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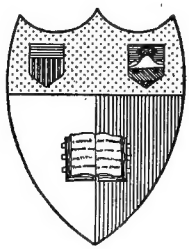

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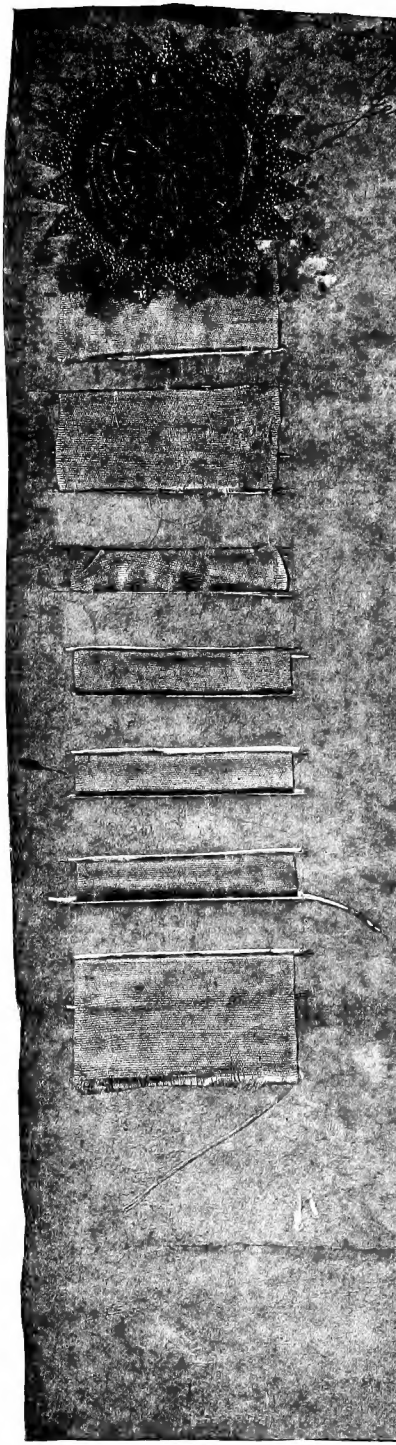
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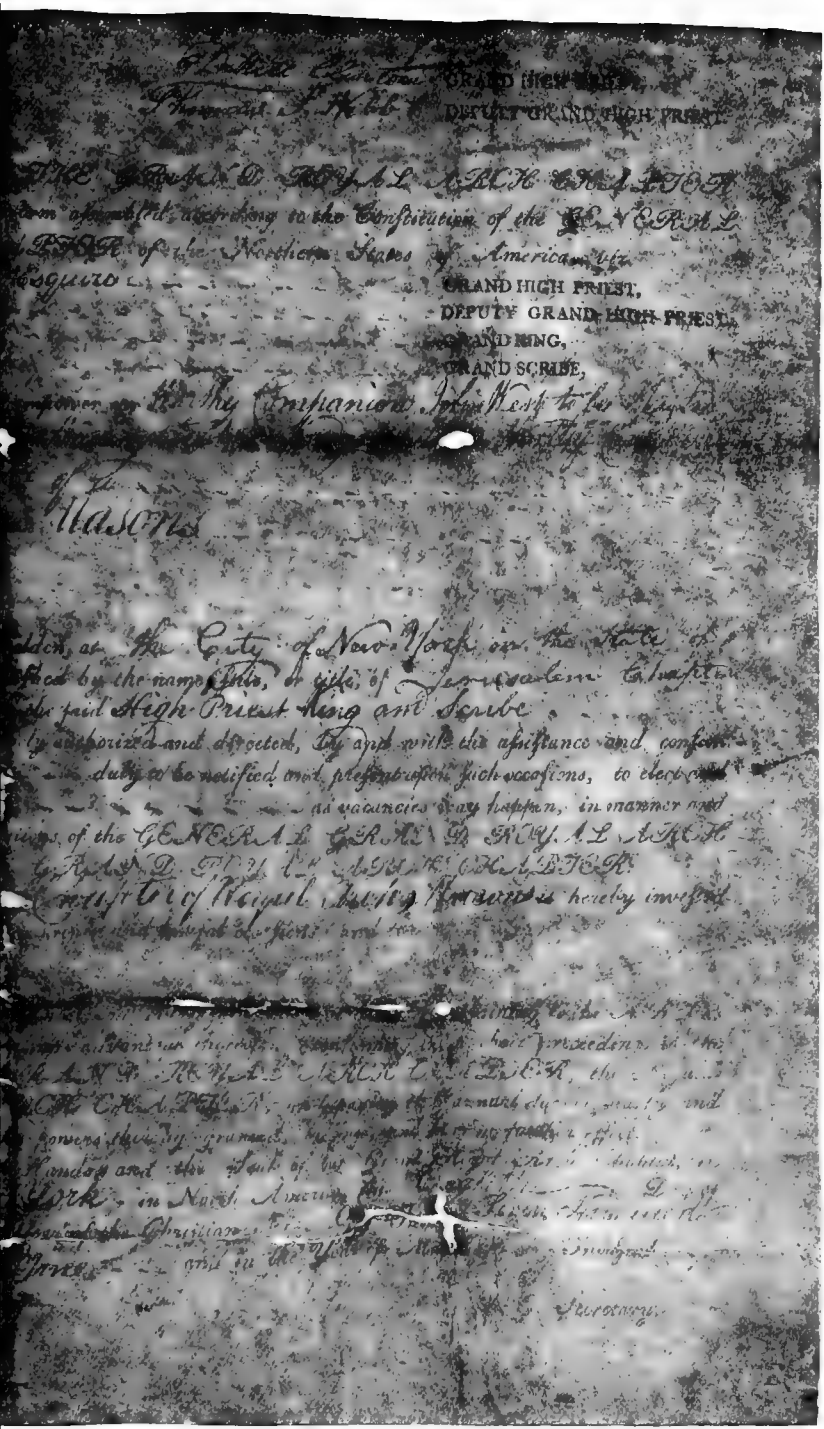

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THE CHARTER.

DEWITT CLINTON, *Grand High Priest.*
THOMAS S. WEBB, *Deputy Grand High Priest.*
THOMAS FROTHINGHAM, *Grand King.*
JEDEDIAH SANGER, *Grand Scribe.*

We, The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York, in antient form assembled, according to the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America, viz.:

The Most Excellent DEWITT CLINTON, Esquire....*Grand High Priest,*
The Most Excellent THOMAS S. WEBB....*Deputy Grand High Priest,*
The Most Excellent THOMAS FROTHINGHAM.....*Grand King,*
The Most Excellent JEDEDIAH SANGER.....*Grand Scribe,*

Do, by these presents, appoint, authorise, and empower our Worthy Companion John West to be High Priest, our Worthy Companion Thomas Waring to be King, and our Worthy Companion Alexander Stewart to be Scribe of a.....CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.....
to be by virtue hereof formed, constituted and holden, at the City of New York, in the State of New York, which shall be distinguished by the name, style, or title, of Jerusalem Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 8, and the said High Priest, King, and Scribe.....
and their successors in office, are hereby respectively authorised and directed, by and with the consent of a majority of said CHAPTER.....
....., duly to be notified and present upon such occasions, to elect and install the officers.....as vacancies may happen, in manner and form as is or may be prescribed by the Constitution of the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, and the Regulations of this GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

AND, FURTHER, the said Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is hereby invested with full power and authority to assemble upon proper and lawful occasions and to admit members; and also to do and perform all and every such acts and things appertaining to the ART as have been and ought to be done for the honour and advantage thereof; conforming in all their proceedings to the Constitution of the said GENERAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, the Regulations of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, and paying their annual dues regularly and punctually; otherwise this Warrant, and the powers thereby granted, to cease, and be of no further effect.

GIVEN under our Hands, and the Seal of our Grand Royal Arch Chapter, in the City of New York, in North America, this Eighth Day of April, in the Year of the Christian Era, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-nine, and in the Year of Masonry, ... Thousand.

JOHN HANMER, *G. Secretary.*

Registered in the Book of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

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INTRODUCTION

In compiling the history of Jerusalem Chapter the writer has endeavored to present it in a form that will make it helpful to the student of Freemasonry, interesting to the general reader, and instructive to those who desire such information as it contains.

Naturally, the biography of those who have led, and those who have otherwise been active in the affairs of a society, should occupy a large space in its records. There seemed to be two methods open to the compiler whereby such mention might be made. First, to write a biographical sketch of each High Priest and those who have otherwise been prominent in the Chapter, or who have attained distinction in other branches of Freemasonry, or who have been men of note in private or public life, separate from the various recorded events and other items of interest which properly come under the head of the Chapter's history; and, secondly, by arranging the material in hand so that the history of a given period and a biography of those who were its contemporaries might be embodied in separate chapters covering the time of each administration. Believing the latter to be the better method, and to facilitate the gathering of the materials necessary, this order of arrangement has been followed.

Before proceeding with the history of the Chapter it may be well to refer briefly to the beginning of the Capitular Rite in this country, and at the same time to go back even farther and make some reference to its origin in the

old country. Royal Arch Masonry, as well as all other branches of the Mystic Tie, was in a state of chaos at the close of the last century in respect to an authoritative government of the Craft, but master minds, under the guidance of the Great Architect of the Universe, were trying to bring order out of this unsettled state of affairs. It is true that the principles of Speculative Masonry were well defined and religiously practised by many of the Brethren, but self-seekers had wormed their way into the Order; all sorts of ambitions were rife; claims were made; and prerogatives set up by lodges and individuals which are incomprehensible to those of the present day and generation.

It was honestly felt by many that the lessons taught in Freemasonry were too extensive to be confined to the symbolic lodges, while others saw in the separation of the degrees greater opportunities for holding office and otherwise advancing their selfish interests. Whether this confusion in the Craft was the result of the system of government which had been established or not may be judged by a careful study of what follows.

Freemasonry in England at the close of the last century was divided into two camps, and had been for many years. They were known as the "Ancients" and the "Moderns," with the strange anomaly that the "Ancients" were really the moderns, and vice versa. This division came about as follows: Up to the year 1717, although Masonic Lodges had existed from time immemorial, no attempt had been made to establish them under a Grand Lodge or Lodges. Through the marvellous activity and influence of Dr. John T. Desaguliers the four oldest lodges in London came together and formed the Grand Lodge of England in the year just mentioned. The famous Rev. James Anderson, D.D., was delegated to write a Book of Constitutions. He did so, and it was

adopted by the Grand Lodge in 1722. In 1738 Dr. Anderson rewrote his Book of Constitutions, eliminated certain parts, added other matter, and made a number of innovations. This new writing of the Constitution the Grand Lodge adopted, but many of the brethren were indignant that such changes should have been made; they thereupon seceded and formed a new Grand Lodge, calling themselves the "Ancients," for they were determined to stand by the old customs, usages, and landmarks of the Craft; at the same time they dubbed those who had been guilty of making these changes "Moderns." The "Ancients" became very popular. Their lodges spread rapidly; many eminent men were attracted to them, and they were recognized by the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland. They were instrumental in introducing Freemasonry into America. Provincial Grand Lodges were chartered by them in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Virginia, and South Carolina. These Grand Lodges of "Ancients" and "Moderns" kept up their separate organizations until 1813, when, through the efforts of the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the "Ancients," and his brother the Duke of Sussex, at that time Grand Master of the "Moderns," a union of the two Grand Lodges was effected.

The moving spirit of the "Ancients," from its earliest incentive, was Laurence Dermott, Grand Secretary, and afterward Grand Master. "Dermott was greatly lacking in charity and mildness, two characteristics which Masons are always expected to possess; but in intellectual attainments he was head and shoulders above his contemporaries, and was far in advance of the age in his appreciation of the philosophical character of the Masonic institution." To him we owe the establishment of English Royal Arch Masonry, which was finally recognized by his opponents

in 1813. "It is hardly now a question that the change effected by him in the organization of the York Rite in 1740 has been of evident advantage to the service of Masonic symbolism."—*Mackay.*

The Provincial Grand Lodge of New York having received its charter from the Athol ("Ancient") Grand Lodge of England, the Royal Arch System was received with it as a matter of course. But in those early times the degree was conferred upon Masters of Lodges only, and in exceptional cases—by a Dispensation of the Grand Master—on those who had attained some special prominence in or out of the Craft.

In the year 1771 there was born in Boston, Mass., one who was destined should cause not only a complete separation of the Royal Arch Degrees from the control of Symbolic Lodges, but who also enlarged and elaborated the system as we now practise it in the United States—Thomas Smith Webb.

"No name in Masonry is more familiar to the American Mason than that of Webb, who was really the inventor and founder of the system of work which, under the name of the American Rite, is universally practised in the United States."—*Mackay.* Through Webb's influence a Grand Chapter was formed in Albany, N. Y., March 14, 1798. This was organized in accordance with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter which had been formed in the New England States the previous year, of which Webb was the prime mover. As will be seen by copied proceedings of the Grand Chapter, the representation at this first session was very meagre, especially from the city of New York, where two Chapters were located, each of greater importance than Hibernian Chapter, the only one represented, viz.: Old, or Ancient, and Washington Chapters.



THOMAS SMITH WEBB.

One of Webb's most zealous supporters in the organization of the Grand Chapter was John Hanmer, who came to Albany from England in 1793, and was no doubt thoroughly familiar with the Royal Arch lectures. The two Lodges of Master Masons then located in Albany, viz., Masters' Lodge and Union Lodge, had received their Charters from the English "Modern" Grand Lodge, and therefore would not submit to the authority of the Athol ("Ancient") Grand Lodge, which had become the head of the Craft in New York State in 1781. Webb and Hanmer, with others, desiring to have a Lodge in Albany in which the Royal Arch Degrees could be conferred, therefore applied to the Grand Lodge for a warrant, which was granted in 1796, and a Lodge bearing the name of "Temple" was formed. Ezra Ames, for many years the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of this State, was one of the signers of the petition.

In order that the reader may have a clearer idea of the beginning of the Grand Body under whose authority Jerusalem Chapter now works, extracts from the proceedings are herewith given:

TEMPLE LODGE ROOM,
ALBANY, N. Y., March 14, 1798.

Agreeably to the sixth article of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Northern States of America, the following Royal Arch Masons from their several Royal Arch Chapters within this State, being duly assembled in conformity to said Constitution, viz.:

Comp. Samuel Edmonds, Jun., H. P.
" Thomas Frothingham, K.
" John Hanmer, H. P., Temple Chapter.
" Gideon Fairman, K., Temple Chapter.
" Sabastian Vischer, S., Temple Chapter.
" Caleb B. Merrill, H. P., Horeb Chapter.
" Jedediah Sanger, K., Horeb Chapter.

Comp. George Kasseck, S., Horeb Chapter.
" Thomas Smith Webb (proxy), Hibernian Chapter.
" Daniel Hale, Jun., H. P., Montgomery Chapter.
" Ashbel Meacham, K., Montgomery Chapter.

The above named Companions produced their respective authorities from their several Chapters, and proceeded as follows:

For the more effectual purpose of promoting harmony and regularity, and in conformity to ancient usage, the Companions present found it necessary to elect a Chairman and Secretary, whereupon Companion Thomas Frothingham was unanimously chosen Chairman, and Companion Sabastian Vischer, Secretary.

The Constitution was read by Companion Thomas Smith Webb, and in conformity to the eighth section thereof it was unanimously

Resolved, That this Committee proceed to the choice of officers for the government of this Deputy Grand Chapter.

The following Companions were regularly chosen by ballot, viz.:

Comp. DeWitt Clinton, Deputy Grand High Priest.
" Thomas Frothingham, Deputy Grand King.
" Jedediah Sanger, Deputy Grand Scribe.
" John Hanmer, Deputy Grand Secretary.
" Ami Rogers, Deputy Grand Chaplain.
" Thomas S. Webb, Deputy Grand Treasurer.
" John C. TenBroeck, Deputy Grand Marshal.
" Benjamin Whipple, Deputy Grand Sentinel.
" Isaac Sturges, Deputy Grand Tiler.

Companion Frothingham being the oldest High Priest present, proceeded to install the Deputy Grand High Priest elect; which being done, the Deputy Grand High Priest installed all the officers elect that were present; all of which was done in ancient form and with due decorum.

After the installation our Most Illustrious Companion DeWitt Clinton, Deputy Grand High Priest, delivered a very pathetic and affectionate address on the laudability of this institution, and the necessity of adopting the same.



DeWitt Clinton

The Deputy Grand Chapter was then opened in ample form.

Motion was made and seconded, that a Committee be chosen to draft a code of By-Laws for the government of this Chapter, which was unanimously agreed to, and the following Companions were appointed for that purpose:

Comp. John Hanmer,
" Samuel Edmonds,
" Caleb B. Merrill,
" Thomas S. Webb,
" Daniel Hale, Jr.

Chapter was closed in due form until next morning, and then to be opened precisely at ten o'clock.

" By order of the Deputy Grand High Priest."

The foregoing are the minutes of the first day's session.

The Grand Chapter assembled in Albany for its second annual session January 29, 1799.

The minutes of this session state that a " Dispensation was granted to several Royal Arch Masons to hold a Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of Jerusalem Chapter, and for which the Chapter paid fees amounting to $40."

Jerusalem Chapter is not mentioned in the minutes of the various sessions of the Grand Chapter held from this time forward, until the session of 1803, when the following resolution was adopted:

" To appoint a Committee to wait on the proxies appointed by Jerusalem and Hibernian Chapters, of New York, to request them to pay the moneys in their hands into the Grand Treasury." (These proxies were not held by members of said Chapters.)

It was the manifest design of the Grand Chapter that Royal Arch Masonry should be a ritualistic body, as the following report of a committee testifies:

"The Committee charged by the Grand Chapter at the last session to provide the respective Grand Officers with suitable dresses, submit the following:

"I. The garments of the Most Excellent H. P., which, if entire, should consist of three coats, and two girdles or sashes, viz.:

"1st. The under coat, to be made of fine white linen or striped dimity, covering the body from neck to feet, narrow to the waist, then widening gradually to the border, with narrow sleeves, etc., etc. Around this a girdle or sash ought to go, of four fingers in breadth and of sufficient length, made of fine white linen, hollow inside throughout, and, as far as it may be, exposed to sight, to be ingeniously embroidered with crimson, purple, and azure.

"2d. The middle coat to reach from the neck to a little below the knees, sufficiently wide so as to show numbers of plaits, to be made of light blue. Around its broad hem are to be placed alternately small silver bells and globules in the shape of pomegranates, covered with crimson, azure, and purple. The number of each ought not to be less than twenty-five. In lieu of the bells, pomegranates may altogether be put on it.

"3d. The upper coat must reach from the neck down to nine inches below the hips, without sleeves. This should be made of a rich brocade, interwoven with gold and silver thread and spangles. Unto this is incorporated the upper girdle or sash, four fingers in breadth, and so long as to wind round the body three times, and hang down in a handsome bow knot. This ought to be made of white silk, double, and richly embroidered with crimson, azure, and purple silk, and with thread and spangles of gold and silver. In lieu of brocade a crimson silk damask may be substituted. On the girdle the two lower corners of the breast-plate are to be fastened with silver chains, as the same is hung or fastened above.

"The dress of the Most Excellent D. G. H. P. to consist of above, similar to the High Priest; under coat with a grand girdle similar to the Most Excellent G. H. P.'s outer girdle.

"II. The garments of the excellent King should consist of

"1st. A purple mantle, or cloak, lined with white flannel, and spotted with black to resemble ermine, with a large cape covering the shoulders, made of white rabbit-skins tipped with black fur, and a broad facing of the same from the neck down to the border before, with a pair of silver clasps to fasten it.

"2d. A waistcoat of light blue silk with sleeves and small cuffs of crimson silk, with an embroidered belt or girdle of crimson silk, and a suitable buckle to it in front.

"3d. A pair of overalls considerably large, made of fine striped dimity.

"4th. A pair of boots of yellow or red morocco, bound with gold or silver lace on the top, with a tassel of the same in front.

"5th. A suitable coronet and sceptre neatly trimmed and gilded.

"III. The garment of the Scribe is to consist of a coat or gown made like the High Priest's under-coat of white linen or striped dimity, with a girdle or sash of suitable chintz, if it can be had, if not it must be linen and embroidered; his head to be bare; in his right hand holding a parchment roll.

"IV. The garments of the Secretary and Treasurer to be gowns reaching from neck to feet made of white linen, sleeves somewhat wide and drawn, with crimson silk capes, cuffs, and borders before, and their crimson sashes over them.

"V. The gown for the Chaplain ought to be made of black silk, in the shape of a Bachelor of Arts gown, with a white band and black silk girdle.

"VI. All the members having seats and votes in the Grand Chapter ought to appear in proper uniform, viz.: In plain white gowns with red sashes over them.

"VII. The Committee further beg leave to remark that the habiliments of this Grand Chapter ought to excel the dresses of all other Royal Arch Chapters in grandeur, elegance, and artfulness, wherefore neither labor nor cost ought to be spared to procure the fittest and best materials, etc."

The history of Royal Arch Masonry in New York State from the formation of the Grand Chapter in 1798 is per-

fectly clear to the student so far as it relates to the proceedings of that Grand Body. During the first four or five years the sessions of the Grand Chapter were poorly attended. The representatives were mainly from Temple, Hudson, and Horeb Chapters, located in Albany and vicinity. Webb, in his Monitor published in 1797, gives a list of the Chapters located in New York State, viz.: Old and Washington of New York City, Montgomery of Stillwater, Temple of Albany, Hudson of Hudson, and Herkimer of Herkimer. It is thus evident that Hibernian Chapter of New York City, which received its charter at the first session of the Grand Chapter, had not at that time been organized. As a matter of fact, many of the Royal Arch Masons of New York City did not entertain a high opinion of the Grand Chapter during the first few years of its existence.

The experience which Hibernian and Jerusalem Chapters had had with their proxies—two Companions then residing in Albany—was not of a kind to inspire confidence. It seems that the amount of their annual dues was appropriated by these proxies. Furthermore, the Grand Chapter had a formidable rival in the City Grand Chapter, which was formed the same year as the State Grand Chapter, viz., 1798.

When Webb sought to find Royal Arch Chapters that were willing to accede to his proposition to form one Grand Chapter which would assume authority over all subordinate Chapters he met with little favor in New York City. As before stated, two Chapters were already established here, but each declined to entertain his proposition; at least the inference is that such was the fact, and subsequent events give it the stamp of probability.

Washington Chapter—known as the Mother Chapter—had been established for twenty years or more and had as-

sumed the prerogatives of a Grand Chapter by issuing warrants to several Chapters in Connecticut and elsewhere. Old Chapter—or Ancient No. 1, as it is now known—claims a much earlier origin. The historian of the latter Chapter states that a warrant was granted it in 1763 by the Grand Lodge of England, and in view of the power thus conferred assumed the title and exercised the prerogatives of a Grand Chapter. There is no authority for this statement, for there is no record of such a warrant ever having been issued.

It is a curious fact that the card of Old Chapter was not published in the City Directory until 1796, while that of Washington Chapter and of every Blue Lodge known to have been in existence at that time were published for several years previously. During five or six years before the above date Washington Chapter is advertised as meeting "twice a year or oftener if necessary." This Chapter was not then designated by a number.

There is a tradition among the members of Phœnix Chapter that Hibernian Chapter, the name it was first known by, received a charter from Old Chapter prior to the one granted by the State Grand Chapter in 1798. This is only a tradition, however, for there is no evidence to support it as a historical fact.

The card of Hibernian Chapter does not appear in the City Directory until 1800, one year later than that of Jerusalem Chapter.

The probabilities are that Webb, on finding that he could induce neither of the two Chapters already organized to co-operate with him, hastily formed Hibernian Chapter, and succeeded in interesting DeWitt Clinton, then the Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge—and who was not in favor with the Grand Master, Robert R. Livingston, personally, politically, or masonically—to be-

come a member of the same, with the promise of being made the chief officer in the proposed new Grand Body of Royal Arch Masons. Abraham Skinner, the Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge for the next year, 1799, was at that time High Priest of Old Chapter. It is significant that Clinton failed of re-election as Grand Senior Warden in 1799, while Abraham Skinner was elected Junior Grand Warden.

The card of Old Chapter does not appear in the Directory of 1798. In its stead there is the card of a Grand Chapter with the name of Abraham Skinner as Grand High Priest. The Grand Chapter met at the same place as Old Chapter did the previous year—No. 87 Fair Street. This form of advertisement was kept up until 1802, when two cards appear, viz., one for Ancient Chapter No. 1 and another for the Grand Chapter as heretofore. From this, and from extracts from the proceedings of the State Grand Chapter, which are referred to later, it will be seen that there were two distinct camps of Royal Arch Masons in this city—Ancient and Washington Chapters comprising one, and Hibernian and Jerusalem Chapters the other.

The historian of Ancient Chapter again states that "several Chapters were chartered by it as a Grand Chapter, known as Independent, Rising Sun, Fredonia, and Washington, and that no trace of these Chapters can be found after 1804." This is mostly conjecture. It is evident that Washington Chapter did not receive its charter from Ancient No. 1, and it was in existence as late as 1811. Rising Sun Chapter may have received its charter from that source, for the said Chapter applied for admission to Jerusalem Chapter in 1804, but its terms were not acceptable to our members, and it later received a warrant from the State Grand Chapter. Fredonia Chapter was undoubtedly chartered by Ancient No. 1, or more

properly the City Grand Chapter, for a Chapter bearing a similar name was granted a warrant by the State Grand Chapter in 1807, and it is stated in the minutes that this Chapter was formerly under the jurisdiction of Ancient . . . Chapter. This is the date of the admission of Ancient and Washington Chapters into the fraternal union which was begun at Albany nine years before.

It is a pity that the minutes of Ancient Chapter previous to 1827 have been lost or destroyed. It has been seen that it is older than the present Grand Chapter, how much older we are unable to determine.

Washington Chapter ceased to exist after 1812, and Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, has only its old charter, dated 1798, which was issued to Hibernian Chapter, No. 3—and of which Chapter it is the legal successor—to show the actual date of its birth. This old charter of Phœnix Chapter has had two erasures, one of its name and another of its number. The earliest minutes of this Chapter now extant are dated December 21, 1822. The Chapter had been dormant for some time previously, and was about to have its charter annulled when it was revived by several members of Jerusalem Chapter, who for some unknown reason withdrew from the Chapter that year.

This meeting of Phœnix Chapter, which assembled December 21, 1822, was held under a Dispensation from the Deputy Grand High Priest. The first business was receiving the propositions of six Companions, late of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8. They were immediately elected to membership without fee. An election of officers for the ensuing year was then held, and these six Companions were elected, respectively, to the offices of High Priest, King, Scribe, Secretary, Captain of the Host, and Royal Arch Captain. The actual beginning of Jerusalem Chapter is shrouded in mystery. That the Chapter was organized before 1799 is

evident from the language used in the opening minutes, wherein it states that "a brother was elected to receive the degrees whose name had been proposed some time previous." The Chapter is particularly fortunate in having not only its old charter, which is precisely in the same condition as when it was first issued—barring the "sere and yellow leaf" color of its parchment—but also its minutes, which are practically intact from 1799 to date. There is a small hiatus of two years—viz., 1818–19—during which time there is little to show what happened.

The card of Jerusalem Chapter, published in the City Directory for 1799, gives a complete list of the officers and states that the Chapter meets at No. 3 Slote Lane. In perusing the early minutes one will observe that the Chapter was always opened on the Mark Degree, during which the regular business was transacted. There were Lodges, known as Mark Lodges, which conferred that degree only. Candidates from such Lodges were received for the subsequent degrees in the Chapter.

The Excellent Master's Degree was the same as that now known as the Past Masters' Degree. It was not deemed necessary that masters of "Blue" Lodges should receive this degree, and it was sometimes referred to as the Chair Master's Degree.

"The Most Excellent Master's Degree as now practised was the invention of Thomas Smith Webb, and is peculiarly American, for to this day it is practised in no other country."—*Mackay.*

The Royal Arch Degree was practically the same as now, the true symbolism of the degree having been practised by the "Ancients" in England for many years previously. Some have thought by the word "Royal" in the title of the Capitular Rite, or by calling it the "Royal Art," that the brethren still cling to monarchical forms

in a country which has thrown off the monarchical yoke. But the word "Royal" in connection with Freemasonry does not mean anything pertaining to a family, an office, or a system. It goes farther back and simply uses the word in its true meaning. "If ye fulfil the royal law according to the Scriptures—Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself—ye do well."

It has been the aim of the best minds of those who have from time to time graced the rolls of the Chapter to put this Royal Law into practice. How well they have succeeded will be found in the pages which follow this introduction.

CHAPTER I.

1799

John E. West, High Priest

Jerusalem Chapter began work under the most auspicious circumstances. It had regularly received its charter, paid its quota to the Grand Chapter, and started the noble and glorious work of making Royal Arch Masons under the new régime which in time was to grow to magnificent proportions in the jurisdiction of this great Empire State.

By-laws for its government were adopted at an early meeting. Unfortunately these were not recorded in the minute-book, and there are no means of knowing their contents.

The regular *meetings,* as they were called, not *convocations* as now termed, were to be held on the first Wednesday in each month. Those of February, March, April, July, November, and December are fully recorded. The leaves containing, most likely, the minutes of the May and June meetings have been loosened or torn from the minute-book and lost. In July the Chapter voted to call off until October, but it failed to meet again until November. The annual election occurred at the regular meeting in December. The minute-book contains the records of six regular and five "extra" meetings held during the first year.

It is recorded in the minutes of the July meeting that "Companion Gordon presented a petition signed by a

number of Royal Arch Masons praying Jerusalem Chapter to recommend them to the *State Grand Chapter* in order to obtain a warrant to hold a Royal Arch Chapter, but after some observations from the Chapter he requested 'that the petition might lie over for some short time.'" It is not known where these Companions hailed from, possibly they were members from the two Chapters then meeting in the city who would not give allegiance to the State Grand Chapter. The matter did not come up again, which perhaps disgruntled Companion Gordon so that he withdrew from the Chapter the following year. It is curiously stated in the minutes of November 6th, "The M. E. H. P. proceeded to open the Chapter with the usual Solemnities and Ancient Customs. The Chapter being opened, the business commenced with the Installation of the M. E. H. P." Who installed him is not stated, and the reason why the installation was postponed until that late day does not appear.

At this same meeting Companion John Hanmer, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, was elected an honorary member.

About this time a committee was received from Hibernian Chapter who made the request "that their Chapter be permitted to meet in the same room." At a subsequent meeting it was unanimously agreed that the committee appointed to confer with the Committee from Hibernian Chapter with reference to giving them the privilege of meeting in the same room, "that the Committee should be invested with full powers to treat, and agree, with Hibernian Chapter on the best possible terms, for the *good of Jerusalem Chapter.*"

There must have been a Mark Lodge working in conjunction with the Chapter, with a separate set of officers, for it is recorded in the December minutes: "On motion

of our Worshipful Master, that the officers of the Mark Lodge remain as last year, it was unanimously agreed to."

At an "Extra Meeting," held Wednesday, December 18, 1799, the officers were elected and installed, but the installing officer is not named.

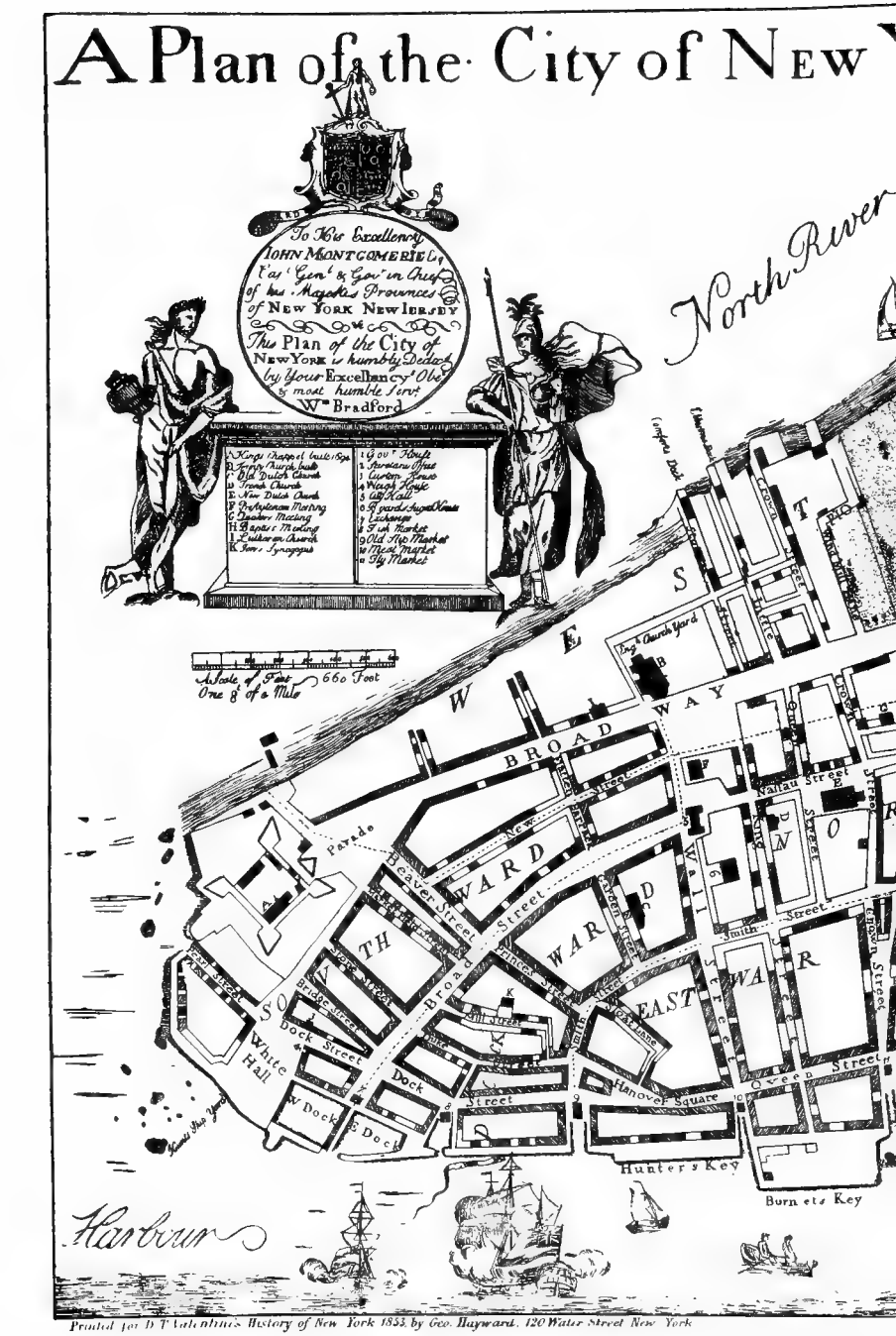
It is recorded that "M. E. Thomas Waring being High Priest, a charge was delivered by him to the respective officers concerning their official cappacities."

A charge was also delivered by him to a newly exalted candidate—"which done him much honor in his new exalted office."

At the close of this meeting, the minutes state, "It was unanimously agreed we dine on the first day of January next in company with Hibernian Chapter in our Chapter Room."

The first annual return to the Grand Chapter contains the names of fourteen charter members, ten of whom were exalted during the year, and one rejected candidate.

It is interesting to know how many branches of business were represented in the occupations of the charter members, not one of whom was a professional man. It is not to be inferred from this that men in professional life did not seek the fraternity. Robert R. Livingston, Jacob Morton, and DeWitt Clinton were prominent examples of the lawyer in Masonry at the close of the last century; Livingston being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Clinton the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and Jacob Morton the first presiding officer of Knights Templar. It so happened that our charter members were all engaged in the simpler pursuits of life: West was a builder, Waring a hosier, Stewart a ship chandler, Kennedy, Holmes, and Rodgers merchants, Stevenson a mariner, Williams a carpenter, Archer a tailor, Burtsell a stationer, Carr a butcher, and Gordon a silversmith, Fryatt and Cheetham kept



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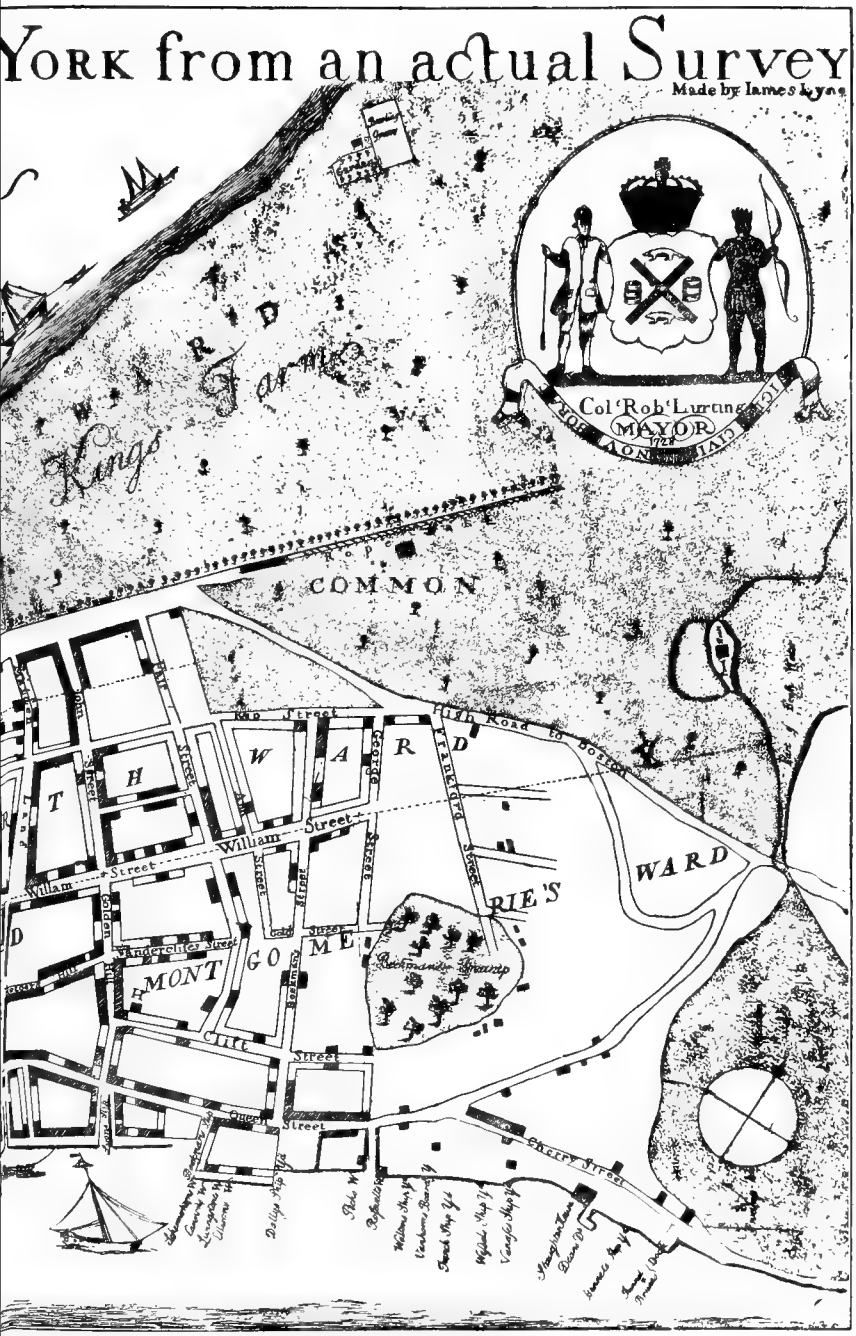


City before 1799.

porter-houses, and John Douglass, the treasurer, kept a tavern, where the Chapter held its meetings. The only "gentleman of leisure," among the first members, was Peter C. Schuyler. He lived at No. 46 Broad Street.

Slote or Sloat Lane, where the Chapter held its earliest meetings, led from William Street opposite Beaver, and, turning to the right, terminated in Pearl Street at Hanover Square. *Vide* City Directory. This lane now comprises a part of Beaver Street and a part of Hanover Street. The meeting-place chosen by the Chapter was convenient to the residences of the most if not all the members. The thickly settled portion of the city was then south of Wall Street. Few business places were to be found above that now famous thoroughfare, and the residences that were then north of it were scattering. This was before the new City Hall was even contemplated, and the Commons, from which was chosen later a site for this beautiful structure, was then considered well out into the country.

The humble tavern, kept by Companion John Douglass, was poorly adapted for the rendition of the mysteries contained in our Royal Art, and as the members gathered around the log fire of a winter's night and by aid of the dim light of the tallow dip gazed into each other's faces, they little dreamed that their weak attempt to shed forth the splendid illumination of Royal Arch Masonry would reach the magnificent proportions which it has since attained.

Primitive, indeed, were these efforts of our first Companions, but the daily doings of the people were at that time in nearly as primitive a state as they had been for centuries. Not one of the great latter-day inventions was then hardly dreamed of. Lighting by gas and electricity,

motive by steam-power, coal for fuel, the telephone and telegraph, and the thousand and one things which have since been devised to contribute to the comfort and safety of life, were then unknown.

In view of their environment and limited means, the fathers of our institution are entitled to our undying gratitude for their faithful endeavors in promulgating the noble and glorious work in which we are now engaged.

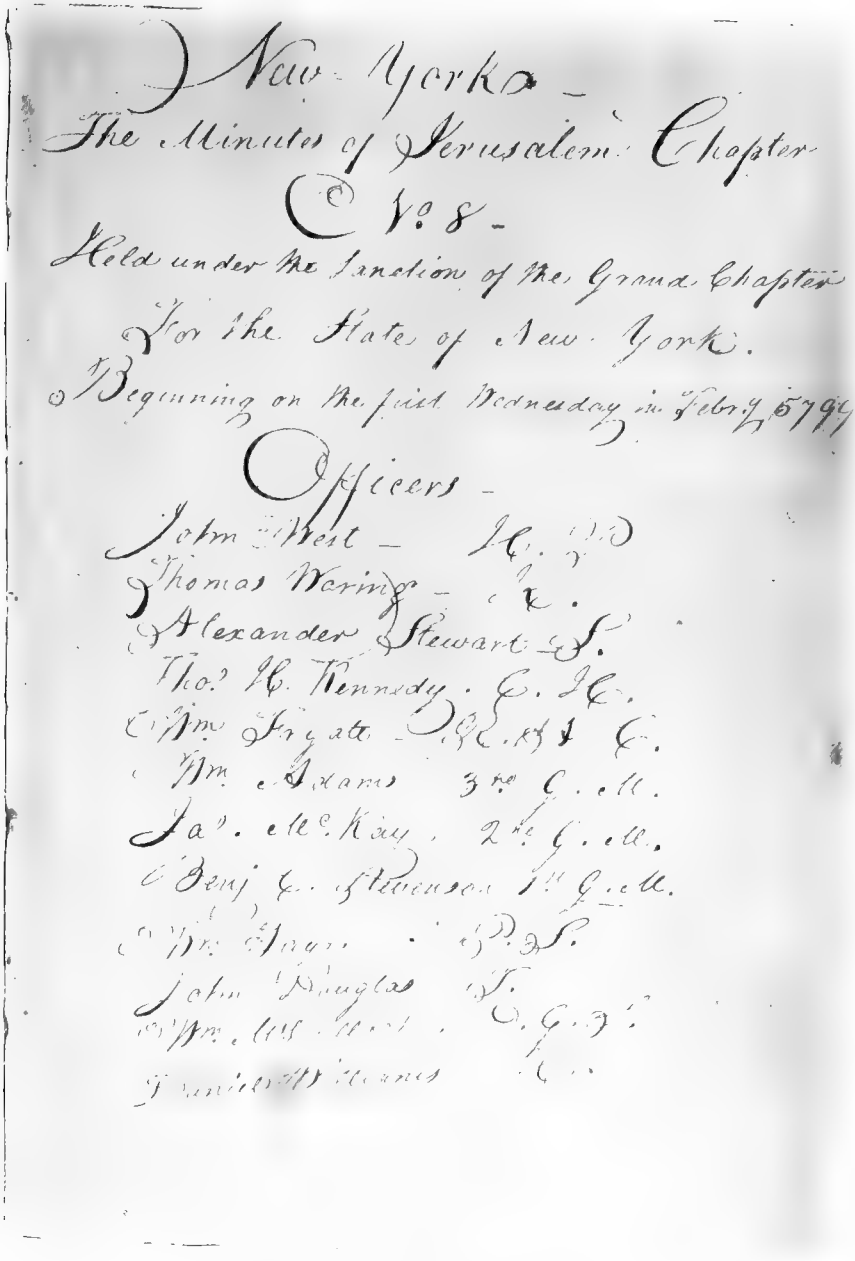
The little that is known of Companion West, the first High Priest, is recorded here. He lived at No. 236 Greenwich Street, and was by occupation a builder, which would seem to be an appropriate calling for the Companion selected as the first presiding officer of the Chapter.

He was Secretary of Hiram Lodge, No. 7, in 1799. The greater number of the charter members of the Chapter hailed from that Lodge.

He continued an active member of the Chapter for many years. He served on the Standing Committee; was elected Principal Sojourner in 1802; Master of the 2d Vail in 1806; and the following year was elected Grand King of the Grand Chapter at Albany.

He was also an active Knight Templar, having been Grand Master of St. Peter's Encampment of K. T. in 1799.

How long he continued a member of Jerusalem Chapter is not known. He paid dues as late as October 5, 1819.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No 8 —
Held under the Sanction of the Grand Chapter
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Thomas Waring — K.
Alexander Stewart — S.
Tho.s H. Kennedy. C. H.
Wm. Frigate — P.S. & C.
Wm. Evans 3d C. of H.
Ja.s. McKay, 2d C. of H.
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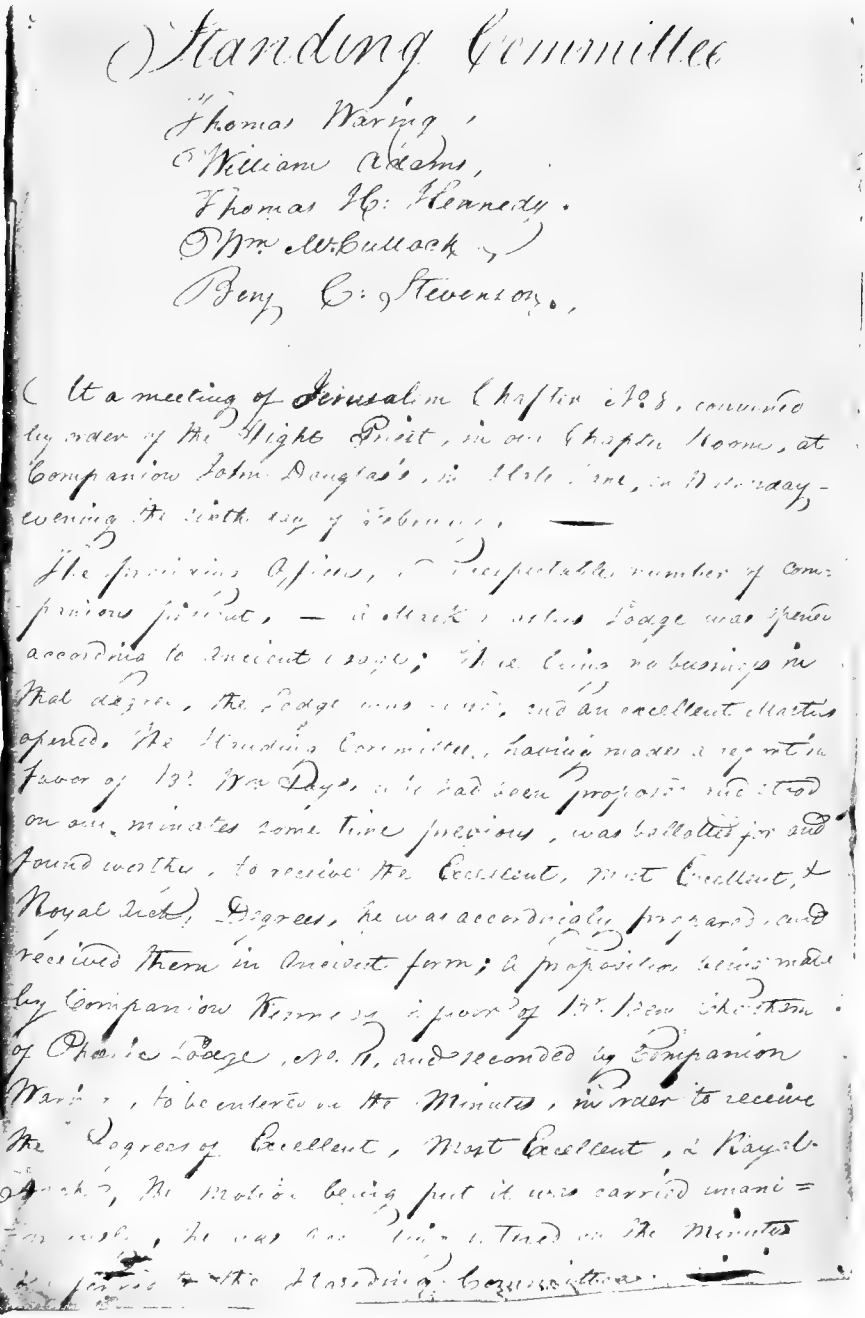

Standing Committee

Thomas Waring,
William Adams,
Thomas H. Kennedy.
Wm. McCulloch,
Benj. C. Stevenson.

At a meeting of Jerusalem Chapter No. 8, convened by order of the High Priest, in our Chapter Rooms, at Companion John Douglas's, in Hall-lane, on Monday evening the sixth day of February, —

The previous Offices, a respectable number of companions present, — a Chapter was opened according to ancient usage; there being no business in that degree, the Lodge was closed, and an excellent Master opened. The Standing Committee, having made a report in favor of Bro. Wm. Day, who had been proposed and stood on our minutes some time previous, was balloted for and found worthy, to receive the Excellent, Most Excellent, & Royal Arch Degrees, he was accordingly prepared, and received them in ancient form; a proposition being made by Companion Kennedy, a past Z. of Phoenix Lodge, No. 9, and seconded by Companion Waring, to be entered on the Minutes, in order to receive the Degrees of Excellent, Most Excellent, & Royal Arch, the ballot being put it was carried unanimously, he was duly elected and Signed on the Minutes [illegible] the Standing Committee.

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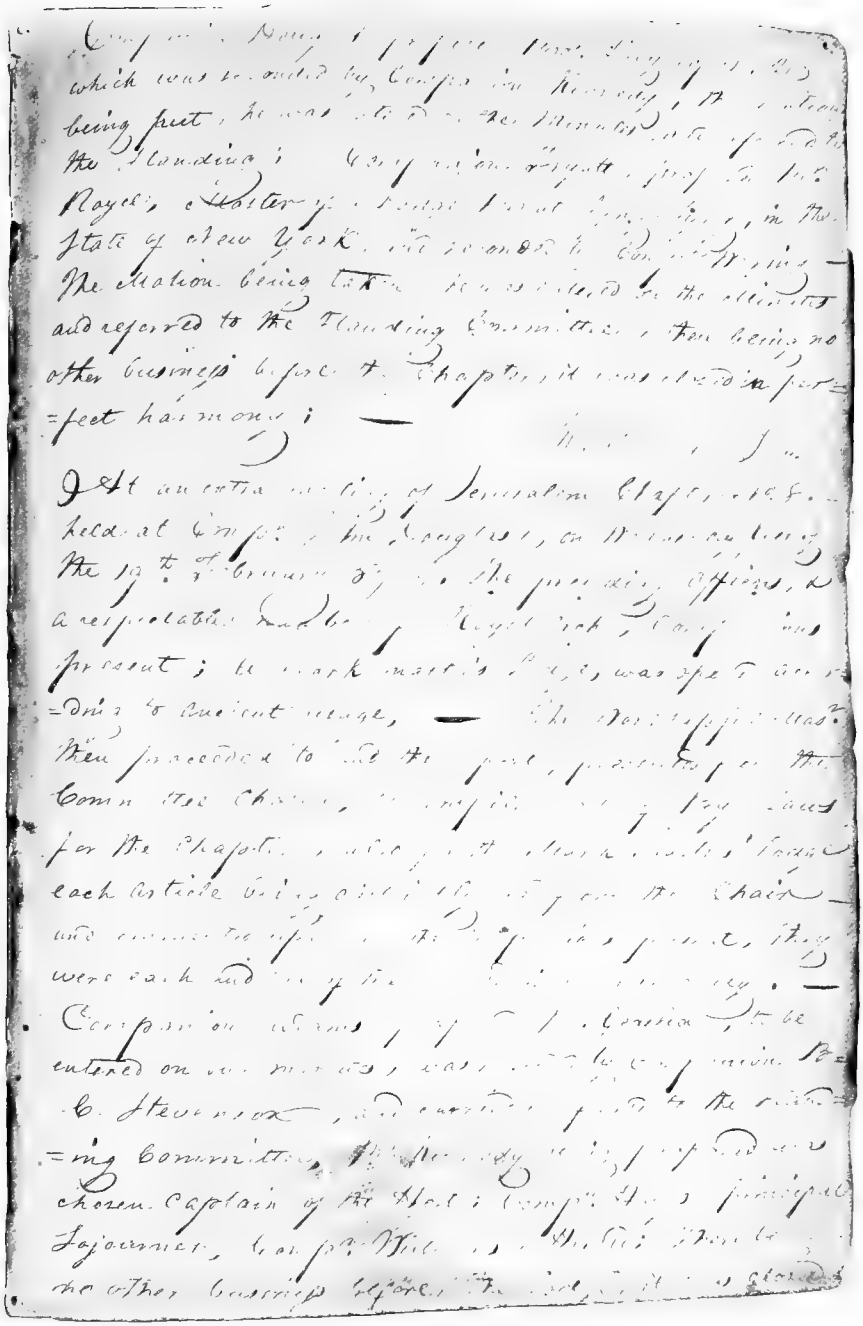

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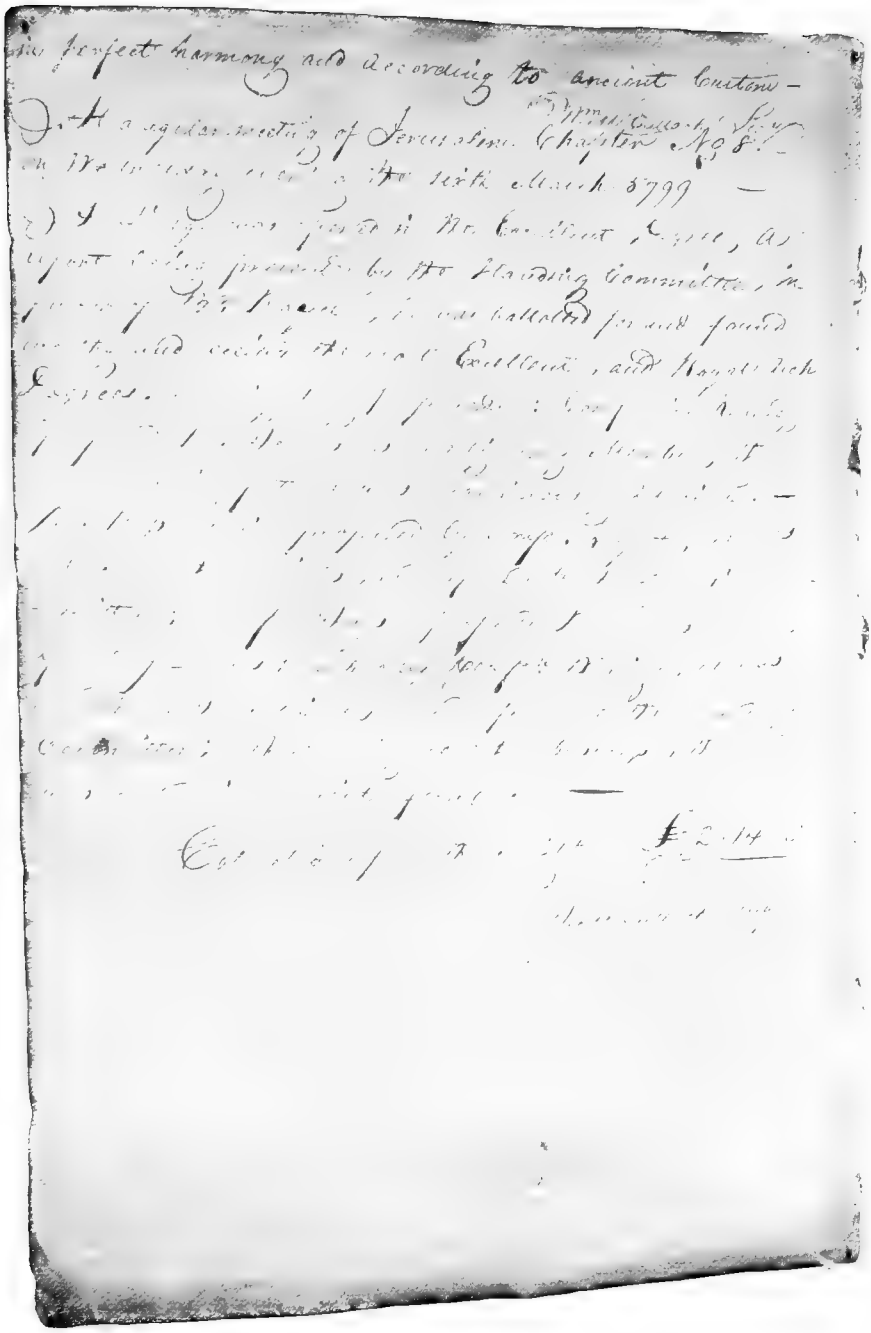

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CHAPTER II.

1800–1801

Thomas Waring, High Priest

The meetings of 1800 were held quite regularly. Twelve in all were convened, three of them being "extras." At the April meeting three candidates were rejected, which so wrought upon the feelings of the members that "Companion Kennedy (the Scribe of the Chapter) gave notice that he would (on the next Regular) bring forward the following motion," viz.: "'that if a brother proposed to the Chapter for exaltation and be balloted for, and there should appear one Black Ball against the Candidate, the Companion so Black Balling shall give his reasons for so doing; on refusal, the Black Ball to be counted of non-effect.'" This motion was adopted at the next regular meeting and remained in force for a number of years.

At the last meeting in 1800, the old century was closed by re-electing all of the principal officers to serve the first year of the new century.

The meetings this year were held regularly throughout the summer, but no "extra" meetings were called. The newly elected Secretary, Companion Samuel Howlett, started out with a great flourish of penmanship, but failed to fulfil his duties after the September meeting, and although re-elected in 1802 he never recorded the minutes of another meeting, and left the city early in 1802.

Nothing of importance occurred during the last year of Companion Waring's administration.

