore A. Cays.
May 31, Bro. George H. Foster.
Aug. 1, Bro. Charles H. McPherson.
Aug. 6, Bro. John C. Swope.
Sept. 12, Bro. Louis A. Johnson.
Sept. 27, Bro. Albert W. Bailey.
Nov. 1, Bro. Samuel Weston.
Dec. 2, Bro. Agostino P. Cerillo.
Dec. 17, Bro. William A. Beebe.
Dec. 21, Bro. Edward C. Low, P.M.

1908.

Jan. 3, Bro. William B. Wilson.
Jan. 16, Bro. Harry Stone.
Jan. 20, Bro. Merritt W. Rogers.
March 23, Bro. Thomas S. Nedham.
June 1, Bro. Eugene O. Jepson.
July 31, Bro. Winfield S. Weedon.
Oct. 22, Bro. Irving J. Cook.

1909.

Jan. 30, Bro. Elmer L. Ingalls.
Apr. 6, Bro. Harry F. Ertiieler.
April 13, Bro. Ridge Waller.
June 9, Bro. Charles J. Greene.
June 11, Bro. William M. Young.
Aug. 1, Bro. Otto W. Stigler (E. A.).
Oct. 7, Bro. Abraham L. Mishler.
Dec. 23, Bro. George W. Swope.

1910.

March 3, Bro. Imro Fox (Isidor Fuchs).
March 9, Bro. John P. Schofield.
April 21, Bro. John McGowan.
May 8, Bro. Wm. E. Tway, P. M.
June 21, Bro. Frank B. Carr.
Oct. 18, Bro. John H. Heilbeck.
Oct. 25, Bro. Mark Ellsworth.
Dec. 10, Bro. Lucien J. Gaugler.

1911.

Jan. 30, Bro. Joseph De Bona.
Feb. 15, Bro. John B. Dausch.
March 25, Bro. Walter T. Sternenberg.
May 20, Bro. William H. Hickey.
July 7, Bro. John J. Griffith.
Aug. 17, Bro. Henry J. McCormick.
Sept. 16, Bro. Charles R. Norman.
Nov. 12, Bro. George J. Cannon.

1912.

Feb. 6, Bro. Allan W. Latham, P. M.
Feb. 25, Bro. Laurence O'Reilly.
March 2, Bro. Bernard D. Price.
Mar. 12, Bro. Charles A. Bigelow.
March 25, Bro. Balthazer Kissenberth.
April 9, Bro. Charles M. Carter.
May 3, Bro. Louis Egner.
June 13, Bro. Edward C. Frizzell.
Nov. 8, Bro. David H. Agan, P. M.

1913.

Jan. 18, Bro. David C. Paterson.
Feb. 19, Bro. Max S. Friedman.
Feb. 20, Bro. Edward J. Drugan.
Feb. 26, Bro. John Edward Morse, P. M.
March 14, Bro. John W. Peck.
May 15, Bro. William M. Thoms.
July 3, Bro. William W. Hatch.
Aug. 5, Bro. Reuben Withers.

1914.

Jan. 28, Bro. Frank L. Hall (E. A.).
March 6, Bro. James B. Smith.
April 7, Bro. Louis J. Friedenberg.
April 22, Bro. Joseph L. Henning.
May 17, Bro. Edward M. Lang.
May 20, Bro. Joseph Ansbacher.
June 20, Bro. Edwin A. Rogers.
Sept. 16, Bro. Herman P. Foerster.
Oct. 8, Bro. William Collins Marsh.
Oct. 11, Bro. Arthur C. G. Weld.
Nov. 25, Bro. Frank A. De Bona.
Nov. 29, Bro. Carl Henry Michaels (E. A.).
Dec. 4, Bro. John T. Wardley.

1915.

Jan. 1, Bro. Morris Blau.
Jan. 10, Bro. Marshall P. Wilder.
Jan. 12, Bro. Joseph D. Jackson.
Feb. 9, Bro. Irving A. Flesh.
March 16, Bro. George H. Harris.
April 12, Bro. Nathan D. Mann.
April 13, Bro. Bosanquet W. Gillis.
April 14, Bro. Louis W. Begiering.
April 26, Bro. John Henry Bunny.
June 1, Bro. John A. Shoemaker.
June 6, Bro. John C. Heilberg (Rice).
June 22, Bro. George B. Reno (Cobb).
Aug. 5, Bro. John C. T. Rettich (Stewart).
Aug. 28, Bro. Elmer Edward Troxell.
Sept. 8, Bro. Christian T. Plate.
Sept. 11, Bro. John J. Dowers, P.M.
Sept. 17, Bro. Frederick W. Ecke.
Dec. 3, Bro. Alexander Davis.
Dec. 10, Bro. Albert E. Lohman.
Dec. 17, Bro. Louis A. Lesure.
Dec. 27, Bro. George D. Freestone.

1916.

Jan. 10, Bro. Herman Perlet.
Jan. 24, Bro. Albert E. Krausse.
Feb. 4, Bro. Robert Recker, P.M.
May 23, Bro. Antonio Bellucci.
Aug. 22, Bro. Alva M. Holbrook.
Aug. 25, Bro. James J. Lowry.
Sept. 4, Bro. William T. Francis.

——We've a record more beautiful and bright
On which our friendships and our loves to write:
That these may never from the mind depart,
We trust them to the memory of the heart.
There is no dimming—no effacement here,
Each new pulsation keeps the record clear;
Warm golden letters all the tablets fill,
Nor lose their lustre till the heart stands still.

PETITIONERS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ST. CECILE LODGE.

W. Bro. Frederick Widdows, of Clinton Lodge, No. 453.
Bro. George F. Ilsley, of Americus Lodge, No. 535.
Bro. George S. Weeks, Jr., of Americus Lodge, No. 535.
Bro. James Mills, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 195.
Bro. John R. Thomas, of Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 272.
Bro. George W. Morgan, of Montauk Lodge, No. 286.
Bro. Myron A. Decker, of Masters' Lodge, No. 5.
* Bro. Richard Horner, of Manitou Lodge, No. 106.
*Bro. William H. Walter, of Chancellor Walworth Lodge, No. 271.
* Bro. Edward Mollenhauer, of Absalom Lodge, Hamburg.
Bro. David Graham, of Worth Lodge, No. 210.
Bro. Henry Tissington, of Eureka Lodge, No. 243.

* Did not complete their membership.

LODGE OFFICERS FOR 1865-66.

FREDERICK WIDDOWS	Master.
GEORGE F. ILSLEY	Senior Warden.
THOMAS S. NEDHAM	Junior Warden.
HENRY TISSINGTON	Treasurer.
DAVID GRAHAM	Secretary.
DAVID L. DOWNING	Senior Deacon.
NATHANIEL SAWYER	Junior Deacon.
HENRY S. CUTLER	Stewards, or M. C.
GEORGE S. WEEKS, JR	
HARVEY B. DODWORTH	Marshal.
DAVID B. JOHNSTON	Trustees.
HENRY S. CUTLER	
JAMES MILLS	
DAVID L. DOWNING	Standing Committee.
NATHANIEL SAWYER	
THOMAS G. HOWARD	
GEORGE W. MORGAN	Organist.
WILLIAM H. WALTER	
JOHNSTON FOUNTAIN	Tiler.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

