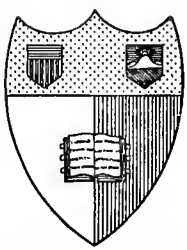
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Past Master No. 76 ∴ 18°

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Charleston, S. C., January 5th, A. L. 5901.

Hon. Wm. A. Courtenay, LL.D., P. M., 18°
"Innisfallen," Newry, S. C.

W. Sir and Dear Bro.:—At the last Regular Communication of Landmark Lodge, No. 76, A. F. M., S. C., held on 2nd inst., it was, on motion, unanimously

"*Resolved:* That the thanks of Landmark Lodge are hereby tendered to the Hon. Wm. A. Courtenay, LL.D., P. M., for the beautiful and instructive oration delivered at our Semi-Centennial Celebration, and that he be requested to furnish the Lodge with a copy for publication."

Trusting that it may be entirely agreeable to you to comply with the desire of the Lodge, I am,

Fraternally,

Wm. G. Mazyck, P. M.,
Secretary.

"Innisfallen," Newry P. O., S. C.,
January 8th, A. L. 5901.

Wm. G. Mazyck, Esq., P. M., Secretary:

Dear Sir and Brother:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favour of 5th inst., in which you are pleased to convey the wishes of the Lodge as to the publication of my Semi-Centennial Address.

I regarded it as an honor to be asked to discharge this most agreeable duty; to know that it has given satisfaction to our members is most gratifying to me.

I trust that its preservation in permanent form, will promote a continuing interest, in all that concerns our Lodge,

and as well the ancient and honorable fraternity, of which Landmark, No. 76, is a part.

Kindly convey to the Brethren my sense of obligation for the compliment paid me by their action, and please accept for yourself the renewed assurance of my high regard.

Fraternally,

WM. A. COURTENAY,
P. M., 18°

A MASONIC JUBILEE!

Commemorative Ceremonies of Landmark Lodge, No. 76, A. F. M.

A BRILLIANT ASSEMBLAGE

AT South Carolina Hall, of ladies and gentlemen, Masonic officials resplendent in elegant Regalia and beautiful Jewels.

HISTORIC ADDRESS OF PAST MASTER COURTENAY.

Landmark Lodge, No. 76, A. F. M., in large numbers, and in the presence of friends and brethren of other Lodges, last night celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary with all due ceremony.

The occasion was a notable one in the history of Masonry in Charleston, and the story of the half century of usefulness and worth was told to willing ears.

It had been deemed right and proper to observe this milestone in the journey with more than ordinary ceremonial, and preparations were begun some time ago.

The spacious hall of the South Carolina Society was secured, and not only Masons were invited to be present, but they were bidden to bring their wives, sisters, mothers and daughters. A large assemblage was seated when the Officers and Members of Landmark Lodge and special guests came into the hall, in full Regalia, and the scene presented was picturesque and interesting.

The Masons filed up to the eastern end of the hall, and took seats on the stage as follows :

Orlando Sheppard, M. W. G. M.
Zimmerman Davis, R. W. G. Treasurer.
Charles Inglesby, R. W. G. Secretary.
Wm. G. Mazÿek, R. W. D. D. G. M., First District.

Past Masters of Landmark Lodge, No. 76.

W. Bro. John Harleston, 18°.

With Old Past Master's Jewel of Lodge. Only remaining one of original set.

W. Bro. I. W. Angel, M. D., 32°.

W. Bro. E. J. White.

R. W. Bro. A. W. Marshall, 32°, K. C. C. H. With Jewel presented by Lodge.

W. Bro. T. M. Waring, 14°.

W. Bro. A. M. Williams, 18°.

W. Bro. A. B. Murray.

W. Bro. W. H. Prioleau, 33°.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Mazyck, 32°, K. C. C. H.

W. Bro. W. A. Courtenay, 18°. With rare and elegant Jewel.

W. Bro John P. Strohecker, 30°. With Jewel presented by Lodge.

W. Bro. W. E. Gantt, 18°. With Jewel presented by Lodge.

REPRESENTATIVES OF MASONIC BODIES PRESENT.

The Grand Lodge, A. F. M., S. C. All clothed with their appropriate Regalia.

Augustine T. Smythe, M. W. P. G. M.

A. W. Marshall, R. W. P. D. D. G. M.

H. A. DeSaussure, R. W. P. D. D. G. M.

Solomon's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. M. W. J. Ballentine, W. M. Who wore P. M. Jewel of his Lodge.

Union Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4, A. F. M. Henry A. DeSaussure, P. M.

Friendship Lodge, No. 9. I. W. Hirsch, P. M.

Hyman Pearlstine, S. W.

Orange Lodge, No. 14. Zimmerman Davis, P. M.

Charles Inglesby, P. M.

Who each wore the handsome Jewels presented by their Lodge.

Strict Observance Lodge, No. 73. Hon. A. T. Smythe, P. M. With Jewel presented by the Lodge.

Franklin Lodge, No. 96. S. S. Buist, P. M.

The Grand Chapter, R. A. M., S. C. Hon. A. T. Smythe, P. G. H. P. With Jewel presented by the Grand Chapter.

Carolina and Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M. I. W. Angel, M. D., P. H. P.

Union Chapter, No. 3, R. A. M. Wm. G. Mazÿck, E. H. P.

Hon. A. T. Smythe, P. H. P. With Jewel presented by the Chapter.

S. S. Buist, P. H. P.

So. Ca. Commandery, No. 1, K. T. Samuel S. Buist, Eminent Commander.

Rev. John Kershaw, Prelate.

I. W. Angel, M. D., P. E. C.

Grand Council Royal and Select Masters. Samuel S. Buist, P. M. I. G. M.

Zimmerman Davis, Grand Recorder.

Enoch Council, No. 1, R. & S. M. Samuel S. Buist, T. I. M.

Zimmerman Davis, P. T. I. M.

Supreme Council, S. J., A. & A. S. Rite. Wm. H. Prioleau, 33 °, Inspector General Honorary. With Official Regalia.

S. S. Buist, P I. G. Honorary.

Delta Lodge of Perfection, No. 1, A. & A. S. R. Henry A. DeSaussure, 32 °. V. M. With Regalia and Jewel of the Lodge.

I. W. Angel, M. D., 32 °, P. V. M.
W. H. Prioleau, 33 °, P. V. M.
S. S. Buist, 33 °, P. V. M.
A. W. Marshall, 32 °, K. C. C. H., P. V. M.
Wm. G. Mazÿck, 32 °, K. C. C. H., P. V. M.

