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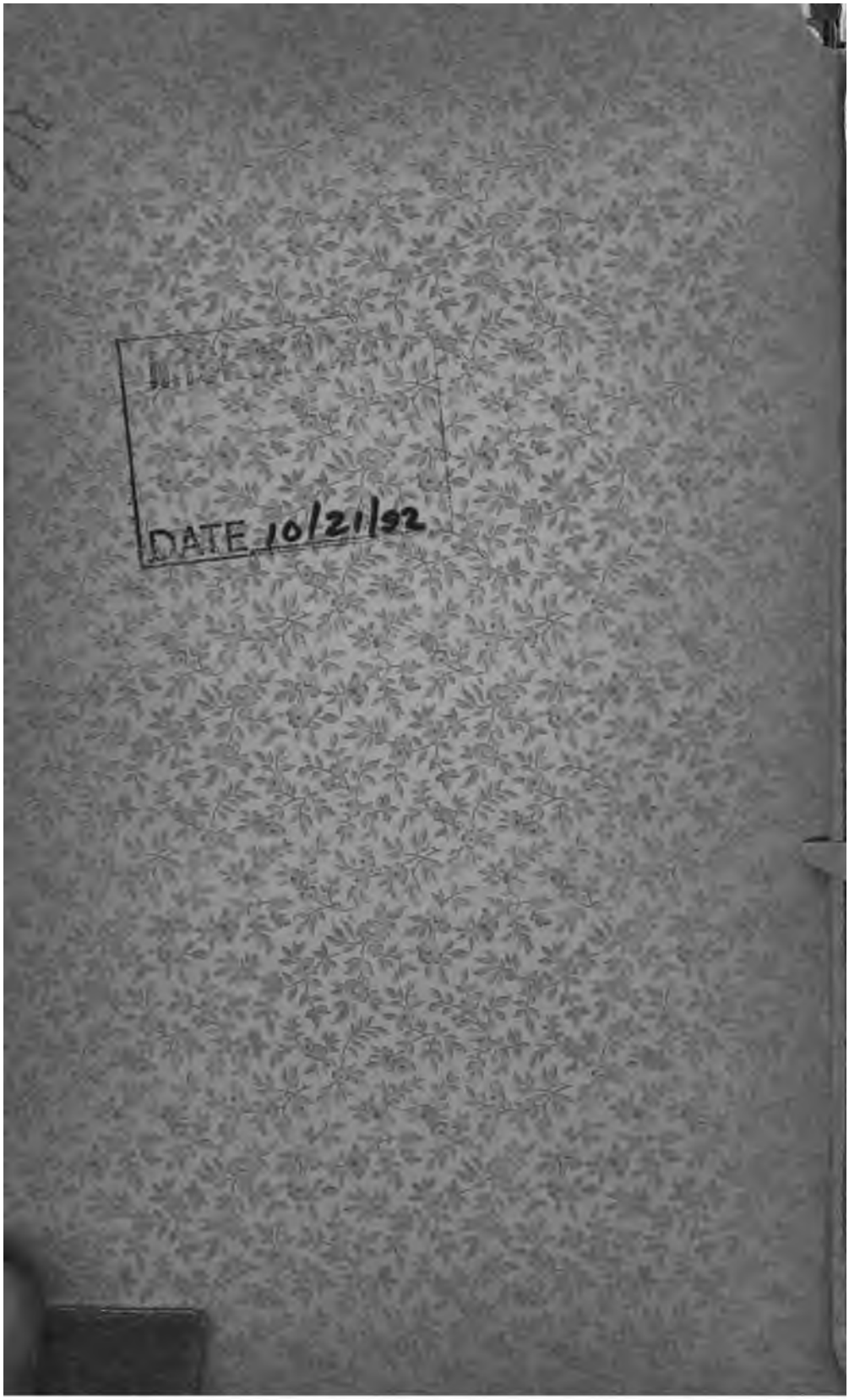
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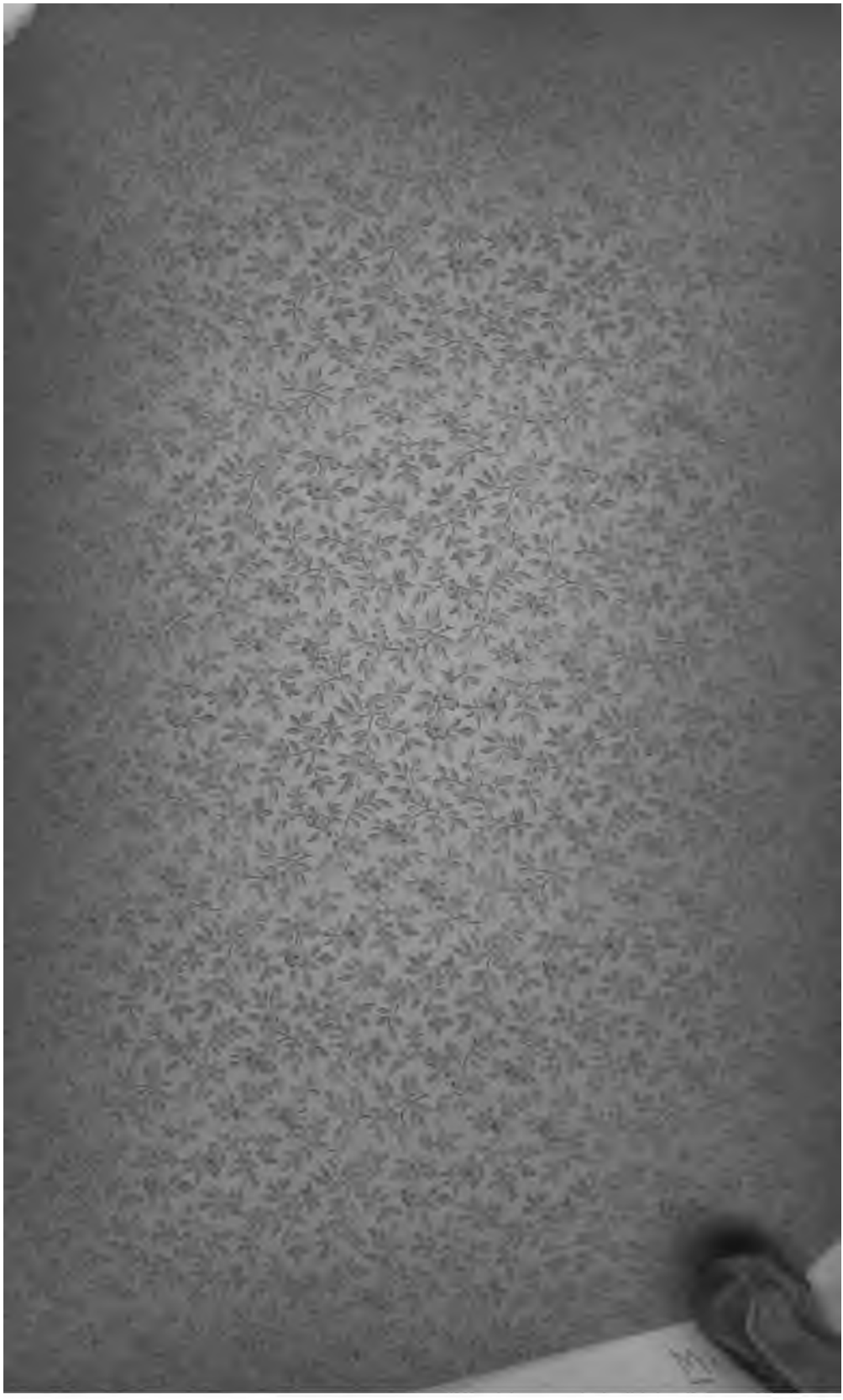



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# INTRODUCTION.

THE duty of compiling a history of WASHINGTON LODGE, often urged upon us by the Grand Lodge, has been postponed from time to time because no one was found willing to undertake a work for which all felt themselves more or less unqualified. The writer is not an exception; nevertheless, he awoke one fine morning and found himself "appointed" Historian of WASHINGTON LODGE. So he commenced work feeling his situation to be as desperate as the boy who was told by his mother "he must get the woodchuck because the minister would be there to dine and there was no meat in the house."

At the outset, we desire to acknowledge the help, kindness and forbearance of the brethren, and kindly forewarn them that there will be abundant need for the exercise of those graces when the work is completed.

Two difficulties meet us at the beginning: 1st, the imperfection of the early records; 2nd, the absence of the Charter members and their early associates. All of them, with one exception, have joined the silent throng, having completed their moral edifice and passed on to be tried by the unerring square of the Supreme Grand Master. The exception is Bro. J. O. Balch, one of the Charter members, residing, when last heard from, at Marshall, Michigan. He was a merchant at Lubec, in 1818, and was the first clerk of the First Congregational Parish.

Perhaps it may not be inappropriate to give here a brief sketch of early events connected with the settlement of the town and village where our Lodge is located.

It should be remembered that the French were the first explorers and first settlers in this region. They sailed these beautiful bays and anchored in these harbors in 1604, sixteen years before the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock. They communicated with the Indians, whom they afterwards christianized; and they named the

country from Cape Sable to the Penobscot river, "Acadie," afterwards corrupted (this part of it) by the Indians and English into Quoddy and Passam-aquoddy. One hundred and fifty-four years afterwards French Acadiens escaping from Nova Scotia settled along these shores, some of them within the present limits of this town, and relics of them exist at North Lubec and South Bay. There is a tradition that some of these people joined the Acadiens at Madawaska, but one family, by the name of Morang, remained and their descendants are with us now. One of them, Capt. John Morang, is now serving in the U. S. Navy. The conformation of this town is like the human hand. If you stand with your back to the South and extend the right hand, palm upwards, it will illustrate the form. The thumb is West Quoddy Head, the first finger Flagg's Point; the second finger is North Lubec; the third is Denbow's Neck, etc. The intervening spaces represent West Quoddy Bay with the Narrows, Johnson's Bay, Cobscook and Straight Bays. West Quoddy Head is the most eastern land in the United States and was known by the Indians as Cheburn. Here is located the most eastern light-house on the United States coast, established in 1809. The first keeper was Thomas Dexter, who served until 1813, when Peter Godfrey, from Prospect, Me., was appointed and remained keeper till his death in 1839. He raised a large family who were excellent citizens. Flagg's Point was so called from a man of that name who came here in the latter part of the last century and built a log cabin a little below the Chaloner House, where a bakery was afterwards located. He claimed the whole Point but did not succeed in holding it and moved back to Grand Menan. The Indian name was Ka-baum-keag a real etechemen name and better than the mongrel Quoddy. Campobello, an island in New Brunswick (Indian name Ebau-huit), on the east is separated from it by a slight arm of the sea, called the Narrows, only about 300 feet wide at low water, and, before the channel was dredged, could be forded on foot at lowest tides. The tide runs through this passage with great velocity, especially on the ebb. It is simply amazing that such a boundary should have been agreed upon between two great nations. Seward's Neck (now North Lubec,) was settled about the same time as Moose Island, soon after the war 1785, all being incorporated in one town in 1798, and named Eastport. There were 244 inhabitants, and they were all squatters. The land was afterwards surveyed by Solomon Cushing and each settler got a title to his lot from the State of Massachusetts, upon paying $5 and cost of the survey. They came from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Western Maine and the Provinces. Some were soldiers from the American army of the revolution; and those from the Provinces had




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espoused the American cause and had to flee here for refuge. Some of the prominent names are John Allan, L. F. Delesdernier, Benjamin Reynolds, Lemuel Trescott, Wm. Rumery, Dominicus Rumery, Gideon Delesdernier, Eben and Daniel Ramsdell, Hopley Yeaton, Samuel Yeaton, Joseph Clark, Solomon Rice and George Allan. Those who may wish to know, will find biographical sketches of these men in the History of Eastport. Col. John Allan had settled on Dudley, afterward Allan's Island, and Solomon Rice on Frederick Island. They both had stores on the islands which became Lubec territory when separation took place.

It was thought that the interests of those on the main-land, as it was called, would be better served by a separate organization, and there seems to have been no opposition, for we find the petition signed by men from both sections. These were Jonathan D. Weston, Jabez Mowry, Sherman Leland, Samuel Beals, Joseph Clark and Benjamin Reynolds. It is said the name of Lubec was suggested by Mr. Weston, who was a lawyer. The name was spelled Lubeck until 1818. The Act to set off and incorporate the Town passed the General Court and was approved by the Governor June 21, 1811, and it was provided that, "until the new Town should have inhabitants enough to entitle her to a Representative, she should unite with Eastport for that purpose."

There were 584 souls and only one school-house, which was in what is now No. 3, North Lubec. There was no church, but they soon began to make provision for erecting one. *Rev. Ephraim Abbot visited the town as a missionary about this time and says there were very few books here or in No. 9, now Trescott, and that he distributed 97 Bibles, 76 Testaments and 74 spelling books. Some roads had been surveyed, but had not been turnpiked, for Abbot says he had to send the horse back to Captain Morton's and go on foot the mud was so deep; that was between Morton's and South Bay.

The warrant for the first town-meeting was issued to "Mr. Samuel Beal, one of the inhabitants and freeholders of the Town of Lubeck," and was dated July 7, A. D. 1811, and signed, "Oliver Shead, Just. Peace."

The notification under this warrant names the qualification for a legal voter: "That is to say, those who pay to one single tax beside the Poll or Polls, a sum equal to two-thirds of a single Poll tax." The meeting was held at the house lately occupied by Isaac Smith, and although there must have been a Moderator and Town Clerk elected, for they were the first two articles in the warrant, they are not recorded.

*Abbot's Diary.

The following is a copy of the record of that meeting. It will show who were the prominent inhabitants, and how they performed this duty of citizenship at their first opportunity:

### The Meeting.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lubeck, and holden at the house lately occupied by Isaac Smith, in the Town of Lubeck, on Monday the twenty-ninth day of July, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, A. D. 1811. The following town officers were chosen, viz.: Benjamin Reynolds, Matthias Nutter, Joseph Clark, Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor. Samuel Yeaton, Town Treasurer. John W. Reynolds, Collector of taxes, bid off by him at six per cent. premium for collecting. John W. Reynolds, Henry M. Eaton, Constables.

### Surveyors of Highways.

Joseph Clark, North School District.

Samuel Yeaton, Middle School District.

John Joy, South School District.

Samuel Small, South Bay District.

Matthias Nutter, Straight Bay District.

Samuel Beal, William Allan, of Dudley Island, Surveyors of Lumber, Shingles and Clapboards.

William Phelps, Josiah Phelps, Cullers of Hoops and Staves.

Joseph Hallowell, Josiah Phelps, John Joy, Benjamin Pace, Joseph Morang, John McDonald, Jr., Fence Viewers.

John Smith, John Joy, Samuel Beal, Pound Keepers.

William Phelps, Benjamin Reynolds, John Joy, Henry M. Eaton, Joseph Clark, Tythingmen.

Daniel Ramsdell, Daniel Small, John Pace, Jr., Cullers of Dry Fish.

Samuel Beal, Jothan G. Reynolds, Samuel Yeaton, Robert Guptail, Solomon Rice, Joseph Morang, William Allan, of Dudley Island, Hog Reeves and Field Drivers.

Samuel Beal, Samuel Yeaton, Daniel Ramsdell, School Committee.

Joseph Hallowell, Inspector of Lime.

*Voted*, That Samuel Beal, Joseph Clark and Benjamin Reynolds, be a committee to settle with the Town of Eastport.

*Voted*, That a committee be chosen to look out a suitable place or places for burying grounds and make a report of their doings at the next annual meeting.

*Voted*, That the Selectmen of Lubec shall make application to the Selectmen of Eastport to appoint a time when to divide the Public Lands.

*Voted*, That all the Town Roads shall be opened by the first day of August, 1812.

*Voted*, That this meeting be dissolved, and it was accordingly done.

Thus we have given a copy, retaining their spelling, of their first record which is signed Samuel Beal. It will be noticed that (Town Clerk) besides the omission noted above, they did not raise any money or "constitute" the burying ground committee; however, they amended the latter at the next meeting, November 11, 1811. At the latter meeting they voted that, "the profits arising from the sale of timber on the Public Lands, be appropriated towards building a meeting-house." When they divided the money which had been collected for the year next preceding the "set off," it appears that the Moose Island part of the town had contributed $1575.90, and the rural inhabitants on the "Main" $398.85, and when it was settled Lubec got back $351.11.

On the 5th day of November, 1812, Lubec voted for the first time for Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, the two Counties of Hancock and Washington being entitled to one elector. James Campbell received twenty-two and John Cooper one vote. It appears that the first money voted to be raised by a tax was on April 5, 1813, and the amount was $150. This was modest, but it should be remembered that the people were poor as to money and that the war made hard times for the young town. At first these eastern waters were alive, so to speak, with American privateers, which cut off a large part of the British commerce of the bay; but were finally driven out or captured by the British Navy which was drawn here by their depredations. Finally all coast-wise commerce was stopped, and goods had to be transported by land, over roads which were almost impassable. Our own government also stood ready to prevent anything from going out lest it should benefit the enemy. So they suffered for things which they could not produce themselves, and it is said they were glad to trade with the English ships after the capture of Eastport. So far only two families had settled at Flagg's Point, Lewis F. Delesdernier's and Nehemiah Small's. The former was of French Huguenot parents from Geneva, Switzerland, who settled in Cumberland County, N. S. Here Lewis F. was born in 1751, and probably, as he grew up, was prejudiced against the English by their inhuman treatment of the French Acadiens. However this may be we know he joined a band whose sympathies were for the Colonists then in arms, and under one Col. Eddie, made an assault on Fort Cumberland, at the head of the Bay, and suffered

a severe defeat. He, with others, made their escape through the wilderness to Machias. Here he found Col. John Allan, who had been one of his father's neighbors, who took him into government service with a lieutenant's commission. While serving under Allan he visited Passamaquoddy several times, and when the war was over came here to live. On the establishment of the Federal Customs District of Passamaquoddy, in 1789, he was appointed its first Collector, with his office at Flagg's Point. In 1794, he was appointed Postmaster, but did not retain the office long. The mails came irregularly, once a week, transported on foot through the woods. About this time, 1794, Solomon Rice established a store on Frederick Island and Mr. Lederney (as he was called by the people here, and afterwards by his descendants Deles,) moved the collector's office over there, and afterwards to Moose Island.

Here he went through the amazing struggle which the Government had with the pirate smugglers during the embargo and non-intercourse years preceding the last war with England. The battle was to take flour and other American produce to the Provinces and bring in British manufactures contrary to law. Hundreds of thousands barrels of flour were piled upon the wharves and shores of Eastport, and, notwithstanding the Government supported the Collector with the sloop of war, Wasp, two or three gun-boats and a revenue cutter, with soldiers and other force, it all found its way across "the lines." Fire arms were freely used, and it is marvelous that only *one man* is known to have been killed. The fact that flour was worth $5 per barrel on our side and $20 on the other, overcame all difficulties. It is said that fortunes were made in a few weeks, and sometimes lost as suddenly; and that the men who carried on the business were a hard lot from all parts of the country.

Mr. Deless' business got inextricably mixed and he was removed from office, and Col. Lemuel Trescott was appointed in his stead. Born in Bristol County, Mass., in 1751, he served in the Revolutionary war as Major. After the war he came to Quoddy and commenced manufacturing lumber in No. 9: hence the name of Trescott for that town. In 1808, he engineered the works for Fort Sullivan, and left Eastport when the British took possession in 1814, establishing his office at Lubec. He resigned the office in 1818, and died here in 1826.

For those who may wish to know more of these two men, and the events of that time, I would refer them to the papers of Mr. L. Sabine and Mr. W. H. Kilby, in the "History of Eastport." After losing the Collector's office, Mr. Deless came back to Flagg's Point where he and Nehemiah Small had built two houses. They were

each two stories, with very low ceilings, and Mr. Deless' was on the lower point, and retained his name, as did the Point for many years. Mr. Small's house was close to the beach, next north of land now held by H. F. McGregor, and was always known as "the Red House." It was taken down in 1853. His barn stood near where M. M. Foster's front yard now is.

The writer remembers, when a boy, of seeing a hole through the eaves and plate which Mr. Small said was made by a ball from one of the Bream's guns. He said there were a few American troops, under Lieut. Manning, camped at the barn; that the Bream's barge full of armed men and carrying a small cannon on her bow, attempted to land near his house and the troops came down and fired on them killing one man and wounding two, when they pulled away. The writer has two cannon balls found in range of the barn which are believed to be of those fired from the Bream's guns and which he holds to be souvenirs of that affair.

Eastport was captured by the British fleet under command of Sir Thomas M. Hardy on June 11, 1814, and according to the terms of surrender all public property was to be delivered to the captors. The Collector, Col. Trescott, had a large amount in bonds taken in pledge for duties on imported merchandise; and it is generally believed that he endeavored to escape with them, and when he found he could not that he secreted them, but was watched by an enemy and given away to the British officers. It don't look as though an honorable gentleman like him would have attempted such a ruse in the face of the agreement to surrender *all* public property. The writer does not vouch for the correctness of the following statement of Col. Trescott's affair with the officers, but as it is found in the papers of the late Col. George Comstock, of North Lubec, and he is known to have lived a near neighbor to the ex-collector, he cannot help thinking it substantially correct. It is as follows: Col. Trescott obtained leave to separate his private papers from public documents for which he was allowed six hours grace. During this time he had a lawyer who copied all the duty bonds that had not been copied previously and saved them with his private papers. He afterwards hired two Indians with a birch canoe to convey Samuel Yeaton, one of his officers, with whom he sent those copies to Bangor by way of the west branch of the St. Croix, the Lakes and Penobscot river. The amount of these bonds have been variously stated. The History of Eastport states it as $64,580.27.

As soon as the merchants whose names were on those bonds learned that they would be held by both governments for them, and

that the Marshal of Novia Scotia was coming to collect on them, they left the island. There were twelve of them, but only six lived at Eastport. Five of these, viz: Jabez Mowry, Ezra T. Bucknam, Josiah Dana, Samuel Wheeler and Jonathan Bartlett came to Lubec. They came to avoid a double payment of the bonds, but it is said that before the matter was finally settled they had paid a part of them, $23,000, twice. The above, however, was only a small part of their object. At Eastport they would be under the restrictions of military rule over their business operations, while here they would be free. A record of that time says:—"In 1815, that part of Lubec called Flagg's Point was chosen as a *convenient place for the transaction of business* by a number of American merchants who had left Eastport in consequence of the occupation of that place by the British forces. There were, at that time, but two houses on the Point," etc.

These men, with others who came here for the border trade, cleared away the trees, built wharves, stores and dwellings, and soon established a lucrative business. Before the end of 1815 they had a post-office, with Moses Fuller postmaster. At first the mails were carried on foot through the forests to Machias by True Bradbury, of Lubec, and Mr. Townsend, of East Machias. They soon made a road, and before the close of 1820 they had coaches for passengers running by Col. William Chaloner who also kept a hotel, now the Mooney House. Crowds of people of all sorts flocked here, money was abundant, wages high and business profitable. The old contraband trade had revived, large store-houses and wharves along the shores of Campobello were full of British manufactured goods as well as West India produce, which were exchanged for money, flour, beef, pork and cooperage. The latter brought here during the war in "neutral bottoms," from Virginia, for the West India Islands. Even after the war an American vessel could not enter a British Colonial port, neither could their vessels enter here, and this barbarous policy continued till 1830.