The years 1800 and 1801 are notable ones in the history of Freemasonry in New York State. The first saw the close of the long and brilliant rule of Grand Master Robert R. Livingston over the Grand Lodge, and the latter brought to an end the reign of DeWitt Clinton as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. Undoubtedly the growth and the influence of Royal Arch Masonry were more or less retarded by the opposition that these two great men always had for each other. At first Clinton had little influence in the Grand Lodge, and although elected Grand Senior Warden for one year, he did not receive advancement. On the other hand, Clinton and his adherents dominated the affairs of the Grand Chapter. Whatever sympathy Livingston had for Royal Arch Masonry was probably given to the *City Grand Chapter*, of which Abraham Skinner, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge, was the Grand High Priest. At any rate this lack of unanimity among those who had received the Capitular degrees no doubt deterred many Master Masons from seeking admission to the Royal Craft who otherwise would have done so.

From 1801 to 1803 the yellow fever was prevalent in New York City. Mayor Edward Livingston, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, was very attentive to the sufferers. He lost his fortune, and nearly his life, through his devotion to this cause.

Companion Waring, our second High Priest, was a man of ability and character. The minutes heretofore recorded, briefly refer to his ability. He was not particularly prominent in the Craft and apparently confined his Masonic work to the subordinate Lodge and Chapter. He was Master of Hiram Lodge No. 7 in 1799, and for several years thereafter. After the retirement of Companion John Douglass as Treasurer, in 1801, Companion Waring was elected to succeed him and served in that office six years. He retained his membership in the Chap-

ter until January 28, 1824, when he was suspended for non-payment of dues.

This action by the Chapter was unfortunate to say the least. The amount owed by Companion Waring was only five dollars, and he claimed the Chapter owed him this sum for carriage hire incurred at the funeral of Companion John Utt, Secretary of the Chapter, who died in 1822. To take such summary action against one who had served the Chapter in its highest and most responsible position, and who was the only living charter member, seems unjustifiable, and contrary to the teachings of Freemasonry.

Companion Waring was the first of the many old merchants of New York whose names have graced the rolls of the Chapter. He was a hosier, and kept shop at No. 104 Broadway.

Companion John Douglass, Companion Waring's predecessor in the office of Treasurer, was something of a character. He was " mine host " of the Chapter, and kept the tavern at No. 3 Slote Lane, where the Chapter held its meetings. From all accounts, he provided generously for the entertainment of the members, and when he *moved into the country, i.e.,* Corlears Hook, in 1801, the Chapter owed him a large amount of money, which probably was never liquidated. His son was admitted to the Chapter later on, his fee being credited to the Chapter debt legacy which his father left him.

CHAPTER III.

1802–1803

Alexander M. Stewart, High Priest

Twelve regular and three extra meetings were held in 1802.

About this time the Chapter found itself in financial difficulties, although candidates for membership were plentiful. It was therefore moved "that a Committee be appointed to investigate the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer." The motion was adopted, and it was found that the Chapter owed £131, with only £30 8*s.* 0*d.* in hand. (This was before the decimal computation of our currency had become to be in general use.) This amount of indebtedness was not so large as it seems, for the York pound, like the well-known York shilling, was only about one-half the amount of the English computation for those sums.

There was also found to be due from members £54 5*s.* 7*d.* This investigation caused the Chapter no great concern, for the money was all owed to Thomas Waring, John Douglass, and one or two other members.

At the annual election in 1802 it was voted "to elect officers by a show of hands for that evening only." Companion Stewart was re-elected High Priest.

In 1803 only seven regular meetings and two "extra" meetings were held. An effort was made early in the year to establish fraternal relations with Old and Washington Chapters, who were not then in union with the Grand

Chapter, but nothing came of it, and the Chapter was later rebuked for its action by the Grand Chapter.

Companion Stewart, the third High Priest of the Chapter, was a ship chandler. He carried on business at No. 68 Wall Street. He was active in Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery, being at this time Captain-General of St. Peter's Encampment, K. T. The last edition of the By-laws incorrectly states that he died in 1802. He was re-elected High Priest of the Chapter in 1805. He was the first of its members to represent the Chapter at the Grand Chapter sessions. He was elected Captain of the Host in 1808, and Treasurer in 1809. There is no record of his death or withdrawal. He was living although not a member of the Chapter as late as 1821.

CHAPTER IV.

1804

Thomas Daniel, High Priest

At the August meeting this year twelve Companions applied for affiliation on the following conditions, viz.: that they be allowed to join at about one-half the regular fee, and they further made a stipulation that before they completed their membership the Chapter was to free itself entirely from debt. The prayer of the petitioners was denied, although the records do not state which of the conditions imposed was most distasteful. This thrifty company of twelve was known as Rising Sun Chapter, but its rays did not emanate from the true Sun of the Craft, and were soon extinguished.

Companion Thomas Daniel, our fourth High Priest, was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter in 1802. He served as Secretary—or Deputy Scribe, as the office was then called—in 1803 with marked faithfulness and ability, which gave promise for a brilliant administration as High Priest, but the Grand High Priest of the Universe called him from labor to refreshment early in April, and the Chapter experienced its first great sorrow. Companion Daniel must have been exceedingly popular to have been advanced so rapidly. The City directories of 1802, 1803, and 1804 do not contain his name, therefore his occupation cannot be given.

At the June meeting, Companion Stewart was unanimously chosen to fill the unexpired term. This, perhaps, was the right thing to do at the time, although a better way has since been learned.

CHAPTER V.

1805

Alexander M. Stewart, High Priest

Ten regular and four extra meetings were held this year. At the April meeting an agreement was entered into between Jerusalem, Hibernian, and Rising Sun Chapters, whereby the property of the first two Chapters was to be jointly owned by the three Chapters on payment of $159.23 on the part of Rising Sun Chapter, which sum was to be divided equally between Jerusalem and Hibernian Chapters, and as half-cents were then in circulation there was no necessity for drawing lots to see which Chapter should have the odd cent.

The inventory of said property, and the way it is recorded, will be interesting to some of the readers of this history:

INVENTORY

"East. Screen of Columns, Cornice &c., Steps, Platforms &c. supporting the same, Curtains and Hangings thereto: two antient Caps carved in wood, railing in front and hanging thereto, Cushion, Bible, Maul. Surplice. P. M. Jewel, Silver square, large Sopha, 3rd. 2nd. and 1st. vails with hangings, sashes, curtain rods &c., Sundry dresses for the 3 first officers, wardrobe, Silver key, Silver pen and 2 Silver rules.

"West. Platform, 2 Columns with a vase on each, Canopy with hangings thereunto, 3 Figures and Brackets, Glass

Chandelier, S. W. Jewel & Truncheon, 4 Lamps, 5 Swords, a wire fender & 3 pair morocco slippers.

" South. Steps, Railing and Truncheon, Hangings, J. W. Jewel & ribbon, 2 triangular Tables, Brass Squares for M. Degrees, 2 Deacons Rods, Crowbar, Pickax and Shovel, China, Brass Candelsticks as fixed to preparing room. Hat & Caps, Compasses & Seats."

At the June meeting a motion was adopted " that all members of this Chapter who are in arrears for three months have notice from the Secretary that unless the dues that each respectively owes is not discharged on the next regular meeting their names will be struck off the book, and they no longer be considered as members, and a report of the same be made to the different Chapters of this city and to the Grand Chapter." This was easier said than done, and nothing came of the resolution.

CHAPTER VI.

1806–1807–1808

Thomas Lownds, High Priest

Freemasonry in all its branches was at this time in a generally prosperous condition throughout the State. At the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1806 DeWitt Clinton was elected Grand Master, which gave new impetus to Symbolic Masonry. The Grand Chapter, under the wise rule of M. E. Companion Ezra Ames, was becoming a powerful body, and by a firm but tactful policy was beginning to draw to itself all who gave allegiance to the Capitular Rite. Old and Washington Chapters were still holding out against the Grand Chapter in 1806, and although some impatience was shown by the City Chapters, who were in union with the Grand Chapter, at the unyielding attitude of that Grand Body, there was no disloyalty on their part. At the February meeting in 1806 a committee was appointed to confer with committees from other Chapters and remonstrate with the General Grand Chapter against a "Law of limitation" concerning communication with members of other Chapters not under the same jurisdiction. This is an early evidence of the wisdom of governing the various branches of the Craft by a General Grand Body. The success of Royal Arch Masonry and of Knight Templarism has been largely due to this centralization of the law-making power. How many errors might have been avoided, how much less difficult would it be now for Masons to fraternize between

some of the State jurisdictions of Symbolic Masonry, if the various Grand Lodges were under the control of a General Grand Lodge. Although this form of government is not looked upon with favor by many of the Grand Lodges, with proper limitations it seems to be more in accord with the form of the civil government of the United States.

The Grand Chapter had been trying for a number of years to induce the two Chapters above mentioned to come into its fold. At the annual session in 1802 the following resolution was adopted, viz.: "That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to write to the two Chapters in New York City at present not under this jurisdiction and inform them that if they come in by the first day of September next they will rank as was mentioned in a former communication; but, if they refuse, all correspondence will be cut off from them and all Chapters under their jurisdiction." This resolution had no effect, and in 1803 a direct blow was aimed at these Chapters in the following resolution, viz.: "That all communication, either public or private, is hereby forbidden between any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, or any member of either of them, and any Chapter, Lodge, or Assembly which has not complied with Article III., Section 2, of the General Grand Constitution, or with any member or person exalted in or advanced in such illegal Chapter or Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward the said resolution to every Chapter and Mark Lodge under this jurisdiction, and also communicate it to the several Grand Chapters in the Northern States." Still the desired effect was not attained, and the case seemed so hopeless, that the Companions were prompted to make the appeal, or remonstrance, to the General Grand Chapter, as noted above.



St. John's Hall.

The high, flat-roofed building on the left was St. John's Hall, the large building on the right Tammany Hall, now the *Sun* office.

Twelve regular and ten extra meetings were held in 1807. A large number of candidates were exalted, but somehow the new influences which were governing the Chapter do not seem, at this writing, to have been altogether desirable. The old leaders appear to have been cast aside. The proceedings were less dignified. Candidates were hurriedly exalted, and the records indicate a general lowering of the tone of the Chapter. The receipts from fees and dues were large, and, strange to say, although the Chapter had a regularly elected treasurer, the entire receipts of each convocation were paid over to the High Priest and disbursed by him at his own pleasure.

On April 17, 1807, the Chapter met for the last time at No. 3 Slote Lane, and on the 22d of the same month moved into St. John's Hall. This building was located at No. 8 Frankfort Street, immediately in the rear of the present WORLD building. The Hall was four stories in height. The ground-floor contained a reading-room, a saloon, and living apartments. The second and third floors were fitted up for lodges, and were very plainly furnished, while the fourth floor was set apart for Chapter and Encampment rooms, and was highly ornate. The accompanying cut is probably as correct an illustration of the building as may be found. This new meeting-place brought the Chapter out of its environment of tavern life and trade into a situation which was then second to none in the city. The costly and splendid City Hall was rapidly nearing completion within a biscuit toss of St. John's Hall, and the lovely park, so long afterward the pride of our citizens, was being laid out. St. John's Hall, which had been set apart for the exclusive use of the Craft, was in consequence of these surroundings brought into greater prominence than it would have been in any other section of the city. The adaptability of the hall for ritualistic work was

an incentive to the Companions to develop that feature of the work, and no doubt attracted candidates and contributed largely to the growth of membership experienced at this time.

A practical illustration of the effect of the resolution with reference to the blackballing of candidates, which was passed in 1800, occurred this year. At the November meeting "Bro. E. Burrill was balloted for, and was found to have one ball against him, when the sense of the Chapter was taken whether Bro. Burrill should be admitted." As it was considered that "the Brother who Black Balled him did not give sufficient reasons for so doing, the 'Voice of the Chapter' being taken, it went in favor of Bro. Burrill being admitted."

At the March meeting it was voted that the M. E. H. P. prepare proper dresses for the Chapter, and $100 be appropriated for that purpose.

At the December meeting Companion Lownds was elected High Priest for the third time, and there was a complete change in the other offices; every position, down to Tyler, having a new occupant. Companion Waring was deposed from the Treasury after filling that office for six years.

Companion John E. Ruckle was elected Principal Sojourner, "and was allowed by the Chapter the privilege of appointing a deputy; accordingly, Francis Dubaur was by him nominated to that office."

Companion Joel Hart, the newly elected Deputy Scribe, or Secretary, had the peculiarity of recording the minutes in various styles of handwriting. Some of his minutes are written in back-hand, others in a heavy masculine chirography, still others in a delicate feminine style. This peculiarity is evidenced even in his signature, which varies in accordance with the body of the minutes. At the close

of his minutes he made use of this expression, "and the Lodge closed with characteristic affection."

The year 1808 was a specially prosperous one, not only for the Chapter but for the entire Capitular Rite in this State. The various Chapters composing it were for the first time dwelling in perfect harmony. At the annual session of the Grand Chapter in 1807, Ancient and Washington Chapters of this city were finally admitted to fellowship and given their charters. Fredonia Chapter was also instituted, making six Chapters in all in New York City. At the same time there were about twenty "Blue" Lodges in the city. There were still a few Mark Lodges, but a movement was then on foot in Chapter circles to abolish these Lodges.

In 1808, Hibernian Chapter, No. 3, which had so long fraternized with Jerusalem Chapter, petitioned the Grand Chapter to change its name to Phœnix, which was granted. The reader will understand by this explanation why no further reference is made to Hibernian Chapter in these pages.

On May 12, 1808, a resolution was adopted "that a Mark Master Mason not regularly made in a Chapter shall not be admitted to visit or be Marked in this Lodge." Heretofore they had been received and given the succeeding degrees at the usual charge, less the amount of the fee for the Mark Degree.

It was deemed unnecessary at this time to confer the Past Master's Degree, or Chair Master's Degree, as it was then termed, on regularly elected Masters of Lodges, and candidates who had served as Masters of "Blue" Lodges were not required to pay the fee for the Past Master's Degree. A resolution was adopted in 1808 which showed how well grounded the Craft was at that time in their determination to disallow participation in, or discussion of,

political subjects. A circular letter was received from the Tammany Society requesting the Chapter to join with it in interring the bones of those American citizens who had perished on board the Jersey (British) Prison ship. The Deputy Scribe was authorized to reply "that the Chapter expresses its perfect sense of the laudable and patriotic intentions of the Tammany Society, but from its being an 'uncustomary' thing for Masonic institutions to participate in political subjects, the Chapter is desirous of being excused."

The Chapter reached this conclusion even before the Grand Lodge adopted similar resolutions.

Storm-clouds must have been lowering early in 1808, or the following resolution would not have been adopted, viz.: "On motion it was resolved, *unanimously*, that the earnest thanks of the Chapter be returned to M. E. H. P. Lownds for his meritorious and constant endeavors to promote the welfare of the Chapter, and that they entertain the most exalted opinion of his Conduct, unshaken by the foul breath of Calumny, or the sinister designs of his unprincipled enemies."

The By-laws of the Chapter were revised in 1808, and it "was resolved, *unanimously*, that the Deputy Scribe be desired to notify all members that they must subscribe to the same in their own handwriting by October, or they will not after that time be considered members of the Chapter."

These By-laws were duly recorded in a special book still in possession of the Chapter.

The provisions of these By-laws are peculiar. As will be seen, some of the provisions are iron-clad and were probably not enforced on all occasions.

BY-LAWS OF JERUSALEM CHAPTER

Article I.

The regular night of meeting of this Chapter shall be the second Wednesday in every month, and at such other times as the M. E. H. P. shall, for the benefit of the Chapter, think proper; that from the first of October till the first of March the hour of meeting be at 6 o'clock, and the remaining months at 7 o'clock.

Article II.

Every Companion shall observe the strictest decorum while the Chapter is engaged, and, that, in default of this observance he conduct himself in a reprehensible and Anti-Masonic manner, it shall be the duty of the High Priest to call him to order or reprove him in what manner he may think proper; if he still persist in the improper conduct he shall be expelled for the evening and be at the mercy of the Chapter for his readmission.

Article III.

Every Companion of this Chapter shall appear in the Mark Master Masons lodge with the Mark of Distinction appertaining to that degree of Masonry, and in a Royal Arch Chapter with the several badges of his Order—and that in a determined omission of this order he shall not be allowed to perform the duties of a Royal Arch Mason in the Chapter.

Article IV.

No member shall be permitted to rise and speak more than twice on one subject without permission of the presiding officer.

Article V.

No Brother shall be permitted to visit more than once, except he be a sojourner or member of some regular Chapter in the United States.

ARTICLE VI.

Any Brother applying for initiation or as an adjoining member shall be regularly proposed and seconded on the one night of meeting, and the name of the candidate so proposed shall be, by the Secretary, handed to the Standing Committee who, having favorably reported of him—shall be balloted for on the next night, and two black balls shall exclude his admission; it, however, shall be discretionary with the presiding officer to send the ballots round again to ascertain if the black balls were put in through mistake—should he be admitted he shall pay on the night of his exaltation or admission the necessary fees or, upon inability to do so, he shall give a promissory note to the secretary for the amount, but not to exceed in time three months after his admission.

ARTICLE VII.

All committees not exceeding three shall be appointed by the presiding officer.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Standing Committee shall be appointed at the annual election of officers, and shall consist of five persons whose duty shall be to scrupulously inquire into the character, abilities, and profession of all candidates for exaltation in the Chapter, and to make faithful reports of the same in writing. Such candidate or candidates shall not be balloted for till the report of the Committee shall have been read to and considered by the Chapter. It shall be their further duty to inspect the books of the Treasurer and Secretary, to supervise the finances, to report the state of the funds half yearly, to superintend the necessary preparations for the meeting of the Chapter and to observe that the Tyler keep the room clean and in good order, a report signed by three of said committee shall be considered sufficient.

ARTICLE IX.

No Past High Priest shall be elected to the office of High Priest to preside over the Chapter, nor shall a Companion be elected to the functions of High Priest more than two consecutive years.

ARTICLE X.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a regular list of the members and minutes of all the transactions of this Chapter which are proper to be committed to writing—that he shall collect all moneys due the Chapter and pay the same into the hands of the Treasurer, that he shall transmit a written notification to every newly admitted Companion respectfully requesting his attendance at the next meeting of the Chapter, and that he shall send a written notice of the night of meeting to every Companion.

ARTICLE XI.

It shall be the duty of the Scribe of the Chapter to superintend all the minutes and vouchers of the Secretary, and to aid and assist him in his office if requested.

ARTICLE XII.

The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all moneys collected by him on account of the Chapter, he shall keep exact accounts of the same and duly pay all orders drawn upon him by the authority of the Chapter; he shall keep regular entries both of receipts and disbursements, and have his books and vouchers always ready for examination when called upon for that purpose by the authority of the Chapter.

ARTICLE XIII.

It shall be the duty of the Tyler—who must be correct in his principles and of unimpeachable character—to keep the Chapter and rooms appertaining to it in good order, and to

make every necessary preparation for the meeting of the Chapter; he shall be peculiarly careful not to admit any person—even a member, without the consent of the presiding officer, and that it shall be his position and indispensable duty to prevent the admission of any companion into the Chapter that may appear in a state of inebriation—he shall regularly serve all summonses immediately on receiving them from the Secretary, to the Companion they may be directed to—that the said Tyler shall be paid one dollar per night for Tyling the Chapter and serving its summonses, and also one dollar for every Companion that shall be exalted in the Chapter, and fifty cents for every adjoining member.

Article XIV.

Each Companion shall subscribe twenty-five cents per month to defray the necessary expenses of the Chapter, and twelve and one-half cents per quarter as Grand Chapter dues; that a majority of Companions present on regular night of meeting can relinquish the payment of the above dues, save those of the Grand Chapter, and that in the same manner the payment can be again instituted when found necessary.

Article XV.

The foregoing Article shall not affect members residing in the country or being distant above seven miles from the Chapter; they shall be bound to pay the Grand Chapter dues only.

Article XVI.

Persons exalted in the Chapter on an extra night of meeting shall be considered as members equally with those exalted on a regular night.

Article XVII.

A default of the payment of dues for three months (unless a reasonable excuse be offered) shall prevent a companion enjoying the rights and privileges appertaining to this Chapter.

Article XVIII.

Any Companion intending to withdraw himself from the Chapter and requesting a certificate shall pay three dollars for the same to the Secretary on delivery, he must also send in his written resignation addressed to the Secretary, or, notwithstanding his absence, he will be considered as a member of the Chapter.

Article XIX.

The High Priest, Past High Priests, and Secretary shall be exempt from all dues, those to the Grand Chapter excepted.

Article XX.

The following are the fees that shall be paid by candidates admitted as members of this Chapter, viz.: for the four degrees of Mark Master, Excellent Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason twenty dollars; for the three degrees of Excellent Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch, sixteen dollars; for the two degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, twelve dollars and fifty cents. This last, however, not to extend further than to Masters of lodges or Past Masters who have regularly presided—for adjoining members the fee of admission shall be five dollars.

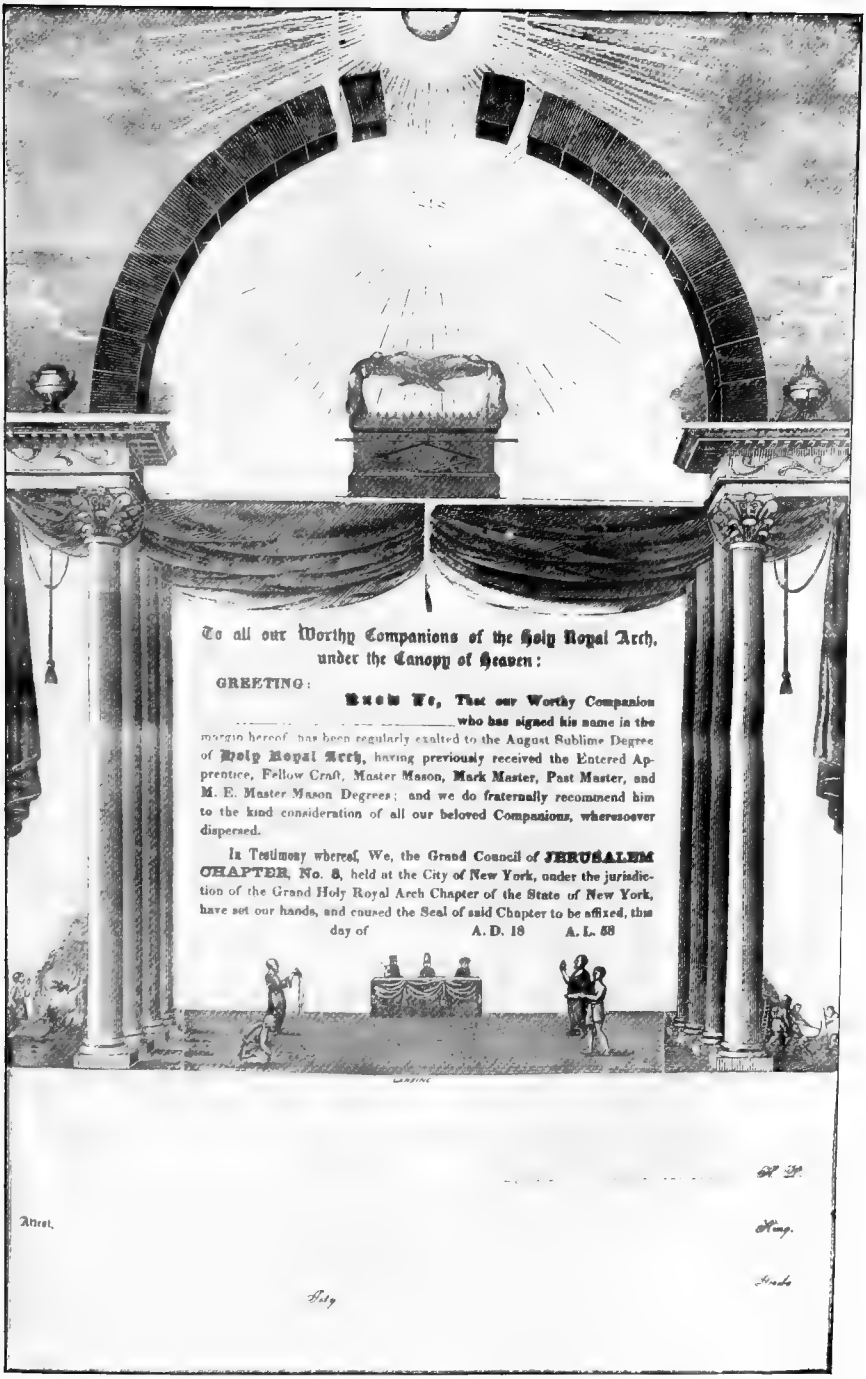
Article XXI.

These By-laws, Rules, and Regulations, when ratified and confirmed by the Chapter, shall be binding on the same, and the making, altering, or rescinding any by-law, rule, or regulation shall be after the following manner: A written proposition for any order or regulation or any alteration in or for the rescinding of any existing order or regulation shall be presented to the Secretary by the Companion on a regular night of meeting, which proposition shall be immediately read and then to lie over till the next regular night of meeting for the consideration of the members then present, a majority of whom shall decide on its acceptance or rejection.

It will be seen by these By-laws that the hours for assembling have been greatly changed in these latter days. Six o'clock now would be a most inopportune hour to open a Masonic Assembly. But in those days, with dinner a mid-day meal, tea at five o'clock, and the Chapter room within short walking distance of the residences of nearly all the members, it was no doubt a convenient hour; furthermore, it was much more unseemly then than now for the brethren to be seen coming from a lodge meeting in the " wee sma' hours " of the morning, and " early to bed and early to rise " was a maxim faithfully lived up to. A facsimile of the form of notice and the style of a membership certificate referred to in the By-laws is herewith shown.

A great deal of work was accomplished the last year of Companion Lownds's reign. Fourteen regular meetings were held. There are also the records of eighteen extra meetings. Companion Lownds would call an " Extra " whenever the spirit moved him to do so. The regular officers, other than himself, rarely attended these extra meetings. Many members were added to the rolls, but they were railroaded through the Chapter in true " rapid transit " style. Oftentimes they were proposed, balloted for, and received all the degrees at one session.

Companion Lownds, our fifth High Priest, was a remarkable man in many respects. There is no disputing the fact that he was a man of great energy and resources. He was an accomplished ritualist in all branches of Freemasonry, but it is questionable if his activities were altogether unselfish. Like Micawber, he was always " waiting for something to turn up," but, unlike that mercurial gentleman, he generally got what he wanted and in large slices. He was a Past Master and Treasurer of Washington Lodge, No. 21, and was somewhat active



To all our Worthy Companions of the Holy Royal Arch, under the Canopy of Heaven:

GREETING:

Know Ye, That our Worthy Companion _____ who has signed his name in the margin hereof, has been regularly exalted to the August Sublime Degree of Holy Royal Arch, having previously received the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, and M. E. Master Mason Degrees; and we do fraternally recommend him to the kind consideration of all our beloved Companions, wheresoever dispersed.

In Testimony whereof, We, the Grand Council of JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 8, held at the City of New York, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York, have set our hands, and caused the Seal of said Chapter to be affixed, this _____ day of _____ A. D. 18 A. L. 58

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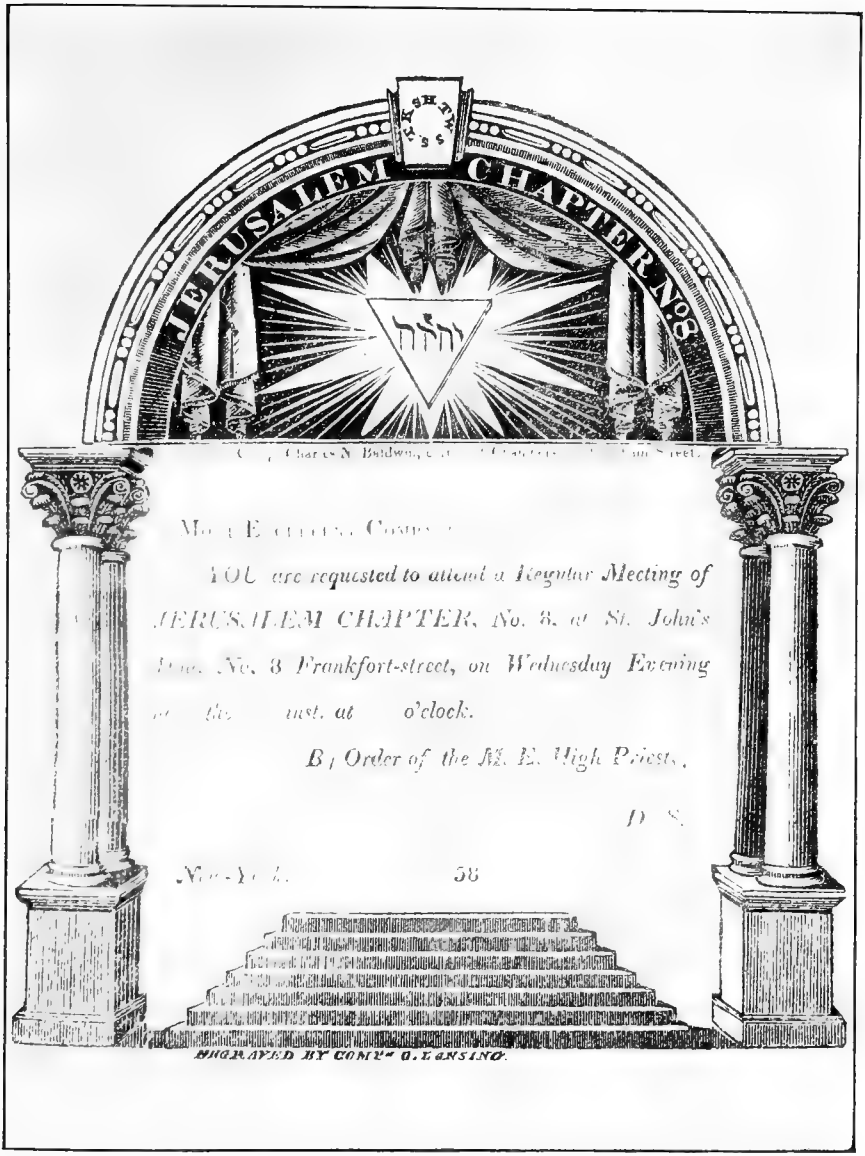

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in the Grand Lodge. At one time he was appointed on a committee of the Grand Lodge to visit Lodges and endeavor to produce a uniformity in the work. He was also a Grand Visitor of the Grand Lodge, but it was in the higher degrees that he shone the brightest. In Chapter, Council, and Encampment he was very efficient as a worker in conferring the degrees and orders.

To Companion Lownds is due the establishment of the Cryptic Rite in this State. In some way he became the owner of the Royal Master's Degree of that Rite. He established Columbian Council, No. 1, which acted as the Grand Council for this degree, and which in time was succeeded by the present Grand Council, R. & S. M., of the State of New York. He was especially active in Templarism. He was the first Commander of Columbian Commandery, No. 1, in 1810; served in that capacity until 1820; was elected Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery in 1818; and Deputy Grand Master in 1819–20–21–22; DeWitt Clinton being at the time Grand Master. He was also General Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment.

But it was in Royal Arch Masonry he attained the greatest prominence. By a provision of the new By-laws of the Chapter he could not be re-elected High Priest for 1809, but he had aspirations for Grand Chapter honors and induced the Chapter to appoint him its proxy for the annual session of the Grand Chapter held in February, 1809. He failed to receive the desired honors until 1812, when he was elected D. G. H. P. On his retirement from the office of High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter, he was presented with a handsome jewel. Nevertheless the storm which had been gathering during the last year of his administration soon after broke, when it was found by a committee appointed for the purpose, that there was a shortage in the funds, and he having received all the money was asked to explain. He presented an account setting forth that the Chapter owed him over three hundred dollars. He did not give a definite account of his expenditures, and observing that the feelings of the Companions were taking

an adverse turn, he with several other Companions resigned, and immediately made application for a recommendation to the Grand Chapter to form a new Chapter, to be known as Mt. Zion, which was granted. This was on April 12, 1809.

The following year he appeared at the Chapter and requested a recommendation to form another Chapter, to be known as Columbian; this was also granted. As already stated, he was elected Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1812. He visited Jerusalem Chapter that year and made a report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter with reference to Mark Lodges. In 1813 he was re-elected D. G. H. P. and installed the officers of Jerusalem Chapter. In 1814 he was again elected D. G. H. P., and Jerusalem Chapter being in need of a Tyler, Companion Lownds applied for the position and received the appointment. One office gave him high honor, and the other the largest emolument of any office in the Fraternity. The Tyler received a stated amount for each meeting, and one dollar for every candidate exalted.

Companion Lownds failed of reaching a higher office in the Grand Chapter, but he retained the tylership of Jerusalem Chapter for four years. It has been claimed that Companion Lownds rejoined Jerusalem Chapter, but this is incorrect, although he frequently presided over it as High Priest *pro tem.* In August, 1812, he was presented as the M. E. H. P. of Eagle Chapter. He was the High Priest of Eagle Chapter as late as 1820. He represented Fredonian Chapter at the Grand Chapter in 1814. He was Grand Visitor of the Grand Chapter from 1813 to 1820. The last mention of Companion Lownds's name appears in the records of May, 1823, when a committee was appointed to wait upon him and make inquiry about a stove and a Bible belonging to the Chapter. When he joined the Chapter he was engaged in the grocery business at No. 158 Greenwich Street. He was living as late as 1825, and was at that time keeper of the City Jail.

CHAPTER VII.

1809

Thomas Sketchley, High Priest

Considerable activity was displayed this year. Eleven regular and thirteen extra meetings were held.

It had been the custom, in fact a provision of the By-laws permitted the same, to allow candidates to give their promissory notes for exaltation fees. Such flagrant abuse had been made of this privilege, it was found that over seven hundred dollars worth of these notes were held against the members. A motion was therefore made at the February meeting to amend Article VI. of the By-laws, which authorized the Secretary to receive promissory notes from candidates for their exaltation fees, "that it be and the same is hereby rescinded." It was also resolved "that the report of the Standing Committee respecting the state of the funds, and the appointment of a Companion to collect the monies due the Chapter, passed at the last meeting, be reconsidered, and that a special committee be appointed to investigate the expenditures of the Chapter for the last year and ascertain if any monies, and to what amount, have been paid without being regularly passed by the Chapter, and that they receive all notes belonging to the Chapter, etc." This resolution resulted in the contention with Companion Lownds whereby he withdrew from the Chapter. As already stated, there was a wholesale withdrawal of members which was not detrimental to the best interests of the Chapter. At the

August meeting it was voted "to return the following property to M. E. Companion Lownds, viz.: 12 Candlesticks, 1 Key Stone, 3 Squares, 2 Chisels, 1 Maul. & 1 R. A. Cap."

The minutes for the first three months of 1809 were recorded by Companion Sitcher (not Stitcher, as printed in the last edition of the By-laws). He resigned early in the spring, and Companion George Clarke was elected Secretary for the unexpired term. A reprint of Companion Clarke's minutes would be highly amusing to the reader. Here are one or two specimens: "the Committee reported on Companion Rogers bill for rent and sperets £17 8*s*. Resolved that it be paide according to the reporte." After the officers had been elected for 1810 he made this record: "The M. E. H. P. Then enstauled the officers in that truly Hansome and Masonic manner that will rank among the Greatest of Princes."

John P. Roome, a prominent city official for many years, was exalted this year.

Companion Sketchley, the sixth in line of succession to the office of High Priest, was exalted in 1806. He hailed from Adelphi Lodge, No. 23, of which he was at one time Master. He was Principal Sojourner in 1807. He was installed High Priest, December 18, 1808. The minutes say, "The High Priest elect was for the first time clothed in his robes and conducted to the solemn Sanctuary."

Companion Sketchley was a school teacher, and lived at No. 281 Broadway. He was doubtless a good ritualist, and did the work impressively, for he was appointed Grand Visitor of the Grand Chapter in 1809. Notwithstanding, he was *persona non grata* with the Companions of his Chapter as well as his Lodge, and resolutions which had been adopted to present him with a jewel were expunged, and he requested his name to be erased from the list of members in 1810.

CHAPTER VIII.

1810

Benjamin C. Stevenson, High Priest

The members made a great mistake in electing Companion Stevenson to preside over the Chapter. He was totally unfit for the position. Consequently, the interest of the members flagged; few meetings were held, and little work was done. No meetings were held from August to November.

The Chapter was represented at the Grand Chapter by Companion W. T. Hunter. At this session of the Grand Chapter, M.·.E.·.Companion Lownds presented a report which was commendatory of Companion Sketchley in the latter's work as Grand Visitor.

Companion Stevenson was a charter member of the Chapter. He served as Master of the First Vail, Royal Arch Captain, and Secretary. After his election as High Priest he attended two meetings of the Chapter, and failed to put in an appearance again until a committee was appointed in May to wait on him, and ascertain his reasons for failing to fill the position to which he had been elected. His excuse was that his business—he was a mariner—had prevented him. He promised to attend regularly after that night. Companion Stevenson belonged to that class of brethren who are anxious for the honor but unwilling to do the work incident to the office of High Priest. There will always be found such.

CHAPTER IX.

1811

George Weir, High Priest

There were twenty-four regular and extra meetings, which kept the Chapter busy. The Chapter adopted the bad practice of holding Sunday meetings.

This was continued for many years, not only by our Chapter, but nearly all Lodges and Chapters maintained the practice until the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter put a stop to the unholy procedure. At the September meeting "a chest was ordered to be purchased for the purpose of holding the books, papers, etc." This chest is still in our possession and used by the Sentinel for the storage of old books, etc.

Companion Weir was a man of great probity and uprightness of character, and highly esteemed by his Companions. He was exalted February 5, 1800. He hailed from St. Andrew's Lodge, at that time one of the leading Lodges of the city. He was a Past Master of that Lodge. He was Captain of the Host in 1804 and 1805, and accepted the office of Master of the First Vail in 1806. He was elected King in 1807 and again in 1810. He accepted an election as Master of the Third Vail in 1813, and died in September of the same year. The Chapter adopted the following resolutions on his death:

"*Resolved*, That the members of this Chapter entertain a high sense of the merits of our lately deceased M. E. Companion and P. H. P. George Weir. That while we bow with sub-

mission to the will of the Supreme Dispenser of Events, we lament the bereavement of our beloved Companion, as a loss to the fraternity, to his friends, and to society in general, to all of which he was endeared by his engaging manners and amiable qualities, and that we wish to console them with the hope of his immortal soul being in happiness with his Maker."

CHAPTER X.

1812

Joel Hart, M.D., High Priest

Dr. Joel Hart was elected High Priest at the annual meeting in December, 1811, and entered upon a year of great activity and prosperity. No less than thirty-four meetings were held. At the annual meeting of 1811 "Bro. Friday proposed for exaltation Bro. John Oxy of Hiram Lodge"—this was undoubtedly John Hoxie, whose name was correctly recorded in the minutes of subsequent meetings. He was elected Secretary in 1813. The name of this Companion is spelled in several places "Hoxy," but never "Oxy," except in this one instance.

The name "Hoxie" is a familiar one in the annals of Jerusalem Chapter, as many of the Companions know.

A Companion by the name of Jacques was elected Secretary for this year, but, finding the duties of that office too arduous, resigned at the March meeting, and Companion James Herring, Sr., was elected to fill the unexpired term.

Companion Herring proved to be a model secretary. Being an Englishman, he found it difficult to enumerate in dollars and cents, and did so in pounds, shillings, and pence. Up to this time the Chapter had had twelve regularly elected secretaries, besides five or six who had filled unexpired terms. There was no salary paid to this officer at the time, which may account for the difficulty of filling the position.

A curious motion was adopted at one of the meetings

held this year, whereby "each member of a Committee appointed by this Chapter be allowed twenty-five cents for each meeting when on business of the Chapter."

The Secretary was not held in such strict accountability in collecting the initiation fees as in these days. At a meeting held in June, 1812, it was resolved, "that the Secretary be instructed to wait upon a companion and request the payment of his exaltation fee, at the same time, in case of refusal, to set forth the heinousness of his crime and inform him that it is the determination of the Chapter not only to exclude him from the benefits of Masonry, but also to publish his conduct and his delinquency to the World," but, notwithstanding a good deal of contumacy on the brother's part in many unsatisfactory interviews with a committee afterward appointed, Masonic charity prevailed, and the brother was given a further chance, even though, as the minutes say, "it be at the eleventh hour." The result was a final apology by the brother and the payment of his fee.

Companion Hart lived at No. 176 Pearl Street. He was the first professional man to preside over the Chapter. He was exalted in 1807, and previous to his election as High Priest had filled but one office, viz.: that of Secretary or Deputy Scribe. That he was a man of ability is evinced by his election to the office of D. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter in 1815, and his re-election to the same office in 1816. He served one year only as High Priest of the Chapter, and the following year was elected Master of the Second Vail. In 1814 he was elected Captain of the Host, and Scribe in 1815.

In 1817 Companion Hart was appointed U. S. Consul to Scotland. Previous to this, and while D. G. H. P., he granted a Dispensation to several Royal Arch Masons to form a Chapter—to be known as Eagle Chapter—in New York City, and received the usual fee. This fee he turned over to a Compan-

ion—not of Jerusalem Chapter—with the request that he pay the same over to the Grand Chapter. The Companion failed to do so, which failure placed Companion Hart in bad repute with the Grand Chapter for several years, until after his return to this country, when the matter was explained by him and the explanation accepted by the Grand Body. There is no record of his death or withdrawal.

CHAPTER XI.

1813–1814

William Shippy, High Priest

The first year of Companion Shippy's administration was actively spent. Twenty-six meetings were held. A brother by the name of James Douglass, son of John Douglass, a charter member and the first Treasurer of the Chapter, was exalted at the August meeting, and it was voted that the amount of his exaltation fee be charged to his father's estate, if found to be due. In other words, the Chapter owing the estate of John Douglass a considerable sum, it was proposed to admit his son to membership, his fee to be charged against that debt, providing it was found that there was anything due the son James from the estate. Apparently it was not clear to the members that the Chapter owed the estate of John Douglass anything, and a committee was appointed to ascertain if such was the fact, but James Douglass was exalted without waiting for a report of the committee.

The early minutes failed to note by name those in attendance at the various meetings, but human nature was much the same as now, and many of the members failed to attend regularly. At the March meeting in 1814 a motion was adopted which inflicted a penalty on those residing within seven miles of the city who failed to attend for six months in succession, the penalty for which was that their membership cease, unless said members assign good and sufficient reasons.

On May 11, 1814, this motion was adopted unanimously "that in consequence of the violent and anti-Masonic proceedings of the Trustees of St. John's Hall the Chapter Room in that building has been entirely stripped of its furniture and thereby rendered unfit for Royal Arch Masons to congregate in, Jerusalem Chapter will no longer hold its meetings at St. John's Hall, and the Chapter will meet in the future at Masonic Hall, No. 55 Nassau Street." The rent of the room there was $60 per annum.

At the April meeting, for some reason not stated, Companion Amos Curtis, Scribe; Jacob Friday, Treasurer; and George W. Hyer, Secretary, resigned. Their reason may have been that Companion Lownds had been appointed Tyler, and was to be allowed, in addition to other perquisites, a commission of ten per cent. on the collection of all dues. This action of the Chapter with reference to the collection of dues was undoubtedly taken with the idea that the Chapter would thereby be placed in good financial condition. It did not avail however, for in the autumn of this year the Chapter found itself in hard straits, and it became necessary to ask the loan of $2 from each member to extricate it from the debt with which it was burdened.

Joseph Cerneau, founder of the Cerneau rite of A. A. S. R. Masonry, visited the Chapter in April and acted as Senior Warden *pro tem.*

The times were hard when Companion Shippy presided over Jerusalem Chapter; the war of the United States with England had severely affected business here in New York, and more attention was being paid by its citizens toward recuperating their finances than to anything in the way of social functions or fraternal associations. Companion Shippy was active in the work of the Chapter, faithful to his duties, and generally esteemed by the members. Previous to his election as High

Priest he had served as Secretary, Scribe, and King. His business was that of auctioneer; his shop was located at No. 50 Front Street. He moved to New Jersey in October, 1814, and was therefore obliged to resign his office. The Grand Chapter at that time allowed resignations from the office of High Priest. Companion Shippy's resignation was accepted with deep regret.

CHAPTER XII.

1815

James Herring, Sr., High Priest

The aggressive character of James Herring, Sr., instilled new life into the Chapter, and great activity prevailed this year, and yet the Chapter was approaching the most disastrous period in its existence. Perhaps one of the causes which led up to this was the practice of holding meetings on Sunday, but the most potent was the extravagant and unbusiness-like methods which prevailed.

Thomas Lownds, late D. G. H. P., was elected "Centinel" of the Chapter; this was the first time that that title was given to the Tyler. Companion Lownds continued to handle the greater part of the money received, and on May 10th he presented a bill for "Tyling, Candles, Incense &c for £52 14*s.* 6*d.*," against which he credited the Chapter with £34 18*s.* 6*d.*—for what, he did not state, but probably for dues collected. Again, on August 9th, he presented another bill for £38 4*s.* 6*d.* This bill was referred to a committee, which found the items correct, but reported that the amount of the bill should be only $67.99, about $30 less than claimed by Companion Lownds.

Companion Herring was a man of strong personality, but for some reason was not popular with his Companions, and failed of a re-election at the annual meeting in 1815.

He was an Englishman and came to this country in 1805. He established himself in business as a brewer. He was ex-

alted in Jerusalem Chapter in 1812, and at once took an active part in the work. He filled the unexpired term of Companion Jacques as Secretary in 1812; was elected Scribe in 1813, and King in 1814. Whatever the opposition was to his re-election as High Priest for 1816, he overcame it the following year, and was again elected to preside over the Chapter for 1817. In the list of High Priests, compiled by a former Secretary, Companion Herring is credited as High Priest for the subsequent three years, viz.: 1818–19–20. There is no authority for this; neither is it correct to credit him with being High Priest again in 1837 and 1838, as stated in the last issue of the By-laws. Companion James Herring, Sr., became *persona non grata* with the members of the Chapter soon after his retirement from his second term. He owed the Chapter forty dollars, which he could not or would not pay and was later suspended. After a time he was restored to membership on partial payment being made. There is no record of his death or withdrawal from the Chapter.

CHAPTER XIII.

1816

George W. Hyer, High Priest

The Chapter began its work this year most unpropitiously. A brother by the name of William Osborn, from Companion Herring's Lodge—Mt. Moriah, No. 132—was exalted, and immediately elected Secretary. This Companion adopted the practice of recording his minutes in a small hand-book. The first meeting recorded for 1816 was one held July 29th. The records of this meeting state that Brother James Herring, Jr., who had formerly been proposed for exaltation, was balloted for and elected. At the next meeting, Brother Thomas Kinch, of whom more will be learned hereafter, was elected to membership. The minutes of only two of the meetings held this year were signed by Companion Osborn. Some are unsigned. One is signed by Companion James Herring, Jr., and is probably the first signature to the minutes of a Masonic body made by this Companion, who afterward became famous as the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Companion James Herring, Jr., however, did not receive his Royal Arch Degree until January 3, 1817, and then at a Sunday meeting.

Companion Hyer, who presided over the Chapter in 1816, was a poor administrator, although prominent in Masonic circles. His business was that of a grocer at No. 6 George Street. He was a Past Master of Mt. Moriah Lodge.

He was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge in 1827.

He was Secretary of the Chapter in 1814, and Treasurer in 1817.

There is no record of his death or withdrawal from the Chapter.

CHAPTER XIV.

1817

James Herring, Sr., High Priest

The annual meeting held in 1816 was a peculiar one. The High Priest was absent, and Companion Herring presided and announced his own election. Companion Thaddeus Whitlock was elected King, and Companion Osborn, perhaps as a reward for his efficient(?) services as Secretary, was elected Scribe. Companion Augustus Harbeck was elected Secretary and proved to be a greater failure in that office than Osborn, who preceded him. The minutes for this year are recorded up to and including a meeting held Sunday, March 16th. From that time on to 1820, with one exception, there are no minutes on record, and if it were not for the old ledgers and account books, which contain sufficient data to throw some light on the doings of the Chapter, all that was done during those two or three years would be a blank.

Companion John Utt, who was Secretary in 1822, has written in one of the minute-books as follows:

"The following are exact copies of the minutes of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, taken from two small books from the second of October 1816 until 1820, by different Secretaries during that time, and under the administration of different High Priests of said Chapter now copied by Companion John Utt, begun May 1822."

He then proceeds in a style of chirography similar to that of the late Horace Greeley to copy the minutes of two meetings which had already been written in by former secretaries acting as such *pro tem.*, when his courage or his penmanship gave out, and the minutes for those years, with the above exceptions, were lost forever to the Chapter. Companion Utt was taken ill soon after this and died the same year. It is more than likely that the two small books referred to by Companion Utt were lost at his death, for in 1828 a Mrs. Meserve, widow of a Companion, applied to the Chapter for relief, but as some Companion expressed the belief that said Companion had been expelled, it was decided to look up the matter. The committee reported they could not find the volume noting such suspension.

CHAPTER XV.

1818

PROBABLY it will never be known who was the High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter in 1818. It is doubtful if Companion Herring was re-elected, for he owed the Chapter a considerable sum of money, and was not in favor with the members.

Companion Whitlock, the King for 1817, would have been the logical candidate if Companion Herring was not re-elected, but there is nothing that gives the stamp of probability to such a claim. Companion Whitlock was Treasurer in 1819, but he was never referred to as a M. E. Companion until his election as High Priest in 1822. The only other office of which there is a record for 1818 is that of Tyler, filled by Companion John Utt.

The failure of the officers to perform their duties and their lack of foresight to do whatever was necessary to perpetuate the regular and systematic work which thus far had obtained are unaccountable, and yet there may have been extenuating circumstances. The business of the city was at this time almost in a state of paralysis. A great commercial crisis had lasted for nearly two years, which occasioned many failures and much suffering. Some of the officers may have been involved so severely that the business of the Chapter was overlooked. That the meetings were not entirely suspended is due to a few faithful Companions, of whose kind the Chapter has ever had enough to keep its lifeblood flowing.

Under the date September 23, 1818, is the following brief inventory, written on the fly-leaf of the old ledger, viz.: "Amt. of Dresses, 12 in number & six sashes, two Dozen and nine aprons and two Leather. Three Cirplusses, 14 Brass candlesticks."

CHAPTER XVI.

1819

Thomas Kinch, High Priest

The last issue of the By-laws credits the office of High Priest for this year with the name of M. E. Companion Thomas Lownds. This is an error, for there is nothing that leads to the belief that Companion Lownds ever joined the Chapter a second time. It is true a loose leaf was recently discovered among the archives of the Chapter, containing the minutes of a meeting held this year, which state that M.·.E.·.Companion Lownds presided as High Priest. This he did frequently, before and after this year. All there is of this leaf follows:

"At a regular meeting of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, R. A. M., held at St. John's Hall, present:

"Thomas Lowndes, M. E. H. P.,

"Thomas Kinch, M. E. K., and a number of Companions.

"Duly convened, the Chapter was opened in the M. E. Master's Degree. Effingham Beaman received the degree of M. E. M. Chapter closed and reopened in the R. A. Degree. Comp. Beaman was admitted and exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

"The minutes of our last Regular read and approved.

"The special letter having not been served upon Seixas Nathan his case was postponed until our next Regular.

"No further business appearing the Chapter closed in harmony.

W. F. Piatt,
D. S. P. T."

ADDENDA.

"Committee appointed to wait on the widow Duryee beg leave to report that she has been waited on and in the opinion of your Committee found worthy and in want. They accordingly, in compliance with the resolution of our last regular, presented her with $5.00."

"Signed, CHRISTIAN TRUSS,
CHARLES N. BALDWIN."

Companion Piatt was a member of Jerusalem Chapter. He later joined Phœnix Chapter and was its High Priest for a number of years. Piatt Lodge, No. 194, was named after him. He was Grand Master of R. S. and M. and Grand Commander of K. T. of New York.

Companion Charles N. Baldwin was present at the Grand Chapter in 1819 as the representative of the Chapter, but he was never referred to as a M.·.E.·.Companion.

The proof that Companion Kinch was High Priest this year is found on page 83 of the old ledger, in Companion John Utt's handwriting, as follows:

"1819. Companion Arno paid his Chapter and Grand Chapter dues in full up to the 9th of December, 1818, $2.00."

"N. B. Companion Arno paid his dues in the Chapter Room to Companion Kinch, the M. E. H. P., not to Companion Utt."

For some reason Companion Utt deemed it advisable to make this entry to show that the High Priest and not the Tyler had received these dues from Companion Arno.

Companion Utt was Tyler in 1818 and 1819, and the following account which he rendered is amusing as a specimen of bookkeeping:

NEW YORK, July 20, 1819.

Received from Companions	$51.00
N. B. Charged myself with seventy-five cents more than I had received which must be deducted from Companion Riley's account	.75
	$50.25
Balance due Comp. Utt	1.75
	$52.00

Settled with the Standing Committee the 20th of July, 1819, as follows:

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, to John Utt, Dr., for Tiling, serving summons, &c	$32.00
Cash paid for plate for summons, to Mr. Lansing	15.00
Companion's ten Per cent. for collecting fifty Dollars	5.00
	$52.00

For proof that Companion Whitlock was Treasurer for these two or three years there is the following entry by Companion Utt in the old ledger: "N. B. My Last Settlement with T. Whitlock, Treasurer, was to the 11th of October, 1820, $28.00."

There is no record on the books of a Companion named Effingham Beeman. No doubt the above minutes refer to Ephraim Beeman, who joined the Chapter at about this time.

There is little to record of Companion Kinch. Early in 1821 he was suspended and was reported to the Grand Chapter "for holding in his hands the Chapter money and leaving the city without accounting for the same." No wonder Companion Utt wished to have it go on record when Companion Kinch received money, that it was not paid to himself. His business consisted of selling groceries at No. 540 Pearl Street.

CHAPTER XVII.

1820

Charles Woollen, High Priest

The first recorded meeting for 1820 was held August 2d. It was an "extra" meeting, and was held in St. John's Hall, and was presided over by Companion Truss, High Priest *pro tem.* The only business transacted was the presentation of the name of Brother Patrick Mott of Morton Lodge, No. 63, for membership. The next meeting was held August 23d, when another brother was proposed. A regular meeting was held September 23d and was presided over by Thomas Lownds as High Priest *pro tem.*, when all the degrees were conferred upon the several brethren previously proposed.

Thirteen regular and special meetings are recorded for the last half of the year.

A good deal of mystery surrounds the record of Companion Woollen, the High Priest for 1820. There is no record on the minutes of his election to this or any other office. The information that he was the High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter this year was obtained from the City Directory. As already stated elsewhere in this volume it was once the custom for the various Masonic bodies to publish their cards in the City Directory. This method continued for twelve or fifteen years after the first directory was issued, but ceased in the early years of the present century. The year 1820 proved an exception, and the cards of all or nearly all of the various Lodges and Chapters appear in the issue of that year. The card in-

serted by Jerusalem Chapter contains the following list of officers, viz.: Charles Woollen, H. P.; Christian Truss, K.; Charles N. Baldwin, S.; W. F. Piatt, C. of H.; Edward Riley, P. S.; E. Beeman, R. A. C.; Ed. G. Wilson, C. of 3 V.; John J. Gantz, C. of 2 V.; Daniel Wright, C. of 1 V.; T. Whitlock, Sec.; Z. Seeley, Treas.; J. G. Finn, Herald; John Utt, Centinal. Woollen, Truss, Baldwin, Piatt, and Utt compose the Standing Committee, and the Past High Priests noted are Hart, Shippy, J. Herring, Hyer, and Kinch. All the above names, except that of the High Priest, are familiar. His name appears several times on the old ledger, and each time it is spelled differently. Under date of 1816 it is written Woollen. In another place it is Wooling, and again Wooley. His name appears but once in the minutes, viz.: at the annual meeting held in December, 1820, wherein P. H. P. Woollen is credited with the payment of fifty cents Grand Chapter dues. Among the names recorded in the directories for several years prior and subsequent to 1820, there is none of this spelling. The nearest to it is Woolley, "Charles Woolley, cartman, Ludlow and Rivington Streets," is the way the record reads.

It is strange that the name of this Companion does not appear anywhere on the minutes as participating in the work of the Chapter in some capacity, for we have the minutes of the last half of the year that he was High Priest.

It is a source of gratification that the advertisement in the directory of 1820 furnishes one more link in the chain which was broken about this time. There now remains only one year—1818—that the name of the High Priest is missing. Perhaps the wisdom of future generations may bring this one name to light.

CHAPTER XVIII.

1821–1822

Christian Truss, High Priest

At the second regular meeting held in 1821 P. H. P. James Herring, Sr., appeared, and instead of paying the balance which the committee appointed to settle with him had agreed upon "as full Compensation for Interest, Principal &c.; viz.: 40 Dollars on his promise to pay the same on or before the meeting of the Grand Chapter in Albany," he offered ten dollars. The pressing need of money to pay Grand Chapter dues and save the Warrant of the Chapter induced the Companions to take what he offered on finding he would pay no more. This sum was received and endorsed on the back of the bond. Later in the year he paid $5 additional.

The Chapter membership became quite cosmopolitan this year. Brothers were proposed from England, the Island of Cuba, New Brunswick, North Carolina, and elsewhere from outside the State of New York.

At a regular meeting held September 12th a motion was made "that M. E. H. P. Lownds be presented with a piece of silver plate as an acknowledgment of his polite attention and service in this Chapter." This testimonial was in the shape of a silver bowl valued at $22. Twenty-two regular and twenty-six extra meetings were held this year. Meetings were called at all hours of the day—morning, afternoon, evening, holidays and Sundays. Companion Truss almost invariably presided. The annual

election occurred December 26th, and Companion Truss was again elected High Priest. At a subsequent meeting the officers were installed by M. E. Companion Lownds. At the first regular meeting held this year it was resolved " that Comp. Herring be noticed that unless he settle with the Chapter on or before the first day of February he will be suspended and reported to the Grand Chapter at their Annual."

At the first regular meeting held in March, Brother Joseph Hoxie of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 7, was proposed by Companion Whitlock.

At the second regular meeting Companion James Herring, Jr., whose name had not been mentioned in the minutes since he was exalted in 1817, proposed Brother Richard Pennell of Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2. At a later meeting Brother George Arnold of Trinity Lodge, No. 39, was elected. Still later, Brother Lewis Belden was elected. All of these brethren were afterward elected to the highest office in the gift of the Chapter, and all presided with marked ability.

The following motion was adopted at one of the meetings, viz.: " Any officer of this Chapter who shall neglect his duty for three months may be suspended by a new election, at the discretion of the Chapter."

Companion Utt, who had been Secretary for the past year, died August 1st, and Companion James Herring, Jr., was deputed to deliver an eulogy.

A bill for $9 was presented from " three black-men for laying out Comp. Utt." After some debate it was resolved that the bill be paid.

Brother Richard Ellis, who afterward became the Grand High Priest of this State, was about this time proposed for membership by Companion Truss, but very likely without his knowledge or consent, for his name never came up

for election. This brother was later proposed and elected in Ancient Chapter, No. 1.

At the close of this year the Chapter began to take on a new lease of life. The character of the candidates exalted; their eminent fitness to carry on the work of the Chapter, and the great renewal of interest in Freemasonry generally, were the causes leading up to this revival. The Companions who had joined the Chapter during the past two years came to the front and took the reins in their own hands.