Buist Chapter, No. 1, Rose Croix. John P. Strobecker, 30 °, W. M. With Official Regalia.
I. W. Angel, M. D., 32 °, P. W. M.
W. H. Prioleau, 33 °, P. W. M.
A. W. Marshall, 32 °, K. C. C. H., P. W. M.
H. A. DeSaussure, 32 °, P. W. M.
Wm. G. Mazÿck, 32 °, K. C. C. H., P. W. M.

The Royal Order of Hierodom. A. W. Marshall. With Jewel of the Order, and also its Garter, worn on left arm, the Degree having been conferred on him in the Mother Chapter of the World, at Edinburgh, in 1886.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of the United States. Samuel S. Buist.

The Grand Lodge of Cuba. R. W. H. A. DeSaussure, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. R. W. Charles Inglesby, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland. W. Bro. W. E. Gantt, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana. R. W. Zimmerman Davis, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba. R. W. Charles Inglesby, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge of Missouri. R. W. Charles Inglesby, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey. R. W. Charles Inglesby, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge of New York. R. W. Charles Inglesby, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec. R. W. Charles Inglesby, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland. R. W. A. W. Marshall, Grand Representative. With Official Jewel delivered to him in Edinburgh, in 1886, by Grand Secretary D. Murray Lyon.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont. R. W. S. S. Buist, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia. M. W. Orlando Sheppard, Grand Representative.

The Grand Chapter of Scotland. Samuel S. Buist.

The Grand Council of England and Wales. Zimmerman Davis.

The Grand Council of Louisiana. I. W. Hirsch.

The Grand Council of New Jersey. Zimmerman Davis.

The Grand Council of Oregon. Samuel S. Buist.

The Grand Council of Rhode Island. Zimmerman Davis.

The Grand Council of Vermont. Samuel S. Buist.

The Masonic Board of Relief. I. W. Hirsch, President.

The Worshipful Master, James L. Ferguson, of Lodge 76, presided.

According to Masonic Custom, there was an opening prayer, pronounced by the Chaplain of the Lodge, Rev. John Kershaw. This was followed by an Ode familiar to all the initiated—"Hail Masonry Divine"—sung by a male quartette and accompanied by a full orchestra, which was most impressively rendered.

W. M. Ferguson then introduced the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Orlando Sheppard, of the Grand Lodge of

South Carolina, who made a brief but eloquent address, congratulating the Lodge on its Jubilee Day, its high position in the Order, its full numbers, and its influence for Masonic good. He also paid a beautiful tribute to Masonry in general, in closing his address.

An appropriate solo was then sung by Bro. W. G. Locke, a member of the Lodge, with fine effect; this was most highly appreciated by the crowded audience.

The orator of the day, Hon. Wm. A. Courtenay, LL.D., P. M., 18°, was then introduced, wearing an antique eighteenth century Masonic Jewel, which has been preserved in his family through three generations. It is of gold, and displays the chief symbols of the ancient Order, in open work, on either side. On the obverse the border bears these inscriptions: *"Sola concordia fratrum"*—"E. C. NEWRY." The reverse displays these: *"Amor honor et justicia"*—*"Virtute et silencia."* The Jewel is suspended on a blue silk ribbon, edged with white. On two gold bands above, is the following engraved record, of those in the family, who have held it in trust, for those who are to come after:

A. L. 5793—Edward Courtenay, Newry, Ireland.

5820—Ed. S. Courtenay, Orange Lodge, No. 14.

5857—S. G. Courtenay, Strict Observance Lodge, No. 73.

5868—Wm. A. Courtenay, Landmark Lodge, No. 76.

5889—Worn by request at the Centennial of Orange Lodge, No. 14, by the Worshipful Master.

5900—Worn by Wm. A. Courtenay, P. M., 18°, at the Jubilee of Landmark Lodge, No. 76, December 11th, A. L. 5900.

On account of its unique design, and more than a century of possession, it has a priceless value in the family.

PAST MASTER COURTENAY SAID:

Most Worshipful Grand Master !
Worshipful Sir and Brethren !
Ladies and Gentlemen !

Our long expected "Jubilee Day" has come, and Landmark Lodge completes the first half century of its bright and influential Masonic life ! Alternate sunshine and storm, war, and the fateful elements have checkered the five decades of its most eventful career, and, as we assemble on this festal occasion, our day of gladness and good will, we would fain dedicate it to memory and to hope !

Brethren of Landmark Lodge, you have not inappropriately selected to address you on this joyous occasion, one to whom the most of life is in retrospect; whose future is bounded by no distant horizon; one who recalls distinctly the founders and first officers of Lodge 76, as well as the chief Masonic personages of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of South Carolina in A. L. 5850.

Standing in the midst of these present gratifying and inspiring surroundings, the far-off past is vividly recalled; yet a tinge of sadness comes over me in looking back to the seed time of our Lodge—

"My thoughts have wandered far away,
Borne off on Memory's outstretched wing,
To where, in deepening twilight lay,
The wrecks of friendship's broken ring.

No more our altar's wreath of smoke
Floats up with morning's fragrant dew;
That fire is dead—the ring is broke;
Where stood the many—stand the few."

Time, in its relentless half century course, has wrought its usual changes, but the few of us who survive from that first decade of membership, have since found the buds and blossoms of new spring times opening and spreading out all along

our pathway; our senior names have been perenially enshrined among many new ones, and so, in another sense, we have not been—we are not left alone; at the close of fifty years friendship's ring is still complete—

"So let our broken circle stand
A wreck—a remnant—yet the same,
While one last loving, faithful hand
Still lives to feed our altar's flame."

OUR DEPARTED BRETHREN.

With a spirit alive to such early memories, recalling the beloved of A. L. 5850-60, it should not seem too fond an enthusiasm to feel, that the air is now quick with shapes we cannot see, and glows with faces, whose light serene we cannot catch; it may be only a transient hope, yet 'tis a pleasing illusion, that they, too, have part in this, our memory day.

Our brothers departed are not altogether lost to us; their sympathy surrounds us still, and we feel their presence when we call their names !

"Even they—the dead—though dead, so dear
Fond memory to her duty true,
Brings back their faded forms to view.
How life-like through the mist of years,
Each well-remembered face appears!
We see them as in times long past;
From each to each, kind looks are cast;
We hear their voices—their smiles behold—
They're round us as they were of old!
They are all here !"

WONDROUS PICTURES OF THE PAST.

It has been many years since a Masonic function in public has been held in Charleston, and, as on this occasion, we are greatly honored by the presence of many of Carolina's fair daughters, it seems in order, in so pleasant an environment, to make a digression, and allude briefly (1) to Freemasonry

in the olden time, (2) to its advent into our Western World, and (3) to its genesis in South Carolina.