At Campobello, and here they could in a short time make a British or an American vessel into a Spanish or Swedish one, as the exigencies of the case required; and, it is even said that crews were furnished these vessels who spoke a sort of gibberish in rude imitation of the people whom the ship, for the time, represented. The nationality of Campobello changed (on paper) oftener than Eastport's ever had or could; sometimes being Sweden, at others some Spanish Island; and profitable voyages could be made to it in a very short time. The writer heard the late Capt. Moses Pike tell how he had made voyages to Spain in *two days*. The vessel was loaded at



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Campobello in the night, went out at East Quoddy, stayed one night at Herring Cove, and came in next day with her papers all right; discharged her cargo; paid the Customs dues and was ready for another voyage. It is said (see History of Eastport,) that the sloop "Abo" was the fastest vessel ever built, as she could make the voyage to Spain and back in twenty-four hours.

The duties collected in one month amounted to $127,261.51, and was transmitted to head-quarters, as the duty bonds had been, by the backwoods route, until after the war. There must have been a large business for several years, for we find in a record made in 1820: "While, owing to a transient commerce in these waters, common to both countries, we behold our wharves crowded with seamen and strangers, and fleets of vessels at anchor that astonish all who visit us," &c.

In 1818, the Boundary dispute was settled, and Eastport was evacuated by the British troops and four of the "original founders" of the village went back to Eastport. One of them, Jonathan Bartlett, had a narrow escape from capture by the Marshal of Nova Scotia, while he lived here. That officer, under the belief that all of Maine, East of the Penobscot river, was British territory, came over with a small force to arrest him. Mr. Bartlett was boarding at the Maine Hotel—(where Jabez A. Mowry, a grandson of the original founder, now lives,) then kept by Elijah Stearns, and, when the Marshal had entered to search for him, Mrs. Stearns secreted him in a private closet and then engaged the officer in conversation so skillfully that he was put off the track and missed his man. Mr. Sabine, who tells this story, adds: "Mrs. Stearns was noted for her beauty, and she was as good as she was beautiful." Mr. Mowry remained and identified himself with the town; he had too much here to abandon; probably he had more at stake than the others. He served the town in the Legislature, in its corporate affairs, and also in the efforts made to institute and support religious teaching; contributing liberally from his material means. He was also a steady friend to the common schools, and was proud of having voted in the Legislature to increase the tax for their support. He was the pioneer of the navigation interests of the town, and, with his son Samuel, built and sailed many vessels, continuing the business until 1840. In 1817, they built the first school-house in the village. It was of two stories, with a school-room on the first floor and a hall for meetings above. Here they held the town-meetings many years. The house was burned in 1840. The other part of the town had been arranged into school districts prior to the war, but the schools were of the most

primitive type. The moral situation must have been far from prosperous or safe. The character of the trade here had not been such as would help morality, and many who came to join in and reap a harvest from it would not have improved any community. However, there were many good and right thinking people who saw the need of religious influence and they organized a Parish Society and arranged the preliminaries for building a meeting-house. Their manifesto, adopted at the first Parish meeting, will tell their sentiments and impulse better than the present writer could.

The meeting was on August 19, 1818, and they say: "Our wise and venerable forefathers made it an invariable rule, whenever they established new settlements, to make provision for public worship. A large, commodious and elegant church was among the first objects in every town. Never, as far as we know, were they obliged to abandon a spot when this decisive step was taken. It is now a settled maxim with writers on civil policy that, without religious institutions, society cannot exist. Religion and morality are those deep and broad foundations on which alone the fabric of public prosperity can rise. If a community would flourish the foundations must, in the first place, be laid. Lubec possesses great natural advantages. Its situation on the lines; its proximity to a portion of British territory which comprises one of the finest ports in British America; its own incomparable harbor and safe and spacious roads for ships; its commanding heights; its prosperous trade; its industries, enterprising and persevering inhabitants, altogether hold out the prospect of a great commercial town at no distant day; but, owing to circumstances, the present moment seems to be, in a great measure, decisive of its fate. It needs the character of stability. It needs a pledge that its inhabitants regard it as their permanent abode. It now suffers and it may fatally suffer for the want of those evidences of a disposition to cherish and promote the cause of good order, of social feelings, of literature, virtue and piety, which, more than anything else, would stamp the character of the place and induce a rapid augmentation of population, capital and business. At the same time, if the appearance of public spirit, of enlightened views, of correct moral and religious principles, will give us so much credit in the view of others, of what vital importance must they be to ourselves and our children.

Impressed with the weight of these considerations, we, the subscribers, agree with the blessing of a kind Providence forthwith to build a handsome edifice for public worship in this place, and to contribute the sums set against our respective names for that purpose:

LUBEC, August 1, 1818.

| | |
|---|---|
| Jabez Mowry, | $500.00 |
| H. G. Balch, | 100.00 |
| Moses Fuller, | 100.00 |
| J. O. Balch, | 100.00 |
| Daniel Pease, | 100.00 |
| Daniel Young, | 100.00 |
| Samuel Miars, | 100.00 |
| Selma Clapp, | 100.00 |
| Sumner DeWolf, | 100.00 |
| William Chaloner, | 100.00 |
| Theo'd Jones and Joseph Whitney, | 100.00 |
| Stephen Thatcher, | 100.00 |
| William Phelps, | 100.00 |
| Wm. McLean, | 100.00 |
| Wm. Billings, | 100.00 |
| C. Lowell, | 50.00 |
| Bosworth & Sampson, | 100.00 |
| J. W. Faxon, | 100.00 |
| Sloper & Lunt, | 100.00 |
| Abel Barnard, | 100.00 |
| Nehemiah Small one-half acre of land on the Hill. | |
| Joseph Remick, | 50.00 |
| S. Trescott, | 100.00 |
| S. Yeaton, | 100.00 |
| Zenas Morton, | 100.00 |
| Lewis F. Delesdernier, | 50.00 |
| Jabez Mowry will take five additional shares, on the principal, as voted the 26th of August, inst. | 500.00 |
| S. Thayer, H. G. Balch, } In addition, | 100.00 100.00 |
| Stephen Thatcher one hundred dollars more if the house is two stories and made with a steeple, | 100.00 |
| J. O. Balch, in addition, | 100.00 |
| J. W. Faxon, in addition, | 100.00 |
| James Johnson, | 100.00 |
| Total, | $3850.00 |

The record continues:—"The meeting-house was completed the 17th day of August, 1820. John Springer, of Sterling, Worcester County, Mass., was the architect. Length, 55 feet; breadth, 46 feet; with projection 13x28 feet. The height of the spire is 125 1-2 feet.

The house was dedicated on Wednesday the 30th of August, 1820. The Rev. Elijah Kellogg, of Portland, preached the sermon. Rev. Andrew Bigelow, Rev. Henry Ripley and Mr. Joseph Walker, a missionary at Lubec, were present and took part in the ceremonies. The meeting-house cost $8,300. Its site is very commanding, it can be seen from various distant positions and serves as a valuable landmark for vessels in the offing."

From the foregoing we may judge of the character of these men whom we may justly regard as the forefathers of the village. Mr. Mowry was the only one left of the five Eastport men who began it, the other four had returned to the island and advised all to follow their example, and thus avoid the competition of two towns, when there should be only one, and this has been repeated so often since then that it has become tiresome to us who hear and read it. They seem to forget that there were many here who had no interest whatever in Eastport, who would have been more inclined to have gone back to their western homes than there, if the village should be abandoned. They found it profitable to be here and determined "not to give up the ship."

It would give the writer pleasure to record a sketch of each of these men but the material is not obtainable. Some of them are noticed elsewhere in this sketch. Stephen Thatcher was Collector of the Customs District, appointed in 1818, when Major Trescott resigned and served in that capacity until 1829, when the office was removed to Eastport. There was much complaint against him because he tried to destroy the illicit trade that some of the people had been so long accustomed to and there was much ill feeling against him all the time he lived here. Liberally educated, his opinion was valued and generally prevailed on all matters relating to the schools, and he served as chairman of the S. S. Committee many years. He went to Rockland, Me., in 1856, to reside with his son, Peter, who was practicing his profession there. The writer saw him at that place in 1857, and during some pleasant conversation relating mostly to old times at Lubec, asked him how he liked his new home. He answered with considerable feeling, "I would far rather die in Lubec than live at Rockland." He died there in 1859, and was brought "home," as he called it, and buried here beside his wife who had passed on before. Mr. Elijah Kellogg had labored here as a missionary two years, and it is supposed that Andrew Bigelow also labored in the same field. The latter's brother, Jonathan Bigelow, was ordained here and became the pastor of the First Congregational Church. He was also interested in Washington Lodge which he served as Chaplain several years.

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## SUBSCRIPTION

*For the Support of the Gospel Ministry in Lubec.*

The subscribers, convinced that Religion and Morality must lie at the foundation of every national plan of human happiness, without reference to the solemn realities of a future state, consider the neglect of Religious Institutions, in this part of the country, a subject of deep regret. The eastern portion of Maine, more in a moral than natural point of view, is a wild and desert. Ought this state of things to continue? Ought we any longer to remain inactive? Do we not see that now is the time when something must be done?

Lubec contains by actual enumeration more than 1300 souls. Of this number nearly one-half are children and persons under age. Though a house of worship has been erected there is no prospect of a settled ministry, unless public spirited individuals will step forward and make a common effort suited to the emergency of the case, and to the greatness of the occasion. While the christian world is in motion to spread the gospel; while pious institutions are abounding through our country; while the great events which are taking place in our district should give a new spring to public feelings; while at home a state of peace, general health, the industry, enterprise, and frugality of our inhabitants invite to exertion; while rising to a transient commerce in these waters common to the two countries, we behold our wharves crowded with seamen and strangers, and fleets of vessels at anchor that astonish all who visit us; while thousands of miserable emigrants from Europe make their first landing on these shores, and take up a temporary residence with us; while so many unfortunate citizens of our county are flocking to these confines of our national jurisdiction to find an asylum, or in pursuit of business; while our own population, by the natural increase of the inhabitants, is so rapidly augmenting, can we remain content that no permanent provision should be made for public religious instruction? Can we rest satisfied while we are able to point to no place of where the worship of God is maintained; where the duty and destiny of immortal beings are announced? Do we plead the want of ability? Do we not know that if, with proper motives, we set out in earnest to introduce a new state of things, God will give us the ability. It is time to act, to manifest our dispositions in regard to this weighty matter, to see what can be done.

Therefore, we resolve that we will pay, and we do hereby engage to pay to Jabez Mowry, Esq., in the capacity of Treasurer, or to his successor duly constituted, annually, and in equal quarterly instalments, the sums set against our names respectively *for five years* from June 1, 1820, for the purpose of raising a fund to settle and support a Congregational minister in this town. Before the end of this term, we trust, that by the favor of divine providence, further and more adequate provision can and will be made for the great end we have in view.

We also further agree, as soon as may be, a candidate be invited to preach on probation; that whenever a minister be settled over the town he shall preach at Lubec Village, at North Lubec and at West Lubec, in proportions to the sums respectfully subscribed and paid at these places; that no one be holden to pay for a longer time than himself or family reside in the town, (that) that *free seats* be provided in the meeting-house for all subscribers; that the smallest sum, even the "*Widow's two mites,*" be thankfully received; while it is intended that all who join in the laudable undertaking of settling the *first* minister in Lubec, shall have their names enrolled in the Parish Records to be seen by the posterity, and for a memorial to future generations.

We further agree to request the Rev. Elijah Kellogg, our present well beloved teacher and evangelist, to provide and send us a suitable candidate early the ensuing spring. Various considerations induce us to take the step. We should deprecate the idea of settling a man who should prove a polemic instead of a practical teacher. We wish for one who will uniformly inculcate *vital experimental Religion and the peculiar doctrines of the Gospel*, as they are to be found in the Bible. Nominal christianity, metyphysical theology, the austerities of bigotry, the proscription of superstition; as they have little relation, or are decidedly hostile, to that religion which is pure and undefiled before God the Father, so we hope they will never meet with any favor in this place. And to whom can we look with more confidence to provide us a teacher than the Rev. Mr. Kellogg? He has preached in this town for two seasons to great acceptance, and we trust to some good purpose. He is acquainted with our history and present state. We are persuaded that he has our temporal and eternal interests greatly at heart. We, therefore, respectfully solicit him to lose no time in providing for us a man of talents and piety, zeal and catholicism, who will unite this people, and build up among us the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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July 9, 1822.

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Copied from the records of the First Congregational Church.

Dr. H. G. Balch was the first Representative elected by this town, after the separation, in May, 1818. He practiced his profession here many years; was also a Deputy Collector of Customs. He died here in 1850, during a prevailing epidemic, called at the time "Ship Fever," contracted from one of his patients.

For notes of J. O. Balch, see Lodge history.

Solomon Thayer was from Kennebec County, and practiced his profession here more than thirty years. Was elected to represent the town in the Legislature in 1843, after four unsuccessful meetings. J. W. Lyman and John Balch were the other candidates. He moved to Portland, Me., in 1852, and died there in 1857.

John W. Faxon was a practicing physician here for a few years in the early life of the village and died here.

Col. Wm. Chaloner came here when the village was first started. He kept a hotel, now the Mooney House, and ran coaches with the mails to Machias. He removed to Trescott, on a farm at Haycock's Harbor, and died there at the age of eighty-seven years.

Joseph Sumner was born in Newburyport, in 1783, came here in war time, and served in the American forces on the border as lieutenant in Capt. Leland's company, which afterwards marched to Plattsburg, N. Y. He went into mercantile business with a Mr. DeWolf and afterwards with Daniel Young. He was one of the Deacons of the First Congregational Church and served the town in various official stations, and was noted for integrity and devotion to duty. He raised a large family, two of whom reside in New Brunswick, one in California, one in Western Maine and three in Lubec. One of the latter, Alexander B. Sumner, served throughout the war of the Rebellion, rising to the rank of Major for meritorious conduct on the field and was afterwards brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel. The father died here in September, 1861.



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The first town-meeting held at the Point was on July 15, 1817, at the school-house hall; Lemuel Trescott, Moderator, and William Hart, Town Clerk. The streets of the old village were all graded by the end of 1822. Many people had been coming here to share in the rich business "on the lines," as it was called, and the population of the town in 1820 was 1,430. Towards the last of the twenties business began to change, and gypsum and grind-stones from the Provinces were the chief articles of commerce; but it was very profitable until the navigation laws were changed in 1830, after which it gradually declined. Outside of the village agriculture and fishing were pursued with not a little profit. The first herring cured by smoke was done by Daniel Ramsdell, in 1797, who was instructed by a Scotchman from Nova Scotia. The business increased until 1870, when more than 500,000 packages were prepared for market in one year. Since then it has gradually declined and sardine packing has taken its place, or rather, is conducted in connection with it; and now sardines, smoked herring and potatoes are the products of industry shipped from this port. The amount of each, as ascertained from the year 1890, is as follows, viz.: Sardines, 147,000 cases; smoked herring, 400,000 boxes; potatoes, 5,000 barrels. The latter was about half the usual crop, the weather being extremely unfavorable. Cod and mackerel fishing in vessels was an important industry for many years, principally from North Lubec. Various causes combining made it unprofitable and the later years have seen very little done in that line.

Ship-building and navigation have had a place in our industries from the first, and sometimes have become a leading interest. The first vessel built in this town was the schooner Hope, of 120 tons, in 1804, at Seward's Neck, by Capt. Geo. W. Allan. Later the schooner Passamaquoddy was built by Ezra Knight, for J. G. Faxon and others. In 1825, a brig was built at the Narrows, on land now owned by H. F. McGregor, for Calvin Gibbs. It is not within the scope of this sketch to give a history of the Town's navigation, even the names of many good crafts will be omitted as the list is made from memory. Schooner Zelissa was built in 1829, by Abner Hallet, for J. G. Faxon. Then Ezra Knight built quite a fleet for Samuel Mowry & Co.; among them were the brigs Fortune, Juliann, Sophia M. and Stephen Olney. Then Ezra Knight and his son, William, built for Andrew Ring and others, the brigs Henrietta, Noble and Andrew Ring, barques Zidon and Emily B. Souder, brig Four Sons and schooner Grey Eagle; schooner Yesso for Samuel Fowler, and brig Dahlia for Solomon Thayer. Then the brigantines Albert Fearing and the Gypsum were built by Davis Hallet and Elisha Hallet, at the dock now Kelley's,

for J. W. Sumner and others. Then, for same parties, the barque Lowell, by H. Hunt. The Quoddy Belle was built at Whiting, by Davis Hallet, for parties here. She sailed for California in November, 1849, in command of Enoch Fowler, with lumber and passengers, and made the voyage all right but did not return here. Brigantine Mary Stuart, by the same builder for same parties, went to California in command of Capt. Mowry Tucker, Almon Rowell navigator, arriving at San Francisco in July, 1849. She afterwards went into the Pacific Island trade and did not return. Capt. Rowell is the only one of her crew who ever came back. The passengers on the Quoddy Belle were nearly all Lubec boys who went to try their fortunes in the mines. Then Jeremiah Kennedy built for Andrew Ring and others, at the old Abner Hallet yard, the schooner Marcia, brig Caroline H. Kennedy, barques Maine Law and Lucy Ring, brig C. W. Ring, and schooners Gun Rock and Arnon. In 1859, Samuel Langmaid built the brig Almon Rowell, and in 1861 the brig Rolling Sea, for a company of citizens. Both of these vessels were very profitable to their owners. Then there was quite a boom in shipping and Masters Langmaid and Mugford and John McBride built the following fleet for parties here, at Portland and New York: Schooners Addie Ryarson and Annie Gillise, Mary Harmon and Alcyone, and three-masted schooner Lizzie Dewey. Then schooners Nellie Staples, Lahaina, Charlie Morton, Carl D. Lothrop, Nellie J. Dinsmore, C. P. Gerrish, Sea Lark, Lizzie B. McNichol, Chas. Sears, Sammy Ford, and barque Minnie Hunter. The Mary Harmon was built for Capt. Isaac Parker and the Lizzie Dewey for Capt. J. M. Parker, both sons of Capt. James Madison Parker, who forty years before had sailed the brig Henrietta. Capt. J. A. Davis, now of the schooner Gertrude Trundy, had the Alcyone and Charlie Morton, and Capt. Nathaniel Houghton, the Addie Ryarson and Lahaina. The Annie Gillise, Capt. James Mitchell, was lost with all hands on the passage from the West India Islands, March, 1870. Some of these latter vessels were not profitable investments. Besides these, shipping built elsewhere was invested in during the fifteen years preceding 1880, until a large part of the capital of our citizens was so used.

In 1828, Oliver N. Allen, then an officer in the Customs service, bought all the land owned by Nehemiah Small, covering nearly one-half of what is now the village. There were then no houses above those on Pleasant street, south of School street. In 1842, this estate of Mr. Allen's was administered upon by his brother-in-law, Samuel L. Hovey, who sold it out in building lots, the town laying out the streets without cost for the land. It is now occupied by dwellings and comprises nearly half of the village. There was only one church

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until 1830, when the Christian Chapel was built and dedicated in 1831. The Methodist Episcopal Church was erected in 1846, and the Diciple's Chapel, or "Temple," in 1862. The Catholics erected a chapel in 1889; so there are now four places for public worship in the village and five in the other parts of the town.

The population in 1870, was 2,136; in 1880, 2,109, and in 1890, 2,059. The town valuation in 1890 was $208,706, and the tax paid that year was $9,186.12. This was a strong tax, but it was raised to finish paying the war debt, and the town is now entirely free from debt, and with proper economy the taxes will be low.

The money available for schools in 1890 was $4225. This is divided among eleven districts containing 745 scholars. It may be said that we have not advanced with the general public school improvement of the time. For this there are various causes, among which may be mentioned the sprawled "five finger" shape of the town, which isolates the districts and scholars; the lack of a full appreciation of a higher training and absence of united action.

An effort for a graded system with a High School department, in the village, is not altogether satisfactory, and scholars who wish the best facilities for higher training are still obliged to seek them elsewhere. After all, it may be, when those desiring such facilities become numerous enough to make it a success, the means for obtaining the higher education will be provided.

As no complete record exists of those brave men of Lubec who took their lives in their hands and served the Union cause in the war of the Rebellion, it seems proper that their names be recorded in this sketch, that the generation that has been born since the war, and all future ones, may know who among the true and loyal sons of Lubec went forth to do battle for the glorious cause of Union and Freedom.

Be it known then that *two hundred* of the sons of Lubec volunteered and served in the Army and Navy. This was one for every twelve of our inhabitants, or one for less than every three liable to pay a poll tax; or one for every ten between the ages of eighteen and forty-five. Of those, one hundred and fifty-five served in Maine regiments, thirty-two were in the United States Navy; four enlisted in New York regiments, four in Massachusetts, two in Pennsylvania, one each in Rhode Island and California, and one in the regular army. Fourteen were wounded and twenty-six were either killed in action or died in the hospital. From July, 1862, to January, 1865, there was expended by the town, in bounties for volunteers, and by private individuals for commutation and substitutes, *forty thousand dollars;* a sum equal to one-fifth of the town's taxable valuation.

The following are the Maine organizations in which Lubec soldiers were to be found, and the number of men in each:

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|---|---|
| Fifteenth Maine, | 35 |
| Twenty-eighth Maine, | 32 |
| Sixth Maine, | 26 |
| First Battalion, | 17 |
| First Maine Cavalry, | 7 |
| Eleventh Maine, | 6 |
| Thirteenth Maine, | 6 |
| First Maine Battery, | 4 |
| First Veteran Infantry, | 4 |
| Coast Guards, | 4 |
| Fifth Maine, | 3 |
| Seventh Maine, | 2 |
| Twelfth Maine, | 2 |
| Thirty-first Maine, | 2 |
| Eighth Maine, | 1 |
| Tenth Maine, | 1 |
| Fourteenth Maine, | 1 |
| First Heavy Artillery, | 1 |
| Second Maine Cavalry, | 1 |



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# ROLL OF HONOR.

ALBORN, K. P. AVERY. Co. H, 17th U. S. Infantry. Killed at Fredericksburg, Dec. 14, 1862. The first soldier from Lubec killed in battle.

ARBUCKLE, GEORGE. Co. I, 6th Me.

BRAWN, WILLIAM H. Co. A, 6th Me. Died in hospital.

BRAWN, EDWIN. U. S. Navy.

BALCH, HORATIO G. Co. C, 6th Me.

BRAWN, DANIEL T. U. S. Ship Sabine.

BAKER, GEORGE W. 1st Me. Battery.

BROWN, WILLIAM H. U. S. Ship Daylight.

BROWN, GEORGE A. Co. F, 17th Mass.

BROWN, MASON J. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion. Murdered October 9th, 1865, while on guard duty at Cheraw, South Carolina.

CASE, JOHN W. Co. A, 6th Me. Wounded at Fredericksburg, Va.

CASE, GEORGE A. Co. I, 13th Me.

CASE, WILLIAM. Co. K, 15th Me.

CASE, HERMAN. Co. L, 1st Regt. Heavy Artillery. Wounded August 28th, 1864.

CASE, ALONZO. Co. F, First Veteran Infantry.

CALKINS, FRANK A. Co. C, 6th Me.

CALKINS, WILFRED. Co. C, 6th Me. Wounded May 10th, 1864.

CAREY, MICHAEL. Co. E, 6th Me.

COFFIN, DANIEL P. Co. C, 28th Me.

ACKLEY, WILLIAM H. Co. A, 15th Me.

ALLAN, JOSEPH W. Co. A, 15th Me.

ALLEN, NELSON. —th New York.

ALLAN, WILLIAM. Co. A, 15th Me.

ANDREWS, CHAS. Coast Guards.

BROWN, NATHANIEL L. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.

BROOKS, THOMAS. Co. K, 6th Me.

BLACKIE, LOCKIE. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.

BASLY, JOHN W. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.

BECKFORD, CHARLES. Co. H, 2d Pennsylvania.

BASLY, SOLOMON T. Co. C, 28th Me.

BLACKWOOD, A. J. Co. C, 28th Me. Wounded by guerillas on Mississippi River.

BRUNNELL, WILLIAM. U. S. Navy.

BASSETT, JOHN H. Co. A, 15th Me. Died.