†Bro. William H. Walter, Chancellor Walworth Lodge, No. 271. Aug. 1, 1865.
†M. W. Robert Holmes, Grand Master, July 3, 1867.
†W. Bro. John Giffin, New York Lodge, No. 330, Feb. 7, 1871.
†R. W. Isaac Brown, Puritan Lodge, No. 339, Dec. 31, 1872.
†W. Bro. Robert Thomas, Kane Lodge, No. 454, July 1, 1873.
†R. W. John C. Boak, Manhattan Lodge, No. 62, Feb. 2, 1875.
†W. Bro. Edward B. Brush, Amity Lodge, No. 323, Sept. 21, 1875.
†M. W. Ellwood E. Thorne, Past Grand Master, June 18, 1878.
†R. W. Frederick Widdows, New Jerusalem Lodge, No. 9, Washington, D. C., Nov. 15, 1881.
†R. W. James E. Morrison, Atlantic Lodge, No. 178, Sept. 19, 1882.
W. Bro. John H. Allen, Shekomeko Lodge, No. 458, March 5, 1895.
R. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary, April 19, 1898.
†W. Bro. Eugene C. Akers, United States Lodge, No. 207, Jan. 21, 1902.
†M. W. John Stewart, Past Grand Master, Dec. 2, 1902.
†W. Bro. Charles Hotmer, Copestone Lodge, No. 641, Dec. 2, 1902.
Rev. Bro. Thomas Losee, Montauk Lodge, No. 286, Dec. 6, 1904.
†W. Bro. Francis S. Ginther, University Lodge, No. 610, Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 2, 1906.
R. W. August Eickelberg (Custodian of the Work), 1910.
R. W. Albert Maxfield, 1914.
M. W. George Freifeld (Past Grand Master), 1915.
M. W. Robert J. Kenworthy (Past Grand Master), 1915.
W. Charles S. Bair, University Lodge, No. 610, Philadelphia, Pa., 1915.
(a) Bro. Frank S. Rix, 1908.

(a) Became an active member December 21, 1909.

ACTIVE HONORARY MEMBERS.

†42—Christian T. Plate, December 4, 1866.
†52—Alexander Davis, January 29, 1867.
58—John G. Pfeiffer, March 5, 1867.
†80—W. Allan Latham, June 30, 1868.
†141—William M. Young, April 7, 1874.
†167—Reuben Withers, January 16, 1877.
†168—Joseph L. Henning, January 16, 1877.
178—W. C. H. Govan, May 21, 1878.
†181—John W. Peck, March 18, 1879.
187—Raymond R. Minor, January 18, 1881.
189—Alfred C. Perpignan, April 5, 1881.
190—Louis Baer, October 4, 1881.
210—Joseph M. Laendner, October 31, 1882.
214—Thomas Grey, October 31, 1882.
216—Isaac Friedenberg, December 5, 1882.
225—William G. Newman, March 20, 1883.
232—William Bayne, October 2, 1883.
243—W. Merritt W. Larabee, April 1, 1884.
244—William J. Bailey, April 15, 1884.
246—Ralph Delmore, July 9, 1884.
249—Louis Waechter, November 18, 1884.
259—George H. Moore, May 5, 1885.

†Died.

TABULAR VIEW OF OFFICERS ELECTED IN ST. CECILE LODGE, NO. 568, F. & A. M.

YEAR.	MASTER.	S. WARDEN	J. WARDEN.	TREASURER.	SECRETARY.	TRUSTEES.
1865..	F. Widdows	G. F. Ilsley	T. S. Nedham	H. Tissington	D. Graham	Johnson, Cutler, Dodworth.
1866..	F. Widdows	G. F. Ilsley	T. S. Nedham	H. Tissington	D. Graham	Widdows, Sawyer, Johnson.
1867..	G. F. Ilsley	J. M. Burnett	D. L. Downing	H. Tissington	D. Graham	Sawyer, Johnson, Nedham.
1868..	G. F. Ilsley	J. M. Burnett	D. L. Downing	H. Tissington	D. Graham	Ilsley, Sawyer, Nedham.
1869..	J. M. Burnett	D. L. Downing	W. F. Sherwin	H. Tissington	D. Graham	Sawyer, Cutler, Pattison.
1870..	D. L. Downing	W. F. Sherwin	J. G. Pfeiffer	H. Tissington	D. Graham	Downing, Pfeiffer, Fromme.
1871..	W. F. Sherwin	M. A. Decker	Thos. Kroupa	H. Tissington	D. Graham	Downing, Fromme, Pfeiffer.
1872..	M. A. Decker	E. Hopkins	Th. Jacoby	H. Tissington	D. Graham	Downing, Fromme, Nedham.
1873..	M. A. Decker	E. Hopkins	Th. Jacoby	H. Tissington	D. Graham	Downing, Nedham, Fromme.
1874..	M. A. Decker	E. Hopkins	W. J. Leonard	H. Tissington	D. Graham	Decker, Downing, Graham.
1875..	E. Hopkins	Th. Jacoby	J. C. Barnes	H. Tissington	G. F. Ilsley	Decker, Downing, Fromme.
1876..	E. Hopkins	J. G. Pfeiffer	J. H. Allen	H. Tissington	G. F. Ilsley	Decker, Downing, Jacoby.
1877..	E. Hopkins	W. J. Leonard	C. H. Ludwig	H. Tissington	G. F. Ilsley	Hopkins, Downing, Jacoby.
1878..	Wm. J. Leonard	C. H. Ludwig	H. J. Beckett	H. Tissington	G. F. Ilsley	Downing, Jacoby, Nedham.
1879..	Wm. J. Leonard	F. C. P. Robinson	H. J. Beckett	H. Tissington	L. O'Reilly	Leonard, Downing, Decker.
1880..	Th. Jacoby	F. C. P. Robinson	J. H. Allen	H. Tissington	L. O'Reilly	Decker, Leonard, Jacoby.
1881..	J. H. Allen	A. Latham	C. H. Govan	H. Tissington	L. O'Reilly	Decker, Jacoby, Ramacciotto.
1882..	J. H. Allen	J. C. Barnes	A. C. Perpignan	H. Tissington	L. O'Reilly	Decker, Jacoby, Barnes.
1883..	J. H. Allen	A. Latham	M. Schlig	H. Tissington	L. O'Reilly	Decker, Jacoby, Barnes.
1884..	J. H. Allen	A. Latham	C. A. Stevenson	H. Tissington	L. O'Reilly	Decker, Allen, Barnes.
1885..	A. Latham	D. H. Agan	M. Schlig	H. Tissington	L. O'Reilly	Latham, Allen, Decker.
1886..	D. H. Agan	M. Schlig	J. E. Morse	Papst elected*	L. O'Reilly	Agan, Latham, Allen.
1887..	M. A. Decker	J. E. Morse	W. H. Livingston	M. Papst	L. O'Reilly	Decker, Nedham, Jardine.
1888..	C. H. Govan	J. E. Morse	R. R. Minor	M. Papst	L. O'Reilly	Decker, Nedham, Govan.
1889..	J. E. Morse	M. Schlig	G. Olmi	M. Papst	L. O'Reilly	Decker, Morse, Allen.
1890..	M. Schlig	W. H. Donogh	R. Recker	J. L. Henning	H. W. Roe	Decker, Allen, Schlig.
1891..	W. H. Donogh	R. Recker	S. Herbert	J. L. Henning	H. W. Roe	Decker, Donogh, Schlig.
1892..	R. Recker	J. F. Dobbs	A. J. Bisnett	J. L. Henning	H. W. Roe	Decker, O'Reilly, Schlig.
1893..	R. Recker	A. J. Bisnett	J. H. Curtin	J. L. Henning	H. W. Roe	Decker, O'Reilly, Schlig.
1894..	R. Recker	J. H. Curtin	W. W. Walters	J. L. Henning	H. W. Roe	Decker, O'Reilly, Schlig.
1895..	J. H. Curtin	W. W. Walters	C. E. Low	J. L. Henning	H. W. Roe	Decker, O'Reilly, Henning.
1896..	C. E. Low	A. J. Bisnett	L. O'Reilly	R. Recker	H. W. Roe	Curtin, O'Reilly, Nickel.
1897..	C. E. Low	A. J. Bisnett	J. A. Nickel	R. Recker	H. W. Roe	Decker, Curtin, Henning.
1898..	A. J. Bisnett	J. A. Nickel	W. B. Clayton	R. Recker	H. W. Roe	Low, Curtin, Henning.
1899..	A. J. Bisnett	W. B. Clayton	H. A. Greene	R. Recker	H. W. Roe	Low, Curtin, Henning.
1900..	W. B. Clayton	Theo. Thieler	Horatio Noyes	R. Recker	H. W. Roe	Henning, Low, Curtin.
1901..	Theo. Thieler	Horatio Noyes	Geo. Loesch	R. Recker	H. W. Roe	Henning, Low, Clayton.
1902..	H. A. Greene	Geo. Loesch	Geo. E. Wallen	R. Recker	H. W. Roe	Henning, Smith, Clayton.
1903..	Geo. Loesch	Geo. E. Wallen	Geo. Johnston	R. Recker	H. W. Roe	Henning, Smith, Greene.
1904..	Geo. E. Wallen	Geo. Johnston	Wm. E. Tway	R. Recker	H. W. Roe	Henning, Smith, Greene.
1905..	Geo. Johnston	Wm. E. Tway	G. W. Hackenberger	R. Recker	H. W. Roe	Henning, Clayton, Wallen.
1906..	Wm. E. Tway	G. W. Hackenberger	H. W. Entwistle	R. Recker	H. W. Roe	Clayton, Wallen, Johnston.
1907..	G. W. Hackenberger	H. W. Entwistle	W. A. Baird	R. Recker	H. W. Roe	Wallen, Johnston, Tway.
1908..	G. W. Hackenberger	H. W. Entwistle	John J. Dowers	J. H. Curtin	H. W. Roe	Johnston, Tway, Recker.
1909..	H. W. Entwistle	John J. Dowers	C. Frank Shepard	J. H. Curtin	H. W. Roe	Tway, Recker, Hackenberger.
1910..	John J. Dowers	C. Frank Shehard	Charles Miller Williams	J. H. Curtin	H. W. Roe	Recker, Hackenberger, Entwistle.
1911..	C. Frank Shepard	Charles Miller Williams	Archie R. Kerr	J. H. Curtin	H. W. Roe	Hackenberger, Entwistle, Dowers.
1912..	Charles Miller Williams	Abel S. Holcomb	E. F. Erdmann	George E. Wallen	**F. S. Rix	Entwistle, Dovers, Shepard.
1913..	Abel S. Holcomb	E. F. Erdmann	C. F. Brodie	George E. Wallen	C. M. Williams	Dowers, Shepard, Curtin.
1914..	Ernest F. Erdmann	C. F. Brodie	Wm. B. Tindle	George E. Wallen	C. M. Williams	Shepard, Curtin, Holcomb.
1915..	C. F. Brodie	Wm. B. Tindle	Alvah E. Nichols	George E. Wallen	C. M. Williams	Curtin, Holcomb, Erdmann.
1916..	William B. Tindle	Alvah E. Nichols	Ira B. Terry	George E. Wallen	C. M. Williams	Entwistle, Holcomb, Erdmann.