The oldest, the most widely diffused, and the most numerous fraternity in the civilized world is our Order of Ancient Freemasons. It dates back to the "twilight of time." Down through the centuries have come to us its beautiful symbols and its laws immutable! In its lofty character we behold a great moral pyramid, resting on the broad basis of truth and wisdom, and in the adjustment of its proportions every ennobling excellence has had a place.

There are twenty-five thousand Masonic Lodges in the world, with a membership of a million and a half. The names of the great and the good for many hundred years have illuminated these rolls.

"James I, of Scotland, honored the Lodges with his royal presence, and often presided in person. On the twenty-fourth of June, A. L. 5502, Henry VII formed a Grand Lodge in his palace, proceeded in great splendor to the east end of Westminster Abbey, and with his own hand, laid the corner-stone of that historic building. During the reign of James I, of England, men of literature came from all parts of Europe, and attended the Lodges there. Frederick the Great was a Royal Craftsman. Charles I assembled the brethren, and in person laid the corner-stone of St. Paul's Cathedral. Sir Christopher Wren, Grand Master of England, surpassed all who had gone before him, in his constant and indefatigable exertions to promote Masonry.

"See the great Newton, He who first surveyed
The plan by which the universe was made."

The father of natural science was also a most distinguished Freemason.

The philosopher, Locke, who first resolved the human mind into its proper elements, determined its functions and combined their actions; who shook the world of thought by his ideas—"sounding the depths of the human understand-

ing, and walking undismayed to the brink of that abyss where lies the absolute, the incomprehensible, the unknown"—was an enthusiastic associate of our ancient Craft.

The celebrated architect, Inigo Jones, was also a Grand Master of the Craft in England.

All were associates in an Order that time has rendered venerable, virtue consecrated, and genius made immortal.

At the opening of the eighteenth century there was a brilliant revival of Freemasonry in England, and in A. L. 5717, the Order was in a highly prosperous condition there. It was then naturally to be expected that what was so esteemed at home would not be long in crossing the ocean to the English Colonies in the Western World.

FREEMASONRY ON THIS CONTINENT.

Freemasonry came to the American Colonies about A. L. 5731, through Daniel Cox, formerly of London, who was appointed by the Duke of Norfolk Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and who died April 29, A. L. 5739, as Justice of the Supreme Court of the Province of New Jersey.

It would seem, from the somewhat incomplete records, that the first Lodge of Freemasons organized in North America gathered in the old "Tun Coffee House," located on Water Street, in Philadelphia, some time in the fall of A. L. 5731.

With the then growing commerce and intercourse between the United Kingdom and the Crown Colony of South Carolina, it cannot be doubted that many of the Craft were constantly in Charles-Town, and that Freemasonry, although not yet in organized form in the first part of the century, was likely familiar to many of the inhabitants of this town, and so it followed that in A. L. 5735 a warrant was granted by Lord Weymouth for the establishment of a Lodge in Charlestown, and in the South Carolina Gazette of Friday, October 29, A. L. 5735, will be found this paragraph :

"Last night a Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free Masons was held for the first time at Mr. Charles Shepheard's, Broad and Church Streets, when John Hammerton, Esq., Secretary and Receiver General for this Province, was unanimously chosen Master, who was pleased to appoint Mr. Thos. Denne, Senior Warden; Mr. Thos. Habin, Junior Warden; and Mr. James Gordon, Secretary."

This is the genesis of Freemasonry in South Carolina. From this dated occasion it is a pleasure to trace "Solomon Lodge, No. 1," in its long and highly satisfactory career of one hundred and sixty-five years. Always the Senior Lodge of this Masonic Jurisdiction, for a great many years past it has included in its membership skilful mariners, ready at all times, to *pilot* the Craft to a safe anchorage.

From this small beginning there are now on the North American Continent seven hundred thousand members of our Order. In this Jurisdiction there are between six or seven thousand affiliated Masons, besides possibly a larger number who do not now attend their Lodges.

Masonry was influentially received in the thirteen colonies in the eighteenth century. Many illustrious names stand out conspicuously in the ancient Order. Washington was an ardent and active member of his Lodge, at Alexandria, Va., having as early as November 4, A. L. 5752, been "initiated, passed and raised" in the Lodge at Fredericksburg, Va. Late in life, while he was our first President, on the 18th of September, A. L. 5793, wearing the sash and apron that had been wrought by the hands of the wife of the eminent patriot and Freemason, the Marquis de Lafayette, he laid the corner-stone of our Federal Capitol. This emblematic gift was a high compliment to Washington, and to the Masonic Fraternity in the United States, delicately paid. It was received from France at Mount Vernon, in a highly finished rosewood box, and remained there long after the death of the recipient; later the box was deposited with "Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22," where it is

regarded as a most precious Masonic relic of the past. The apron was deposited with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has been handsomely framed, and may be seen on the eastern wall of the Grand Lodge Library in Philadelphia.

Of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, fifty-two were Master Masons.

The ancient Order spread rapidly in South Carolina in the eighteenth century, and the annual observance of "St. John's Day," with its public parade in full Regalia, attending divine service at St. Philip's or St. Michael's Church, with a sermon preached, the march back to the Lodge Room, and the annual banquet, soon made this Masonic anniversary a gala day in Charlestown. Salutes were always fired in the harbor by ships, which were gayly decked out in flags. On one occasion as many as two hundred and fifty guns saluted.

The following distinctly Carolina names appear prominently in the Masonic annals of our city for the last century: John Lining, Barnard Elliott, Benjamin Smith, Maurice Lewis, John Haughton, Samuel Prioleau, John Deas, Peter Timothy, William Lowndes, John Moultrie, Henry Laurens, John Stuart, Charles Pinckney, William Logan, Henry Middleton, William and John Drayton, Charles Faucherraud, Samuel Postell, William Gibbs, J. F. Grimke, William Loughton Smith, and others.

DR. DALCHO.

The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, D. D., assistant minister of the parish church of St. Michael's, A. L. 5819-36, was an enlightened and prominent member of our Craft, and a Masonic author of recognized merit in and out of South Carolina. In his time he exercised a large influence in behalf of our Order, at home and abroad. His high character, and his devotion to Masonry, had much to do with harmonizing the Masonic differences which had separated the Craft in this Jurisdiction into two rival Grand Lodges; in A. L.