COMSTOCK, THEODORE A. Acting Ensign U. S. Ship Josco.

COGGINS, GEORGE L. Co. A, 15th Me.

CASWELL, WILLIAM A. Co. A, 15th Me.

CASWELL, BARTLETT S. Co. A, 15th Me.

CASWELL, LOWELL. Co. C, 28th Me.

CASWELL, LENDALL. 1st California Volunteers.

CROSBY, JOSEPH. Co. B, 11th Me. Wounded May 17th, 1864.

CHASE, WILLIAM H. Coast Guards.

COFFIN, ALBERT P. Co. K, 6th Me. Died at Alexandria, April 4th, 1862.

CLARK, WILLIAM E. Co. G, 1st Me. Cavalry. Killed April 9th, 1865; supposed to have been the last soldier killed in action in the Army of the Potomac.

CASE, STEPHEN H. Co. A, 15th Me.

CHASE, WILLIAM H., Jr. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion. Died at Cheraw, S. C.

CROMBIE, JOSEPH C. Co. A, 11th Me.

CASE, WILLIAM. Co. I, 13th Me. Died Dec. 30th, 1863.

COUSINS, JACOB H. Co. A, 15th Me. Died on Ship Island.

DOE, ERASTUS A. Co. D, 1st Me. Cavalry.

DENBOW, SIMON. Co. B, 12th Me.

DAVIS, HIRAM. Deserted. Co. A, 15th Me.

DAVIS, HARMON. Deserted. Co. A, 15th Me.

DENBOW, AMOS. Co. C, 28th Me.

DENBOW, HENRY C. Co. K, 6th Me. Killed May 10th, 1864.

DAVIS, E. ADAMS. Co. C, 28th Me.

DAMON, JOSEPH. Co. C, 28th Me.

DAVIS, JOHN A. Acting Ensign U. S. Ship Shawmut.

DUGGAN, JOHN. U. S. Navy.

DOLAN, THOMAS. Lieut. Co. A, 2d Rhode Island. Killed in action.

DINSMORE, ORREN, 2d. Co. I, 13th Me. Died in hospital.

DURANT, SAMUEL. U. S. Navy.

DUGGAN, THOMAS. 12th Co. Unassigned Infantry.

DODGE, CHARLES O. Drum Major 15th Me.

EATON, HENRY M. Co. I, 7th Me.

EATON, GEORGE W. Co. A, 6th Me. Wounded at Coal Harbor, foot amputated.

EATON, JAMES P. Co. I, 13th Me.

ESTEY, JOHN J. Co. B, 31st Me.

ELLIOT, THOMAS. U. S. Navy.

FEENEY, MARTIN. Co. G, 6th Me.

FURGUSON, JOHN. Co. L, 6th Me.

FRANCES, JOHN. U. S. Ship Kearsarge when she sank the Alabama.

FOWLER, OLEN D. Co. D, 8th Me.

FICKETT, CYRUS. Co. C, 28th Me.

FANNING, THOMAS. Co. D, 24th Mass. Wounded at Deep Bottom, Va., August 16, 1864.

FANNING, OTIS. Co. C, 28th Me.

GUPTILL, WILLIAM F. Co. H, 11th Me.

GUPTILL, COLIN B. Co. G, 11th Me.

GUPTILL, LYMAN. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.

GUPTILL, WILLIAM E. Co. C, 28th Me. Died April 24, 1863.

GUPTILL, NEHEMIAH. Co. C, 28th Me.

GUPTILL, WM. SANFORD. Co. K, 15th Me.

GIBSON, THOMAS. Co. A, 15th Me.

GIBSON, GEORGE L. U. S. Navy.

GARDINER, GEORGE. 1st Me. Battery.

GOFF, JAMES E. Co. K, 12th Me. Wounded at Port Hudson, May 25, 1863.



SERGEANT AVERY.
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HILLMAN, GEORGE G. 1st Me. Battery,

HENDRICKSEN, GUSTAVE F. U. S. Navy.

HALLETT, DAVIS. Co. D, 5th Me. Died on transport.

HEARNE, WILLIAM. Lieut. Co. D, 1st New York Mounted Rifles.

HUCKINS, JAMES. U. S. Navy.

HARMON, FREDERICK. 62d New York.

HENRY, CHARLES. U. S. Navy.

HASELTINE, ROBERT. Co. I, 1st Me. Cavalry.

HUCKINS, GEORGE L. U. S. Navy.

HAMILTON, BENJAMIN F., Co. C, 28th Maine.

INGALLS, JEREMIAH. U. S. Navy.

JOY, ANDREW J. Co. K, 15th Me. Died at Camp Parapet, Oct. 14, 1863.

JOY, DANIEL. U. S. Navy.

JONES, GEORGE. 1st Me. Cavalry.

KENNEDY, JOHN. Co. A, 6th Me. Taken prisoner May 6, 1863.

KEIVE, JOHN B. Co. A, 6th Me. Killed at Fredericksburg, May 3, 1863.

KEIVE, DANIEL H. Co. K, 15th Me. Died at New Orleans, Nov., 1863.

KENNEY, ALFRED. Coast Guards.

KELLEY, ELIJAH S. Co. C, 11th Me. Wounded (shot through the body,) August 14, 1864.

KEEF, THOMAS. Co. A, 15th Me.

KEEF, BENJAMIN. Co. A, 15th Me. Died at Carrolton, La., Sept. 1st, 1862.

LARRY, NELSON. Co. A, 15th Me.

LARRY, JAMES. Co. F, 6th Me. Died March 22, 1864.

LAMSON, THOMAS. Co. K, 15th Me. Died July 20, 1864,

LAMSON, ANDREW J. Co. I, 54th Penn. Wounded.

LURCHIN, HILLMAN. Co. A, 6th Maine. Wounded and taken prisoner.

LURCHIN, ROBERT W. Co. F, 6th Me. Wounded May 3, 1863, died May 23.

LAMSON, ELBRIDGE. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.

LAMSON, SAMUEL S. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.

LAKEMAN, WILLIAM. Co. D, 1st Me. Cavalry.

MORANG, FRED W. Co. A, 6th Me.

MORANG, ALONZO. Co. K, 15th Me.

MORANG, JOHN C. Lieut. Commander U. S. Ship Iroquois.

MORANG, SANFORD. Co. C, 28th Me.

MERRIAM, WILLIAM. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.

MERRIAM, JOSEPH. Co. D, 1st Me. Cavalry. Wounded August 23, 1864.

MARTIN, JAMES N. Capt. Co. A, 15th Me.

MOON, THOMAS. Co. F, 6th Me.

MOON, GEORGE. Coast Guard.

MCDANIEL, ANDREW J. Co. G, 5th Me.

MILLER, ARCHIBALD G. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.

MARSTON, DAVID. Co. C, 28th Me.

MARSTON, NATHAN W. Co. C, 28th Me.

MOONEY, BARNARD. U. S. Navy.

MARSTON, JOSEPH M. Co. C, 28th Me.

MYERS, THOMAS. Co. K, 15th Me.

MARTIN, PETER A. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.
MURPHY, WILLIAM. Co. K, 15th Me.
MORRISON, GEORGE. Co. K, 15th Me. Taken prisoner Red River Campaign.
MORRISON, WILLIAM. Co. C, 28th Me.
MCDONALD, DANIEL. Co. D, 10th Me. Died at Harper's Ferry, May 6, 1862.

NEAGLE, JAMES B. Co. A, 6th Me., and Co. C, 1st Me. Vet.
NICKERSON, SATATHIEL E. Co. C, 28th Me.
NICKERSON, MERRILL N. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion. Died in hospital August 7th, 1865.

O'BRIEN, WILLIAM G. Co. K, 6th Me.

PARKER, SAMUEL. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.

QUIN, GEORGE W. Co. A, 15th Me.
QUIRK, PATRICK. U. S. Navy.

RASHFORD, JOHN. Co. A, 6th Me.
RICE, JOHN T. Co. C, 28th Me.
REYNOLDS, SAMUEL. General Butler's guard.
ROSS, HENRY. Co. I, 6th Me.
RING, HENRY C. Co. D, 2d Me. Cavalry.
RING, CHAS. W. Co. C, 28th Me.
RING, JAMES W. Co. K, 15th Me. Died at Ship Island, June 17, 1862.
RUMERY, LYMAN. Co. A, 15th Me.
RUMERY, URIAH S. Co. A, 15th Me.

SMALL, ALFRED. Co. C, 2d Mass. Cavalry.
SMALL, JOHN. Co. C, 28th Me. *Deserted.*

MYERS, ISAAC. Co. C, 28th Me.
MYERS, EDGAR. 126th New York.
MYERS, WILLIAM H. Co. C, 28th Me.
MYERS, CHARLES. U. S. Navy.
MYERS, JOHN C. U. S. Ship Sabine.
MORANG, THOMAS. Co. C, 28th Me.
MORGAN, JOHN. U. S. Ship Sabine.
MCALLEP, DAVIS H. Co. C, 28th Me.
MCDANIEL, WILLIAM. Co. E, 5th Me.

NUTTER, ANDREW J. Co. C, 28th Me.
NEWMAN, ISAIAH. U. S. Navy.
NICHOLSON, JOHN. U. S. Navy.
NEWMAN, BENJAMIN. U. S. Navy.
NELSON, JOHN C. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.

OAKES, AUGUSTUS. Co. C, 28th Me.

PATCH, JAMES F. U. S. Navy.

QUIN, LUKE. U. S. Ship Shenandoah.

RUMERY, MELLVILLE. Co. K, 15th Me. Died at Camp Parapet, June 13, 1862.
RUMERY, SANFORD H. Co. C, 28th Me.
RAMSDELL, GEORGE H. U. S. Navy.
RAMSDELL, HENRY. Co. K, 15th Me.
REYNOLDS, JOTHAM G. Co. A, 15th Me.
ROBBINSON, WILLIAM J. Co. C, Unattached Infantry.

SHERWOOD, GEORGE. Co. A, 6th Me. Killed at Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864.
SAUNDERS, JOHN. Co. B, 31st Me.



WILLIAM E. CLARK.

Company G., First Maine Cavalry. Killed April 9th, 1865. Said to have been the last soldier killed in battle in the Army of the Potomac.

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SMALL, NELSON. Co. C, 28th Me. *Deserted.*

SMALL, EBEN G. JR. Co. C, 28th Me.

SMALL, WILLIAM W. Co. G, 1st Me. Cavalry. Wounded at Ream's Station, Va.

SUMNER, ALEXANDER B. Captain Co. A, 6th Me., afterwards Major 1st Me. Veteran Infantry.

SCOFIELD, JOHN. 1st Me. Battery.

SWEENEY, JOHN. Co. I, 13th Me.

SWEENEY, GEO. W. Co. I, 13th Me.

SAUNDERS, GEORGE W. Co. H, 1st Battalion.

SYLVESTER, REUBEN. Co. E, 14th Me.

SCOVIL, JOHN. Co. C, 28th Me.

SCOVIL, ZADOC. Co. C, 28th Me.

SMITH, JAMES. U. S. Navy.

TINKER, URIAH. Co. B, 7th Me. *Deserted.*

TREFRY, JOHN W. Co. C, 28th Me. Died April 25, 1863.

TUCKER, JOEL. Co. D, 11th Me.

THAYER, DANIEL. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.

WILSON, JOHN. U. S. Ship Sabine.

WILSON, CHARLES. U. S. Navy.

WHALEN, JEREMIAH. 1st Veteran Infantry.

WAKEFIELD, NATHANIEL. Co. K, 15th Me. *Deserted.*

WHEELER, RICHARD. Co. L, 6th Me.

WALLACE, JAMES. Co. K, 15th Me.

WILCOX, WILSON N. Co. A, 1st Me. Battalion.

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The following named persons were drafted, passed examination, and paid commutation, three hundred dollars each:

HENRY C. HUCKINS,
WILLIAM REYNOLDS,
PARKER R. REYNOLDS,
THADEUS M. GODFREY,
GEORGE H. GODFREY,
BENJAMIN RUMERY,
LYMAN ALLEN,
SOLOMON T. CASE,
JOSEPH W. ALLAN,
BENJAMIN H. ALLEN,
JOHN T. LEIGHTON,
CHARLES J. STAPLES,
ALBERT H. GODFREY,
JAMES L. TYLER,
JESSE A. CLARK,
NATHANIEL HOUGHTON,
ARCHIE WILKINSON,
CALOM HUCKINS,
EDWARD N. MIARS,
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# HISTORY OF

# WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 37,

## FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

WHAT preliminary action was had before sending the petition to the Grand Lodge is not known, but it is presumed that the customary approval of the nearest Lodges was asked for and obtained. These were Warren Lodge, No. 2, at East Machias, and Eastern Lodge, No. 7, at Eastport. The latter was organized in 1801.

### LODGE CHARTER.

*To all the Fraternity to whom these Presents shall come:*

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Maine,

SEND GREETING:

*Whereas*, A petition has been presented to us by Jabez Mowry, Joseph Whitney, Oliver N. Allen, Heald Davis, D. Garland, J. O. Balch, Daniel Pease, B. Reynolds, Lewis F. Delesdernier, O. A. Ruggles, John Milliken, William Morehouse and Jonathan Bigelow, (Ancient Free and Accepted) Masons, praying that they, with such others as shall hereafter join them, may be erected and constituted a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Which petition appearing to us as tending to the advancement of Masonry and good of the Craft,

*Know Ye*, Therefore, that we, the Grand Lodge aforesaid, reposing special trust and confidence in the prudence and fidelity of beloved brethren above named, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint them, the said Jabez Mowry, Joseph Whitney, Oliver N. Allen, Heald Davis, D. Garland, J. O. Balch, Daniel Pease, B. Reynolds, Lewis F. Delesdernier, O. A. Ruggles John Milliken, William Morehouse and Jonathan Bigelow, a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title and designation of Washington Lodge, hereby giving and granting unto them, and their successors, full power and authority to convene as Masons, within the town of Lubec, in the county of Washington, and State aforesaid, to receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and

raise Master Masons on the payment of such compensations for the same as may be determined by the Grand Lodge; also to make choice of a Master, Wardens and other office bearers, annually, or otherwise, as they shall cause; to receive and collect funds for the relief of poor and distressed brethren, their widows and children, and in general to transact all matters relating to Masonry, which may to them appear to be for the good of the Craft, and according to ancient usages and customs of Masonry.

*And we do hereby require* the same constituted brethren to attend the Grand Lodge at their quarterly communications and other meetings, by their Master and Wardens, or by proxies regularly appointed; also to keep a fair and regular record of all their proceedings, and to lay them before the Grand Lodge when required.

And we do enjoin in our brethren of the said Lodge that they be punctual in the quarterly payments of such sums as may be assessed for the support of the Grand Lodge; that they behave themselves respectfully and obediently to their superiors in office, and in all other respects conduct themselves as good Masons.

And we do hereby declare the precedence of the said Lodge, in the Grand Lodge and elsewhere, to commence from the tenth day of January, A. D. 1822.

*In Testimony Whereof*, We, the Grand Master and Grand Wardens, by virtue of the power and authority to us committed, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be affixed, at Portland, the twenty-fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty-two.

Signed,

SIMON GREENLEAF,
*Grand Master.*

WILLIAM SWAN,
*Deputy Grand Master.*

CHARLES FOX,
*Senior Grand Warden.*

JONAH W. MITCHELL,
*Junior Grand Warden.*

By order of the Grand Lodge.

Signed,

WILLIAM LORD,
*Grand Secretary.*

The petitioners were Jabez Mowry, Joseph Whitney, Oliver N. Allen, Heald Davis, Dennis Garland, Jeremiah O. Balch, Daniel Pease, Benjamin Reynolds, Lewis F. Delesdernier, Oakes A. Ruggles, John Milliken, William Morehouse and Jonathan Bigelow.

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JABEZ MOWRY.

Jabez Mowry came from Rhode Island; was a merchant at Eastport when it was captured by the British, and was also one of the obligors on the captured revenue bonds. (See Introduction.) After making his escape from the Nova Scotia marshal, it became necessary for him to visit Eastport on urgent business; and it is related that on this occasion he was disguised in female attire, and that the friends who knew of his intended visit and met him at the beach "to proffer the attentions due to a lady, were sorely tasked to preserve their gravity as they accompanied him through the streets; because he stepped off so long and in other respects demeaned himself with so little grace and propriety as a woman, that both he and they, in spite of all hints and lessons, were objects of attention to passing persons by whom they did not wish to be recognized."*

He also had pleasing anecdotes to relate illustrating the stirring times of the "embargo" and the occupation of Eastport by the English troops, of his business adventures both there and here as well as the happenings of a busy life. He used to tell an anecdote with much glee about his signature upon the bills of the old Passamaquoddy Bank. He used a quill pen as long as he lived and always drew the tail of his J away over to the left like a snake's tail wriggling through the grass, which made it extremely peculiar. He said when people looked at the bills if they found the "sea serpent" on them they pronounced them genuine at once. He was extensively known as a shipping merchant and prominent citizen of Lubec; and served it in various municipal capacities, and in the State legislature. He also was U. S. deputy collector of customs one term, 1849 to 1853. He eventually turned his attention to farming some lands which came into his possession and reclaimed much of it from a useless bog into productive grass lands. He died here in 1858, aged 85 years.

Joseph Whitney was a surveyor, a quiet, orderly citizen. Died here in 1841, aged 57 years.

Oliver N. Allen came from the western part of this State; was the deputy collector of the port during several years. In 1828, he bought all the lands in the village belonging to Nehemiah Small, and engaged in mercantile and shipping business. He died here in 1840, aged 46 years.

Heald Davis was a mechanic and farmer, a man of the strictest integrity, a sincere christian and an excellent neighbor and citizen. He finished his earthly work and, regretted by all, departed this life in 1862, aged 75 years.

Dennis Garland was a young man of some considerable literary

* From Sabine's Papers in Eastport Sentinel.

culture, and was a clerk in one of the mercantile establishments. He delivered public addresses on two of the Lodge's festive occasions and was admitted an honorary member December 4, 1824. He afterwards removed to Machias, and died there while yet a young man.

Jeremiah O. Balch was a merchant, and was the delegate to the Grand Lodge with the petition for the charter. He was admitted an honorary member on January 5, 1825, and must have removed from Lubec soon after that date. He is now a resident of Marshall, Michigan, and the only one of the charter members known to be living. He was dimitted from the Lodge in 1870.

Daniel Pease was also a merchant, and the first Worshipful Master of this Lodge. He removed from this town in 1825, and located in Calais.

IN MEMORY OF

**DANIEL PEASE,**

FIRST

WORSHIPFUL MASTER

OF

**WASHINGTON LODGE,**

No. 37,

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

CAME TO LUBEC IN 1815, AND HELPED BUILD THE VILLAGE. WAS ENGAGED IN TRADE. WAS PARISH CLERK OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY, AND AIDED IN ERECTING THE FIRST CHURCH. REMOVED TO CALAIS IN 1825. AT NEW YORK, IN 1833, HE TOOK PASSAGE ON A PACKET BOUND FOR CALAIS, AND DIED OF CHOLERA WHEN TWO DAYS OUT, AND WAS BURIED AT SEA.

Benjamin Reynolds resided at North Lubec, and the writer remembers him as a venerable looking gentleman, in 1830, and a very zealous christian, often exhorting at social meetings; on one of those occasions he expressed the gratitude of his heart that, although he had fallen many times on his way he had each time gained his length toward the meeting. He was short in stature, and on that account it was afterwards remarked that he was grateful for the smallest favors. Many of his descendants are now good citizens of this town and Pembroke, where he was residing when he died, January 14, 1835, aged 82 years.

Lewis F. Delesdernier, the ninth on the charter, was born in Cumberland, N. S., of Protestant French parents, from Geneva, Switzerland. He espoused the people's cause in the American revolution, and for a time was associated with Col. John Allan and Albert Gallatin in the military service at Machias. The Delesdernier's were old acquaintances of Gallatin and sheltered him when, friendless, he arrived in America. Mr. Delesdernier was the first Collector of the Port of Passamaquoddy, in 1789. Late in life he had much pecuniary trouble and lost all his property, while Mr Gallatin was advanced to positions of great trust under the government, but in his prosperity he entirely forgot his down-east friends, the Delesdernier's. The latter, Lewis F., became partially insane and died at Baileyville, Me., in 1838, aged 85 years. One of his daughters is now living at South Lubec, about 90 years old.

Of John Milliken and William Morehouse, no memoirs have survived.

Jonathan Bigelow, the last on the charter, was the minister who organized the first church, Congregational, in Lubec, and was for many years its acceptable pastor. He was the first Chaplain of this Lodge and seems to have been a zealous worker for its welfare. Subsequent history unknown.

These, together with William McLean, Jeremiah Fowler, John Boynton, Dr. S. S. Whipple, John Balch, Frederick A. Burrall, William H. Tyler, Joseph Sumner, Dr. Theophilus Doe, Lebbeus Bailey, Geo. Comstock, Elijah Stearns, Abram H. Jacobs, Peleg Churchill and Moses Fuller, their early associates, were indeed a goodly company to whom the needy never appealed in vain. Two of them removed to New York and were long known as leading commission merchants of that city, and others went to swell the population and wealth of other places where, let us hope, they are still remembered for those elevating traits of character which distinguished them while here.

The following is a literal copy of the first record of Washington Lodge:

"At a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maine, holden at E. Stearns' Hotel, on February 25, A. L., 5822, at 7.00 P. M., for the purpose of installing the officers of Washington Lodge, Lubec, the ollowing brethren were legally inducted into office by the M. W. Jonathan D. Weston, D. D. G. M.; M. W. Benj. King, S. G. W.; M. W. Horatio G. Balch, J. G. W.:

R. W. Daniel Pease, M.
W. Dennis Garland, S. W.
W. Jabez Mowry, J. W.
Bro. O. N. Allen, Treas.
Bro. S. S. Whipple, Sec.
Bro. Joseph Whitney, S. D.
Bro. Jeremiah O. Balch, J. D.
Bro. Heald Davis, S. S.
Bro. John Davidson, Tyler.

*Closed.*"

"At an adjourned meeting of the Washington Lodge, holden at E. Stearns' Hotel, February 25, A. L., 5822, at 8.00 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

R. W. Daniel Pease, M.; W. Dennis Garland, S. W.; W. Jabez Mowry, J. W.; Bro. O. N. Allen, T.; Bro. S. S. Whipple, Sec.; Bro. Joseph Whitney, S. D.; Bro. J. O. Balch, J. D.; Bro. Heald Davis, S. S.; Bro. Jonathan Biglow, Chaplain. Bros. William McLean, L. F. Delesdernier, William Morehouse.

Visitors, M. W. Jonathan D. Weston, D. D. G. M.; Bros. Benj. King, S. G. W.; H. G. Balch, J. G. W.; John Sargent, John Duglas.

Bro. S. S. Whipple proposed for membership by Bro. Joseph Whitney, and chosen unanimously. Bro. W. McLean proposed for membership by Bro. Bigelow, chosen unanimously. Fred A. Burrall, W. H. Tyler and Elijah Stearns proposed as candidates, the same balloted for and accepted. Each of the above applicants deposited fee, $16.00, and was initiated.

Closed till Wednesday next at 6 o'clock by adjournment."

Thus we see that Shelometh S. Whipple and William McLean had the honor of being the first persons admitted to membership, and F.