When the difficulties arose which finally caused a separation of the city and country lodges in 1822, the following members of the Chapter were appointed on a committee for reconciling the differences then existing, viz.: James Herring, Jr., Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2; Richard Pennell, of the same Lodge; J. G. Finn, Trinity Lodge, No. 39; Patrick Mott, Morton Lodge, No. 46, and George W. Hyer, Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 132.

Companion Truss presided over the Chapter for two years, and, although he was attentive to his duties, he was not the kind of man to give much intellectuality to the work. He was a butcher by occupation. His habits finally compelled the Companions to suspend him. After some years he reformed, and was restored to membership, and was appointed Tyler in 1832. He was expelled in 1837 by action of the Grand Lodge. He was a Past Master of Benevolent Lodge which seceded from the Grand Lodge in 1837.

CHAPTER XIX.

1823

Thaddeus Whitlock, High Priest

At the annual election in 1822 Companion Pennell was elected King and Companion Joseph Hoxie Scribe. Companion Henry Basley was elected Secretary. His work was a great improvement over that of all the secretaries who had preceded him. A new record-book was purchased, and was used for the succeeding twelve years, and is now in a fine state of preservation. The annual election was held December 11th, and the officers were installed by M. E. Companion Lownds on December 21st.

Forty regular and extra meetings were held this year; much business was transacted, and many candidates were exalted.

On July 23d Brother Maurice Hoyt of Clinton Lodge was proposed. Brother Hoyt afterward became High Priest.

On August 13th a list of names with this heading is recorded:

"Individuals in arrears up to the last Election, 1822, according to the Books, viz.:"

This list contains one hundred and five names, with an aggregate amount of $1,142.60 owed by them. P. H. P. Truss heads the list with $71.87½ against his name. This was no doubt for fees and dues which he had collected. About two months later he reported that he had lost the

receipts. At a later meeting the committee reported that P. H. P. Truss owed the Chapter $88, for which he showed vouchers for money expended amounting to $87.75, leaving a balance of twenty-five cents due the Chapter.

The books of the Secretary and Treasurer were carefully examined, and it was found that there were $161.31 cash in hand. Companion James Herring, Jr., offered a resolution " that a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of establishing a permanent fund." Companions Scriba, Hunter, Herring, Basley, and Hoxie were appointed. The committee reported later, although the report is not recorded, and was discharged. Possibly the committee concluded that the eleven hundred and odd dollars of unpaid dues was too permanently in the pockets of the delinquents to warrant the attempt to establish a permanent fund with only $160 on hand.

Companions Herring, Hoxie, and Pennell were at this time the active and leading spirits in all transactions of the Chapter. Companion Hoxie must have been musical, for a motion was made by Companion Herring that " Companion Hoxie be a Committee to procure a new Tone for the M. M. Ode."

During the year the Chapter met in conjunction with Ancient, Fredonian, and Rising Sun Chapters.

Candidates were exalted hailing from Spain, Ireland, Curaçao, Georgia, and other foreign jurisdictions.

The Chapter apparently had concurrent jurisdiction with the whole world at this time.

The revival of prosperity caused the Companions to replenish their equipment of properties and paraphernalia, and considerable money was expended for this purpose. The items in one of the bills presented are as follows, viz.: " 3 plain helmets $18, 1 silver helmet $16, 1 gilt helmet $12, 1 hat $2, 1 Crown $13, 1 mitre $12, 1 cap $3.50."

Perhaps the head-gear previously used had become too small for the newly elected officers.

Yellow fever, which had afflicted the city so many times, again appeared with great virulence in the summer of 1823, although it is not recorded that it caused the death of any of the Companions.

Companion Thaddeus Whitlock, the High Priest for this year, was not efficient as a presiding officer. He presided at two meetings only, the king, Companion Pennell, officiating regularly in his stead.

Companion Whitlock was a school-teacher and by nature and training better fitted to hold office pertaining to the duties of Secretary or Treasurer, both of which he filled with marked ability and faithfulness in some of the trying years of the Chapter. He continued a member until his death in 1831. Out of respect to his memory the Chapter was ordered in mourning for ninety days.

CHAPTER XX.

1824

Richard Pennell, M.D., High Priest

The annual meeting, held Christmas Eve, 1823, was largely attended. Three of the Companions who had been exalted in 1822, viz., Companions Pennell, Hoxie, and Lewis Belden, were elected to the three principal offices. The next day (Christmas) the Chapter met, pursuant to adjournment, and the officers were installed by P. D. G. H. P. Joel Hart.

Companion Hart made a motion, which was unanimously adopted, viz.: "that we view with great satisfaction the conduct of Companion Henry Basley in resigning from the office of Treasurer in order to promote the harmony and prosperity of Jerusalem Chapter, and that he is entitled to the thanks of the members." Companion Basley declined the office in order to appease Companion Hunter, an old member, who had served the previous year as Treasurer.

This year was one of the most memorable in the history of the Chapter.

Thirty-nine meetings were held, and thirty candidates were proposed in the first two months. Two things occurred, however, to mar the harmony of the proceedings. A motion to present Excellent Companion Whitlock with a medal was negatived, and the Standing Committee, composed of Companions James Herring, Jr., Thaddeus Whitlock, George Scriba, Jr., Joseph Hoxie, and Henry

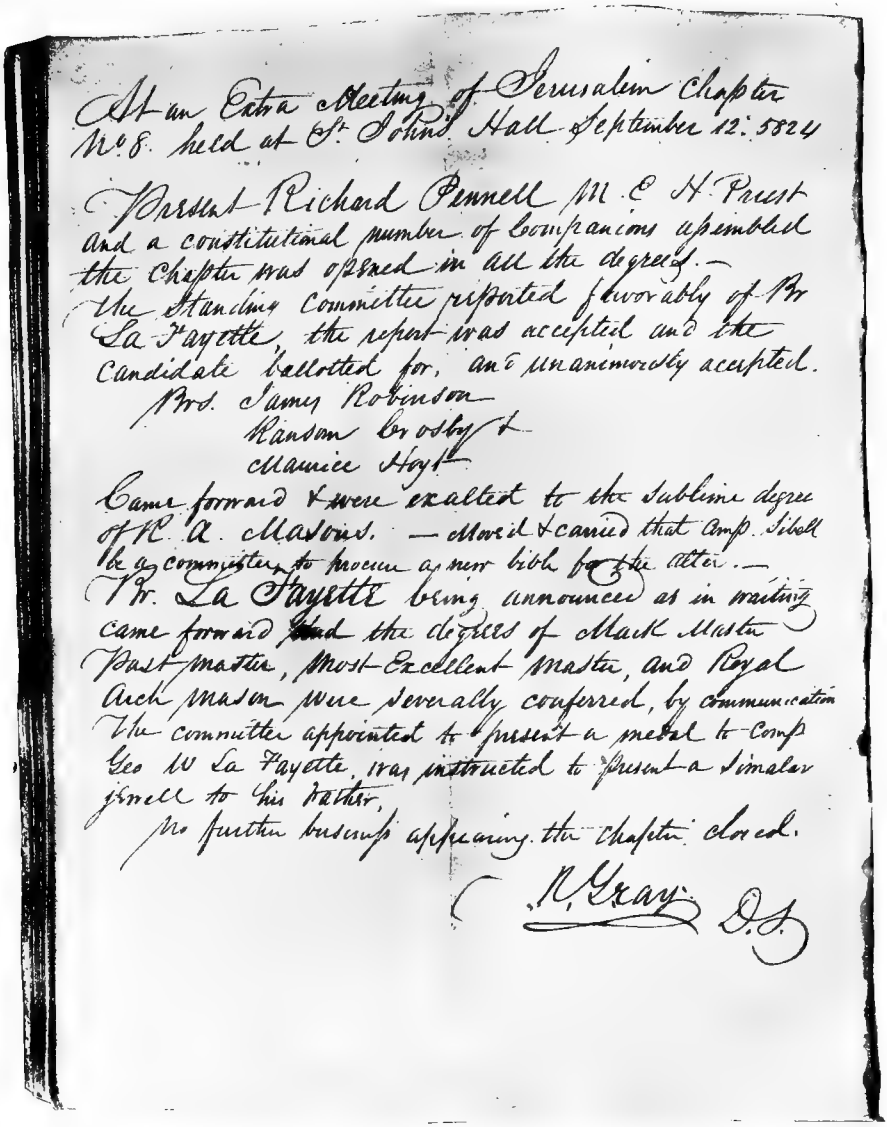
Basley, were cited to show cause why the Chapter should not pass a vote of censure upon them. They later gave satisfactory reasons for their action, and the vote of censure was not adopted.

At the April meeting an inventory of the property and effects of the Chapter was presented by the Standing Committee, as follows:

"The Warrant, Secretary's and Treasurer's books, woodcut for Certificate, Chapeau, 12 Badges with 12 Jewels appendant thereto, 1 Keystone, 2 Blocks for Craftsmen, 3 Wallets & 3 Chisels, 2 Pillars for W. & S., 2 Bibles, 3 Prs. Snuffers and 3 Snuffer trays, 11 Candlesticks, 1 Square, and 1 Compass for Altar, 50 Aprons, 4 Prs. Slippers, 1 Jug for incense, 1 Cabletow 4 yds. long, 3 Cabletow's 7 yds. long each, 1 Mark Master's Jewel, An Ark with contents complete, Masonic Register presented by Companion Pratt, The Seal and the Stamp of the Chapter, Candle Box, Chest of drawers with closet on top, 2 Swords with green handles, High Priest's dress, viz., Mitre, Breast-plate, Vestment Robe with owncher & bells, silk sash.

"King's dress, viz.: Crown, Pantaloons, Jacket, Cloak, and Sceptre. Scribe's dress, viz.: Cap, Gown, and Vestment. Captain of the Host's dress, viz.: Gold Helmet, Cloak, and Sash. Principal Sojourner's dress, viz.: Cap, Cloak, and Sash. Royal Arch Captain's dress, viz.: Silver Helmet, Cloak, and Sash. Captain of 1st, 2d, and 3d Vails, Brown Helmet, Cloak, and Sash for each. Tyler's dress, viz.: Chapeau, Cloak, and Sash, 20 Surpluses and 20 Red Sashes for Companions."

At a subsequent meeting in April the following Companions paid their dues and withdrew from the Chapter, viz.: George Scriba, Jr., W. T. Hunter, H. T. Powell, Platt Stratton, Oliver Hull, John Guion, John Solomon, H. S. Roberts, and Henry Dwight. This created vacancies in the offices of Treasurer, Master of 2d and 3d Vails, and on the Standing Committee. No reasons are given for



At an Extra Meeting of Jerusalem Chapter No 8. held at St Johns Hall September 12: 5824

Present Richard Pennell M E H Priest and a constitutional number of companions assembled the Chapter was opened in all the degrees. — The Standing Committee reported favorably of Br La Fayette, the report was accepted and the Candidate balloted for, and unanimously accepted.

Bros. James Robinson
Ransom Crosby &
Maurice Hoyt

Came forward & were exalted to the Sublime degree of R. A. Masons. — Moved & carried that Comp. Sibell be a committee to procure a new bible for the Alter. —

Br. La Fayette being announced as in waiting came forward and the degrees of Mark Master Past master, Most Excellent master, and Royal Arch mason were severally conferred, by communication The committee appointed to present a medal to Comp Geo W La Fayette, was instructed to present a similar jewell to his father.

No further business appearing the Chapter closed.

R. Gray D.S.

Reproduction of the Minutes of the Meeting Noting the Exaltation of Lafayette.

their withdrawal, but they were at once recommended to the Grand Chapter for the purpose of forming a new Chapter.

Brother Robert R. Boyd, who later joined the Chapter and became very prominent in the Grand Chapter and in the Grand Lodge, requested that his proposition, which had been presented at a previous meeting, be withdrawn.

In September, 1824, two interesting events are recorded. On the 8th inst. Brother George Washington Lafayette, son of the great Marquis, was proposed, and at a special meeting held the next day all the degrees were conferred upon him. It was also voted to present him with a gold medal as a token of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the members of this Chapter. Three days later the Marquis himself was proposed, elected, and received the degrees at one convocation.

At the annual session of the Grand Chapter this year a Companion offered the following resolution, the adoption of which forever put a stop to the practice of holding Sunday meetings by the subordinate Chapters, viz.:

"*Whereas,* It is represented to this Grand Chapter, that some subordinate Chapters are in the habit of occasionally holding convocations for labor, and also informal meetings for lecturing, on the Sabbath, and

"*Whereas,* The Supreme Architect of the universe, after having completed the wonderful work of the Creation not only rested from his labor on the seventh day, but afterward issued His divine injunction commanding that it should forever thereafter be hallowed as a day of rest: and

"*Whereas,* The Holy Bible is the universal standard for the rule and guide of the faith and conduct of all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons: and

"*Whereas,* The practice above set forth is an infringement of the principles and spirit of the Masonic institution, and has

a tendency to injure and degrade it in the eyes of the religious community, therefore, be it

"*Resolved,* That no subordinate Chapter, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, be allowed to hold communications on the Sabbath, either for actual labor, or for the purpose of lecturing on any of the degrees."

The foregoing resolution of the Grand Chapter, which was in advance of any similar action by the Grand Lodge, reveals the high character and true religious instincts of those who were directing the affairs of Capitular Masonry at this time.

A portrait of Lafayette and a brief history of his Masonic career would seem to be an appropriate part of this volume, and are therefore presented.

Lafayette arrived in New York August 15, 1824, and for some days was entertained by the city authorities with great hospitality. He then travelled to other cities in the East and returned to New York in September, when he was invited by the Grand Lodge to participate in a great celebration in his honor. This was given September 20th, and it will be seen that Jerusalem Chapter entertained him and conferred the Capitular Degrees upon him eight days earlier than the reception given to him by the Grand Lodge. We have no record of what the Chapter did to entertain the distinguished visitor on this occasion other than that contained in the minutes, a fac-simile of which is shown on another page. It is very likely that he was entertained in some manner and that remarks appropriate to the occasion were made by the officers and responded to by Brother Lafayette.

Although there is no record of a subsequent visit to the Chapter by this illustrious Companion, it would seem from the following account that he must have visited it about a year later. This account is copied from a news-

paper clipping pasted on a cover of one of the minute-books. It was evidently taken from a Tennessee newspaper:

"During his last visit to the city of New York, General Lafayette was received with appropriate marks of respect, in Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, of Royal Arch Masons, and in reply to the address of the M. E. High Priest, made the following remarks, which we esteem it our duty to record, on account of the high and well-merited compliment they contain to the improved condition of Masonry in Tennessee.

"'Most Excellent High Priest and worthy Companions. It was in this city where I first met with that kind reception and those cordial welcomes which I have repeatedly experienced in the progress of my late journey through the twenty-four States of the Union. It was here, also, within these walls, that I first received admission to the higher orders of Masonry, and I may, therefore, justly regard this Chapter as the *cradle* of my Masonic life; having been, by your kindness, enabled to visit the various Masonic institutions throughout the United States. Indeed, I may justly be regarded as one of the greatest Masonic *travellers* in this country; having, in my late tour with my son, George Washington Lafayette, and my worthy companion, M. LaVasseur, visited all the Grand Lodges, and higher Masonic bodies of the United States, with great pleasure and satisfaction. I am also happy to state that I have found, in my *travels,* the Masonic fraternity flourishing and harmonious, and held in high public respect and honor. Even in some of the more recently settled portions of the country, in Cincinnati, *and particularly in Nashville,* it was with no less surprise than pleasure, that I observed the Masonic societies had made improvements so creditable to themselves, and honorable to the order.

"'The harmony and respectability of Masonry throughout this extensive country may well be regarded as affording an important *pillar* of support and *union* to its free institutions and happy form of government.

" ' Accept, therefore, in return for your kindness, my sincere thanks, for having afforded me the facilities of being so honorably received and accepted by all the higher Masonic institutions in the twenty-four states of this republic.' "

The following Masonic biography of Lafayette is taken from a well-known publication of undoubted authority:

" His becoming a Mason was probably due in a great measure to his intimacy with Bro. George Washington. Much uncertainty prevails, however, as to where and when he was made a Mason; Morristown, N. J., Newburgh and Albany, N. Y., each claiming the distinction. Some authorities agree that the time was his twentieth year—Washington's own age when he became a Mason, a quarter of a century previous. The place is stated, by one Masonic writer, to have been a room over the bar of the old Freemen's Tavern, in Morristown, and the same writer also states that Washington himself presided at the ceremony as Master, though no proof of these statements is advanced with them, and they lack corroboration elsewhere. The weight of probability is in favor of the ceremony having been performed in some military lodge and at some time prior to the capitulation of Yorktown, for it is recorded that there, Washington, La Fayette, Marshall, and Nelson came together in Lodge No. 9, immediately after the surrender.

" In 1784, on a visit to America, Bro. La Fayette became Washington's guest at Mount Vernon, when he presented Bro. Washington a Masonic apron, beautifully embroidered in colored silk, the handiwork and gift of Madame de La Fayette, together with another gift of Masonic ornaments incased in a handsome rosewood cabinet, beautifully inlaid with appropriate emblems of the order. The apron is now the cherished property of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, while the cabinet is an object of great interest in the museum of the Lodge of Washington, at Alexandria, Virginia.

" In 1824, Bro. La Fayette again visited the United States



THE MARQUIS DE LA FAYETTE.

on the invitation of Congress, and, on his arrival at New York, was immediately invited by the citizens of Alexandria to become their guest. On the 16th of October, he was received with an ovation, and Lodges Nos. 22, 47, and 8 extended him their hospitalities.

"After the ceremonies of the day were over he found time to visit the tomb of Washington and pay a silent tribute to the memory of his late Brother and beloved foster father. He visited the Grand Lodge of Louisiana later in October and returning to Alexandria, was present at its three Lodges, in joint session, February 21, 1825, previous to a magnificent banquet, given by them in his honor, which was attended by many prominent men and Masons of the day. Many tokens of honor, respect, and love were shown the distinguished guest of the Nation and of American Masonry upon this occasion. . . .

"A patriot, a soldier, and an exemplary Mason, he was a faithful friend and a fearless foe, and perhaps the best panegyric upon the high and noble consistency of his behavior throughout all his life, was pronounced when Madame de Staël wrote of him: 'You can with certainty predict what he would do under any and all circumstances.' Brave yet tender, firm yet gentle, he was, indeed, a pillar of light to Masons and to all mankind, and his sterling, manly, and Masonic virtues well qualified him to become the chosen friend and dear adopted son of

"—the first—the last—the best,
The Cincinnatus of the West,"

and Brother of our Craft, George Washington."

"Brother La Fayette died May 20, 1834, ten years after his last visit to America. Two nations mourned his death with all the world in sympathy for the keen grief felt over the departure of one whose career had exhibited so much of honorable and magnanimous action."

CHAPTER XXI.

1825

Joseph Hoxie, High Priest

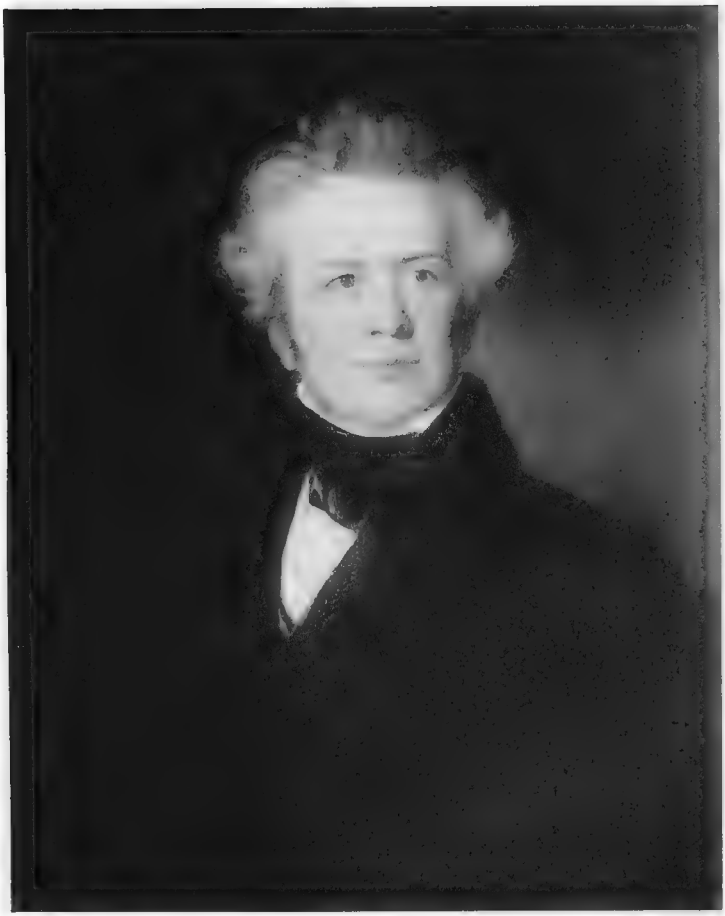
Great activity and prosperity attended the Chapter again in 1825. Forty-eight meetings were held. A large number of candidates were exalted, and the year closed with over $800 in the Treasury.

The first recorded visit of the Grand Officers was on June 8, 1825. The following day the General Grand Chapter held its triennial meeting in the Chapter room.

Harmony had again resumed her sway in the Chapter, and Companion Whitlock was presented with a testimonial, a motion for procuring the same having been negatived the previous year. "A piece of silver-plate, valued at $100, was also voted to Companion Hoxie on his retirement from office."

Companion Hoxie was a brilliant man and a fine administrator, and, although but thirty years of age when called to preside over Jerusalem Chapter, his work left an indelible impress upon its history.

He hailed from old Saint Andrew's Lodge, which in the early years of Freemasonry in this city was very prominent. A Past Master of this Lodge, James McCuen, was chairman of the meeting which organized the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1781. The Rev. William Walter, also of Saint Andrew's Lodge, was the first Grand Master. Bro. McCuen later became Deputy Grand Master. Saint Andrews Lodge was at this time numbered 169. On the founding of the Sovereign Grand



JOSEPH HOXIE.

Lodge of New York, in 1784, it was given the number 3. Later, when Lodges in the interior of the State, which had had an earlier beginning, yielded obedience to the Grand Lodge, St. Andrew's was given the number 7. The Lodge had a prosperous existence until the Morgan affair, and in 1835 surrendered its Charter.

Companion Hoxie was active in this Lodge and served as its Master.

He was born in the State of Rhode Island, August 13, 1795. He came to New York City about 1815, and opened a school. Some twenty years later he engaged in mercantile pursuits as an importer and jobber of dry goods. He became interested in politics, and in 1837 was elected Alderman of the Seventh Ward, and the same year was elected County Clerk of the City and County of New York. Later he was elected a Judge of one of the City Courts.

About 1850 he became agent for a number of fire and marine insurance companies. In 1853 he organized the Commonwealth Fire Insurance Company, and was its President for a number of years. Later he organized the Amicable Life Insurance Company, and was President of the same until his death.

For thirty years he was a stanch supporter of the Whig and Republican parties, and, in addition to the political offices already mentioned, he was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue by President Lincoln. He was a fine political orator and campaign singer. There are those living who remember him well as an eloquent Whig advocate. He was President of the New England Society in 1838. For the few years that Companion Hoxie was connected with Jerusalem Chapter he gave it much of his time and talents. He served the Chapter as Scribe in 1823; was elected King in 1824; High Priest in 1825, and again in 1827. It was the year that he was King that the Marquis de Lafayette was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter. In those days the officers were all clothed in special costumes, the High Priest wearing a mitre, the King a crown, and the Scribe a turban.

After the ceremony of the exaltation of Lafayette, he turned to Companion Hoxie and uttered with much feeling these words: "Sir, you are the first *Crowned Head* that ever treated me kindly." When Companion Hoxie with other brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge relinquished its Charter in 1835, he forsook Masonry for the remainder of his life. If it had not been for the Morgan episode, it is quite within the range of probability that the said Lodge would now be flourishing among other old Lodges, and Companion Hoxie would have remained an honored Past High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter until his death, which occurred in Rhode Island, August 18, 1870. But though he could not consistently allow his name to be retained on the rolls, he left an inheritance in his son, Companion William E. Hoxie, a respected and much esteemed Past High Priest and still in the flesh.

CHAPTER XXII.

1826

Lewis Belden, M.D., High Priest

Fifty-three meetings were held this year, many candidates exalted, and a large amount of business was transacted. Companion William Belden, a brother of the High Priest, was elected Secretary, and a model one he proved to be. For six years he kept the records. He was an exceedingly neat penman. Much of his handwriting is as fine as copper-plate. He not only wielded a facile pen, but his sentences were grammatical.

The High Priest presented Companion Hoxie with the piece of plate which had been voted to him as a testimonial, and his speech, with Companion Hoxie's reply, were entered in the minutes *verbatim*. The pure and eloquent English expressed by these Companions, and the beautiful penmanship of the Secretary, are worthy of reproduction in this volume, and on other pages the reader will find a fac-simile of these speeches as entered in the minutes.

A creditable feature of the work at this time was the charitable donations made by the Chapter. Many sums of money were given in charity, not only to members and their families, but also to sojourning Companions.

Notwithstanding all the harmony and good-fellowship which prevailed, personal asperities sometimes arose, as in the case of charges proposed by Companion John F. Sibell against Companion Dunham, King of the Chapter. The

minutes state that the evidence submitted occupied *several hours* in the reading, which was heard in patience, but the Chapter voted not to sustain the charges. The virtue of patience was surely manifested in this case.

Ambition, or some better reason, caused several Companions to resign at the August meeting. James Herring, Jr., headed the list. These Companions at once presented their petition to be recommended to the Grand Chapter for a warrant to form a new Chapter, which was afterward known as Temple Chapter. The petition was granted, and the members showed their magnanimity by allowing the new Chapter to use their paraphernalia until they could afford to purchase their own.

At a stated meeting held August 23d the following resolutions with reference to the establishment of a permanent fund were adopted, viz.:

"*Whereas,* The funds of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, by the resignation of our late worthy Treasurer, have reverted to the immediate care and superintendence of the Chapter, in order to the greater increase and security of the same, be it

"*Resolved,* That said funds forever hereafter be under the special superintendence of a committee of six members of this Chapter, whereof the M. E. H. P., the King, and the Scribe, for the time being, shall be members by virtue of their office; and the others shall be chosen by ballot, to continue in office until the next annual election, and shall forever after be chosen annually in like manner at the annual election of officers of this Chapter, and this committee shall be called the Committee of the Permanent Fund.

"*Resolved,* That it be the duty of said Committee to deposit all the monies belonging to this Chapter except as hereafter mentioned, in the Savings Bank in the City of New York,* or to invest them in mortgage securities, or in the stock of such Char-

* The Bank for Savings, known as the "Bleecker Street Bank," established in 1819, and the first one of these valuable institutions to be founded.

tered Company of said city as in their judgment may render the Permanent Fund of the Chapter most productive and secure.

"*Provided always,* That when said monies shall thus be deposited or invested, they shall at no future time be withdrawn or transferred, unless by a vote of the Chapter duly and for that purpose specially notified; or unless the fund shall be in danger of immediate loss; in which case the Committee or any three of them may use such means for its security as they may judge proper.

"*Resolved,* That the Treasurer of this Chapter, at the request of said Committee, shall, from time to time, deliver into their hands such unexpended monies as remain in his possession, reserving to himself for the exigencies of the Chapter, a convenient sum, yet not to exceed $150; and the Committee shall annex said monies, as soon as practicable, to the Permanent Fund.

"*Resolved,* That said Committee report the state and constitution of the Permanent Fund together with their doings thereon, to the Chapter, once in six months, during each year (viz.:) at the first stated meeting of the Chapter in July, and at the meeting of the annual election of officers of the Chapter; and at such other times as they may judge expedient."

When Companion James Herring, Jr., withdrew from the Chapter, his accounts as Treasurer are recorded as follows:

In savings bank	$785.00
In current money	81.15
Bills of Tradesmen's Bank	42.00
Bills of Jersey Bank	12.00
	$920.15

At the September meeting the High Priest gave notice "that the General Grand Chapter had appointed to hold a session in the Lodge room to-morrow at 11 o'clock A.M.," and submitted the following resolution, which was

passed in the affirmative, viz.: "that Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, appoint a Committee of one to wait on the G. G. H. P. and tender him our Jewels and furniture for the use of the G. G. Chapter during its present session."

The first case of a Companion being healed in the Chapter is recorded this year. He hailed from Harmony Chapter, Philadelphia, which was not then in communion with or acknowledged by the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

For some reason now unknown all of the officers, with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer, failed of re-election at the annual convocation. There was a large attendance at this annual convocation. Fifty-nine members came forward and paid their dues before voting. Eleven candidates were proposed. Companion Joseph Hoxie was elected High Priest for the second time.

Companion Belden was a popular High Priest. As in Companion Hoxie's case, he was presented with a valuable piece of plate on his retirement from office.

He was a practising physician and surgeon, and lived at No. 16 Eldridge Street. He was the third doctor of medicine elected to preside over the Chapter. His lodge affiliation was Manhattan, No. 370, of which he was a Past Master. His brother, William Belden, who was elected Secretary this year, and whose penmanship has been referred to, was a school-teacher at No. 8 Dominick Street. Companion Belden died in 1830.

Copy of an Address delivered by the High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter Lewis Belden to the M.E.P.H.P. of the same, Joseph Hoxie, on presenting him with a set of plate of the value of One Hundred dollars voted him by the Chapter. ...

M. E. P. H. P. Comp^r. Hoxie.

It has long been an established custom and usage in masonic bodies, equally honorable to the liberal spirit and generous sentiments of masonry, as it is grateful and heart cheering to those who receive its rewards and bounties, to bestow on such as have discharged high and important offices with zeal, fervency and fidelity, special tokens of approbation and gratitude, by granting to them marks, medals, jewels, and other appropriate gifts, in testimony of worthy conduct evinced, and meritorious services rendered, in the great and good cause of the fraternity. In accordance with this noble spirited and praise worthy practice, it now becomes my pleasing duty to present you with this service of plate, as a special and signal expression of the high esteem and universal approbation entertained for the able and faithful services which you have rendered in promoting the harmony, the prosperity, and best interests of Jerusalem Chapter.

In performing this act of duty as the official representative of our honoured and much beloved Alma Mater, permit me to mingle my cordial felicitations and congratulations with those warm feelings of fraternal kindness and gratitude which, I trust, are in lively exercise on the present occasion, in your bosom, for the distinguished and signal honour now conferred upon you. Permit me, also, to hope, that duty, honour and gratitude may unceasingly animate you, with redoubled exertion, to promote the dignity, respectability

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and especially the influence of this ancient and honourable body; and that of the great masonic family in general. For I doubt not, my worthy companion, you will readily agree with me, that the great and good cause of masonry has preeminent claims on the devotedness, attachment and faithful services of the virtuous and patriotic of her sons, wherever by favour or fortune dispersed.

Built upon, and derived from Divine Revelation, of fit emblems, appropriate figures, and solemn mysteries, to improve the heart, enlarge the understanding, and draw closer the ties which bind man to man, she has been loved and revered by the wise and the good; the more her beauties and excellences have been known and understood. For hers is the cause of philanthropy, of charity, of benevolence, of fraternal kindness and affection, of concord and harmony; of patriotism, of freedom, and firm, indissoluble social order; and in promoting this good cause, she inlists under her triumphant banner, and cordially embraces, in her grand design, the arts and sciences, useful institutions, and valuable inventions. She numbers among her sons the first in rank and dignity, knowledge and moral excellence, in every clime, and in every language. In proof of this assertion, we can point you, in our own country to Washington, to Franklin, to Warren, and to others. Their actions speak a language of praise more powerful than we can utter. May we, therefore, circumscribe, like them, our passions and prejudices, that, rising to eminence by merit, we all may live respected, and die regretted. And by the wisdom of the Supreme High Priest, may we be directed; by his power may we be enabled; and by the beauty of virtue excited, to keep sacred and inviolable all the mysteries now unfolded to us, and to perform all the duties here enjoined upon us; and, by a faithful attention to all the rights of masonry, but more especially that great light which is

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given us as a guide and rule to our faith, may be enabled to lay up a crown of rejoicing in that world of light, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe sits enthroned in light ineffable, unapproachable, and full of glory.

Copy of the whole.

M. E. H.

I receive with emotions of peculiar satisfaction and delight, this magnificent present; this token of the approbation of my Companions. In every station, there is an internal source of gratification, arising from the consciousness of having endeavoured faithfully to discharge the duties incumbent on us; of which no sublunary circumstance can deprive us. Next to this, perhaps, the greatest pleasure we enjoy is, to know that our motives and labours are duly appreciated by those with whom we are connected. I am happy in enjoying the former in a considerable degree, and the latter far beyond my desert.

The value of this beautiful present, so very considerable in itself, is greatly enhanced by the manner in which you have been pleased to present it; the unanimity with which it was voted to me by a society from which I have already received so many proofs of affectionate regard. Permit me, also, thus publickly to acknowledge my obligations to the committee, for the very flattering inscription they have caused to be engraved on it, in which they are pleased to say, that it is intended as a "perpetual token of respect and gratitude." And I do hope, that while I thus esteem it, it may prove a perpetual monitor to excite me to a faithful performance of all remaining duties. The merited compliment which you have paid to our order does equal credit to your head and your heart. It has stood the test

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of ages. It has commanded the respect of the wise and good of all nations, kindreds and tongues; and it will be cherished and esteemed so long as charity, morality and brotherly love are held in estimation among men.

Your allusion to the eminent worthies in our own country, who, in the masonic firmament, have shone like Stars of the first magnitude, is most happy and proper; as, by their example, we should be excited to a performance of those duties which will endear us not only to the respect of our brethren and companions, but of the community at large. Who among us would not conceive it an honour to follow where a Washington, a Franklin and a Warren have led? How worthy of imitation their example! How dear to us their memory!

Permit me, M.E.G.H.P. to congratulate you and your associates on the flattering prospects of our chapter. At no time since my acquaintance with it, have those prospects been brighter. And may I not indulge the hope, that, under your wise administration, seconded by those worthy companions who are associated with you, our chapter may continue to flourish like the green bay tree. Its numbers, its funds, its usefulness increase beyond the expectations of its warmest friends and admirers.

And now, my dear Companions, in relinquishing from this honourable, this responsible station, to which I have been elevated by your unanimous suffrage, it is a duty I owe to myself to tender you the tribute of a grateful heart, a heart penetrated with gratitude for your kind indulgence & assistance without which it would have been impossible for me to discharge my duties to your satisfaction; & for this, inestimable pledge of your affection and esteem. I assure you, Companions, it will be preserved with all possible care, & I indulge the pleasing hope, that my children & my children's children will gaze on it with delight, when the unworthy recipient shall be no more.

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CHAPTER XXIII.

1827

Joseph Hoxie, High Priest

It is not clear why Companion Hoxie was called to the East this year. Possibly it was owing to the trouble between Companions Dunham and Sibell. However, Companion Dunham, who had served as King, was not advanced, and he, with Companion Cleeve, the Scribe, and Companion Baldwin, chairman of the committee which exonerated Companion Dunham, applied for a recommendation to the Grand Chapter to form a new Chapter, to be known as Fidelity Chapter, and their application was granted.

In the early part of the year a bill of seven years' standing, for refreshments provided for the Standing Committee in 1820, was presented and referred to a committee. The only evidence the committee had that the bill was correct was a statement by Companion Truss, the King for that year, who testified that the refreshments had been furnished, and, so far as he knew, the bill had not been paid. The committee reported that "though they were not prepared to decide the propriety of the claim, yet considering the character of Companion Dodge, who presented the claim, which stands fair, and that his present circumstances render the payment very necessary, if due, do cheerfully recommend its payment, but stipulate that the money should be paid for the use of his family." As a result of this report it was voted that "hereafter bills of

long standing and doubtful character should be repudiated, and that all bills of longer standing than one year shall not be paid when presented to the Chapter."

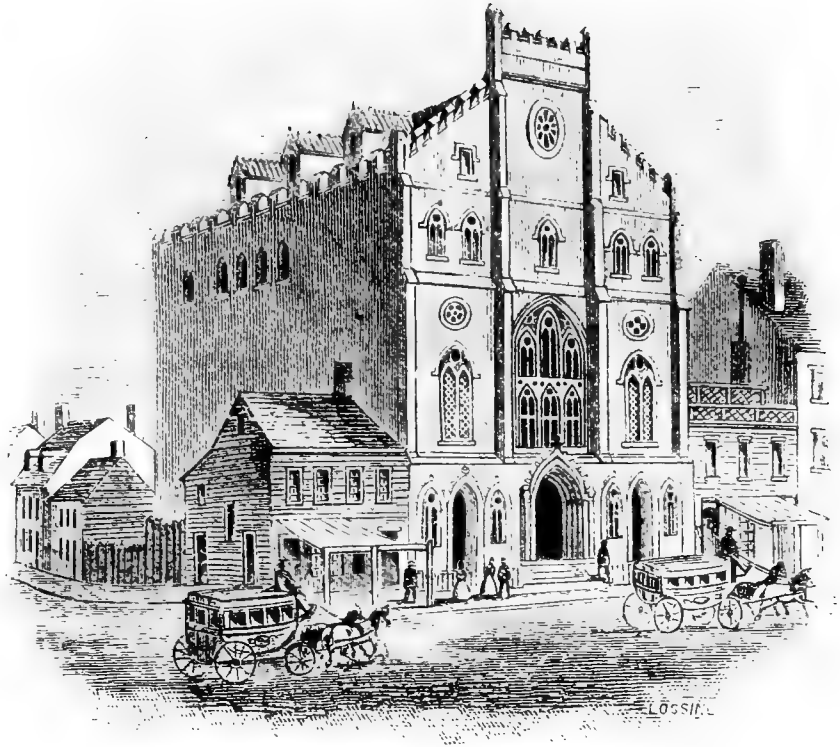
At the January meeting several Companions of the Chapter living in Greenwich Village submitted a petition to the Grand Chapter, for which they asked to be recommended by Jerusalem Chapter, for a grant of the old Charter of Washington Chapter, No. 2, or for a new one to be known as Greenwich Chapter. Recommendation by Jerusalem Chapter was granted, and several members withdrew to assist in the formation of said Chapter.

The members of Fidelity Chapter, the founders of which had just left Jerusalem Chapter, made a request that a portion of the funds of Jerusalem Chapter be donated to aid them in the purchase of their jewels, implements, etc. Their request was emphatically denied.

In March it was voted "that the Chapter move from its present place of meeting, from and after May 1st next, to the Masonic Hall now erecting on Broadway." On the first meeting in May the Chapter met in the new Masonic Hall. On May 23d, the Grand Lodge being then in session, and many Companions desiring to attend, the meeting was adjourned without transacting any business.

The session of the Grand Lodge here referred to was probably that of the "City" Grand Lodge. For five years there had been a "Country" and a "City" Grand Lodge. Negotiations were then in operation toward a reunion. This reunion was consummated at the annual session of the "Country" Grand Lodge two weeks later.

At the November meeting the piece of plate voted as a testimonial to Companion Belden was presented by Companion Hoxie, to which Companion Belden made a suitable response. They were each requested to furnish a copy of their addresses to be entered on the minutes, but



Masonic Hall, Broadway near Duane Street, 1827.

neither of them materialized in that form. It is safe to presume from the character and education of these Companions that these addresses were not a repetition of the ones made by them on a former occasion.

The Rev. James H. Teller was exalted this year. He was the first clergyman to join the Chapter. Several members of the now defunct Fidelity Chapter rejoined the Chapter in June. The usual adjoining fees were remitted.

Companion Peter N. Ferris was granted the sum of $50 for delivering a course of four lectures on the four Chapter degrees. The following minutes from the Grand Chapter proceedings for this year are interesting enough to be incorporated in this volume.

Jerusalem Chapter was represented by Companion Joseph Hoxie; M. E. Richard Pennell was also present.

The first allusion to the affair of William Morgan, in the Grand Chapter, follows:

"A Committee of seven members were appointed to report what measures are proper to be adopted, relative to the affair of William Morgan." Companion Pennell was appointed the Chairman of this Committee.

"A Warrant was granted to Companion James Herring, Jr., High Priest, and others, to hold a Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of Temple Chapter, No. 125."

"A Warrant was refused to hold a Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of Fidelity Chapter, to Companions Hampton Dunham, Charles Cleve, and Abraham D. Wilson."

"M. E. Richard Pennell was again re-elected D. G. H. P."

"The Committee on the affair of William Morgan reported in part as follows:

"*Whereas,* The rights of personal liberty and security are guaranteed by the free constitution under which we, the members of this Grand Chapter, in common with the rest of our fellow-citizens, have the happiness to live; and

"*Whereas,* We esteem the preservation of these rights of

vital importance to the perpetuity and full enjoyment of the blessings of our republican institutions; and

"*Whereas,* The community has lately witnessed a violation of the same under the alleged pretext of the masonic name and sanction, in the case of William Morgan; and

"*Whereas,* The principles of our ancient and honorable fraternity contain nothing which, in the slightest degree, justify or authorize such proceedings; but, on the contrary, do, in all their tenets and ceremonies, encourage and inculcate a just submission to the laws; the enjoyment of equal rights by every individual; and a high and elevated spirit of personal as well as national independence; therefore

"*Resolved,* By this Grand Chapter, that we, its members, individually and as a body, do disclaim all knowledge or approbation of the said proceedings, in relation to the abduction of the said William Morgan; and that we disapprove of the same, as a violation of the majesty of the laws, and an infringement of the rights of personal liberty secured to every citizen of our free and happy republic."

CHAPTER XXIV.

1828

Maurice Hoyt, High Priest

The Morgan affair, which was destined to cause such havoc in the Craft a little later, was now in its second year, and thus far it had had no perceptible effect on the prosperity of the Chapter. Twenty-two meetings were held this year. David Hosack, M.D., a prominent physician connected with the New York Hospital, was exalted this year.

A second piece of plate was voted to Companion Hoxie. After the convocation held October 22d, a committee from Temple Chapter, No. 125, which was formed the year previous by Companions who had seceded from Jerusalem Chapter, were received, and stated that they were authorized to entertain a proposition for a union of the two Chapters. A committee was appointed to confer with them. The proposition submitted by Temple Chapter was this, viz.: "that Jerusalem Chapter shall pay $400 for the furniture of Temple Chapter, and $17 for each candidate who, having been proposed by a member of Temple Chapter, shall be exalted in Jerusalem Chapter, until the debt of Temple Chapter is paid, then the members and property of Temple Chapter to become the members and property of Jerusalem Chapter."

Jerusalem Chapter's proposition was "to receive the members of Temple Chapter on ballot, without payment of adjoining fee, and to allow them the proceeds as above mentioned for two years, also to allow them to dispose of their furniture for their own benefit." This would seem to be eminently just and fair, but the Chapters could not

agree, and negotiations were broken off. Temple Chapter was unable to continue long, and in 1829 surrendered its warrant.

At the annual session of the Grand Chapter in 1828, on motion of Companion O. M. Lownds, it was resolved "that Phœnix Chapter, No. 3, held in the city of New York, be hereafter known and distinguished as Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, and the Grand Secretary be directed to alter the number in the Warrant accordingly." Thus the second erasure was made on the Charter of Phœnix Chapter.

Companion Hoyt joined the Chapter in 1824. He had the distinction of having been exalted at the same time Lafayette was exalted. He was a Past Master of Clinton Lodge. He was Master of the Third Vail in 1825; Principal Sojourner in 1826; and King in 1828.

At the time of his election to the office of High Priest he was, and had been for some years, a school-teacher, and lived at No. 22 Eldridge Street. He must have left the city in the early thirties, for his name does not appear in the City Directory after that time.

There is no record of the withdrawal of Companion Hoyt from the Chapter. He dropped out, however, for his name does not appear on the records after 1830. He visited the Chapter in 1870 and rather startled the Companions when he made himself known. It seems that Companion Mapes noticed an old gentleman sitting on the benches, before the Chapter was opened, and inquired of him "what Chapter he hailed from?" The old Companion's reply was, "I am Companion Maurice Hoyt, a Past High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter, and I was exalted with Lafayette in 1824." He proved his identity, and was most cordially received. He was then proposed, and elected to rejoin the Chapter. Where he had been all these years is not recorded. The sum of $50 was afterward appropriated and he was made a life member. His next appearance in the Chapter was on June 4, 1875. He died in Warwick, N. Y., February 10, 1877, aged eighty-five years.

CHAPTER XXV.

1829

Richard Pennell, High Priest

For some reason there was another diversion at the annual election held in 1828. M.·.E.·. Companion Pennell was called to the East for the second time. He was at the time D. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter. Maurice Hoyt, the retiring High Priest, was elected Principal Sojourner. A new office was established, *i.e.*, Chaplain, and the Rev. James H. Teller was elected. The Chapter, in common with other Masonic bodies, began to feel the depression resulting from the Morgan affair. Only eighteen meetings were held, two of them specials.

The funds had been reduced to $381.19 at the annual meeting in 1828, only $100.16 of which was in the Savings Bank. Nevertheless, a piece of plate valued at $100 was voted to Companion Hoyt.

The Chapter voted to return to St. John's Hall, where it formerly met. The new Masonic Hall was rather poorly managed, and much fault had been found for the two years the Chapter had been meeting there.

Furthermore, the room in St. John's Hall could be obtained for $85 yearly, whereas the Masonic Hall management demanded $100. The Chapter removed to St. John's Hall in March. The Chapter was called off May 18th and met again September 14th. Seven or eight propositions were handed in and the candidates elected, only two of whom were exalted, viz., Companions Dardon and Whittlesey.

There is not much available information with reference to the private life or professional record of M.·.E.·.Companion Pennell. He was born in England—town or city not known —November 22, 1798. It is not known when he emigrated to New York. His name first appears in the City Directory in 1821. He was graduated that year from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and for the next two or three years was an apothecary at the New York Hospital. He then became a regular practitioner, and in 1847 associated himself with others of the medical profession who formed the Academy of Medicine. He was commissioned Surgeon General of the State of New York, February 4, 1832.

Companion Pennell was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter in 1822. He was elected King in 1823, and at the annual election held that year he was elected High Priest. He had then just turned the age of twenty-five years, and was probably the youngest Companion ever elected to preside over the Chapter. The following February he was elected Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. It is doubtful if a younger Companion ever filled this office. He was re-elected four times to this position, viz.: in 1825, 1827, 1828, and 1835. At the annual session of the Grand Chapter, held in February, 1829, he was elected Grand High Priest. He was then just past thirty years of age. Companion Pennell must have impressed the Companions of the Royal Craft as possessing marked ability. He was endowed with the qualities of a successful administrator, which he displayed the first year he was High Priest. He exalted thirty-nine Companions that year; an unusual number even in these times. He was always in the forefront in all matters pertaining to Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery. Companion Pennell was chosen chairman of a committee of seven, appointed by the Grand Chapter in 1827, to report on the affair of William Morgan, whose mysterious death had caused such commotion in the land. The preamble and resolutions presented by the committee—which were drafted presumably by the chairman—breathed the most patriotic sentiments and should have convinced any reasonably



Richard Pennell M.D.

minded person of the purity of intention of the Craft in its loyalty to our country, and its regard for the rights of men whether Masons or otherwise. The sentiments contained in the report are applicable to this day and generation. The reader will note that they are recorded in full under the year 1827.

But like all good and true men, Companion Pennell was not without his enemies. A Companion hailing from Oneida Chapter, Utica, in 1830, presented a memorial which reflected on the character of Companion Pennell. The memorial was referred to a select committee of the Grand Chapter and its report is as follows:

"The Select Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Companion John E. Hinman, with the documents accompanying the same, report:

"That they have examined the subject committed to them with that care and attention which its importance and delicacy required; and that, from the proof and circumstances presented to the Committee, they are of the unanimous opinion that there is nothing exhibited to them which derogates in the least from the high character which the presiding officer of this Grand Chapter so deservedly sustains as a Mason, a philanthropist, and a friend to our republican institutions. Although a native of the 'mother country,' he has ever exhibited an untiring zeal in the prosperity of this, his adopted country.

"The Committee are pleased to have it in their power to state that the charges and allegations preferred are founded entirely in misapprehension, and are extremely gratified to say that the complainant himself, on the exhibition of the testimony, was convinced of this fact, and withdrew every allegation that had been presented. The Committee scarcely know how to approach the proceedings of the Companions in Utica upon this subject. These proceedings are wrong in principle and contrary to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter. Yet the Committee are constrained to believe that it was an error of the head and not of the heart, on the part of those whose names are attached to the circular, and unauthorized altogether by the Chapter in Utica." (Grand Chapter Proceedings, 1830.)

Perhaps Companion Pennell's English birth aroused the animosity of his traducers; however, the Grand Chapter vindicated him by re-electing him Grand High Priest at the same session. Companion Pennell did not attend the Grand Chapter in 1831, but sent the following communication:

"NEW YORK, January 30, 1831.

"M. E. COMPANIONS:

"It is with unspeakable emotions of regret, that, owing to a recent indisposition, I am deprived of the pleasure of attending the present session of the Grand Chapter; but I take the opportunity of informing my Companions of my determination to decline a re-election to the distinguished office to which your preferences have for two successive years called me. Elevated as I was from the situation of Deputy Grand High Priest, where I had previously been honored with your suffrages, it could not be considered by me but as indicative of your kind and approbatory feelings for an individual whose zeal for a distinguished order was perhaps as unabating as his abilities were few; but that kindness and approbation have been to me as a 'pillar of light' in the cloud and tempest with which masonry has been for a time temporarily enveloped.

"It is with no ordinary feelings of sensibility that I now address you—a stranger I arrived on your hospitable shores, and as a friend have I been welcomed. And, although occasionally asperities have appeared in our path, the kind and best feelings of your hearts have made the 'rugged paths smooth.'

"Companions, in tendering this, my resignation, receive the best wishes of a grateful and overburdened heart; and believe me when I assure you that no matter where kind Providence may please to place me, nor in what country I may be destined to reside, a Mason will always find in me a sincere friend.

"Receive, also, the renewed assurances of my respect and esteem, and believe me to be your affectionate Companion,

"RICHARD PENNELL."

The Companions were moved to adopt the following resolution:

"*Resolved unanimously,* That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M. E. Richard Pennell, for the faithful, able, and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter." (Grand Chapter Proceedings, 1831.)

Companion Pennell was an active Templar. He was Commander of Morton Commandery, No. 4, in 1824. There was quite a contest between him and Oliver M. Lownds, son of Thomas Lownds, and Commander of Columbian Commandery, No. 1, at that time, as to which one should have the honor of knighting Lafayette. Sir Knight Lownds won the day.

Most Excellent Companion Pennell died April 11, 1861, and thus passed away a Companion, the light of whose beneficent influence had been shed on the Chapter for nearly forty years.

CHAPTER XXVI.

1830

James Robinson, High Priest

The annual meeting, held December 15, 1829, bore a gloomy aspect, for although there were still a goodly number of members on the rolls of the Chapter, the funds had fallen to a low ebb. The Treasurer reported only $56.62 on hand. The proposed Permanent Fund had completely vanished. Unpaid bills amounting to $25 were presented. Twenty-six members paid dues at this convocation, amounting to $16, which, with Companion Whittlesey's exaltation fee, left about $67 for the incoming High Priest to begin the new year with.

Notwithstanding a lack of work and candidates, twenty-three meetings were held this year, many of them with barely a constitutional number of the Companions present. The outlook was so dark, about all they could do was to commiserate with each other on the unfortunate pass to which the grand old Order had come. Dark days they were indeed, not only for Jerusalem Chapter, but for the Craft throughout the State. All of which was caused by the fanaticism aroused by the mysterious death of the miserable Morgan in Batavia, N. Y., three years previously.

At the January meeting the circular already referred to as emanating from Oneida Chapter, No. 57, which deeply affected the character of M.·.E.·.Companion Pennell, the

G. H. P. of the State, was received by the Chapter and referred to a committee.

The committee reported the following resolutions and recommended their adoption, viz.:

"*Resolved,* That the allegations and insinuations contained in the circular of the committee of Oneida Chapter, are, in the opinion of this Chapter, malicious and unfounded, and merit the indignation of every worthy member of the fraternity.

"*Resolved,* That in the opinion of this Chapter the proceedings of Oneida Chapter are not only irregular and unwarranted by Masonic usage, but unjust and cruel in the extreme, in thus endeavoring to wrest from Dr. Pennell that which should be dearer to him than his life (his reputation), and that without giving him an opportunity to vindicate it."

Signed, JOSEPH HOXIE,
MAURICE HOYT,
WILLIAM BELDEN.

Several propositions were received this year, but not a candidate was exalted.

It became necessary to economize, and it was voted to meet but once a month, the rent of room to be $40 per annum. This vote was reconsidered, and it was then voted to meet twice a month at $80 per annum. Under this arrangement the Chapter was to have the full use of the gas-lights. Illuminating gas, which was first introduced into the city in 1825, was a luxury, and was used with the greatest economy. The Chapter paid dues to the Grand Chapter amounting to $29, thus paying for fifty-eight members.

No particular merit can be attributed to Companion Robinson. His work consisted of merely presiding at the meetings. Companion Robinson was exalted in 1824. He hailed from St. Andrew's Lodge. He was elected Captain of the Host in 1827,

and King in 1828 and 1829. His occupation was that of sail-maker, and from the fact that he withdrew from the Chapter in 1835 it is quite probable he trimmed his sails with reference to the Masonic wind then blowing, the direction of which carried him away from the moorings of the old Craft of which he once had been a master.

CHAPTER XXVII.

1831

George Arnold, High Priest

Twenty-nine members paid annual dues at the election in 1830, amounting to $22.62½. At the April meeting a committee was appointed to investigate the financial condition of the Chapter. They reported that there was $19.95 cash on hand, and bills owing as follows: Grand Chapter, dues, $32; Tiler's bill, $34.44, and rent due to November, 1830, $82, leaving a deficit of $128.49. It was therefore voted at the May meeting to meet but once a month.

At the June meeting it was voted to restore Companion Truss to membership, he having become reformed. At the December meeting a collection was taken, and $32.50 was raised among the members in aid of the Chapter funds.

Twenty-three meetings were held and two candidates were exalted.

Companion Arnold, who was exalted in 1822, did not reach the office of High Priest until a period when the greatest discouragement prevailed, otherwise his record might have been as brilliant as some of his predecessors. He is to be commended for faithfulness under the trying circumstances of the times.

Companion Arnold was a ship pilot by occupation, and for the little time he was at the helm of the Chapter he steered the old ship safely and well, and made as good headway as it was possible to do, considering the turbulence of the waters which were then surging around the old Craft.

Companion Arnold moved to Michigan in 1834.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

1832–33–34–35

Oliver Whittlesey, High Priest

Only thirteen meetings were held in 1832. Several candidates were proposed, but two only were exalted.

Companion William Belden, who had filled the office of Secretary with marked ability for six years, declined further service at the annual meeting in 1831.

At the March meeting in 1832 P. H. P. Whitlock was reported dead, and the Chapter was ordered in mourning for ninety days.

Very little business was transacted or work done this year. The Asiatic cholera was epidemic in the summer of 1832, and largely depopulated the city; in consequence of this no meetings were held in August or September.

After the annual election in 1832 the Chapter did not meet again until February, 1833.

Sixteen meetings were held in 1833. At the March meeting it was voted to remove again to the Masonic Hall. The Chapter began meeting there in May, 1833.

At the March meeting it is recorded that "Worshipful P. H. P. James Herring was proposed by Companion Arnold as an adjoining member." This refers to Companion James Herring, Jr. He received the title of P. H. P. by having been chosen High Priest of Temple Chapter, which was organized by him in 1827, after his withdrawal from Jerusalem Chapter. At the April meeting he was balloted for and elected.

Two candidates were exalted in 1833, several Companions rejoined the Chapter, and there was a slight rift in the clouds.

In 1834 nineteen meetings were held. New By-laws were adopted which eliminated some of the unreasonable clauses of the original By-laws adopted in 1808.

Returns made to the Grand Chapter in February, 1834, show that forty-two members were on the rolls in good standing. Among them were the following Past High Priests, viz.: Richard Pennell, George Arnold, Joseph Hoxie, and James Herring, Jr. The Chapter paid dues to the Grand Chapter amounting to $23.75, but was obliged to ask for a remission of the dues for 1832. Four candidates were exalted in 1834, one of whom was Brother Christian G. Gunther, founder of the great fur house of C. G. Gunther's Sons and the father of Mayor Christian G. Gunther.

At the annual election in December, 1834, Companion Whittlesey was again called to the East. Nineteen meetings were held in 1835. Only one candidate was exalted, although two or three others received the minor degrees. Very little of interest occurred, except the expulsion of a former Secretary and a former Treasurer, each of whom had withheld funds belonging to the Chapter. In the case of the former, he made restitution and was restored.

On March 17, 1835, the Chapter met in conjunction with Ancient Chapter to receive the G. H. P., the D. G. H. P., and the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter.

The Chapter adjourned on June 17th for three months. The annual election, held December 16, 1835, resulted in a change of officers. Companion Whittlesey announced to the Companions that he would not be a candidate for re-election. He thanked the Chapter for the kind support it had given him for four years past and signified his will-

ingness to discharge the duties in any minor station the Companions might deem proper to assign him.

The great fire which occurred in New York City in 1835 fortunately did not spread to such an extent that the Chapter lost any of its valuables, and although this and other conflagrations have laid waste much that the Craft would gladly have saved, Jerusalem Chapter, though slightly scorched on one or two occasions, has been singularly exempt from any serious loss.

Companion Whittlesey certainly showed great faithfulness through these, the darkest days which Freemasonry has ever experienced. The quiet but constant endeavors of the High Priest to hold the Companions together are deserving of our most profound gratitude. He seems to have been specially raised up to carry the Chapter through this trying ordeal, and save it for the benefit of future generations. Older, more brilliant, and more experienced Companions were still members of the Chapter, but it fell to the lot of Companion Whittlesey to be placed at its head within two years of his exaltation, there to reign for four years, during which period thousands of Masons renounced their allegiance to the Craft. It is true that the political opposition to Masonry had spent itself as early as 1832, but the period of social ostracism continued for many years. The Grand Secretary reported only forty-nine Lodges represented at the Grand Lodge session in 1835. Out of five hundred Lodges on the rolls in 1826, four hundred and twenty had surrendered their warrants, while many Lodges throughout the State had distributed their property and funds and allowed their warrants to disappear or be destroyed. A bare existence was about all the twenty odd Lodges in New York City sought for, and it will be seen how very difficult it was for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to hold together.

Among the Lodges which surrendered their warrants in 1835 was St. Andrew's, No. 7, a Lodge which furnished the Chapter with some of its brightest Companions.

Companion Whittlesey, who served the Chapter with such unwavering fidelity in this gloomy period of depression, was a member of Minerva Lodge. He was a jeweller by trade and had a shop at No. 4 Tryon Row.

His record shows that he was of pure gold, and that he came through the furnace of persecution a bright and shining example of the faithful Companion.