5817 a permanent union took place, and from this has been evolved the present "M. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina," which has governed so discreetly, so efficiently, that harmony and a healthy growth have marked the life of our Order in all parts of the State. In A. L. 5818, at the First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, Dr. Dalcho's Ahiman Rezon was authorized for the government of the Craft, and a new edition was printed in A. L. 5822. An interesting episode of Freemasonry in Charleston, S. C., was the repeated efforts made many years ago to secure a handsome and conveniently arranged Masonic Temple. The most intelligent and comprehensive purpose was in securing from the City Council in A. L. 5836 the admirably located lot on Meeting Street, at the west end of the markets, where stands what is now known as the Market Hall. On this very desirable site a handsome Temple was nearing completion, when it was entirely destroyed by the great fire in A. L. 5838, entailing very heavy losses, and ending in the abandonment of the site, and our then high Masonic purpose. Subsequently the property at King and Wentworth Streets was purchased, and the Temple located there. Since the "late War between the States" it has been enlarged and rebuilt.

About fifty years ago there were visible signs of a renewed interest in Freemasonry, not only in Charleston, but elsewhere in this Jurisdiction; old Lodges enlarged their membership, and new Lodges were formed; among the latter was "No. 76," and in the half century since, the growth of Masonry in South Carolina is revealed by the recent statement of our highly esteemed, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, Charles Inglesby, that at the founding of our Lodge in A. L. 5850, there were only thirty-two Lodges in this Jurisdiction! There are now one hundred and eighty-five; nearly six times as many.

The warrant for the founding of our Lodge was signed December 11, A. L. 5850, by three highly respected citizens and most distinguished Masonic officials—A. E. Miller,

Grand Master; William L. Cleveland, Senior Grand Warden; Alfred Price, Junior Grand Warden.

The recurrence of these revered and, to me, once familiar names, recall the golden days of this city. Many of my earliest and most pleasant associations are so remembered, and I would fain linger a few minutes to speak of these most worthy and esteemed citizens, and, in their turn, eminent Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

THE VENERABLE A. E. MILLER.

A. E. Miller was born of English parentage at Shelbourne, Nova Scotia, on April 13, A. L. 5785, came to Charleston with his parents in A. L. 5792, and died here on August 9, A. L. 5879, after a residence of eighty-seven years, in the 95th year of his age. Not only was he looked up to as one of our very oldest citizens, but his extended life was in the continuous sunshine of the public good will and highest regard, from his youth to extreme old age, when he passed away without blemish, and without reproach, at the white summit of a long career. Truly it may be said of him that he touched three generations. His quiet, self-respecting, simple life illustrates a prominent feature of our Order, voiced in Burns's expressive lines :

> "The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
> The man's the gowd for a' that."

Starting out alone in the world, an apprentice nine years old, he was, at eighteen, thought equal to the management of a printing office, and from A. L. 5804-15 was in such a position in the old Courier office. In A. L. 5816 he established a printing office of his own, and issued his first Almanac for the year A. L. 5817. A copy of this issue is still carefully preserved in the Charleston Library, and is quite a curiosity at this time. For two generations he was an active printer and both he and his Almanac were well known throughout the State. The fast days and festivals of the

Church Year were carefully dated therein; the sittings of the Courts, public days, etc., also recorded, and his fixed days for planting seeds carried great weight with his rural constituents. It was a convenient *"vade mecum,"* and the wonder is, in its passing away without a successor; most communities think it necessary to have such an annual publication.

When we take down "Dalcho's Church History," Drayton's "South Carolina," Johnson's "Life of Greene," and the early numbers of the Southern Quarterly Review of Stephen Elliott and Hugh S. Legare, we look upon his handiwork. He united with the Episcopal Church (St. Michael's), and was confirmed by Bishop Bowen in A. L. 5819; was elected a Warden, "with the approval of the Rector," as he says, in A. L. 5839 (this is not thought necessary now), and served thirty-five years continuously, until old age and feeble health caused his withdrawal.

He became a Mason in A. L. 5823, "because my father and grandfather were members of the Order." Passing through all the chairs, he was finally honored by the Craft as Most Worshipful Grand Master, in A. L. 5849, and served three years with distinction. It was remarked at the time that he was the ninth Grand Master drawn from Union Kilwinning, No. 4, since the union of the Grand Lodges in A. L. 5817.

Once while seated in his office, I remarked that for one so universally esteemed, he seemed not to desire office. With a look of surprise, he replied: "Why, I am a Warden in God's Church, and have been Grand Master of Masons!" The implication being: "What more could I desire?"

As Grand Master of Masons, and an honorary member of our Lodge, it is a privilege to inscribe this brief tribute to his memory after the lapse of so many years.

W. L. CLEVELAND

Was a native of New England, but his business life was passed in this city. He was a prominent, public-spirited

citizen, and very popular everywhere he went; his pleasant manners and address won him hosts of friends. He was a most enthusiastic and well-informed member of our Order, and was greatly esteemed, not only in this city, but throughout the entire State; and in A. L. 5853 became Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. He declined re-election, and soon after the expiration of his term of office, retired from business, and went to Georgia to end his days.

ALFRED PRICE

Was born in Charleston, S. C., on February 14, A. L. 5818. He was a member of a leading wholesale hardware firm of this city in the prosperous days, when dealers from six or seven States supplied their wants in Charleston. His courteous bearing and genial manners were conspicuous characteristics. He carried sunshine with him wherever he went, in social life, as well as in Masonic circles. He was one of the founders of this Lodge, and passed from our Master's chair to the high places in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and served four years as Grand Master, A. L. 5854-57. He died on July 5, A. L. 5884, universally esteemed and much lamented.

BIRTH OF LANDMARK, NO. 76.

The current life of a Masonic Lodge is somewhat meagre in the materials of history; it is, therefore, instructive to regard the persons whose actions have created and continued the organization, for true it is that the events of every epoch will be found to revolve around the chief personages from whom have gone forth the influences that have shaped and moulded the work to be done. Out of such fragments of the past as are now available, a historic sketch of our Lodge, coherent and truthful, can be written from this point of view.

GYLES AND THE GOURDINS.

Landmark Lodge has been fortunate in the personnel of its membership. All though the fifty years a high standard of character and conduct has been maintained. As within the acorn lie all the elements which eventually culminate in the monarch of the forest, so, beginning with the founders, and continuing through their successors in the five decades, there has been kept the high purpose of making our Lodge a "Landmark" of our Order, and so it is that

> "A lofty hope, if earnestly pursued
> Is its own crown, and never in this life
> Is labor fruitless."

The three names to whom the original warrant to found our Lodge was addressed—"our trusty and well-beloved brethren, John A. Gyles, T. S. Gourdin, William A. Gourdin,"—were not only well-informed Masons, but courteous, educated gentlemen. Our first Master was admitted to the Bar on December 9, A. L. 5837, and practiced his profession here for several years. On the 3rd of March, A. L. 5845, he was appointed a magistrate, a position then requiring high character, as well as legal learning. He remained in this important position by successive reappointments, until his lamented death, in A. L. 5856.