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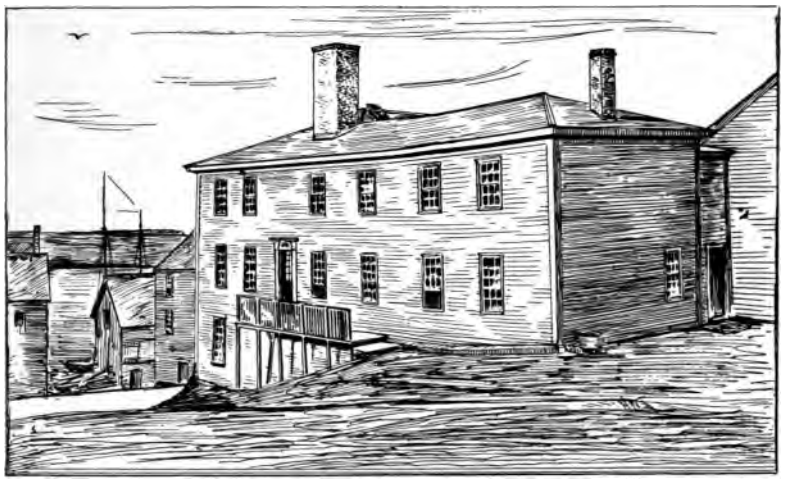

STEARNS' HOTEL.

A. Burrall, W. H. Tyler and E. Stearns were the first initiated in Washington Lodge.

Dr. Whipple removed to Calais, Me., where he is remembered as a successful physician and a genial gentleman.

William McLean was a Scottish Highlander, engaged in frontier trade, afterwards a resident of St. Andrews, N. B.

Fred A. Burrall removed to New York, where he became a successful merchant.

Elijah Stearns was the host of the Maine Hotel which was famed for its good cheer and the beauty of its hostess, and those who knew her well say that Mrs. Stearns was as good as she was beautiful. This was the lady who shielded Jonathan Bartlett from illegal capture by the Marshal of Nova Scotia.

W. H. Tyler was subsequently Secretary of the Lodge and wrote up all the first records. His writing was as near perfection as any ever seen.

This first meeting was held in a hall on the second floor of an L in the Maine Hotel then, and for eight subsequent years kept by Elijah Stearns. The Lodge hired it of him, lighted and warmed, and called it Mason's Hall. There was room enough here and it was comfortable, but it is difficult to perceive how they obtained the privacy and quiet they needed, as there were rooms for guests on the same floor. This was their Lodge room until 1839. It is probable that the Grand Lodge opened in an adjoining room and then proceeded to the hall where the charter members had met, and there installed the officers. There is no record of the election of these officers; probably omitted by mistake. There are other omissions quite as important. One might ask, was the Lodge dedicated? He gets no light on that matter here. We read "R. W. Master" with a smile, but that seems to have been the fashion in those days. It is equally strange to us to read of an "adjourned meeting," as no Master of a Lodge would now entertain a motion for that purpose. Bro. John Davidson was installed Tyler and must have been a member, but there is no mention of his election; he faithfully tyled the Lodge for many years. The voting and work done at this first meeting was certainly remarkable, considering that the D. D. G. M. was present and could have informed them as to the law. They had not yet adopted a code of By-laws it is true, nevertheless, they were under the Grand Lodge rules which may not have prohibited such haste at that time. Whether it was so or not, the Lodge continued this hasty action as late as 1854.

It is also noteworthy that the Secretary wrote "The Washington Lodge," and kept that style several years. The date of the charter is January 24, 1822, its precedence in the Grand Lodge January 10, 1822, but in the reports it is put by mistake June 16, 1822. By-laws were discussed and adopted on the thirteenth of March following, and at the same meeting bills to the amount of $167.20 were accepted for payment, $85 of which was for the charter. The first article of the By-laws designated the first Wednesday evening in each month for the stated meetings and this has never been changed. Article 3 provided that "every visiting brother, officers of the Grand Lodge and clergymen excepted, shall pay twenty-five cents for every night after the first visit." The quarterly dues were established at fifty cents; and they made two-thirds of the members present necessary for the choice of officers.

# BY-LAWS

OF

# WASHINGTON LODGE

*Accepted by vote of said Lodge, March, A. D. 5822.*

ARTICLE 1. The regular Lodge night shall be on the *first* Wednesday evening in each month.

ART. 2. Every Mason shall behave with decency and regularity while in the Lodge, avoiding all improper conversation and conduct whereby the business of the Lodge might be interrupted.

ART. 3. Every visiting brother, officers of the Grand Lodge and clergymen excepted, shall pay twenty-five cents for every night, the first night excepted.

ART. 4. Each member shall pay fifty cents quarterly for current expenses of the Lodge.

ART. 5. Every Mason applying to be admitted as a member ought, if he has previously been a member of any other Lodge, to produce a certificate from the officers or Secretary, certifying that he has paid all dues and debts to the Lodge, was regularly discharged, and the society shall furnish such certificate to all discharged from this Lodge. And all members neglecting to settle their account within two years shall forfeit their membership and be reported to the Grand Lodge.

ART. 6. Every applicant for membership shall be proposed by a member one month previously, and if he has been made in this Lodge, shall pay one dollar, and if in any other Lodge, two dollars, and shall sign the By-laws.

ART. 7. The officers of the Lodge shall be chosen on St. John's day, annually, in the month of June, and all accounts with the Lodge shall be settled on St. John's day, semi-annually.

ART. 8. Two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be necessary in the choice of officers.

ART. 9. Every person desirous to be made a Mason, crafted or raised in this Lodge, shall be proposed by a member one month previously, unless the Lodge obtain a dispensation therefor, or unless the candidate be bound on a voyage to sea, or a long journey.

ART. 10. Every brother proposing a candidate for initiation, crafting or raising, or membership, shall deposit the fees with the Secretary previous to record being made, and the candidate shall come forward within six months or forfeit his deposit, except he shall file a sufficient excuse with the Secretary.

ART. 11. Every person on being initiated shall pay sixteen dollars, on being crafted two dollars, and on being raised three dollars.

ART. 12. Every Mason initiated in any other Lodge shall pay, on being crafted, three dollars, and on being raised, four dollars.

ART. 13. When there shall be one dissenting vote on the ballot for crafting, raising or membership, the Lodge may inquire the reason for such dissent and, if none is given, the Lodge may proceed as though the ballot were unanimous.

ART. 14. No Mason may leave the Lodge during working hours without consent of the Master.

ART. 15. The Master may ask the opinion and advice of visiting brethren of the usages and customs of other Lodges in similar cases.

ART. 16. All altercations and misunderstandings between the brethren should be settled in and by the Lodge.

ART. 17. Only one shall speak at a time in the Lodge, and he addresses the Master standing.

ART. 18. Every one calling a special Lodge shall pay two dollars towards the expense thereof.

ART. 19. The By-laws shall be read at least once a quarter.

ART. 20. The Secretary shall read the proceedings of the Lodge the preceding evening as soon as the Lodge is opened, and the proceedings of the same evening immediately before it is closed.

ART. 21. The Secretary shall, every Lodge night, pay over to the Treasurer all the money which he may have received, take his receipt therefor, and keep in a separate book the amount received and on

what account. No money shall be paid out but by vote of the Lodge and the order of the Master on the Treasurer.

ART. 22. And whereas it happens, for want of time or some other cause, the foregoing cannot in all cases be complied with, in such cases the Lodge can dispense therewith.

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It seems that the early practice was to ballot for each degree, and this code provided that "when there shall be one dissenting vote on the ballot for crafting, raising or membership, the Lodge may inquire the reason of such dissent, and if none is given, the Lodge may proceed as though the ballot was unanimous."

There is no provision for a unanimous ballot on applications for initiation, but the records show the practice to have been correct.

This was amended April 7th, 1824, by adopting the following:— "For initiating, crafting, raising and membership, the ballot shall be unanimous; and that the 13th article of the By-laws be repealed."

At a stated meeting of Washington Lodge, on May 1st, 1822, "voted, that Lebbeus Bailey, Jr., devise and execute a common seal for the use of the Lodge." He was a Mason when he came here, and became a member of this Lodge on the 14th of the following June.

At the semi-annual meeting, St. John's day, June 24th, Bro. D. Garland gave the Lodge an address, after which they proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, and selected the following board, viz:—

Bro. Lebbeus Bailey, W. M.
" Oliver N. Allen, S. W.
" Joseph Whitney, J. W.
" S. S. Whipple, Treas.
" William H. Tyler, Sec.
" F. A. Burrall, S. D.
" Jeremiah Fowler, J. D.
" Elijah Stearns, S. S.
" John Boynton, J. S.
" John Davidson, Tyler.

Bro. Bailey was duly installed W. M., by W. Daniel Pease, P. M., and at the next subsequent meeting the remaining officers were inducted into office and a vote of thanks passed to the retiring officers for their fidelity and zeal.

IN MEMORY OF

# LEBBEUS BAILEY,

SECOND

WORSHIPFUL MASTER

OF

## WASHINGTON LODGE,

No. 37,

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

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WAS BORN IN NORTH YARMOUTH, DISTRICT OF MAINE, IN 1787. CAME TO LUBEC IN 1820, AND COMMENCED BUSINESS AS A WATCH-MAKER AND JEWELER. HE MADE THE FIRST SEAL FOR THE LODGE. WAS ELECTED MASTER 1822 AND 1823. MARRIED MISS MARIETTA CLAPP IN JUNE, 1823. MOVED TO EASTPORT IN 1825, AND WHILE THERE WAS APPOINTED D. D. G. M. TWO TERMS. IN 1830, HE WENT TO FAIRHAVEN, MASS., AND AFTERWARD LOCATED AT PORTLAND, ME., WHERE HE DIED IN 1849, AGED 62 YEARS.

Thus four months passed away which might be termed the temporary organization, in which thirteen persons were made Masons, and four made elsewhere were admitted to membership. That this was pretty strong work for the young Lodge in so short a time, no one will deny, but it must be remembered that they were all neighbors living near the Lodge room and well acquainted with each other. They also gave attention to the lectures. The whole expense up to this time, including charter, jewels, etc., was $193.75, as per report of finance committee.

At a meeting of the Lodge, Dec. 4, 1822, "voted, that two orders of five dollars each, drawn by the W. Master for charitable purposes, be accepted." "Voted, that the death of our brother, Isaac Morton, is deeply lamented by the members of Washington Lodge."

Thus is it officially noticed that the good angel of mercy, the genius of Masonry that lightens and cheers the rugged pathway of life, and the great enemy of our race, Death, had both entered our Lodge; the one to bless the widow and the fatherless, and the other to bring sadness and woe.

May 20th, 1823, R. W. Jonathan D. Weston, D. D. G. M., visited the Lodge officially, examined the work and records, receiving the usual marks of respect due to his office.

June 4th, an amendment to the By-laws was accepted, making the stated meeting in September the time for annual choice of officers, and voted that the present board continue in office until that time, subject to the approval of the D. D. G. Master. It seems that the Deputy did not approve of the manner in which the Lodge had continued its officers in place for the remainder of the term, for at a meeting on June 12th, following, they proceeded to ballot for officers to serve until September, and chose the old board. At this meeting they voted to procure a Past Master's jewel and present it, in the name of the Lodge, to W. Daniel Pease, P. M., as a testimony of their respect for the first W. M. of Washington Lodge. It had been agreed to have a public installation, an address and a dinner on this occasion, but for some cause not stated, it was postponed until August 1st, when it was duly accomplished, D. D. G. M. Weston being present, and Bro. Dennis Garland delivered the address.

On September 3rd, following, the Lodge met and proceeded to elect officers agreeably to the change of time for the annual meeting, and elected the brethren named as follows:

W. Lebbeus Bailey, M.
Bro. S. S. Whipple, S. W.
" Jeremiah Fowler, J. W.
" O. N. Allen, Treas.
" John Boynton, Sec.
" W. H. Tyler, S. D.
" Moses Fuller, J. D.
" Elijah Stearns, S. S.
" Joseph Sumner, J. S.
" John Davidson, Tyler.

The officers were installed at this meeting with the exception of W. H. Tyler, who was absent, and who at a subsequent meeting declined and was excused, and Bro. Joseph Whitney was elected and installed as S. Deacon. Bro. Jonathan Bigelow was appointed Chaplain, and Bro. Abram H. Jacobs, Marshal.

The quarterages due from L. F. Delesdernier, amounting to $3, were remitted at this meeting. The last administration continued a year and three months, and twelve masons were made and united with the Lodge in membership. The disposable funds of the Lodge at this date, are put at $209.29.

January 22d, 1824, the Lodge voted that the petition of J. Whitney and others of Calais, to the Grand Lodge for a charter, be approved.

On April 7th, the final report of a committee for revising the By-laws was made and accepted, and it should be said that, as recorded, they were a great improvement on the first code.

The Lodge was incorporated at the session of the Legislature of 1824; the act was received by the Lodge in May, and they voted that the By-laws of the Lodge be the By-laws of the Corporation.

### An Act to Incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of Washington Lodge.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, that Lebbeus Bailey, Jr., Oliver N. Allen, Joseph Whitney, Jeremiah Fowler, John Boynton, Moses Fuller and Jabez Mowry, and their associates and successors be, and they

are hereby incorporated in a Body Politic by the name of the Master, Wardens and Members of Washington Lodge, with power to sue and be sued, to have a common Seal and to change the same, and to make any By-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State, to take and hold for charitable and benevolent purposes any real estate to the value of three thousand dollars, and any personal estate to the value of four thousand dollars, and to give and grant or bargain and sell the same, and with all the powers and privileges usually granted to other societies instituted for purposes of charity.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted that the first meeting of said corporation shall be holden at such time and place and be notified in such manner as Lebbeus Bailey, Jr., the person herein named may direct.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted that the powers granted by this act may be enlarged, restrained or annulled at the pleasure of the Legislature. [Petition, Jan. 8, 1824. Accepted, May 5, 1824.]

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At a stated meeting held on June 2d, 1824, a communication from Eastern Lodge, with a copy of their remonstrance against the appointment of J. R. Chadbourne, Esq., to the office of D. D. G. M., was laid before the Lodge and a committee consisting of Jabez Mowry, Oliver N. Allen and Moses Fuller was appointed to consider the same and report at the next meeting. This committee reported that, "while they esteem it a duty to treat with becoming deference and respect all measures emanating from the Grand Lodge, they cannot but express their deep regret that any event should have taken place having a tendency to disturb that harmony of feeling which ought always to subsist between the members of the Masonic fraternity. In Mr. Chadbourne they have never discovered that zeal and interest for the welfare of Masonry that should entitle him to so important a distinction as D. D. G. M.

They therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*:—That this Lodge concur with the doings of the Eastern Lodge, and respectfully remonstrate against the appointment of R. W. J. R. Chadbourne to the office of D. D. G. M. for the 6th Masonic District, as one not calculated to promote that fellowship and harmony so essential among Masons."

At the annual meeting September 1st, 1824, the following board of officers was elected for the next year:

Bro. Jeremiah Fowler, W. M.
" Oliver N. Allen, S. W.
" Frederick A. Burrall, J. W.
" Moses Fuller, Treas.
" Abel H. Jacob, Sec.
" William H. Tyler, S. D.
" John Boynton, J. D.
" John Davidson, Tyler.
" Jonathan Bigelow, Chaplain.

Five initiates the past year was very moderate for the young Lodge when we remember that they were not prohibited by any laws on jurisdiction.

Jabez Mowry was appointed proxy to attend the Session of the Grand Lodge, in Jan., 1825, and "instructed to state to the Grand Master that for two years past our Lodge has not been visited by a D. D. G. Master, nor by any person appointed to represent him for that purpose; nor have we been officially notified of the appointment of a D. D. G. M. for the past year." The grievance complained of here is, no doubt, the result of the difficulty about Mr. Chadbourne, and illustrates the paramount importance of harmony and a spirit of concession among the members of the fraternity.

Bro. J. Fowler, the W. M. elected this term, was for many years identified with this Lodge and always seemed to have its interest as well as the good of Masonry at heart. A permanent resident of the village, while many others seemed intent only in gathering up all the means they could get here and then removing to more eligible situations to enjoy more fully what the trade here had brought them. He was always disposed to engage in whatever enterprise that promised to develop the resources of the town. With this spirit he entered into the manufacture of gypsum both for agricultural and artistic purposes. Water power for mills was obtained by cutting through the land and thus uniting, by a deep canal, the tide waters of Johnson's Bay with those of Cobscook Bay, which proved a complete success. Natural, unfriendly obstacles that would have appalled others were overcome. The business became quite extensive and was no less a benefit to the town than it was to himself. He out-lived it, but his energy was manifested in many other directions. Liberal ideas generally found in him a friend faithful and true, and his charity, unbounded by platforms or creeds, often took the form of pecuniary aid to the needy. His bodily form has passed away from us and

from earth, but his memory is green in the hearts of many who knew him best. On Dec. 4th, Dennis Garland was admitted to honorary membership, and on Jan. 25, 1825, J. O. Balch received the same complimentary notice. Either this proceeding has gone out of fashion or else we, their successors, are not found so deserving of honorable distinction; or, possibly, we may not be so appreciative of each others excellencies. At any rate, the records fail to show another instance of this method of recognition.

At the annual meeting Sept. 7th, 1825, the election resulted as follows:

Bro. Oliver N. Allen, W. M.
" Frederick A. Burrall, S. W
" William H. Tyler, J. W.
" Moses Fuller, Treas.
" Samuel F. Barker, Sec.
" John Boynton, S. D.
" William McLean, J. D.
" John Davidson, Tyler.

These were duly installed on Oct. 5th, following. It is probable that Stewards and the usual committees were appointed at this installation as well as at the next preceding one, but the record is silent. Five Masons were made the past year.

On Dec. 27th, Bros. Moses Fuller, Jeremiah Fowler and Oliver N. Allen, were appointed a committee to consider a communication from the Grand Lodge on the erection of a monument over the remains of our illustrious brother, George Washington, at Mount Vernon.

It is noticeable in the records for the past few weeks that Bro. John Davidson's name is not on the official roll, and in this meeting we have the explanation that he and his family were sick and the Lodge donated $25 for his relief. We also learn here that the appointment of J. R. Chadbourne, as D. D. G. M., was not rescinded by the Grand Lodge, for here recorded is a receipt from him for the dues to the Grand Lodge. The Lodge year closes on September 6, 1826, with the election of the following brethren to office for the next year:

Bro. Oliver N. Allen, W. M.
" William H. Tyler, S. W.
" John Boynton, J. W.
" Fred. A. Burrall, T.
" Jabez Mowry, Sec'y.
" Moses Fuller, S. D.
" Theo. Doe, J. D.
" John Davidson, Tyler.

Moses Fuller, F. A. Burrall and Jabez Mowry, Finance Committee.

At the next meeting, Sept. 14th, the officers were installed by P. Master Fowler, and the usual appointments were made. Fifteen Masons were made the past year.

On Oct. 4th, R. W. Lebbeus Bailey, D. D., visited the Lodge, witnessed the work and examined the records, both of which the record says he approved.

Nov. 12th, the treasurer was authorized to purchase the Salma Clapp house at a price not exceeding $300. This proved an unprofitable investment and a source of annoyance several years, as will be seen farther on. No incidents worthy of further notice occurred during this term which closed Sept. 4th, but the election did not take place until the 16th, at which time they chose

Bro. Moses Fuller, M.
" Jeremiah Fowler, S. W.
" F. A. Burrall, J. W.
" Jabez Mowry, Treas.
" Theo. Doe, Sec.
" O. N. Allen, S. D.
" J. Whitcomb, J. D.
" J. Davidson, Tyler.

Installation took place Oct. 3d.

The work for the year had added five Masons to the Lodge which was a sharp falling off, and for very apparant cause, for now the dark cloud of anti-Mason fanaticism began to be felt by its overshadowing influence. The incidents worthy of note are so few that we pass on to the end of the Lodge year. They chose the same Master and the same Board so far as was practicable. The Lodge year had not been prosperous to additions, only one Mason having been made; this was John Thomas, initiated Oct. 4th, 1827. He was a master mariner and should be remembered as the last initiate of Washington Lodge, previous to the suspension of work.

Here on the border the excitement was not so intense as it was farther west; still it was a severe test of Masonic virtue even here. Much abuse was bestowed upon the fraternity; its principles were criticised in an unfriendly and unfair manner by the best of those who were without. Annoyances abounded. Publications of a gross and aggravating character were circulated; some of these the writer, who was a boy at that time, still remembers as too bad for a description here. But one, a wood cut, was so absolutely funny and popular that we may be pardoned for naming it.



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This represented a jolly fellow, unwieldy from good eating and drinking, leading a skin and bone looking chap by a rope, and underneath was this: "Here comes the Mayor, a leader among Masons, with a poor blind candidate."

Impudent questioning as to their rites and ceremonies were met with utter silence and seeming indifference, and no one is known to have betrayed the trust reposed in him by saying or doing anything that could be construed against the order. There were some who thought Bro. Davidson might be led astray because he was of humble station, and they would ask him to give them "the sign," and he, with a waggish expression all over his face, would repeat "a wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, and there shall no sign be given it but the sign of the prophet Jonas." This, he thought, settled the matter; and if not that, it usually settled the questioners.

And so the dark cloud overshadowed them; but the Lodge met annually at least, up to Dec. 17th, 1833, electing their officers every year, appointing a proxy to represent them in the Grand Lodge, and transacting such other business as their limited operations required, Bro. Moses Fuller was Master, re-elected year after year until Dec. 22d, 1832, after which his name does not appear on the records. He had removed to Massachusetts. He visited Lubec in 1870, when he looked but little older than he did when he left the town. He said he was 84 years old. It is worthy of remark how most all the early members of this Lodge attained to an advanced age.

After Dec. 17th, 1833, comes an interval in the records extending to Sept. 1st, 1837, which shows it was uphill work with them about this time. Oliver N. Allen was D. D. G. M. during most of this period, and living here, visited the Lodge often, usually occupying the East.

On Sept. 7th, 1837, the annual meeting was held, the D. D. G. M. presiding. when the officers were elected as follows:

Bro. Jeremiah Fowler, M.
" Jabez Mowry, S. W.
" Joseph Whitney, J. W.
" Heald Davis, Treas.
" Levi Caswell, Sec.
" Rufus Godfrey, S. D.
" George Comstock, J. D.
" John Davidson, Tyler.

A committee was raised to agree with Capt. Street for the use of his hall, lighted and warmed, for the Lodge. Capt. Street had taken the house formerly kept by Bro. Stearns, and subsequently was

admitted to the Lodge. Dec. 12th, the officers were installed by O. N. Allen, D. D. G. M.

Thus we find the Lodge again under way and all ready for work, although the clouds are still lowering and the sunshine but fitful. They now selected Bro. S. S. Whipple of Calais, formerly of Lubec, to represent them in the coming Session of the Grand Lodge.

Jan. 8th, 1838, an application was received from Mr. S. L. Hovey for the "mysteries of Masonry," and we grieve to say it was acted on at this same meeting, a vote first being taken to so far dispense with the By-laws as to admit of this action, and Mr. Hovey was initiated the same evening. One might suppose, as this was the first application on resuming work, they would have been careful to observe all the rules of the order, and especially their own By-laws, The result of trifling with rules of action could only have one result, that is to reduce them to entire contempt. Therefore the Grand Lodge acted wisely in binding all subordinate Lodges to a strict observance of all the necessary laws of the fraternity.

So Bro. Hovey was the first initiate in this Lodge after resuming work. He was afterwards elected Master; he removed from Lubec in 1841, but returned to act as administrator on his brother-in-law's, O. N. Allan, estate. This he divided into building lots and sold; and these lots make nearly one-half of the present village. This land was formerly the farm of Nehemiah Small. Mr. Hovey finally became insane and ended his life in an asylum.

January 23, 1838, Daniel Haverty was admitted to membership. He was made a Mason in Ireland, and was *the first* Roman Catholic of Washington Lodge. There were four initiates this year. At the annual meeting, September 5, 1838, the officers were elected as follows:

Bro. J. Fowler, M.
" J. Mowry, S. W.
" L. Caswell, J. W.
" H. Davis, Treas.
" S. L. Hovey, Sec'y.
" J. Whitney, S. D.
" D. Haverty, J. D.
" J. Davidson, Tyler.