After his retirement as High Priest he was elected Principal Sojourner in 1836, and Captain of the Host in 1837 and 1838.

There is no record of his death or withdrawal. His name was recorded for the last time in January, 1839.

CHAPTER XXIX.

1836

Levi Strangman, High Priest

Only six meetings were held this year. In fact, no meetings were held from March 16th to December 21st. No candidates were proposed, elected, or exalted; practically no business whatever was transacted.

The Chapter made a mistake in electing Companion Strangman High Priest. Why he was chosen is not clear. Perhaps he was the only one willing to assume the position. He joined the Chapter in 1825, withdrew in 1827, and later rejoined, after which he served as Captain of the Host and Scribe. He was a carpenter, and his shop was at No. 364 Broome Street. Companion Strangman was expelled December 4, 1837, in accordance with instructions from the D. G. H. P. He was a Past Master of Silentia Lodge, which joined the Atwood forces in 1837.

CHAPTER XXX.

1837–1838

James Herring, Jr., High Priest

At the annual election, held December 21, 1836, the Chapter decided to call up its strongest men, those who would extricate it, if possible, from the slough in which it was so fast held, and James Herring, Jr.—although the Jr. was not at that time attached to his name, his father in all probability having passed away—was elected High Priest. Richard Pennell, the old wheel-horse of the Chapter, was elected King, and Ransom Crosby, who joined in 1824, but heretofore had taken little active part, was elected Scribe. Thus all the Past High Priests of the Chapter were assigned to active positions. At this meeting Companion Truss was for the second time restored to membership.

Under the energetic management of Companion Herring, who was at that time Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, the Chapter took on a new lease of life. Fifteen meetings were held. At the first meeting in January Companion Herring proposed five adjoining members, among them Companion R. R. Boyd, later a High Priest of the Chapter. Several more adjoining members were added during the year. The only exaltation recorded for the year was held on the afternoon of July 4th at the Howard House, where the Chapter began meeting in May. Nearly all the meetings were held in conjunction with

Ancient Chapter, or Phœnix Chapter; sometimes all three would meet at the same time. Additional trouble was in store for the Chapter, as will be seen by a communication of the Grand High Priest. The Grand Bodies were determined to uphold the dignity and ancient usages of the Craft and compel every brother to show where he stood. The following communication from the D. G. H. P., issued by direction of the G. H. P., caused the expulsion of several Companions:

"To the Companions Royal Arch Masons of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8.

"RESPECTED COMPANIONS: I have received a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, that it is the opinion of the Grand Council that all persons who have been expelled by any Lodge of competent Jurisdiction, from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, should be forbidden to visit, or sit in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and that it is the duty of all Royal Arch Masons to abstain from all Masonic communication with persons so expelled.

"I have deemed it my duty to communicate the same to the different Chapters for their information and guidance. Respectfully, I remain, Companions,

"Yours fraternally,

"RICHARD ELLIS, D. G. H. P.,

"*of the G. C. of the S. of N. Y.*"

"14 Cherry Street,

"14th November A.L. 5837.

The High Priest, after directing that the above should be entered at length on the minutes, informed the Chapter that he considered himself bound to conform to the opinions expressed by the Grand Council, and that he should accordingly refuse admittance to expelled Masons at all meetings of this Chapter.



James Herring

This communication caused the Chapter to expel Companions Strangman and Truss and several others, their Lodges having been expelled from the Grand Lodge. This was the year of the Atwood schism. Companion Herring was Secretary of the Grand Lodge at the time, and with the Deputy Grand Master held that it was an edict of the Grand Lodge that Lodges should not parade in public. Certain Lodges persisted, and under the lead of Henry C. Atwood seceded from the Grand Lodge.

The year 1838 was uneventful. The Chapter met more or less regularly at the Howard House, but, strange to say, Companion Herring presided at two meetings only. M. .E.·. Companion Richard Ellis of Ancient Chapter, the then D. G. H. P. of the State, presided at the remaining ten meetings. Companions Jarvis and Mason—not of Jerusalem Chapter—acted respectively as King and Scribe at nearly all of the meetings. The returns to the Grand Chapter at the annual session in 1838 contained thirty names only in good standing, among them P. H. Priests Pennell, Whittlesey, and Herring.

At the April meeting Brother W. W. Nexsen of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, was proposed and later exalted; he was the only Companion exalted during this year.

Brother Greenfield Pote of Mount Moriah Lodge was proposed at the May meeting, but was not exalted until the following year. Brother Pote gained the distinction later of contributing the first dollar paid into the fund for the erection of the new Masonic Temple.

Companion Herring deserves a warm spot in the hearts of all Masons. To him, perhaps, more than any other, is due the credit of having kept the Grand Lodge from experiencing a hiatus in its existence.

Companion Herring was appointed Assistant Secretary of

the Grand Lodge September 3, 1828, and was elected Secretary June 3, 1829. During the period of his service as Grand Secretary, events of great importance occurred. In 1826 the mysterious disappearance of William Morgan from Batavia, N. Y., said to have been caused by his publishing an *exposé* of Freemasonry, created an anti-Masonic spirit among the residents of that section of the State, which was fanned into a flame that had enveloped the entire Commonwealth by 1828, and aroused the most bitter denunciation of Freemasonry on all sides. The feeling thus created caused thousands of the Craft to renounce their allegiance to the Masonic institution.

"Lodge after Lodge closed its doors. Hundreds surrendered their Charters. Many did not even take the trouble to observe this formality and simply stood abandoned. As the excitement progressed, men who were known to be Freemasons were hooted and jeered at on the streets, and found their personal safety often in peril. Persuasion, as well as force and threats, were used to induce the brethren to renounce their oaths. Doctors were compelled to do so to retain their patients; tradesmen to transact their business; and clergymen to be regarded as loyal to their Master. The bitterness of the struggle handicapped all officials in public life who were known or suspected of belonging to the Craft. A candidate for any political office, who had expressed even a degree of sympathy for the institution, who thought that Freemasons were entitled to fair treatment as were all other classes of citizens, was a marked man, and his canvass weakened if not ruined." (Ross's "History of Freemasonry in New York.")

But the excitement brought forth the most energetic efforts on Companion Herring's part to stem the tide. "He stood firm as a rock, while the hurricane of destruction levelled the greater number of the Lodges in the State; and the Lodges of the City of New York are indebted to him for their salvation during that stormy period. In spite of threats and dangers, he managed to induce the Grand Lodge not to cease its regular meetings."

As a master stroke he conceived the idea of having the

Grand Lodge elect as its Grand Master, General Morgan Lewis, a revolutionary patriot, who was beloved and respected by the whole people. Without previously consulting the General, the Grand Lodge elected him to the office of Grand Master, and much to the gratification and no doubt to the surprise of the committee who waited upon him to inform him of his election, he accepted it forthwith and for fourteen years the Craft enjoyed his wise leadership.

Companion Herring was born in London, Eng., January 12, 1794. He was educated under the watchful eye of his father, after whom he was named, and who instilled into him the feeling of interest for the American Republic, then in the early years of its existence, which he himself felt for her institutions. In 1805 the family emigrated to this country, and young Herring finished his education at an academy in Flatbush, L. I. He became a portrait painter, and in 1832 published " The National Portrait Gallery of Distinguished Americans," of which all of the portraits were painted by himself. Companion Herring was made a Mason in Solomon's Lodge, Somerville, N. J., in 1816. On July 29th of the same year, he was proposed for membership in Jerusalem Chapter. He was then a little more than twenty-two years of age. He did not remove to New York until 1822, and, therefore, did not take an active part in the Chapter until then. He affiliated with Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, and later with Clinton Lodge, No. 143, and became Master of the latter Lodge in 1827. He was re-elected Master each year from 1828 to 1832 and again in 1834, a period when it did not add to a man's popularity or advantage to be a leader in Freemasonry. In 1833 Clinton Lodge united with St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Companion Herring, therefore, became a member of the latter Lodge. Later he was the leading Charter member, and first Master of Strict Observance Lodge, No. 94. Companion Herring was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge until 1846. In 1849 he became Grand Secretary of the schismatic body known as the Phillips Grand Lodge, which was terminated by the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1858.

Companion Herring was also interested in Templar Masonry. He was Commander of Columbian Commandery, No. 1, from 1826 to 1831, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery from 1829 to 1833, and Grand Commander in 1834. He was Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States 1829–35, Grand Generalissimo of the same from 1835 to 1841. His interest in the Capitular Rite was nearly as great as that which he had for Ancient Craft Masonry. He was Treasurer of Jerusalem Chapter in 1825 and 1826, but withdrew in the latter year to form, with others, Temple Chapter, of which he was the first and only High Priest. Temple Chapter became defunct shortly after, and for five years he was not connected with any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He rejoined Jerusalem Chapter April 22, 1833, just at a time when it needed support. Others who had enjoyed high honors in the Chapter, and who should have stood by it, were withdrawing their names from the rolls. Companion Herring not only rejoined, but he gave the Chapter the benefit of his position and influence as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and perhaps by his encouragement kept it alive. He was rewarded by election to the office of High Priest in 1837 and 1838, and was elected King in 1839. He was elected General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter in 1842.

Companion Herring was an orator of considerable power, and delivered many public addresses. In an address which he made in 1837 he referred to the Morgan affair and set forth the true position of the Craft in this matter in the following succinct and eloquent statement: "In the autumn of 1826, Masonry received a most tremendous and unexpected shock. Three persons in Batavia, two of whom were said to be Masons, agreed to publish a book on Freemasonry, and bound themselves by oath to each other to keep their speculation secret, until it should be published. But the third party, concluding that a still-born book would be likely to cost more than it would return, betrayed the secret to the Masons of his acquaintance, and urged them by all means to prevent its pub-

lication. Without knowing more about the embryo volume than he chose to communicate, they fell into the snare and attempted by violence to destroy the manuscript and the printing-office altogether.

"They then devised a plan to remove the reputed author out of the influence of his associates, and he accordingly passed from place to place to the Niagara frontier, where all trace of him is lost, and the general belief is that there he perished by violence. That such an outrage on the liberty and life of a citizen should be followed up by public indignation was natural and right; and the guilty in this case, so far as could be discovered, were punished. But an extraordinary excitement prevailed through all parts of the community. Great numbers were believed to have been concerned in the abduction and catastrophe, who were shielded and protected by Masonic influence in high places. The whole Masonic Fraternity was charged with guilt; the Institution and its members were denounced as dangerous; churches, families, and friends were divided; and the whole social system was for a long time uprooted and dismembered. Now all this excitement against Masonry was founded upon false premises. No Masonic duty interferes with the duty a man owes to his country. The abductors of Morgan were as much without excuse as though they had not been Masons, and their crime was never palliated nor defended by the Fraternity in general, nor by the Grand Lodge in particular, nor was there even a dollar of the funds appropriated to aid or shield the guilty."

To Companion Herring is due the credit for devising the scheme which resulted in the establishment of the Hall and Asylum Fund of which the present generation is reaping the benefits.

"Companion Herring removed to Paris, France, after the union of the Grand Lodges in 1858, and died there at the residence of his daughter October 8, 1867. On October 10th his remains were forwarded to New York.

"The religious funeral services were held in St. Stephen's

Church, Sunday, October 27th, in the presence of an immense congregation. The Masonic ceremonies were performed at Greenwood Cemetery, by his Lodge, which with several New York and Brooklyn Lodges made an imposing procession."

" Peaceful he sleeps, with all our rights adorned,
Forever honored and forever mourned."

CHAPTER XXXI.

1839

Alexander Copeland, High Priest

The Chapter continued to take on new life during 1839. Thirty-four names were reported to the Grand Chapter for the year ending 1838, and this number was augmented by the exaltation of six candidates during the year. Twenty-one meetings were held.

Of Companion Copeland there is little to record. His business consisted of selling groceries at No. 656 Water Street.

As High Priest he labored under great disadvantages, yet received the heartfelt thanks of his Companions. He withdrew from the Chapter in 1843, immediately after his second term as High Priest. Probably he then became connected with Nassau Chapter. He represented that Chapter at one of the Grand Chapter sessions.

CHAPTER XXXII.

1840

Richard Pennell, High Priest

For the third time M.·.E.·.Companion Pennell was called upon to take charge of the Chapter—for what reason, is not stated. Companion Copeland seemed to have done as well as some of his predecessors, if not better. Companion Copeland courteously accepted election as Captain of the Host, which showed there was no feeling of resentment on his part in not having been re-elected.

Companion B. de Lapierre, who had been a faithful member of the Chapter since 1812, was elected Treasurer.

Twenty-two meetings were held this year and five candidates were exalted, two of them future High Priests—Companions Rowell and E. W. Nexsen.

At the annual election Companion W. W. Nexsen was elected High Priest.

CHAPTER XXXIII.

1841

W. W. Nexsen, High Priest

Twenty-two meetings were held in 1841. On July 1st the Chapter changed its meeting-place to the Barnes Building, No. 33 Canal Street, a room in which building they had hired and fitted up in conjunction with Ancient and Phœnix Chapters and Columbian and Morton Commanderies; each body agreeing to pay rent at $60 per annum. Companion James Herring withdrew from the Chapter this year. Four candidates were exalted.

Companion W. W. Nexsen hailed from St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and was a Past Master of this Lodge. He was a brother, probably, of Companion E. W. Nexsen. He was a printer by trade. He was active in the work of the Chapter and filled several minor offices. He was Secretary of the Chapter for four years, but was very irregular in his attendance while filling that office, and the minutes were frequently left unread, as both the Secretary and books were absent. He was suspended in 1851. He rejoined the Chapter in 1859, and was later made a life member. He died September 26, 1884.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

1842

Charles S. Rowell, High Priest

Considerable prosperity attended the Chapter in 1842. Twenty-five meetings were held, five candidates were exalted, and several Companions rejoined the Chapter. The report to the Grand Chapter in 1842 contained thirty-seven names, which, though many less than the Chapter had had on its rolls fifteen years previously, still it was a great improvement over the numbers reported for several years past.

At the meeting held January 3, 1842, the By-laws were amended so that it required only a plurality of votes to elect officers, instead of a majority as heretofore.

Companion Rowell was a member of old St. John's Lodge, No. 1. For some years he was active in the work of the Chapter and filled various offices, but his interest flagged, and in 1849 he was dropped for non-payment of dues.

In 1845 he was Commander of Columbian Commandery, No. 1.

He was a dentist, his office being at No. 23 Chambers Street.

CHAPTER XXXV.

1843

Alexander Copeland, High Priest

The year 1842 was closed showing an increase in numbers, but the Chapter was still very poor in purse. There was but $13.17 on hand at the annual election, and some bills remained unpaid.

At the first meeting held in 1843 a motion was made "that the landlord be requested to furnish a stove, or stoves, to suitably warm the room." A committee was appointed to wait upon the landlord forthwith. The committee soon returned with this report, viz.: "that they had performed the duty assigned them, and the landlord informed them he would comply with the request of the committee when the Chapter paid their rent." Evidently it was a case of "freeze-out" on the part of the landlord.

Companion Copeland attended the session of the Grand Chapter at Albany in February, and on his return made a very complete report of the proceedings, concluding with these words: "I take pleasure in saying that everything connected with the Institution manifested a prosperous condition, with a revival of several dormant Warrants."

Twenty-eight meetings were held this year, but only three candidates were exalted.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

1844

Robert R. Boyd, High Priest

At the annual election, held December 18th, a surprise came by the election of Robert R. Boyd to the office of High Priest. The only office he had heretofore filled was that of Captain of the Host in 1839. Companion Copeland, the retiring High Priest, resigned immediately after the election, also one or two others withdrew, so that there were but thirty-four members to be reported to the Grand Chapter. The Standing Committee reported "that there were $33 outstanding dues, which if paid to the Chapter there would be a balance of $2.42 in the Treasury."

This was an exceedingly poor year for the Chapter in every respect. Only eleven meetings were held. How the Chapter came to be so unfortunate cannot now be explained. Companion Boyd was elected D. G. H. P. at the annual session of the Grand Chapter. The By-laws were carefully revised, and some propositions were received, but not a candidate was exalted throughout the year.

A motion was made at the June meeting that "Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, suspend its regular nights of meeting and meet in conjunction with some other Chapter, at the will of the High Priest." After that, one meeting was held in August, but the Chapter did not meet again until the annual election. The minutes would lead one to infer that Companion Boyd, having had his ambitions grati-

fied, did not care to do anything further to help the Chapter along to greater prosperity.

Possessed of a large amount of energy Companion Boyd managed to receive many honors in Masonry, but in nearly all positions he failed to uphold the true dignity and work which they entailed. His work as High Priest of the Chapter was a fair example of what he did in other positions. He was elected D. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter in February, 1844, and was re-elected in 1845, 1846, 1847, and 1848. He was elected Grand High Priest in 1849 and 1850.

It is true that Royal Arch Masonry was at a very low ebb while Companion Boyd was the D. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter. From 1833 to 1847 less than a score of Chapters were represented at the annual sessions of the Grand Chapter, and not all of these paid annual dues. Thus, the Grand Body as well as the subordinate Chapters had a very precarious existence. In 1847, only fourteen Chapters were represented, among them Jerusalem, No. 8. There were also two reported as under dispensation which were in reality applications for restoration. This was a mighty fall from the one hundred or more Chapters reporting to the Grand Chapter in 1827. For twenty years the winds of adversity had swept over the Royal Craft, but now the breeze had changed its course and the prospects for better weather were bright. Unfortunately, M.·.E.·. Companion Boyd did little to encourage it. At the time that he was holding the position of Chief of Capitular Masonry, he was Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

Companion Boyd was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in 1846, running in opposition to Companion James Herring, who had filled that office since 1828.

The following year, 1847, he was again elected Grand Secretary, Bro. Herring running as the opposing candidate. During all this time trouble was brewing between the city and country brethren in the Grand Lodge, with reference to the restriction of representatives; it being the desire of the country Lodges to eliminate the Past Masters. The country breth-

ren were most persistent in trying to bring this about. For the third time, in 1848, Companion Boyd was pitted against Companion Herring for the office of Grand Secretary and defeated him. The storm which had been brewing burst at the Grand Lodge session held in 1849. Whichever faction was in the right, or however beneficial the result of the action taken at that time, is not to be judged here, but Companion Boyd, the Grand Secretary, was clearly irregular in reporting that certain amendments had been accepted by a majority of the Lodges, before calling the roll of Lodges. This action precipitated the disorder and confusion which followed the announcement, whereas a clearer head might have prevented the tumult, if not altogether stopped the formation of a third Grand Lodge in New York, which was the result before the close of the following day. Companion Boyd's career, personal and Masonic, was, to say the least, unfortunate and full of trouble throughout his whole life. He was Master of Howard Lodge, No. 35, in 1828 and 1833, Commander of Columbian Commandery, No. 1, 1841, 1842, 1843, and 1844, and Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of New York, 1845 to 1849. He was for many years engaged in the wholesale dry goods trade. He died in Connecticut, September 3, 1878.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

1845

William H. Skeats, High Priest

A little more life was instilled into the work and proceedings of the Chapter this year. Twenty-one meetings, regular, special, and adjourned, were held. Companion Skeats, the new High Priest, had been active for several years, although not continuously in office. The membership was small, and many of the members were so lacking in interest it was difficult to get the offices filled. It was therefore necessary to elect three Past High Priests to subordinate offices, viz.: W. W. Nexsen, Secretary; Charles S. Rowell, Royal Arch Captain; and Robert R. Boyd, Master of the 3d Vail. Only thirty-three members were reported at the February session of the Grand Chapter.

Early in the year the Chapter voted to meet in conjunction with Phœnix Chapter. It was still meeting at the Barnes Building, No. 33 Canal Street, but in April it was voted to meet thereafter at Warren Hall. The rent of this hall was $25 per annum.

At the March meeting Brother Oscar Coles of Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, was proposed for exaltation by M.·.E.·. Companion Pennell. Brother Coles and two others were the only candidates exalted this year. At the May meeting M.·.E.·. Companion Boyd made the following statement, viz.: "that he had, some four years since, during a debate in relation to the conduct of a cer-

tain Companion, made a remark relating to Companion James Herring which was injudicious, and he was sorry he made it, and wished this entered on the minutes of the Chapter."

Possibly the discussion above referred to may have been the cause of Companion Herring's withdrawal in 1841.

Companion Skeats was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter in 1826. He withdrew with others to form Temple Chapter, and was readmitted as rejoining member in 1837. After filling various positions, he was elected High Priest in 1845, and continued a member until the suspension of his Lodge by the Grand Lodge in 1851. He was a plasterer by occupation.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

1846

Elias W. Nexsen, High Priest

Not a candidate was exalted in 1846, and although sixteen meetings were held they were very irregularly attended by the officers. The meetings were frequently presided over and officered by members of other Chapters. It was again found necessary to elect several Past High Priests to the subordinate offices. In consequence of the difficulty of obtaining a quorum, and the expense of a meeting-place, a committee was appointed in the early part of the year to confer with Phœnix and Ancient Chapters, and prepare an agreement whereby they could meet in conjunction. An elaborate form was prepared, but was not adopted.

Companion George Skinner of Ancient Chapter, No. 1, the present Sentinel of our Chapter, was marked as a visitor October 7, 1846.

Companion E. W. Nexsen, presumably a brother of Companion W. W. Nexsen, hailed from St. John's Lodge, No. 1. He was quite active in the work and filled various minor offices, before and after serving as High Priest. He was Principal Sojourner for three years. His Lodge was suspended by the Grand Lodge in 1851, and he was in consequence barred from further membership in the Chapter.

He was a gauger and later a merchant.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

1847–1848

Oscar Coles, High Priest

Twenty-two meetings were held in 1847, and under the vigorous administration of Companion Coles the Chapter was prosperous. Thirty-one members were reported to the Grand Chapter in February, among them Past High Priests Pennell, Boyd, Rowell, Skeats, W. W. and E. W. Nexsen. Seven candidates were exalted, among them Charles L. Church, who afterward became Grand High Priest of the State and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge. On April 21st the Chapter removed to the Howard House.

The bright prospects which seemed to lie before the Chapter were dissipated in 1848. Companion Coles was re-elected High Priest, but the fates were against him. Ten meetings only were held and two candidates only were exalted. From May 24th to November 24th every date of the regular meetings is marked "No quorum" in the records.

Companion Coles was a man of much force of character and his career in Freemasonry was eventful. At the time of his election as High Priest he was engaged in the ship-chandlery business. Originally hailing from Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, he withdrew from that Lodge in 1845, with several other brethren, and formed Manitou Lodge, No. 106. He was its first Master, and served in that capacity for five years. In 1848 Companion Coles was elected Deputy Grand Master of



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the Grand Lodge, in opposition to Brother Isaac Phillips who afterward formed the schismatic "Phillips Grand Lodge." He was active and instrumental in bringing about the reunion of the regular Grand Lodge and the schismatic "St. Johns" or "Atwood" Grand Lodge, which occurred in 1850, and was elected the first Grand Master of these reunited Grand Bodies in 1851.

Companion Coles exerted himself to get the Phillips seceders to abandon their schism, and to him, perhaps more than to any other man, is due the credit of bringing them back into the true fold. On his retirement from the office of Grand Master he delivered an address full of dignified sentiments and of hopeful augury for the ultimate reunion of the Craft.

M.·.E.·.Companion Coles was elected Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in February, 1851, and was unanimously elected Grand High Priest in 1852, which election he declined, as will be seen by the following extract from the proceedings of the Grand Chapter:

"Companion Coles expressed his grateful acknowledgments to the Grand Chapter for this distinguished mark of their confidence, and this manifestation of their approval of the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the past, most expectedly devolving upon him during the past year, but respectfully declined accepting the office." "A resolution was adopted thanking the Excellent Companion for the prompt, able, and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office of Grand High Priest which devolved upon him by the death of the G. H. P. Orville Hungerford."

Companion Coles was also active in Templarism. He was Commander of Columbian Commandery, No. 1, in 1847 and 1848. He was elected Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1851, and was Grand Recorder of that body for two years previously.

He served as Treasurer of Jerusalem Chapter in 1850 and 1851. Those were busy years for Companion Coles, but there is every evidence that he discharged the duties appertaining to all of the various offices he filled with dignity and faithfulness.

Companion Coles remained a member of the Chapter until 1867, when he withdrew.*

As has been well said of him, " The work of such a man has its influence for years after the work is performed, and the brethren rejoice to honor one whose voice was always raised in the cause of peace and harmony, and whose every effort was for unity in action."

As a specimen of the oratorical ability displayed by Companion Coles, the address delivered by him at the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1851 is herein incorporated. The Grand High Priest, M. .E.·.Companion Hungerford, died while in office, hence certain allusions in the address.

His reference to the harmony and reunion of the two Grand Lodges, which was consummated the previous year, is couched in simple but significant language.

" COMPANIONS:

" Once more, through the beneficence of Divine Providence, we are permitted to assemble within these walls, to engage in friendly deliberations upon subjects directly connected with the interests of our beloved order; and I do sincerely trust that we bring with us such sober judgment and kindness of temper as will render our deliberations effective and of benefit to all. You have left your homes and here meet to extend to each other the grip of friendship; but our altar, covered with the solemn emblems of mourning, reminds us that he who should bid us welcome, he who should have occupied the position held by me, is not here. In this council one is missing. Its chief dwells no more among us. Ere we fully knew his worth, ere we had learned to appreciate his kindness of heart and gentle nature, ere the body who had selected him as its presiding officer had enjoyed the benefit of their choice, Death, the grand leveller of human greatness, claimed him for his own. We feel his loss and mourn it. We feel that if society has been deprived of a useful and valuable citizen, the Grand Chapter has lost a

* Companion Coles passed from this earth to the life everlasting on the 12th day of October, 1899, at Bellport, L. I.

worthy and beloved Companion. May the gentle spirit of him who has gone from us hover over and among us, and impart to us some of his kindly nature.

" Although time may have softened the anguish of his family, and a fresh reference to their loss may rekindle feelings dark and mournful within their hearts, yet our duty prompts us to share their griefs and show to them that we, too, mourn the death of our beloved chief. We should pour consolation into the wounded spirits of his relatives, by expressing our hopes that he whose guileless life endeared him to his fellowmen, having finished his course upon the broad level of time, has been wafted to the boundless realms of eternity, to be received into that Grand Chapter above, where the Supreme Grand High Priest alone presides.

" Companions, to you I leave the task of paying such a tribute to his memory as affection alone can prompt.

" It affords me much gratification to be enabled to report that the utmost harmony prevails throughout our branch of the Masonic family, and that a manifest increase is perceptible. The number of Lodges has swelled to an extent almost incredible, and Masonry has revived in portions of the State where the name of Brother has not been heard for many years. The struggles we have been forced to encounter are ended. The poisoned shafts of political ambition which were levelled against the time-worn walls of our old institution have lost their venom. The demagogues, who knowing little of, and caring less, for the principles taught by us, are silent, and Masonry from her lofty eminence now looks down upon the stream of time, carrying upon its resistless and impetuous current those who raised the standard of persecution against her.

" Chapters are formed from Lodges, Companions from Brothers, and may we not be permitted to draw a reasonable inference in our Lodges, that the same spirit which animates the growth of Masonry will continue, and that in a few short years this Grand Chapter will assume that high and lofty position she attained in the days of the immortal Clinton. Upon you who are members of this body devolve many duties; to

you, as the Representatives of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the State, your Chapters look for calm deliberation and sound judgment upon all matters which may be presented to you. Let me then ask that all personal feelings, if any such exist, be laid aside, and that each and all of you perform the several duties assigned you without a thought of sectional interest, but with a sincere and honest determination to act for all."

CHAPTER XL.

1849

George Ackerman, High Priest

The Chapter made a weak selection in the choice of its High Priest this year. A stronger man was needed to lead it out of its difficulties. The work was started well, and a number of candidates were proposed; five were exalted before the summer vacation, but from that time on no work was done until the annual meeting in December.

Companion Ackerman was a blacksmith at No. 575 Hudson Street, but he struck no effectual blows for Jerusalem Chapter.

He was a member of Strict Observance Lodge, No. 94, and was not particularly prominent in the Lodge, neither was he very active in the Chapter; he filled but one office other than that of High Priest, viz.: that of King in 1848. He withdrew from the Chapter in 1852. He visited the Chapter as an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason in May, 1877. He died in New York City, February 6, 1885.

CHAPTER XLI.

1850

Richard Pennell, High Priest

Once more it was deemed necessary to call upon the "old wheel-horse," who had stood by the Chapter through thick and thin, to pull it out of its "slough of despond." With an uninterrupted existence for half a century, with every incentive for keeping it alive, now that the Ancient Craft, the source of all the higher grades, was about to enter upon a period of splendid unity, the members of Jerusalem Chapter acted wisely in calling Dr. Pennell to take the helm once more. It could not be expected that he would take hold, at his time of life, as actively as a younger man, and he therefore allowed the younger men to do the active work of the Chapter, while he gave them the benefit of his wisdom and experience. Companion Powell, the King, a new member, presided at most of the meetings.

Twenty-eight meetings were held and nine candidates were exalted, the largest number for more than twenty years. There was so much work to do that the Chapter voted to hold weekly meetings, but after a month or two returned to bimonthly meetings. The Chapter now met at the Howard House, the name of which was changed to the City Hotel in May. This building was located at No. 429 Broadway.

Companion George Skinner, the present Sentinel, was proposed and elected an adjoining member in July.

Immediately after the union of the two Grand Lodges

the way was open for some old members of the Chapter to rejoin, among them Companion J. J. Rickers, a former Secretary. This Companion died before the close of the year. The following tribute to his memory by the Secretary of the Chapter is touching, and at the same time reveals an animus against Companion James Herring, whose unyielding attitude toward certain Lodges that desired to have a public procession in 1837 caused a split in the ranks of Freemasonry and the organization of the "Atwood Grand Lodge."

TRIBUTE TO COMPANION J. J. RICKERS

"Before closing the books for the year, I would respectfully remind the Companions that Divine Providence has been pleased to take from amongst us Companion John J. Rickers.

"The evening of our election is not an occasion that will admit of any lengthened remarks in reference to our deceased Brother. But permit me to say that his Masonic character is in many respects well worthy of example. For over thirty-five years he was a constant adherent and firm supporter of our institution. During the time he was Secretary of this Chapter he was scrupulously regular in his attendance, and it was only a difference of opinion, occasioned by the unfortunate difficulties which occurred mainly through the instrumentality of James Herring, many years since, that caused him, as well as many other worthy members of the Fraternity, to desert us. Not one who sustained that difference was more rejoiced at a reconciliation than the deceased. He was the very first to again unite with his old associates of Jerusalem Chapter. It is here he was exalted and it was while actively engaged with us that Death found him. The principles of Masonry were to him his Religion, and his death was the death of a good man. While we are taught to submit cheerfully to the dispensation of God, let us in justice to the memory of our late Companion, record his name with that respect which it so worthily deserves." SAMUEL DRUMMOND, *Secretary.*

There was a strong desire in the Chapter to have all its proceedings regular and to recognize and receive only those who were in good standing in the regular Grand Lodge, as the following motion attests.

Upon motion of Companion Powell, it was ordered "that the Secretary be directed to notify the Grand High Priest of this State that Ancient Chapter, No. 1, contrary to the command of the Grand Chapter, continues to meet and hold Masonic intercourse with expelled Masons and to acknowledge as the Grand Lodge of this State the organization known as the Phillips party, and, also, to inquire what action we are to take with members hailing from that Chapter."

At the October meeting it was voted to pledge the Chapter to pay $100 toward the proposed Masonic Temple.

At the close of 1850 thirty-eight members were recorded, also nine transient members and one honorary member.

CHAPTER XLII.

1851

James W. Powell, M.D., High Priest

A number of events of interest occurred this year, and one or two that are amusing. The Chapter was still meeting at the City Hotel, formerly the Howard House, and as for several years past, in conjunction with Phœnix Chapter, No. 2. A large number of meetings were held, forty-six in all, and the High Priest presided at very few of them. Companion Sewell T. Fisk of Phœnix Chapter, and that year Sentinel of Jerusalem Chapter, presided, and conferred the degrees the greater part of the time.

At the close of 1850 there were but thirty-eight members on the rolls. Three died during the year, and eight others ceased to be members by action of the Grand Lodge which expelled certain Lodges of which they were members. Among them were Past High Priests W. W. and E. W. Nexsen and W. H. Skeats, also Companion Charles L. Church, who later affiliated with Zetland Chapter, and became Grand High Priest in 1856.

Among the officers elected this year was George Skinner, Captain of the Host.

Thirteen candidates were exalted during the year, among whom were Companions Samuel C. Swartz, who was later elected High Priest; Theophilus C. Callicott, who remained a member for forty-one years, and Charles B. Burckhardt, a noted writer and musical critic. Other notable brothers proposed were Colonel Santiago Flores, Chief Civil Engineer and Director of Public Works to the

Government of Peru, and Brother John Van Buren, Worshipful Master of Kingston Lodge, Kingston, N. Y., and Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge.

At the first meeting in April Companion Coles, D. G. H. P., presented a written notice in these words: "*Whereas*, Ancient Chapter, No. 1, in this city, having failed to comply with the regulations of the Grand Chapter, the warrant of said Chapter has been declared forfeited, and subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction are forbidden to hold Masonic intercourse with said Ancient Chapter, No. 1."

At the first meeting in September, Companion Swartz, who had been acting Secretary *pro tem.* for several meetings, made the following record, which sharply reproved the regular Secretary in a way he richly deserved, in the following language:

"For the information of future ages of those in whose hands this book may come, the minutes of this Chapter having been kept in a most horrible and shocking manner since May last, and several meetings have been held of which no minutes have been kept, therefore I hold myself guiltless for the vacancies which occur previous to this page; and, having the *good of the Chapter* at heart, I have volunteered my services to bring the books *up* to date, which I have done to the best of my ability."

At the April meeting a visiting brother presented a copy of a prospectus for the purpose and object of erecting a Masonic Home for distressed and needy brethren in the City and County of New York. The House was to cost $35,000, and the shares were placed at $10 each. The Chapter voted to subscribe for ten shares.

As a sample of the methods employed to transact business when the two Chapters—Jerusalem and Phœnix—were meeting in conjunction, the following is a copy of the minutes of a special meeting held October 9, 1851:

"'At a Special meeting of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, held at the City Hotel, Thursday eve, October 9th A. L. 5851.

" Present Comp. Sewell T. Fisk, Rt. W. M.
" S. C. Swartz, S. W.
" Compton, J. W.

" Lodge opened in the Mark Masters Degree. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

" A bill was presented from Companion Sewell T. Fisk for tiling and rent, amounting to $108.37, on which he has received $50, leaving a balance due him of $58.37. On motion of Companion Swartz, the balance was ordered paid if found correct. There being no member of Jerusalem Chapter present to second the motion, whereupon the Rt. W. Master of Phœnix Chapter duly seconded the motion (it being his prerogative) which was *unanimously* carried, there being *one vote* in the affirmative.

" No further business offering the Lodge closed in harmony.

" S. C. SWARTZ, *Sec. P. T.*"

At the first meeting in November another unusual proceeding is recorded. A brother hailing from Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, was elected, and an application was immediately presented to the Chapter by the said brother praying the Chapter to give him permission to take the degrees in another Chapter and in another State or city, other than this Chapter and the State and the city of New York, for which, the records say, " the brother gave good and sufficient reasons."

The application was granted.

During this year Companion John Wright, whom the records state " was exalted in 1799," was proposed for affiliation. This Companion was exalted in 1808, not in 1799.

Two testimonials were voted to be presented at the annual meeting this year—one to Companion J. W. Powell, the High Priest, " as a mark of respect and esteem," and

another to Companion Fisk "for his kindness in presiding and doing the work of said Chapter in the absence of the officers." Companion Shove, who offered the latter motion, got in a little rebuke for the High Priest which was well deserved. The Chapter closed the year with forty-five members.

Companion John Van Buren, probably a relative but not "*the son of President Martin Van Buren and known in political story as 'Prince' John because he had once danced with Queen Victoria,*" as stated by a Masonic historian, was exalted this year. This Companion had a long and prominent Masonic career. He was made a Mason in 1824 and became Master of Kingston Lodge, Kingston, N. Y. He served as Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1831 and 1832 and Grand Senior Warden in 1833 and 1834. Shortly after his exaltation in Jerusalem Chapter he withdrew, and with other Royal Arch Masons of Kingston and vicinity applied in 1853 for a restoration of the Charter of Horeb Chapter which years before had been relinquished. He became the first High Priest of the newly revived Chapter now known as Mount Horeb, and for two years was in active attendance at the Grand Chapter sessions. On January 16, 1855, just before the annual session that year, he passed away, loved and honored by his townsmen and his brethren. The Grand High Priest, M.·.E.·.Companion John L. Lewis, paid this touching tribute to his memory: "New forms and faces are here; those of you who have entered our Grand Tabernacle for the first time, and whose flashing glances of interest, and movements of zeal and enthusiasm, assure us that the hopes we entertain of their future co-operation and labors will not be disappointed. But we look in vain for the manly form and kindling eye, and listen in vain for the full clear tones, of Van Buren; him we shall see no more forever. For him the 'rugged paths' of life have no more trials, and he has now passed the veils of eternity."

Companion Powell was an able man and perfectly competent to fill any position, but he was no doubt busily engaged in

his profession as an oculist and as Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and finding others willing to do the work of the High Priest, allowed them to do it. Companion Powell hailed from Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2.

He was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in 1850, 1851, and 1852. Very likely he would have been continued in this office if he had not joined the eighteen brethren who entered a protest against the election of Chancellor Walworth to the office of Grand Master.

He was D. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter in 1852 and 1853.

Companion Powell seems to have gotten into other difficulties in 1852 as well as the one in the Grand Lodge. While attending the annual election of Jerusalem Chapter he was requested by several members of Phœnix Chapter present—it being the custom for the two Chapters to meet conjointly—to open Phœnix Chapter, as the High Priest was not present with the Charter. Companion Powell being D. G. H. P. of the State, they deemed his authority sufficient to do so without the presence of the warrant.

Accordingly he opened Phœnix Chapter. One of the Companions then stated that an election had been held the week previous which he deemed illegal, and the officers then chosen as having been illegally elected. Companion Powell, after hearing this statement and the evidence supporting it, declared said annual meeting and election void. The Chapter then proceeded to elect other officers.

The trouble between these Companions was caused by a misunderstanding as to when the regular meeting nights should be held, one party claiming them to be on the first and third Wednesdays—the other side the second and fourth Wednesdays. Companion Powell decided in favor of the latter. The matter was referred to the Grand Chapter for a decision, and Companion Powell's judgment was reversed—which may have been the cause whereby he failed of re-election in the Grand Chapter the following year.

He withdrew from Jerusalem Chapter in 1854.

CHAPTER XLIII.

1852

William B. Shove, High Priest

This was a remarkably busy year. Thirty-six meetings were held and fifteen candidates were exalted, also a number of adjoining members were elected. At one of the December meetings thirteen candidates were elected.

Zetland Chapter, whose first High Priest was Companion Charles L. Church, a former member of Jerusalem Chapter, and who a few years later attained the position of Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, received its Charter at the annual session of the Grand Chapter, and the Companions were immediately invited by Jerusalem Chapter to meet in conjunction with it until they were able to provide a place of meeting for themselves.

At the February meeting a committee was appointed to revise the By-laws, which was subsequently accomplished, and as this period represents the first half-century of the Chapter it has been deemed advisable to reprint these By-laws in full. It will be interesting to compare them with those adopted and printed by the Chapter in 1808, and again with those contained in the last edition of the By-laws.

By-laws of Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 8,

Adopted, 5799;

Revised and Amended April 14, 5852.

Article I.

The regular meetings of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, shall be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays in each calendar month, at 7½ o'clock P.M. from the 25th of March to the 25th of September, and at 7 o'clock P.M. from the 25th of September to the 25th of March, and at such other times as the M. E. H. P. may deem necessary.

Article II.

This Chapter may adjourn for any time not exceeding three months, from the first meeting in July to the first meeting in October—two-thirds of the members present concurring.

Article III.

The officers of this Chapter shall be, M. E. H. P., K., S., C. of H., P. S., R. A. C., three Grand Masters, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Organist, and Sentinel—who shall be annually elected by ballot, at the regular meeting preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist—except the Organist and Sentinel, who shall be appointed by the H. P. elect, at said meeting.

Article IV.

Each member of this Chapter shall be entitled to one vote, but should the dues of any member remain unpaid at the regular night of election, he shall not be eligible to any office, nor entitled to vote on any subject.

Article V.

A Standing Committee of five Companions shall be appointed at the annual election, including the H. P., who shall be Chairman of said Committee, whose duty shall be to examine the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer; to super-

vise the finances, and to report, at the first regular meeting previous to the election (or oftener, if required), the state of the funds, and the receipts and disbursements of the past year. Three members of this Committee shall constitute a quorum, and all reports must be signed by that number before being presented to the Chapter.

Article VI.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record the proceedings of the Chapter, receive all moneys due the Chapter, and pay the same (without delay) into the hands of the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; to notify the members of all meetings; countersign all bills that have been passed for payment, if found correct; and, finally, to do all things appertaining to his office; for which, if done and performed to the satisfaction of the Standing Committee, he shall receive twenty dollars per annum.

Article VII.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Secretary all moneys paid into the Chapter; keep a just and regular account thereof; pay all bills indorsed by the H. P. and Secretary; also to attend the meetings of the Standing Committee, with his books and vouchers, for inspection, when required so to do.

Article VIII.

The Sentinel shall be subject, in all things relating to his duty, to the H. P. It shall be his duty, in addition to guarding the door, to serve all notices and summons; to see that the room, furniture, regalia, etc., are in proper order, and to have all things in readiness for the meetings, in due season; also to collect all bills handed to him by the Secretary. For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive one dollar and fifty cents each meeting, and one dollar for every Exaltation.

Article IX.

Should any officer of this Chapter absent himself from its meetings for two months without showing sufficient cause for said neglect, his office shall be declared vacant.

ARTICLE X.

In case of the death, resignation, disqualification, or removal from office of either of the officers of this Chapter, it shall be the duty of the presiding officer, by and with the consent of a majority of the members present, to appoint some Companion to fill such vacancy until the next annual election.

ARTICLE XI.

All candidates for Exaltation in this Chapter shall be proposed in writing by a member thereof at one meeting, and balloted for at a subsequent one; the member making the proposition shall at the same time state the name, age, occupation, and residence of the person proposed (which shall be handed to a committee for investigation), and pay to the Secretary the sum of five dollars, which sum, should the candidate be rejected, will be returned to him—if not, said sum shall be considered as a part of the Exaltation fee.

ARTICLE XII.

All candidates proposed and elected in this Chapter must come forward to receive the degrees within three months from the time they were proposed, otherwise their names shall be stricken from the list of candidates, and the proposition fee forfeited.

ARTICLE XIII.

If on balloting for a candidate a black ball appear, a second balloting may be had, when, if a black ball again appear, the candidate shall be declared rejected.

ARTICLE XIV.

All adjoining members must be proposed agreeable to Articles XI., XII., and XIII., except the proposition fee, which shall be three dollars.

ARTICLE XV.

No Companion shall be considered a member of this Chapter until he shall have the Royal Arch Degree; nor shall such be entitled to vote, or be eligible to any office in the same, until he shall have signed the By-laws.

ARTICLE XVI.

The fee of every adjoining member shall be three dollars; for every candidate for Exaltation twenty dollars, which sum must be paid to the Secretary before receiving the degree of Mark Master.

ARTICLE XVII.

Every M. Master, P. Master, or M. E. M. Mason wishing to become a member of this Chapter, shall pay for the P. Master's Degree five dollars; for the M. E. Degree five dollars, and for the Royal Arch Degree six dollars, in addition to the adjoining fee.

ARTICLE XVIII.

The yearly dues for each member (except transient members) shall be two dollars and fifty cents, payable at the annual election of officers, except the Secretary, Chaplain, and Sentinel, who shall be exempt from all dues while performing their several duties.

ARTICLE XIX.

Any Companion wishing to withdraw his membership must pay up his dues and make known his intention in open Chapter, or in writing to the H. P. or Secretary.

ARTICLE XX.

All Royal Arch Masons, members of this Chapter, in good standing, may receive a certificate on applying for the same in open Chapter, and paying the sum of one dollar.

ARTICLE XXI.

Transient members shall pay the sum of one dollar per annum, but shall not have the right to vote in this Chapter.

ARTICLE XXII.

If any member of this Chapter shall leave this State, or move into the jurisdiction of another Chapter, in arrears for dues, and shall neglect to communicate with this Chapter for two years, he shall be suspended.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Any member of this Chapter being in arrears for dues, for a longer time than one year, shall be suspended, unless sufficient cause be shown to remit said member's dues; and any member holding funds or property belonging to this Chapter, neglecting or refusing to deliver up the same when demanded of him by anyone authorized to receive the same, shall forthwith be suspended or expelled.

ARTICLE XXIV.

All petitions for relief shall be referred to a committee, who shall investigate the same and report to the Chapter.

ARTICLE XXV.

No part of these By-laws shall be repealed or suspended, nor shall any new one be passed contrary hereto, unless the same shall have been made in writing, laid before the Chapter at a regular meeting, and approved by two-thirds of the Companions present, at the next regular meeting, provided always that the members shall be notified of all propositions to repeal or revise the same.

ARTICLE XXVI.

All former By-laws, Rules, and Regulations made and used by this Chapter shall be and are hereby repealed.

Following is a copy of a printed list of the officers pasted in the back of one of the minute-books. Some Companion has marked the names of the King, Scribe, Captain of the Host, and Sentinel with the legend, "The four who did not forsake the Chapter."

OFFICERS.

William B. Shove, H. P.; H. Dill, K.; S. C. Swartz, S.; George Skinner, Cof. H.; Thomas Hays, P. S.; George C. Stone, R. A. C.; James Narine, M. 3 V.; Alexander Frear, M. 2 V.; J. M. Clark, M. 1 V.; M. E. James W. Powell, M.D., Treasurer; John F. Robinson, Secretary; D. H. VanSice, Sentinel.

Dissatisfaction among some of the members impelled the Companions to appoint a committee, early in the year, to arrange with Phœnix Chapter for a separation of property and other interests and dissolve the connection which had been established between the Chapters for some years, but, instead of bringing this about, the result of the labors of the committee was to adopt a written agreement to continue meeting together, as follows:

"Chapter No. 2, on a proposition to meet in conjunction, reported as follows:

"The Joint Committee of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, and Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, having had the subject of a union of the two Chapters under consideration, respectfully report,

"That they have decided upon the following articles of agreement, in the event of such an union being agreed upon, by the vote of both Chapters:

"1st. That the meetings of both Chapters shall be held at the Masonic Temple, corner of Broome and Crosby Streets, in conjunction, the High Priest of each presiding on their alternate regular night, as prescribed in their By-laws.

"2d. Each Chapter shall consider itself bound to assist the other in its work; and each candidate shall be considered as a member of the Chapter in which he shall have been proposed.

"3d. The properties of each Chapter shall remain as at present, each supervising their own.

"4th. That the rent for the remainder of the year be paid by each Chapter, as before their union. That the first meeting in conjunction be held on the first Wednesday in October.

"On motion, *Resolved,* That the words in 4th Section, '1st Wednesday in October,' be stricken out—agreed to. On motion, duly seconded, *Resolved,* That the Report as amended be *accepted* and *adopted,* on the part of their *Chapter,* and the Committee discharged.

"Agreement between Phœnix Chapter and this Chapter adopted."

The Secretary for 1851, Companion Stewart, was very neglectful of his duties, and for his inattention received the following severe rebuke from the Standing Committee:

"Your Committee regret to say that the records and accounts of the Chapter have been kept during the past year in a very loose and irregular manner, there having been several meetings of which we are unable to find any records for or any account of what became of the funds received at said meetings, and we find it our duty to return the thanks of this Chapter to the brethren who have kindly volunteered their services at various times during the past year to officiate as Secretary in the absence of Companion Stewart."

The committee made a strong recommendation in their annual report to dissolve the connection now existing with Phœnix Chapter, in order that each Chapter may meet on separate nights, which recommendation did not meet with the approval of the members.

The question of the standing of some of the Companions, owing to difficulties in the Grand Lodge, was one that had frequently to be settled, as, for instance, the case of Companion Unkhardt.

At a regular meeting held January 21, 1852, "M. E. Companion J. W. Powell presented a verbal request from Mr. Unkhardt to be officially informed why he had not been notified to attend the usual communications of the Chapter, as he claimed to be a member of the same; that in case the reason might be his adherence to a Lodge of Master Masons under suspension, it might be brought up for judicial action by the authorities competent to take cognizance of the same."

A reply was given "that as Brother Unkhardt willingly continued a member of the late Pythagoras Lodge, No. 86, now under suspension for good and sufficient reasons,

his further connection or membership with this Chapter could not be recognized, and that by his own act he stood suspended."

The records do not so state, but it seems that a committee was appointed to wait on Companion Coles, who was then acting Grand High Priest, for an opinion in this matter, and on January 27th the committee presented his opinion, which reads as follows: "That inasmuch as said Unkhardt adheres to the body known as Pythagoras Lodge, now under suspension, said Unkhardt cannot be acknowledged as a Royal Arch Mason, neither can he be allowed to sit in a legally constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

Companion Shove presided at three meetings only during the year. He was a Charter member and the first Master of Atlantic Lodge, No. 178, in 1850. This Lodge has furnished the Chapter with many candidates, and some of our most honored and faithful High Priests. Companion Shove served as Principal Sojourner in 1851, which was the only other office he ever held in the Chapter. Some ten or fifteen years later he affiliated with Adelphic Chapter, No. 158.

Companion Shove was the first lawyer to preside over the Chapter.

CHAPTER XLIV.

1853–1854

Hamilton Dill, High Priest

Great prosperity attended the Chapter these two years. Under the faithful and energetic administration of Companion Dill much work was done. The first year there were twenty-four meetings held and eleven candidates exalted. The second year thirty meetings were held and twenty-one candidates were exalted. Among the latter were Caleb D. Gildersleeve, who continued an active member until his death in 1892; John F. Baldwin, a well-known figure in Freemasonry for nearly half a century, especially in Palestine Commandery; Adelmour W. King, who was Treasurer of the Chapter for seventeen years; also Joseph D. Evans, Grand Master of Masons in New York.

In May, 1853, the Chapter moved to rooms located at 643 Broadway, northwest corner of Bleecker Street.

The Chapter had previously purchased a half-interest in a melodeon, and a Companion by the name of Bristow was appointed organist. When the Chapter moved to the more aristocratic neighborhood of Bleecker Street it deemed the old melodeon unworthy of transportation thither, and disposed of its interest in it for $55. It may have been the new place of meeting which attracted some of the prominent candidates who were proposed at this time. During these two years there were clergymen, judges, lawyers, artists, and authors among the candidates.

The old Charter had at this time become so worn it was voted to have a copy of it made, which if done would have been clearly illegal except by the authority of the Grand Chapter. In later years this was legally accomplished.

Among those who affiliated with the Chapter in 1853 were M. E. Companion Asa Child, P. G. H. P. of Connecticut, also the Reverends J. H. Perry, John A. Edwards, and Thomas Hancock.

Companion B. de Lapierre, who was exalted in 1812 and who had been a contributing member for forty-one years, was made an honorary member in 1853.

At the close of 1854 there were sixty-seven contributing members, a gain of thirteen over the previous year. There were also ten candidates in waiting for the degrees. The following extract is interesting:

"The Degrees and Membership of this Chapter, having been conferred on Comp. *Robt. Crighton* of *The Three Bells* by *Initiation,* as a *Token of Esteem* for his *great service* in the cause of *Humanity,* and Comp. Alex. Frear having paid the fees demanded by the By-laws,

"It was on motion of Comp. Samuel C. Swartz, '*Resolved,* That the fees ($20) *be refunded Comp. Alex. Frear,* also the Thanks of the Chapter tendered to him for introducing *Comp. Crighton* to this *Chapter.*'"—*Extracts from Minutes, March 22, 1854.*

Captain Crighton commanded the British ship Three Bells and rescued a regiment of United States troops at sea. The poet Whittier has immortalized his heroic deed in verse, of which the following are the last two stanzas:

Sail on, Three Bells, forever,
In grateful memory sail!
Ring on, Three Bells of rescue,
Above the wave and gale!

Type of the Love eternal,
Repeat the Master's cry,
As tossing through our darkness
The lights of God draw nigh!

Companion Dill was very popular with the members, and at the beginning of his second term he was presented with a magnificent gold watch and chain. At the end of his second term he was re-elected for a third time, but declined the honor. His second testimonial was a diamond cross. Companion Dill was one of those men who are too modest to allow their names to be put in the City Directory. Companion Skinner says, "he was some sort of a broker."

Previous to his election as King, in 1852, he had filled none of the subordinate offices, having been exalted the previous year. After his retirement as High Priest he continued active in the work and was appointed Captain of the Host in 1859 and 1860.

He ceased to be a member of the Chapter in 1870.

CHAPTER XLV.

1855–56–57–58

Samuel C. Swartz, High Priest

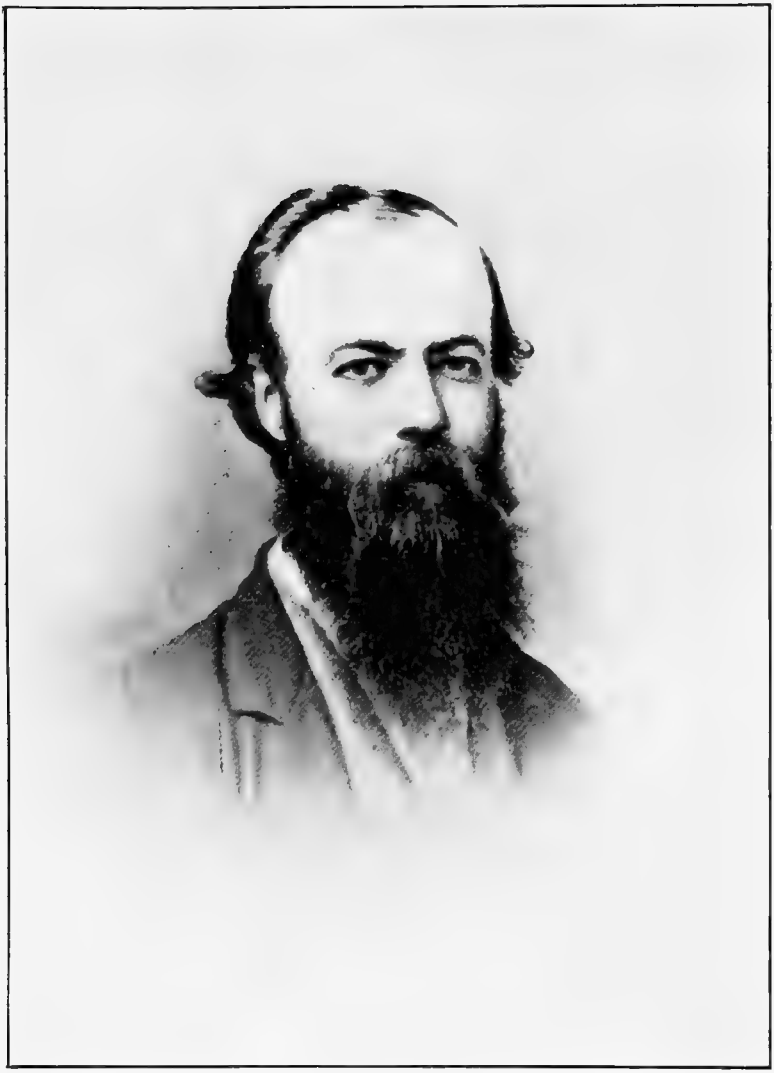
If it had not been for the unflinching courage of Companion Swartz the Chapter might at this time have gone out of existence. As it was it came dangerously near losing its Charter, and as a matter of fact was suspended from the Grand Chapter.

The trouble was started by proposing for membership four brethren from Holland Lodge, No. 8. Holland Lodge had for some reason forsworn its allegiance to the regular Grand Lodge and joined forces with the body known as the "Phillips" Grand Lodge in 1855.

Some Companion of the Chapter must have notified the D. G. H. P., Charles L. Church, that these brothers were to be proposed at this meeting, for he appeared shortly after the propositions were read and admonished the Chapter that it must abide by the edicts of the Grand Chapter with reference to the admission of Royal Arch Masons into Chapters.

The purport of his remarks was that the Grand Chapter was going to uphold the regular Grand Lodge in its contest with that body which claimed to be regular, but clearly was not.

At the following meeting the trouble began in earnest when Brother Skidmore, one of the candidates, was rejected. Such a thing as blackballing a candidate in the Chapter had not occurred since its earliest years, and to



SAMUEL C. SWARTZ.

have it occur with the ballot on a candidate of the unexceptionable character borne by Brother Skidmore angered the Companions so that their subsequent action was beyond all reason and precedent. As a reflex of their state of mind on this occasion an extract of the minutes of that meeting shows how indignant they were:

"The Standing Committee reported favorably in regard to Bro. B. D. Skidmore for exaltation and membership, when on motion the report was accepted and the Brother balloted for. On an examination of the ballot, the M. E. H. P. announced to the Chapter that the ballot was not clear, whereupon a very warm and serious discussion arose among a number of the Companions, several of whom in their remarks vouched for the very high moral character of Bro. Skidmore both as a man and a Mason.

"Companion Dill read a resolution requesting that the Chapter might be informed of the cause of the objection of the candidate, inasmuch as so many of the officers and members had asserted that they knew the Brother to be above suspicion. The M. E. H. P. decided 'that the resolution' *was not in order*—whereupon discussion was again resumed.

"A long debate then ensued as to the propriety of this or any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons taking any part in the troubles and quarrels which have existed among the Masonic Lodges of this State during the past quarter of a century.

"M. E. Companion Asa Child, after a few very eloquent and fraternal remarks, offered the following: '*Resolved,* That in the judgment of this Chapter, the fact that a Master Mason is a member of Holland Lodge (of which J. J. Crane is Master), or any other Lodge, constitutes no objection to his being received a member of this Chapter, he being found of unexceptionable character, and in the judgment of this Chapter no Companion ought to make an objection to the admission of a candidate for Exaltation on such grounds.'

"Companion J. B. Taylor moved that the resolution be laid upon the table, which was lost. The M. E. H. P. then informed

the Chapter that he regretted exceedingly that this question had been forced upon the Chapter, it being the first time that the harmony and unanimity of the body had been disturbed during the number of years he had enjoyed the privilege of being a member, as well as the first time that a candidate had been blackballed. The yeas and nays being called on M. E. Companion Child's resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative, 9.	*Negative*, 4.
S. C. Swartz,	Bently,
Alexander Frear,	Phillips,
H. H. Ward,	J. F. Baldwin,
A. Child,	J. B. Taylor.
H. Dill,	
George Skinner,	
J. M. Turner,	
A. W. King,	
A. Bamberger.	