Theo. S. Gourdin was a lawyer; admitted to the Bar in A. L. 5846, to the Equity Courts in A. L. 5848. He was of a delicate physique, and for the benefit of his health removed to Florida in A. L. 5860, and died there on February 27, A. L. 5861, in his thirty-eighth year. It is pleasant to announce to the brethren that his widow still survives, and preserves the handsome Past Master's gold Jewel, presented by this Lodge, December 27, A. L. 5852, on his retirement from our East. He was a very prominent member of the Masonic Order in the United States, as well as in South Carolina, and a Masonic writer of marked erudition,

as his addresses and other writings relating to the Craft bear witness. The most elaborate one is "An Historical Sketch of the Order of Knights Templars," delivered before South Carolina Commandery, in A. L. 5855. He was for many years the Presiding Officer of that Body. A contemporary writing of him, says : "To a considerable share of Masonic talent and learning he added an unusual amount of laborious research in the investigation of any subject on which he was engaged. In the address referred to, the only objection to which is its brevity, he has collected almost every fact relative to the subject. I have, I confess, found little to glean from the field over which he passed."

In the defence of our Order from an unexpected and ill-informed attack, from a high source, a copy of which I have in my library, he argued with a marked force of statement, and with a courtesy and consideration which was most creditable. His early death was universally regretted, for he possessed high and noble qualities.

William Allston Gourdin was trained for commercial life in the influential cotton export house of George A. Hopley & Co. He subsequently established himself as a merchant in Charleston, and was well known and highly esteemed in business circles. He, too, had a most attractive, charming manner, but died at an early age. On account of the loss of family papers during the war, I have not been able to elicit further information concerning him and his brother. I had the great pleasure of knowing personally these three gentlemen; kind, courteous, gentle spirits all. Certain it is that they and their immediate successors in our Lodge have left a fashioning influence for the highest and best in character and conduct.

No new Lodge in this Jurisdiction has ever had a more complete success than ours; in the first decade of its career its members increased rapidly, and in these ten years one hundred and fourteen applicants were "initiated, passed and raised."

The Roster of Worshipful Masters during this period reflects the influences which brought to our Lodge so large a number of most desirable members; they were citizens of recognized good standing in the community, many of whom subsequently rose to high stations in secular life, as well as in Masonry.

THE CALL TO ARMS.

In the closing months of the first decade momentous events transpired. The violent changes in political parties, the revolutionary canvass for President, under a declared higher law than the Constitution, caused intense and widespread excitement over the country.

The Presidential election occurred on the 6th of November, A. L. 5860, and well do I recall our regular monthly Communication the next evening, (7th)—the brief session and early adjournment. Our Tenth Annual Communication fell on the 5th of December, the eve of the most absorbing and eventful election (A. L. 5860) ever held in South Carolina, on 6th, that for delegates to the Convention which, two weeks later, passed the Ordinance of Secession.

There were voluntary changes in our official roll that evening to suit the new conditions of impending absences in the then near future! Alas! many exchanged the usual brotherly greetings in our Lodge Room that night who never met there again; 'ere another Annual Communication war was raging, and battles had been fought!

What ensued is too well known. The members of our flourishing and numerous Lodge were soon widely separated by "the War between the States;" the few members left on duty in this city served only to preserve the organization, for all Masonic work was suspended; and so, at the Eleventh Annual Communication, in December, A. L. 5861, the life of the Lodge was insured by the legal election of officers, and early in A. L. 5862 our Worshipful Master, Captain J. Ward Hopkins, applied for and obtained from our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Major David Ramsey, a dispensation to cease work temporarily.

When the Masonic Temple came within range of the enemy's shot and shell, Brother E. M. Moreland, as advised, in January, A. L. 5865, sent the Lodge Records, Regalia, and its other effects to Columbia, S. C., for safe keeping; there on February seventeenth ensuing, this property was burnt or stolen, in the needless conflagration and looting of that beautiful city, by General Sherman's army—a barbarous, cowardly act of warfare waged on unprotected women, children and old men, driven cruelly from their homes into the city's streets on a cold winter night, silent and helpless witnesses of the shameful destruction of their homes, together with thousands of precious heirlooms, works of art, antique furniture, and other relics. The end of the war came two months later, by the surrender of the Southern armies to overwhelming numbers and resources.

Long years have passed, but memory is ever busy recalling "those well-loved forms that will not die!" We, who still survive, can never forget the sacrifices and sorrows of those brave years—the dear friends and brothers who laid down their precious lives in the State's cause—and so we still mourn our beloved Past Masters Samuel F. Edgerton and J. Ward Hopkins; and our Brothers J. Waring Axson, Robert De Treville, T. D. Waties, J. E. McPherson Washington (great-grandson of the cavalry leader at "Cowpens," "Guilford," "Hobkirk's Hill," and "Eutaw," who fought for the same principles in A. L. 5781). Then the many veteran brothers who returned home maimed and broken in health, who have since "crossed over the river."

"And we can only dimly guess
What world's of all this world's distress;
What utter woe, despair and dearth,
Their fate has brought to many a hearth."

CHARLESTON DESOLATE.

Fire and sword had done its work in Charleston, and our beloved city presented a sad spectacle in A. L. 5865. The severest penalties weighed heavily upon her, for her coura-

geous and prolonged four years' defence; desolation met the eye on every hand—cruel poverty was upon our community; new and distressing conditions had to be met: our brothers, returning from the army and prison camps, found unscrupulous alien soldiers, thieving carpet-baggers and ignorant negroes in public positions—their inheritance and their homes in strangers' keeping !

"All lost! but e'en defeat
Hath triumphs of its own;
Wrong's Pœon has no note so sweet,
As trampled right's proud moan."

BROTHER PAUL H. HAYNE.

Against this dark background of war and disaster—among many sorrowful memories—there are bright ones. We recall with proper pride our late brother, Paul H. Hayne, poet, biographer, essayist, who was among our earliest members, "raised" within the year of our founding, and was a loved associate of our Lodge. His buoyant, genial nature, his high-bred courtesy, recall pleasant incidents of happy but long vanished days: his kind and gentle intercourse endeared him to a large circle of admiring friends in this Lodge, and throughout his native city. After the war he made his home near Augusta, Ga., and devoted himself to literature, and won a recognized position in the literary circles of the country; he survived the war twenty-one years, dying in the summer of A. L. 5886. His writings have been to some extent collected in permanent form, but many of his later and best efforts have yet to be garnered into a volume. His memory is lovingly cherished in Augusta, and a considerable fund for a public memorial is in progress in that city, which will stand as a worthy and well-deserved tribute to his memory !

"RESURGAM."