A Finance Committee was also elected and other appointments were made at time of installation, which was October 4, R. W. O. N. Allen, D. D. G. M., officiating.

December 20, the Lodge met at the residence of Bro. O. N. Allen, and Bro. Taft Comstock was chosen as proxy to represent us in the

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JEREMIAH FOWLER.

Grand Lodge. It is noticeable that the Lodge held several meetings at this time at private places belonging to members, which is accounted for by supposing that their hall had become untenable after Bro. Street left town.

It will be remembered by those who may have taken the trouble to read these pages that the Lodge had authorized the purchase of the Clapp house, but it appears that Bro. Mowry had obtained a claim of some kind on that property, and the object of these private meetings was to obtain a settlement with him so they might have the upper part of that building for a Lodge room. An arrangement was effected and a hall finished for the use of the Lodge which met therein January 22, 1840. No work since last election, a year and a half. Officers elected at this meeting were:

Bro. Samuel L. Hovey, M.
" L. Caswell, S. W.
" H. Davis, J. W.
" H. G. Balch, Treas.
" J. Mowry, Sec'y.
" J. Whitney, S. D.
" D. Haverty, J. D.
" J. Davidson, Tyler.

These were installed January 27, after electing Bro. H. G. Balch a member.

The Lodge had loaned its funds to Bro. Mowry, and he finished this hall for them, charging $295. This with what they gave for the building made it cost $595. Here the Lodge had a home of its own for the first time. It was rather a poor affair, especially the entrance which was by outside stairs, and were usually cumbered with ice in winter and were inconvenient and dangerous for the older brethren. It was not a good investment as the sequal will show.

We notice that a large Bible was bought soon after they occupied the new hall, and one Mason was made, the only work for the year.

December 2, elected officers for the year of whom S. L. Hovey was Master.

There could not have been much interest felt by the members at this time for they did not elect officers again until January 12, 1842, Bro. Hovey was again re-elected Master. For some cause, probably the removal of Bro. Hovey, Bro. Levi Caswell was elected Master, April 12, 1843. All this time there had been no work, and then a blank occurs in the records from December 27, 1843, to Nov. 8, 1847, almost four years; and now the D. D. G. M., J. Fowler, takes the East and officers are elected, with the exception of Master, the D. D.

Grand filling that position. The reason for this extraordinary proceeding does not appear. It seems they were in a lower condition than ever before. Perhaps they had commenced too soon; anti-masonic sentiment in the community not having cooled enough to favor its prosperity. And then business was undergoing a change. The frontier trade which first started the place, under the embargo, had passed away and was succeeded by the gypsum trade; that article being transferred from English to American vessels on the line. And now this too was changing by a new American shipping law. Some business men had to leave, and others became embarrassed. The population had always been migratory to such an extent as to seriously interfere with most organizations. Moreover, speculation had run riot and revulsion had followed with ruin in its train.

April 5, 1848, a committee appointed to revise the By-laws made their report which was duly considered and accepted. The objectionable clause in Article 18, on initiation, however, is still retained, viz.: "Provided, however, that in cases where the members have a full knowledge of the character of the candidate (applicant), who is bound on a voyage to sea, or on a journey, they may proceed to ballot for him at a shorter period."

It is said to be darkest just before the dawn of day, and so it seemed here, for soon after the stagnation recorded above, work again commenced and the situation seems quite promising.

June 24, 1848, the Lodge met the brethren of Eastern Lodge, at Eastport, in celebration of St. John's day, which is mentioned as an occasion of much pleasure to all present.

September 6, 1848, we have another election, this time at the legal day, but almost two years from the last, during which time the D. D. G. M., J. Fowler, has presided in the East and there has been frequent meetings and quite large work; twenty-four Masons having been made in that time. Officers chosen as follows:

Bro. Jeremiah Fowler, M.
" John C. Talbot, Jr., S. W.
" Taft Comstock, J. W.
" Theo. Doe, Treas.
" Samuel P. Fowler, Sec.
" George T. Hunter, S. D.
" Samuel Starbird, J. D.
" Eben Oakes, S. S.
" Wm. Goodwin, J. S.
" Joseph Sumner, Marshal.
" J. S. Peckham, Chaplain.

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JOHN C. TALBOT, JR.

Bros. J. Mowry, T. Doe and L. Caswell, Finance Committee.

These were installed October 11, and other committees appointed.

January 22, 1849, Bro. J. F. Harris, W. M. of Warren Lodge, No. 2, at East Machais, commenced a series of Masonic lectures for instruction which were said to have been profitable to the Lodge. The brethren celebrated the 22d of February, Washington's birthday, by meeting at their hall with their ladies, where they listened to remarks by the W. M. J. Fowler, Bros. J. C. Talbot, Jr., Joseph Sumner and G. W. Haley, and partook of substantial refreshments prepared for the occasion, which "proved to be a very pleasant one for all."

The available funds at this time were $399.26. The work has been moderate, only six initiates this year. A practice obtained about this time of making Masons on credit, which, in the end, proved greatly damaging to the interests of the Lodge. Some of the notes given at that time have since been given up to the widows of deceased Masons, while others are still held by the Lodge, and no doubt the makers thereof pass in distant places as Masons. They ought to be expelled. The Grand Lodge did well when it prohibited that kind of work.

At the annual meeting, September 5, 1849, an invitation to be present and unite in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the new Custom-house, at Eastport, was laid before the Lodge and accepted.

Officers elected were:

Bro. J. C. Talbot, Jr., M.
" S. P. Fowler, S. W.
" G. T. Hunter, J. W.
" Joseph Sumner, Treas.
" Levi Caswell, Sec.
" Samuel Starbird, S. D.
" Wm. Goodwin, J. D.
" E. Oakes, S. S.
" Salathiel Nickerson, J. S.
" John S. Peckham, Chaplain.
" John Davidson, Tyler.

The usual committees were appointed and a part of the officers installed this evening, the remainder at a subsequent meeting. Oct. 20th, the Lodge performed the Masonic burial rite over the remains

of Bro. H. G. Balch, M. D. Bro. O. N. Allen was buried by the Lodge, but no record thereof was made, so this is the first Masonic burial spread upon the records. Dr. Balch was an early resident of Lubec, from which he removed soon after the organization of the Lodge, at which he was present as J. G. W. He returned here in 1834, and practiced his profession several years; then exchanged with Dr. Theopilus Doe and went to Calais, but being unsuccessful there he soon returned to Lubec. He was Deputy Collector of Customs here during one term of Andrew Jackson's administration. He was a member of the Lodge only a few years when his death occurred. Nothing further worthy of notice happened until the annual meeting which took place Dec. 11th, 1850, when W. J. C. Talbot, Jr., was re-elected Master and some unimportant changes were made in the remainder of the Board. Voted, that the note given for fees by T. S. Burnham, deceased, be given up to his widow. This note was given Oct. 26th, 1849, just before starting on the voyage to California, via Cape Horn, and he was buried in the Pacific Ocean. Only two initiates the past year.

The subject of building a new hall had been canvassed somewhat by the brethren, and in April negotiations were had with the Passamaquoddy Division of Sons of Temperance, which had been occupying the Mason's hall, in relation to building a new hall to be owned and occupied jointly, which for some unexplained reason were unsuccessful. A little over eleven years had passed since the Lodge took possession of this hall, newly finished in an old building, and in this short time it had become almost untenable, which, probably, is the explanation why no meetings were held or record made from Nov. 21st, 1851, until June 15th, 1854, more than two years, and then they commenced meeting in Odd Fellow's hall. We may say the funds expended on the old building were as good as wasted.

On June 24th, the Lodge united with Eastern Lodge in celebrating St. John's day, at Eastport, and invited the widows of Masons to join with their own ladies in the festivities of the occasion.

And now the building a hall in company with the Sons of Temperance was again agitated, and, on August 4th, a committee was authorized to make an agreement with the division for that purpose, but the effort proved fruitless as a former one had been. Dec. 5th, 1854, they had another election, nearly four years from the last, and this time by hand vote. They had become so used to suspending the By-laws for initiates that we are hardly surprised at this fruit of a bad practice. And the two and one-half years blank in the

records. But inquiry and comment are alike useless. The result of the election was:

W. J. C. Talbot, Jr., M.
Bro. L. Caswell, S. W.
Bro. G. T. Hunter, J. W.
" Joseph Sumner, Treas.
" Taft Comstock, Sec.
" S. Starbird, S. D.
" W. J. Goodwin, J. D.
" S. E. Nickerson, } Stewards.
" S. A. Lawrence, }
" J. S. Peckham, Chaplain.
" John Davidson, Tyler.

There were five initiates the past year.

At the next meeting, Dec. 13th, a committee was chosen to erect a new hall, and full authority was given them after they should have expended all the funds of the Lodge to borrow whatever money might be needed to complete the work.

J. C. Talbot, Jr., Taft Comstock, W. J. Goodwin, building committee.

A report was made by the Secretary, who had been authorized to examine the resources, showing the available fund to be $395.75, allowing the old building to be worth $100, for which sum they afterwards sold it.

This shows a decided loss since 1849, when the statement was $399.26, besides the old hall. They expected to do some financiering, and the event will show that they did.

One of the characteristics of our history has been the sudden revivals of Masonic interest, alternating with corresponding depressions. The causes for this are to be found outside of the Lodge as well as within its fold. It has been noticed that when a large class of young men have grown up, and the community were generally prosperous in their business relations that comparatively large accessions have been made to the Lodge; on the contrary, when this new material was mainly used up, or, when business prospects darkened, depressions has come upon the fraternity.

While it is acknowledged that neither of these states is conducive to the best interests of the order, it has never yet been explained how they could be entirely avoided. At this time when they had just emerged from one of these dark clouds, a revival commenced and held steadily throughout the winter and spring, which at one time was fairly a rush, not conducive to dignity to say the least.

The Lodge met frequently, sometimes thrice a week, which they were obliged to do in order to accomplish the work they brought on by short time action on application. Much might be found here to condemn, but perhaps we may better draw the veil.

Sometimes we find little incidents on record like the following, which help to elevate humanity as well as Masonry, in our estimation, and flash out like the bright light in a picture from the record. July 11th, 1855, a communication was received from Bro. John Brannan accompanied by a present to the Lodge of $25, which was acknowledged by a vote of thanks to the donor, and instructions to the secretary to convey the same to his knowledge.

This event is noticed here because it shows that, although a whole continent separated him from us, he had not ceased to feel a living interest in the Lodge where he first received light from the East, in 1851. He had removed to San Francisco, California. During the past year thirty-three persons were admitted to the mysteries of Masonry and fellowship of this Lodge; a greater number than were ever made before in one year, and we may safely say than will ever be made again in that time.

At the annual meeting Sept. 9th, 1855, the officers as named below were elected:

Bro. John C. Talbot, Jr., W. M.
" Levi Caswell. S. W.
" George T. Hunter, J. W.
" Joseph Sumner, Treas.
" Charles W. Ring, Sec.
" Samuel Starbird, S. D.
" William J. Goodwin, J. D.
" James Hamilton, S. S.
" A. B. Sumner, J. S.
" John S. Peckham, Chaplain.
" John Davidson, Tyler.
" S. H. Kimball, Marshal.

The new hall was completed about the time of the last meeting, and is amply sufficient for all the wants of the Lodge.

The building is 46 feet long by 26 feet wide, and the hall is 36 by 24 feet in the clear, with two ante-rooms and entrance hall, and a good sized store in the basement. Upon the whole, the building is quite creditable to the Lodge and to the village; cost, $2,000.

The new hall was dedicated Sept. 27th, 1855; brethren from Warren Lodge, East Machias, Eastern Lodge, Eastport, and Crescent

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TAFT COMSTOCK,

Lodge, Pembroke, participating in the ceremonies which were conducted by John C. Talbot, of Warren Lodge, who represented for this occasion the M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Maine. There was an oration by J. C. Talbot, Jr., singing by a choir, marching in procession, a grand dinner at the Town Hall, and finally the dedicating ceremonies in ample form, witnessed by a large audience of ladies and gentlemen, who were much impressed by the imposing ceremonies. Music for the procession was by the East Machias Cornet Band.

Thus we see the Lodge established in its new home thirty-three years and seven months from the time it was organized at the hall in the Maine Hotel. In that short period great changes had occurred in the Lodge and community, which are impressed upon us more vividly by the fact that only two of the original charter members were present on this occasion, viz.: Jabez Mowry and Heald Davis. Of the sum expended they owed about $900, which they hoped to pay gradually from the usual income and from rent of store in the basement, but this expectation was not realized.

It was necessary that outstanding bills should be settled, and the building committee borrowed, at a ruinous rate of interest, $800 for that purpose. If they had then established such yearly dues from members as would have paid the interest so incurred, the other income would have paid the debt in time, but no such provision was made. The work during this time is light, eight Masons having been made at date of Feb. 11th, 1857, when officers were again elected; these were:

Bro. Taft Comstock, W. M.
" Wm. J. Goodwin, S. W.
" James A. Joy, J. W.
" Jas. McGregor, Treas.
" Jacob McGregor, S. D.
" C. W. Ring, J. D.
" A. B. Sumner, Sec.
" H. C. Ring, } Stewards.
" Robt. Kelley, }
" John Davidson, Tyler.

Bro. J. S. Peckham was appointed Chaplain, and Bro. S. H. Kimball, Marshal.

Nothing occurred, worthy of note, outside the usual duties of the Lodge, and only four Masons were made during this time, which was less than a year.

Annual meeting and election Dec. 9th, 1857, and the result follows:

Bro. J. C. Talbot, Jr., W. M.
" W. J. Goodwin, S. W.
" James A. Joy, J. W.
" Jas. McGregor, Treas.
" Henry C. Ring, Sec.
" Jacob McGregor, S. D.
" C. W. Ring, J. D.
" J. Davidson, Tyler.

December 16th, S. H. Kimball, J. A. Joy and H. P. Dewey were elected a committee to audit the accounts of the building committee pertaining to the construction of the new hall. Another committee to whom was alloted the task of revising the By-laws, was chosen at the same time. Soon after the hall building was completed, a contract was made with Bro. M. M. Foster to finish the basement and occupy it as a store; this he did and commenced business there, but soon after became embarrassed and Dec. 30th, he was freed from his agreement by consent of the Lodge. The auditing committee reported, at the same time, that the accounts of the building committee were all correct, and the report was accepted.

February 3rd, 1858, Bro. J. L. Sanborn, of East Machias, gave a very interesting public address at the old First Church, which was enjoyed by a large audience of citizens and brethren, after which the officers elect came to the front of the audience and were duly installed by R. W. J. F. Harris, D. D. G. M.

February 5th, D. D. Harris gave the Lodge some information as to what had been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Maine, as their proper way of working, which, it was claimed, was nearer the manner of the ancient Lodges.

April 14th, the committee on revision of the By-laws, made their report; and the code, as revised, was read and adopted severally, by articles. Bros. James McGregor, William J. Goodwin and Taft Comstock were appointed as a committee of ways and means to arrange for payments on the notes held by Mr. Marston against the Lodge. As we approach the end of the year we find that it was not a prosperous one in its financial aspects, the Lodge finding it somewhat difficult to satisfy its creditor. They ought to have assessed the amount of their obligation on the members and so cleared off the debt at once. The majority thought that course too severe to be



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adopted, but it would have saved the Lodge from approaching so near its end as it did. There was but one initiate the past year.

Elected officers Dec. 10th, 1858:

W. J. C. Talbot, Jr., M.
Bro. W. J. Goodwin, S. W.
" J. A. Joy, J. W.
" J. McGregor, Treas.
" M. M. Foster, Sec.
" Jacob McGregor, S. D.
" Sam'l Starbird, J. D.
" J. S. Peckham, Chaplain.
" John Davidson, Tyler.

At a subsequent meeting Bros. Foster and Starbird declined to serve in the stations to which they had been elected and were excused, and Bros. S. H. Kimball and S. E. Nickerson were chosen instead. The necessary committees and two Stewards were also appointed.

Up to this time there had been one hundred and forty-three Masons made in this Lodge; eight admitted to membership, and five initiates not admitted to membership. Recapitulation below:

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| Charter members, | 13 |
| Initiates, | 143 |
| Admitted, made elsewhere, | 8 |
| | 164 |
| Initiates not admitted, | 5 |
| | 159 |

Altogether, 159 members had been connected with this Lodge and there remained only 65, many of them living in distant places. See tables at the end of this work.

In the foregoing calculation Bro. John Davidson is not included as there is no record of his admission to membership, although he had tyled this Lodge ever since its organization, and the presumption is elsewhere made that he was elected and the record is in error; we may add that if faithful service could make a brother a member, he was one indeed.

As we approach the end of the year 1859, we perceive that it had not been fruitful to the Lodge; few meetings, other than stated, had been held, and only three Masons were made. For some

unexplained reason the proper time for the annual meeting was allowed to pass and it was not held until January 11th, 1860, when the following officers were chosen:

Bro. Charles W. Ring, W. M.
" Augustus Oakes, S. W.
" Sam'l Starbird, J. W.
" James McGregor, Treas.
" S. H. Kimball, Sec.
" Jacob McGregor, S. D.
" Salathiel Nickerson, J. D.

and subordinates who were duly installed by Past D. D. G. M. Jeremiah Fowler.

February 14th, the Lodge was summoned to perform the last sad rites of burial for Brother John Davidson. The services were held in the Lodge Hall, where an address was made on the life and character of the deceased by Past Master John C. Talbot, Jr., and at the grave the brethren united in their peculiar and beautiful service for the dead. Of the dead brother we have spoken elsewhere, but we may add here that he was always faithful to his trust; that he had tyled the Lodge ever since its first meeting, with the exception of a short time when his family was sick, and the few weeks of his own last sickness, almost 38 years. A native of the north of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent, he manifested many of the charateristics which made them such excellent citizens all over New England. Always modest and unassuming, he gained the good will of all his acquaintances; was never known to repine at his station because it was lowly, and to adverse circumstances he always had this to say: "There is never a great loss without some small gain." And, remembering that saying, may we hope that even our loss, though great, was his gain, not small, but greater and more enduring than the loss.

At the stated meeting in October, a committee was appointed to confer with the members in reference to raising funds to pay the debt of the Lodge. In November, they reported that they had not succeeded. There was considerable discussion and several plans were suggested for raising the amount then due, about $1,000.

The most practical plan proposed was to make a stock of the whole sum due, divided into ten dollar shares, and a large part of it was subscribed, but it did not succeed at that time.

November 19th, Bro. Heald Davis was buried by the Lodge with Masonic ceremonies. For notes of him the reader is referred to the first part of this work.



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There were two Masons made during the year. At the annual meeting, Dec. 5th, the officers were elected as usual, but the master-elect had been chosen without his consent, and owing to the financial embarrassment of the Lodge refused to be installed, and then all the others declined. The treasury was empty and their creditor clamorous for his money, but still the members did not seem willing to raise the needed sum. The stated meeting in February was held and then the Lodge remained closed fourteen months. The Lodge had not been represented in the Grand Lodge the past year, nor had its dues been paid, and it was in imminent danger of losing its charter. The time prescribed in the By-laws for electing officers had passed, and they could not now meet for that purpose upon their own authority, therefore application was made to M. W. J. H. Drummond, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, for a dispensation for the Lodge to meet and elect officers, which was granted, and the meeting took place April 9th, 1862. Officers chosen:

Bro. John C. Talbot, W. M.
" W. J. Goodwin, S. W.
" S. H. Kimball, J. W.
" G. T. Hunter, Treas.
" A. B. Sumner, Sec.
" Jacob McGregor, S. D.
" A. Oakes, J. D.
" J. Swift, Tyler.

These were installed the same evening, and the investigating committee reported upon the applications that had been in their hands for more than two years.

April 16th, Bro. Thomas Follett was buried with Masonic honors.

Six months from the date of the last election the first three offices were vacant. The W. Master had moved to East Machias; the S. Warden had found a business at Weymouth, N. S.; and the J. Warden had passed away from earth.

And now we have another suspension of meetings, record and work, and it seemed that the whole life had gone out of the organiztion. It was the crisis of its fate.

It is said that almost every family has a skeleton in the house, which is ever awaiting its opportunity to confront the inmates and dash down their hopes; and, may we not conclude that there was something of this kind wearing away the vitality of the Lodge? It seems so. And the worst of it was they were afraid to look their

skeleton squarely in the face. It only needed some pluck, perseverance, faith in each other, and somewhat of sacrifice to expel it, and the old Lodge eventually attained to this.

After nearly two years of suspension, by the exertions of a few who would not believe the Lodge was destined to perish, a dispensation was obtained from Grand Master William P. Preble for the Lodge to elect officers at a special meeting called for that purpose. This was done March 14th, 1864, and the following officers elected and installed:

Bro. Augustus Oakes, W. M.
" C. W. Ring, S. W.
" Levi Caswell, J. W.
" Simeon Ryarson, Treas.
" M. M. Foster, Sec.
" James A. Joy, S. D.
" W. F. Trott, J. D.
" S. E. Nickerson, } Stewards.
" W. D. Small, }
" John Swift, Tyler.

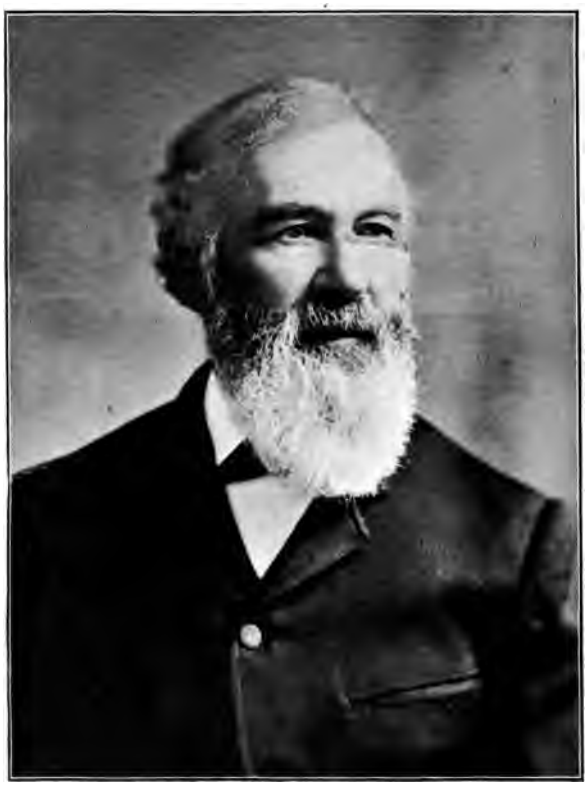
April 19th, R. W. J. C. Talbot, D. D. G. M., visited the Lodge and made some timely suggestions for its welfare. A committee was raised to visit their creditor and, if possible, arrange a settlement with him. It should be stated that this loan was usurious in an offensive way that made it repugnant to a just sense of fair dealing. By a peculiar method of taking a year's interest out of the sum loaned at the outset, about nine per cent. was collected on a bargain that seemed to be for eight per cent. as the rate of interest. However, the brethren did not desire to take advantage of the illegal part of the contract, they now simply wished it settled.

The committee subsequently reported that a settlement could be made for $1,000, and the Lodge voted to settle on that basis, and immediately took action to raise the money.

At the meeting of April 27th, the committee made the following report:

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Washington Lodge:*

Your committee, to whom were assigned the duty of canvassing North Lubec and the Village, to raise funds for the liquidation of S. R. Marston's note against this Lodge, make the following statement



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of the amount of subscriptions received and a report of settlement with Mr. Marston:

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| Subscriptions, | $665.00 |
| Cash from treasury, | 123.00 |
| Cash advanced by S. Ryarson, | 12.00 |
| Note on demand to balance account signed by S. Ryarson and H. P. Dewey, | 200.00 |
| Total, | $1,000.00 |

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

H. P. DEWEY,
S. RYARSON,
C. W. RING,
*Committee.*

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The following is a copy of the subscription paper:

We, the undersigned, being anxious that the debt due Samuel R. Marston, from Washington Lodge, shall in some manner be liquidated, agree to loan the Lodge the sums against our names for that purpose, said loan being in shares of two dollars each, and to be paid from the funds of the Lodge as fast as they may accumulate.