* Tissington died. ** Roe out.

TABULAR VIEW OF OFFICERS APPOINTED IN ST. CECILE LODGE, No. 568 F. & A. M.

Year.	S. Deacon	J. Deacon	S. M. Cr's.	J. M. Cr's.	S. Steward	J. Steward	Chaplain.	Historian.	Organist	Marshal.	Tiler.	Year.
1865...	D. L. Downing...	N. Sawyer	L. O'Reilly.....	J. C. F. Reitzel...	H. S. Cutler.....	G. S. Weeks, Jr...	W. S. Coffee.....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan..	H. B. Dodworth..	J. Fountain...	1865
1866...	D. L. Downing...	N. Sawyer	L. O'Reilly.....	J. C. F. Reitzel...	No appointment.	No appointment..	W. S. Coffee.....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan...	H. B. Dodworth..	J. Fountain....	1866
1867...	J. A. Gordinear. .	J. V. Van Duyn..	John Dillon.....	J. C. F. Reitzel...	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	H. H. Walter....	L. O'Reilly.....	J. Fountain....	1867
1868...	J. A. Gordinear...	J. V. Van Duyn..	A. K. Reiff.....	J. G. Pfeiffer.....	No appointment.	No appointment.	No appointment.	No appointment..	H. S. Cutler.....	Jacob Mallach...	J. Fountain....	1868
1869...	J. G Pfeiffer.....	P. J. Gunn	A. Latham.....	J. F. Vercist.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment.	No appointment..	T. S. Nedham....	No appointment..	J. Fountain....	1869
1870...	J. Lanktree.....	Th. Jacoby.....	A. Latham.....	T. Kroupa.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	W. H. Dyas.....	M. A. Decker....	J. Fountain....	1870
1871...	Th. Jacoby.....	G. F. Harrison....	A. Latham.....	A. G. Kohler.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	T. S. Nedham....	E. Hopkins.....	J. Fountain....	1871
1872...	W. J. Leonard...	John Wild.....	A. G. Kohler.....	C. Jauss.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	T. S. Nedham....	Th. Kroupa.....	L. Fromme....	1872
1873...	W. J. Leonard...	E. Neyer.....	A. G. Kohler.....	C. Jauss.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	J. Poznanski....	F. Ramacciotto...	L. Fromme....	1873
1874...	E. Neyer...	H. Wannemacher.	G. F. Ramseyer..	J. C. Barnes.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	J. Pearce.....	J. H. Wheeler....	H. Couraider...	1874
1875 ..	J. G. Pfeiffer.....	E. Klein...	A. G. Kohler.....	M. Keinz.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	No appointment..	J. Pearce.....	Thos. Kroupa....	J. Fountain....	1875
1876...	W. J. Leonard...	C. H. Ludwig....	M. Schlig.....	L. O'Reilly.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	W. F. Wey.....	No appointment..	J. Pearce.....	Thos. Kroupa....	J. Fountain....	1876
1877...	C. H. Stevenson..	H. J. Beckett....	M. Schlig.....	M. L. Andrews...	No appointment..	No appointment..	W. F. Wey.....	No appointment..	J. Pearce.....	Thos. Kroupa....	J. Fountain....	1877
1878...	F. N. Innes.....	Chas. Klein.....	M. Schlig.....	Chr. Jauss.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	W. F. Wey.....	No appointment..	J. Pearce.....	Thos. Kroupa....	J. Fountain....	1878
1879...	C. H. Govan. ...	M. H. Horton....	M. Schlig...	E. Neyer.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	M. A. Decker....	No appointment..	J. Pearce.....	Thos. Kroupa....	J. Fountain....	1879
1880...	C. H. Govan.....	J. C. Barnes.....	Ch. Peters.....	M. Schlig.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	M. A. Decker....	No appointment..	J. Pearce.....	F. Ramacciotto...	J. Fountain....	1880
1881...	W. J. Leonard...	M. Schlig.....	J. C. Barnes.....	M. L. Andrews...	No appointment..	No appointment..	Th. Jacoby.....	No appointment..	E. Hopkins.....	G. W. Harrison...	J. Fountain....	1881
1882...	C. H. Govan.....	M. Schlig.....	F. Meyering.....	R. R. Minor.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	J. L. Henning....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan...	F. Ramacciotto...	J. Fountain....	1882
1883...	Th. Thieler.....	R. R. Minor.. .	D. H. Agan.....	W. H. Anstead...	No appointment..	No appointment..	J. L. Henning....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan...	A. B. Palmer....	J. Fountain....	1883
1884...	D. H. Agan.....	R. R. Minor.....	W. H. Anstead...	S. A. Bates.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	M. A. Decker....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan...	Thos. Kroupa....	J. Fountain....	1884
1885...	Th. Thieler.....	R. R. Minor.....	E. W. Burdette...	Peter Peters.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	M. A. Decker....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan...	Thos. Grey.....	J. Fountain....	1885
1886...	A. C. Perpignan..	R. R. Minor.....	J. Sands.....	P. Drosihn.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	M. A. Decker....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan...	P. Geters.....	J. Fountain....	1886
1887...	C. H. Govan.....	J. C. Barnes ..	Geo. H. Moore...	W. d'Watteville..	No appointment..	No appointment..	Th. Jacoby.....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan...	J. H. Allen.....	J. Fountain....	1887
1888...	A. C. Perpignan..	G. E. Fuller ...	S. Mann.....	P. Drosihn.....	No appointment..	No appointment..	D. H. Agan.....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan...	J. H. Allen.....	J. Fountain....	1888
1889...	W. H. Donogh...	P. McGinn.....	P. Drosihn.....	R. Recker.....	J. H. Ballard, Sr.	G. W. Walker, Jr	Th. Jacoby.....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan...	R. R. Minor.....	J. Fountain....	1889