"Companions Dean, White, Shields, and Carhart declined voting."—*Extract from the Minutes.*

Companion Dill reproposed for exaltation and membership Brother B. D. Skidmore, and he also proposed as adjoining members Companions Frederick Fawcett, Isaac V. Fowler, A. H. Bartlett, Edward Bill, J. H. Mott, J. J. Crane, and Henry Walters, all formerly of Phœnix Chapter. On motion, the names were referred to the Standing Committee.

At the following meeting the D. G. H. P. again appeared at the Chapter, and the following extracts show what took place:

"The M. E. D. G. H. P. Chas. L. Church took the chair and addressed the High Priest *pro tem.*, officers, and members on the necessity of adhering to the Edicts of the Grand Chapter. M. E. Hamilton Dill, acting H. P., responded, apologizing for the absence of the High Priest."

"M. E. Companion Child addressed the M. E. D. G. H. P., requesting information as to the resolution regarding the admission of candidates and Royal Arch Masons in Chapters, whereupon the M. E. D. G. H. P. read a resolution passed by the M. E. Grand Chapter in relation thereto. The M. E. D. G. H. P. having again informed the Chapter they must adhere to this regulation under the penalty of his demanding their Charter, then withdrew."

"M. E. Companion Child offered the following preamble and resolution:

"*Whereas,* The M. E. D. G. H. P. having come into this Chapter, he took the chair and stated to the Chapter that he had been informed that this Chapter had not conformed to the requisition of the Grand Chapter in respect to the application and admission of members, and further stated that he now directed that the H. P. and members of this Chapter shall comply with the requisition of the Grand Chapter and abstain from admitting members who had been expelled from any Lodge of Master Masons, and stated that if his order should not be complied with, he should feel it his duty to demand the Charter of this Chapter; therefore, be it '*Resolved,* That the communication of the M. E. D. G. H. P. be referred to a committee of five members to consider and report what action on the part of this Chapter that communication requires.'"

The question being put, the motion was lost.

At the next meeting of the Chapter, held November 28th, Companion Dill offered the following preamble and resolutions:

"*Whereas,* The M. E. Charles L. Church, D. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, on a visit to this Chapter on the 10th day of October last, took occasion to state (in substance) 'that he deemed it proper to require the Chapter to abstain from any affiliation or communication with men who had been expelled from any Master Masons' Lodge,' but gave no intimation of the existence of any reasons for such a

communication (although requested so to do by our M. E. High Priest);

"And *Whereas,* The said M. E. D. G. H. P. on another visit to this Chapter, on the 13th of November (during the absence of the High Priest, and while one of our Past High Priests temporarily occupied the Chair), took occasion to state that when present at a previous meeting he had directed this Chapter to abstain from associating with men who had been expelled from any Master Masons' Lodge and that he regretted to learn that the Chapter had not complied with this requirement, and he again directed the High Priest and Companions of this Chapter to conform to the requirements before made, and on failure to do so he should demand the Warrant of this Chapter;

"And *Whereas,* The members of this Chapter are not apprised of the grounds upon which the D. G. H. P. deemed the above named requirements and direction necessary, not having given (so far as we have knowledge) occasion for it as respects the character of the men (either morally or in a Masonic view) with whom we have fraternized, nor intentionally violated any rule of the order; therefore, be it

"*Resolved,* That Jerusalem Chapter recognizes the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States as one paramount law, and that of the Grand Chapter of this State as subordinate to it, and that we never have knowingly or wilfully violated it, nor do we intend to do so in any respect so long as said Constitution, Laws, etc., do not conflict with the sacred duties we owe to our God, our country, our neighbor, or ourselves.

"*Resolved,* That without intending (and we hereby expressly disclaim) any disrespect to our M. E. Companion Church, this Chapter refrains from admitting or denying the correctness of his course or the authority which he has exercised.

"*Resolved,* That from respect to our M. E. D. G. H. P. and to the end that this Chapter may be fully informed as to its duty and conform in all respects to the Constitution, Laws, etc., that it be referred to a committee of five members to be ap-

pointed by the presiding officer to inquire into and report as to the grounds of the action of the M. E. D. G. H. P., and what action is necessary (if any) on the part of this Chapter in the premises, said committee to report as speedily as the importance of the subject will permit."

These resolutions were adopted and a committee was immediately appointed.

The resolutions were no sooner adopted than the M. E. D. G. H. P. was announced, admitted, and received the chair from the High Priest. He then addressed the Chapter in a few words, ending them by declaring Jerusalem Chapter suspended, and demanded the Charter and properties.

The High Priest replied respectfully, declining to deliver up the warrant and properties, and informed the M. E. D. G. H. P. that he would appeal to the M. E. Grand Chapter at its annual session in February next.

The D. G. H. P. then retired, accompanied by a few members of the Chapter.

Companion Narine then addressed the Chapter, and offered the following resolutions:

"*Resolved,* That this Chapter disapproves of all or any matters being introduced or entertained by this Chapter appertaining to the difficulties that may or do exist in the Grand or subordinate Lodges of this or other States, and it is hereby further

"*Resolved,* That no question shall be hereafter introduced into this Chapter relating to matters connected with a distinct or separate organization that is calculated to involve any of its members in disgrace with the Masonic Fraternity."

These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Chapter then proceeded to ballot for the following brothers for exaltation, viz.: B. D. Skidmore, Cornelius

Grinnell, Jacob and F. S. Vanderpool, and William Dale; and the following Companions for affiliation, viz.: Isaac V. Fowler, A. H. Bartlett, Edward Bill, Frederick Fawcett, J. H. Mott, J. J. Crane, and Henry Walters. All were elected.

The Chapter continued to meet regularly, and at its annual convocation re-elected Companion Swartz High Priest.

The following resolutions were offered at the annual convocation:

"*Resolved,* That any Companion Royal Arch Mason, after being properly proved or vouched for, who shall make application for admission into this Chapter shall be admitted without regard to the jurisdiction from whence he may hail. Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, only desires to bar her doors against clandestine or illegitimate Masons."

Companion Fawcett offered this amendment:

"*Resolved,* Further, that in view of the arbitrary conduct of the M. E. D. G. H. P. this Chapter for the present declares itself free of all Grand Bodies whatever."

These resolutions were considered a little too radical, however, and they were laid on the table.

At the February meeting in 1856 the High Priest informed the Companions that he had forwarded a statement of the Chapter's difficulties to the Grand Chapter, but thus far had received no notice of what action had been taken by that Grand Body.

The Chapter held twenty-four meetings in 1855 and exalted twelve Companions. Of course no report of its work or membership was made to the Grand Chapter.

M.·.E.·.Companion Church alluded to the difficulties of the Chapter in his report to the Grand Chapter in the following words:

"Having learned from authentic sources that Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, in the city of New York, was in the habit of associating with and permitting clandestine and expelled Masons to remain as members of said Chapter, contrary to the express regulations of this Grand Chapter, I visited them, and finding the same to be true and well founded, I warned them of the impropriety of such a course and the result which must necessarily follow if persisted in. Finding on several subsequent visitations they still continued to disregard my counsel and slight my authority, I was compelled in the name of the M. E. Grand Chapter to demand of its High Priest their Warrant, books, and properties, and to declare Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, to be suspended from all their rights and privileges; *but failing to obtain the properties as demanded,* I granted, upon the application of a large and respectable number of the true and loyal members of said Chapter, a Dispensation to enable them without delay to continue their work and form a new Chapter under the name of Corinthian Chapter, in which M. E. Companion Royal G. Millard is named as High Priest."

Subsequently the Grand Chapter adopted the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That the Warrant of said Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, be, and the same is hereby, declared forfeited, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to demand the surrender of the Warrant and properties of said Chapter."

It will be seen that the Grand Chapter paid no attention to the communication of the High Priest, if such communication was ever received by it, and it is doubtful if the Grand Secretary ever made the demand he was instructed to make of the Chapter.

The only reference to Jerusalem Chapter in the Grand Chapter proceedings of 1857 was that made by the Committee on Warrants, which was in the form of a recommendation that the fee of Corinthian Chapter be remitted,

as it was the expectation of the Companions composing that Chapter that they would be considered as a legal continuation of Jerusalem Chapter.

Jerusalem Chapter continued its meetings with more or less regularity in 1856; sixteen meetings were held and nine candidates were exalted.

The year 1857 was one of gloom, and showed how necessary it is for a society to have a reason for its existence and opportunities for the greatest fellowship in it, otherwise it must soon wither and die. No candidates were exalted this year, and but nine meetings were held—two in January and none from February 11th to June 24th. The very ones who had caused the suspension of the Chapter failed to attend and support their Companions.

At the September meeting the High Priest brought up the subject of continuing the organization of the Chapter, as follows:

"The M. E. H. P. addressed the Chapter on the necessity of our adopting some uniform course, either suspending or continuing our regular meetings, expressing himself favorably to the latter. M. E. Companion Dugan, an affiliate member from Phœnix Chapter, seconded the M. E. H. P. in favor of a regular organization. Comp. Narine recommended appointing a committee to consider the subject, but after some discussion he offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the M. E. H. P. be requested to address a circular to the members of this Chapter, requesting their attendance to confer on the necessity of keeping up our regular organization."

At the following meeting, held October 14th, the High Priest addressed the Companions in a very forcible and earnest manner and urged their more prompt and regular attendance, in which he was seconded by several Companions.

In order to test the sense of the members Companion Burkhardt offered the following resolution, viz.:

"*Resolved,* That this Chapter suspend its meetings *sine die.*"

This was unanimously voted down, as might have been expected, for those who attended the meetings of the Chapter were probably in favor of continuing it. In reply to a question of a Companion the High Priest stated "that the position of this Chapter in relation to the Grand Chapter, was, that the Chapter had not been regularly suspended or expelled by that Body, but that we were not acknowledged by it at the present time."

The High Priest could not have been informed of the action of the Grand Chapter or he would not have made such a statement, for the action of the Deputy Grand High Priest in suspending the Chapter was clearly approved by the Grand Body at its annual meeting in 1856.

However, the Chapter was soon to emerge from its night of gloom, and the disgrace with which it had been branded for two years was about to be removed. It was in the air that before many moons the two Grand Lodges of the State would soon be reunited, and when this was consummated all Companions of the Chapter would be in good standing.

At the session of the Grand Chapter in 1858 Companion J. B. Taylor of Corinthian Chapter, a former member of Jerusalem Chapter, offered the following resolution, viz.:

"*Resolved,* That a committee be appointed to act in the premises, to receive and determine any proposition which may be made for the restoration of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, to all the rights and privileges of a subordinate Chapter in good standing."

This was referred to the Grand Council.

This motion by Companion Taylor was no doubt prompted by the fact that the objectionable members of the Chapter had at that time already withdrawn their membership from the Chapter.

The communication these Companions had addressed to the Chapter was dated January 28, 1858, the next day after its first meeting since the annual election in 1857.

The communication follows:

"NEW YORK, January 28, 1858.

"J. F. ROBINSON, *Secretary of Jerusalem Chapter, No.* 8:

"The undersigned Companions, members of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, do respectfully withdraw our membership from the same, and request you to have this duly entered upon the minutes.

"This act arises solely from what we consider a *just* and fraternal duty toward those Companions who will be thus left untrammelled in their efforts to place the Chapter in that prosperous condition to which she is entitled.

"At the same time we recognize now, as ever, the principle of our rights, which we as a little band of Royal Arch Masons have so nobly maintained. We shall hold and cherish these Companions as most worthy of our fraternal esteem and regard."

Signed A. W. King, Frederick Fawcett, J. Ogden Hoffman, Alexander Frear, Henry Walters, Isaac V. Fowler, R. Ayres, Peter Gardner, Henry H. Ward, John J. Crane, J. H. Mott, Jacob Vanderpool, V. Whitcomb, Edward Bill, F. S. Vanderpool, Thomas Shiers, and A. H. Bartlett.

The first meeting of the Chapter after this communication was mailed did not occur until March 24th, two months later.

A committee was therefore appointed to draft a petition to the Grand Chapter for reinstatement. This was un-

doubtedly referred to the D. G. H. P., Companion James M. Austin, for on July 14th the Chapter met under a dispensation from the D. G. H. P. The High Priest read the dispensation and explained the cause of so few names being attached thereto. A resolution was then adopted whereby the names of twenty-seven Companions were added, among them several of those who had withdrawn a few months previously.

Fourteen meetings were held in 1858 and four candidates were exalted. M. .E.·.Companion Asa Child, who had been a strong tower of defence to the Chapter throughout its trouble with the Grand Chapter, passed away September 28th.

In October the following brethren were proposed, and afterward became very prominent in the work, viz.: Brother Charles W. Sy of Atlantic Lodge, for twenty-seven years Secretary of the Chapter; Brother Jotham Post of Holland Lodge, and Companion Horace S. Taylor, by affiliation from Morning Star Chapter, Massachusetts.

Acting under the advice of M. .E.·.Companion Austin the Chapter held its annual election in December and chose Companion Alexander Frear High Priest.

At the session of the Grand Chapter in February, 1859, the Chapter was restored to good standing by the adoption of the following resolution, viz.:

"*Resolved,* That the Warrant of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, be restored to the Chapter on payment to the Grand Secretary of the exaltation fees of all members exalted to the Royal Arch Degree by the Chapter while acting under Dispensation, and that an election of officers be ordered by the Grand High Priest."

The Chapter paid fees for the eight Companions exalted during the previous six months.

Several of the candidates who joined the Chapter from 1855 to 1858 were well-known citizens of New York, some of whom attained high honors in Freemasonry. Among them Edward Bill, one of the substantial merchants of the metropolis—he was an honored member of Holland Lodge and of great value as the representative of that Lodge on the Board of Relief; J. N. Balestier, a Past Master and the historian of Holland Lodge; H. C. Banks, active in the Scottish Rite, and a prime mover in uniting the various Grand Bodies representing that branch of Freemasonry in 1862—he was one of the first thirty-three active 33d Degree Masons; John J. Crane, M.D., Past Master of Holland Lodge and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1862—he continued a member of the Chapter until his death in 1890; Jeremiah Carhart, famous for his invention of the exhaustion bellows and tubular reed-board for reed instruments—he was the partner of Excellent Companion Swartz in the manufacture of church organs; also Isaac V. Fowler, Postmaster of New York City.

Ancient Chapter, No. 1, which had been under suspension for about ten years, was also restored to good standing at this session of the Grand Chapter, but was obliged to pay fees on the forty candidates it had exalted during that time.

On the 9th day of February, 1859, the Chapter met in regular convocation, when M.·.E.·.James M. Austin, Grand High Priest of the State, opened the Chapter and made the following statement, viz.:

"I appear here this evening by the authority of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York for the purpose of restoring to Jerusalem Chapter the 'Old Warrant,' which for a time had been declared forfeited, and it affords me great pleasure in thus placing Jerusalem Chapter in possession of that time-honored relic."

The restoration was a mere formality, for as a matter of fact the warrant was never for a moment out of the possession of the High Priest.

The old Charter has been handed down from High Priest to High Priest, and is prized so highly by the members that it is brought out once a year only at the annual convocation. It has come down the century without alteration or erasure, and though for years it has shown the wrinkles of its age, it is to-day clearly legible, with the immortal name of DeWitt Clinton at the head of its list of signers.

Great credit is due Right Excellent Companion Ferguson for his influence in persuading the Grand Chapter to issue the duplicate warrant under which the Chapter is now working. The possession of two warrants under such circumstances is unique in the Masonic history of this State.

Companion Swartz, who upheld the organization of the Chapter during these troublous times, is entitled to the greatest credit. It was not contumacy that led the Chapter into rebellion against the governing body of the State. Had it been that spirit that prompted the Companions to take such action, they should receive the severest censure. Rather, it was the principle of justice which they contended for.

They are entitled to the greatest commendation for unflinching courage in maintaining what they deemed to be their rights. A large share of the credit should be paid to the courageous Companion who led the Chapter through its perilous situation.

Companion Swartz was associated for many years with the firm of Carhart, Needham & Co., organ builders. He was a charter member, the first senior deacon, and the second Master of Atlantic Lodge. In addition to his four years' service as High Priest he was for two years King and one year Scribe of the Chapter, and in 1859 and 1860 was Principal Sojourner. He was also active in Templarism. He was Commander of Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 23, in 1859. He died December 2, 1865, in New York City.

CHAPTER XLVI.

1859–1860

Godfrey W. Steinbrenner, High Priest

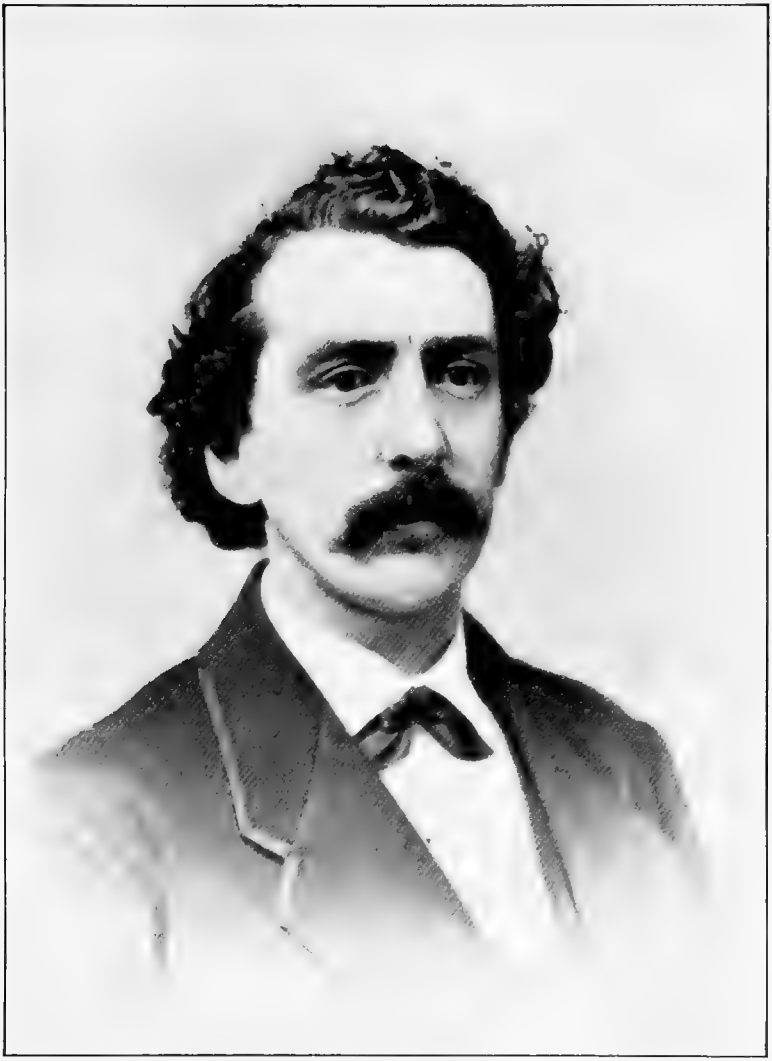
On the restoration of the Chapter to good standing, an election of officers for the ensuing year was held at the February convocation. For some unexplained reason the Companions did not elect Companion Frear, who had been provisionally elected High Priest at the annual convocation held in December, 1858, but instead chose Companion Steinbrenner to preside over its councils. Another important change was the election of Companion Charles W. Sy as Secretary in place of Companion Robinson, who had served the Chapter with faithfulness and ability since 1852. At this meeting Companion George Skinner was appointed Sentinel, which office he has filled each consecutive year since.

Excellent Companion W. W. Nexsen, a Past High Priest, was restored to membership this year.

A testimonial, consisting of a silver tea-set, valued at $200, was presented to Companion Swartz on his retirement from office.

The Book of Marks, which has been used to record the marks of the Companions up to the present time, was purchased this year. Nineteen meetings were held in 1859 and four candidates were exalted. On May 11th there were the names of forty-six Companions on the rolls.

At the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1860 Jerusalem Chapter returned the names of forty-eight mem-



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bers, the smallest number reported by any of the nine Chapters in New York City for that year.

The next year, however, showed a marked improvement. There were nineteen convocations in 1860.

Companion Sy was the first of our Secretaries to use the word " convocation." It is very appropriate for gatherings of Royal Arch Masons, signifying, as it does, " a calling together," and as every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is a representation of dispersed Masons who are convoked to rebuild the " Second Temple," the significance is especially applicable. Twelve candidates were exalted this year. Among these candidates are the names of Charles A. Clinton, a son of DeWitt Clinton; Dr. Robert George Remsen, an eminent physician—he remained a member of the Chapter for thirty-six years, until his death in 1896; Charles A. Rapallo, a prominent lawyer who later was chosen a Judge of the Court of Appeals; Hiram Cranston, famous as " mine host " of the New York Hotel; also J. Howard Wainwright, Sr., son of Bishop J. Mayhew Wainwright, who was once Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge and an active Mason in his day. Fifty-seven names were returned to the Grand Chapter.

Companion Steinbrenner was born in New York City in 1828. He was made a Mason in Atlantic Lodge in 1852. He served as Secretary of the Lodge the same year; was elected Senior Warden in 1854, and Master in 1856 and 1857. He joined the Chapter in 1853. He was Principal Sojourner in 1855 and 1858, and again in 1861.

Companion Steinbrenner possessed a philosophical mind which led him to study the deeper things relative to the Institution of Freemasonry. He early accumulated a Masonic library which was considered the most valuable one of its kind in New York City, if not in the country. He was instrumental in forming a society principally composed of members of Atlantic

Lodge and known as the Litomia Society. It was the custom of the members of this society to prepare and read papers on and discuss all sorts of abstruse subjects in any way connected with the subject of Freemasonry, and although the society was philosophical in its character, the social side of Freemasonry was not lost sight of, and their meetings were truly symposiums in the highest sense. Companion Steinbrenner terminated his membership in the Chapter in 1865. He died in Mount Vernon, N. Y., July 16, 1893.

CHAPTER XLVII.

1861–62–63–64

Horace S. Taylor, High Priest

Prosperity was a marked characteristic of the Chapter during the first year of Companion Taylor's administration, notwithstanding the great Civil War which commenced this year.

At the beginning of 1861 the Chapter was still meeting at No. 643 Broadway, but in February it was voted to meet in Holland Lodge-rooms, No. 8 Union Square, and the first meeting in March was held there. Prior to the date of the next meeting a disastrous fire occurred in that building, and the Chapter was forced to return to the City Hotel. There was no great loss by this fire; only the officers' jewels and a portion of their regalia were destroyed. On May 4th the Chapter met at No. 305 Fourth Street, in the Atlantic Lodge-rooms, but returned to No. 8 Union Square on June 22d.

Early in the year the By-laws were revised and some important alterations were made in them. The annual dues were raised from $2.50 to $5 and the exaltation fee from $20 to $30. The Secretary's salary was raised from $25 to $50 per annum.

At this time the Chapter was largely dominated by members hailing from Holland Lodge, No. 8, and nearly all of the long list of candidates proposed this year were from that Lodge. Twenty-five meetings were held and seventeen candidates were exalted in 1861. Dr. Alex-

ander B. Mott, son of the famous Dr. Valentine Mott, and himself a very skilful surgeon, was exalted this year. The year closed with sixty-nine members on the rolls.

Fourteen candidates were exalted in 1862, and the rolls contained the names of eighty-one members. Brother B. D. Skidmore, whose proposition and rejection some years before caused so much bitterness, was proposed again this year, and was in due course elected and exalted. Other candidates were Samuel L. M. Barlow, a prominent attorney-at-law in this city and noted as a collector of valuable books. He died in 1889. Henry B. Clitz, a gallant soldier of two wars, who was brevetted First Lieutenant for bravery at the battle of Cerro Gordo in the Mexican War; lost a leg at the Seven Days' Battle in Virginia during the War of the Rebellion, and was brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel in the Regular Army. Edward Cooper, Mayor of New York City from 1879 to 1881, and one of the famous Committee of Seventy to investigate the Tweed Ring. Dr. J. M. Carnochan, a famous surgeon of his day. In 1851 Dr. Carnochan performed an operation for the cure of elephantiasis, which had heretofore resisted all methods of treatment, and was so successful that the patient entirely recovered. He was the first to remove the entire lower jaw at one operation, which he did in 1851, the patient being alive and well four years later. In 1856 he performed an original operation in a case of chronic facial neuralgia, which gave him a world-wide reputation as a bold, dexterous, and successful operator. He was Professor of Surgery in the New York Medical College for a number of years and was Health Officer of the Port of New York in 1870–71. Dr. Henry F. Quackenbos, another noted member of the medical profession, was admitted a member of the Chapter this year. Dr. Quackenbos rendered distinguished services for the



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city in the cholera epidemic of 1849, when he took charge of Bellevue Hospital and scarcely rested day or night until the disease abated its violence. Dr. Quackenbos had a large practice among the members of the dramatic profession, and was the intimate friend of Edwin Forrest, John Brougham, Davidge, and others. Companion Oscar C. Ferris, who, next to Companion Skinner, is the senior member of the Chapter, was also exalted this year.

M.·.E.·.Companion James M. Austin, P. G. H. P., was elected an affiliate member of the Chapter.

The report of the Standing Committee in December, 1862, showed a very satisfactory condition, and in closing the report the committee made this statement:

"In submitting this report your Committee would congratulate the Chapter on the steady progress which it has made during the past year not only as regards its financial condition, but in the number of its members and in the increased interest and zeal generally manifested by the Companions. It should be, indeed, a matter of pride and congratulation that Jerusalem Chapter can now safely be said to have entirely recovered from the state of decline in which it was thrown by the unfortunate circumstances of 1857, which are still fresh in the memory of some of the Companions. The subsequent experience of the Chapter has demonstrated that the principles which it then maintained were founded on right and justice, and have resulted in placing it at this day second to none in the State."

The following year, 1863, was a gloomy one in the history of our country. The prestige of the Northern Arms had not succeeded in establishing the confidence that their efforts would be successful, and there was in consequence a general depression in the business, social, and fraternal relations of our city.

Fewer meetings were held by the Chapter than usual;

eight candidates only were exalted, and at the close of the year a net loss of one was shown.

The affairs of the Chapter for the next year, 1864, were more in keeping with the brighter prospects then in view toward ending the internecine strife which was desolating our fair land. Twelve candidates were exalted, and the year was closed with a total membership of ninety-two and with the largest cash balance for many years. The Treasurer reported $357.12 on hand. For the first time in the history of the Chapter the Royal Arch Degree was conferred upon more than three candidates in one evening.

Companion George C. Rexford, at present a member of the Chapter, was appointed organist this year at a salary of $75 per annum.

Most Excellent Companion Horace S. Taylor was long prominent as a banker in the financial district of New York City.

He affiliated with Holland Lodge, No. 8, in 1858, and was its Master in 1863 and 1864. His three terms as District Deputy Grand Master made him a noted figure in the Craft throughout the Metropolitan district, long before his election to the Deputy Grand Mastership of the State, which occurred in 1880. As Grand Master he served the brethren faithfully in 1881. One of the most praiseworthy things he did, and which has redounded to the great credit of the Grand Lodge for many years, was his appointment of Brother Edward M. L. Ehlers to the office of Grand Secretary, made vacant by the death of Dr. James M. Austin.

M. .E.·.Companion Taylor was Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1863 and 1864, and Grand High Priest in 1865 and 1866.

He joined Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 23, K. T., in 1860, and was its Eminent Commander in 1865–66–67. Companion Taylor was a most faithful member of Jerusalem Chapter, and his interest in it was of the closest up to the very time of his death, which occurred May 21, 1884. For twelve years

he was the Treasurer of the Chapter, and too much praise can hardly be given him for accepting this office amid the large transactions of his own business affairs.

The following flattering preamble and resolution were adopted by the Chapter on the retirement of M.·.E.·.Companion Taylor from the office of High Priest:

"*Whereas,* M. E. Companion Horace S. Taylor, Grand High Priest of the State of New York, who for four years filled the office of High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, with marked and distinguished ability, who now so eminently fills the High office of Grand High Priest of the State, whereby this Chapter has enrolled another name upon its lists of honored Past High Priests, and

"*Whereas,* Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, was wont in days gone by, in some particular manner, to show their appreciation of those who labored and served them faithfully, and

"*Whereas,* That during the term of office of M. E. Companion Taylor, its progress and success has been unequalled; its position and financial prosperity higher than ever before attained; that from owing a large debt and an empty Treasury, to the satisfaction of not having an outstanding obligation; with a surplus of funds on hand; and

"*Whereas,* This agreeable change in its affairs is justly due in a great degree to the zeal, industry, and persevering efforts of M. E. Companion Taylor;

"Therefore, in order to render a proper regard for these valued services, be it

"*Resolved,* That a special Committee of three be appointed to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to M. E. Companion Horace S. Taylor on behalf of the Companions of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, in token of their affection and esteem."

This testimonial consisted of a handsome gold watch valued at $385.

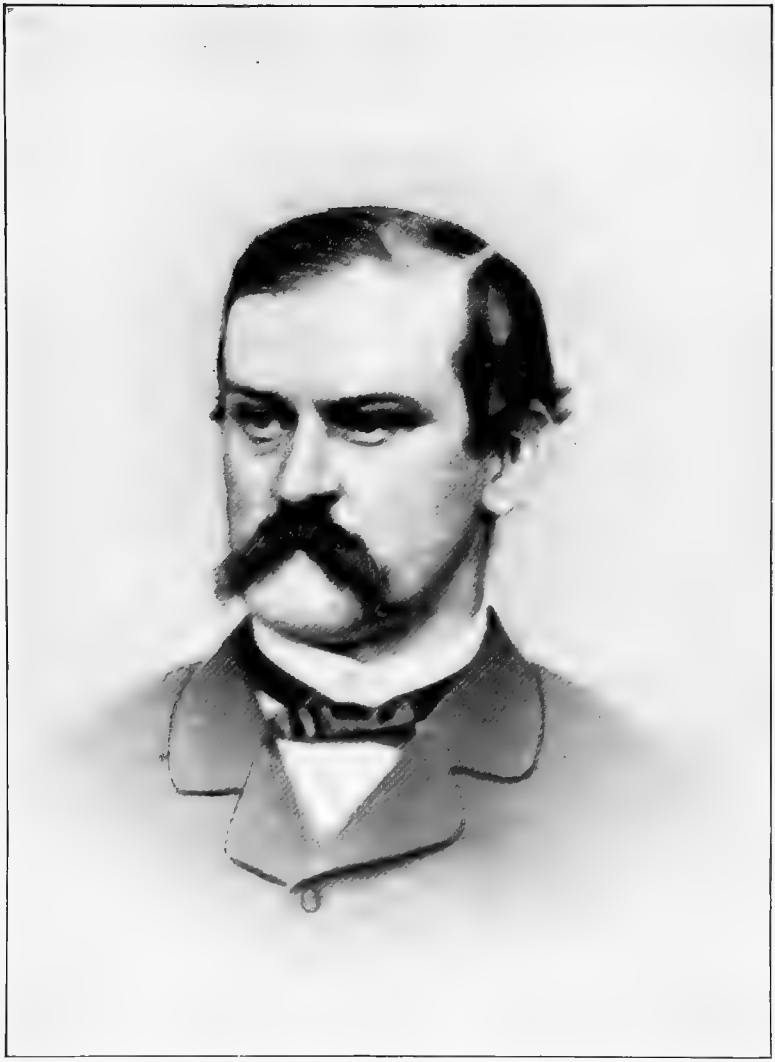
CHAPTER XLVIII.

1865

Jotham Post, M.D., High Priest

If 1864 showed a greater degree of prosperity in the Chapter than had been experienced for many years, this year, 1865, was in all respects the best the Chapter had had for forty years. Thirty-three candidates were exalted, the largest number since 1824. One hundred and nineteen members were on the rolls, which surpassed all previous records. The Rev. Dr. Sullivan H. Weston, a minister of Trinity Parish and Chaplain of the Seventh Regiment, was exalted this year. Companions H. Cruger Oakley and George G. Wilmerding, still on the active list, were also among the candidates. Although considerable money was spent for paraphernalia and in paying a large debt, amounting to $250 and of about ten years' standing, the finances were in good condition. One hundred dollars was appropriated to the Hall and Asylum Fund; $100 toward rebuilding the Masonic Temple in Columbia, S. C., which was destroyed during the War of the Rebellion; $50 was donated to the Salem Town Monument, and $50 to the Mackay Testimonial; and yet the Treasurer reported a balance of $404.77 at the annual meeting.

Companion Post served as King during the four years that M. E. Companion Taylor was High Priest. He hailed from Holland Lodge, of which he was Master in 1861 and 1862. His interest in the Chapter was only passive, although he remained a member until 1874. He was by profession a physician, but being a wealthy man had long been retired. He lived in Paris for many years, until his death, which occurred there in 1877.



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CHAPTER XLIX.

1866–67–68

Zachariah Dederick, High Priest

The Chapter experienced marvellous prosperity during the three years of Companion Dederick's reign. Perhaps this was to be expected, for everything was booming after the Civil War. At the close of 1866 the rolls contained the names of one hundred and sixty-nine members, forty-nine having been exalted during the year. Among these candidates were Harkness Boyd, E. L. Merrifield, William H. Atwater, Pierre Lorillard, and Alfred L. Seton, all still on the active list; also John E. Bendix, Colonel of the Tenth New York Volunteers in the Civil War and distinguished for bravery. Two others exalted this year were Walter Cutting, a recent Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and James E. Morrison, who later became Grand High Priest of New York. The number exalted was the highest record ever achieved up to that time. The receipts for the year were over $2,000. Large sums were expended, among them $230 for banners, $77 for aprons, $148 for a supper, $161 in charity, and $152 for paraphernalia. The By-laws were again revised, and important changes made in them. The exaltation fee was raised to $50, the affiliation fee to $25, and the annual dues to $10. No member was allowed to vote or be elected to office who had failed to pay his dues at the annual convocation. There was a provision in the By-laws whereby a

Companion paying the sum of $50 was to be exempt from annual dues. The money thus paid in was to be devoted to a Permanent Fund. Companion J. H. Toone was the first member to contribute to the fund.

Thirty-two Companions were exalted in 1867, and the year's work resulted in a membership of one hundred and ninety. Among the candidates were John L. Dudley, F. D. Hughes, Jr., and Haskell A. Searle, still on the active list. Thirteen members paid life dues, making the Permanent Fund $650.

This money was invested in United States Bonds bearing interest at six per cent. Over $2,100 was otherwise received, and there was a balance of $248.87 in the General Fund at the close of the year. The Chapter was about as free in its expenditures as it had been the year previously. Generous amounts were given in charity. Fifty dollars was appropriated for fifty tickets to a concert to be given in aid of Southern Masons. The mileage and expenses of the King and Scribe to the Grand Chapter were paid and amounted to $72.80.

A change in the manner of electing the officers was made at the annual convocation in 1867, presumably in accordance with new rules adopted by the Grand Chapter. The Council officers, the Secretary, and the Treasurer only were elected. All other officers were appointed.

The year 1868 was not quite as prosperous as the two preceding years. Only twenty-four candidates were exalted, among them James Benkard, William F. Moller, and James R. Waterlow, all living and members at the present time. Fourteen members withdrew. All through these years, when so many candidates were being proposed, only two were rejected. This spoke well for the character of the candidates, for at nearly every convocation a list was received from one or more of the other city Chapters



Zachariah Dedrick

containing the names of those who had been rejected in said Chapters.

These names were recorded in what was known as the "Black Book."

The Chapter continued to make large appropriations of money; $267 was given in charity, $200 was paid as salary to the Secretary, $150 to the organist, and $50 as a Christmas gift to a needy Companion. The year closed with one hundred and ninety-seven members, eighteen being life members. There were $587.60 in the General Fund and $703.50 due from members.

Companion J. S. Waterbury presented the Chapter with a silver urn—for what purpose, no one ever knew. The Companion was later made a life member for his generosity(?). The urn is still among the archives.

The three years of Excellent Companion Dederick's administration have been alluded to as highly prosperous, and yet it is a question whether the work accomplished was of a lasting character. There was a great deal of sociability; the members attended the convocations in large numbers; the receipts were large. On the other hand, it does not appear that the candidates were greatly impressed with the rendition of the work or that much was done in the way of teaching the fundamental principles of the institution.

Financially speaking, there was too prodigal an expenditure of the funds, and some donations for charitable purposes were made without due investigation. However, the members could hardly be blamed for their lavishness. It was but the reflex of all business and social life at this period. Money was quickly and easily obtained and as freely spent in all departments of city life.

Zachariah Dederick, as his name implies, was a descendant of the old Knickerbockers. He inherited their love for the genial, social side of life, and was ever ready to give of his time and means to provide enjoyment for others.

Companion Dederick was an energetic and indefatigable worker, and his brethren could always rely upon him to be faithful to every trust reposed in him, and to fulfil every duty assigned to him. He was made a Mason in Atlantic Lodge in 1853, and the same year was appointed Senior Deacon. He was Junior Warden in 1854, Senior Warden in 1856–57–58, and Worshipful Master in 1859 and 1860. In the Chapter—which he joined in 1860—he served as Master of the First Vail, Principal Sojourner, and Scribe, before his election as High Priest in 1866–67–68. He was also active in Templarism and was Commander of Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 23, in 1876 and 1877.

He was a member of the Building Committee of the Masonic Hall, and later was a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund. Companion Dederick was a Chemist and Assayer. He died October 19, 1893.

CHAPTER L.

1869–1870

John T. Conover, High Priest

The rising tide of prosperity started by M. .E.·.Companion Taylor and continued by Companion Dederick did not continue in its strong upward tendency during 1869 and 1870. Eleven candidates were exalted the first year and sixteen members withdrew or were dropped. The second year had a little better showing than the first. Nineteen candidates were exalted, which enabled the Chapter to show slight gains. However, perhaps the time had arrived when some of the tares ought to be removed. Companions William C. Smith, James Harper, Leonard W. Warner, and former Judge Alfred T. Ackert were among those exalted, who are still on the active list.

The Chapter continued in its somewhat generous outlay of money which had obtained for several years past. The Secretary and Organist received large salaries. The expenses of the King and Scribe in their attendance at Grand Chapter sessions were still paid by the Chapter. Over $500 was given in charity this year.

The building in which the Chapter held its meetings was leased by Companion Dederick at a rental of $2,500 per annum, and the Chapter agreed to assume one-half the responsibility of the lease, the rent it was to pay, however, being $400 per annum.

At the close of 1869 the Permanent Fund amounted to $1,045.89, with nineteen contributing members. In 1870 it was increased to $1,300, with twenty-three life members.

The ritual of the Royal Craft at this time was interpreted about as each Chapter pleased, and many practices were introduced which did not accord with the history and principles of Capitular Masonry. The Grand Chapter, in consequence, passed the following resolution:

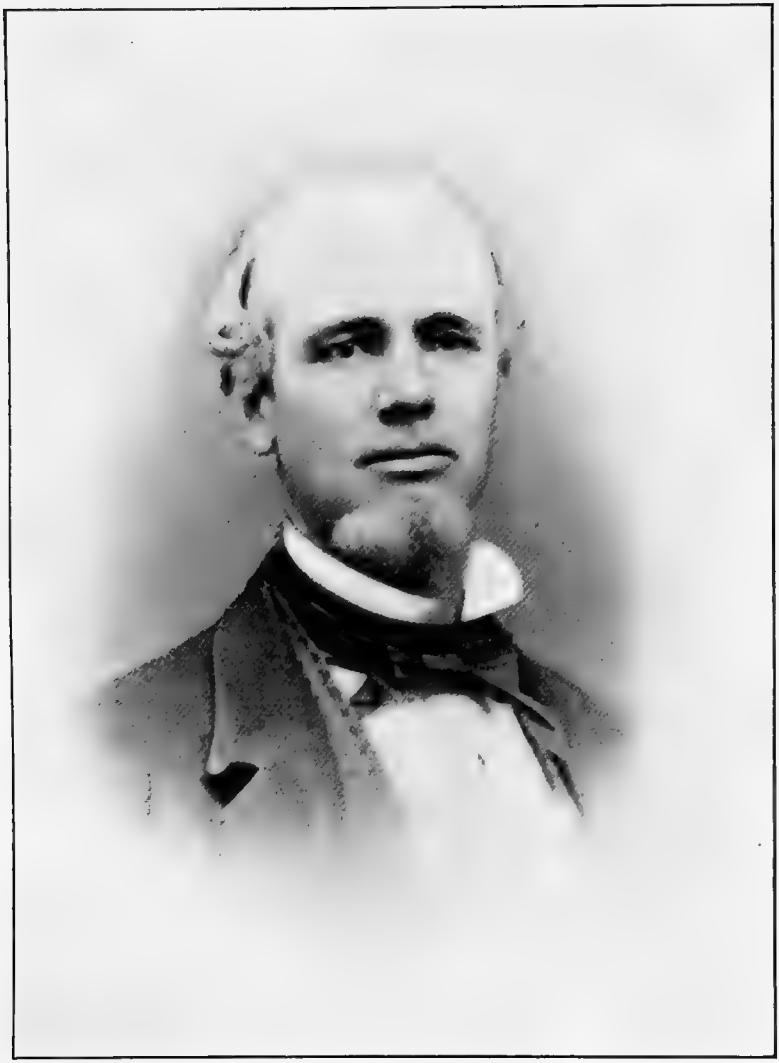
"*Resolved,* That Subordinate Chapters be forbidden to introduce or practise any ceremonies in conferring the Capitular degrees, not contained in the rituals as now taught by the Grand Lecturer, and that none but officers of the Chapter be allowed to interfere or participate in the ceremonials, except such as may be specially detailed therefor by the High Priest; and any violation of this rule shall subject the offending Chapter to a forfeiture of its warrant."

Companion Conover was a noted builder of large buildings in New York City. He was the second builder to preside over the deliberations of the Chapter.

He was the builder of the new Masonic Hall which was in course of construction while he was High Priest of the Chapter.

He hailed from Holland Lodge, but his chief activities in Masonry were in Chapter and Commandery. He was Commander of Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 23, in 1872 and 1873.

It was a source of great pride to Companion Conover that his son Warren was the first brother to receive the Mark Degree in the new Temple which he had wrought so faithfully to erect for the use of the Craft. Companion Conover remained a steadfast member of the Chapter until his death in 1879.



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CHAPTER LI.

1871–1872

James F. Ferguson, M.D., High Priest

Companion Ferguson achieved the distinction of bringing the membership of the Chapter beyond the double-century mark. At the end of his first year there were two hundred and six members on the rolls, and by the end of the second year of his administration the number was increased to two hundred and eleven. The Chapter was very prosperous financially. About $2,000 was received the first year, and the Permanent Fund was increased to $1,400.

The deaths of R.·.E.·.Companion Powell, late D. G. H. P. of the State and a P. H. P. of this Chapter, and of Companion A. W. King, for a long time Treasurer of the Chapter, occurred in 1872.

The most important event during Companion Ferguson's administration was the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree in Irving Hall in the presence of a vast assemblage of Royal Arch Masons, larger perhaps than had ever before been congregated at any one time and place.

This convocation was not only a great success in attendance and in the exemplification of the degree—it was a noteworthy epoch in the history and progress of the Craft. It was quite impossible in so large an assemblage as gathered in Irving Hall to count the exact number present, but it was estimated that there were 1,400 Companions in the hall.

The Grand High Priests of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, besides a number of Past Grand High Priests, the High Priests and a delegation from each of the thirty-six Chapters in this city and vicinity, together with a large number of our own Companions, graced the occasion by their presence.

The officers chosen for the several stations in the work of the degree were as follows:

R.·.E.·.Jackson H. Chase, Grand Lecturer, as High Priest; R.·.E.·.John Sheville, as King; E.·.Morton C. Tomlins, as Scribe; R.·.E. .George Van Vliet, as Captain of the Host; Companion T. M. B. Cross, as Principal Sojourner; Companion Charles Roome, as Royal Arch Captain; E.·.William F. Costenbader, as Master of the Third Vail; Companion Burgess, as Master of the Second Vail; E.·.H. S. Knapp, as Master of the First Vail.

The effectiveness of the ceremonies of the degree was greatly enhanced by the choir, chosen to sing at appropriate points in the work.

Companion Ferguson was the first member of Kane Lodge, No. 454, to be exalted in Jerusalem Chapter. He was made a Mason in Kane Lodge in 1864 and joined Jerusalem Chapter in 1865. The following year he was appointed Master of the Second Vail. He was Captain of the Host in 1867 and 1868. He was elected Scribe in 1869, King in 1870, and High Priest in 1871 and 1872. The history of the minutes for the two years that he was High Priest indicate the energetic character of Companion Ferguson's administration, and is but the index of the manner in which he performs every duty devolving upon him.

He has been a member of Cœur de Lion Commandery since 1865, but was never so active in Commandery or Lodge as he has been in the Chapter, although preferment in both of these bodies could have been his had he chosen to accept the offices proffered him.



Gus. F. Ferguson

He has been rather active in the Scottish Rite, and was crowned honorary member of the 33d, and last degree, September 18, 1888.

James Francis Ferguson was the fourth son of John and Janete Ferguson and was born at the corner of Prince and Marion Streets, in the city of New York, on the 10th day of October, 1839.

In 1841 his father moved with his family from No. 63 Prince Street to No. 5 Waverley Place. He entered the office of Dr. James R. Wood in the fall of 1857, at No. 2 Irving Place, and at that time matriculated in the medical department of the University of the City of New York. He graduated from this institution as Doctor of Medicine in 1861 and received the same degree from the Bellevue Medical College in 1862. In 1860 he was appointed a Junior Assistant Surgeon in Bellevue Hospital, and later transferred for temporary duty as House Surgeon in the Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, and again returned in 1861 as a Senior Assistant in the Bellevue Hospital.

At the breaking out of the Civil War he offered his services to the State; was commissioned an Assistant Surgeon in the Second New York State Militia; and was mustered into the service of the United States on May 21, 1861. He served with his regiment at the Battle of Blackburn's Ford, July 18, 1861, and at the first Battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861, in which fight he was wounded seriously in the left leg, captured, and taken a prisoner of war to Orange Court House, Va., and afterward to Libby Prison. His mother succeeded in passing the lines and was successful in obtaining his release on parole in the late fall of 1861, when he was brought under a flag of truce to Fortress Monroe, and from thence returned home, where he remained on parole until discharged, August 21, 1862, in Baltimore.

Having been exchanged he accepted a commission as Major and Surgeon of the 165th New York Volunteers (Second Duryees Zouaves) and was again mustered into the United States service September 9, 1862. He served with General Banks in his campaign in Louisiana, was present at the Battle

of Plain Stores on May 21, 1863; at the siege of Port Hudson, and in the battles at that place on May 27, June 8, and June 14, 1863. He was surgeon in charge of the Field Hospital on the left of the line during the siege.

After the capitulation he was ordered to New Orleans, and appointed Provost Surgeon in the city of New Orleans in charge of Confederate prisoners, and examining surgeon of re-enlistments. He then returned to his regiment, serving in the campaigns in the Teche country and was honorably discharged at Franklin, La., March 25, 1864. He was brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel of New York Volunteers.

His professional appointments have been as follows, viz.:

Attending Surgeon Bellevue Hospital, Outdoor Department, 1870–1871; Visiting Surgeon to the Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, 1872–1892; Visiting Physician to Hospital for Nervous Diseases, 1886–1892; and Consulting Physician of the Charity, now City Hospital, since 1892.

He is a member of the following societies, viz.:

The Society of the Alumni of Bellevue Hospital, the Medical Society of the County of New York, the New York Academy of Medicine, the New York Neurological Society. He is also a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, first class, insignia 581, February 6, 1867.

Since 1889 he has been the Proprietor and Medical Superintendent of Falkirk, at Central Valley, N. Y., an institution for the treatment of mental and nervous diseases.

Notwithstanding the arduous duties of his profession he still retains a deep interest in all that pertains to Masonry in general, and for Jerusalem Chapter in particular.



Masonic Hall, Twenty-third Street and Sixth Avenue.

CHAPTER LII.

1873–1874

Eugene Van Benschoten, High Priest

The years 1873 and 1874 were successful ones in the work of the Chapter, considering the times. The financial panic of 1873 must have had a deterrent effect. The convocations were well attended and a number of candidates were exalted—twenty-seven for the two years. Thaddeus P. Mott, a famous soldier, son of Dr. Valentine Mott, was one of the candidates. This Companion was an officer in the Italian Army, served on the Union side throughout the Civil War, and about 1869 was appointed a Major-General in the Egyptian Army. Another candidate was J. Edward Simmons, a man of high standing in the business world and a Mason who has received the highest honors in Freemasonry. He has by tongue and pen done much in return for these honors. He is a Past Master of Kane Lodge, No. 454. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1883. He was President of the Stock Exchange in 1884–1885 and is connected with many financial institutions at the present time. For twelve years he has been the President of the Fourth National Bank, and is considered one of the leading financiers of this great and wealthy city. He was for a time President of the Board of Education.

There were a number of withdrawals in 1874, and owing to large amounts owed by certain Companions, several were suspended—sixteen at one convocation.

The membership was increased to two hundred and seventeen the first year, but was reduced to two hundred and three the second year. The number of life members in 1874 was thirty-three and the amount in the Permanent Fund $1,400, $250 having been borrowed from the Fund for current expenses. In March, 1874, it was proposed that the Chapter move from No. 8 Union Square, where it had been meeting for the past eighteen years, to the new Masonic Temple, Twenty-third Street and Sixth Avenue, then about approaching completion. This proposition did not meet with the favor expected, and was defeated. The following month, however, the Chapter was summoned to take action in this matter, and it was voted to move to the new Temple on May 1st. This was done, and there was a large attendance to help in the "housewarming."

One of the features of the convocation was the presentation of a set of handsome gavels by Companion Dederick. The Mark Master's Degree was conferred upon Brothers Warren A. Conover and Dexter H. Walker.

The after-meeting was an elaborate affair. A sumptuous banquet had been spread in the banquet-hall in the upper part of the Temple, and there the Companions and Grand Officers gathered and regaled themselves with the choice viands which had been provided, after which remarks felicitous of the occasion were delivered by some of the shining lights, although no stenographic notes were taken.

It was a happy coincidence that a son of the builder of the Temple should have been the first brother to be "marked" therein.

Companion Van Benschoten was born in New York City in 1832. At an early age he engaged in the jewelry trade, and for many years was the importer of the famous Jurgessen watches. He was made a Mason in Atlantic Lodge in 1864;



Eugene Van Benschoten

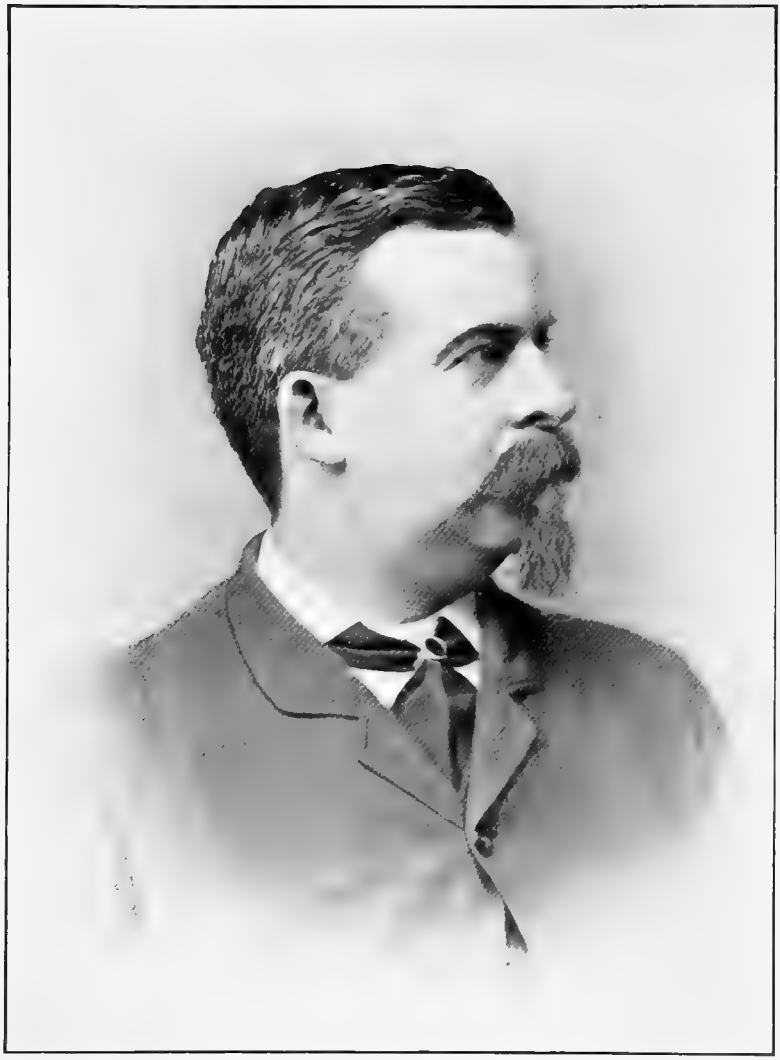
served therein as Senior Deacon and Senior Warden, and was its Worshipful Master in 1867–1868. In the Chapter he served as Scribe in 1869 and 1870; King in 1871 and 1872, and High Priest in 1873 and 1874. Companion Van Benschoten remained a faithful and attentive member of the Chapter for nearly twenty years, and his quiet, genial presence made him always welcome to his Companions at the many convocations he attended. He died in 1896.

CHAPTER LIII.

1875

Thaddeus M. B. Cross, M.D., High Priest

For some reason, perhaps on account of the stringency in the business world, the high tide of prosperity which the Chapter had previously enjoyed began to wane. The convocations were well attended and the officers were faithful in the discharge of their duties, and yet but two propositions for membership were received during the year and six candidates only were exalted; several members withdrew, and the year closed with only two hundred members on the rolls. Companion David Banks, a well-known citizen of the metropolis, was exalted this year. He was born in this city December 25, 1827. His grandfather was a Revolutionary hero, the friend of Washington, and with him crossed the Delaware River on a memorable occasion. Companion Banks is a man of large public spirit and is invariably named on committees for any great public function. He is a member of several well-known clubs. He is active in the societies of the Sons of the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Colonial Wars, and is now Commander of the Society of Foreign Wars. He has been of invaluable service to the University of the City of New York. The magnificent site that that institution of learning now occupies was secured by his efforts. He was for four years Commodore of the Atlantic Yacht Club and is still familiarly addressed by that title. His interest in Jerusalem Chapter is still actively displayed.



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At the close of this year there were thirty-four life members, with $1,400 in the Permanent Fund.

Companion Cross hailed from Wyoming Lodge, Boston, Mass., and joined the Chapter in 1867. In 1874 he affiliated with Atlantic Lodge.

He served as Captain of the Host and King, and was elected High Priest in 1875. He withdrew from the Chapter in 1878. He is still living, and practising the profession of medicine in New York City.

CHAPTER LIV.

1876–1877

John A. Mapes, High Priest

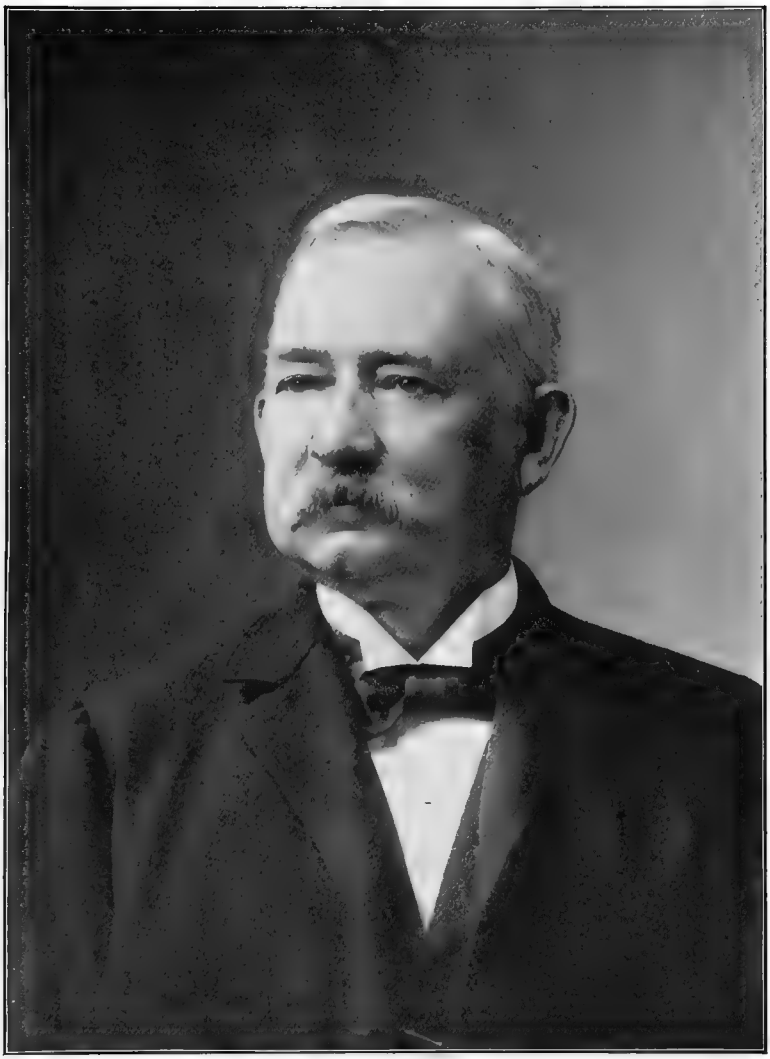
The numerical retrogression which began in 1873, and continued throughout the two years of Excellent Companion Mapes's administration, was doubtless caused by the business depression which was at that time almost universal throughout the country.

During 1876 four candidates were exalted and one Companion affiliated.

Death dealt a heavy blow to the membership. Nine Companions passed within the vails of the heavenly tabernacle during that year. The year closed with one hundred and ninety-four members on the rolls. The next year six candidates were exalted and two Companions affiliated, but death, withdrawals, and suspensions depleted the numbers still more, and the year closed with a net loss of four, leaving one hundred and ninety members.

Excellent Companion George Ackerman, a P. H. P. of the Chapter, who had not been within its Tabernacle since 1850, visited the Chapter at one of its convocations in 1877. Excellent Companions Maurice Hoyt and Jotham Post, both Past High Priests of the Chapter, died during the year.

The financial condition of the Chapter was not at its best, as a natural result of the constant loss of members; and although the Chapter had passed through much more serious difficulties in this respect, there was cause for alarm,



John A. Mason

and a committee was appointed to consider the whole financial question. The Chapter was in the possession of a Permanent Fund amounting to $1,400, and though members now and then paid life dues, it was found necessary to divert the funds thus paid in, to the General Fund.