LUBEC, April 21st, 1864.

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| Jeremiah Fowler, | $100.00 |
| John C. Talbot, | 50.00 |
| Simeon Ryarson, | 60.00 |
| H. P. Dewey, | 40.00 |
| George W. McFadden, | 25.00 |
| John Bennett, | 10.00 |
| William J. Goodwin, | 25.00 |
| James McGregor, | 40.00 |
| Hiram Comstock, | 20.00 |
| Joseph Damon, | 10.00 |
| George Comstock, | 25.00 |
| James M. Parker, | 25.00 |
| J. S. Winslow (donated), | 10.00 |
| Augustus Oakes, | 10.00 |
| Robert Kelley, Jr., | 25.00 |

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| William D. Small, | 10.00 |
| William D. Trott, | 20.00 |
| M. M. Foster, | 25.00 |
| S. E. Nickerson, | 25.00 |
| Samuel Starbird, | 20.00 |
| Almon Rowell, | 20.00 |
| George Comstock, 2d, | 10.00 |
| John Morrison (donated), | 5.00 |
| Nathaniel Houghton, | 25.00 |
| C. W. Ring, | 25.00 |
| John W. White (donated), | 5.00 |
| Total | $665.00 |

April 29th, B. F. Nickerson contributed $10.00*, and May 11th, J. S. Winslow contributed $50.00* towards the liquidation of the $200.00 note signed by S. Ryarson and H. P. Dewey.

We said this money was raised as a loan, some of it was presented as a gift at the time, but the promise of the Lodge was that it should be returned to them as soon as the state of the finances would permit. Some of the subscribers have since donated what they paid and a part of the amount has been paid from the funds of the Lodge. How much better it would have been for the brethren to have raised the money at first, when it was needed, to complete the payments on the hall; even if the Lodge had given them a title to the building. It would have saved money as well as that which is more important, the wear and harm to the fraternity, which was inevitable under the circumstances. Pay as you go would be as good for a society as it is for an individual, and if the Lodge has learned and laid to heart no more than that it will not have suffered entirely in vain, and then we may expect its future to be a fruitful, positive force for good, instead of a barren, weary waste. So mote it be.

May 11th, the Lodge was notified that Past Master Taft Comstock had died at Fayettville, California, April 20th. His remains were embalmed and forwarded to his family by a brother Mason, formerly a resident of Lubec, and were interred in due form.

Seventeen persons were added to the fraternity by Washington Lodge since its reorganization.

At the annual communication the officers elected under dispensation, were re-elected for the next year, and provision made for another revision of the By-laws.

*Afterwards donated.





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In January, 1865, Bros. Levi Caswell and John Small died and were buried with Masonic rites. Not much occurred outside the routine of Lodge work, which was considerable during this term, thirteen additions being made to the Lodge.

September 5th, the following choice was made for officers, viz:

Bro. James McGregor, W. M.
" Henry P. Dewey, S. W.
" William H. Hunter, J. W.
" Simeon Ryarson, Treas.
" John Bennett, Sec.
" Jacob McGregor, S. D.
" John O. Baker, Jr., D.
" William F. Trott, } Stewards.
" W. D. Small, }
" John Swift, Tyler.

This was a year of considerable activity; the business of the people was prosperous, and the Lodge did a fair amount of work, eighteen Masons having been added to the fraternity. The Lodge endeavored to improve by frequent attention to the lectures; the meetings were well attended both by our own members and visiting brethren, and the interest manifested seemed quite satisfactory. The By-laws were amended by changing the time of the annual meeting to the first Wednesday of December, and the exterior of the hall was repaired and painted. The receipts for the year had been quite large, considering everything, amounting to $376.

The approach of the annual meeting found the Lodge harmonious, and Dec. 5th, 1866, the same brother was elected Master, with

Bro. W. H. Hunter, S. W.
" J. B. Neagle, J. W.
" S. Ryarson, Treas.
" C. W. Ring, Sec.
" A. Small, } Deacons.
" J. O. Baker, }

with subordinates and committees who were installed March 16th, by R. W. J. W. Murray, D. D. G. M., at whose request the work was exemplified in the several degrees. This communication was well attended and the ceremonies very interesting, as might have been anticipated from the well known accomplishment of this distinguished District Deputy.

April 3rd, the annual dues were raised to one dollar for each member, a measure which had been advocated by all who understood the needs of the Lodge, and which had been too long neglected.

The number of Masons made this year, which was six, shows a sharp falling off from that immediately preceding. It had not been a very stirring term, to say the least, and nothing farther, pertinent to this narrative, occurred until the annual communication, Dec. 4th, 1867, when the following new board of administration was elected:

Bro. W. H. Hunter, W. M.
" J. B. Neagle, S. W.
" J. Thayer, J. W.
" W. F. Trott, Treas.
" E. W. Brown, Sec.
" J. O. Baker, } Deacons.
" G. Morrison, }

who were installed by R. W. A. W. French. After the ceremonies were concluded a short address was given on the duties of Masons to their Lodge.

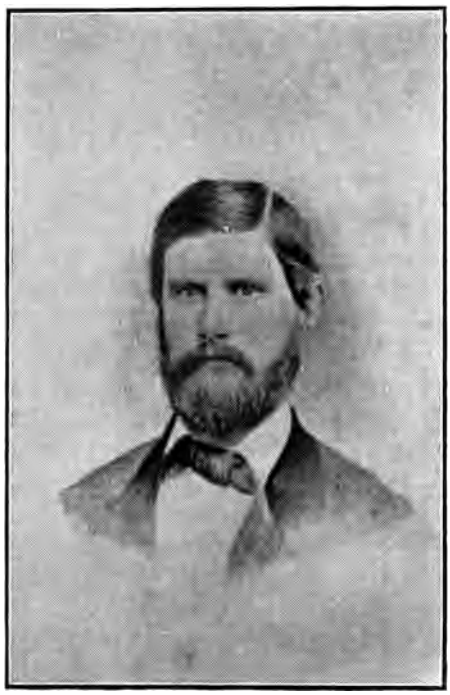
January 4th, 1868, Brother C. W. Ring was buried with Masonic rites. His death was remarkably sudden, resulting from congestion of the lungs. He had served the Lodge acceptably in various positions from Master down, and was always interested in its welfare. In June following, the Lodge took notice, by appropriate resolutions, of the death of another promising young brother, Hiram Guptill, who was drowned while engaged in his business.

The Lodge this year paid $175 of the debt owed to its members. It had not done much work and so its resources were mainly from the annual dues recently established.

At the annual communication, Dec. 6th, 1868, the same Master and S. Warden were elected, together with

Bro. David Fanning, J. W.
" John O. Baker, Treas.
" T. G. Moses, Sec.
" Alfred Small, } Deacons.
" Geo. Morrison, }

and subordinant officers and committees. This term was commenced sadly by the Masonic burial of Brother Salathiel Nickerson, December 30th.



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May 16th, 1869, the last sad offices of respect were paid to our deceased brother, Past Master Jeremiah Fowler, and the services were joined in by many brethren from Eastern Lodge as well as by citizens generally. For biographical notes of this brother the reader is referred to the sketch in the first part of this work, of charter members and their associates.

The work during the year was small, only five Masons being made, but funds were raised by a fair and other means, and the hall was newly furnished and carpeted, which, added materially to its comfort and general appearance.

On December 1st, the same Master was re-elected and the remaining offices were filled by

Bro. John Thayer, Jr., S. W.
" E. W. Brown, J. W.
" Jas. McGregor, Treas.
" Jas. B. Neagle, Sec.
" Alfred Small, S. D.
" Geo. Morrison, J. D.

with subordinates and committees.

February 25th, 1870, four Masons had been made. This is the forty-eighth anniversary of this Lodge's organization, and is the period for which this history was first prepared for the Grand Lodge Historian, and consequently some reflections are indulged here which, perhaps, might be better postponed to the end; however, as there are some things that are true of this period which would not be so of the whole, we conclude to give them here.

During this time the meetings have been suspended four times, making an aggregate of seventeen years, which, added to the four dark years when only annual meetings were held, will make twenty-one years in which no work was done. During the remaining twenty-seven years the degrees have been conferred on two hundred and twenty-two persons. One hundred and seventy were admitted to membership, ninety-six (96) of whom are still affiliates; and, as near as we can learn, eighty-one of those made here have finished their labors and passed away from earth.

The greatest number of initiates in one year was thirty-four, the smallest was one, and the average number would be eight.

Of the thirteen Past Masters of this Lodge, eight have joined the sad number who have passed away. "As the waters fail from the sea and the flood decayeth and dryeth up, so man lieth down and riseth not up again until the Heavens shall be no more."

As we are about closing this part of the narrative, we are reminded this should have occurred at about 1860, because the suspension of activity at that time would seem to indicate a breathing place in the story, but the work was carried to 1870, under the call from the Grand Lodge, and that has determined the matter. Whatever strictures this part contains on some irregularities of our fathers, have been made with the more regret, because the rules of the craft were less strict then than now, and the presumption is that they were not more derelict than other Lodges of their time; and therefore the heart has been made glad whenever it has been found possible to commend.

We commenced the year with ninety-six members; there were five initiated, two died and three were dimitted, so we had the same number at the end of the year.

One hundred dollars was paid on the Lodge debt, and some considerable repairs were made on the hall. Our available funds at the beginning of the year had been $126.

J. C. Walker, of Pembroke, was D. D. G. Master for our district, and visited the Lodge once. He was a pleasant gentleman, as well as a good Mason, and was much liked in his official intercourse. He has passed, since then, to that land whence no traveller will return.

Nothing occurred to mar our fellowship, but we were called to mourn a lost brother, James Mitchell, who was a promising young sea captain. He was initiated in 1866, and in 1868 took command of the new schooner Anna Gillise, which had been built for him, and he was very successful in her, until the voyage to Navassa for mineral phosphate, in the winter of 1870. He was spoken on his passage home, near the Gulf Stream, during the March gales of that year, partially disabled and short of supplies. He had a sign displayed asking for food. The ship lay by that night as near as she could, but in the morning nothing could be seen of him. The Anna Gillise had sunk with all on board. The widow and orphans are here.

June 1st, a dimit was granted to Bro. J. O. Balch, the only charter member living at that time. His home was in Marshall, Michigan. If he is yet living he must be about 90 years old. As to the work and records, we notice a great improvement. This is especially evident to one who witnessed the work of 1855, and who has searched the records for the whole life of the Lodge. The room is also improved, being carpeted and otherwise furnished, and smoking is prohibited within its walls.

At the annual meeting, Dec. 7th, 1870, the same officers were re-elected, excepting that John O. Baker was made Junior Warden,



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and William Salter, Junior Deacon. They were installed Feb. 1st, by a Past Master, assisted by one of the brethren, as D. G. Marshal, after which subordinates were appointed and installed, and the usual committees provided. The finances were reported as follows:— Balance on hand, $99.24; due from members, $32.

October 4th, 1871, James McGregor, E. W. Brown and Augustus Oakes were appointed a committee on history for Washington Lodge.

The Grand Lodge committee on history had been urging us from time to time, for several years, to prepare a history of Washington Lodge for their use in compiling a history of Masonry in Maine, but we had not been able to comply because no one was found willing to undertake the task, and these brethren accepted the appointment, not because they felt competent, but it seemed to be a necessity laid upon them which they could not, with honor to the Lodge, refuse.

At the same time it was agreed to dedicate a page on our records hereafter to each deceased brother, giving biographical notes.

The year was not fruitful as to initiates, there being only one. One dimit was granted and one brother died, leaving the members one less than at the beginning of the year.

Bro. Sam'l A. Tucker died July 18th, at the Marine Hospital, Baltimore, of bilious fever contracted at Savannah, Ga. He was an orphan adopted by Capt. Mowry Tucker and raised at Lubec; was admitted to the Lodge Sept., 1865. He was considered promising in his profession, and was Master of the Brig Mary A. Davis on the voyage that proved fatal to him.

Shingling the roof of our building this year made the expenses larger than usual. Funds on hand, $81.77. Due from members, $47.

At the annual communication Dec. 6th, 1871, the election resulted as follows:

Bro. John O. Baker, W. M.
" John Thayer, Jr., S. W.
" E. W. Brown, J. W.
" Jas. McGregor, Treas.
" James B. Neagle, Sec'y.
" Alfred Small, S. D.
" E. A. Tupper, J. D.

and subordinates who were installed Dec. 27th.

Feb. 7th, 1872, the Lodge concluded to celebrate its semi-centennial, and appointed E. A. Tupper, Jas. McGregor and W. H. Hunter a committee to make arrangements for that occasion.

February 25th, following, a large company of brethren, friends and ladies assembled at Masonic Hall for the purpose named above; refreshments were provided, and with music and conversation it was made a season of much enjoyment.

The writer read the opening chapter of the Lodge's history (then in course of preparation), and the utterance of those old reminiscences was interesting to all. The ladies were greatly interested in some of the furniture of the hall and particularly as to the chart; they were much more explicit in their questions on that than the brethren were in their answers.

Thus passed a way-mark in the Lodge's life which probably none of us will live to see duplicated by its centennial, and we can only wish that those who come after us may celebrate that event with higher art, more enthusiasm and greater enjoyment than we were able to develop at ours.

The following communication was received from R. W. John H. Lynde, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, the same month:

*Dear Sir and Brother:*

The Grand Lodge has so emphatically disapproved the custom of granting dispensations that I do not think it would be right to grant your request. Regretting that I cannot accommodate your Lodge, I remain, yours truly and fraternally. J. H. LYNDE.

To the W. Master of Washington Lodge.

Our application, answered above, was the only one made for many years and it is likely the last one we shall ever make.

April 3rd, the Lodge instructed its representative to use his influence and vote at the approaching annual session of the Grand Lodge to repeal so much of its constitution as bestows power on any officer thereof to grant dispensations to act upon applications for the degree of Masonry in less than the lawful time.

The same evening, R. W., J. C. Walker, D. D. G. M., visited and addressed the Lodge, interesting all by his timely remarks.

At the annual communication Dec. 4th, 1872, Bro. C. C. Foot gave the Lodge an oration, which was interesting and instructive, as all his efforts were. He was a minister of the Disciples Church and an affiliate of Bigelow Lodge, No. 243, Cleveland, Ohio, and a man whom it was only necessary to know in order to love.

The year gave us seven new members. We granted two dimits and lost one member deceased, making our membership ninety-nine.

Bro. Aaron Webber was admitted in 1848. He was highly esteemed by those having business relations with him, and always found strictly upright. He was a master mariner, in which capacity he made a trip to Boston in the autumn of this year and became infected with small-pox, of which he died Dec. 19th, 1872. Following is a report of Finance Committee:

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands at date, - - | $ 33.49 |
| " " Secretary's " - - - - | 6.82 |
| Uncollected dues charged members, - - - | 77.00 |
| Expenditures for the year, - - - - | 245.46 |
| | $362.77 |

It is proper to say that a part of this expenditure was money invested.

The election resulted as follows:

Bro. John O. Baker, W. M.
" John Thayer, Jr., S. W.
" E. W. Brown, J. W.
" W. H. Hunter, Treas.
" J. B. Neagle, Sec'y.
" Alfred Small, S. D.
" E. A. Tupper, J. D.
" J. C. Godfrey, } Stewards.
" D. Fanning, }

Installation took place Jan. 1st, 1873, when the committees and subordinate officers were also appointed.

In July, following, W. H. Holder, a brother, was killed at West Quoddy Head while getting on shore from a stranded vessel of which he was captain. He was not of our Lodge, but a committee was appointed to care for his remains and convey the same to Eastport, where shipment could be made to the deceased's friends at St. John, N. B.

Bro. Orrin Dinsmore died the 25th of the same month, of yellow fever, at Quarantine Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y. He was admitted in 1862; was a master mariner and had been quite successful in his calling. He built a fine residence here in 1872, and the same year a large three-masted schooner was built for him, of which he took command in the autumn. On his second trip to Havana they contracted yellow fever on board, and he and his wife and young lady passenger who was with him, and four of the crew, lost their lives. The house he built stood unoccupied several years and seemed, to all who passed, like a monument of our late brother's fate.

Charles S. Coggins, a younger brother, also died Dec. 30th, at the Marine Hospital, New York.

Twenty-four communications were held during the year; there were five Masons made, two dimits granted and two deaths, leaving the membership at one hundred. The finances stood as follows:

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| Balance in Treasurer's hands, - - - - | $122.14 |
| " " Secretary's hands, - - - - - | 17.18 |
| Due from members, - - - - - - - | 101.00 |
| Expenditures for past year, - - - - - | 90.49 |
| | $330.81 |

The annual meeting came December 3rd, 1873, and the following officers were chosen:

Bro. James McGregor, W. M.
" John Thayer, Jr., S. W.
" John C. Godfrey, J. W.
" James B. Neagle, Treas.
" Henry M. Godfrey, Sec'y.
" Geo. Morrison, S. D.
" Oliver Huckins, J. D.
" David Fanning, S. S.
" S. H. Rumery, J. S.

and subordinates, and installation took place January 1st, 1874, performed by R. W., W. H. Hunter, D. D. G. M., for second Masonic District. At this meeting J. McGregor, E. W. Brown and W. H. Hunter were chosen a committee to revise the By-laws. This committee reported May 6th, following, and the code as revised was read and accepted, and ordered printed after approval by the Grand Master.

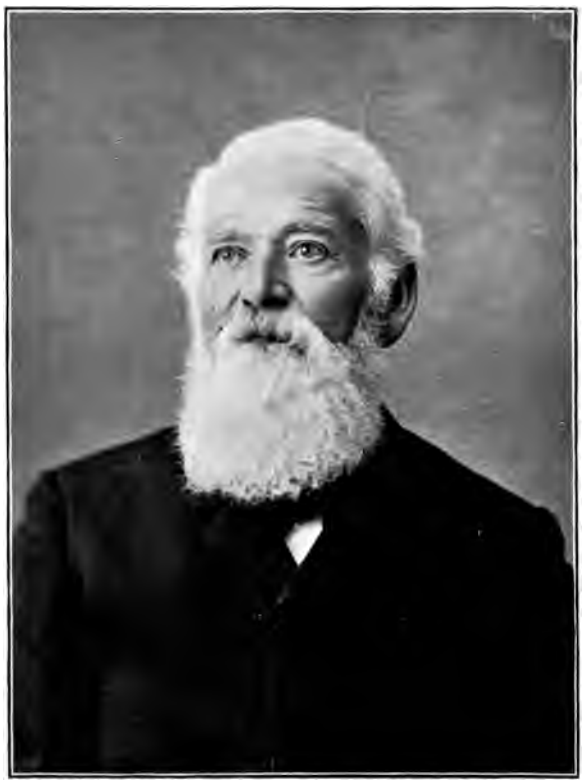
June 3d, Bro. W. H. Hunter was installed D. D. G. M., second Masonic District, by the W. Master. This was Bro. Hunter's second term and it has been an advantage to us to have the District Deputy so near now after so long a time.

*Voted*, that the Lodge stand closed until September, unless a case of emergency should arise.

June 30th, Bro. John Rea was buried with Masonic honors.

Again, July 28th, the same was done for Bro. John Swift. He was appointed Tyler in 1860, and had served the Lodge in that capacity ever since.

This was not a prosperous year for the Lodge. An unfortunate misunderstanding arose which prevented that entire harmony so necessary to success.



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It is named here, not for comment, but merely to indicate that there was a bar to success, and there we draw the veil. So may it "rest in peace."

There were two Masons made, two brothers died, and two were dimitted, leaving us with ninety-eight members.

The annual communication was on Dec. 2d, 1874. The finance committee reported the account all correct, and recommended a more vigilant collection of the dues, and well they might. Balance in treasury, $134,89. Uncollected dues, $131.00.

The officers elected at this meeting were:

Bro. Hiram Comstock, W. M.
" Alfred Small, S. W.
" E. W. Brown, J. W.
" J. B. Neagle, Treas.
" John Thayer, Jr., Sec'y.
" John O. Baker, S. D.
" Oliver Huckins, J. D.
" George Morrison, } Stewards.
" S. H. Rumery, }

It finally appeared that Bro. Comstock had been elected without his consent, and so he declined the honor of serving the Lodge as Master. Then a dispensation was procured from the Grand Master, an election had, and Bro. George Blakely was chosen W. M. Installation took place January, 1875, and the brethren and invited guests enjoyed a festival. There was music, the installation ceremonies, an oration by Bro. C. C. Foot, and refreshments. There were eleven communications the past year, no initiates and no loss from death or dimits, so we still have ninety-eight members. The non-payment of dues had become so serious that a committee was appointed to investigate. They reported twenty-three delinquents, eleven of whom were entitled, from absence and other causes, to an extension of time, and twelve were reported for discipline. Balance in treasury, $65.13. Due from members, $168.00. On Dec. 1st, 1875, the following brethren were elected officers for next term:

Bro. Alfred Small, M.
" E. W. Brown, S. W.
" George Morrison, J. W.
" J. B. Neagle, Treas.
" J. O. Baker, S. D.
" S. H. Rumery, J. D.
" J. Thayer, Jr., Sec.

They were installed Jan. 5th, 1876, by the D. D. G. M., W. H. Hunter, and the usual committees were appointed. At this meeting Bro. H. P. Dewey of Portland, formerly of Lubec, was elected an honorary member of Washington Lodge. By this time the non-payment of annual dues had become a question of much moment to the Lodge, and was peculiarly trying to the brethren. More than $150.00 was due from twenty-three members. Eight of the above were tried before the Lodge Feb. 23d, 1876, for violating section 3, of Article VI, of the By-laws. All the provisions of Masonic law for the defense of the accused were complied with, and they were suspended from membership. This action was right, but, as will be seen further on, it did not go far enough; it was like cutting away a part of a cancer. It was simply impossible for good members to try to go on paying Grand Lodge dues for the delinquents without getting anything from them. It gives the writer great pleasure to record the following as a contrast to the recital above. In May, we received from Capt. S. B. Bourne $9.20, the amount of his dues at that time. He resides in Pennsylvania at present; he has not been here since 1859, but has visited a large part of the world since then, and whatever he may have forgotten, he still clings to his old Masonic home and gives substantial evidence of his fidelity. Twelve communications were held during the year. There was one initiate, eight were suspended, and two dimits granted, net loss nine.

Balance in the treasury, $149.08.

At the annual meeting, the same officers were elected for another year. For some reason they were not installed until April 4th, 1877, when the usual committees and subordinate officers were appointed.

Nothing special occurred during the year. Twelve communications were held; there was one initiated, one Mason was admitted to membership, and one dimit granted, making membership at date (90) ninety. Funds, $200.33.

Dec. 5th, 1877, the following officers were elected:

Bro. J. O. Baker, M.
" J. Thayer, Jr., S. W.
" W. H. Hunter, J. W.
" J. B. Neagle, Treas.
" A. Small, Sec.
" E. W. Brown, S. D.
" B. F. Hamilton, J. D.

W. H. Hunter, A. Oakes, H. Comstock, Finance Committee.

Lodge voted to require the Treasurer and Secretary to give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties, in the sums of $500 and $300 respectively.



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The non-payment of dues, hitherto so difficult to handle, was still annoying the Lodge. A list of delinquents was brought in and referred to a committee, with instructions to deal with them according to their discretion.

Feb. 13, 1878, the officers were publicly installed at one of the churches. A Masonic address was given by Bro. N. B. Nutt, of Eastern Lodge, and a collation was enjoyed by the brethren, their ladies and invited guests.