Amid all the disabilities of A. L. 5865-66, while the paramount considerations with many were food and raiment, our loved Lodge was not forgotten.

Masonic ceremonies recall no memories of war, of bloody strife, no orphans' tears are mingled with Lodge communions; yet, while the dark shadows from many battlefields were still resting on this community, our surviving members began the tedious and troublesome work of Lodge revival. When Brother Harleston returned from the prison camp at Fort Delaware, in July, A. L. 5865, he found Brothers James Conner, I. W. Angel, M. D., W. H. Prioleau, M. D., J. R. Robertson, Samuel Logan, M. D., E. M. Moreland, William Waties, C. G. Hall, and others had already initiated the work of restoration, and he joined them. The difficulties were very great indeed—the Lodge was empty-handed, with no Records or Regalia; former members were not easily located; the most serious difficulty was the want of money; the former paper currency had suddenly ceased to exist, and there was a universal condition of empty pockets. Under such circumstances an application for a dispensation to reopen the Lodge was made to the only official of the Grand Lodge available, and was refused until the dues to the Grand Lodge should be paid. The amount was sixty or seventy dollars, and it was questionable if at that time there was that amount of surplus cash among all the "Landmarkers." In this emergency a loan was made, on a note drawn by Brother Conner and endorsed by Brother Harleston; the Grand Lodge dues were paid, the dispensation granted, and Landmark Lodge was restored to life.

POST-BELLUM OFFICERS.

The unanimous wish of the members was for Past Master Conner to resume his seat in the East, but his health was poor, and his wounded leg troublesome, and he asked to be excused. It was then proposed to recall Brother Harleston to the Master's chair, but he was not able to act.

The following officers were then elected :

W. M.—Isaac W. Angel, M. D.
S. W.—Samuel Logan, M. D.
J. W.—Joseph R. Robertson.
Treasurer—E. M. Moreland.
Secretary—V. J. Tobias.
S. D.—H. D. Newton.
J. D.—P. Gervais Robinson, M. D.
Stewards—C. Gadsden Hall, William Waties.
Tiler—Thomas Allison.

The following members are of record at this date :

Armstrong, J. A.
Allston, Benj. Reed
Burke, A. J.
Barbot, C. D.
Barbot, A. O.
Boag, T. G.
Condict, J. E.
Cunningham, John
Calvo, C. A.
Courtenay, Wm. A.
Duffus, A. W.
Davis, W. R.
Eason, F. W.
Fitch, A., M. D.
Harleston, Edw., Jr.
Harper, W. H.
Johnson, H. D., Jr.
Johnson, Joseph, Jr.
Kellers, E. H., M. D.
Kanapaux, C. E.
Miller, C. A.
Moffett, J. H.
Milliken, A. T.
Mikell, William E.
Munro, George
Macbeth, C. G.
Nowell, L. C.
Newton, T. E.
Olney, H. B.
Prioleau, W. H., M. D.
Pemberton, W. W.
Robinson, John
Simons, T. Y.
Spear, J. E.
Silcox, D. H.
Strohecker, J. P.
Sample, T. B.
Skinner, E.
Skrine, M. D., T. C.
Thayer, William
Tunno, W. M.
Tupper, Fred
Teasdale, R. H.
Tennent, William, Jr.
Torley, J. E.
Waties, William
Walker, J. F.
Willis, Edward
Walter, J. F. W.
Wright, Thomas

The record shows that the last months of A. L. 5865 were spent in getting the members together, collecting money for Lodge purposes, and advancing the Lodge to a working condition. "No. 76" was not represented at the meeting of the Grand Lodge on November 21, A. L. 5865, and it was not until the spring of A. L. 5866 that the first degrees were conferred. When I returned to the city in April, A. L. 5866, after an absence of nearly five years, the Lodge was just then in working order; enough had been done, however, to take up the loan and provide funds for current expenses and Grand Lodge dues. Conditions were even then not very encouraging; the attendance at monthly Communications was not large, and so it was that under the strain of scant means and depressing local conditions, living under bayonet and negro rule, and a military satrapy, there were some doubts as to the future of the Lodge.

DESTROY NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

About this time a proposal was made to merge Landmark's membership in an older Lodge, then under one of the most gifted, eloquent and influential Masons in this Jurisdiction. Most fortunately, the brethren, who had overcome all previous difficulties, and revived the Lodge, while courteously considering the proposal, finally declined it. It should be of record here that their conferences were held at Brother Conner's office, who had, in his quiet way, resolved that the Lodge in which he had taken his degrees should be continued, and his wise counsel was found to reflect the sentiment of our members, who confided in him.

We commemorate this, our Jubilee Day, because of the faith, hope and constancy of our brethren of A. L. 5866, and in recalling this episode of our Lodge life we may well revere the memory of our leading and most distinguished member, James Conner. No higher type of true citizenship can be summoned up than Past Master, Past Grand Master Conner; brave, wise, just and true to every obligation, he

was the same in A. L. 5866, when he and his associates decided that our Lodge should live, as when, ten years later, on a larger field, he counselled wisely and well for the redemption of our native State. Both efforts were crowned with complete success.

BROTHER CONNER!!!

"Thy marble bright† in dark appears,
As slowly steals a silver flame
Along the letters of thy name
And o'er the number of thy years."

In recent years a portrait gallery of Grand Masters has been happily initiated in the Grand Lodge Room. Orange, No. 14, has placed there the picture of Robert Stuart Bruns; Pythagorian, No. 21, that of James Adger Smythe; Clinton, No. 3, that of William T. Branch; the Grand Lodge, that of Claude E. Sawyer; Friendship, No. 9, that of Jacob T. Barron.

CONNER, THE NOBLEST OF THEM ALL.

This is our memory day! Our day of days! Can we mark it more fittingly than by adding the portrait of our most distinguished member, Grand Master James Conner, to this gallery of Masonic worthies? We may well do this, not for him gone before, but for ourselves, and for those who are to come after us, that his face and form may be "for a memorial" in the Assembly Hall of the Craft in South Carolina.‡

RESTORED TO PRISTINE VIGOR.

From scanty soils come richest grapes; on sterile and rocky slopes trees of toughest fibre grow; moral heroism is some-

† Reference is here made to the beautiful white marble tomb in Magnolia Cemetery at General Conner's grave.

‡ At the monthly Communication of our Lodge on 2nd January, it was voted unanimously to have a portrait painted of Brother James Conner. The order has been given, and the picture handsomely framed, will be presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of South Carolina at its next annual Communication.

times akin to penury. It would seem that the severe privations that overtook our Lodge were but the requisite elements to the new and brighter Lodge life we have since lived. Certain it is that the light of hope illumined the dark days of A. L. 5865-66; that hearts were cheered by the evidence of organized strength, and that the present highly prosperous condition of our Lodge had its genesis in those days of adversity.