1890...	N. D. Mann.....	W. J. Ballard....	H. C. Jacobs.....	J. J. Donevan....	Paul Drosihn....	Geo. E. Fuller....	M. A. Decker....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan...	R. R. Minor.....	J. Fountain....	1890
1891...	J. F. Dobbs.....	W. J. Ballard....	T. E. Oakes.....	C. M. Carter....	Geo. E. Fuller....	Jos. Greenbaum..	J. E. Morse.....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan...	R. R. Minor.....	J Fountain....	1891
1892...	C. M. Carter.....	Th. C. Lauer....	H. C. Jacobs.....	R. Nisbet.....	A. W. Warden...	Thos. Baugh.....	J. H. Allen.....	No appointment..	G. W. Morgan...	M. Schlig.....	J. Fountain....	1892
1893...	J. F. Dobbs.....	R. H. Potts.....	W. B. Clayton...	J. S. Keese.....	Wm. W. Walters.	A. R. Davy.....	J. H. Allen.....	No appointment..	E. P. Chase.....	M. Schlig.....	J. Fountain....	1893
1894...	C. E. Low.....	W. B. Clayton...	J. S. Keese.....	R. Constantine...	Thos. Baugh.....	A. H. Symmons..	M. A. Decker....	No appointment..	E. P. Chase.....	H. C. Jacobs.....	J. Fountain....	1894
1895...	W. B. Clayton...	J. S. Keese.....	A. E. Aarons.....	J. A. Nickel.....	Louis Baer, Jr....	R. W. Ryer.....	R. Recker.....	H. C. Jacobs.....	H. A. Russell....	O. A. Todd.....	J. Fountain....	1895
1896...	J. A. Nickel.....	S. J. Guthrie.....	D. J. Klein.....	A. E. Aarons.....	E. L. Hatfield....	Wm. Skuse.....	M. A. Decker....	M. A. Decker....	H. A. Russell....	A. J. Bisnett....	C. Sanderson..	1896
1897...	N. D. Mann.....	L. M. Grummond	W. B. Clayton...	R. Walsh.....	W. B. Wilson....	R. H. Potts.....	J. E. Morse.....	J. E. Morse.....	H. A. Russell....	H. C. Jacobs.....	C. Sanderson..	1897
1898...	H. A. Greene....	H. A. Noyes.....	E. A. Recker.....	C. H. Jones.....	P. A. Friedenberg	W. B. Wilson....	J. E. Morse.....	J. E. Morse.....	H. A. Russell....	A. C. Perpignan..	C. Sanderson..	1898
1899...	Horatio Noyes...	Geo. Loesch.....	Geo. Johnston....	J. H. Maxwell....	Thos. Whiffen....	H. Seligman.....	M. A. Decker....	C. M. Williams...	H. A. Russell....	W. M. Moorhouse	C. Sanderson..	1899
1900...	Geo. Loesch.....	H. Schmidt.....	Harry Stone.....	W. McDougall...	Geo. Johnston....	S. McCandless...	M. A. Decker....	C. M. Williams...	H. A. Russell....	W. M. Moorhouse	C. Sanderson..	1900
1901...	H. A. Greene....	Edw. MacDonald	Harry Stone.....	J. L. Friedenberg	D. C. Paterson..	Jos. Davidoff....	M. A. Decker....	C. M. Williams...	H. A. Russell....	W. M. Moorhouse	C. Sanderson...	1901
1902...	Geo. Johnston....	D. C. Paterson...	J. J. Friedenberg.	S. Manheimer....	Jos. Davidoff....	S. McCandless...	Theo. Thieler....	C. M. Williams...	H. A. Russell....	W. M. Moorhouse	C. Sanderson...	1902
1903...	Wm. Tway.....	G. Hackenberger.	John J. Dowers...	Wm. D. Lang....	Jos. Davidoff....	E. E. Troxell....	Theo. Thieler....	C. M. Williams...	H. A. Russell....	W. M. Moorhouse	S. Beckner.....	1903
1904...	G. Haekenberger.	John J. Dowers...	H. W. Entwistle..	Wm. D. Lang....	Louis Baer.....	C. F. Brodie.....	Geo. Loesch.....	C. M. Williams...	H. A. Russell....	W. M. Moorhouse	S. Beckner.....	1904
1905...	John J. Dowers...	C. F. Brodie.....	A. C. G. Weld....	Wm. D. Lang....	M. Ellsworth....	R. Kent.....	Rev. T. G. Losee.	C. M. Williams...	H. A. Russell....	W. M. Moorhouse	G. H. Sevcss...	1905
1906...	C. F. Brodie.....	John J. Dowers...	C. F. Shepard....	D. C. Paterson...	Jos. Davidoff....	M. Ellsworth....	Rev. T. G. Losee.	C. M. Williams...	H. A. Russell....	J. M. Embree....	J. McElroy....	1906
1907...	John J. Dowers...	C. F. Shepard....	D. C. Paterson...	H. Nauen.....	Jos. Davidoff....	Aug. Schmehl....	Geo. Loesch.....	C. M. Williams...	H. A. Russell....	G. D. Freestone..	J. McElroy....	1907
1908...	C. F. Shepard....	E. F. Erdmann...	D. C. Paterson...	E. J. Drugan.....	Jos. Davidoff....	Jno. W. Ennis....	Geo. Loesch.....	C. M. Williams...	H. A. Russell....	G. D. Freestone..	J. McElroy....	1908
1909...	E. F. Erdmann...	Archie R. Kerr...	E. J. Drugan.....	I. W. Wiggin....	G. H. Thomas...	C. W. Walker....	Geo. E. Wallen...	G. Hackenberger.	H. A. Russell....	G. D. Freestone..	J. McElroy....	1909
1910...	Archie R. Kerr...	A. S. Holcomb...	Wm. Lawrason...	W. B. Tindle:...	W. S. White.....	A. McPhee.....	Geo. E. Wallen...	G. Hackenberger.	H. A. Russell....	C. F. Brodie.....	J. McElroy. ..	1910
1911...	A. S. Holcomb...	C. F. Brodie.....	J. G. Sauer.....	W. R. Hunn.....	A. V. Markey....	S. J. Marsh.....	Geo. E. Wallen...	G. Hackenberger.	H. A. Russell....	James Rainnie...	J. McElroy....	1911
1912...	C. F. Brodie.....	W. B. Tindle....	Chas. Peppel.....	W. C. Cubitt:...	H. M. Friedman..	F. S. Rix.....	Geo. E. Wallen...	G. Hackenberger.	H. A. Russell....	Geo. M. Vail.....	J. McElroy....	1912
1913...	W. B. Tindle...,	Chas. Peppel.....	W. R. Hunn.....	Paul Yartin.....	I. B. Terry, Jr....	J. W. Morey.....	Geo. Loesch.....	G. Hackenberger.	H. A. Russell....	A. V. Markey....	J. McElroy....	1913
1914...	A. E. Nichols....	W. R. Hunn.....	Paul Yartin.....	Ira B. Terry	E. Hussar	C. Schactzer	Geo. Loesch.....	G. Hackenberger.	H. A. Russell....	W. N. Cripps....	J. McElroy....	1914
1915...	W. R. Hunn.....	Ira B. Terry.....	C. Schaetzer.....	Chris. A. Moe....	C. W. Reed.....	W. T. Sissons....	Geo. Loesch.....	G. Hackenberger.	H. A. Russell....	Charles Peppel...	J. McElroy....	1915
1916...	Claude R. Fox...	Jos. A. Kapp....	C. W. Reed.....	Chris. A. Moe....	J. Valentine.....	W. Lawrason....	Geo. Loesch.....	G. Hackenberger.	H. A. Russell....	H. A. Greene....	J. McElroy....	1916