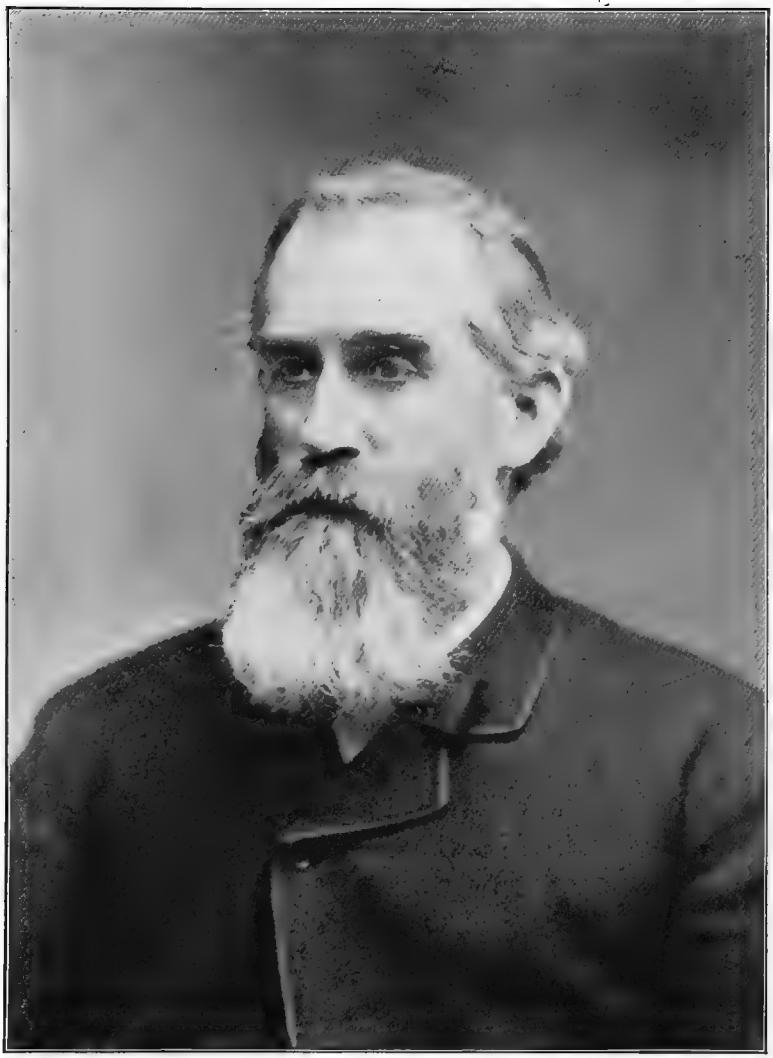
The proxies for King and Scribe had for a number of years received the amount of their expenses to and from the annual sessions of the Grand Chapter. The officers' salaries were large, and the rent of the Chapter-room was $100 more than is now paid, all of which made it necessary to retrench.

Companion Mapes was born in Orange County, N. Y., January 1, 1833, and studied law in the office of Wilkin & Gott at Goshen in the same county. In 1855 he was admitted to the bar and at once began the practice of law in New York City, in which profession he has been a bright example of the honest lawyer for more than forty-four years. His reputation for ability and integrity is unsurpassed in the legal fraternity. He is a sincere and earnest Christian believer, and has long been a trustee and active worker in the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

He was early attracted to the tenets of Freemasonry, and at the age of thirty years was initiated into its mysteries in Atlantic Lodge, No. 178, and the same year was elected Junior Warden. He was Master of the Lodge in 1865–1866. He joined Jerusalem Chapter in 1868. He was appointed Royal Arch Captain in 1871, Captain of the Host in 1872, and served as Principal Sojourner in 1873–1874. He was elected King in 1875, and High Priest in 1876–1877.

He was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 23, in 1875, and in this branch of Freemasonry Companion Mapes found his greatest love. He was appointed Junior Warden in 1876, and Prelate in 1877–78–79. He was elected Captain General in 1880, and Generalissimo in 1881–1882. He was elected Commander in 1883 and 1884, and was again appointed

Prelate in 1886 and 1887. The latter year he was, on the first ballot, elected Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York. Such an election to this office was quite an unusual occurrence, as it practically led to a preferment in all the succeeding offices up the line. Companion Mapes was elected to the next highest office the following year, and each year thereafter moved up one round of the ladder, and at Utica, in 1896, he received the supreme authority of Grand Commander. It will thus be seen that Companion Mapes has served almost continuously in some Masonic office for thirty-three years. None of the Past Grand Commanders of this State stands higher in the love and esteem of his fraters than Right Eminent Sir Knight Mapes. He is the ideal Sir Knight, chivalrous in bearing, courtly in demeanor, kindly in spirit; in short, all of the best of the characteristic features of the knights of old are manifested in his daily walk and conversation.



Royal E. Deane

CHAPTER LV.

1878

Royal E. Deane, High Priest

Seven candidates were exalted and there was one affiliation this year. Many of the Companions had allowed themselves to become so deeply in arrears for dues that it was deemed best to summon them. Fifteen were suspended at one time. These, together with deaths and withdrawals, lowered the number to one hundred and seventy-five.

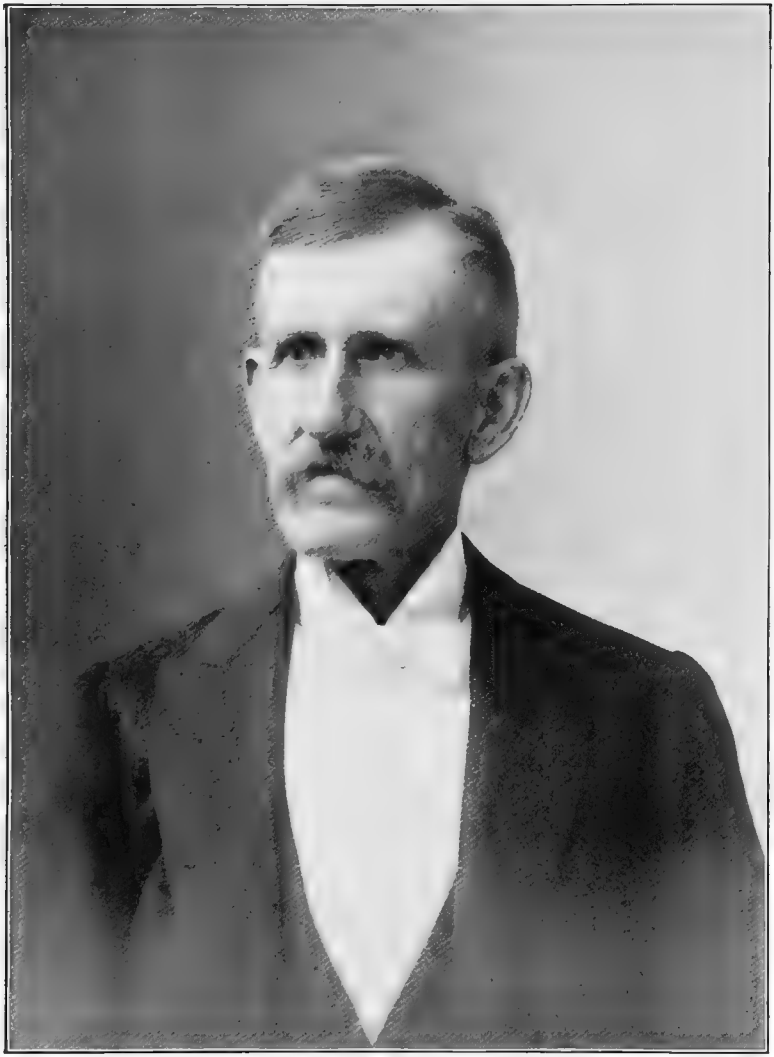
Excellent Companion W. W. Nexsen, a Past High Priest for thirty years or more, was made a life member, and Excellent Companion T. M. B. Cross, another Past High Priest, dimitted and removed to Tennessee.

Companion Deane has been active in the several branches of Freemasonry for many years. He comes of good old New England stock, and was born in Weston, Vt., May 27, 1830. He received his education in the common schools of New England and early made his way to the Metropolis, where he has been in active business for more than forty years. He is now President of the Bramhall Deane Company, manufacturers of practical and scientific heating and cooking apparatus. Companion Deane was initiated in Kane Lodge, No. 454, in 1863. After serving in nearly all the minor offices he was elected Master in 1881 and has served the Lodge as Trustee for a number of years. He was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter in 1867. He was appointed Master of the Third Vail in 1871. He was elected Scribe in 1876 and 1877 and High Priest in 1878.

He was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery in 1868, and was appointed Warder in 1872 and 1873 and Prelate in 1874 and 1875. In 1876 and 1877 he was its Generalissimo, and in 1878—the year he was High Priest of the Chapter—was elected Commander.

With the exception of two years, he was the Prelate of the Commandery from 1880 to 1891. In Cryptic Masonry he served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Adelphic Council, No. 7, and was Grand Representative of New Jersey near the Grand Council of New York. He bears the title of Right Worshipful in Ancient Craft Masonry, having been Grand Representative of New Hampshire near the Grand Lodge of New York.

Companion Deane bears a quiet dignity that makes one feel that in him will be found one of nature's noblemen, which he is.



Frank H. Hinds

CHAPTER LVI.

1879–1880

Frank H. Hinds, High Priest

During these two years fifteen candidates were exalted, but deaths and other losses reduced the number of Companions on the rolls at the annual convocation in December, 1880, to one hundred and seventy-one.

During the latter year the rent of the Chapter-room was reduced from $400 to $320 per annum. Excellent Companion John T. Conover, a Past High Priest, died at Dobbs Ferry, October 24, 1879.

The installation of officers at the annual convocation of 1879 was a feature of this year's work. There were present four Past Grand High Priests of the State, viz.: John W. Simons, James M. Austin, Horace S. Taylor, and Thomas C. Cassidy. M.·.E.·.Companions Simons and Cassidy acted as installing officers.

The Chapter was imposed upon by a candidate who was exalted in 1878, and his case came up in 1879. He denied ever having been rejected by a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, but it was later found that he had been rejected by Oneida Chapter, No. 57. The said Chapter tried the Companion, and he was expelled for unmasonic conduct. Oneida Chapter then demanded the exaltation fee. The matter was finally adjusted by paying to Oneida Chapter the amount of its exaltation fee at the time, which was $25. The matter was not brought to an amicable conclusion until 1881.

Of all the Past High Priests of Jerusalem Chapter not one has a higher record for faithful attendance and continuous regard for the Chapter, or is more generally esteemed by his Companions, than Companion Hinds. For over thirty years he has gone in and out among his Companions, and is as active and alert as ever to see that everything is done to conserve the best interests of Jerusalem Chapter.

Companion Hinds was born in Binghamton, N. Y., in 1831. (It is worthy of remark that he and the two preceding High Priests, Companions Deane and Mapes, were all born within two or three years of each other; all entered the Chapter about the same time, and all held the office of High Priest at close intervals.)

Companion Hinds was made a Mason in Atlantic Lodge in 1865. He was elected Senior Warden in 1867–1868, and for four years thereafter was its Worshipful Master.

He joined Jerusalem Chapter in 1869; was appointed Master of the Third Vail in 1873; Royal Arch Captain in 1874; Principal Sojourner in 1875–1876, and Captain of the Host in 1877. He was elected King in 1878, and High Priest in 1879 and again in 1880. Companion Hinds found the work of the Chapter so much to his liking that he has been content to rest there, and has gone no higher in Masonry, as the term is used.

CHAPTER LVII.

1881

William Downes, High Priest

Several events of importance occurred this year. M.·. E.·.Companion James M. Austin, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and an affiliate member of Jerusalem Chapter, passed away. Also the death of Companion James A. Garfield, President of the United States, was noted, and the following resolution was adopted:

"*Whereas,* Our late Companion, President James A. Garfield of Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 3, Washington, D. C., has been summoned from labor here below to enter the presence of the Grand Council above, be it

"*Resolved,* That a memorial page be set apart upon our records to the memory of our distinguished Companion—and our jewels be draped in mourning for the period of ninety days."

The Chapter had a largely attended convocation on one occasion, when the degree of Past Master was conferred by R.·.E.·.James E. Morrison, Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter of New York.

Only three candidates were exalted this year, and the net loss sustained was five, leaving the membership one hundred and sixty-six.

A surprise occurred at the annual convocation by the

election of Companion Charles Roome from the ranks to the first position in the Chapter. Companion Goodall, who had served in the Council some years before, was elected King, and Companion Conover, the King for 1881, was elected Scribe.

It was at this annual convocation that the following references to the death of M. .E.·.Companion Austin were recorded:

"The M. E. H. P. announced the death of M. E. Companion James M. Austin, who died in this city, December 3d, and read a communication from the Grand High Priest, officially notifying the Chapters of the death of M. E. Companion James M. Austin, Past Grand High Priest of the State and Past General Grand High Priest of the United States. On motion of M. E. Companion Dederick, a committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the sympathies of this Chapter on the death of the M. E. Companion. The M. E. H. P. then appointed as such committee the present Past High Priests, viz.: E. Companions Dederick, Mapes, Van Benschoten, Hinds, Deane, Ferguson, and Taylor."

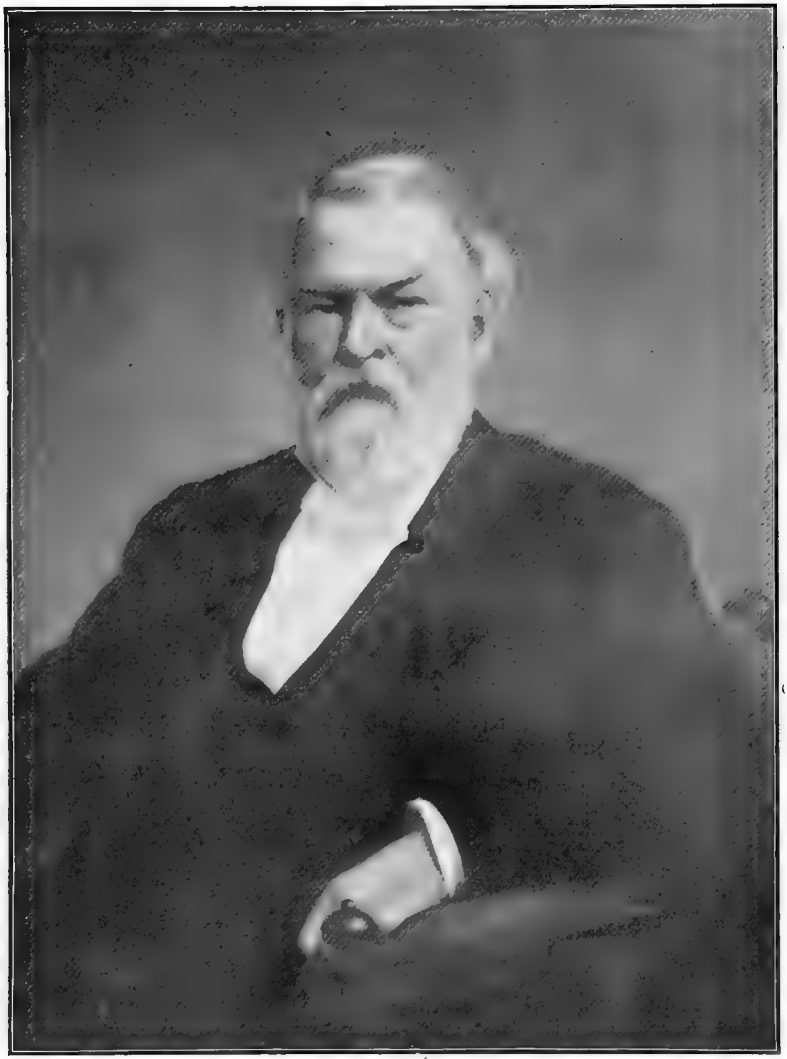
The communication from the Grand High Priest was then read, as follows:

"GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
NEW YORK, December 3, 1881.

"COMPANIONS:

"The melancholy duty devolves upon me to announce to you the decease of our venerated and much beloved M. E. Companion JAMES M. AUSTIN, Past Grand High Priest of New York and Past General Grand High Priest of the United States.

"The sad event occurred at his residence in the city of New York on Saturday, December 3, 1881. For some days prior to his death he recognized the inevitable, knew that his remaining hours on earth were numbered, and accepted the fiat of the



James M. Austin

All-wise with the fullest resignation. He was a man who possessed a pure, simple, and guileless heart. He was scrupulously honest in all his dealings with his fellow-men; a devoted Christian; and he passed away in the assured belief that at the Judgment-seat of the Great Jehovah he would be accorded the communication of 'Well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter into the joy of thy Lord.'

"Companion AUSTIN occupied a most prominent place in Masonic affairs during the past thirty years, and no name is better known among Masons, wheresoever dispersed, than his. It is, therefore, proper that suitable expressions of mourning should be uttered in the Chapters of the States in view of the sad event.

"I therefore order that this missive be read in your Chapter at the next Convocation after its receipt, and spread in full upon the minutes; I further direct that the furniture of the Chapter be draped in mourning for a period of not less than ninety days.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter, December 3, 1881.

"WILLIAM T. WOODRUFF, *Grand High Priest,*
"CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, *Grand Secretary.*"

At a subsequent convocation the following report on the death of M.·.E.·.Companion Austin was presented and adopted:

"Your Committee charged with the duty of properly expressing the feelings of the Chapter on the death of a member of great merit and extensive usefulness, respectfully report:

"That with deep regret and unfeigned sorrow, we mourn the loss of our dear friend and Most Excellent Companion JAMES M. AUSTIN, who, exalted in Life, was exalted in Death, and is perpetuated in memory as a bright and shining example to all who aspire to excellence in the present, and happiness in the future. Called to high honors in official stations, for more than a quarter of a century he received annual repeti-

tions of approval, ending only with life itself. He was a wise counsellor and a steadfast friend. Possessing a heart of tenderness, and sympathetic by nature, he was blessed with a happy family and social relations. Our sorrow is lessened by a knowledge of his virtues, but doubly increased by remembering the grief of the afflicted widow and children. 'May the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon them and give them Peace.'

"Signed by HORACE S. TAYLOR,
ZACHARIAH DEDERICK,
JAMES F. FERGUSON,
E. VAN BENSCHOTEN,
JOHN A. MAPES,
ROYAL E. DEANE,
FRANK H. HINDS,
WILLIAM DOWNES,
Past High Priests.
CHARLES ROOME, *High Priest.*
ALBERT G. GOODALL, *King.*
WARREN A. CONOVER, *Scribe.*"

M.·.E.·.Companion Austin was born at Salem, Washington County, in the State of New York, in 1813, and was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in his twenty-sixth year.

He studied medicine in Albany, receiving a diploma in 1843. For ten years he practised his profession in Waterford and Lansingburgh, and in 1853 removed to the city of New York, where his professional reputation commanded a profitable practice.

M.·.E.·.Companion Austin was made a Mason in Phœnix Lodge, Lansingburgh, in 1844, and served as its Master for several terms. On taking up his residence in New York he affiliated with Mariners' Lodge, No. 67. In 1857 he associated himself with Howard Lodge, No. 35, which had just been revived after being dormant for many years.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Phœnix Chapter, No. 133, in 1849, and later affiliated with Phœnix Chapter,





No. 2. In 1856 he united with Orient Chapter, No. 138, in which he was elected High Priest. He became a member of Jerusalem Chapter in 1862, retaining membership therein until his death. He was a member of Adelphic Council, No. 7, R. and S. M., and of Morton Commandery, No. 4, K. T. He received the 33d and last degree in the Scottish Rite in 1866. He was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1859 while a member of Orient Chapter, and in 1868, while a member of Jerusalem Chapter, was elected General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter R. A. M. of the United States. Companion Austin was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in 1853, succeeding Dr. James W. Powell in that office, also a member and P. H. P. of Jerusalem Chapter.

He served as Grand Secretary until his death, in 1881.

Dr. Austin was an able man, zealous in his work for the Craft and devoted to the Order, and it was through his indefatigable labors that the Masonic Hall was completed.

Companion Downes is another of the Past High Priests of Jerusalem Chapter who hails from the staid old Lodge which is named after the mighty ocean that laves the shores of our city.

Companion Downes was born in Brooklyn, but in early life came to Manhattan, and in 1870 was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in Atlantic Lodge. He has not yet passed through the chairs of the Lodge, but is its Senior Warden at the present time.

He joined Jerusalem Chapter in 1871, and was soon appointed to office. He has filled every office in the Chapter excepting that of Captain of the Host. He has also been active in the Cryptic Rite and served as Thrice Illustrious Master of Adelphic Council, No. 7. He has held the office of Grand Steward in the Grand Council and has for several years been the Grand Representative of Maryland.

Companion Downes is a regular attendant at the Chapter meetings, and is much esteemed for his genial companionship and unwavering interest in the affairs of the Chapter.

CHAPTER LVIII.

1882–1883

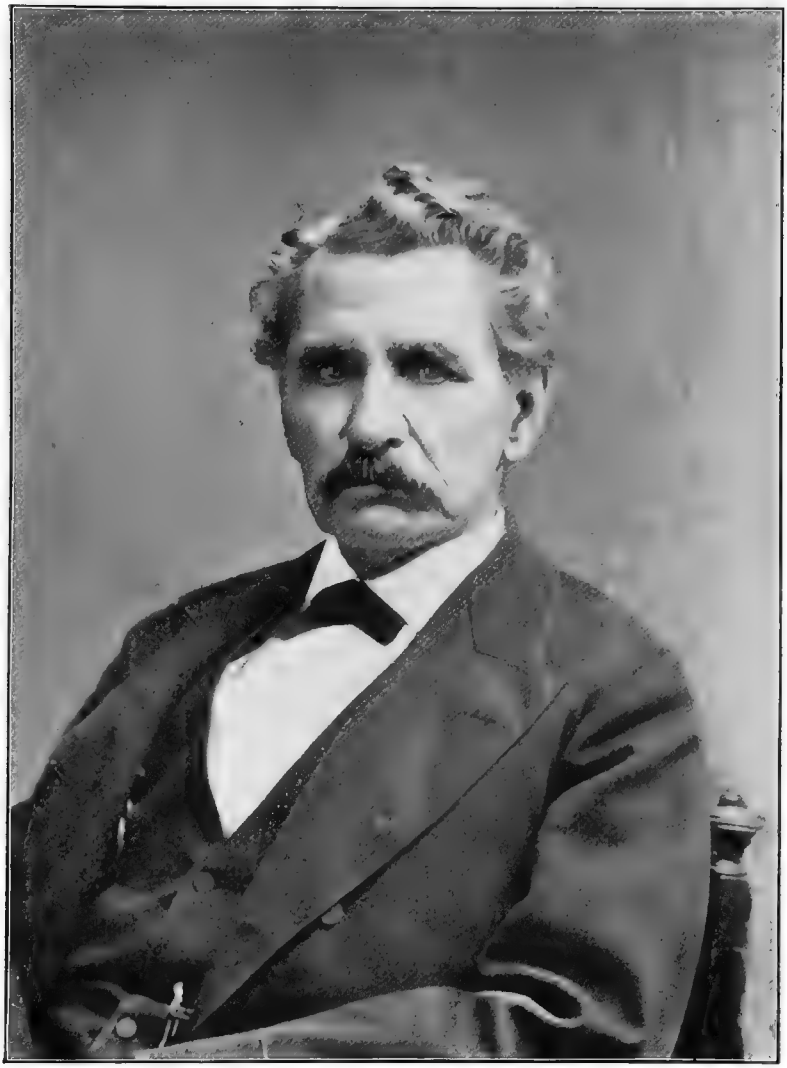
Charles Roome, High Priest

It is not for the compiler of this volume to assign a reason for the election of Companion Roome to the office of High Priest at this time.

He was then in his seventieth year and had served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of New York, and although he had reached the allotted age of a man's life, he was vigorous and performed his duties with as much activity as many a younger man would have done. Whatever may have been the opinion of some of the Companions at the time of his election, the present generation looks upon the choice then made of this grand old man and brilliant Mason with pride and satisfaction.

Companion Roome induced several young and enthusiastic brethren to join the Chapter who later made the impress of their characters felt in its work.

During his administration the Chapter was active in visiting other Chapters and receiving visits from them, which stimulated the work, and at the end of the first year a gain of five was made in the membership. Ten candidates were exalted the second year, but owing to a large loss of members by death and otherwise a net loss of two was sustained. A pleasing event occurred at one convocation, when M. .E.·. John W. Simons, Past Grand High Priest, presented to



Charles Koonce

Companion Roome a Royal Arch apron worn by the father of Companion Simons fifty years previously.

The rather strange proceeding of conferring all the degrees at one time on a candidate occurred at one of the convocations.

A disastrous fire occurred in the Masonic Temple about December 1, 1883, which deprived the Chapter of its regular place of meeting for a while. Little, if any, loss of property was sustained.

A resolution of sympathy for the Trustees of the Hall was passed, and the Chapter continued to meet as best it could, thereby sustaining the Masonic authorities of the Grand Lodge. This is a copy of the resolution adopted on that occasion:

"*Resolved,* That this Chapter, sympathizing with the Trustees in the arduous labors they are called to undertake in view of the recent fire in the Temple, and its consequences, will continue to meet in the building, in such apartments as the Trustees may be able to provide until the Chapter-room is again ready for occupancy."

Companion Roome was born in the city of New York August 4, 1812, and was the son of Nicholas Roome, a prominent merchant. His father was a devoted Mason in his day, as is shown by his Masonic record. He was the Master of Independent Royal Arch Lodge, No. 2, in 1809–10–11, the High Priest of Ancient Chapter, No. 1, and was also a Sir Knight of Columbian Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar.

The son, therefore, had a most worthy sire, and the record he made, with the shining example before him, reflects honorably upon him as well as upon the author of the precepts taught him. He early entered into business for himself—after serving in a clerical position for some time in a mercantile house—and met with eminent success in his venture. In 1837 he retired from the business he had established and accepted

the position of assistant engineer with the Manhattan Gas Light Company of New York City. At the end of five years he was promoted to chief engineer of the company. In 1855 he was its president. Shortly before his death he was retired and made emeritus or consulting president with continued compensation. In the line of his profession he stood in the front rank, his decisions being accepted as law on both sides of the Atlantic.

During the Civil War he served with great distinction. He recruited the Thirty-seventh Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., and led it in person. For bravery and gallantry displayed on the field he was commissioned a Brevet Brigadier-General of Volunteers. The Masonic history of Companion Roome is exceedingly interesting. He was made a Mason in Kane Lodge, No. 454, in January, 1866, at the age of fifty-four years, and the following December was elected Senior Warden. He was elected Master at the annual communication in December, 1867, and was thus the second Master of this famous Lodge. His popularity among the brethren during the three years of his service in this position was unbounded. His retirement was marked by gifts of the most expressive testimonials of their appreciation of his services, such as a massive and costly jewel, a chronometer, and a set of handsomely engrossed resolutions.

In 1869 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 25th Masonic District, and during several of the succeeding years was the Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge. He was Grand Marshal when the new Masonic Temple was dedicated, in 1875, and how impressive must have been the declaration as delivered by his eloquent lips, when with commanding presence he uttered these words:

"In the presence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, whose unnumbered blessings we humbly acknowledge, and by order of the Most Worshipful Elwood E. Thorne, Grand Master of Masons, and under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, and the brethren owing it fealty and allegiance, I declare the new Masonic Hall dedicated."

Companion Roome's prominence in the Grand Lodge soon led the brethren to look upon him as a worthy selection for Grand Master, and in 1878 he was elected Deputy Grand Master. The following year he was elected Grand Master. In this office he served one year, the yearly term being in vogue at that time.

Companion Roome also paid great devotion to Chivalric Masonry. In that he was an enthusiast. The same year he was raised a Mason he was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 23, and was elected its Generalissimo in 1867. He was its Eminent Commander in 1869–70–71. In 1869 he was elected Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery, and was advanced each year until 1875, when he was elected Grand Commander. The representatives in the Grand Encampment seeing his great worth, elected him to a leading position in that body, and in 1886 he was elected Grand Master of Knights Templar in the United States.

Although Companion Roome was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter in 1866, he did not, for some reason, engage actively in the Capitular Rite, and it was not until 1882 that he took any prominent part in its work, when, as has been already stated, he was elected High Priest from the floor of the Chapter.

Companion Roome received the Scottish Rite Degrees in 1866, and in 1871 was elected Master of the Lodge of Perfection of New York City. On September 19, 1872, he was crowned an Inspector-General, 33d Degree, by the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction United States.

The stalwart physique of Companion Roome commanded the attention of men wherever he went. His largeness of heart and frankness of speech drew men to him. He was generous and charitable, and had an implicit faith in God. His earnestness of life was a remarkable characteristic, and his death was as peaceful as the lovely day in June, 1890, when his body was tenderly consigned to its last resting-place in historic Greenwood, by the Brotherhood who were so dear to his heart.

CHAPTER LIX.

1884

Albert G. Goodall, High Priest

The administration of Companion Goodall did not possess the quality of success that might have been expected from so notable a man and Mason.

There was a great paucity of work, and only two candidates were exalted during the year. At the October convocation the High Priest stated that "the probable reason for this paucity of candidates and scarcity of work was caused by the high charge for our exaltation fee," and recommended a reduction in the interest of the Chapter. This was adopted at a subsequent convocation, and the fee was reduced from $50 to $30.

In November a Companion by the name of Andreas visited the Chapter and stated that he was a member of Rising Sun Chapter, long since extinct; that he had visited the Chapter sixty years before, and was present at the exaltation of Lafayette in 1824.

The net loss of membership this year was four, which left the number one hundred and sixty-five.

At the regular convocation held June 6, 1884, the High Priest announced the death of M. .E.·.Companion Horace S. Taylor, and the following communication from the Grand High Priest of the State was read:

"GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
NEW YORK CITY, May 23, 1884.

"M. E. COMPANIONS: In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succor but of thee, O Lord?

"It is my duty to make known to you the death of Most Excellent HORACE S. TAYLOR, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, which occurred at noon of the 21st instant.

"The grievous message was telegraphed to me by M. E. Companion William T. Woodruff, shortly after the sad event, and I have waited only long enough to ascertain what would be the arrangements for the burial, before speeding the sorrowful tidings to his Companions in the Royal Craft, which he so devotedly loved.

"For more than twenty years Companion Taylor has actively participated in the Councils of this Grand Chapter, and long ago earned and filled with dignity a prominent place in its affairs.

"As the presiding officer of our governing body he evinced a tact, a power of control, and a soundness of judgment rarely met with in any deliberative assembly.

"He was a man of great dignity of character, and the usual quietude and reserve of his demeanor were but evidences of that self-possession and calmness of mind which made him wise and discreet in every relation of life. He was gentle and courtly, not merely in conduct, but in nature. These qualities, with the steadiness of his attachment to Masonry, could not fail to make him distinguished in the Fraternity, nor to secure to him the continued respect and the honor of all his peers.

"In accordance with his expressed wish, 'an unostentatious family service' was held at his funeral; thus the last sad rites were in keeping with his way of life—loving and true, but unobtrusive.

"Companions, in this dark hour let us pray that God will give comfort and consolation to the widow so suddenly stricken

by an awful affliction, and that those who mourn may be sustained by the firm belief that 'a good man and true' has gone to meet his reward.

"Let this communication be read in your Chapter, and a copy entered upon the minutes, and such further action be taken as may fittingly note the respect and kindly remembrance of the Craft, sorrowing because of our beloved Companion's death.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter this 23d day of May, A. I. 2414, A. D. 1884.

"JAMES E. MORRISON, *Grand High Priest.*

"Attest, CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, *Grand Secretary.*"

At the first convocation in September of the same year the committee which had been appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of M.·.E.·.Companion Taylor made the following report:

"With deep feelings of sorrow we record the fact that the Grand High Priest of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom, has suddenly summoned from our midst an honored and beloved member of this Chapter.

"Most Excellent Companion Horace S. Taylor was called to the highest office within our gift at a critical period of our existence—he discharged the duties of High Priest faithfully for four years—for twelve years thereafter he was unanimously chosen Treasurer, and, by his earnest action, wise counsel, and high integrity, contributed largely to our subsequent success, and was a bright example of the best principles of our order.

"With bleeding hearts the officers and members of Jerusalem Chapter sympathize with the disconsolate widow and afflicted friends in this their sad bereavement. 'Their grief is ours, for ours the loss they feel.'

"Signed, WILLIAM DOWNES,
W. A. CONOVER,
JOHN MCGLENSEY,
Committee."



Albert G. Goodall

Companion Goodall was born in Montgomery, Ala., October 31, 1826. At the age of fifteen he was appointed midshipman in the navy of the Republic of Texas, where he served for three years, during which time he was in active service, cruising in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea during the war between Texas and Mexico. This service ended, he is next found located on the "ever faithful isle, the Queen of the Antilles," where, after encountering the various vicissitudes of the ups and downs of life, he learned the art of copper-plate engraving.

From Havana he removed to the city of Philadelphia, where he resided until 1862, during which time he became efficient as a steel-plate engraver. His business relations made it necessary for him to remove to New York City, where he established the American Bank Note Company. His company received large orders from European governments, and he received valuable testimonials from the Czar of Russia and other crowned heads.

While residing in Philadelphia he was raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason in Montgomery Lodge, No. 19, on September 19, 1854, and was elected its Master in 1860. He was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter, No. 3, of Philadelphia, in 1856.

After removing to New York he affiliated with Holland Lodge, No. 8, and with Morton Commandery, No. 4, and was its Commander in 1872–1873. He was active in the Grand Commandery and filled nearly all of the subordinate offices in that Grand Body, and was the Deputy Grand Commander when he died.

He was early active in the Scottish Rite, and was elected and crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States, May 17, 1867.

He also had an active interest in the Grand Lodge, and was appointed in 1882 the first representative of the Grand Lodge of England in New York.

Companion Goodall was devoted to the interests of Jerusalem Chapter, and, busy man that he was, he willingly ac-

cepted an election to the office of Scribe in 1875, and was for the next four years in the Council as Scribe and King. To the latter position he was again elected in 1882 and 1883, serving under Companion Charles Roome. In 1884 he received the suffrages of his Companions for the office of High Priest, which he filled with grace and dignity. He died February 19, 1887.

"Companion Goodall was for many years President of the American Bank Note Company, and it has been well said, 'his life was divided into two clear-cut sections—business in the Bank Note Company and pleasure and intellectual profit in Freemasonry.' It can be truly said of him, he was the architect of his own fortune—the master of his own destiny—a self-made man: one, though thrown on his own resources at an early age, failed not to appreciate the situation, and surmounted all its embarrassments, and step by step, from youth to manhood, maintained his self-respect and commanded the admiration and esteem of all who knew him—one who through life always acted out and lived up to the golden maxim:

> To thine own self be true,
> And it must follow, as the night the day,
> Thou canst not then be false to any man."

CHAPTER LX.

1885–1886

Warren A. Conover, High Priest

The first year of Companion Conover's administration was hopeful with a prospect for renewed activity and growth. Eleven candidates were exalted, and the roll was increased to one hundred and sixty-nine, but the second year was not so fortunate. Seven candidates only were exalted. There were a large number of suspensions, and the year closed with one hundred and fifty-six Companions. Companion J. H. Toone, the first contributor to the Permanent Fund, died in 1885.

On July 26, 1886, the Chapter was bereft of one of its most steadfast and faithful Companions—Charles W. Sy, for twenty-seven years its reliable and competent Secretary.

Companion Sy joined the Chapter just as it was emerging from its difficulties with the Grand Chapter, and the qualities which he possessed were exactly the kind the Chapter needed in its re-entrée into the regular arena of Capitular Masonry.

Faithful in attendance, business-like in his methods of work, genial in manner toward the Companions, and possessing a willingness to sacrifice his time and talents for the "*good of the Chapter*," won for him the firm devotion of all who came within the portals of our tabernacle.

On the death of Companion Sy a committee was appointed to draft resolutions, which were presented and adopted as follows:

" Companion Sy was advanced to the Degree of Mark Master in this Chapter on the 27th day of October, 1858, and on the same evening he received the degree of Past Master.

" He was received and acknowledged Most Excellent Master on the 10th day of November, and was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason on the 24th day of November in the same year.

" In the spring following, on the 9th day of March, 1859, he was chosen Secretary, in which capacity he served this Chapter until his death, which occurred at his residence in this city on the 26th day of July last.

" As he officiated as Acting Secretary for a number of convocations previous to his election in March, 1859, almost the entire period of his membership was devoted to the performance of those duties which have made his name and person so familiar to the Companions of this Chapter.

" The careful and systematic manner in which he discharged the duties of his office is well known to us all, and no eulogy on the part of your committee could add to the appreciation his valuable services have so justly earned.

" His kindly manner, his warm and affectionate disposition, his regular attendance at our convocations, and his conscientious discharge of the duties of his office, made him loved and respected by all who met him here. His conversation was that of a kind and genial gentleman, his sympathy to all who called upon him for help or advice was unaffected and freely given, and among all of our Companions there was none whose membership was more valuable or whose loss will be more sincerely deplored.

" Both as a member of our Chapter and as a personal friend the memory of his life will be warmly and affectionately cherished, and will, we believe, long remain as an incentive and example to those who still remain.





" Our companion left a widow surviving him.

" Your committee therefore present the following resolutions:

" *Whereas*, It has pleased the Supreme High Priest to take from among us our much loved and esteemed Secretary, Charles W. Sy; and,

Whereas, His long and faithful services to this Chapter have contributed largely to that measure of prosperity which it has enjoyed; and,

Whereas, His amiable disposition and his kindly manners have made his loss a personal one to each of our companions;

" *Resolved*, That while we shall ever be sensible of the vacancy his death has caused, we rest assured that his upright, religious, and warm-hearted life will meet with that reward which his character has so fully earned;

" *Resolved*, That we shall always cherish his memory in our hearts as that of a true and steadfast Mason as well as that of a loved and honored friend;

" *Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread in full on our minutes; that a copy thereof and of the foregoing memorial be forwarded to the family of the deceased, that a page in our minute-book be set apart to his memory, and that the jewels of the Chapter be draped in mourning for the period of six months."

" Signed, JOHN A. MAPES,
EUGENE VAN BENSCHOTEN,
CLAUDIUS M. ROOME,
Committee."

Owing to the large amount of indebtedness, it was found necessary in 1886 to readjust the finances, and it was therefore voted to withdraw from the Permanent Fund an amount sufficient to meet these obligations, although there was a large amount already due that Fund from the General Fund. The result of this was that at the close of 1886 instead of having $2,400 in the Perma-

nent Fund to properly credit the dues of forty-eight life members then on the rolls, there were only $859.37 in that Fund, which left a deficit of $1,540.63.

Companion Conover was made a Mason in Holland Lodge, No. 8, at the age of twenty-two years. His father, John T. Conover, was a builder, and the son was associated with him at an early age. Companion Conover therefore began the study of Speculative Masonry at about the same age he commenced the labor of Operative Masonry. In the latter branch he has built some of the largest of the many immense edifices which have been erected in New York City, notably the Postal Telegraph Building, the Commercial Cable Building, and the Dun Building.

In Speculative Masonry he has been equally active. After serving in several minor positions in Holland Lodge he was elected its Master in 1882.

As has already been stated he was the first brother to be "marked" in the new Masonic Temple in 1874, and after serving as Master of the 3d Vail in 1876 he filled various offices until 1885, when he was elected High Priest.

Companion Conover is connected with many societies and clubs, which, with his large and confining business interests, precludes the possibility of frequent attendance at the convocations of the Chapter, but his interest in its work and well-being has not diminished.



Warren A. Conover

CHAPTER LXI.

1887

William F. Livermore, High Priest

Under the energetic administration of Companion Livermore an era of prosperity was begun which has obtained in every department of the Chapter for the past thirteen years. Thirteen candidates were exalted and six Companions affiliated, among them Frederick Kanter, who has since served as Grand Master of the Grand Council R. and S. M. of the State of New York. The number of members was increased from one hundred and fifty-six to one hundred and sixty-six. One hundred dollars was added to the Permanent Fund, the first for a number of years.

Fifty-two life members had been created up to this time, of whom thirty-eight were living. The Standing Committee recommended in its annual report that the Council Officers prepare a history of the Chapter from its foundation, to be incorporated in the next edition of the By-laws.

Excellent Companion Goodall, a P. H. P. of the Chapter, died this year, also Most Excellent Companion James E. Morrison, Past Grand High Priest and a former member of this Chapter.

A feature of the work at one of the convocations was the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree, with the following Companions officiating in the various positions, viz.:

M.·.E.·.William Sherer, Grand High Priest, as High Priest; R.·.E.·.Ernest Ringer, as King; E.·.Eugene Van

Benschoten, as Scribe; R.·.E.·.W. J. McDonald, Grand Captain of the Host, as Captain of the Host; E. .W. P. Worster, as Principal Sojourner; R.·.E.·.U. S. Baker, Grand Royal Arch Captain, as Royal Arch Captain; E.·.John A. Mapes, as Master of the Third Vail; E.·.Frank H. Hinds, as Master of the Second Vail; R.·.E.·.O. G. Ahlstrom, as Master of the First Vail.

Companion Livermore became so interested in Capitular Masonry that he learned the entire ritual of every part, and for his proficiency received the important appointment of Assistant Grand Lecturer. In him the Chapter has, therefore, a Companion generally at hand who is able to set the officers right in their rendition of the ritual, and one who is ever ready to fill any office at a moment's notice. Companion Livermore is thus of invaluable service to the Chapter.

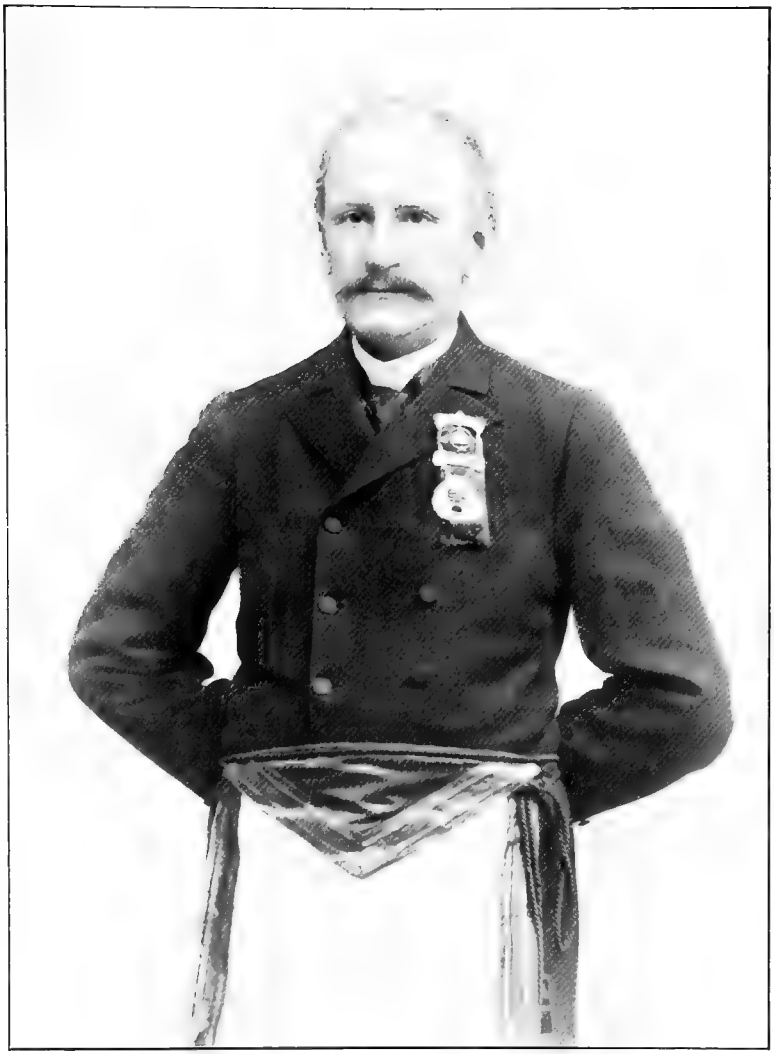
He received the appointment of Grand Master of the First Vail in the Grand Chapter in 1889.

Companion Livermore was made a Mason in St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 321.

He was knighted in Constantine Commandery, No. 48, and was elected Eminent Commander of the same.

He dimitted from this Commandery and united with Damascus Commandery, No. 58.

He is engaged in the real estate business.



W. J. Livermore

CHAPTER LXII.

1888

Rollin M. Morgan, High Priest

The good work begun by Companion Livermore was continued by Companion Morgan with enthusiastic effort. Faithful and conscientious attention to his duties had marked Companion Morgan's work in the minor offices, and his election to the highest office in the gift of the Chapter was signalized by renewed activity all along the line.

Companion Morgan's pertinacity no doubt saved the Chapter from dissolution, as the following instance proves: Not long after his entrance into the Chapter, the difficulty of keeping up the regular meetings was so great it was almost decided by the members that they would meet but once a year—just often enough to retain the Charter. Companion Morgan strongly opposed this procedure, and by his zeal and persistency succeeded in reviving the interest of the members and bringing needed funds into the treasury, which, with the introduction of new blood, enabled the Chapter to "lengthen its cords and strengthen its stakes."

The convocations in 1888 were well attended. Eleven candidates were exalted, but the lopping off of some dead wood caused a net loss of four members.

It was suggested by the High Priest that a committee be appointed to compile the history of the Chapter from

its foundation. Excellent Companions Ferguson and Livermore and Companion Stivers were appointed.

Among the Companions exalted this year was William Homan, who has since gained the distinction of being the youngest brother ever elected to the position of an active 33d Degree Mason in the Scottish Rite; also Companion Charles H. Haswell, who had then reached the age of seventy-nine years. Companion Haswell has been a famous civil engineer for nearly sixty-five years. He was engineer of the first steam war-vessel in the United States Navy in 1836. He was Chief Engineer of the Navy—the position now so ably filled by Brother and Rear Admiral George W. Melville—from 1844 to 1850. It is to his energy and devotion that the development of our steam navy is in no small measure due. He has given the profession of which he is a shining member the benefit of his knowledge and experience in a volume which is deemed of the highest value and authority.

He has also published a volume containing reminiscences of New York life and society from 1816 to 1835.

Companion Haswell was Master of Kane Lodge under dispensation in 1858.

Companion Morgan was born in the town of Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1851. He was graduated from the University of Ohio; came to New York City in 1878, and entered the Law Department of Columbia College, from which he was graduated in 1880. After a short European trip, he returned to New York and entered the law office of William M. Hoes, with whom he was in partnership for over seven years. He is at present the senior member of the firm of Morgan & Mitchell.

Companion Morgan was made a Mason in Acacia Lodge, No. 327, in 1880, but soon after affiliated with Kane Lodge, No. 454. He was appointed Junior Deacon of this Lodge in 1883, and served successively as Senior Deacon, Junior War-



Rollin M. Morgan

den, and Senior Warden, and in 1889 was elected Worshipful Master. This office he filled with such distinction he was unanimously re-elected in 1890. He has been a Trustee of the Lodge continuously since his retirement from the chair. He has been a constant attendant at the sessions of the Grand Lodge and has taken an active part in its proceedings, and was Grand Steward. He was appointed Grand Marshal by Grand Master Ten Eyck in 1892. He has served as a Commissioner of Appeals and was a member of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge in 1896.

Companion Morgan joined Jerusalem Chapter in 1881; was appointed Master of the First Vail in 1882; Master of the Third Vail in 1883 and 1884, and Captain of the Host in 1885. He was elected Scribe in 1886, and King in 1887.

For some years he has been the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Scotland near the Grand Chapter of New York.

Companion Morgan was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 23, in 1882, and after serving in nearly all the subordinate offices was elected Eminent Commander in 1891.

In his profession Companion Morgan is generally acknowledged as possessing high legal ability. His perceptions are keen and his judgment wise. As an orator he is both pleasing and convincing. He has been active in municipal politics for many years. He served four terms as Democratic Alderman of the old Twenty-first District, known as the "diamond-back" district. His great popularity was attested here, for the district was strongly Republican in politics. He is at the present time Special Counsel for the Corporation of the City of New York. Companion Morgan was the principal compiler of the recently enacted Building Code for Greater New York.

He is an active club man, and is a member of the following clubs and societies: Transportation, New York Athletic, Democratic, and Craftsmen's; Ohio Society, St. David's Society, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and the Association of the Bar.

CHAPTER LXIII.

1889

Claudius Monell Roome, High Priest

The same degree of activity which had been displayed during Companion Morgan's term of office was continued this year. Seventeen candidates were exalted, one affiliated, and there was a net gain of ten, making the total membership one hundred and seventy-two. Four members contributed life dues, and the Permanent Fund stood, $1,159.37 on hand, with $1,640.63 due from the General Fund.

Excellent Companion Livermore was appointed Grand Master of the First Vail of the Grand Chapter, and was presented with a handsome Royal Arch apron.

Companion Roome is the son of General Charles Roome, and was born in the city of New York, April 25, 1860. He was graduated from Columbia College with the B.A. degree in 1880, and from the Law School of Columbia College with the degree of LL.B. in 1882. After a few years' practice at the bar Companion Roome was attracted to the study of theology, and entered the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Chelsea Square, in 1890. He was graduated from that institution in 1893 and received the degree of B.D. He was ordained deacon by Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, D.D., Bishop of New York, on Trinity Sunday, 1893. Shortly afterward he received a call as assistant minister of St. Luke's Church, Montclair, and remained there until November, 1897, when he accepted a call to Christ Church, at Seventy-first Street and Broadway, as assistant to



Claudius Monell Roome.

the Rev. Dr. Shipman, where he is still engaged. Companion Roome was ordered a Priest of the Church by Bishop Starkey on the first Sunday in Lent, 1894, at Montclair, N. J.

Companion Roome was made a Mason in Kane Lodge in 1881. He was appointed Marshal in 1884 and 1885; Senior Deacon in 1886; was elected Junior Warden in 1887; Senior Warden in 1889 and 1890, and Master in 1891. He has been a Chaplain of the Lodge since 1893. He joined Jerusalem Chapter in 1882, and was appointed Master of the Second Vail in 1883 and 1884; Principal Sojourner in 1885 and 1886; was elected Scribe in 1887; King in 1888, and High Priest in 1889. He was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery in 1883. After serving in various positions he was elected Eminent Commander of that body in 1890.

CHAPTER LXIV.

1890

George Whitfield Brown, Jr., High Priest

Through the untiring efforts of Companion Brown and his co-workers the foundations of the Chapter were laid anew in the cement of brotherly love and affection, which made them strong to support the superstructure which has since been erected. The companionships which were then formed may have contributed as much to the successes which have since been achieved by the Chapter as any other action that can be named.

Sixteen candidates were exalted in 1890, but the vine still required some pruning, which, with a few deaths, left a membership of one hundred and seventy.

The finances were placed upon a better basis than they had been for some years. The Permanent Fund consisted principally of United States Government Bonds which were then nearing maturity. These were sold at a premium, and the Fund stood, $1,380.50 cash on hand, with $1,619.50 due from the General Fund.

The convocations were well attended and the officers were particularly faithful and interested, as they usually are with a popular leader.

Companion Brown was born in New York City, March 12, 1856. He matriculated at Princeton College in 1873, and four years later was graduated from that ancient seat of learning with the B.A. degree, and three years afterward received the M.A. degree. While there he joined the American Whig



George Whitefield Brown Jr.

Society, and laid the groundwork of his oratorical career in the literary society of which one of the founders was that Madison of the Class of 1771 who formulated the fundamental political principles of the American Constitution. In 1878 he entered the Law School of Columbia College, and was graduated in 1880 with the LL.B. degree. These three years were spent not alone in study, but in school-teaching and writing for the press. Such had been his training when he was admitted to the bar before the General Term of the Supreme Court of New York in the city of New York on May 28, 1880, and afterward, with added experience from practice, to the Supreme Court of the United States on motion of Hon. Joseph H. Choate at Washington, D. C., on January 13, 1891. Following scholarly examples, municipal politics early attracted his attention, and his ability in turn attracted the attention of the local powers, so that in 1883 he received his first political appointment from Mayor Edson. Since then, until now, he has served continuously in the executive office under Mayors Grace, Hewitt, Grant, Gilroy, Strong, and Van Wyck—seven Mayors thus far, perhaps with more to come—a unique record in the history of the Mayoralty, and aside of civil service. Besides doing his official duties he finds time for private practice by realizing the maxim of Sir Edward Coke:

> Six hours in sleep, in law's grave study six;
> Four spend in prayer, the rest on Nature fix.

Companion Brown is a member of the Association of the Bar, the University, Princeton, and Democratic Clubs. In his equipment he verifies the utterance of Sir Walter Scott in "Guy Mannering" that "a lawyer without history or literature is a mechanic, a mere working mason; if he possesses some knowledge of these, he may venture to call himself an architect." As is his diction, so his ritualistic work has been embellished by rhetorical graces, while his esoteric lectures have charmed as well as instructed his hearers.

Companion Brown was made a Mason in Kane Lodge in 1885. He received his first official appointment in the Lodge

in 1891, when he was selected by Worshipful Master Claudius M. Roome to fill the office of Senior Deacon. He was elected Junior Warden in 1892 and 1893; Senior Warden, 1894 and 1895, and Master in 1896. He joined Jerusalem Chapter in 1885, and at once went to work, receiving the appointment of Master of the Second Vail in 1886 and Principal Sojourner in 1887. The pleasing character of his work in this office is still fresh in the memory of his Companions. He was elected Scribe in 1888, King in 1889, and High Priest in 1890.

He was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery in 1886, and was at once appointed Second Guard. He was Junior Warden in 1887, Generalissimo in 1888, and was elected Commander in 1889.

It was quite a coincidence that these three young brethren, Brown, Roome, and Morgan, all close friends and all hailing from Kane Lodge, should have respectively presided over Cœur de Lion Commandery, Jerusalem Chapter, and Kane Lodge for the year 1889—a modern and moderate triumvirate in York Rite Masonry.

Companion Brown was the Prelate of his Commandery in 1892 and 1893, and in that office, as in other branches of Freemasonry, his work was impressive and instructive.

CHAPTER LXV.

1891

George E. W. Stivers, High Priest

The result of this year's work in the Chapter shows how much one man can accomplish if he perseveres in the task he maps out for himself. Companion Stivers excelled all previous records in making additions to the membership. Never before nor since has so large a number been exalted in any one year. Fifty candidates for the Royal Arch Degree took part in the symbolism of the erection of the Second Temple and six Companions affiliated. At the beginning of the year there were one hundred and seventy names on the roll; at its close the net gain was forty-six, which made two hundred and sixteen members—only one less than the previous high-water mark attained by Companion Ferguson some twenty years before. It is unnecessary to add that this large influx of members strengthened the Chapter financially and in its influence. More than $2,200 was received, and after paying all expenses there was a balance in the General Fund of $999.09. The Chapter voted to transfer $500 of this amount to the Permanent Fund, making the Fund $2,000. The evening of October 16th was a "red letter" night. The sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason was conferred on eleven candidates, the largest number ever before to receive it in one evening. The Tabernacle was crowded with our own and visiting Companions. Among the visitors was Most Excellent William J. McDonald, Grand High

Priest, accompanied by his associate Grand Officers. A most pleasing, unique, and memorable feature of this convocation, and one that will ever be a source of pride to Companion Stivers, was the presence of every living Past High Priest of the Chapter. They were: Companions Zechariah Dederick, James F. Ferguson, Eugene Van Benschoten, John A. Mapes, Royal E. Deane, Frank H. Hinds, William Downes, Warren A. Conover, William F. Livermore, Rollin M. Morgan, Claudius M. Roome, and George Whitfield Brown, Jr.

Among the members whom Companion Stivers added to the rolls were three Companions who have since become High Priests of the Chapter, also the present efficient Secretary, Samuel C. Wilson. Companion J. Howard Wainwright, whose father was a member some thirty years before, and whose grandfather, Bishop J. M. Wainwright, was a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge; Companion Frank Keck, who has recently gained distinction as Major of the Seventy-first Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., in the Cuban campaign of the Spanish-American War, and is now in the United States Army as Captain of Volunteers stationed in the Philippine Islands; also Companion Joseph J. Little, ex-member of Congress and at present President of the Board of Education, a well-known and public-spirited citizen.

Companion Stivers was born in Portchester, N. Y., July 26, 1845, and has resided in New York City from the time he was five years of age. Since 1862 he has been associated with his father, Rufus M. Stivers, in the manufacture of carriages. Companion Stivers was made a Mason in Kane Lodge in 1867. He was exalted in DeWitt Clinton Chapter in 1868, and affiliated with Jerusalem Chapter in 1879. For the first ten years of his Masonic life he was deeply engrossed in military matters, having been connected with the Twelfth Regiment



Geo. E. Stivers

during this period, and was honorably discharged in 1877, after having had the offer of the Captaincy of his own company and of a similar rank in the Twenty-second Regiment. During the next few years Companion Stivers was frequently in attendance at Lodge and Chapter meetings, but another ten years elapsed before he began to take an active interest in the work. It was in 1887, nearly twenty years after his entrance into the Capitular Rite, that he accepted the appointment of Master of the Second Vail. He was appointed Captain of the Host in 1889 and in 1890, and the following year was unanimously elected High Priest. His energy, earnestness, and activity attracted the attention of the representatives of the Grand Chapter, and in 1892 he was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. of Connecticut. In 1894 he was appointed Grand Captain of the Host of the Grand Chapter. In 1895 he was elected Deputy Grand High Priest, and the following year attained the exalted office of Grand High Priest. He is the fourth Companion of the Chapter to receive this distinction. While still a member of the Chapter, Companion Stivers went beyond "Red" Masonry into the Cryptic and Templar Rites. He became a member of Adelphic Council, No. 7, Royal and Select Masters, in 1887; was Marshal in 1888, Principal Conductor of the work in 1889, Deputy Master in 1890, and Master in 1891. On his retirement from this office the Council showed substantial gains, both financially and numerically. In 1894 he received the appointment of Grand Representative of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Tennessee.

He was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 23, Knights Templar, in 1887, and at once took an active interest, serving as Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer, Junior Warden, Captain-General, and Generalissimo, and was elected Commander in 1893. His work there was characterized by the same zeal and indomitable energy he displayed in the Chapter, and here again excelled all records made before or since in the number of Fraters knighted and added to the rolls of the Commandery. In 1895 he was elected Treasurer,

and has been re-elected each year since. He was honored with the appointment of Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut in 1895.

"Few men have had a more active or more honorable career in the Fraternity or better deserved high station or carried their honors more modestly than our esteemed Companion. As High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter, Master of Adelphic Council, and Commander of Cœur de Lion Commandery he achieved a reputation for ability and superiority in the work that of itself will be to him an enduring monument."

The same energy, zeal, and fidelity characterized his admirable administration of the affairs of the Grand Chapter. The year he was Grand High Priest he made a marvellous record of visits to Chapters throughout the State—the number being fifty-six. This number does not seem so great, but to accomplish this he travelled through the State (outside of New York City and Brooklyn) more than 4,500 miles. There was a coincidence in the number of Chapters he visited, that being the number of Companions he added to the rolls of Jerusalem Chapter while its High Priest.

Companion Stivers is one of those Companions who do not lose interest in the bodies in which they have received honors. He is very regular in his attendance at Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery, and is a constant visitor at the convocations of other Chapters.

He is an honorary member of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2; Metropolitan, No. 140; Medina, No. 281; and Noah, No. 284. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Northern Jurisdiction, the Masonic Veteran Association, and is a Past President of the Fraternal Union of Anointed High Priests.

CHAPTER LXVI.