March 6th, subordinate officers were appointed and installed, and the committees appointed. Same time it was decided to procure a suitable altar.

April 3d, it was voted to pay the widow of Bro. C. T. Wilson the amount of his subscription to the Marston debt, and the building committee was instructed to effect insurance on the hall for $1,000.

On April 16th, 1878, the Lodge was called to perform the last Masonic sad rites for Bro. Theo. A. Comstock, who died on shipboard at New York, the 10th inst. He was a son of Col. George Comstock, of North Lubec, and was admitted to the privileges of Masonry in 1868.

On May 8th, following, the Lodge was again called to mourn for and bury Bro. Thomas Glenn, who died on the 3d inst., on board the schooner E. K. Smalley, on the passage from the West India Islands. He came here a stranger, and by many worthy qualities became respected by all who knew him. He was admitted to Masonry here in 1876, and was brought, dead, to the Lodge, as his only home. From there he was buried with heartfelt regret by the brethren, with appropriate ceremonies of our Order.

At the annual meeting Dec. 4th, 1878, the financial condition was reported as follows: Balance on hand, $227.61; due from members, $102. The Lodge had saved something, and had invested it so it might make some profitable return. This looks right. A Lodge should be careful of its funds, not from a miserly spirit, but because it is a sacred trust confided to it to enable it to alleviate human misery, one of the holy duties of this mortal state. And also, as the Lodge knows, a bankrupt treasury is not conducive to Masonic life.

The obituary afflictions of this year warn us that "in life we are in the midst of death;" that, "even when our blushing honors are thick upon us the chilling blast is prone to nip the tender shoot and remand us to our original dust." Thirteen meetings were held but no work occurred. We lost three members by death and one by dimit, leaving our membership at eighty-six.

At the last named meeting choice of officers resulted as follows:

Bro. E. W. Brown, M.
" W. Hunter, S. W.
" C. M. Fountain, J. W.
" J. B. Neagle, Treas.
" A. Small, Sec'y.
" J. O. Baker, S. D.
" Isaac Parker, J. D.

W. H. Hunter, H. Comstock, A. Oakes, Finance Committee.

The non-payment of dues was still annoying the Lodge, and on Feb. 19th, 1879, after much committee work with recusants the Lodge voted to try eight more of the members for violating section 3, of Article VI, of the By-laws. The record says, "The Secretary read a list of members owing three year's dues and upwards, and all having been duly notified of the same, and failing to respond, were, after due trial, suspended from membership. On the same evening the Lodge was informed of the death of Bro. Theophilus Doe, at Bangor, Maine, Feb. 7, 1879. He was more than four-score years old; was initiated in Washington Lodge, in 1826, and practiced the medical profession in this town for many years. The Lodge voted resolutions of respect to his memory, which are spread upon the record. His remains were brought to Lubec for burial.

The officers were installed February 26th, 1879, by Past D. D. M., W. H. Hunter, assisted by A. Oakes as Marshal. The Lodge stood closed from June 4th to September 4th, following. On September 29th, Bro. Samuel Starbird was drowned, or killed, no one knows how; his boat was found, but no clue to him was ever discovered. He was admitted to Masonry in Washington Lodge, in 1847. On Nov. 5th, received communication from the Grand Lodge informing us of the decease of our R. W. Bro. Moses Dodge, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine, which has a place on our records.

Eleven communications were held during the year. Eight members were suspended, two died, and one was dimitted. One was accepted to membership and one healed and accepted to membership, a net loss of nine, leaving us seventy-seven members. Balance in treasury, $290.43.

On December 3rd, 1879, elected officers for next year as follows:

Bro. J. B. Neagle, M.
" G. F. Townsend, S. W.
" C. M. Fountain, J. W.

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Bro. W. H. Hunter, Treas.
" E. W. Brown, Sec'y.
" J. O. Baker, S. D.
" S. H. Rumery, J. D.
G. F. Townsend, J. B. Neagle, H. Comstock, Finance Committee.

The officers were installed and the usual appointments made on December 17th.

On June 2nd, 1880, a committee was raised to superintend painting the interior of the hall, after which the Lodge stood closed until September 1st. By this time the hall had been cleansed and painted and frescoed, and was much improved in appearance. Bro. A. Oakes was employed on the work. We held twenty communications this year and made four Masons, making the roll contain eighty-one names.

Thus we have gone over, briefly, eleven years of the Lodge's life, from January 1st, 1870, to January 1st, 1881. We commenced this period with ninety-six members. There have been twenty-five additions by initiation, four by Masons made elsewhere, making twenty-nine. There have been fifteen dimits granted, thirteen have died, and sixteen have been suspended; a loss of forty-four, and net loss of fifteen, leaving our roll January 1st, 1881, at (81) eighty-one members, as noted above.

We commenced this term with $126 available funds, and close with $247.27. Besides the ordinary running expenses, we have paid considerable of the old debt; refurnished and painted the building inside and out; fitted up a room in the basement to let, and repaired the roof. The outlay on the interior was made with the laudable conviction that a comfortable, well furnished Lodge room would tend to elevate the taste and deportment of the members. It is a pleasanter place of meeting than it was.

There never has been a regular charity fund, but the Lodge has done what it could as the emergencies arose. It is the writer's conviction that such a fund, inviolable to everything else, should exist in every Lodge, because "ye have the poor with you always;" and, with such provision, "when ye will ye may do them good."

These years have been somewhat trying, financially. The serious business depression of the past year has sorely tried organizations stronger than ours. Much of the business followed here has proved unprofitable and some has wholly failed. This has reacted on the Lodge, checking its growth and depriving us of numbers who have been obliged to remove to more fruitful fields of labor. Many of

our members are sea-faring men, who are often lost to us by the vicissitudes of trade, as well as the "cruel" sea. Thirteen have finished their labors and, let us trust, they are enjoying a sweet repose, "where the weary are forever at rest." Fifteen have made homes for themselves elsewhere and our hearts go out to them with warmest wishes for their prosperity; and although each release makes our little band still smaller, it reaches the petitioner with expressions that must convince all that our brotherly affection does not wane with our decreasing numbers. In return we have substantial evidence that they cherish the memory of the old Masonic home, and that their charity is equal to the crossing of this wide continent.

When our Lodge was organized there was but one church at this village, now there are three, and although our members come from all of them and sectarian feeling sometimes runs high in the community, no sign of it ever appeared in our midst; and we are sure that no feeling, from that source, has ever existed to mar the harmony which is characteristic of this noble association.

We commenced the decade with the following officers:

Bro. J. B. Neagle, M.
" G. F. Townsend, S. W.
" J. O. Baker, J. W.
" W. H. Hunter, Treas.
" E. W. Brown, Sec.
" A. Small, S. D.
" S. H. Rumery J. D.

On Jan. 12, 1881, the officers were installed by Past D. D. G. M., W. H. Hunter, and the usual subordinate officers and the committees were appointed.

At the stated communication April 6th, Bro. Stephen D. Morrill visited the Lodge officially and inspected and approved its work in the first degree.

On April 22d, a special communication was held for the purpose of attending the funeral of Bro. George Comstock, at North Lubec, which the Lodge proceeded to do with the usual Masonic ceremonies. Bro. Comstock was admitted to Masonry in Washington Lodge, Aug. 21st, 1822, the first year of its life, so he was one of its oldest initiates. Residing more than five miles from the Lodge, he was not often present at its meetings, but he was always interested in its welfare. He was identified with the town in its corporate capacity, and served it and the county in many official stations with the approval of his fellow citizens. A firm friend of the common schools, he was always ready to do what would make them more effective in training

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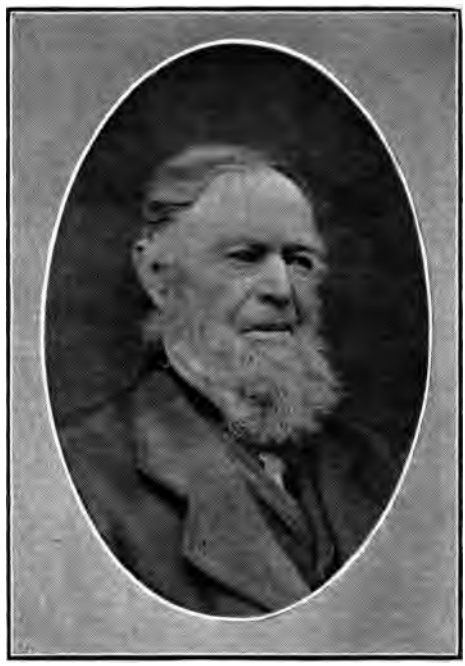

GEORGE COMSTOCK.

the rising generation. He was always present at meetings of the town, and now his figure and voice will be missed more than almost any other citizen. Pleasant and communicative, he was an enjoyable companion, especially to young men, to whom he always had something pleasant to say. His death removes one of the old land-marks, which the community, as well as the Lodge, will sadly miss.

Thirteen communications were held during the year. One brother was received, one was dimitted, three were suspended, and one died.

Charity fund, $200; balance in treasury, $102.63.

The year has been a quiet one for the Lodge; little interest has been manifested, and we have lost four in membership.

At the annual communication Dec. 7th, 1881, officers were elected as follows:

Bro. A. Small, M.
" G. F. Townsend, S. W.
" J. Thayer, Jr., J. W.
" W. H. Hunter, Treas.
" E. W. Brown, Sec.
" J. B. Neagle, S. D.
" S. H. Rumery, J. D.
" C. M. Fountain, S. S.
" D. Fanning, J. S.
" B. M. Hunt, T.

Geo. F. Townsend, J. B. Neagle, H. Comstock, Finance Committee.

At the stated meeting Feb. 1st, 1882, the officers were installed by Past Master W. H. Hunter, assisted by Bro. J. B. Neagle as Marshal, and committees were appointed.

On March 14th, D. D. S. D. Morrill visited us, inspected the work and addressed the Lodge on general Masonic topics.

At a special meeting April 5th, 1882, the Lodge history for the decade from 1870, was presented and accepted, with a vote of thanks to the historian. It was also voted to have the history re-written, with the intention of having it printed. Only seven meetings were held during the year. No additions were made to the Lodge, and no loss was suffered. Balance on hand at end of term, $314.48.

On Dec. 6th, the following officers were elected:

Bro. G. F. Townsend, M.
" E. W. Brown, S. W.
" W. F. Trott, J. W.
" W. H. Hunter, Treas.
" J. B. Neagle, Sec.
" A. Oakes, S. D.
" S. H. Rumery, J. D.

Finance Committee, G. F. Townsend, E. W. Brown, J. Thayer, Jr.

Lodge voted to heal Bro. George Gardner, and also to grant him a dimit.

On Jan. 17th, 1883, the officers were installed by Past Master W. H. Hunter, assisted by Bro. Alfred Small as Marshal, and officers and committees were appointed to complete the organization and the new administration was ready for the coming year.

On March 8th, W. J. Fisher, D. D. G. M. for the second Masonic District, visited us in his official capacity, witnessed the work on the third degree, and the records says "made many interesting and acceptable remarks."

In the record of a special meeting March 24th, we read, "the Lodge was officially notified of the death of Bro. Alfred Armstrong, at his home in Lubec, March 23d, 1883. The Lodge voted to attend the funeral of our brother in a body, *as escort*, and to furnish pall bearers for the occasion. The Lodge stood closed from June 6th to Dec. 5th, which is the annual meeting."

There were fourteen communications held during the year; three additions to membership and one death. Bro. Townsend removed to Calais early in the spring, which was unfortunate, as we lost our Master as well as a member of the Lodge, who was greatly liked by all the brethren. These seem to be pretty dull times for us. Charity fund, $308.30. Balance on hand, $82.93. On Dec. 5th, 1883, officers were elected as follows:

Bro. E. W. Brown, M.
" J. Thayer, Jr., S. W.
" C. M. Fountain, J. W.
" W. H. Hunter, Treas.
" J. B. Neagle, Sec.
" A. Small, S. D.
" D. Fanning, J. D.

Finance Committee, E. W. Brown, J. Thayer, Jr., Otis Fanning.

On February 6th, 1884, subordinate officers and committees were appointed and the officers were installed by Past D. D. G. M., W. H. Hunter, assisted by the Marshal. At this time eight brethren were suspended from membership for non-payment of dues.

On March 19th, the members, their wives and daughters and visitors from abroad, united in a social banquet, which was said to have been a very enjoyable occasion.

On June 4th, the Lodge decided to stand closed until September, but the death of Bro. W. H. Hunter caused it to be convened on July 23d

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G. F. Townsend.

and 24th. The latter meeting was to pay our last sad offices of respect to the memory of our departed brother. Eastern R. A. Chapter, of which he was a member, and Eastern Lodge, united with us to perform the funeral service of our ritual, which was conducted by the D. D. G. M., W. J. Fisher.

Bro. Hunter became a member of our fraternity Nov. 2d, 1864, and was a worthy brother, a faithful officer and a social companion. He will be painfully missed at our gatherings and in the community, which suffers great loss when such young men are taken away. Following are copies of two pages of the record book, sacred to the memory of Bro. Hunter and Bro. Oakes:

## BRO. W. H. HUNTER

WAS BORN IN CLARE, N. S., TWELVE MILES FROM YARMOUTH. CAME TO LUBEC WHEN THREE YEARS OLD; DATE OF BIRTH, MARCH 3D, 1836; DIED AT LUBEC, JULY 21ST, 1884. HE RECEIVED THE E. A. DEGREE OCTOBER 10TH, 1864, WAS CRAFTED ON THE 12TH, AND WAS RAISED TO THE SUBLIME DEGREE OF MASTER MASON, AND BECAME A MEMBER OF WASHINGTON LODGE ON THE 22D OF THE FOLLOWING NOVEMBER. WAS ELECTED J. W. IN 1865, AND S. W. IN 1866. WAS ELECTED M. IN 1867, AND WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1868, 1869 AND 1870. WAS APPOINTED D. D. G. M. FOR THE SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, IN 1872, WHICH OFFICE HE HELD UNTIL 1876. WAS ELECTED TREASURER OF WASHINGTON LODGE IN 1879, AND HELD THAT OFFICE AT THE TIME OF HIS DECEASE.

J. B. NEAGLE,
*Secretary.*

LUBEC, SEPTEMBER 3D. 1884.

IN MEMORY OF

BROTHER

# AUGUSTUS OAKES,

BORN A. D. 1831.

DIED NOVEMBER 28TH, 1884.

WAS MADE A MASTER MASON, MARCH 23D, 1859.

ELECTED MASTER OF WASHINGTON LODGE, MARCH 16TH, 1864.

WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF EASTERN R. A. CHAPTER AT EASTPORT, MAINE.

J. B. NEAGLE,
*Secretary.*



E. W. Brown.

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On September 23d, Bro. Alexander B. Sumner was elected Treasurer, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Hunter.

Thus we come to the end of another Lodge year, in which ten communications were held. No additions were made, and we lost four members from death and eight from suspension. The situation was somewhat discouraging. We had been solemnly reminded of the fatality of this mortal life and everything connected with it, and the ever-recurring suspensions of members were not calculated to disperse the clouds. We need the sunshine of prosperity and some new stock to fill up our ranks.

The balance of funds at this time was $49.91; charity fund, $308.30.

The annual meeting and election of officers was on December 3d, resulting as follows:

Bro. E. W. Brown, M.
" J. Thayer, Jr., S. W.
" E. H. Bennett, J. W.
" A. B. Sumner, Treasurer.
" J. B. Neagle, Sec.
" A. Small, S. D.
" D. Corkum, J. D.

Finance Committee, W. F. Trott, E. W. Brown, D. Fanning.

The officers were installed February 4th, 1885, by Past Master Alfred Small, assisted by Bro. J. B. Neagle as Marshal. The usual committees were also appointed. Seven communications were held during the year, which was a dull one for the Lodge. It stood closed from June 3d to October 7th. There was no work, no additions and no loss of members.

The annual meeting fell on December 2d, 1885, when the following officers were elected:

Bro. E. W. Brown, M.
" J. Thayer, Jr., S. W.
" E. H. Bennett, J. W.
" A. B. Sumner, Treas.
" J. B. Neagle, Sec.
" A. Small, S. D.
" D. Corkum, J. D.

Finance Committee, E. W. Brown, W. F. Trott, D. Fanning.

Balance in the treasury at this time, charity fund, $308.30; balance, $78.27. These, with the appointed officers, were installed

February 3d, 1886, by the D. D.. G. M. J. B. Neagle, assisted by Bro. Alfred Small as Marshal. Committees of inquiry and charity were also appointed.

At this meeting Bro. J. B. Neagle deposited the Regalia of Past Master Jeremiah Fowler with the Lodge, and the Secretary was instructed to procure a suitable cabinet in which to preserve the same. On April 7th, when the subject of charity for a certain brother was being considered, it was stated that the Grand Master had reported a free bed to be at (the Grand Master's) disposal in the Maine General Hospital for one year. On June 2nd, it was voted to stand closed until the stated meeting in September, unless convened on an emergency.

"The Lodge voted to extend to Eastern Lodge their deep sympathy in their great loss of their elegant hall and Masonic home, in the fire at Eastport, October 14, 1886, that destroyed so much of their town, not leaving one business store, custom-house, post-office or bank standing; almost totally destroying the water front of the town." The following committee was appointed to convey the same to our afflicted brethren: J. B. Neagle, Alfred Small and C. M. Fountain.

Eight communications were held during the year, but there had been no additions to the membership; on the contrary, we are pained to notice that there had been sixteen suspensions for non-payment of yearly dues. The grert calamity at Eastport cast a gloom over this whole region. The fact that a fire could begin at noon-day in a populous and vigilant community, and spread without let or hindrance, until it swept away almost everything, when at first, it might have been stopped with little effort, is hard to understand and sad to contemplate. But it is a great pleasure to record that these people have demonstrated, in their promptness and courage in rebuilding their town, that they are equal to any or all the emergencies of life. The annual meeting took place on December 1st, 1886, and officers were elected as follows:

Bro. E. W. Brown, M.
" E. H. Bennett, S. W.
" C. M. Fountain, J. W.
" A. B. Sumner, Treas.
" J. Thayer, Jr., Sec.
" A. Small, S. D.
" J. W. Edgecomb, J. D.

Finance Committee, E. W. Brown, J. B. Neagle, Alfred Small.

Balance in treasury, $106.58; charity fund, $308.30.

The record for February 3d, 1887, reads: "Received circular invitation from Portland Lodge, No. 1, to join them in celebrating St. John, the Baptist's day, also the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of Portland Lodge, and the introduction of Masonry into Maine."

On February 16th the officers were installed by the D. D. G. M., J. B. Neagle, and organization completed with subordinate officers and needful committees. "Before adjourning, the W. M. invited all the brethren present to accompany him home, where was found a bountiful repast provided, and they found the brethren equal to the occasion."

No meeting again mntil Nov. 2d, 1887, when three petitions were received for the degrees of Masonry conferred in this Lodge. These are the first applications of the kind received since March 7, 1883, more than four years. The year was now drawing to a close, and only four meetings had been held; no additions had been made, but nine members had been suspended for non-payment of dues. It is quite evident that the established yearly dues were considered by many as excessive, but they are no higher than those of other Lodges in this district, and after the Grand Lodge assessments are paid there is none too much left to accomplish what a Lodge ought to do.

This is the fourth consecutive term Bro. E. W. Brown has served the Lodge as its Master. This approval of his administration by the brethren shows plainly that his zeal for and fidelity to the institution were made manifest to all. Affairs are improving, and everything seems favorable for the future. Charity fund, $308.30; balance in the treasury, $188 16.

December 7th, 1887, officers were elected as follows:

Bro. E. H. Bennett, M.
" J. W. Edgecomb, S. W.
" C. M. Fountain, J. W.
" J. B. Neagle, Treas.
" J. Thayer, Jr., Sec.
" A. W. Small, S. D.
" S. H. Rumery, J. D.

Finance Committee, E. W. Brown, A. B. Sumner, H. Comstock.

They were installed publicly February 8th, 1888, by the D. D. G. M., John F. Oliver, who was present on his official visit, and commended the work of the Lodge.

On March 28th, an invitation was extended to Lookout Lodge, No. 131, at Cutler, to be present on April 4th as our guests. Also instructed the W. M. to write a letter expressing our sympathy to Miss Alice Oakes upon the loss of her mother.

There were twenty-nine communications held this year, and eleven members were added to its number. The situation had brightened. The business of the town was becoming more remunerative. It was recovering from the failure in the smoked herring business and decline in our shipping, which had been a large interest, absorbing the accumulations of other years, most of which was lost. Now, with renewed prosperity, and the younger generation coming to manhood, we should look for an increase of Masonic interest. There was an evident awakening among the youth, and the additions were of the best stock. The Lodge was prosperous and the "older lights" were busy perfecting the organization and work.

A charity fund of $500 was established, the interest from which cannot be used for any other purpose, and the hope is general that this shall be increased until we have an amount with which we shall be able to do much good.

Balance in the treasury, $245.28; charity fund, $530.00.

The annual meeting fell on December 4th, 1888. The same board of officers, with some few changes, was re-elected for next year.

On December 26th Bro. E. M. Small, of Eastern Lodge, Eastport, with eleven of his brethren, visited the Lodge and observed the work in the third degree. The occasion was made very pleasant by appropriate remarks from Bro. Small and others, among whom was our old friend, Past Master John O. Baker, formerly a resident of Lubec. These social unions of Masons are occasions of much enjoyment. They furnish opportunities for the exhibition of a deep-seated trait of our nature, and call forth much genuine brotherly love.

On January 16th, 1889, a public installation of the officers was conducted in a most impressive manner, by D. D. G. M., John F. Oliver, assisted by Marshal A. B. Sumner. It is a beautiful ceremony when rendered in an impressive manner. That Bro. Oliver is a very popular D. D. G. M. goes without saying, for it is in the mind of every brother. The enjoyment of this occasion was enhanced by the presence of visiting brethren from St. Croix Lodge, Calais, Lookout Lodge, Cutler, Eastern Lodge, Eastport, and Temple Lodge, East Boston, Mass. Short speeches were made by D. D. Oliver, W. Moses Taite, Master St. Crox Lodge, and others. A collation was



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provided and enjoyed by all, and the remaining time was spent in a social and pleasant manner.

March 20th a large delegation visited Crescent Lodge at Pembroke to attend the convention of the second Masonic district, and reported that it was a "a good time." As these conventions are interesting, it is thought they may advance the "good of the craft" in many directions.

On October 16th, 1889, there were delegations from Eastern and Jonesport Lodges, this State, Friendship Lodge, New York, and St. Mark's and Albert Lodges, New Brunswick, as visiting brethren, most of whom made complimentary remarks. There were twenty-six communications held, seven Masons were made and added to the Lodge, one was suspended for un-Masonic conduct, and one dimited. The Lodge had been annoyed in one matter, but harmony has been restored. Although not many Masons were made, it has been a stirring, busy term. It has been remarkable for delegations and visitors. The building has been repaired and painted, an organ was purchased, and musical services established as part of the ceremonies, thus adding to the attractions for the younger members.

D. D. G. M. B. F. Chadbourne visited the Lodge in his official capacity November 20th, and approved the work. Balance in the treasury, $128.84; charity fund, $531.75.

At the annual meeting December 4th, 1889, officers were elected as follows:

Bro. E. H. Bennett, M.
" W. J. Mahlman, S. W.
" C. H. Clark, J. W.
" J. B. Neagle, Treas.
" G. S. Thayer, Sec.
" Alfred Small, S. D.
" G. H. Comstock, J. D.

Finance Committee, E. W. Brown, A. B. Sumner, H. Comstock.

E. W. Brown, J. B. Neagle, James McGregor were appointed a committee on charity, and were informed there were $30 subject to their order for this purpose.