COMPLETE STATISTICS OF WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

Year.	Name.	Birth and Year.	Occupation.	Raised.	Remarks.
1865–66	Frederick Widdows	Norwich, Eng., 1820	Musician	New York, 330, May 3, 1859	d. July 17, 1893.
1867–68	George F. Ilsley	United States, 1824	Piano dealer	Americus, 535, July 24, 1863	d. March 13, 1897.
1869	John M. Burnett	Scotland, 1825	Printer and stationer	Central, 361	d. Jan. 28, 1874.
1870	David L. Downing	England, 1826	Bandmaster	St. Cecile, 568, April 18, 1865	d. Aug. 19, 1880.
1871	William F. Sherwin	Buckland, Mass., 1826	Musician and composer	St. Cecile, 568, May 21, 1868	d. April 14, 1888.
1872–73–74–87.	Myron A. Decker	Manchester, N. Y., 1823.	Piano manufacturer	Masters', 5, Dec. 19, 1855	d. Aug. 16, 1901.
1875–76–77	Edward Hopkins	London, Eng., 1832	Music dealer	Apollo, 49, Feb. 10, 1863	d. April 6, 1897.
1878–79	*William J. Leonard	London, Eng., 1837	Actor	St. Cecile, 568, April 18, 1871	Dropped from roll. d. Aug. 20, 1907.
1880	Theodore Jacoby	Germany, 1835	Musician	St. Cecile, 568, March 2, 1869	d. Jan. 8, 1897.
1881–82–83–84.	John H. Allen	Cork, Ireland, 1847	Druggist	George Washington, 285, Aug. 2, 1872	Dimitted.
1885	Allan Latham	Columbus, O., 1841	Musician	St. Cecile, 568, June 30, 1868	d. Feb. 6, 1912.
1886	David H. Agan	West Troy, N. Y., 1848	Physician	Evening Star, 75, Dec. 13, 1870	d. Nov. 8, 1912.
1888	Charles H. Govan	Milwaukee, Wis., 1851	Proof-reader	St. Cecile, 568, May 21, 1878	.....
1889	John E. Morse	London, Eng., 1833	Printer	Lodge of Israel, 205 (Eng.), 1870.	d. Feb. 26, 1913.
1890	Michael Schlig	Aldernach, Ger., 1849	Orchestra leader	St. Cecile, 568, Jan. 19. 1875	d. Feb. 23, 1897.
1891	William H. Donogh	Toronto, Can., 1855	Printer	St. Cecile, 568, March 29, 1887	d. April 9, 1907.
1892–93–94	Robert Recker	Indianapolis, Ind., 1856.	Orchestra leader	St. Cecile, 568, March 29, 1887	d. Feb. 4, 1916.
1895	James H. Curtin	Houston, Tex., 1858.	Theatrical manager	Cumberland Star, 197 (Pa.), Feb. 8, 1881	.....
1896–97	C. Edward Low	Carlisle, Pa., 1856	Proof-reader	St. Cecile, 568, March 7, 1893	d. Dec. 21, 1907.
1898–99	Arthur J. Bisnett	Oswego Falls, N. Y., 1861.	Printer	St. Cecile, 568, April 21, 1891	Dropped from roll.
1900	William B. Clayton	Brooklyn, 1862	Musical manager	St. Cecile, 568, June 30, 1891	.....
1901	Theodore Thieler	England, 1840	Lawyer	Cambridge, 662, Jan. 18, 1866	d. March 3, 1903.
1902	H. A. Greene	Oswego, N. Y., 1867	Theatrical advertising	St. Cecile, 568, June 1, 1897	.....
1903	George Loesch	Boston, Mass., 1872	Insurance manager	St. Cecile, 568, Sept. 20, 1898	.....
1904	George E. Wallen	Philadelphia, Pa., 1861	Theatrical manager	St. Cecile, 568, May 21, 1895	.....
1905	George Johnston	Edinburgh, Scot., 1854	Printer	St. Cecile, 568, March 29, 1898	.....
1906	William E. Tway	New York City, 1869	Piano manufacturer	St. Cecile, 568, Jan. 21, 1902	d. May 8, 1910.
1907–1908	George W. Hackenberger	Bainbridge, Pa., 1869	Pres. drug company	St. Cecile, 568, April 29, 1902	.....
1909	Harry W. Entwistle	Canterbury, Eng., 1869	Compositor	St. Cecile, 568, March 17, 1903	.....
1910	John Jay Dowers	Brooklyn, N. Y., 1857	Pressman	St. Cecile, 568, June 3, 1902	d. Sept. 11, 1915.
1911	C. Frank Shepard	Turin, N. Y., 1864	Printer	St. Cecile, 568, Oct. 21, 1902	.....
1912	Charles Miller Williams.	Allegheny, Pa., 1858	Printer-writer	St. Cecile, 568, June 2, 1891	.....
1913	Abel S. Holcomb	Lehigh, Pa., 1867	Physician	St. Cecile, 568, July 20, 1909	.....
1914	Ernest F. Erdmann	New York City, 1875	Musician	St. Cecile, 568, April 7, 1903	.....
1915	C. F. Brodie	Wheeling, W. Va	Printer	St. Cecile, 568, June 7, 1892	Dropped from roll.
1916	William Boyd Tindle	Mahoney, Pa., 1877	Printer	St. Cecile, 568, Sept. 5, 1905	.....

* Withdrew.