1892

John Wolcott Sisson, High Priest

This was another highly prosperous year, and although the number of candidates was less than the preceding year, still the goodly number of thirty-three was exalted and seven others were affiliated or restored. The net gain was thirty-two, which made the total membership two hundred and forty-two, the largest in the history of the Chapter up to that time. Among the Companions added to the rolls were Rastus S. Ransom, Surrogate of New York City, and Edward S. Rapallo, whose father was a member in 1860. About $2,000 was received this year. There was a balance of $771 at the close of the year, $300 of which was transferred to the Permanent Fund, increasing that fund to $2,800.

The good ritualistic work of Companion Sisson and his corps of officers attracted many visitors.

A handsome testimonial, in the form of a High Priest's Jewel, was presented to Companion Stivers at one of the convocations.

Companion Sisson was born at Salem, Conn., September 25, 1855. He graduated from the State Normal School, and spent the next two years in teaching. He soon after engaged in business, and has for many years been connected with the R. Wallace & Sons Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of fine silver-ware. He is at present the New York manager

for the company. Companion Sisson was made a Mason in Compass Lodge, No. 9, Willington, Conn., in 1884.

In 1887 he affiliated with Kane Lodge, and was appointed Senior Deacon of that Lodge in 1892 and 1893. He was elected Junior Warden in 1894 and 1895; Senior Warden in 1896, and Master in 1897.

He joined Jerusalem Chapter in 1887. He was appointed Royal Arch Captain in 1889; Principal Sojourner in 1890; was elected King in 1891, and High Priest in 1892. Companion Sisson was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery in 1888, and filled various offices until his election as Eminent Commander in 1892. He was Prelate of the Commandery in 1894 and 1895. He is a Past Grand Representative of Connecticut near the Grand Chapter of New York and the Grand Representative of Wisconsin in the Grand Commandery. Companion Sisson has also been active in the Scottish Rite, and on September 15, 1896, he received the 33d and last Degree, and was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.



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CHAPTER LXVII.

1893

William E. Hoxie, High Priest

Under Companion Hoxie the good work continued to thrive, only in less degree. Nineteen candidates were exalted and three affiliated. Among those added this year were Companions George L. Montague, a brother who has made a favorable reputation in the delivery of the historical lecture of the Third Degree; Companion Montague is a veteran of the Civil War and was brevetted Colonel for bravery in battle; Dr. Joseph H. Senner, Commissioner of Immigration; and Thomas E. Stewart, one of the most active and public-spirited of our citizens. Companion Stewart was a member of the Board of Education in 1854; member of the Assembly in 1865–66; member of Congress in 1867–69, and Park Commissioner in 1875. The losses this year were many, so that the net gain was only eight. The total membership was two hundred and fifty-six at the close of the year. One hundred dollars was transferred to the Permanent Fund, increasing it to $2,450.

Excellent Companion Sisson was presented with a Past High Priest's jewel at one of the convocations.

Companion Hoxie was born in New York City in 1831, and was the son of Joseph Hoxie, an honored Past High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter.

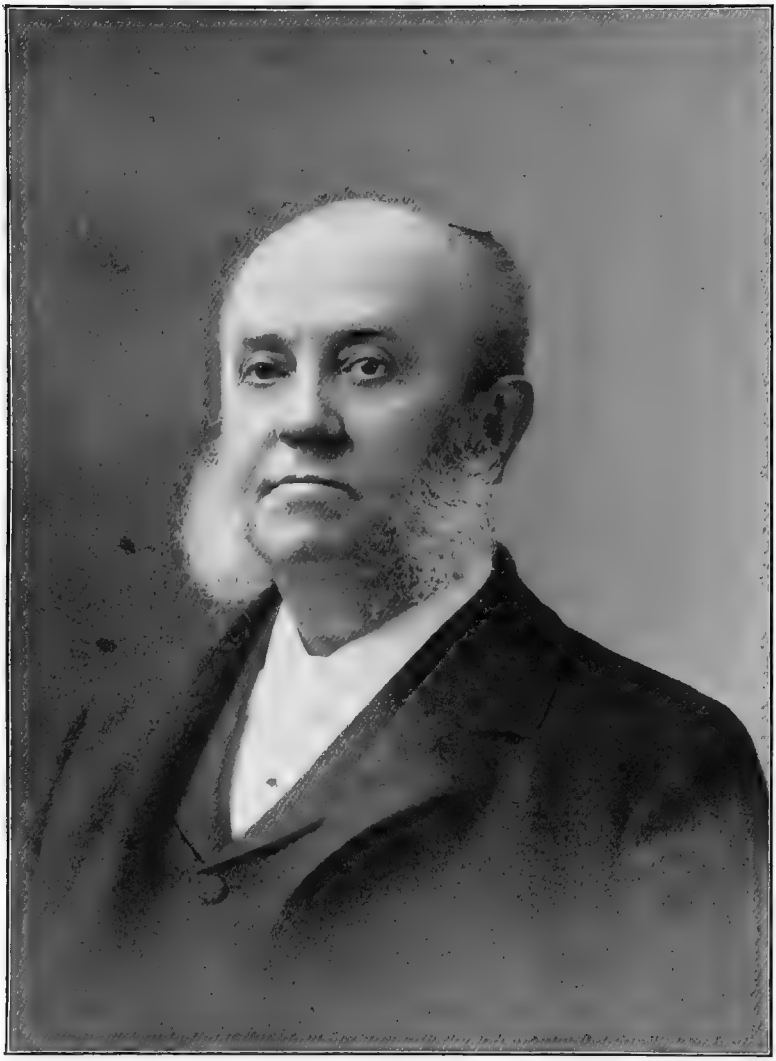
Companion Hoxie entered Freemasonry late in life. Not until 1889 was he initiated in Kane Lodge, but his interest

was youthful, if his years were not, and he soon sought the mysteries of the Royal Arch, and was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter in 1890. The following year he was appointed Captain of the Host. In 1892 he was elected King, and in 1893 became High Priest of the Chapter.

Companion Hoxie was the fourth of those sons who became High Priests of the Chapter over which their fathers had previously presided.

As a member of the Seventh Regiment he responded to the call of his country and went to the front at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861.

Companion Hoxie has been engaged in the insurance business for many years, and has many warm friends in that line of business.





CHAPTER LXVIII.

1894

William D. Critcherson, M.D., High Priest

This was the banner year up to this time in financial results, and, owing to the enormous receipts—over $2,800—and the light expenditures, the General Fund showed the largest balance in the history of the Chapter at the annual convocation. It was no less than $1,559.96.

The Chapter voted to liquidate the long-standing indebtedness to the Permanent Fund, which at the time was $700, and to appropriate $250 additional for this purpose, consequently the Permanent Fund reached the generous amount of $3,500.

The record of additions to the membership which Companion Stivers made came near being equalled. Forty-six candidates were exalted and six were affiliated or restored, making the total only four less than the previous highest record. The total membership at the close of the year was two hundred and ninety-one. Companions of note exalted this year were Andrew Patterson, a well-known merchant and the present Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland near the Grand Lodge of New York, also Frederick C. Wagner, one of those Companions who is worthy of the highest honors that can be conferred within our fraternity, but who, nevertheless, refuses to wear them. As in Freemasonry, so it has been with him in other walks of life—always devising something which will give benefit or pleasure to others, and

steadfastly refusing preferment for himself. For nearly seventy years he has been a resident here, where he was born. Companion Wagner was commissioned Provost Marshal by President Lincoln in 1863, and for two years was assigned to duty with the rank of Captain of Cavalry. He is the intimate friend of many prominent political, business, and Masonic notables. He has been a member of Kane Lodge for forty years.

The convocations were largely attended, members and visitors being attracted by the immense amount of work. One of the features of the year was the presentation of a Grand Chapter apron to R.·.E.·.Companion Stivers, who had been appointed Grand Captain of the Host. A testimonial in the form of a loving cup was presented to Companion Hoxie on the occasion of the official visit of M. .E.·. Companion Barnes, Grand High Priest, on April 20th. On December 7th the Royal Arch Degree was conferred upon fourteen candidates, the largest number ever before exalted in one evening.

Companion Critcherson was born in Rhode Island September 11, 1858. He received his education in the public schools of Westerly.

He graduated in veterinary medicine in 1883, and received the degree of M.D. from the University of the City of New York in 1888.

He was made a Mason in St. James's Lodge, No. 23, of Norwich, Conn., October 22, 1885. He affiliated with Excelsior Lodge, No. 195, of New York City, November 9, 1885, and immediately took an active part in the work. He served the Lodge as Steward, Master of Ceremonies, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, and Worshipful Master. He filled the latter office with marked ability for two years, and declined a unanimous call to a third term.

He was appointed Chaplain in 1894–1895, and for three years



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past has been a Trustee of the Lodge. Companion Critcherson was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter, May 2, 1890. At the annual election that year he was appointed to the important office of Principal Sojourner. He was elected Scribe for 1892, King in 1893, and High Priest in 1894.

He was greeted in Adelphic Council, No. 7, R. and S. M., and knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery, but his Masonic activities have been confined to Lodge and Chapter. On February 19, 1894, he was accredited as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois near the Grand Lodge of New York.

Companion Critcherson's professional duties demand a great deal of his time and attention, but he still finds time to keep alive the interests of his Masonic ties.

CHAPTER LXIX.

1895

Samuel T. Armstrong, M.D., High Priest

The year 1895 was not prolific of large financial results or increase in membership, as ten candidates only were exalted, but it was a memorable year in other respects.

In the first place the incorporation of the Chapter was accomplished. Excellent Companion Brown very kindly attended to this matter without fee or reward. The first Trustees elected were Companions John A. Mapes, George E. W. Stivers, and William D. Critcherson, M.D.

The second important work was the revision of the By-laws. Companion C. Victor Twiss was appointed chairman of a committee consisting of himself, Frank H. Hinds, William F. Livermore, George Whitfield Brown, Jr., George J. Kilgen, George E. W. Stivers, and Samuel C. Wilson. After several months spent in careful revision the report of the committee was presented on June 7th, and the present By-laws were unanimously adopted.

Another feature of this year's work was the procuring of a large photographic album and many photographs of the Companions.

Early in the year Companion Critcherson was presented with a handsome clock and mantel ornaments as a testimonial for his past services.

Companion Armstrong was obliged to leave the city in July for the purpose of engaging in the work of his pro-



S. C. Armstrong

fession, which took him away from the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter. The business of the Chapter therefore devolved upon the King, Companion Twiss.

The regular work was proceeded with, and on October 18th R. .E. .Companion Stivers, the Deputy Grand High Priest, with a large number of associate officers, was received. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred upon three Companions in the presence of one of the largest gatherings ever assembled in the Chapter-room.

A feature of this convocation was the presentation of a Past High Priest's Jewel to R. .E. .Companion Livermore by Companion Stivers. Three life members were added to the roll this year, making sixty-eight who had contributed to the Permanent Fund. The Fund was increased to $3,650. The total membership at the close of the year was two hundred and eighty-nine.

Companion Armstrong was born in St. Louis, Mo., November 2, 1859, and is the oldest son of David Hartley Armstrong, sometime United States Senator from Missouri.

His father was a member of George Washington Lodge of St. Louis for forty-four years until his death, in 1893. The son naturally followed the example set by his father, and at an early age applied for admission to the Masonic fraternity.

He was graduated from the St. Louis University, receiving the degree of Ph.B. and later that of Ph.D. He also was graduated from the St. Louis Medical College, receiving the degree of M.D.

On February 4, 1881, Companion Armstrong received an appointment as Assistant Surgeon in the United States Marine Hospital Service. He was promoted Past Assistant Surgeon, March 28, 1884. He resigned his commission August 7, 1890. While in the Government service he was on duty at New Orleans, La.; Key West, Fla.; Memphis, Tenn.; New York City, and Cleveland, O.

Locating here permanently, he practised his profession in

New York City until 1895, when he accepted employment with a large insurance company as supervising medical examiner.

On the probable outbreak of hostilities between Spain and the United States, in the spring of 1898, he volunteered his services to the Government and was appointed Acting Assistant Surgeon, April 19th. He was promoted Brigade Surgeon with the rank of Major, June 4, 1898.

During the Spanish-American war he was on duty in the Army General Hospital, Key West, Fla.; with the Headquarters of the Fourth Army Corps in Tampa, Fla.; with the Second Brigade, Third Division, Fourth Army Corps, Huntsville, Ala.; and after the close of the war was stationed in Cuba until late in 1899, when he returned to New York on waiting orders to sail for the Philippines.

Companion Armstrong was made a Mason in Kane Lodge, No. 454, in 1890. He was appointed Junior Deacon in 1893, and Senior Deacon in 1894–1895. The change in his professional duties indicated above compelled him to resign the office of Senior Deacon, greatly to the regret of his brethren.

He was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter in 1891, and was appointed Principal Sojourner in 1892; was elected Scribe in 1893, King in 1894, and High Priest in 1895. He was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 23, in 1891, and was appointed Warder in 1892, Senior Warden in 1893, and was elected Captain-General in 1894.

CHAPTER LXX.

1896

Charles Victor Twiss, High Priest

Although this year did not equal some of those preceding it in point of numbers added, it was nevertheless a memorable one in the annals of the Chapter.

The most important function of the year was the reception given to Grand High Priest Stivers. Immediately after his election to that office in February a committee was appointed to arrange for a Reception to be given at the earliest possible date, and it was deemed advisable to open the doors of the Chapter to the ladies, for the first time in its history. The Commandery Room was therefore engaged for Friday evening, February 28th. The arrangements were successfully carried out, as the following extract from the "Masonic Press," published at the time, indicates.

"To give *éclat* to the affair the reception was made public that the ladies might be present. The wisdom of this movement was shown by the immense gathering, which completely filled every part of the large Commandery Room of the Temple. The Associate Grand Officers were received by the High Priest, Charles Victor Twiss, and then the guest of the evening was escorted by a delegation consisting of ten of the Past High Priests of the Chapter, and was received with a unique and complimentary address by the High Priest, who escorted him to the East and received him with the Public Grand Honors, in which the ladies heartily joined. The distinguished guest

made a most interesting address in reply, greeting the ladies, and finishing with a eulogy on the Capitular degrees. Past High Priest George Whitfield Brown, Jr., on behalf of the Chapter, spoke in choice language appreciative of the pleasure that the presence of the ladies always gives, and particularly of the warm place that the companion of the Grand High Priest held in their hearts, and to show that she was not forgotten by the Craft when he was absent from her, attending to the duties of his office, presented to Mrs. Stivers a handsome vase filled with choice roses. The flowers would fade, but the vase would ever be a reminder of this evening and its many pleasures. The beautiful toilets of the ladies made a most charming and brilliant scene. All in all, no Masonic affair this season has outrivalled this."

After the addresses were delivered the following choice musical and literary program was presented. The rendition of the various members was most artistic and enjoyable.

MUSICAL AND LITERARY PROGRAM

ARTISTS

MISS ADÈLE M. ARNOLD, Soprano.
MRS. EMMA HENRY-THOMAS, Soprano.
MISS CLARA E. STUTSMAN, Contralto.
COMP. GEORGE ALBERT FLEMING, Baritone.

MR. T. AVERY COLLETT, Elocutionist.

AND

THE NEW YORK TEMPLAR QUARTETTE:

COMP. HARRY B. MOOK, First Tenor.
COMP. GEORGE S. STURGIS, Second Tenor.
COMP. WILL W. THOMAS, First Bass.
COMP. HERMAN TROST, JR., Second Bass.
COMP. FRANCIS J. BARRETT, at the Organ.
MR. WILLIAM J. ARNOLD, at the Piano.

PROGRAM

1. Spring Song ..... Pinsuti
NEW YORK MADRIGAL QUARTETTE:
MRS. THOMAS, MISS STUTSMAN, COMPS. STURGIS and THOMAS.
2. " My All " ..... Bohm
MISS ARNOLD.
3. Dramatic Recital, " Out in the Life-Boat."
MR. COLLETT.
4. " Because I Love You, Dear " ..... Hawley
COMP. MOOK.
5. " Woodland Roses " ..... Moir
NEW YORK TEMPLAR QUARTETTE.
6. " The Courier of Moscow " ..... Rodney
COMP. FLEMING.
7. " The Image of the Rose " ..... G. Reichardt
MISS ARNOLD and TEMPLAR QUARTETTE.
8. Dramatic Recital ..... Selected
MR. COLLETT.
9. " Come, Dorothy, Come " ..... Swabian Volkslied
NEW YORK MADRIGAL QUARTETTE.
10. " Adieu, Marie " ..... Adams
MISS STUTSMAN.
11. " The Mariners " ..... Randegger
MISS ARNOLD and COMPS. MOOK and FLEMING.
12. " Evening " ..... Abt
NEW YORK TEMPLAR QUARTETTE.

At the close of this program a collation was served in the banquet-room by Mazetti. Afterwards the guests returned to the Commandery-room and danced until the " wee sma' hours."

There were over five hundred persons present, among them many of the Grand Officers and the representatives of over forty Royal Arch Chapters.

On the afternoon of March 20th a convocation was held, at which time ten candidates received the Degree of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master. Among the candidates was the R. W. and Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, D.D., Bishop of New York.

On April 17th these candidates were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason in the presence of a great number of the Craft.

Early in the year the High Priest called the attention of the Companions to the desirability of choosing a committee to arrange for the observance of the centennial of the Chapter three years hence.

In accordance with his suggestion such committee was appointed, consisting of all the Past High Priests, the presiding High Priest, and the Council officers for the years 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899.

Previous to this year the work of the Most Excellent Master's Degree had not been given with that attention to detail that the beauty of the ritual demanded. It had been the usual method to confer it in connection with the Mark Master's and Past Master's Degrees, *i.e.*, on the same evening, with the result that it was generally given in short form.

The High Priest adopted the custom of introducing music in the rendition of this degree, and in other ways did what he could to make the working of the degree complete and impressive.

The custom then established has been followed by the succeeding High Priests, and whenever the Most Excellent Master's Degree is now to be conferred the Chapter is certain of a good attendance.

At the annual convocation the auditing committee reported that the sum of $2,039.35 had been received during the year.



Charles Victor Twiss

Four life members were added to the list, and the Permanent Fund reached the sum of $3,850.

Twenty-eight candidates were exalted, and the total membership was three hundred and eleven. Companion Twiss thus had the honor of bringing the membership past the third century mark.

Companion Twiss was born in Amherst, N. H., September 19, 1851. At the age of twenty years he secured employment with the firm of Blake & Alden, furniture dealers, of Boston, Mass. In 1884 he made an engagement with the house of A. H. Davenport, decorator and furnisher, of the same city, and in 1887 removed to New York City to take charge of the New York branch-house for the same firm, which position he still occupies. Soon after taking up a residence here he made the acquaintance of Right Excellent Companion Rollin M. Morgan, by whom he was proposed for membership in Kane Lodge. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in the autumn of 1891.

The following year he was appointed Senior Steward. One year later he was appointed Senior Master of Ceremonies. In 1895 he was appointed Master of Fellow Crafts. He was appointed Senior Deacon by Worshipful Brother Brown in 1896. In 1897 he was elected Junior Warden; in 1898 Senior Warden; and in 1899 he served the Lodge as its Worshipful Master. Owing to the death of Worshipful Brother Searight, Master of the Lodge for 1898, Companion Twiss was Acting Master of the Lodge for the last three months of that year.

He was urged to accept a re-election at the annual communication of 1899, but declined on account of business responsibilities. He was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter in November, 1891. At the annual convocation in 1892 he was appointed Principal Sojourner by Excellent Companion Hoxie. He was elected Scribe in 1894, King in 1895, and High Priest in 1896. He has been a Trustee of the Chapter for the past three years. He was appointed Chairman of the Centennial Celebration Committee and Historian of the Chapter.

He was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 23, K. T., in April, 1892. At the annual conclave in May of that year he was appointed Sword Bearer by Eminent Sir Knight Sisson. In 1893 he was appointed Junior Warden; in 1894, Senior Warden. He was elected Generalissimo in 1895 and Eminent Commander in 1896.

While Commander of Cœur de Lion Commandery, Companion Twiss had the pleasure of introducing Rt. Rev. and Companion Henry C. Potter, D.D., into the mysteries of Knight Templarism. It was also his pleasure to lead a large detachment of his Commandery on a pilgrimage to the city of Utica in September, 1896, when Excellent Companion John A. Mapes was elected Grand Commander of the State.

Outside of his regular business and Masonry, Companion Twiss has been an active church worker for twenty-five years, and for a number of years has been the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Beloved Disciple, Eighty-ninth Street and Madison Avenue. He is a member of the Church Club and of the New England Society.

CHAPTER LXXI.

1897

John R. Gardner, High Priest

This was another notable year in the work of the Chapter. Forty-one candidates were exalted and five were affiliated or restored, which brought the total membership up to three hundred and thirty-four. Four were added to the life membership list, and the Permanent Fund was raised to $4,103.97, $303.97 more than was necessary to make the sum equal to $50 paid in by each life member.

The receipts this year were over $2,400. At the convocation held January 15th the High Priest announced that he had appointed Excellent Companion Twiss a committee of one to assume charge of all matters appertaining to the Centennial of Jerusalem Chapter and to collect from time to time all such data as may be of interest in completing the history of the same. This action of the High Priest was approved by the Chapter.

A very handsome and unique testimonial in the form of a jewel was presented to Companion Twiss at one of the convocations, and a magnificent basket of flowers was also presented to him as a slight token for the companion of his home.

On June 4th an immense number of the Companions and visitors assembled to greet Most Excellent Companion Stivers on the occasion of the presentation to him of a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel. M.·.E.·.Frederick E. Barnes, in a touching but witty and humorous manner, performed the duty intrusted to him as chairman of the

committee by making the presentation speech. Excellent Companion Brown, on behalf of the Companions of the Chapter, presented to Companion Stivers, to be conveyed to Mrs. Stivers, a magnificent parlor cabinet. Excellent Companion Twiss also presented a bouquet of flowers to be sent to Mrs. Stivers, and as it is well known in the Royal Craft that the number three has always been strongly connected with M.·.E.·.Companion Stivers's life, some Companions, whose modesty would not permit them to let their generosity be known, sent a letter to the High Priest asking him to present to M. .E.·.Companion Stivers a beautiful diamond ring as a token of their esteem for Mrs. Stivers.

The entertainment closed with a choice musical programme by the Templar Quartette and others.

Companion Gardner was born in Newark, N. J., October 21, 1859, and was educated with the view of entering Heidelberg University, in Germany, and pursuing a professional career, but he finally determined to engage in business pursuits. Returning to America he became connected with a leading chemical and drug establishment, and in that business still continues.

He was made a Mason in Excelsior Lodge, No. 195, in 1892, and was soon appointed Senior Deacon. After serving one year in that capacity he was elected Senior Warden, and the following year was elected Master, to which office he was elected three times.

He joined Jerusalem Chapter in 1892, and the next year was appointed Royal Arch Captain.

He was appointed Captain of the Host in 1894. He was elected Scribe in 1895, King in 1896, and was chosen High Priest in 1897.

He received the appointment of Grand Representative of Wisconsin, near the Grand Chapter of New York, during the centennial year.



John. R. Gardner

He has also served a term as Thrice Illustrious Master of Adelphic Council, No. 7, R. and S. M., and is now Grand Conductor of the Grand Council, and on the road to the highest honors in that Grand Body. In 1897 he held the Charters of his Lodge, his Chapter, and his Council, a remarkable record, but Companion Gardner was equal to the task, and all of the bodies prospered. He was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery, and attained the position of Captain-General. He declined an election to the office of Generalissimo, and is now a member of Palestine Commandery.

Companion Gardner is exceedingly quick to memorize, and is therefore able to assume any position at short notice.

He is now one of the trustees of the Chapter.

CHAPTER LXXII.

1898

H. Eugene Stafford, M.D., High Priest

The year preceding the centennial of Jerusalem Chapter did not run along with the smoothness that characterized some of the years during the decade then drawing to a close.

The High Priest was taken ill early in the year and was absent from several convocations, and in April he enlisted in the Volunteer Army then organizing for the purpose of taking the field against the Spanish forces. He continued with his regiment until late in the summer, and returned only to be again taken seriously ill from the effects of the Cuban campaign. He did not assume his regular duties in the Chapter until late in the autumn.

Notwithstanding the prolonged absence of the High Priest, twenty-three candidates were exalted; one life member was added, and the Permanent Fund was raised to $4,153.97. A handsome loving-cup was presented to Excellent Companion Gardner at the convocation held April 1st, the presentation being made by Excellent Companion Critcherson.

A very pleasing ceremony took place at the convocation held June 17th, when Excellent Companion Hinds was presented with a handsome testimonial which the Companions felt that they wished to give him as a reminder of their regard for him and his long connection with the Chapter. The presentation address was made by Companion John R. Tresidder, the Acting High Priest. His

remarks and the reply of Excellent Companion Hinds were taken down in shorthand by Companion Morris, and as they are both replete with beautiful sentiment they are here reproduced:

ADDRESS OF COMPANION TRESIDDER

EXCELLENT COMPANION HINDS:

I welcome you to the position which you occupy before me this evening, with a great deal of satisfaction. Since my association with Capitular Masonry, I have been called upon, at different times, to do little acts of favor and deeds of kindness to Companions whom this Chapter has been pleased to honor, but cannot recall any occasion that gave me the joy that I feel now, in doing, at once, a deed of merit to you and an act of grace for the Companions.

My acquaintance with you does not go back to the time when you wielded the gavel and directed the work of the Chapter; but I am assured that your official action always commanded the respect of the members, and your exemplification of the degrees invariably secured their approbation. But it has been my privilege to witness those unofficial acts which you have done from time to time in the presence of many of the Companions who now surround you. You have been punctual at our convocations, and whenever there was a temporary vacancy, no matter in what station, you have been always ready and willing to fill it, and have discharged the duties thereof with a peculiar grace and archaic charm which reflected credit upon yourself and afforded pleasure to your Companions.

I regret to say, that when some of us have passed the chairs, our interest in the success of the work of the Chapter seems to cease, but this cannot be said of you. Age has not lessened your activity in the work, or cooled your love for Old Jerusalem. By reason of this, it occurred to many of the members of this Chapter that it would be only just, in some way, to recognize your fealty and fidelity by presenting you with a memento of their appreciation.

We are conscious that your devotion has not been prompted by vanity or induced by expectation of reward. On the contrary, you have been actuated by love and a profound sense of duty. Like the celebrated Grand Masters of the Vails, you have promoted the noble and glorious work without the hope of fee or reward.

And now, on behalf of your Companions, permit me to present you with this beautiful clock as a testimonial of their respect, esteem, and commendation.

We do not give this to remind you that time is passing, for we have now too many memorials of its fleetness. The foam of the ocean, the lily of the valley, the rose of Sharon, the fast-flying cloud, and the golden exhalations of the morn are beautiful admonitions that we are rapidly gliding down the river of life. No, we give it that it may bring to your mind the happy hours you have spent among us, and as proof of our affection.

Spencer says:

> How noiseless falls the foot of Time
> That only treads on flowers.

We trust that the foot of Time, during your remaining days, will be soft and gentle to you, falling upon roses, whose color and fragrance will delight your senses, and whose beauty and symmetry remind you of the truth and beauty of Royal Arch Masonry.

> Beauty is truth, truth beauty—that is all
> Ye know on earth and all ye need to know.

Past High Priest Frank H. Hinds, in accepting the testimonial, replied as follows:

EXCELLENT SIR:

If I do not deserve all that you have said complimentary of and to me, I certainly thank you for the manner of expressing yourself to me, and whatever I have not deserved in the past I shall endeavor to in the future. It is indeed a pleasure to be

reminded that I hold the respect and good-will of the Companions of Jerusalem Chapter. You, Sir, very kindly alluded to my regular attendance on the Convocations of the Chapter. Now, Sir, I have not kept up my attendance for the purpose of making a record, but, as has been stated, it has been from a pure love of the Chapter and its work. For eight consecutive years I took an active part in the work and business of this Chapter, and at a time when the Chapter was in a far less prosperous condition than it is now, and when to hold office here meant work, and work to a degree that very few here present have any idea of, and I sometimes think, Sir, that we of the olden time, who stood in the breach when this Chapter was, if I may so express it, in a transitory state, are entitled to some credit for its prosperous condition now, for we certainly kept the foundation of the temple in order and made it ready for the beautiful superstructure which has since been erected upon it. And, now, Sir and Companions, how can I thank you sufficiently for this elegant and substantial testimonial? I have received so many evidences of the kindness and good-will of my Companions, that I was not taken altogether by surprise, when it was intimated to me, by yourself, Sir, that something of this kind was in contemplation, so that I can only receive and accept it as another and more substantial mark, perhaps, of the fraternal regard of my Companions. If I should attempt to thank you and the Companions in words, I know that I would fail lamentably. I can only say, Sir and Companions, that this and all your previous courtesies and kindnesses to me are registered where every day I turn the leaf to read them.

A special honor was accorded the Chapter by the selection of one of its members to deliver the oration at the centennial exercises of the Grand Chapter at Albany in February—Companion Henry C. Potter, Bishop of New York. The oration delivered by the distinguished Companion on this occasion was printed verbatim in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter and is worthy the perusal

of every Royal Arch Mason. That the members of Jerusalem Chapter may at least have the opportunity of doing so it is herewith incorporated:

ORATION

Rt. Rev. and Companion Henry C. Potter, D.D., LL.D.,
Bishop of New York

Men and Brethren:

The occasion which assembles us is historic. Fortunately for you, the records of the hundred years of which this Anniversary Service marks the close, will be submitted to you by those who are qualified for such a task, as I am not; and it is permitted to me, therefore, during the few moments which will elapse before they are presented to you, to ask your attention to words more general in their character, and yet not inappropriate, I venture to think, to this place and this occasion.

"Why are we here?" I can readily imagine that it may be asked, "and not elsewhere this afternoon in our commemoration of this day? What fitness has this assemblage in this Church, and what is the essential relation to this Order, and to this Centennial, of these surroundings?" Is not Masonry, it may be asked, a secular and not a religious Order, and are not its assemblages and its ceremonials appropriate rather in a house or in a hall, than in a Church? What is the past of the Order of Knights Templar, and yet again of that larger and wider Order of which it is a part? For what do they stand, from what do they spring, and toward what do they aim?

Such questions are not only natural, but proper, by whomsoever they may be asked, and in whatsoever spirit they may be urged. I am not unmindful that that spirit has often been not merely curious but, quite as often, perhaps, sceptical, if not contemptuous. Reserved and confidential though the laws of Masonry may be, enough is known of its customs, its terminology, its traditions, to give to the world a more or less



Henry Codman Potter

distinct impression in regard to it; and it must be frankly owned that not infrequently that impression is not of such a character as to dispose those who are outside of it to take it very seriously. Its purpose as an Order, aiming at mutual beneficence, is probably sufficiently recognized; but that it should affect such strict secrecy, that it should maintain such elaborate ceremonial, that it should organize and maintain itself in such various and archaic subdivisions, these are characteristics concerning which, I presume, a great many people would say that they do not see either their point or value.

I do not wonder at this. The age in which we live is not friendly to ceremonialism, nor to the conservation of what it is wont to regard as the useless institutions of antiquity; and moreover, as to our claim to antiquity in any real sense of that term, or to anything valuable as derived from or conserved out of the past, there is a still larger number of people who are no less doubtful.

Let me speak for a moment to these two points as opening the way to what should follow.

There is that in Masonry, as I do not need to remind those to whom I speak this afternoon, which connects it, as we believe, with the men and the times of the building of Solomon's Temple. By more than one eminent and learned authority it is true that this claim has been regarded as visionary and unwarranted; and the assertion has even been made that, as a matter of fact, the Masonic Order is little more than a hundred years old. The ground on which this is asserted is that, whatever may have been the truth or the probability of the existence of such an Order in Solomon's time, its continuity or perpetuation is something which cannot be shown. It is admitted that it may have existed at so early a date, and that the chain of traditions on which this is maintained is as strong in its several links as a great many other traditional chains which furnish the main evidence for much that, in other connections, men are wont to believe. But it is further urged that the links that connect such earlier traditions with later

Orders, which may be said to be Masonic in their aims and character, are largely if not wholly wanting.

For one I should be willing to concede such a position, wholly and unreservedly. But in such a characteristic our Ancient Order is, after all, singularly like another institution, wider and more venerable even than Masonry—I mean that which we call civilization. The history of civilization is the history of a higher form of organized life or society, whose dawnings were undoubtedly in the Far East. The influence of this earlier civilization upon farther, and then upon nearer Asiatic peoples, and then upon Greece, and Rome, and southern and northern Europe, and then upon our own land, is not something the links of which you can always trace and handle like those of the chain which heaves an anchor and is wound round the windlass of a ship; but that there is a law of continuity running through them all from the dawn of letters in Phœnicia, to the telegraphing, as can now be done, of the lines of a human portrait in New York, is something concerning which I apprehend no scholar is in any serious doubt or perplexity.

And so of the antiquity of Masonry. There are those, indeed, who, like the Reverend George Oliver, hold that "Moses was a Grand Master, Joshua his Deputy, and Aholiab and Bezaleel Grand Wardens;" * but though the direct evidence for this may be very slender, that of an inferential kind as to the tradition that, out of the association formed by the architects of Tyre, known as the Dionysiac Fraternity—an association of builders exclusively engaged in the construction of temples and theatres in Asia Minor—a migratory society or brotherhood grew up, which, at the time of the Ionic migration in 1044 B.C., was established in Tyre, is not inconsiderable. We have Biblical warrant for the belief that when King Solomon was about to build the temple he sent to Hiram, King of Tyre, for skilled workmen, and if so, what more probable than that Hiram sent to his brother sovereign a band of Dionysian workmen, who, in a strange land, lived, for mu-

* Encyclopædia Britannica, Vol. IX., page 747.

tual protection, both of themselves and the secrets of their craft, in community, and who left behind them, at least, the germs of those earliest trades-unions, of which, in the Middle Ages, we find so large and various a development? True, the line of direct succession disappears in times of wars and conquests and great social upheavals; but whether you choose to call it, as a learned writer has called it, an illustration of the general doctrine of psychical identity, or something much nearer to what we call historical continuity, is not really material. The thing that is material is that the original *concept* survives, and appears and reappears, in varying forms and under varying conditions, all down the track of the centuries until this very hour.

In this connection, the resemblances of the various mediæval building corporations to the earlier practice and the later theory of Masonry are startling. Those mediæval associations or fraternities had, as Krause has shown in his "*Die drei ältesten Kunsturkunden der Freimaurerbrüdershaft*," * "an exchequer, an archive, patrons, religious ceremonies, an oath, a benefit and burial fund, and a register." They had officers such as masters, deacons, censors, and, as we do, instructed their apprentices in secret. The West invited them from Byzantium to come to Europe, and the movement was much increased by the iconoclasm of Pope Leo. It does not matter that the European building societies were distinct growths, springing up about the great monastic buildings and around churches and cathedrals which ecclesiastics were mainly instrumental in building. The germinal idea was the same—the community of laborers, the secrets of their craft, the oaths of their fraternity, the government of their lodges, the elaborations of their ceremonial. Here is a tree in your garden which sprang up you know not how. The wind bore a seed across the seas, it may be, and dropped it there. Shall the oak disown its mother in another land? Nay, the resemblances are too strong and the essential identity too close and

* See also Rebold, Histoire Générale de la Franc-maçonnerie, of which there is a translation by Brennan, Cincinnati, 1868.

too convincing. "As architecture developed, and as with increasing wealth the Church undertook larger and nobler works, these societies of craftsmen also assumed a more definite and durable form. The taste and science of Gothic architecture," as Dr. W. C. Smith has shown,* "were, to a large extent, the possession of the Bauhütten, or wooden booths where the stone-cutters, during the progress of their work, kept their tools, wrought, held their meetings, and probably also took their meals and slept." These, brethren, were our Masonic ancestors, and I confess I have a somewhat malicious satisfaction in believing as I have looked, as many of you have doubtless done, upon the old gargoyles, water-spouts, finials, and similar stone carvings of grotesque heads of monks and priests in old European buildings, which caricatures, you know, are said to have been one mode of revenge by which inferior monks got even, as we should say, with their tyrannical or otherwise obnoxious superiors, that, sometimes, at any rate, they were the work of an entered apprentice or fellow-craftsman, or master mason of humble degree, who thus worked out his grudge, not in profanity or in a useless strike, but in something which has enriched grotesque art so long as it shall endure.

As thus we advance down the track of history, a very interesting aspect of Freemasonry is that in which we read its relations with ecclesiastical systems and ecclesiastical persons. There arose, as you will see, almost inevitably, from the great structural works in which the Masonic Orders were, during the Middle Ages, so largely engaged, a more or less intimate association between them and the Church. "The abbots were, in many cases, the architects who employed the Masons on ecclesiastical buildings and repairs." The initiation into some of the Orders "is said to be copied from a Benedictine consecration." † Brentano, in his History of Guilds,‡ says that the arrangements differed when a Church and when a

* Encyclopædia Britannica, Vol. IX., page 748.

† See Early History and Antiquities of Masonry, Philadelphia, 1877.

‡ History and Development of Guilds, London, 1870.

house was built. In the former case the Master of the Lodge was in control—in the latter the owner. In other words, the Church and the Lodges worked in harmony; and the members of the one were, doubtless, members of the other. But the time came when Popes and Bishops found that they could not control and regulate the Lodges as they pleased, and then as, in the case of the Council of Trent and, later, of Popes Clement XII. and Benedict XIV., who, in amusing oblivion for the moment of the Jesuits, says, "*Honesta semper publica gaudent*"—of Pius VII., Leo XII., and Pius IX., not to mention the denunciations of a living incumbent of their office, the note became one of crimination and condemnation. We have been told that, in our Lodges, we assembled for "devils' worship," and that our aims were Godless and diabolical.

The rightly instructed Mason knows sufficiently how ignorant and untruthful is this reckless and foolish denunciation. We are here to-day—to return to the question with which I began—because all our Order and Ritual affirm and reaffirm those august truths for which this Holy House and the worship and teaching that obtain here, forever stand. We are here, because, step by step, as we ascend from the level of a Master to that higher plane on which Royal Arch Masonry has always stood, each successive Rite, Vow, and Degree declares its loyalty to the Divine Head and Master of all the race, and the truths for which He gave his life. These are the impregnable facts, on which immovably we are planted, and to which it is our joy that we are pledged.

And yet it is the glory of Masonry that while in these aspects of it it is an exclusive Body, there are others in which, of all other societies, it is the most inclusive. An entered apprentice, fellow-craft, or master mason, may be such holding simply and only to a faith in God our Father, and our obligation of homage and obedience to Him. And so, to-day, those races to whom the fulness of that revelation, which we find in the New Testament, has not yet come, such as Hebrews and those others in the far East or anywhere, who cry "Great is God," and this or that man "Is his prophet," may ascend along

the glorious pathway of Masonry to the rank of Master Masons. But on the other hand, denying such a faith, they cut themselves off from our fellowship; and no nobler act has adorned the history of the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth than the recent proclamation of its Grand Master, with reference to the infidel *pronunciamento* of a Grand Lodge in South America, in regard to its renunciation of all belief in a Superior Being. Such action, as he rightly declares, is, Masonically considered, an act of *suicide*, and must, by all loyal Masons, be so treated and regarded.

Have you ever thought, now, of the tremendous significance of an Order so wide, so international, so all, but all-encompassing? What is there to be compared with it which the wit of man has devised? What, if only its members will rise to the height of its great possibilities, may it not accomplish for the good of men and the promotion of human brotherhood! How earnestly and constantly it ought to seek to illustrate the principles of its constitution and the spirit of love and loyalty and self-sacrifice that breathes through all its rites and offices! The warring world waits, my brothers, for something which shall bind together men of warring races, warring interests, warring creeds; something that breathes in all its speech, the *fraternal spirit*, and, that in all its life, will live it! May we be unwilling to lose the vision of so high an aim, or, in what we are and do, to go below it!

The anniversary, which we commemorate to-day, presents another aspect of our great Order, which, just here, we may appropriately recognize. A stranger who has thus far listened to me might say: "This is all very well; but I do not quite see what it has to do with Masonry as we know it to-day. You have been talking of what, in our day, we would call a trades-union or guild; but surely Freemasonry is no longer that. You are not a Mason in any sense which relates you, organically or even intelligently, to the builders' art or trade; and what is true of you is true of the great majority of those with whom you are associated. Your designation is misleading, your association is unreal, your aims are fictitious."

The answer to such objections, as I need not remind you, is to be found in that history with which you are all familiar. The time came in the life of Freemasonry when the Order passed out of the domain of *practical*, into that of *symbolic* or *speculative* Masonry; when the art and craft and tools of Masonry became, in other words, the signs or emblems of that greater structure which we call human society. As the race ascends out of barbarism, it steadily becomes increasingly constructive, not only of houses, and roads, and temples, but of that measured, well-ordered, squared and plumbed life, of which a well-built house or temple is the enduring image. As the Mason builds the house with a supreme reference to a supreme law—the law of gravitation, which the great Architect of the Universe has ordained—so must you and I build character, the family, the state, the nation. All powers, all righteousness, all *right-livedness*, in other words, gravitate back for their foundation and source to the Supreme Builder of all. And so it was felt, a few centuries ago, in France, in Scotland, in Germany, in Italy, in England, and elsewhere, that any man who sought to build himself plumb to God's law of obedience to Him and love to his brother man, might well find his place in the Masonic Order; and scholars and thinkers; merchants and travellers and poets; men of great rank and men of low rank, alike turned to it, in various and widely separated lands, saying: "Here is a fellowship whose aim is plain to the humblest and the highest alike; a fellowship in which all differences disappear, and in which all, turning to the East for light, look and watch and wait for it!"

The history of a century of Royal Arch Masonry at once vindicates and illustrates that original aspiration. Coming into being in another land, amid much discussion, and represented, originally, by two Bodies or Orders, each of which disputed the legitimacy of the other, it, early in its history, yielded to the wise influences which drew the "*Ancient*" and "*Modern*" Royal Arch Masons together, and developed a Ritual and Order which have served as a beneficent example on both sides of the Atlantic.

You know its distinctive symbols, my brothers. The working tools of a Royal Arch Mason are the *Crow-bar*, the *Pick-axe*, and the *Spade*—fit emblems of the arduous task which belongs always and everywhere to him who is a Royal Arch Mason. Out of the pathway of virtue and noble doing for his Order, his household, the community, and the nation, he is to roll away the obstructions that bar the onward march of humanity. "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report," * these things he is to think on and to strive for. His crow-bar is the enduring symbol of that higher Masonry that forever lifts away obstructions and makes rough places plain.

And so of his pickaxe and his shovel. There is ground that must be broken up, there are foundations that must be dug, there are the rubbish heaps "of ignorance and of vice" that must be removed, until he can discern "that eternal foundation of truth and wisdom upon which he is to erect the spiritual and moral temple of his second life." †

A high and noble and heroic purpose! May our lives, my brothers, who count it our joy and honor that we are Royal Arch Masons, be worthy of it! The great Order of which, in common with all Master Masons, whether or no they have advanced to this high degree, we are members, stands for great ideas, and for great possibilities for the country and the race. If sometimes we have fallen below them—if we have been content hitherto with those features of Masonry which emphasize its social or mutually helpful character, its friendly and convivial and self-protective aims, let us make this Centennial an occasion for advancing to a loftier conception of its aims; and striving for a loftier realization of its better aspirations. It stands supremely for human brotherhood. Let us seek to make real that brotherhood all around the world! It stands for loyalty to our common country and to the priceless heritage of our free institutions. Let us jealously guard

* Epistle to the Philippians, iv. 8.

† Guide to the Royal Arch Chapter, page 167. New York, 1868.



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and defend them. No Free Mason may honorably bend the knee to any foreign potentate, civil or ecclesiastical, or yield allegiance to any alien sovereignty, temporal or spiritual. See to it that you stand fast in that liberty wherewith God and our fathers made us free. A Royal Arch spans with its luminous splendors the ground on which our feet are planted within this goodly fellowship. Peace be within her walls, and plenteousness within her palaces!

The membership of 1898 was reduced by deaths, dimits, and suspensions, so that the loss exceeded the gain by five, leaving three hundred and twenty-nine members on the rolls December 16, 1898.

Companion Stafford is a native of Troy, Ohio, and was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Tennessee. He came to New York soon afterward and became connected with various Medical Associations, and for three years was Secretary of the New York Polyclinic. His special department in the profession is that of ophthalmology. Some years ago he became assistant surgeon of the Twenty-second Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y.

When the Spanish-American War broke out he was anxious for active service, and believing that his regiment might not be called, he resigned and immediately enlisted in the Seventy-first Regiment. He was appointed assistant surgeon, and served throughout the campaign, enduring the hardships that came to our "boys in blue" in that terrific Cuban summer of 1898. Companion Stafford nearly succumbed to the fever which was so prevalent among the troops, but was not deterred from seeking further service, and in April, 1899, he received appointment in the Regular Army, and sailed for the Philippine Islands, where he is still detailed.

Companion Stafford was made a Mason in Roome Lodge, No. 746, and presided as its Worshipful Master for two terms.

He joined Jerusalem Chapter in 1894; was Captain of the Host in 1895–1896; was elected Scribe in 1897, and High Priest in 1898. He was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery, and served in several of the minor offices; was elected Captain-General in 1897, and Generalissimo in 1898.

CHAPTER LXXIII.

1899—Centennial Year

John R. Tresidder, High Priest

The centennial year opened auspiciously. At the first convocation held in January, Companion Twiss, Chairman of the Centennial Committee, reported that the committee had held a meeting on December 30, 1898, at which meeting there were eleven members of the committee present, and that the committee had voted to recommend to the Chapter that the celebration be held on the evening of April 7th, that being the nearest to the date of the old Charter, when arrangements could be made.

The committee also recommended that the sum of $1,500 be raised for the purpose of defraying the expenses.

These recommendations were adopted by the Chapter. At the next convocation M.·.E.·.Companion Stivers offered the following resolution, viz.: "That our Excellent High Priest prepare and issue a circular-letter to the members making mention of the fact that this being the centennial year of the Chapter, and in order to properly celebrate this important epoch in the history of the Chapter, to ask consent of the Companions to have the expense incurred paid from the Permanent Fund." This resolution was adopted, and the High Priest issued the following:

New York, January 30, 1899.

Dear Sir and Companion:

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, Royal Arch Masons, of the State of New York, was organized February 1, 1799, and granted a

Charter by the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, bearing date April 8, 1799.

The coming month of April, 1899, will mark the end of the first century of the existence of Jerusalem Chapter. When we look at the record of the ages past, one century seems a short space of time in the world's history. So it is. But when we look at the roster of the Chapter, we find not one left who was present at its organization. Time has wrought its changes, but with all its strength and power has not altered or changed one of the landmarks upon which the Chapter is founded.

It is therefore becoming to the years and dignity of the Chapter appropriately and fittingly to celebrate this, its Centennial Birthday.

In compliance with the expressed wishes of the Companions present at several stated convocations, a resolution was adopted to appoint a Centennial Committee, to consider and make recommendations for the appropriate celebration of this One Hundredth Anniversary.

The Centennial Committee, consisting of all the Past High Priests, together with the present Council Officers of the Chapter, have submitted a report recommending April 7, 1899, as the date for the Celebration, and that the sum of $1,500 be raised, properly to carry out the same. Their recommendations were adopted by the Chapter at its last stated convocation.

To carry out the recommendations of the committee successfully and in keeping with the honor and high standing of Jerusalem Chapter, it will require the drawing of the money from the Permanent Fund, but this is guarded by a law so framed that it requires the written consent of a majority of the members of the Chapter, before it can be appropriated for any purpose. In order fully to comply with the provisions of our By-laws, please sign the enclosed Amendment and mail the same at once to the Secretary of the Chapter.

This will be the first celebration of its kind in the history of our *Dear Old Chapter*, and will not have its duplicate until all who participate in this will have passed away and left to

others the duty of perpetuating that which has been left to us by those who *One Hundred Years ago* met in "Love and Unity" and opened the First Regular Convocation of Jerusalem Chapter.

Let us, therefore, make it a fitting close of the Chapter for the century, and worthy of the imitation of those who shall be present at and participate in its second centenary.

Sincerely and fraternally,

SAMUEL C. WILSON, *Secretary.*

By order of the Chapter,

JOHN R. TRESIDDER, *High Priest.*

In response to this circular two hundred and five assents were received; and on the strength of this large number of written consents to have the By-laws amended so that the amount required could be drawn from the Permanent Fund, Excellent Companion Gardner moved to amend Section 1 of Article IV. of the By-laws by adding the following words, viz.: "But a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars may be drawn from said Permanent Fund for the Celebration of the Centennial of the Chapter in the way and manner provided in Section 1 of Article XI. of the By-laws."

The Chapter was then summoned, the amendment adopted, and the sum of $1,500 was ordered to be placed at the disposal of the Centennial Committee. At the second convocation held in February the Royal Arch Degree was conferred upon fifteen candidates, the largest number for one evening in the history of the Chapter. A handsome loving-cup was presented to Excellent Companion Stafford by the Excellent High Priest.

At the convocation held March 17th the Chairman of the Centennial Committee reported that the committee had voted that the celebration of the Centennial include

a dinner, also a reception at another time, when the ladies might be admitted.

The committee recommended that the dinner he held at the Hotel Savoy, Saturday evening, April 22d. These recommendations were adopted.

On the evening of April 7th, the date set for the first observance of the centennial, the Grand High Priest and a large delegation of Grand Officers and visiting Companions were present by invitation.

The Grand High Priest, M.·.E.·.John W. Palmer, was received by the High Priest in a witty and eloquent address of welcome, which was fittingly replied to by the Most Excellent Companion. Short addresses were also delivered by Companions J. Harris Balston, Grand King; Clarence R. Hatton, Grand Captain of the Host; Derrick Brown, Grand Royal Arch Captain; W. H. Sutton, Grand Master of the Third Vail; I. H. Venn, Grand Master of the First Vail; also M.·.E. .Companions W. J. McDonald and George E. W. Stivers, Past Grand High Priests. A pleasing feature of the occasion was the presentation of a vase to M.·.E.·.Companion Palmer. A sumptuous banquet was spread in the banquet-hall after the Chapter was closed, of which nearly two hundred persons partook. The utmost good-fellowship prevailed, and the Companions went to their homes with sensations of deep and sincere pleasure for this successful convocation and first celebration of the centennial year.

The dinner which was held on the evening of April 22d was a splendid affair. Everything connected with it was of a high order and of a character that gave an index of the exalted standing and the solidity of the Chapter and the earnest interest of its members in having everything which is done in connection with Jerusalem Chapter conducted with dignity and with the greatest loyalty to the principles of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Hotel Savoy, where the dinner was held, is one of several magnificent structures erected within the last eight or ten years for hotel purposes.

It is situated on the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, overlooking Central Park. The interior of the building is trimmed and decorated in a highly ornate and costly manner.

On this occasion places were set for over two hundred guests. The tables were decorated with exquisite taste, the speakers' table being slightly raised, across the front of which were festoons of red ribbon. The menu cards were made of red paper, and at every plate was a boutonnière of red carnations.

What a contrast there would be in the appearance of this magnificent banquet-hall and the plain little dining-room of the hostelry where the forefathers of the Chapter sat down one hundred years ago to break bread with the Companions of Hibernian Chapter. If these early Companions could have looked in on the handsome surroundings of the Savoy they would verily believe that a building had been erected even more magnificent than the Temple of Solomon.

The Companions began to assemble at 6.30 o'clock, and by 7 o'clock were seated in their several places. The menu was all that could be desired and was as follows:

MENU:

Huîtres Pointe Bleue.
Consommé, Reine Hortense.
Timbale à la Hanoveraise.
Alose de Rivière, Planchée, Maître d'Hôtel.
Concombres.
Agneau du Printemps, sauce menthe.
Haricots verts au beurre, Pommes de Bermude, Rissolles.
Ris de Veau braisé, Toulousaise.

Petits Pois, Française.
Sorbet en Surprise.
Ptarmigan d'Alaska, Gelée de Groseilles.
Salade de Saison.
Glace de Fantaisie.
Petits Fours. Fruit.
Café.
Samedi le 22 Avril, 1899.

After these viands had been discussed, the Excellent High Priest, John R. Tresidder, made the opening address, as follows:

OPENING ADDRESS

Excellent Companion John R. Tresidder

Companions:

The time has now arrived when we must repair from refreshment to labor; I say labor, because post-prandial oratory is often doubly laborious—laborious to the orator and sometimes more so to his audience. [Laughter.]

It affords me great pleasure to welcome you to the celebration of the first centenary of Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York. As this event comes but once it is eminently fit that it should be commemorated with pomp and circumstance. [Applause.]

From time immemorial it has been customary, in all civilized communities, to celebrate important events by giving public dinners. This custom is so popular in England that Douglas Jerrold once said that if an earthquake should swallow up a portion of England to-morrow, he believed the survivors would come together the next day, to give a dinner just to celebrate the event. [Laughter.]

There has never been a time in American history when public dinners are more in vogue than during the current month. We have just had the great ten-dollar dinner to celebrate Jeffersonian simplicity and the little one-dollar dinner to popu-

larize the silver ratio of sixteen to one, and the time would fail me to tell of others, given to keep in mind weightier matters, but with less flourish of trumpets.

When our historian shall relate to us the salient features of the history of the Chapter, we shall learn that Jerusalem Chapter with Hibernian Chapter met in the year 1800, and celebrated its organization by giving a public dinner. And, as our ancient Companions opened the century with a public dinner, so we appropriately close it with the same. [Applause.]

I am fully aware that this prandial observance was not allowed to pass without criticism. It was urged that it could be simpler and less expensive. This may be true, but would it have comported with the reputation, dignity, and splendor of Jerusalem Chapter? The Committee of Arrangements thought otherwise, and they thought well, as the sequel has shown, and I think you will agree with me, that no better form could have been adopted than this dinner which has brought together members of the Chapter whom we have never seen before: who lived simply in memory, and whom we may never see again.

The century through which Jerusalem Chapter has passed, has no parallel. I shall not pause to pronounce a panegyric upon it, for its glories have been often sung by the poet, praised by the orator, and described by the historian. It is rich with the inheritance of the ages. How great is the truth in the line of "Locksley Hall:"

> Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay.

Jerusalem Chapter has had one hundred years of America —double the poet's limitation—which is better than the cycles of all time, for it is the century of law, liberty, charity, and justice. [Applause.]

The centennial oration of Mr. Chauncey M. Depew was criticised by the English press on the ground that it did not sufficiently develop the moral and educational progress of the American people, but was, for the most part, an apotheosis

of wealth, power, and materialism. No such criticism can be made of our celebration. No, Companions, we meet to celebrate the moral stability of a social institution which for a hundred years has stood, firm and unimpaired, amid the discords of sects, revolutions of mobs, and the fall of kingdoms and empires. [Applause.]

We meet to celebrate the triumph of the ethical, charitable, and religious principles as embodied in Royal Arch Masonry. [Applause.]

We meet to celebrate the ascendancy of Masonry as a moral force in the country, namely: the diffusion and distribution of charity by means of secret, corporative organizations, and secret-voluntary associations. This force pervades the whole system of Masonry, and is the foundation of all subsequent secret-benevolent societies. I believe that this potential factor is more efficacious than any other terrestrial force in counteracting the evils of wealth, selfishness, and materialism. [Applause.]

We meet, therefore, to celebrate the triumph of associative charity in the nineteenth century—that charity which is the purest gem that adorns humanity; in its resplendence, the diamond grows pale and the ruby hides its blushing rays—that charity which is the amaranthine flower that surpasses the beauty of the rose and the perfection of the pink. [Applause.]

I do not purpose to trace the history of the Chapter, for it would trespass alike upon your time and the prerogative of our historian.

There is one incident, to which, on account of its international character, I may with propriety refer.

General Lafayette, as you well know, was a patriot of France and an admirer of the American Republic. On the base of his statue in Union Square are chiselled these words, "As soon as I heard of American Independence, my heart was enlisted." Having revisited the United States in 1824 he heard of Royal Arch Masonry and his heart was enlisted, and he was made a Royal Arch Mason in Jerusalem Chapter.

[Applause.] As the General hated tyranny and loved liberty, he was not the favorite of kings. Having received his degrees, he turned to Joseph Hoxie, the King of the Chapter, who was the father of our highly esteemed Excellent Companion William E. Hoxie, now sitting at my left [applause], and said, "You are the first crowned head that ever treated me so kindly." This witty declaration demonstrates that the King of that time was kind [applause], and kindness becomes a King more than the glittering crown or golden sceptre. I trust that this amiable attribute of our ancient King may distinguish the officers of the centennial year and be perpetuated among their successors. [Applause.]

Companions, in a few hours, this brilliant pageant will have passed away. It will only remain in what Tennyson calls "The dewy dawn of memory." Its utility will depend upon the augmentation of our membership, increase of our treasury, and our enthusiasm for larger activity and doing greater good.

I believe that every Companion present loves Jerusalem Chapter. What nobler tribute of love can you offer than to increase its membership? [Applause.] What grander record can you transmit to its bicentennial than that during the year you have written the names of one hundred new members upon its rolls and put three thousand dollars into its treasury? [Applause.] For every year that is past, let there be one new Companion. A century of years demands a century of new members.

Let us strive, therefore, to put one hundred bricks into our edifice. This result would set a precedent—and a precedent always immortalizes a principle—to be followed in subsequent years.

I hope that your love for the Chapter—that the inspiration of this occasion—this "gay and festive scene and hall of dazzling light"—will induce you to erect this magnificent memento to the honor of our Centenary.

But, Companions, whether this consummation be realized, or not, let us so live that the centennial year may eventuate

in drawing us closer together by the silken ties of friendship, in augmenting our loyalty to the Chapter, in strengthening our determination to maintain the excellence of the work and the high, social character of its membership, and, finally, in exemplifying conspicuously in our daily contact with the world the beneficent effects of Royal Arch Masonry, so that Jerusalem Chapter may be the cynosure of every eye and the admiration of good men who will say:

Si monumentum requiris, circumspice.

[Applause.]

THE HIGH PRIEST

COMPANIONS:

One of the speakers desires to go away, and in order to accommodate him I am obliged to reverse the order of the toasts. The first toast, under the change, is "The Ethics of Royal Arch Masonry."

Those who do the work of the Craft become so absorbed in its practical side that they sometimes seem to forget that it has also an ethical side. Masonic ethics is the science of human duty deduced from the precepts, tenets, principles, forms, and ceremonies of Masonry as a whole, but the ethics of the toast relates to Royal Arch Masonry as a part.

You will doubtless remember that, while acting as High Priest last year, I gave, at our banquets, a series of short addresses, intended to elucidate the ethics and symbolism of the different degrees, but I have reason to fear that my efforts, like the arrows of the aged Priam, fell to the ground before they reached the mark. I am happy to state, however, that the ethics of Royal Arch Masonry will be treated this evening by one whose large experience in ethical matters eminently qualifies him to discharge the duties of the toast.