It is pleasant to summarize. Despite all the disabilities encountered in the decade of the war and military satrapy, forty-seven applicants were "raised." Since A. L. 5869, down to the close of our fifth decade, one hundred and sixty more have been "initiated, passed and raised." Our half century shows a grand total of three hundred and twenty-one Master Masons as the work of Lodge 76.

Of the original members, the last survivor passed away years ago; of the brethren with membership dating previous to A. L. 5860, but seven are now connected with our Lodge: John Harleston, W. H. Prioleau, M. D., J. R. Robertson, Edward Willis, E. M. Moreland, I. W. Angel, M. D., and he whose privilege it is to address you. The following clergymen have been, or are now connected with our Lodge: The Revd's. A. Case (a founder), Benjamin Allston, W. H. Hanckel, R. D. Smart, R. S. Trapier, G. F. Degan, Thomas P. Baker, John Kershaw. The venerable, dignified and courteous Rector of St. Michael's was for long years our Chaplain, and so continued up to his lamented death, in A. L. 5895. He was succeeded by the Rev. Thomas P. Baker, Assistant Minister of St. Michael's, and now Rector of St. David's Parish, Cheraw; his successor is the Rev. John Kershaw, Rector of St. Michael's Parish, whom we are more than gratified to have thus associated.

It has been remarked that Union Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4, had furnished nine Grand Masters to our Grand Lodge in the first half of the century. It is worthy of note that St. Michael's Parish has very largely and acceptably

ministered to us in spiritual things in the last half of the century.

LODGE FINANCES.

In financial matters it is clear that the "empty pocket" condition of A. L. 5865 has left a lasting impression on our members, and that most unpleasant experience of the want of a nickel as a medium of exchange, has lingered in memory. The finances of the Lodge have been so wisely conducted, as to prevent a recurrence of such money stringency in the future. In glancing over the balance sheet of the Lodge it has impressed me as having very much the appearance of a "coupon-clipping" condition. The life membership fees, $50, have apparently been carefully invested, and a considerable amount of surplus income is also in good interest-bearing securities. The aggregate makes a substantial and annually increasing endowment fund. The present membership of our Lodge is 117, of whom 39 are life members. There is only one Lodge in South Carolina with a larger membership—Hiram Lodge, No. 68, of Anderson, S. C.

For many years the work of our Lodge has been of the highest order, and has reflected the greatest honor on our intelligent, painstaking and eloquent officials. The attendance of members and visitors has been unusually large, and our music and singing most inspiring.

OUR WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

Reference has been made previously to the personnel of our membership; how through fifty years we have been fortunate in its character and conduct. This is reflected in the names of the thirty-one members who have successfully presided in our East.

In fitting acknowledgment of their eminent services, the Lodge has erected in everlasting marble a memorial tablet, to those who, so to speak, have patiently, diligently, most acceptably woven their very lives into the fabric of our Lodge, and so made it their monument.

This tablet is of white Italian marble, seven feet high and four feet wide; it is Gothic in form, and rests on a substantial plinth, from which, on either side, rises a three-quarter engaged column, each supporting a globe at the summit; these are decorated with conventional foliage, from which spring lotus flowers, that wreathe the abacus and the globules; within the area above is displayed the name of the Lodge, its date of founding, its motto, a five pointed star, and All-Seeing Eye; the space below the arch presents the names of our Worshipful Masters, A. L. 5850-5900 :

A. L. 5850, John A. Gyles.
A. L. 5851, Theodore S. Gourdin.
A. L. 5852, Alfred Price.
A. L. 5853, John A. Gyles.
A. L. 5854, E. J. Dawson.
A. L. 5855, John G. Lege.
A. L. 5856, Charles M. Inness.
A. L. 5857, Samuel F. Edgerton.
A. L. 5858, James Conner.
A. L. 5859, John Harleston, Jr.
A. L. 5860, Isaac W. Angel, M. D.
A. L. 5861, J. Ward Hopkins.
A. L. 5865, Isaac W. Angel, M. D.
A. L. 5866, Isaac W. Angel, M. D.
A. L. 5867, William E. Mikell.
A. L. 5868, William E. Mikell.
A. L. 5869, W. W. Pemberton.
A. L. 5870, William Tennent.
A. L. 5871, Edwin J. White.
A. L. 5872, A. W. Marshall, Jr.
A. L. 5873, A. W. Marshall, Jr.
A. L. 5874, George D. Bryan.
A. L. 5875, George D. Bryan.
A. L. 5876, T. M. Waring.
A. L. 5877, T. M. Waring.
A. L. 5878, A. H. Williams.

A. L. 5879, A. J. White, Jr.
A. L. 5880, A. B. Murray.
A. L. 5881, W. H. Prioleau, M. D.
A. L. 5882, W. H. Prioleau, M. D.
A. L. 5883, Trezevant Williams.
A. L. 5884, Trezevant Williams.
A. L. 5885, C. S. Bennett.
A. L. 5886, William G. Mazÿck.
A. L. 5887, William G. Mazÿck.
A. L. 5888, Wm. A. Courtenay.
A. L. 5889, E. P. Guerard.
A. L. 5890, E. P. Guerard.
A. L. 5891, E. P. Guerard.
A. L. 5892, Stephen R. Bell.
A. L. 5893, Stephen R. Bell.
A. L. 5894, J. P. Strohecker.
A. L. 5895, J. P. Strohecker.
A. L. 5896, William E. Gantt.
A. L. 5897, William E. Gantt.
A. L. 5898, J. L. Ferguson.
A. L. 5899, J. L. Ferguson.

Landmark Lodge honors itself in erecting this beautiful, imposing and well-bestowed memorial, which worthily commemorates the highly valued services of its devoted officers.

A NUMISMATIC TOKEN.

A fitting close to our half century life is the action of the members in having the dies for an artistic bronze medal engraved and struck at the United States Mint, in Philadelphia, to commemorate our "Jubilee Day."



The medal is one and a half inches in diameter. The obverse presents the seal of the Lodge; the name and number of the Lodge is given in full around the border, with date of founding, A. L. 5850. In the centre, in high relief, a lion's paw, erect, symbolizing strength and courage, with the motto, *"non omnis moriar"* (we shall not wholly die); the reverse displays the "All-Seeing Eye" above, and enclosed in an endless linked chain, symbolizing our unity, this inscription : " To commemorate our Semi-Centennial Anniversary, December 11, A. L. 5900."

It is an elegant specimen of the numismatic art, and will ever be a prized memento of this interesting occasion by the members, each of whom is to have a copy.