The following is quoted from the record for January 15th, 1890: "On motion of Bro. E.W. Brown, with appropriate remarks, it was voted that a committee of four be appointed to meet Bro. James McGregor at Eastport, when he returns with the remains of his daughter, and render him all the assistance in their power. Bros. E. W. Brown, Alfred Small, J. B. Neagle and C. M. Fountain were appointed."

No one can ever know how this action of the brethren touched your historian's heart, unless they should be sometime stricken as he then was. No words he can utter would half express his feelings toward them for this act of brotherly love in that time of need. He has never thanked them in open Lodge, because he knew he could not control his feelings sufficiently to express his thanks. But now, after more than a year, he records them here, with tears, that hereafter they may know he has not forgotten.

The officers were publicly installed on February 5th, 1890, by Past D. D. G. M. J. B. Neagle, and the W. M. Bennett. The following is from the record of the same meeting: "Bro. C. H. Clark, in some well chosen remarks, on behalf of the brethren, in token of their brotherly love and friendship, presented him with a Past Master's apron, which they hoped he would wear with equal pleasure to himself and honor to the fraternity. The W. Master accepted the gift, thanking them for their kindly remembrance and appreciation." Some fine music was rendered by Bro. G. M. Foster, Alfred Small, O. O. Owen and Dr. Charles Robinson, who kindly assisted, after which refreshments were served by the brethren.

The convention of the Second Masonic District was held with this Lodge March 20, 1890, and was attended by full delegations from Eastern and Crescent Lodges, and some from Lodges outside the district, fifty-four in all. The D. D., B. F. Chadbourne, was not present, and Past Master E. W. Brown, by request, presided. Work in the second degree was exemplified by Eastern Lodge in a dignified and careful manner, which was generally approved, and the third degree was done by Washington Lodge, general criticisms following, mostly complimentary.

Past Master E. W. Brown, in a brief speech, introduced the visiting brethren to Washington Lodge, and short addresses followed by many of them. Bro. William Parritt, of Crescent Lodge, spoke on "Why I love Masonry" with force and much feeling, which elicited hearty applause. Later on his speech was alluded to again. He arose, and with much comic solemnity, said he could not see what they meant by so many compliments. He did not think much credit belonged to him "for he had got it all out of a book."

Another brother says: "I want Bro. Parritt to come to our next convention, and be sure to bring along his book." He was followed by Past Master John Mincher, Bro. McLarren, Past D. D. J. W. Fisher, and Bro. A. R. Lincoln, who spoke of reminiscences of his grand parents at Lubec in early times. Bro. L. T. Reynolds spoke of the the early history of Washington Lodge. Bros. Holmes,

Turner, Farnsworth, Clark, Rumery, Whittier, Miln, Allen, Bradish, Wilder, Pattangall and McGregor made remarks; some on the organic strength of Masonry, and others on humorous occurrences connected with the Lodges. All mentioned their enjoyment of the convention. Finally, on motion of Bro. Lincoln of Crescent Lodge, they passed a vote of thanks to the officers and brethren of Washington Lodge and their lady friends for the entertainment. The next convention is looked forward to with lively anticipations of pleasure and profitable results.

We pass on from this pleasing review to contemplate the sadness of death and the tomb, always standing ready to remind us of the uncertain tenure of human life.

On April 2d following, it was voted to dress the Lodge in mourning in memory of Bro. Eugene McLaughlin, who died on March 27th, and was buried by the Lodge on Sunday, March 30th, only ten days after the convention. What a lesson for all is this! Are we not warned by this to have our work done and be ready for the Master's call? This brother joined us January 2d, only three months before he died. He had no friends here, and did so for companionship, his health at the time being poor. The Lodge did all that could be done under the circumstances. He was a very quiet, well-behaved young man, and all grieved for him. All we can now do is to hope that he has found a better home than this.

Here is an extract from the record of November 5th, 1890: "Visiting Bro. G. E. Thomas, in some remarks expressing his appreciation of the kindness shown him by Washington Lodge during his sojourn in Lubec, presented the Lodge a beautiful hanging lamp, which was accepted on behalf the Lodge by W. M. Bennett with some pleasant remarks. Then Bro. C. H. Clark presented Bro. Thomas a white leather apron as a token of our esteem, and then was passed a vote of thanks for his gift."

The annual meeting was on December 3d, when officers for next year were elected as follows:

Bro. W. J. Mahlman, M.
" C. H. Clark, S. W.
" F. W. Trecarten, J. W.
" J. B. Neagle, Treas.
" G. S. Thayer, Sec.
" A. Small, S. D.
" I. W. Case, J. D.

Financial Committee, E. W. Brown, E. H. Bennett, H. Comstock.

By request of W. M. E. H. Bennett and D. D. G. M. E. W. Brown the officers were publicly installed January 21st, 1891, by Past Master James McGregor, assisted by Marshal Alexander B. Sumner. There was a supper and a very good time. The Lodge is quite fortunate in having the D. D. G. M. with us again, as it gives us frequent opportunities for correcting errors and establishing our confidence. The Lodge treated the installing officers very graciously, which will always remain a pleasing remembrance.

The last administration has been a busy one. Thirty-eight communications were held, eleven Masons were made and added to the Lodge, two were healed and restored, six were suspended and one died. We are in a prosperous condition. The additions are of the best stock, and therefore strengthen the association, and there is no discordant note to impair its harmony. The building has been improved in several important particulars, and we have added to the furniture of the hall. The song service has been improved by the addition of two Masonic hymns, one for the opening and the other for the closing service, which were composed by one of the brethren, and have been adopted for that purpose.

Those who have taken the trouble to read these notes of our history, know something of the financial trouble we had with an old debt. It is gratifying to be able to say now that it is all paid but a trifling sum that is hardly worth naming, and that is held in the Lodge. Our charity fund is now $567.25; balance in the treasury January 1st, 1891, $186.44.

We began this last decade with eighty-one members, and at its close have seventy-three, having gained thirty-six and lost forty-four. Our new members are mostly young men identified with the place, and, if the present business continues, will remain here and secure a good working force for many years to come. The Lodge seems to be pretty well equipped to perform all that could be expected of a Lodge in this vicinity.

It is quite possible that *we* have made some mistakes as well as our predecessors, the results of which may appear further on. Perfection is hardly attainable in this mortal state, for we only "see through a darkened glass." But the more we let the "great light" shine into our hearts, the plainer will be made our pathway. Charity will come to us for their errors as well as wisdom for our own guidance. Our institution is an outgrowth from the need of man for sympathy and brotherhood; hence charity in all things is its leading characteristic. We have no apprehension of angry discussion at our meetings. We look upon the faces of our brethren and feel sure of a favorable



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response from their hearts while we are governed by that principle; and while this, which is so near to the All Father, animates us and shapes our conduct, our Order will continue and be a power of good in all the world. And, although we are passing away one by one, the sympathetic chord will be struck in other hearts, and we may rejoice in the belief that the glorious principle which "endureth all things" will not fail for want of hearts and help when we shall have been committed to our native dust. Fortune may frown upon us; friends may forsake; the other elements may threaten our lives and our fortunes, but our dear old mother earth is ever ready to enfold our mortality within her peaceful bosom. And then? What of the immortal spark? What shall it leave with its dust? What shall it take along to the unknown realms? Our hope will end. Our faith will be lost. But if our souls are possessed of that principle which we know as love or charity, they will live on with God, for He is love.

## MASONIC OPENING HYMN.

Composed by Brother JAMES MCGREGOR, for Washington Lodge, No. 37, F. & A. M.

From the farm-house and the cottage,
From the angry, rolling sea;
We are drawn by friendship's banner,
So we mingle with the free.

In the glowing, Eastern region,
Hear the gavel's welcome fall;
All now standing on the level,
Joyful, heed the mystic call.

CHORUS—Hands all ready brothers true,
Greet we each with friendship's due;
Hearts unite with hands to-night,
While our pledges all renew.

See, upon the altar beaming,
Lights that shed their radiance clear;
Sent to guide, restrain and cheer us,
To the faithful ever dear.

So we'll rear our moral dwelling,
True to compass, square and line;
That whene'er this journey's over
Glad, we'll hear the call Divine.

CHORUS.



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# MASONIC CLOSING HYMN.

Composed by Brother JAMES MCGREGOR, for Washington Lodge, No. 37, F. & A. M.

Come craftsmen assembled, in labor to share,
Who meet on the level and part on the square;
In harmony blended with faith, hope and love,
Our heart's incense offer the Master above.

By rule and by line in fidelity true,
The trestle-board copied, the light brought to view;
Our ashlers completed, in trust we appeal,
And seek approbation for freedom and zeal.

That All-seeing Eye now in justice looks down,
Our merits to bless, and our labors to crown;
With mercies descending like Hermon's soft dew,
Our spirits to gladden, our hopes to renew.

Unite we each heart then, each tongue join his praise,
Who cheers us in labor, who lengthens our days;
While traveling through life on the level of time,
We'll part on the square, be our motto sublime.

## PAST MASTERS OF WASHINGTON LODGE,

### WITH DATES OF ELECTIONS.

DANIEL PEASE, First Master.

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|---|---|
| LEBBEUS BAILEY, | 1822, 23 |
| JEREMIAH FOWLER, | 1824, 37, 38, 39, 48 |
| OLIVER N. ALLEN, | 1825, 26 |
| MOSES FULLER, | 1827, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 |
| SAMUEL L. HOVEY, | 1840, 42 |
| LEVI CASWELL, | 1843 |
| JOHN C. TALBOT, JR., | 1849, 50, 51, 54, 55, 57, 58, 62 |
| TAFT COMSTOCK, JR., | 1856 |
| CHARLES W. RING, | 1860 |
| AUGUSTUS OAKES, | 1864, 65 |
| JAMES MCGREGOR, | 1866, 67, 73 |
| WILLIAM H. HUNTER, | 1868, 69, 70 |
| JOHN O. BAKER, | 1871, 72, 77 |
| GEORGE BLEAKLY, | 1874 |
| ALFRED SMALL, | 1875, 76 |
| EMILIUS W. BROWN, | 1878, 83, 84, 85, 86 |
| JAMES B. NEAGLE, | 1879, 80 |
| GEORGE F. TOWNSEND, | 1881, 82 |
| EBEN H. BENNETT, | 1887, 88, 89 |
| WILLIAM J. MAHLMAN, | 1890 |

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The following list contains the names of all persons who were members of Washington Lodge. The first six have been known as associate members, as they were Masons when the Lodge was organized :

## MEMBERS WASHINGTON LODGE.

| | 1822. |
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| *William McLean, | February 25 |
| *Shelometh S. Whipple,† | " 25 |
| *John Davidson,† | " 25 |
| *Isaac Morton,† | " 27 |
| *Horatio G. Balch,† | " 27 |
| *Y. B. Gregory,† | " 27 |

| | RAISED. |
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| Frederick A. Burrall,† | March 18 |
| Elijah Stearns,† | " 27 |
| William H. Tyler,† | April 17 |
| Rufus W. Lincoln,† | May 1 |
| John Whitcomb,† | " 26 |
| Jeremiah Fowler,† | " 7 |
| Joseph Sumner,† | " 7 |
| George Comstock,† | " 15 |
| John Boynton,† | " 23 |
| Benjamin Trevett,† | June 14 |
| Mack P. Martin,† | July 15 |
| Thomas Llgyd,† | July 15 |
| Taft Comstock,† | August 7 |
| Abel H. Jacobs,† | " 21 |
| George Richardson,† | " 14 |
| George Comstock, Jr.,† | August 21 |
| Isaac I. Gray,† | " 30 |
| Benjamin Small,† | September 4 |
| John Stuart,† | October 2 |
| John Weir,† | November 19 |
| | 1823 |
| Theodore Jones,† | February 7 |
| Moses Fuller,† | May 8 |
| Solomon Adams, Rev.,† | " 8 |
| Peleg Churchill,† | " 20 |
| A. Bosworth,† | " 20 |
| William Thompson,† | October 22 |
| James Cousins,† | " 22 |
| Samuel Spurling,† | November 9 |
| | 1824 |
| Heman Nickerson, Rev.,† | January 8 |
| Josiah Eaton, Rev.,† | May 5 |
| Seth Hopkins,† | August 7 |
| | 1825 |
| Asahell Mills,† | April 6 |
| Samuel P. Barker,† | " 6 |
| Willard Broad,† | " 6 |
| Davis Homer,† | September 9 |
| Rufus Godfrey,† | October 5 |
| Asahel Bigelow, Rev.,† | October 19 |
| George Forsyeth,† | November 29 |
| | 1826 |
| Edward Hall,† | May 6 |
| John Ware,† | May 16 |
| John H. Cousins,† | July 10 |
| John Keninson,† | " 10 |
| Benjamin Moron, † | " 20 |
| Israel Oakes,† | " 21 |
| William Ware,† | " 25 |

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| Thomas H. Cave,† | August 16 |
| Jacob B. Lovejoy,† | September 1 |
| Theophilus Doe,† | September 5 |
| John Gates,† | October 5 |
| William Card,† | November 29 |
| Ebenezer Smith,† | November 29 |
| Elijah Hadlock,† | December 7 |
| | 1827 |
| Henry L. Hall, Rev.,† | April 4 |
| Charles W. Snow,† | March 15 |
| | 1828 |
| Levi Caswell,† | November 5 |
| | 1838 |
| Samuel L. Hovey,† | January 28 |
| *Daniel Haverty, made in Ireland,† | February 1 |
| Thomas Street,† | February 28 |
| John Small,† | March 1 |
| Robert A. Tidd,† | " 21 |
| | 1841. |
| John Swift,† | January 6 |
| | 1847. |
| James M. Parker,† | November 26 |
| James B. Smith,† | December 3 |
| Hiram Sibley, | " 13 |
| John S. Peckham, | " 13 |
| George T. Hunter,† | " 15 |
| Francis Demming,† | " 15 |
| George W. Haley,† | " 30 |
| Samuel Starbird,† | " 27 |
| | 1848. |
| J. C. Talbot, Jr., | January 16 |
| Eben Oakes,† | " 20 |
| Samuel P. Fowler,† | " 20 |
| Thomas Wormesly,† | " 20 |
| Taft Comstock, Jr.,† | February 21 |
| Sanford M. Hunt,† | " 28 |
| Benjamin C. Hallet,† | " 28 |
| William Goodwin, | March 1 |
| Freeman Huckins,† | " 27 |
| Aaron Webber,† | April 28 |
| Samuel A. Lawrence,† | June 2 |
| Charles R. McDuffie,† | " 7 |
| Charles W. Brown,† | " 9 |
| Salathiel Nickerson,† | " 16 |
| Jacob McGregor,† | " 21 |
| Henry G. Crowell,† | July 17 |
| Lafayette Balch,† | December 20 |
| | 1849. |
| Lorenzo Lovejoy,† | January 26 |

| | RAISED. |
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| Joseph W. Sumner, | April 13 |
| Frederick B. Joy,† | June 25 |
| John Maxwell, | October 3 |
| Thomas Burnham.† | " 3 |
| Salathiel E. Nickerson,† | " 26 |
| Enoch I. Fowler,† | November 7 |
| | 1851. |
| John Brannan,† | November 21 |
| | 1854. |
| Robert E. Watt,† | June 20 |
| Henry M. Guilford, Rev. | " 21 |
| Hiram Comstock, | " 21 |
| Daniel Comstock, | " 21 |
| | 1855. |
| James Hamilton, | January 24 |
| Micah M. Foster, | " 31 |
| Jones McGregor,† | February 5 |
| Charles W. Ring,† | " 9 |
| Sabine H. Kimball,† | " 13 |
| George W. McFadden, | " 20 |
| Alexander B. Sumner, | " 14 |
| William Pennery, | " 16 |
| Henry C. Ring, | " 23 |
| Henry P. Dewey, | " 25 |
| John M. White, | " 21 |
| James McGregor, | " 27 |
| Jeremiah Kennedy, | " 28 |
| W. A. Hibbard,† | March 2 |
| James A. Joy,† | " 2 |
| Simeon Ryarson,† | " 7 |
| William D. Small,† | " 9 |
| Lorenzo F. Nutter,† | " 16 |
| Elisha Davis,† | " 16 |
| Samuel Lawrence, | " 21 |
| Edward Mellus,† | " 21 |
| Robert Kelley,† | " 27 |
| Frank W. Goodwin, | April 16 |
| Samuel Parritt,† | " 16 |
| John A. Davis, | " 18 |
| George Comstock,† | May 8 |
| William Comstock,† | " 23 |
| H. S. Whitmore, | July 20 |
| Jacob S. Winslow, | " 25 |
| John M. Winslow, | " 25 |
| William Rogers,† | August 1 |
| William F. Trott, | " 8 |
| Christopher T. Wilson,† | " 24 |
| Joseph Huckins, | December 5 |

| | RAISED. |
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| Joseph Dammon, | April 2 |
| Elish H. Broad,† | August 25 |
| | 1857, |
| William Barrett,† | March 10 |
| Avery W. Hayes,† | " 25 |
| Almon Rowell, | April 1 |
| James M. Parker, | November 11 |
| William Sexton, | " 25 |
| | 1858. |
| Thomas Follete,† | January 20 |
| Samuel Root, | February 5 |
| John A. Bennett, | March 31 |
| | 1859. |
| Lendall Caswell,† | January 1 |
| Augustus Oakes,† | March 23 |
| J. B. Bowen, | April 28 |
| | 1860. |
| Michael Whalen,† | March 7 |
| Nathaniel Houghton, | " 21 |
| | 1862. |
| John Rea,† | April 1 |
| Orrin Dinsmore,† | May 21 |
| | 1864. |
| H. G. Balch, | March 22 |
| George Gardner, | " 23 |
| David M. Cropley,† | " 23 |
| Alfred Armstrong,† | April 4 |
| Chauncy W. Sumner, | " 4 |
| F. B. Nickerson, | " 18 |
| Edward A. Tupper,† | " 27 |
| Andrew J. Davis,† | " 27 |
| Joseph B. Boyd,† | May 2 |
| William Fanning, | " 2 |
| James H. Hilton, | " 5 |
| George N. Huckins, | " 23 |
| Benjamin M. Hunt, | June 21 |
| Oliver M. Guptill, | " 22 |
| Otis Fanning, | " 15 |
| Edward H. Allan,† | July 20 |
| Thomas Miars, | September 7 |
| John V. Hunter, | October 17 |
| William H. Hunter,† | November 2 |
| *S. S. Gross, Rev. | " 9 |
| | 1865. |
| Isaac Parker, | January 2 |
| Hiram Guptill,† | " 53 |
| David Marston,† | " 30 |
| George A. Bleakly, | " 30 |

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| Emilius W. Brown, | February 24 |
| John Thayer, Jr., | " 27 |
| Peter A. Martin, | March 11 |
| John O. Baker,† | " 27 |
| Benjamin Small, | April 3 |
| J. A. McGregor, | " 7 |
| Alfred Small, | " 24 |
| Samuel A. Tucker,† | September 13 |
| James B. Neagle, | December 6 |
| Frank A. Calkins, | " 13 |
| | 1866. |
| E. B. McFarland,† | January 16 |
| George Morrison, | " 31 |
| Jesse Rumery, | April 4 |
| Nelson Guptill, | June 6 |
| Thomas B. Adams, | April 4 |
| D. H. McAllep, | April 29 |
| Benjamin Snider,† | May 9 |
| Thadeus Stimpson,† | June 6 |
| James M. Mitchell,† | June 21 |
| William Miller,† | July 19 |
| Daniel Hilliard, | October 17 |
| Oliver Wooster, | November 17 |
| T. G. Moses, | " 21 |
| David Fanning, | " 28 |
| James N. Martin, | December 12 |
| | 1867. |
| Kilby Coggins, | April 24 |
| John A. Brown, | September 28 |
| *W. S. McKellar.† | October 2 |
| Peter Godfrey,† | November 2 |
| Watson Reynolds,† | October 2 |
| Eben R. Lamson, | November 14 |
| | 1868. |
| Charles S. Coggins,† | January 22 |
| George A. Case,† | February 12 |
| Jacob H. Crosby,† | March 7 |
| Oliver N. Huckins,† | " 25 |
| Theodore Comstock,† | May 6 |
| William Salter, | October 28 |
| Benjamin Hamilton, | November 25 |
| | 1869. |
| John C. Godfrey, | January 27 |
| John Durante, | March 24 |
| Isaac Cropley, | May 12 |
| Robert Bell, | November 3 |
| David H. Morgan,† | " 27 |
| *John McBride, | December 1 |

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| | 1870. |
| Henry M. Godfrey, | January 12 |
| John W. Edgecomb, | " 19 |
| Henry H. Clark, Rev., | February 2 |
| Robert Mutch, Rev.,† | March 30 |
| Amaziah Fickett,† | November 7 |
| | 1871. |
| Freeman Y. Trefry, | March 22 |
| | 1872. |
| Merrill L. Dinsmore, | January 3 |
| Henry M. Eaton, | March 11 |
| John Esty, | April 10 |
| Asa W. Dinsmore, | June 12 |
| John McNeil, | July 24 |
| Charles S. Gove, | November 13 |
| | 1873. |
| Nathaniel Turner, | March 15 |
| *George Z. Higgins, | Admitted " 15 |
| John J. Jackson, | " 29 |
| William J. Townsend, | April 23 |
| Henry C. Mahlman, | October 11 |
| Sanford H. Rumery, | November 26 |
| | 1874. |
| Frank A. Good, | January 29 |
| Nathan R. Good,† | March 18 |
| | 1876. |
| Thomas Glenn,† | November 13 |
| | 1877. |
| Newell F. Clark, | November 28 |
| *Charles M. Fountain, | Admitted " 28 |
| | 1880. |
| Whitmore Leighton,† | April 7 |
| Charles Ramsdell, | " 14 |
| *Geoge F. Townsend, | Admitted " 14 |
| *George Goodwin, | " " 14 |
| Albert Miars, | June 2 |
| James C. Kilby, | November 17 |
| | 1881. |
| Willis B. Wormell, | November 2 |
| | 1883. |
| Eben H. Bennett, | April 14 |
| Delacy Corkum, | March 7 |
| Belmon Small† | March 8 |
| | 1887. |
| Edgar Wilson, | December 28 |
| Alden W. Kelley, | " 31 |
| George A. Mowry, | " 31 |

| | RAISED. |
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| | 1888. |
| Clarence H. Clark, | January 14 |
| Thomas G. Mitchel, | " 18 |
| Robert G. McBride, | " 21 |
| Frank Trecarten, | " 25 |
| George S. Thayer, | February 18 |
| William J. Mahlman, | " 22 |
| Edward S. Trecarten, | March 28 |
| John C. McBride, | April 4 |
| George H. Comstock, | December 19 |
| Merton Reynolds, | " 26 |
| | 1889. |
| Irvin W. Case, | January 23 |
| Walter R. Smith, | February 27 |
| Sydney R. Smith, | October 2 |
| Charles H. Clark, | " 16 |
| Willis H. Leighton, | November 20 |
| George M. Foster, | December 25 |
| | 1890. |
| Eugene McLaughlin,† | January 22 |
| Oscar O. Owen, | January 29 |
| David A. Gillise, | March 5 |
| William W. Small, | " 12 |
| Charles A. Edgecomb, | " 20 |
| Albert Bangs, | October 1 |
| Irvine Bangs, | " 15 |
| John Avery, | November 5 |
| Walter G. Fanning, | December 31 |
| | 1891. |
| William H. Allen, | January 7 |
| William E. Maher, | February 25 |
| William Merriam, | March 11 |
| Irving Wilcox, | July 22 |
| Loring W Myers, | November 25 |
| William H. Frost, | " 18 |
| | 1892. |
| Augustus W. Green, | March 2 |
| Fred M. Gerrish, | November 2 |
| George W. Lancaster, | ——— |

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†This following a name, indicates that he is dead.

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