OCCUPATIONS OF THE MEMBERS CLASSIFIED

	1865	1866	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916*	Totals.
Musicians	16	15	17	8	9	1	2	5	3	2	4	2	1	2	2		2	7	7	2	3	2	5	5	1	6	7	9	13	9	3	7	7	5	4	4	7	7	20	5	10	15	6	7	6	15	12	9	7	11	8	2	344
Actors	1	2	..	1	1	..	2	1	1	2	1	5	1	2	..	..	1	3	1	4	3	1	..	5	3	6	1	3	3	4	4	3	..	10	5	3	6	7	11	7	2	7	8	5	4	5	9	5	9	9	9	4	190
Printers	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	1	3	15	6	3	6	6	7	5	10	7	3	2	4	8	7	7	6	2	3	3	2	5	2	..	1	3	1	1	141
Business	4	3	3	..	2	..	1	3	4	3	1	1	1	..	2	..	3	6	2	4	3	3	7	4	1	1	..	2	1	4	4	2	1	2	3	2	2	6	2	3	2	6	3	3	3	4	2	..	2	4	1	1	127
Managers, etc	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	2	2	5	6	10	3	2	3	8	7	7	1	2	1	6	1	5	..	3	2	3	2	5	3	97
Stage Employes	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	3	..	1	..	6	4	5	3	6	5	4	4	9	5	3	3	4	6	1	81
Trades	..	1	3	..	1	1	..	1	3	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	1	.	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	2	3	1	1	2	1	3	1	7	3	..	2	3	5	3	1	5	2	1	3	1	2	76
Salesmen	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	5	2	1	1	..	1	1	1	4	..	5	2	2	5	..	..	1	2	1	3	4	5	6	1	5	..	2	1	..	69
Clerical	..	4	1	1	2	..	1	3	..	2	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	2	1	4	1	2	2	..	..	2	3	1	3	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	56
Merchants	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	3	1	1	1	3	..	1	2	2	4	2	..	..	..	2	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	41
Physicians	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	3	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	30
Police	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	1	.	..	1	1	7	.	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Singers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	3	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	3	1	1	1	20
Lawyers	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	.	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	.	1	..	..	15
Manufacturers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	15
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Editors	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	11
Dentists	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
Firemen	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Undertakers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
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Clergymen	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
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* First six months, 1916.

MEMBERS OF

ST. CECILE LODGE, NO. 568,

WHO HAVE SERVED AS

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, SEVENTH DISTRICT

George Loesch, 1909-1910.

GRAND SWORD BEARER

Charles Miller Williams, 1914-15.

GRAND STEWARD

Frederick Widdows, 1867.
Robert Recker, 1896-1897.
George W. Hackenberger, 1911-1912.

GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

George Loesch, 1904-1905.
John J. Dowers, 1912-1913.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON

Frederick Widdows, 1866.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF COLORADO

George E. Wallen, 1908.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR OF THE GRAND LODGE

William F. Sherwin, 1871

MEMBERSHIP LIST.

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INITIATED, PASSED, RAISED AND AFFILIATED IN ST. CECILE LODGE, NO. 568

With Date of Signing of By-Laws.

450 Aarons, Alfred E.....Mar. 6, 1894‡
781 Abarno, Anthony.....Dec. 2, 1902
625 Abbott, Frank (Gellert).....Nov. 1, 1898
1346 Addison, George B.....Apr. 18, 1916
1262*Adkins, John Bangs.....Jan. 6, 1914
700 Adler, John M.....Apr. 2, 1901‡
1291 Adolph, Fred. William.....Dec. 1, 1914
219*Agan, David H., *P. M*.....Dec. 10, 1882†
952 Ahlgrim, Arthur H.....Aug. 21, 1906‡
951 Ahlgrim, Paul M. R.....Aug. 21, 1906‡
1275 Alberghini, Louis.....Oct. 21, 1914
419 Albrecht, Hans.....Feb. 14, 1893‡
1099 Alexander, George M.....May 17, 1910
192 Alexander, James J.....Jan. 31, 1882‡
155*Allen, John H., *P. M*.....Nov. 2, 1875§
1323 Altschiller, Samuel.....Sept. 7, 1915
157 Ames, Thomas A.....Nov. 2, 1875‡
634 Anderson, Carl H.....Jan. 31, 1899‡
1220 Anderson, Howard W.....July 1, 1913
465 Andrews, Frank H.....July 3, 1894
166 Andrews, Montague L.....Nov. 21, 1876†
812 Ansbacher, Joseph.....Dec. 1, 1903†
199 Anstead, William H.....Apr. 4, 1882‡
1170 Armer, Harry.....Aug. 15, 1911
251 Armstrong, Charles F.....Nov. 18, 1884‡
1241 Armstrong, William E.....July 1, 1909
370 Armstrong, William M.....June 2, 1891
41*Armstrong, Willis J.....July 3, 1866‡
172 Arnott, Edward J.....Oct. 2, 1877‡
1008 Asburn, Vernon.....Mar. 17, 1908
1358 Ash, Samuel H.....July 18, 1916
426*Ash, William.....Feb. 21, 1893‡
1355 Ashley, Arthur H. (Ash).....Sept. 19, 1916
1084 Auer, Sidney M.....Dec. 7, 1909
1369 Aumiller, William P.....Oct. 31, 1916

339 Babcock, Joseph H.....May 20, 1890
1173 Bade, Andrew.....Nov. 21, 1911
113 Baer, Louis.....Apr. 2, 1872‡
190 Baer, Louis, Jr.....Oct. 4, 1881
815*Bailey, Albert W.....Feb. 3, 1903†
244*Bailey, William J.....Apr. 15, 1884
718 Baird, William A.....July 30, 1901‡
36*Baker, Benjamin A.....May 15, 1866†
536 Ball, Clark G.....June 2, 1896‡
1090 Ball, Horace L.....Jan. 21, 1913
207 Ballard, Joseph H.....July 18, 1882§
303 Ballard, William J.....June 19, 1888†
1194*Balzer, Frederick.....Nov. 21, 1911
856 Baradet, Leon A. B.....Feb. 2, 1904
1128 Baravalle, Victor.....Oct. 4, 1910
1148 Barbieri, Ludovico.....Jan. 31, 1911
1290 Barclay, Shepard Gibson.....Mar. 2, 1915
776 Barnabale, Vincent.....Nov. 10, 1903
135 Barnes, John C.....Oct. 21, 1873†
1247 Barnes, Thomas Roy.....July 21, 1914
1289 Barnum, James Lloyd.....Oct. 20, 1914
691 Barr, Robert D.....Apr. 16, 1901
139* Barron, Dionysius.....Oct. 7, 1873†
870 Barry, Alexander C.....July 19, 1904‡
742 Barton, Victor.....E. A.....
134*Bates, Erskine S.....Apr. 15, 1873‡
227*Bates, Sullivan A.....Mar. 20, 1883†
1307*Battat, Charles.....Feb. 16, 1915
306*Baugh, Thomas.....May 29, 1888†
204*Baxter (Olmi), James H.....May 16, 1882‡
232 Bayne, William.....Oct. 2, 1883