A permanent Record Book has been prepared by the Secretary, William G. Mazyck, Past Master, in which to preserve the autograph signatures of every member receiving this medal, which record is to be carefully guarded for the Centennial in A. L. 5950.

PROFESSOR THOMAS POINSETT O'NEALE.

The only shadow that has recently fallen upon our Lodge is the passing away of Brother T. P. O'Neale, who for more than a generation had presided over our instrumental and vocal music. The grave's dark eclipse rests upon that beaming face ! I know how vain it is to gild a grief, and will

not indulge in eulogy, yet I must recall here, our brother for nearly thirty-three years; my friend for fifty years. While still useful to family and friends, he entered into life eternal in January last, in the 69th year of his age. The memorial stone that marks his grave in Magnolia Cemetery bears this simple but expressive epitaph :

"God bade him live,—
And put into his hands a holy harp,
Into his lips—a song."

CONCLUSION.

At ancient Oxford, with its

"Strange enchantments of the past,
And memories of the days of old,"

there is a beautiful annual ceremony. Every springtime, when nature is renewing itself, field and forest displaying bud and blossom, Dean, Fellows and white-robed choristers, on May-day morning, ascend the tower of Magdalen College, and from its summit sing in classic language the song of Spring in thankfulness to God :

"*Te Deum patrem colimus,*
Te laudibus prosuimus."

(Our Father and our God, we raise
To Thee our offering of praise.)

In a kindred spirit of gratitude for the past, of gladnes for the present, of happy expectation for the future, may not our loved Lodge have, too, its annual " Memory Day," when we may dedicate ourselves anew to Masonry ? Such an annual occasion cannot fail of significance and, taking incitement from it, have us aim at higher and more fruitful work in the coming half century upon which we enter to-night !

Blessed be the young eyes that shall see this fast approach-

ing future; blessed be the ears that shall hear the clock strike the half century hour of A. L. 5950, and from that sublime standpoint pass in retrospect what God will have then prepared for human vision on that distant day !

The duty assigned me by your partiality is now discharged —would it were worthier. To me it is a most gracious occasion. Living, as I now do, at a great distance from Charleston, it may rarely, if ever happen, that I will be at any future Communication of Landmark Lodge. However that may be, let me say here that the mention of its name will bring up only pleasant memories of the far off and the nearer past; that whatever the future may have in store for me, however great the distance that separates me from No. 76,

"My heart, untravelled, fondly turns to thee."

CLOSING EXERCISES.

The closing Ode, "We Thank Thee, God of Boundless Love," was then sung, the audience joining in with the Lodge.

The evening's programme was concluded with the Benediction, pronounced by the Rev. John Kershaw, Chaplain.

After the ceremonies and speeches were over, the Lodge and its guests partook of light refreshments, and spent an hour or more in pleasant conversation.

OFFICERS.

J. L. Ferguson.....W. M.
T. R. Waring.....S. W.
J. G. Morris.....J. W.
a A. W. Marshall, P. M.....Treas.
a Wm. G. Mazyck, P. M.....Secretary.
J. P. Denham ..... S. D.
Thos. M. Miller .....J. D.
John D. Muller.....Steward.
F. B. Fitch..... "
J. H. Raine, (of No. 21).....Tyler.
Rev. John Kershaw.....Chaplain.
a J. G. Huguelet .....Organist.

PAST MASTERS.

a John Harleston, 5859.
a I. W. Angel, M. D., '60-5-6.
a E. J. White, '71.
a A. W. Marshall, '72-3.
a Geo. D. Bryan, '74-5.
a T. M. Waring, '76-7.
a A. M. Williams, '78.
a A. B. Murray, '80.
a W. H. Prioleau, M. D., 81-2.
Trez. Williams, '83-4.
a C. S. Bennett, '85.
a Wm. G. Mazyck, '86-7.
a W. A. Courtenay, '88.
a E. P. Guerard, '89-91.
Jno. P. Strohecker, 94-5
Wm. E. Gantt, '96-7.

MEMBERS.

Alston, Chas. S.
Baker, Rev. Thomas P.
Ball, W. W.
Baynard, H. H.
Bennett, John F.
Bennett, S. Murray
Betancourt, A. B.
a Brown, R. Ewing
Brugemann, G. H. W
a Calvo, C. A.
Campbell, Croskeys O.
Clement, S. M.

a Life Members.

Clement, W. W.
a Cohen, Ainsley D.
Conner, Henry W., Jr.
a Culbert, William
Degen, Rev. George F.
Dingle, William B.
Dotterer, B. P.
Dotterer, Thomas
a Drayton, Charles H.
a Dunkin, A. H.
a Enslow, J. A., Jr.
Fishburne, F. C., P. M.
Fishburne, F. C., Jr.
Fishburne, G. R.
a Foster, Henry P.
Fuller, J. T.
Gadsden, Norman P.
a Gaillard, John W.
Gantt, Thomas J.
Hall, E. A.
Hart, D. L.
Healey, F. A.
Heyward, Wilmot H.
a Holmes, George S.
Holmes, James H.
Huguenin, David
Johnson, J. Arthur
a Kellers, E. H., M. D.
Kirk, C. St. C.
Klatte, C. U.
Knebel, A. G.
Letts, James V. B.
Locke, W. G.
a Lucas, William
Macmurphy, W. C., Jr.
Marshall, Alexander
Maull, C. M.
Mazyck, P. St. J.
McEowen, F. D.
Metz, G. J. L.
Myers, F. K.
Miles, J. Allen
Miller, A. Barton
Mitchell, Charles J.
a Moreland, E. M.
a Morrison, William
Nathans, J. N., Jr.
a Patterson, E. R.
Phillips, F. D.
Pinckney, L. M.
a Prioleau, E. H.
Prioleau, John G.
a Prioleau, T. G., M. D.
Purslow, H. J. L.
Quincy, J. Mitchell
a Ravenel, W. C., M. D.
Read, I. M.
a Robertson, J. R.
Robinson, John W.
Rodgers, Frank S., Jr.
Rutledge, B. H.
a Salinas, C. E.
Scott, F. W.
Silcox, T. S.
Simons, Eugene N.
a Simons, T. Grange, M. D.
Simons, Theodore J.
Sinkler, Huger
Smart, Rev. R. D.
Smith, Frank M.

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a Life Members.

Talbot, R. J., Jr.
Thayer, J. H.
Thomas, W. H.
Trapier, E. S.
Vaughan, J. H.
a Vincent, H. E.
von Santen, Julius C.
Waring, E. P., Jr.
Whaley, R. S.
a White, N. Ingraham
a Williman, Walter
a Willis, Edward
Woodruff, J. C., M. D.
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