850 Beale, Richard A.....Dec. 1, 1903‡
605 Beamish, Charles A.....June 7, 1898
1330 Beamish, Edward F.....May 16, 1916
606*Beamish, William M.....June 7, 1898
1013 Beane, Frederick A.....Sept. 29, 1908
907 Beatty, Samuel G.....Apr. 4, 1905
608 Beban, George E.....May 17, 1898
239 Bebus, Davenport.....June 3, 1884‡
670 Beck, Robert P.....May 8, 1900‡
496*Beck, William S.....Apr. 16, 1895§
162 Beckett, Henry J.....May 2, 1876†
862 Beckner, Arthur L.....Mar. 29, 1904
340 Becque (Solomon), Fredk. J.....July 29, 1890
1083 Beebe, William.....July 5, 1910
893 Beebe, William A.....Apr. 3, 1906†
285 Begiebing, Louis W.....May 1, 1888†
1255 Behim, Arthur Edward.....Dec. 2, 1913
30*Beisheim, John G.....Mar. 6, 1866†
876 Bell, Arthur J. (Sheldon).....June 7, 1904
1239 Bell, Clarence Jack.....Sept. 7, 1915
288 Bellinetti, Pietro B.....Nov. 29, 1887‡
1068 Bellows, David S.....Aug. 17, 1909
980 Bellucci, Antonio.....July 20, 1909†
523*Benedict, Henry J.....Feb. 4, 1896‡
1315 Benjamin, W. Bert.....July 18, 1916
73 Benson, Thomas D.....Dec. 31, 1867‡
738 Berger, Ben. (Marlo).....Apr. 22, 1902
986 Berger, Thomas.....June 16, 1908
1102 Berk, David.....Oct. 4, 1910
416 Berkemeyer, Robert K.....Mar. 7, 1893§
1328 Bernhamer, George E. (Whiting).....Sept. 7, 1915
581*Bernolfo, Joseph E.....Oct. 19, 1897†
149 Bernstein, Julius.....May 18, 1875†
867 Berry, Arthur LeRoy.....Nov. 15, 1904
1348 Beyer, Benjamin.....F. C.....
681*Biedermann, E. J.....May 29, 1900
91 Bierwirth, Charles.....Aug. 31, 1869‡
616 Bigelow, Charles.....Sept. 20, 1898†
470 Bigler, George C.....Oct. 26, 1894‡
117 Binda, Charles.....June 11, 1872‡
1317 Binns, Bertie.....June 3, 1915
1316 Binns, George H.....June 3, 1915
778 Bishop, William.....Oct. 21, 1902
716 Bishop, William S.....Dec. 17, 1901
868 Bishop, Wendell P.....July 19, 1904§
366 Bisnett, Arthur J., *P. M*.....Apr. 21, 1891‡
928 Blaw, Morris.....Feb. 24, 1906†
728 Block, Fred.....Jan. 21, 1902§
627 Blockson, Harry (Stockley).....July 6, 1899‡
711 Blodgett, Fred. L.....July 30, 1901
863 Boettler, William F.....Apr. 5, 1904
656 Bond, Frederic.....Sept. 17, 1901‡
1145 Boninsegni, Romeo.....Dec. 6, 1910‡
464 Bookman, Simon.....May 15, 1894
138*Booth, George B.....Oct. 7, 1873§
631*Borgman, Charles E.....Sept. 20, 1898
234*Bowron, William L.....July 7, 1883†
659*Brady, Joseph A.....Oct. 31, 1899‡
23 Braham, David H.....Feb. 6, 1866§
342 Braham, Harry.....June 3, 1890‡
819 Braisted, George W.....July 7, 1903‡
709*Brandon, William E.....May 21, 1901
543 Brandt, Charles E.....Oct. 20, 1896‡
632 Bratton, John W.....Feb. 28, 1899‡
1368 Braun, Eugene.....F. C.....
69 Breitkopf, August L. O.....Nov. 19, 1867†
105 Bremer, Edward.....Apr. 2, 1872‡

1187 Brendler, Charles.....Nov. 21, 1911
397 Brodie, Charles F., *P. M*.....June 7, 1892‡
985 Brooks, James E.....E. A.....
517*Brough, James H.....Nov. 12, 1895§
1218 Broughton, Willie R.....Sept. 3, 1912
1364 Brousseau, John W.....Oct. 31, 1916
148 Brown, Charles.....Oct. 19, 1875‡
1085 Brown, Lester.....Jan. 19, 1910
673*Browne, Alfred.....Apr. 17, 1900
493 Buckwell, Arthur W.....May 21, 1895‡
1238 Buldrini, Umberto.....Aug. 19, 1913
1233 Bunny, John Henry.....Dec. 2, 1913†
21*Burnet, John M., *P. M*.....Oct. 17, 1865†
13 Burnett, Alfred.....Mar. 21, 1865†
228 Burnette, Edward W.....May 1, 1883‡
847 Burnside, Robert H.....Feb. 2, 1904
1053 Burnstein, Jule.....Mar. 16, 1909
1242 Burton, Joseph C. (Many).....June 17, 1909
229 Bussing, Charles F.....May 29, 1883†
1360*Byrd, George R.....Aug. 1, 1916

1276 Caesar, William F.....July 21, 1914
1174 Callaghan, Joseph C.....E. A.....
894 Cameron, William R.....Mar. 7, 1905‡
118 Campbell, Richard S.....F. C.....†
499 Cannon, George J.....July 16, 1895†
338 Cardell (Rudolph), J.....E. A.....
223 Carl, Frederick.....Feb. 20, 1883†
512 Carr, Forrest D.....Nov. 12, 1895‡
548 Carr, Frank B.....Oct. 20, 1896†
993 Carrick, Allyn B.....May 5, 1908‡
327 Carter, Charles M.....Apr. 1, 1890†
55 Castle, William J.....Jan. 29, 1867§
848*Cawein, John D.....Nov. 17, 1903
180*Cays, Theodore A.....Feb. 18, 1879†
401 Cerillo (Stengler) Agostino P.....July 5, 1892†
1338 Cerminara, Mario.....E. A.....
890 Challenger, Edwin W.....Mar. 7, 1905‡
76 Chapman, Joseph H.....Feb. 4, 1868§§
241*Chase, Edward P.....Mar. 4, 1884†
365 Chippendale, Walter.....Apr. 21, 1891‡
597 Christie, Samuel M.....Jan. 10, 1899‡
650 Churchman, Edwin.....July 6, 1899
920 Clapham, John H.....Oct. 31, 1905
502 Clark, George F. S.....July 16, 1895‡
671 Clark, William S.....May 1, 1900‡
485 Clarke, Edwin G.....Apr. 2, 1895
472 Clarke, Herbert L.....Dec. 4, 1894
188 Clarke, William H. M. B.....June 21, 1881‡
374 Clayton, William B., *P. M*.....June 30, 1891
676 Claytor, William Robyns.....May 27, 1902‡
956 Clutsam, Hugh S.....Aug. 23, 1906‡
647 Cluzetti, Jules.....May 2, 1899‡
918 Cobb, George B. (Reno).....F. C.....†
479 Cockshott, James.....Dec. 4, 1894§
1326 Cohen, Arthur P.....E. A.....
1327 Cohen, Henry L.....Nov. 30, 1915
587 Cohen, Louis.....Feb. 15, 1898
1245 Cohen, Max (Mark Adams).....Aug. 19, 1913
640 Cohn, Edwin J.....May 2, 1899§
577*Colhouer, Thomas P.....Sept. 21, 1897†
1308 Colla, Antonio.....May 16, 1916
793 Comstock, Franklyn R.....Mar. 17, 1903
106 Conraider, Henry.....Jan. 3, 1871‡
438 Constantine, Robert.....Sept. 19, 1893‡
989 Cook, Irving J.....Aug. 6, 1907†
560 Cooke, George J.....June 13, 1900‡
884 Cooke, William J.....Oct. 4, 1904
635 Cooney, Stephen P.....Feb. 28, 1899†
620 Corbett, Edwin R.....Sept. 21, 1898§
624 Corcilius, Albert B.....Nov. 1, 1898
1237 Coren, Frank.....Apr. 15, 1913
511 Cottrell, John W.....June 30, 1896‡
919 Couchoud, Emilie.....Oct. 31, 1905
240 Craik, Joseph S.....Apr. 1, 1884‡
1205 Cripps, William N.....May 21. 1912
1095 Crispano, Philip.....Aug. 30, 1910
81 Crosher, John.....Sept. 15, 1868‡
1055 Cubitt, William C.....Mar. 16, 1909
821 Cunningham, Carl E.....Sept. 29, 1903‡
996 Culver, Clement (Christy).....Dec. 1, 1908
1041 Cunningham, Frank H.....F. C.....
381*Curtin, James H., *P. M*.....Feb. 2, 1892
732 Curtin, Leon H.....Apr. 22, 1902
538 Cushman, William F.....June 1, 1897‡
10 Cutler, Henry S.....Mar. 21, 1865§
822*Cutty, Thomas.....June 2, 1903§
840*Cutty, William, Jr.....July 23, 1903‡
300 Cutugno, Hannibal G.....Apr. 17, 1888‡

995 Dahm, James H.....Oct. 29, 1907
1357 Dale, Charles Marks.....Oct. 31, 1916
82 Dalling, Edward.....Nov. 7, 1868†
194 Daly, Michael C.....May 2, 1882†
1340 Damsel, Frank F.....E. A.....
22 Daniels, Charles E.....Jan. 2, 1866†
1269*Danza, Giuseppe.....Jan. 20, 1914
915 Danzig, Jesse A. (Dandy).....Sept. 5, 1905
658*Dausch, John B.....Oct. 3, 1899†
619 Davies, John H.....Dec. 8, 1898
52 Davis, Alexander.....Jan. 29, 1867†
235*Davis, Charles H.....July 7, 1883†
1162 Davis, Charles H.....Nov. 21, 1911
933 Davis, Homer E.....Aug. 22, 1908‡
532 Davidoff, Joseph.....June 30, 1896
409 Davy, Almond R.....Nov. 29, 1892‖
307*DeAngelis, Jefferson.....June 19, 1888
508 De Chiara, Carlo.....Nov. 19, 1895
446 DeBona, Frank A.....Dec. 5, 1893†
281 DeBona, Joseph.....May 31, 1887†
282 Decker, Frank C.....May 31, 1887§
7 Decker, Myron A., *P. M*.....Charter Member†
842 De Haven, George W.....Dec. 1, 1903
859 Deleo, Giuseppe.....June 7, 1904
246 Delmore, Ralph (Donaruma).....July 9, 1884
885 Del Negro, Nicola.....Mar. 7, 1905
72 Denham, John C.....Dec. 31, 1867
830 Dettinger, Frank L.....Sept. 29, 1903
272*DeWattville, William A. M.....Oct. 19, 1886
1198 Dezego, James J.....Feb. 6, 1912‡
763 Dickerson, George S.....July 29, 1902
44 Dillon, John.....Dec. 4, 1866‡
221*Dingwall, John S.....Jan. 2, 1883‡
545*Dinkelspiel, Henry S.....June 2, 1896
324 Ditchie, Fred. T.....Jan. 21, 1890
955 Dixon, Hiram H.....Aug. 23, 1906
328 Dobbs, John F.....Apr. 1, 1890‡
977 Dody, Dan.....Apr. 16, 1907
1282 Dody, Sam.....Feb. 8, 1915
19*Dodworth, Harvey B.....July 15, 1865‡
854 Doll, Louis.....June 7, 1904
350 Donath, Ralph.....Nov. 18, 1890
310 Donevan, James J.....Dec. 4, 1888†
276 Donogh, William H., *P. M*.....Mar. 29, 1887†
26 Dorber, Frank.....Feb. 6, 1866‡
762 Dowers, John J., *P. M*.....June 3, 1902†
612 Dowling, Archibald J.....Nov. 1, 1898‡
12 Downing, David L., *P. M*.....Apr. 18, 1865†
424 Dreher, Frederick L.....June 6, 1893‡
1350 Dreher, Philip.....Oct. 31, 1916
1265 Dreyfus, Travers Henry.....Apr. 21, 1914
1132 Driggs, Karl H.....Nov. 1, 1910
208 Drosihn, Paul.....July 18, 1882†
983 Drugan, Edward J.....July 16, 1907†
1243 Dryden, Charles J.....Jan. 20, 1914‡
64 Duckinfield, Walter E.....May 21, 1867‡
1259 Dudley, Orin Ralph.....Apr. 21, 1914
316 Duffy, John C.....Apr. 2, 1889
1153 Dulait, William A.....June 6, 1911
487 Dunbar, Thomas E.....Apr. 2, 1895
926*Duncan, Peter T.....Dec. 5, 1905
755 Durbrow, Albert.....June 3, 1902†
20 Dyas, William H.....Oct. 31, 1865†
175*Dyring, Hans J. T.....Apr. 16, 1878†

563*Easton, Arthur F.....Mar. 2, 1897
672 Ebert, Henry.....May 1, 1900
559 Ebert, Thomas.....Sept. 7, 1897‡

858 Ecke, Frederick W.....Apr. 5, 1904†
27*Eckhardt, Herman.....Feb. 20, 1866‡
528 Egner, Louis G.....Mar. 17, 1896†
1002 Eisenkramer, Jacob.....Dec. 17, 1907
887 Eldridge, Charles E.....Sept. 5, 1905
1159 Elliott, Frederick C.....June 6, 1911‡
692 Ellsworth, Mark.....Apr. 16, 1901†
388*Embree, James M.....Feb. 16, 1892
1236 Emmett, Charles.....July 1, 1913
486 Ennis, John W.....Apr. 2, 1895
794 Entrican, Edwin E.....Mar. 17, 1903
791 Entwistle, Harry W., *P. M.*.....Mar. 17, 1903
787 Erdmann, Ernest F., *P. M.*.....Apr. 7, 1903
361 Erfurth, Albert.....Mar. 3, 1891†
102 Ernst, Louis.....July 19, 1870†
826 Ertheiler, Harry F.....July 21, 1903†
144 Evans, Frank M.....Jan. 19, 1875‡

531 Fabricus, Frederick W.....Mar. 17, 1896†
683 Falke, Charles H.....Feb. 19, 1901‡
513 Faroat, Henry B.....Dec. 31, 1895
1098 Fasano, Alfred.....July 5, 1910
1193 Faulhaber, John M.....June 18, 1912
186*Favilla, Giuseppe.....Oct. 21, 1879§
1304 Fehlhaber, Fred.....July 6, 1915
1204 Felder, Frank.....Dec. 10, 1912
803 Fenrich, William.....July 7, 1903
344 Fernbacher, Nathan.....June 3, 1890‡
837 Ferrari, Luigi.....Feb. 2, 1904
972 Feuchtwanger, Edward A.....Feb. 19, 1907
1374 Feus, William E.....E. A.....
580 Fichtel, John H.....Nov. 16, 1897
1217 Field, George I.....Sept. 3, 1912
1117 Field, Herman.....Nov. 1, 1910
159 Fielding, John.....Feb. 29, 1876‡
301*Findlay, John.....Apr. 17, 1888
913 Fink, Albert.....Sept. 5, 1905
921 Fink, David.....Oct. 31, 1905
963 Finkelstein, Adolph.....Oct. 2, 1906
851 Finkelstein, Simon.....June 7, 1904
1319*Finklestone, George (Stone).....Mar. 30, 1915
931 Finnie, Alexander A.....Apr. 3, 1906
170 Fischer, Frederick.....May 1, 1877‡
1273 Fisher, Ernest J.....June 17, 1914
1005*Fitzhugh, Edgar H.....Feb. 18, 1908‡
1331 Flamm, Jacob.....E. A.....
1125 Flesh, Irving A.....Nov. 29, 1910†
611 Flynn, Eugene J.....June 7, 1898
212*Flynn, John J.....Oct. 17, 1882‡
715 Foerster, Herman P.....Sept. 23, 1901†
1203 Fontenella, Ferdinand.....Mar. 19, 1912
940 Force, Albert R.....May 29, 1906‡
698 Forrest, Edgar.....Apr. 16, 1901‡
1100 Fortune, Thomas G.....May 17, 1910
544 Foster, George H.....June 1, 1897†
1312 Fox, Claude R.....June 1, 1915
792 Francis, William T.....Apr. 7, 1903†
1118 Franck, Jules.....Aug. 30, 1910
905 Frank, Albert.....Mar. 21, 1905
363 Frank, George.....Mar. 3, 1891‡
1018 Fredenheim, Levi.....Sept. 29, 1908
341 Fredericks, William E.....May 20, 1890†
825 Freestone, George D.....July 21, 1903†
182 Freeth, Jabez.....F. C.....†
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