And, now, while our distinguished Companion is on this subject, it would not be inappropriate if he would give us the ethics of his mimic journey, under my escort, as Principal Sojourner, from Babylon to Jerusalem, and of his victorious march through the vails. I shall never forget—and I feel

quite sure that he will always remember—the hour when he passed under a Living Arch and his glorious ascent from the depth of humility to the sublimity of Royal Arch Masonry, which was symbolic of his own rise from a simple clergyman to the great bishopric of New York. [Applause.]

It affords me the greatest pleasure, Companions, to present to you Companion Henry C. Potter, the Right Reverend Bishop of the Diocese of New York. [Great applause.]

RT. REV. HENRY C. POTTER, D.D., LL.D.

COMPANIONS AND BRETHREN:

The High Priest never made a rasher statement than when he undertook to say I was going to give you instruction. I have sat here by his side through this delightful dinner with considerable trepidation in apprehension lest at some idle moment he might turn and examine me [Laughter], and I confess I had hoped I should be privileged to escape out of this room without any reference on his part to that large knowledge which, so long as he gives me credit for it, I shall not deny. He has said one of the speakers wanted to go away. Gentlemen, there is no speaker in this room to-night who has the solemn prospect of facing this audience who doesn't want to go away [Laughter], and I confess that if I were to undertake to deal with the very large subject that has been assigned to me I should have escaped before this kindly introduction on his part took place.

To-night has greatly enlarged my horizon. My associations and my recollections with the Royal Arch Lodge have been of a kind which greatly impressed me with its ritual and with the dignity of what may be called its public functions; but I confess until this evening I had not supposed that the resources of its hymnody were so large. I was not aware that "Annie Rooney" and the "Hot Time in the Old Town To-night" and the other delightful airs to which it has been my privilege to listen were part of the instructions of Masonry. It shows me, gentlemen, you are a much more widely cultivated body than I gave you credit for. [Laughter.]

Seriously, I am profoundly glad my friend has spoken of the relations of ethics to Masonry, for I believe that whatever may be the note which one is tempted to strike in a festive gathering like this we cannot afford to forget it. Underneath the social side of Masonry, which is all that exists in the minds of a great many people who don't know any better, I believe profoundly that the most potential factor in it as a power whence everything has come, has been its ethical basis. This is an age of trusts, but it is your dignity and distinction as Free Masons to remember that the Masonic Order is of its kind the oldest benevolent trust on this continent. That statement I make as incapable of disputation. There is nothing so old here in the way of association of fellowship as an Order which during all its hundreds and thousands of years has represented to man the character of all brotherhood; that has dismissed all other distinctions and made it possible for men to recognize one another along that highest and most fraternal line. I am often asked by people who are not Free Masons what it was that originally interested me in Masonry, and I have always answered that it was the fact that while so many devout, serious-minded, blameless, and excellent people whom I knew, of various characteristic names all over the world, were not able to speak of one another with courtesy or with justice, that in a Masonic Lodge all differences were forgotten, and that the Masonic obligation dismissed all claims of rank on the one hand and of inferiority of social position on the other; and when somebody said, "That's very well, but what does it mean practically?" I have told them this story: When I went abroad for the first time as a very young man, travelling in Switzerland on one occasion, I came to a great resort—I think it was Lucerne—in the middle of August, with every hotel crowded to the roof. When I went into the entrance of the hotel, what we should call the office here, people were sitting about the house waiting for the possibility of some accommodations, and, sitting upon the edge of a portmanteau with a very disconsolate air, I recognized a young Englishman of very high rank (no less than an earl)

whom I had had the pleasure of dining with in London a few weeks before. "What are you doing here, my Lord," I said. "Waiting for a room," he replied. "Ah, indeed, are they as scarce as that?" I said, and then turning to the clerk, who was near by, I made a sign which I need not repeat here, but which the clerk recognized. I am obliged to confess that it was with some little satisfaction I walked up to my room, and when I came down to dinner after half an hour I found the earl still sitting on the end of his portmanteau. [Laughter and applause.] Masonry has been kind in that far-off land in the interest of brotherhood, and wherever I have gone I have not failed to find it anything but kind. It is so, gentlemen, because it is based upon the great principle of fatherhood, the divine fatherhood which is underneath all principles of brotherhood.

And so may I venture to express my profound sympathy with the wish which my Companion the High Priest has expressed, that a great anniversary like this, the one hundredth year of something so venerable and so distinguished as this body, should be marked by such an occasion to its members as shall make it more and more a power for God and for good in this great community. I don't believe that we always realize what it might do. I wonder if we have stopped to ask ourselves what Masonry is to-day in lands other and less favored than ours. I wonder if I may without violating the most delicate propriety allude to the fact that in countries like Mexico and Italy, where there has been very little freedom of thought and less freedom of speech and less freedom of conscience, the door that opens into a Masonic Lodge, my brothers, is the one door to which men have turned in the hope that they might find the right to believe and the right to act according to their own conscience and the enlightenment of God; and whatever any of us may think about it, it must surely be admitted by you to be very full of painful elements. I confess I have often myself wondered if when we went to the Philippine Islands, instead of undertaking to make our way with sword and shot we had undertaken to recognize

the fact that all those twelve hundred islands—I am told—are permeated with the inspiration of Masonry, and had undertaken to establish some relations along Masonic lines with these, our Brother Masons, whether we might not have earlier and more securely have laid the foundation for those free institutions which we believe will be the greatest blessings we can take to those far-off peoples. In that spirit I pray God, my Brothers, the next century of this body, illustrious, venerable, and distinguished, may live.

One of these days I am going to grind my own little axe in this connection and ask permission of the High Priest to come to the Chapter and tell them of a dream I have, that among the eight great columns, sixty feet high, which are, please God, to stand around the altars in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, one of them should be placed there by the Masonic Order in the City of New York, and will thus be a witness to those who come after me of the fellowship and brotherhood of man, which will always be as dear as it is sacred and precious. [Great applause.]

THE HIGH PRIEST

COMPANIONS:

Your great enthusiasm assures me that you are delighted with the witty, elegant, and beautiful address of our Reverend Companion. I predict that as long as we live, whenever our minds shall revert to this occasion, our ears will be ravished with the eloquence and our hearts thrilled with the pleasure which we now feel. How happily this address illustrates the immortal line of Keats, from "Endymion":

A thing of beauty is a joy forever.

Let us now turn from the ethics of Royal Arch Masonry to the thing itself—the Grand Chapter, our Alma Mater—the embodiment of all jurisdiction in the State of New York. It is said "Where Macgregor sits, there is the head of the table." No matter, therefore, what may be the order of the

toasts, that of the Grand High Priest must be first. Perhaps Jerusalem Chapter is never more advantageously seen than at the official visits of the grand officers. It was only two weeks ago last night since they made us their annual visit, and I have no hesitation in affirming that it will not be easily forgotten by those who participated in the reception. The welcome was warm and the mutual salutations and rejoinders proved, as Lee says in his play of "Alexander the Great," that

When Greeks joined Greeks, then was the tug of war.

I take pleasure in presenting to you M.·.E.·.John W. Palmer, whom we all know and esteem, the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of New York, who will respond to the toast, "The Grand Chapter of the State of New York."

MOST EXCELLENT JOHN W. PALMER, GRAND HIGH PRIEST

EXCELLENT HIGH PRIEST AND COMPANIONS:

If the duties of the Grand High Priest were confined exclusively to the execution of legislative matters I would feel much more comfortable than I do to-night to stand before this intellectual body of men to respond to a toast that has been responded to for a century by men far more capable than myself.

I don't propose to allude to or mention the subject of the dinners spoken of by the High Priest, especially the "sixteen-to-one dinner." I would not mention the subject at all except to allude to the fact that we will consider this Chapter for the time being as one to any other sixteen. [Laughter.]

The Grand Chapter is the legislative body of Royal Arch Masonry. It is necessary for good order and government; necessary as a fountain-head from which shall pour forth the instructions and the guidance for the great body of the craft. It presents a form of instruction to be given to the initiate by the officers of the Subordinate Chapters in the exemplification of the ritual; but the novitiates cannot grasp at an initia-

tion all that is beautiful in the greatest depths of research that there may be in the beautiful mysteries which these rituals are intended to convey to the human mind. It remains for those who may be selected to represent the Grand Body from time to time to illustrate that which is hidden, to preach to you the doctrine of Royal Arch Masonry.

In the one hundred years that have passed, such men as DeWitt Clinton, as Ames, as Lewis, as Pollard, as Morrison, and Woodruff, were men whose works, whose speeches, whose writings, live after them, and are a wonderful influence to-day in the literature of Royal Arch Masonry. And of the men of the present day there are such as Sherer, as McDonald and Barnes, as exponents of Royal Arch Masonry, zealous and active in everything that recommends Royal Arch Masonry to the intelligent man; and last, but not least, is your own "George," the last from the Metropolitan District, whose works and whose record will live for at least another hundred years.

In public life so much of the utterances of our leading men, statesmen, and those in other lines of public life, as are accepted by the people become, as it is termed, public opinion, and may we not presume that the utterances of those of our Companions who are speaking in our various Masonic assemblies mould the opinion and guide the thoughts of the entire Masonic fraternity to a proper study and investigation into the beauties of Royal Arch Masonry—and if that be true, how proud we should be that we can have the services of the highest dignitary in the Church in this State to explain the ethics of Royal Arch Masonry—a rebuke at once to all criticism of Masonry on the part of the bigoted and the ignorant.

While, Companions, the propagation of the beauties of our ritual and the teaching of our Order has become the duty of the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter to-day, as it is the duty of the Chapter to impress upon the minds of candidates, so far as able with the work at hand, the ritual, there is still a higher and greater duty resting on each individual member of a Chapter to elevate and dignify Royal Arch Masonry. I

ask you, Companions of Jerusalem Chapter, to do your part as individual men. You are a body of men of intelligence, of intellectuality, of influence in your community, and if you will in your own daily lives and actions exert yourselves to the highest ideal that you can imagine of manhood, then the glory of the next century of the Grand Chapter will be as great as its achievements in the past. [Applause.]

The High Priest

Companions:

The two addresses to which we have just listened, although exceedingly interesting, yet are slightly remote from what is uppermost in our minds, but we have now come to the matter which specially concerns us, namely, the history of Jerusalem Chapter. [Applause.] I am not quite sure but that this history will be just as new to some of us as it will be interesting. I am now about to call upon the Herodotus of the Chapter to give us the benefit of his lucubrations upon its archives. "Anything but history," said Sir Robert Walpole, "for history must be false." I cannot acquiesce in this splendid dictum. I do not forget that Herodotus is called the "Father of lies" [Laughter], but I have confidence to believe that our historian will "Nothing extenuate, nor set down aught in malice." [Applause.]

There is one feature to-night upon which we may congratulate ourselves, and that is, that our historian is going to read his address and not extemporize one. We are acquainted with his unique manner of extemporaneous speaking—some doubt, a little hesitation, and much repetition. This is said to be indicative of confusion of mind, but to me it seems rather to indicate conservatism of thought and extreme care to select the best words to tell the truth. It suggests the manner of Lord Eldon, who was so conservative in action that he would never decide a matter without reading carefully all the papers in the action, and, in order that he might do this the better, he took them home with him. He carried the papers in bags; whence he was called "Old Bags." Whenever a new point

of law was argued before him, he would always say, " I doubt," which Sir George Rose felicitously made proverbial by the following lines:

Mr. Leach
Made a speech,
Angry, neat, but wrong ;
Mr. Hart
On the other part,
Was heavy, dull, and long;
Mr. Parker
Made the case darker
Which was dark enough without :
Mr. Cooke
Cited his book,
And the Chancellor said, " I doubt."

These lines came into the hands of the Lord Chancellor, and Sir George, shortly after, having a matter before him, in which he was on the wrong side, the Chancellor gave judgment promptly against Sir George's client, and said, " Sir George, in this case the Chancellor does not doubt." [Laughter.] As our historian's address is written, I can safely say, " In this case Sir Charles does not doubt." [Laughter.]

It gives me unbounded satisfaction to introduce Excellent Charles Victor Twiss, the best beloved man in Jerusalem Chapter, and the organizer of the magnificent entertainment which we are so heartily enjoying. [Great applause.]

EXCELLENT COMPANION CHARLES VICTOR TWISS

COMPANIONS:

I am one of the speakers who does not want to go away. Now, Excellent High Priest and Companions, as this is my maiden effort; as this is the first time I have been on the stage since my little heart went pit-a-pat when I was about so high, I trust you will forgive any confusion, or any doubt, or any lack of the proper words for the reflection that I am under, and will listen attentively to the recorded events of the history of Jerusalem Chapter, because that is to be the sum

and substance of my speech. Unfortunately, age is creeping on; my eyesight is poor, and I may stumble over these typewritten sheets. If so, I know you will have patience with me. I give you warning that I may try to spin this paper out until the next speaker arrives. Most Excellent Companion Sherer is expected here about half-past twelve o'clock, or a little earlier. At any rate he will be here in time for the Sunday morning sermon.

Companion Twiss then read a paper containing a synopsis of the history of the Chapter, closing with this peroration:

Excellent Sir and Companions, there are many things in the history of Jerusalem Chapter I have not touched upon which would make interesting reading. It is the design of the Chapter to publish a volume that will contain everything worthy of publication. In this book the work of each High Priest will be reviewed. I hope that what you have heard to-night has whetted your appetite sufficiently to make you feel that you would like to possess such a volume, and that each will do his share in promoting the publication of the history. Companions, the first century of our Chapter is now of the past, and what a wonderful period it has been in the world's history. What marvellous growth; what wonderful inventions; what a remarkable development of the natural resources of the country has occurred; what an increase of the blessings and comforts of life has been bestowed upon us. To be sure, this old world is still checkered with good and evil, but it is easier to be good than to be bad. Everything is tending to make men better, kinder, more considerate toward one another, more ready to lend a hand to a falling brother. Withal there is a stronger desire than ever before to uplift the nations still groping in darkness, and bring them into the light of the great Sun of Righteousness. In the divine Book of Revelation it is written, " And the earth helped the woman in her struggle to escape from the fiery dragon."

Old Mother Earth is still ready to help man in his endeavor to escape from sin and wrong-doing. Companions, as we enter the new century, let us pause for a moment on the threshold of the great future and think of those who, one hundred years ago, were about entering on the century that is now past. Not one of that band remains; they, with hundreds more of our Companions, have passed within the vails of the Heavenly Tabernacle; into the presence of the Great Grand Council; and though we may "sigh for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still," that hand may not be touched, that voice may not be heard, for their possessors have gone to "that land from whose bourne no traveller returns." One by one we all, sooner or later, will be called upon to give the pass which will admit us within the vail of eternal life. Let us so improve the remaining span of life that we may be accepted and recorded as faithful workmen, and receive the wages of a well-spent life, and with those who have gone before join in the refrain, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," "My feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem." And when those who follow us shall become weary and desire to "depart and be with the Lord," may we hear this longing but triumphant strain:

Jerusalem, high tower, thy glorious walls,
Would God I were in thee,
Desire of thee my longing heart enthralls,
Desire at home to be.

Wide from this world outleaping,
O'er hill and vale and plain,
My soul's strong wing is sweeping,
Thy portals to attain.

[Great applause.]

THE HIGH PRIEST

COMPANIONS:

I think you will all agree with me that the paper which has just been read is a remarkable one. It is worthy of Jerusalem

Chapter, the Excellent Companion who compiled it, and to form part of the records of the centennial year. Our historian has fulfilled the command of Hamlet:

> Horatio, I am dead;
> Thou livest, report me and my story aright
> To the unsatisfied.

The proceedings of this meeting would be incomplete unless reference is made to our Past High Priests. The proud position which Jerusalem Chapter holds among her sister Chapters is due, in the greatest measure, to the zeal, fidelity, and intelligence of her Past High Priests. As is the High Priest so is the Chapter. The fame of our Past High Priests is secure, for their deeds are inscribed upon the monument of the century. *Esto perpetua!*

While we highly respect our Past High Priests, still we should like to become a little better acquainted with them, for the appearance of some of them at our convocations is, as Campbell says in "The Pleasures of Hope,"

> Like angel visits, few and far between.

I am glad to have the privilege to introduce to you Right Excellent Companion Rollin M. Morgan, who will respond to the toast, "The Past High Priests of Jerusalem Chapter." [Applause.]

RIGHT EXCELLENT ROLLIN M. MORGAN

EXCELLENT HIGH PRIEST AND COMPANIONS:

You allowed the pulpit orator on my right, and the bar orator who sat on my left, to escape, but I don't think anyone need hesitate to rise to address the Companions of Jerusalem Chapter to-night, for it was observable that when Excellent Companion Twiss was delivering his little exhortation not down upon paper, when looking for a word or two, there were a number of Companions ready to put them into his mouth. If you will offer me the same assistance I have no doubt I will pull through this ordeal.

The committee which has afforded you the pleasure of listening to those down upon the order of set toasts met with great difficulty in securing someone to respond to the toast, "The Past High Priests," and it became currently known by the members of the committee that one reason which prevented any of the Past High Priests from indicating a desire to respond to this toast was that they preferred to hear their own accomplishments recounted, and did not desire to recount the accomplishments of the others. [Laughter.] One of them, who delivers his speeches after having committed them, it was discovered had allowed his secretary to visit his mother-in-law, and therefore could not deliver any appropriate speech. [Laughter.] Someone else said that "the Past High Priests of Jerusalem Chapter look so much wiser than they talk it was thought best not to have this toast responded to at all." (I am looking now at Excellent Companion Brown sitting down at Table "B.") [Laughter.]

The Past High Priests of Jerusalem Chapter as a body form a very distinguished one. Modesty, as Companion Twiss has said, prevents me from singling out the one who is most distinguished; but this may be said of Jerusalem Chapter throughout her history, that from the time of the administration of John West down to the time of the administration of the present incumbent of that office, no taint of dishonor, so far as I know, has attached to the character of any of the High Priests of Jerusalem Chapter. So far as it was within the bounds, the limits of human endeavor, they lived up to the high ideals which they formed in their minds should characterize the High Priests of Jerusalem Chapter. [Applause.] It is a body of which we are all proud. I know it is a great pleasure to those who have been here to-night to be present at this Centennial Celebration, but our Excellent High Priest cast a cloud over my mind when he suggested I might not be present at the next centennial celebration of Jerusalem Chapter. I hate to think that even in that distant future I may miss a good dinner. [Laughter.] I thought the Past Grand High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter would have an op-

portunity to respond, and I endeavored to shift the effort which I am now making upon the shoulders of Most Excellent Companion Stivers. He suggested to me that if I would be brief he would endeavor to occupy the rest of the time, and in order not to stand in his way I shall take my seat. [Applause.]

THE HIGH PRIEST

COMPANIONS:

Our patience will be rewarded. The distinguished Companion for whom we have waited has arrived. As we advance in age we find our greatest consolation in reflecting upon the ennobling associations of the past, for, as Moore says:

> When Time, who steals our years away,
> Shall steal our pleasures too,
> The memory of the past will stay,
> And half our joys renew.

I know of no one in Symbolic or Capitular Masonry whose memory is richer with the glorious traditions of Masonry, and pleasant reminiscences of our Past Grand High Priests, than the illustrious Companion who will address you now. He has worked industriously and successfully in both branches of the Order. Indeed, I may say he has exhausted the quarries in each, and proved himself so meritorious that he was rewarded by being made the Grand Master of the one and the Grand High Priest of the other. [Applause.]

I greatly appreciate the honor, Companions, of introducing to you M. E. William Sherer, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, who will speak to the toast, "The Past Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York." [Great applause.]

MOST EXCELLENT WILLIAM SHERER, PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST

EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:

My purpose in coming here to-night was more to show my esteem for Jerusalem Chapter as a body of Royal Arch

Masons, to testify my regard and friendship for very many of its members, than for anything else. Unfortunately, like many men who attempt to oblige everyone, I mistakenly made two engagements for to-night, both of them dinners, one 'way over in Brooklyn and the other here. I did not intend to promise to be in two places at once, for, as it is wittily said, "Man cannot be in two places at once, unless he is a bird." I never claimed to wear wings, and don't know that I ever shall.

I do not propose to give you the biographies of all the Past Grand High Priests of the State of New York, because the time at our disposal does not warrant it. Before commencing that, just one word about the hundred years of the existence of this Chapter. It seems when we look back—those of us who can look back over more than half of that time—as though it were scarcely possible for an organization of Masons, with no other object in view seemingly than sociability and charity, changing yearly, the membership every five years almost entirely changed, should keep an existence continuously during all that time. I read to-day, "One hundred years ago there were twenty-five hundred Masons in the United States"—now I suppose there are over two millions; that is, two millions of men who have taken Masonic obligations. How many Masons among them there are remains to be seen. As in a good many other things, a man's reputation is one thing, his character is another. We may have the reputation of being Masons while we may not have that character.

I am free to say that my knowledge of the Past Grand High Priests of the State of New York extends over a good many years. Individually and as a class of men they were true exponents of all the best teachings of the Capitular degrees. I shall name a few of them only. John W. Simons, a man noted for his intellectual strength; noted for his kindness of heart; noted for his good fellowship; exemplifying in his life a great many Masonic virtues. Darius Ogden, of Penn Yan, not only a good Mason but a learned Judge—a man held in great esteem throughout the western part of the State. John L.

Lewis, also of Penn Yan, known wherever Masonry is known and written about. James E. Morrison, from New York City; many of you knew him as a writer, as a brilliant, strong young man, cut off early in life; while he was active in Masonry. He certainly was admired by those of us who paid attention to the finer qualities of manhood which he exemplified. These men I speak of have all passed away. James M. Austin, for a long time—more than thirty years—Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. He also has passed within the "Fourth Vail."

We also had William T. Woodruff, well known in the Masonic fraternity for his ability as a debater and as a sharp intellectual man. I could go on and give briefly by name almost every one of the many other Past Grand High Priests, but the Grand Chapter one year ago celebrated its one hundredth anniversary, and at that time its history was pretty thoroughly gone over and published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, and I have no doubt Jerusalem Chapter is well represented in its archives, yet it will be interesting for you to spend an hour in reading the history of Capitular Masonry in this State.

The present Past Grand High Priests I shall not speak of. They are still with us. We don't know what the result of their lives may be or what they may leave to us to remember. You have one of them in this body who certainly deserves, up to the present time, all the good things that may be said of him as an industrious, faithful, energetic man and Mason, and at all times ready to sacrifice himself and his personal interests for the good of Royal Arch Masonry. I allude to the modest Companion who sits on my left—Most Excellent Companion Stivers.

While I, in common with most of those who have given a good deal of attention to Masonry, believe we ought not to forget the foundation-stone of all—that is the Lodge; ought not to forget the symbolic teachings taught there, should not fail to remember that all that follows is but the inspiration, and that he who best exemplifies in his life, acts, and thoughts

the teachings taught there in the foundation school of Masonry, is after all the highest Free Mason. It is not the numerals that may be pasted upon his coat, it is not the high title he may bear, that makes him the highest Mason. The highest Mason is he who is truest to the teachings taught there where the most beautiful symbols of Masonry come to us in the First or Entered Apprentice Degree. I have all regard for Capitular Masonry, and for all the other rites attached to Free Masonry. The Capitular Rite was one of my earliest loves, and the Companions generously rewarded me far beyond my merit. If there is anything I am ready at all suitable times and places to testify to, it is the great kindness as a body that the Grand Chapter of the State of New York has for all its members both in the Grand Chapter there at Albany and the constituent bodies of which it is composed. As an instance, once upon a time when I was very active in the Grand Chapter and had been for some seven or eight years prior to that, there was a vacancy in the position of Deputy Grand High Priest. Being at that time the next in line—as it was called—from New York, I naturally aspired to the position, and the Companions accepted these aspirations and said they would see them carried out. I expected to be present at the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, but business detained me in New York; I was obliged to stay here and attend to some business transactions upon which a great deal depended. I had either to become a professional Mason and an amateur business man, or a professional business man and an amateur Mason. Not being present, I expected my name would not be presented. My feelings you can imagine, after having worked the best I knew for many years, to see the prize almost within my grasp and then to lose it. The Grand Chapter heard the reason why I had been detained, and asked "Why cannot we elect this Companion even if he is absent?" "Let us see the Constitution." Those whom I supposed were not very warmly attached to my cause were the first to come to the front and search the Constitution to find if there was any legal reason why they should not elect a man to that

position in his absence. He who was my opponent very generously stepped aside, and I was unanimously elected, although I was one hundred and fifty miles away. Now, as we go on striving and working for position, politically, professionally, socially, or in any other branch of life-work, that evidence of kindness among men, many of them almost strangers—because the Grand Chapter changes in its *personnel* every year—will never be forgotten by me. They understood the situation, and appreciating the fact that if they were in my place how they would feel, very kindly and generously gave me the position of Deputy Grand High Priest, which led to the active honors that have come to me since. Whenever the occasion has been proper I have spoken of it as an evidence of that kindliness that runs through that Grand Body, called by David F. Day the "Senate of Free Masonry." A pretty high title to give it; it might be the Senate of Free Masonry so far as the interpretation of Masonic law and the giving of Masonic precedents are concerned, but the Grand Lodge of this State certainly has had a wider experience, certainly a greater number of cases to pass upon, and is a more lively and energetic body of Masons than the Grand Chapter; yet the Grand Chapter has proved to me, if there is any difference at all, that the Grand High Priests are kind men; charitable men in their thoughts; men who are willing to work and willing to share; willing to assist each other in the ordinary walks of life and make life pleasanter for having known them. To that extent I believe it to be one of the most agreeable bodies of Masonry I was ever connected with. I pay this tribute here to the Past Grand High Priests for the influence they have exerted for all these years over the conduct of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of New York.

Companions of Jerusalem Chapter, let me say to you, your reputation in all the Chapters of the State where I have been has always been that of as good as any, if not better, for the reason that you have exemplified in your own Chapter that very key to all that is best in Royal Arch Masonry—kindly and generous feeling one to another. It is among my pleas-

antest remembrances that one of the Past High Priests of this Chapter, Excellent Companion Charles Roome, was one of my earliest Masonic friends. I learned to love him. I stood by him, and I have always been proud and glad of it. He came to me with some of the members of Jerusalem Chapter, and I believe did much to shape my Masonic career.

I am proud to be with you this evening. I congratulate you upon your one hundredth anniversary. I hope there will be one hundred years hence as large a Chapter, if not a more useful body of men than you are to-day. It only remains to hand down from sire to son the traditions of the excellence of your organization that have been handed down to you. The outcome will be that they, one hundred years from now, will be as proud of their organization as you are to-day.

I thank you for listening so patiently to this rambling talk, but believe me I have been working very hard this evening in other quarries. [Great applause.]

THE HIGH PRIEST

COMPANIONS:

Our celebration has now come to an end. We are about to depart. We shall not meet again upon an occasion like this, and if we should never meet in our own Chapter, which we call "Jerusalem the Beautiful," may we all meet, at the last day, as Companions in "Jerusalem the Golden." [Great enthusiasm.]

The Companions then struck up the song "Auld Lang Syne," which was sung with great gusto.

Great enthusiasm was aroused by Bishop Potter's allusion to the desirability of having the Masonic fraternity erect one of the massive columns to be placed within the chancel of the grand Cathedral now being built on Morningside Heights, and at the following convocation after the dinner a committee, consisting of the Past High Priests of the Chapter, was appointed to take this matter in hand

and endeavor to raise the money to pay for one of the columns. Perhaps it will go down to the credit of Jerusalem Chapter during the next century that she was the leader in the accomplishment of this noble object.

At the convocation held September 15th Excellent Companion John R. Gardner was presented with a Grand Chapter apron, he having received an appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin near the Grand Chapter of New York.

A notable convocation was held December 2d, when the Royal Arch Degree was conferred upon a large class.

The convocations of the Chapter were largely attended throughout the year, and although the membership was not increased by the addition of one hundred members, as suggested by the High Priest as a fitting memorial of the centennial year and a test of the standard of the loyalty of the members, still a very creditable record was made.

Forty-five candidates were exalted, three affiliated, and one was restored. There were sixteen elected candidates left over. The membership was increased to three hundred and sixty-six, the largest in the history of the Chapter.

Among the candidates proposed and elected, but who failed to receive the degrees, were two eminent citizens of New York City, viz., Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, United States Senator, and Colonel Joel B. Erhardt, former Collector of the Port of New York. Other notable candidates for the year were Ruel Whitcomb Poor, banker; Colonel Mason A. Stone, President of the Greenwich Insurance Company; Charles N. Morgan, a prominent lawyer; Amos H. Stephens, an officer of the Seventy-first Regiment in the Spanish-American War, and several well-known physicians. The receipts were $3,060.71, and the expenses, not including $500 drawn from the Permanent Fund toward defraying the expenses of the celebration, were $2,818.80. Four

members were added to the life membership class, making eighty subscribers to the fund. The balance in the General Fund at the annual convocation was $533.25. In accordance with Section 1, Article IV., of the By-laws, the sum of $33.25 was added to the Permanent Fund, which increased the fund to $3,837.22. The impairment of the Permanent Fund as representing the payments of eighty members was thus only a trifle more than $150. Sixty-seven life members were reported by the Secretary as still living, but this number includes those who have been placed in the life membership class under the provisions of Article III. of the By-laws.

The annual convocation was attended by the greatest number in the history of the Chapter. It was a remarkable coincidence that there were exactly one hundred members of the Chapter in attendance.

The annual election of officers resulted in the choice of Companions Thomas Outwater Bell, High Priest; William P. Martin, King; Henry W. Remington, Scribe; Charles A. Whitney, Treasurer, and Samuel C. Wilson, Secretary. The appointed officers were: Frank H. Richmond, Captain of the Host; James Chambers, Principal Sojourner; Charles E. Thompson, Royal Arch Captain; Edwin C. Swezy, Master of the Third Vail; David Banks, Jr., Master of the Second Vail; George W. Berrian, Master of the First Vail; George Skinner, Sentinel. These officers were installed by M.·.E.·.Companion George E. W. Stivers, P. G. H. P.

Companion Tresidder was born in the town of Camborne, County of Cornwall, England, November 22, 1842. The Tresidders are one of the oldest families of the county, which is attested by the well-known lines:

> By Tre, Pol, and Pen
> You may know the Cornishmen.

His father, in 1848, in common with many others during that revolutionary year, having suffered great financial loss, sold his property, and brought his family, with the remnant of his fortune, to America, hoping to retrieve in the New World what he had lost in the Old.

He purposed to stay in New York, but was persuaded to go to Wisconsin, where he bought land in Milwaukee, and began to build, but being seized of the fever and ague he resolved to go where the climate was better, and where he could regain his health. He thereupon disposed of his property and moved his family into the State of Michigan, and settled in the beautiful village of Sault Ste. Marie, situate at the foot of Lake Superior. From that time until he retired from business, he lived at different places on the shore of the magnificent lake, and was engaged in mining and building operations in the counties of Houghton and Keweenah.

Companion Tresidder attended the public school at Sault Ste. Marie, where he learned the rudiments of education, which were afterward extended and improved by private tuition. He had made up his mind when a boy to become a lawyer when he became a man. To this end his studies were directed. He was a voluminous reader and hard student. He read history, novels, poetry, and rhetoric. In order to prepare himself to enter the University of Michigan, he attended the Union Seminary at Ypsilanti, where he studied Greek, Latin, history, and intellectual philosophy under the celebrated Professor Estabrooke. At his graduation, he delivered an address in the Union Hall, which was received with so much favor that it was deemed worthy of publication. It was accordingly published in full in the *Ypsilanti Sentinel.*

While at the seminary he studied so hard that he fell ill, and his father came and carried him away to Lake Superior, where he soon became convalescent; but it was deemed unwise for him to go to the University. It was decided, at last, that he should go abroad, and, if he found conditions favorable, enter the University of Oxford.

He went to England at the close of the war for the Union,





where he found the sentiment so bitter against the North that he relinquished the idea of a collegiate course, and resolved to return to the United States, and, when prepared, to apply for admission to the Bar. He remained abroad one year, which he spent in travelling and laying the basis for acquiring German, French, and Italian.

Soon after his arrival in New York, he studied law in the office of the Hon. Peter Y. Cutler, at No. 5 Wall Street. He was admitted to the New York Bar in February, 1866, and entered immediately upon the practice of his profession.

Companion Tresidder was made a Mason in Concord Lodge, No. 50, in 1871. He afterward affiliated with Stella Lodge, No. 484, and was Master in 1885. He subsequently, May 29, 1888, united with Kane Lodge, No. 454, of which he is still a member. He received the Royal Arch Degree in Jerusalem Chapter, December 4, 1891. He was appointed Principal Sojourner in 1896 and 1897. His work in this office was very impressive. Companion Potter remarked at the banquet-table after his exaltation that he was unable to address the officers at that time by their official titles, but if he were to name the Principal Sojourner he should by all means give him the title of "Most Excellent Sojourner." Companion Tresidder was elected King in 1898, and was chosen High Priest for the centennial year. He was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 23, April 13, 1894. He served as Junior Warden in 1896 and 1897. Here, again, in the part of Zerubbabel, his rendition of the work was dramatic and of unusual excellence.

He was elected Eminent Commander in May, 1898, and served in that office until May, 1899. He has also been active in other organizations, especially in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Grand Master of the State of New York. He is a churchman in religion, and a republican in politics. He is a member of the Republican Club of the City of New York, of the Liederkranz Club, of the New York Law Institute, and a Fellow of the American Geographical Society.

Companion Tresidder always holds the attention of his hearers when addressing them upon any subject, for they are sure to hear something that will be instructive. He has a fund of anecdote, and is particularly happy in using it to give pith and point to his subject. He is thoroughly familiar with the philosophy of the various degrees, and has probably done more than any one of the Past High Priests to turn the thoughts of the Companions toward the deeper things in the ritual.

CHAPTER LXXIV.

Our Secretaries

Jerusalem Chapter has had thirty-six Secretaries during its one hundred years. The terms of twenty-eight of those who filled this office extended over a period of thirty-six years, while the combined terms of the remaining eight cover sixty-four years' service. Several of the Companions have filled unexpired terms whose names do not appear on the official list.

For the first twenty-five years there was no salary attached to the office, and it was difficult to find a Companion to fill it for a longer time than one year.

The first one who officiated longer than one or two terms was Companion William Belden, who was elected for the first term in 1826. For six years he served the Chapter most acceptably.

Twenty-five years later another good Secretary was elected —Companion John F. Robinson, in 1852. He served the Chapter faithfully for seven years, and at a period when there was a large volume of business transacted. The entries were more voluminous for those seven years than they had been for the previous twenty-five years. But Companion Robinson never slighted his work. Everything that was said and done during those trying years was faithfully recorded, so that the fullest information is at hand regarding the transactions of the Chapter.

In 1859 a new Companion came to the front who left a marvellous record—Charles W. Sy. For twenty-eight years he was regularly elected to this office. Companion Sy possessed every qualification for the position. His penmanship was clear and legible. His records were entered with systematic method, so that it was possible for one to readily find the entry sought for. It was quite an unusual thing for him

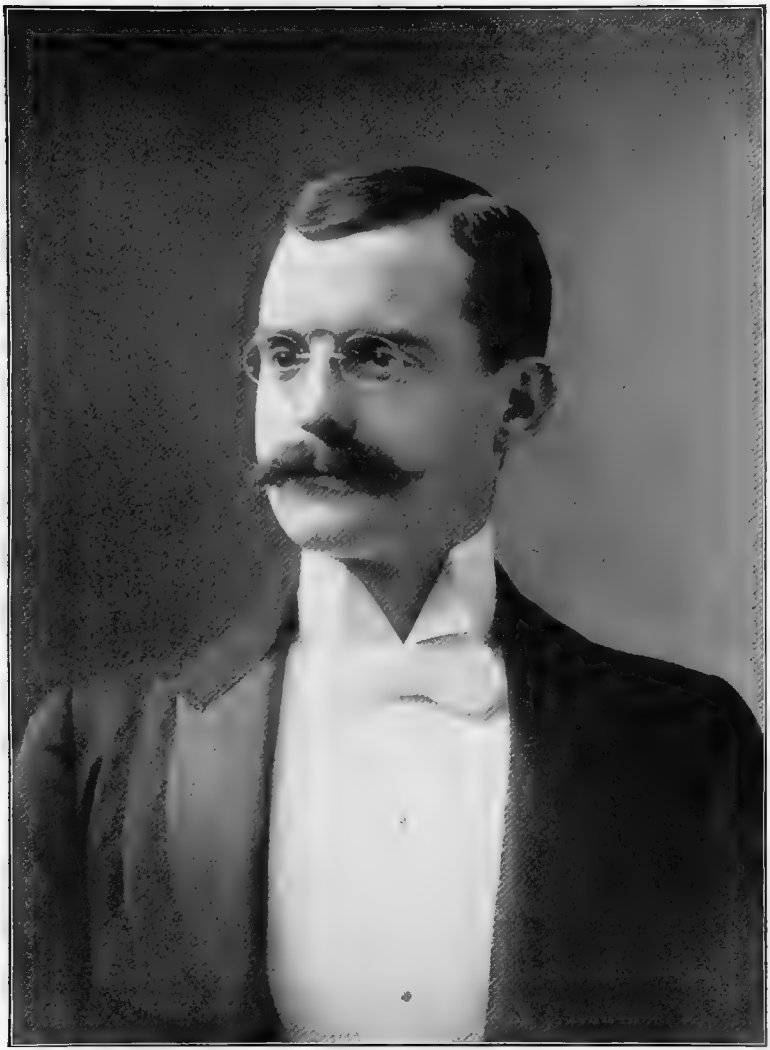
ever to be absent from the convocations. He was punctual in attendance, and very prompt in sending out notices or communications. He knew personally every member of the Chapter, and was in amicable relationship with all. He had great tact in his dealings with the members, and always presented to each a cheerful demeanor and a cordial welcome. His death in 1886 was a heavy blow to the Chapter and a personal loss to every Companion.

The Chapter has a worthy successor in our present Secretary, Companion Samuel C. Wilson, who is now serving his fourth year.

Companion Wilson is a member and Past Master of Henry Clay Lodge, No. 279. He was exalted in Jerusalem Chapter in 1891, and was elected Secretary in 1895. He was knighted in Cœur de Lion Commandery in 1896, and was elected its Recorder in 1897.

Companion Wilson is a native of New York City. On leaving school he secured employment with the New York Central Railroad, and is now in a highly responsible position in the ticket office of that great corporation.

If the Secretaries for the first half of the century had exercised as much care to have the minutes as fully and faithfully recorded as those have for the last half, this volume would undoubtedly contain many additional interesting facts.



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CHAPTER LXXV.

Our Treasurers

Honest, faithful, and efficient Treasurers are most valuable officers in any society. With one or two exceptions the Companions who have filled this office in Jerusalem Chapter have been such. Twenty-five Companions have served the Chapter in this capacity, eleven of whom were Past High Priests; an evidence that some at least of those who have received the highest honor in the gift of the Chapter have shown their willingness to continue to give the Chapter the benefit of their experience and judgment.

Companions de la Pierre and King filled this office with faithfulness and ability for many years.

The present Treasurer, Companion Charles A. Whitney, is now serving his eleventh year.

Companion Whitney is an officer of the East River Savings Institution, No. 3 Chambers Street, and is therefore enabled to render the Chapter the best kind of service in seeing that the accounts are regularly deposited and looked after. He is a member of Kane Lodge, and has been Treasurer of that powerful Lodge for sixteen years.

CHAPTER LXXVI.

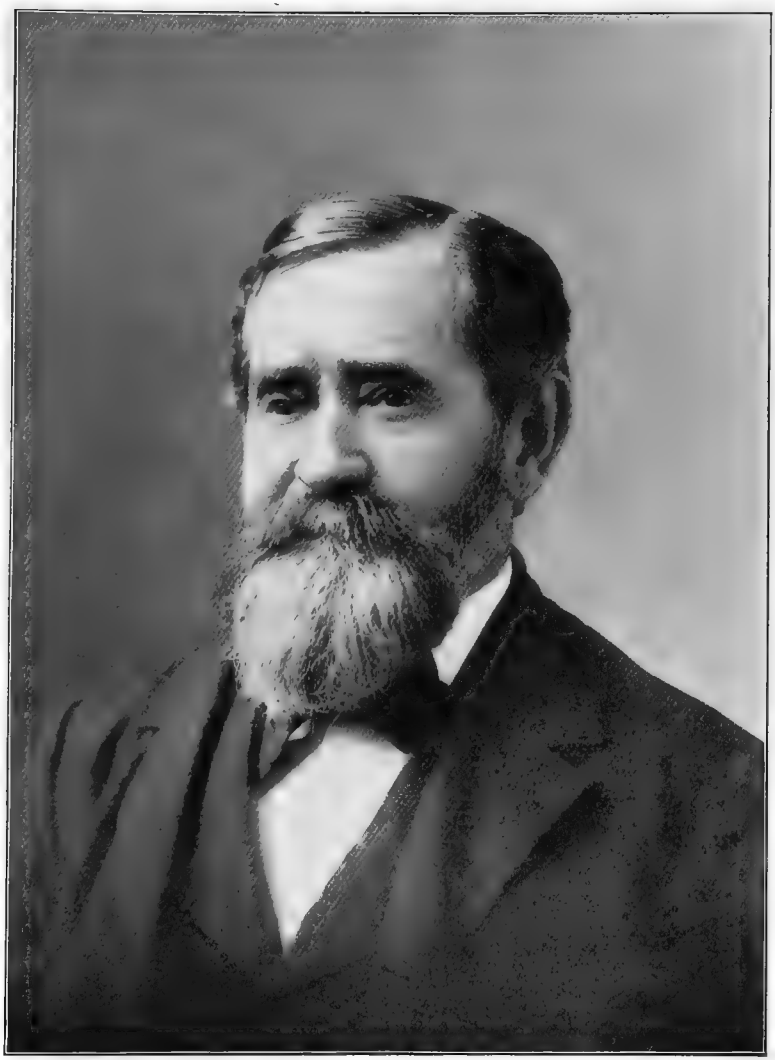
Our Sentinel

Companion George Skinner, the Sentinel of the Chapter, has a marvellous record. He was born in Connecticut in 1822, and moved to Massillon, Ohio, at a youthful age. He was raised in Clinton Lodge, No. 47, of that town in 1844, and removed to New York the same year. Shortly after his removal to New York he obtained a position in the Custom-house. He was exalted in Ancient Chapter, No. 1, in 1847. He was a charter member and the first Master of Ocean Lodge, in 1849. He affiliated with Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, in 1850, for the reason that Ancient Chapter had been suspended by the Grand Chapter. He was Captain of the Host in 1851–52–53–55–56–57–58. He was elected Scribe in 1859, but immediately resigned and was appointed Sentinel, to which office he has since been appointed each recurring year.

Companion Skinner was a charter member of Kane Lodge, No. 454. He has filled the position of Tyler of that Lodge for thirty-three years. He has been the Tyler of Holland Lodge for thirty-nine years, and he has also been the Sentinel of Cœur de Lion Commandery for over forty years. He was appointed Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge in 1849, and, with the exception of a few years, has filled that office up to the present time.

Companion Skinner is a model Tyler. He is ever at his post. Always genial in manner, he is on good terms with everyone who is accustomed to visit the various apartments of the Temple.

Note.—Since writing the above our old and faithful friend and Companion has received that final summons from the Grand High Priest of Heaven and Earth which we must all sooner or later obey. He was taken ill with a severe attack of pneumonia, Saturday, February 10, 1900, and passed away on the morning of the 14th. He was buried with Masonic honors on Friday, February 16th, by the officers and members of Kane Lodge. The services were held in the Collegiate Church, One Hundred and Twenty-first Street near Second Avenue, in the presence of a large gathering of the brethren.



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CHAPTER LXXVII.

Conclusion

This volume contains as complete a record of the transactions of Jerusalem Chapter for the century which has just passed into history as the minutes afford. Doubtless some things have happened which, at the time they occurred, were considered of vital importance by the members of the Chapter, but which they deemed unwise to commit to paper.

It must be remembered that in the early years of Freemasonry it was thought to be highly improper to allow more than the barest details to be entered in the minutes. The records of Jerusalem Chapter are more voluminous than those of some other Masonic bodies of equal age; otherwise it would have been impossible to make this volume as replete as it is.

Some traditions have come down the years which are not in accordance with the facts, but they have not been referred to specifically, for it has been the aim of the compiler to marshal the facts only and present them in orderly array.

With reference to the biography of those officers and members who have been mentioned by name, events in their lives equally as stirring and full of interest as those which have been recorded could with propriety have been given a place within these covers. Undoubtedly some of these references would have given the book greater vivacity.

Enough has been set forth to furnish those who desire the information with a complete reference-book which contains everything of essential value relative to the history of Jerusalem Chapter and of its presiding officers. Those items of contemporaneous history which here and there have been interspersed may prompt the reader to seek for further information in the works from which extracts were taken; in such a case their value will be enhanced.

It has been seen that the Chapter has had seasons of great prosperity as well as periods of dire adversity; sometimes the former have been equally as dangerous as the latter.

Certain Companions are so short-sighted that they cannot see anything but good in a large influx of candidates and the increased work which their entrance into the Chapter entails. They contend that each candidate exalted makes Royal Arch Masonry so much stronger numerically, and that his fees and dues place so much additional money to the credit of the working capital of the Chapter, and that the Order must be strengthened thereby. Their argument is fallacious, for money and numbers alone will never succeed in promulgating the principles of the Order. The brethren have made it easy for unthinking and unprincipled men to be admitted into the Masonic fraternity, and the Companions of the Royal Craft have made it still easier for these same men to enter the ranks of Royal Arch Masons. Many instances can be named whereby these Companions have used the Chapter as a mere stepping-stone to lift them higher into the Commandery and from there into the Mystic Shrine. No matter how carefully and conscientiously the officers may endeavor to teach the principles of Royal Arch Masonry, the instruction which they try to impart will no more take root in the minds of these

thoughtless Companions than seed sown on the sands of the desert. It behooves those who sincerely respect the principles set forth in the Constitution and Ritual of Royal Arch Masonry to be doubly watchful in these times when large numbers of the brethren of the Ancient Craft are seeking admission to the mysteries of the Royal Art.

Let the same conservatism which has been manifested in the past still prevail in Jerusalem Chapter at least. Thus will the dangers of too great a prosperity be successfully avoided.

The crises of adversity in the Chapter have been courageously met and successfully borne. Never a one has occurred which did not find enough faithful ones to carry on the work. Never a year has passed that did not find them trying to meet oftener than the Constitution requires. The least number of meetings held in any one year was six. This speaks well for the fidelity of the Companions. Through their zeal the splendid heritage of one hundred years has now come into the possession of the Companions of the present day. May they and their successors of the incoming century prize this heritage as highly, guard it as faithfully, and present it as unsullied one hundred years hence.

The names of more than sixteen hundred Companions have been placed upon the rolls of the Chapter during the past century. It would be presumptuous to say that all were " good men and true," but the record of a vast majority of them is as an open book. They have been men of high character and good reputation; many have been and others still are in the forefront in the development of affairs in this great city, and have lived useful lives in the sphere in which they moved. A large majority of our Companions have dropped the working tools of life and have been admitted within the Vails of the Celestial Tab-

ernacle, into the presence of the Grand Council of Heaven, there to have the mysteries of life revealed to them, in which their participation here was so little understood. Within that invisible tabernacle, the great principles of the Order so poorly taught and faintly apprehended here, are now by them fully comprehended. As Mark Masters they now know what the wage of faithful service means. The prompt response to the appeal of a destitute brother, and the sacred character of an agreement between man and man, are no longer depicted to them as mere ceremonies. In the completion of their earthly tabernacle and the dedication of themselves—body, soul, and spirit—to the Grand High Priest of the Universe, they have witnessed a ceremony the grandeur of which far surpasses the dedication of that famous Temple of Solomon so feebly commemorated here.

The work of rebuilding the Second Temple by these Companions is finished. In a real sense they have been released from the bondage of sin to which they were carried away captive, and with the signet of truth stamped upon their hearts, and with the approval of the Grand Council, they have passed within the Vails of the Unseen Temple. May their devotion be an incentive to those who remain, as well as to those who may come within the sacred precincts of our tabernacle during the century to come, to be truer companions to each other, to think purer thoughts, to live nobler lives, and to work harder in learning and expounding the principles of Royal Arch Masonry. Let each remember that the ceremony of erecting the Second Temple is emblematical of the life to come. Therefore let each erect the temple of his present life so that at the last he can truly repeat the words of the psalmist, " Thy statutes have been my song in the house of my pilgrimage." Then, when the storms of life have cleared away; when the fadeless flowers of Faith, Hope, and Charity shall forever

bloom upon the regenerate earth; when the songs of the New Jerusalem shall be perpetually wafted to our ears—may these spiritual buildings of ours, perfected there and made eternal, be granted a place in "the City which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God."

In conclusion the compiler of this volume desires to tender the meed of praise due to those who have rendered him kindly assistance in the preparation of the history of the Chapter. To Companion Peter Ross, LL.D., Historian of the Grand Lodge, he is indebted for personal efforts in our behalf as well as for valuable information gleaned from his admirable History of Freemasonry in New York. To Colonel Ehlers, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, for a number of courtesies granted. To Excellent Companion Postley, of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, custodian of the records of that Chapter, for permission to have access to those records. To Messrs. George P. Ludlam, Superintendent of the New York Hospital, and John S. Brownne, Superintendent of the Academy of Medicine, for information with reference to Dr. Richard Pennell. To Companion David I. Jackson, Master of Holland Lodge, for the loan of portraits of Past High Priests of the Chapter, and to the following Past High Priests of the Chapter: R.·.E.·.Companion Ferguson, M.·.E.·.Companion Stivers, and E.·.Companions Hinds, Downes, Brown, and Tresidder, for valuable information, advice, and other assistance.



Interior of the Egyptian Room, Masonic Hall.

BY-LAWS

OF

Jerusalem Chapter No. 8, Royal Arch Masons

ARTICLE I.

STATED CONVOCATIONS.

The stated convocations of this Chapter shall be held on the first and third Fridays of each month.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Every petition for exaltation or for affiliation shall be presented at a stated convocation, and referred to the council officers. They shall ascertain the qualifications of all candidates and report thereon, in writing, favorably or unfavorably, at a subsequent stated convocation of the Chapter.

SEC. 2. A candidate elected for exaltation must present himself to receive the degree of Mark Master Mason within three months after his election, and each affiliate elected must complete his membership within three months after notice from the Secretary of the receipt of his dimit by the Chapter. The time above limited may be extended by a majority vote of the members present at any stated convocation.

SEC. 3. Each member, upon perfecting his membership, shall be furnished by the Secretary with a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter and of these By-laws.

ARTICLE III.

DUES.

SEC. 1. Each candidate for exaltation shall pay thirty dollars before receiving the degree of Mark Master Mason.

SEC. 2. Each candidate for affiliation shall pay ten dollars before subscribing to the By-laws.

SEC. 3. The yearly dues of each member (except honorary and life members), Secretary, Organist, and Sentinel, shall be five dollars, payable at the annual convocation. The dues of new members shall

commence on the first day of June or December following the completion of their membership.

SEC. 4. Any member may commute for all future annual dues by payment of fifty dollars at one time and his dues to date of said payment, and become a life member. Any member who has paid annual dues for fifteen consecutive years may commute for all future annual dues by payment of twenty-five dollars at one time and his dues to date of such payment, and become a life member. Such members shall be entitled to receive a certificate of such exemption, duly certified by the proper officers, and an entry thereof shall be made of the same in the records of the Chapter. A member who has paid life dues and afterward withdraws from the Chapter shall not forfeit his rights under this section if re-elected to membership. A member having paid dues for twenty-five consecutive years shall be forever after exempt from annual dues.

SEC. 5. A member in arrears for two or more years' dues, may, after being duly summoned, be suspended by a majority vote of the members present at a stated convocation.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the High Priest to summon any companion who may be in arrears for two years' dues, or report the case to the Chapter for its consideration.

ARTICLE IV.

FUNDS.

SEC. 1. All moneys of the Chapter shall be divided into two funds, viz.: a Permanent Fund and a General Fund. The Permanent Fund shall consist of all the moneys now in that fund, together with such additional sums as are from time to time paid into the Chapter for life dues, or from other sources designated for that purpose. All interest derived from this fund may be paid into the General Fund of the Chapter, but no part of the principal shall be so used. The General Fund shall consist of all moneys of the Chapter not otherwise specified. All moneys in excess of five hundred dollars shall be transferred to the Permanent Fund at the annual convocation.

SEC. 2. The Permanent Funds of the Chapter shall be invested by the Trustees, in United States, New York State, or New York City and County interest-bearing bonds, or on bond secured by a first mortgage on real estate in the cities of New York or Brooklyn. The amount so loaned on real estate shall in no case exceed sixty per cent. of the appraised value thereof. All investments shall stand in the names of the Trustees as such. All uninvested moneys, of the Permanent Fund, shall be deposited in a savings bank or trust company, in the name of the Chapter, and withdrawn only on a warrant under the signatures of a majority of the Trustees.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. There shall be elected at the annual convocation of the Chapter a High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, and Secretary, in accordance with Article II. of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York; also three Trustees, in accordance with Chapter 317 of the Laws of 1866 of the State of New York, and amendments thereof. The Board of Trustees shall be so organized that there shall be one vacancy to be balloted for at each annual convocation, and each Trustee shall be elected for the term of three years. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees shall be filled for the unexpired term, by ballot, at the first stated convocation of the Chapter thereafter, duly summoned for that purpose.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers of the Chapter shall be the Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Masters of the Third, Second, and First Vails, Sentinel, Organist, and such other officers as the High Priest may see fit to appoint.

SEC. 3. No member shall be eligible for election or appointment to any office, or vote at any election, while in arrears for dues.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The High Priest, King, and Scribe shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Chapter, receive all moneys due the Chapter, and pay the same without delay to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor; keep an accurate account of all dues and fees, and prepare and present at the annual convocation a list of all members in arrears to the Chapter; report the amount of money received at each meeting, and from whom; notify members, and such others as the High Priest may direct, of all convocations; furnish in writing to each member of every committee a list of the same, and a short abstract of the business for which they are appointed.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all moneys paid into the Chapter, and deposit the same without delay to the credit of the Chapter in such savings bank or trust company as the Chapter may direct; keep a true and accurate account thereof; pay all bills for which a regular warrant is drawn; also, to submit to the Auditing Committee, on or before the annual convocation, all his books and vouchers for inspection.

SEC. 4. The Secretary and Treasurer shall render to the Chapter at the annual convocation, and at such other times as the High Priest

or the Chapter may direct, a full statement of its condition, so far as their respective offices are concerned.

SEC. 5. The Trustees shall have charge of the securities and all other property of the Chapter, and perform such other duties as may from time to time be confided to them. They shall report in writing, on all matters relating to their trust, at the annual convocation, and whenever directed by the High Priest or the Chapter.

SEC. 6. No Trustee shall be eligible to the office of Treasurer, Secretary, or member of the Auditing Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

SALARIES.

The Secretary, Organist, and Sentinel, for the faithful performance of their several duties, shall receive such compensation as the Chapter may direct at the annual convocation.

ARTICLE VIII.

COMMITTEES.

There shall be two Standing Committees, viz.: Auditing Committee and Album and History Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the High Priest at each annual convocation. The duty of this committee shall be to examine and audit all bills referred to it; also to examine the finances of the Chapter, inspect the books, the reports, and accounts of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustees, and report thereon at the annual convocation, and at such other times as the High Priest or the Chapter may direct.

ARTICLE X.

ALBUM AND HISTORY COMMITTEE.

SEC. 1. The Album and History Committee shall consist of three members appointed by the High Priest at each annual convocation.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of this committee to procure a photograph of each member of the Chapter and preserve it in a Chapter Album. It shall also be its duty to collect and compile the Masonic

history of every member in suitable Chapter records, and to present in writing, at each annual convocation, an historical account of the Chapter during the year preceding such annual convocation.

ARTICLE XI.

EXPENDITURES.

SEC. 1. There shall not be expended during any Masonic year a greater sum than the amount paid into the General Fund during said year, except upon a two-thirds vote of the members present at a convocation of the Chapter summoned for the purpose of taking action thereon.

SEC. 2. The High Priest may, in emergent cases, disburse an amount not to exceed ten dollars in any one case for charity.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1. There shall be no amendment or repeal of these By-laws except upon a written proposition submitted at a stated convocation, entered in the minutes, and a copy thereof sent to the members.

SEC. 2. Such proposition shall be acted upon at a subsequent convocation summoned for that purpose.

SEC. 3. No By-law can be amended or repealed unless two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of such amendment or repeal.

SEC. 4. No part of these By-laws relating to the Permanent Fund shall be amended or repealed except upon the written consent of a majority of the members of the Chapter.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Calling Roll of Officers.
2. Reading Minutes last convocation.
3. Sickness and distress.
4. Reports on candidates.
5. Balloting for candidates.
6. Propositions or Applications for Membership.
7. Conferring Degrees.
8. Reports of Special Committees.
9. Other Reports.
10. Reading Communications.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Reading and Approving Minutes.

MEMBERS OF JERUSALEM CHAPTER

Who have received elective or appointive offices in Grand Lodge, Grand or General Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery, or Grand Encampment, before, during, or after their membership in this Chapter; the offices designated being the highest attained by the various companions:

GRAND LODGE.

James M. Austin, Grand Secretary.
Robert R. Boyd, Grand Secretary.
Oscar Coles, Grand Master.
Charles L. Church, Grand Treasurer.
John J. Crane, Grand Master.
Joseph D. Evans, Grand Master.
George W. Hyer, Grand Treasurer.
James Herring, Jr., Grand Secretary.
William T. Hunter, Grand Steward.
James E. Morrison, Grand Marshal.
Rollin M. Morgan, Grand Marshal.
James W. Powell, Grand Secretary.
Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, Grand Chaplain.
Charles Roome, Grand Master.
George Skinner, Grand Pursuivant.
J. Edward Simmons, Grand Master.
Horace S. Taylor, Grand Master.
John Van Buren, Grand Senior Warden.

GRAND CHAPTER.

James M. Austin, General Grand High Priest.
Robert R. Boyd, Grand High Priest.
Oscar Coles, Deputy Grand High Priest.
Charles L. Church, Grand High Priest.
Asa Child, Grand High Priest Connecticut.
James F. Ferguson, Grand Master of the Second Vail.
Joel Hart, Deputy Grand High Priest.
James Herring, Jr., General Grand Secretary.
Thomas Lownds, Deputy Grand High Priest.
William F. Livermore, Grand Master of the First Vail.
James E. Morrison, Grand High Priest.
Richard Pennell, Grand High Priest.
James W. Powell, Deputy Grand High Priest.
George E. W. Stivers, Grand High Priest.
Horace S. Taylor, Grand High Priest.
John E. West, Grand King.

GRAND COUNCIL.

John F. Baldwin, Grand Master.
William Downes, Grand Steward.
Francis Dubaur, Grand Marshal.
John R. Gardner, Grand Conductor of the Council.
Frederick Kanter, Grand Master.
Thomas Lownds, Grand Master.
Royal G. Millard, Grand Treasurer.
W. W. Nexsen, Deputy Grand Master.
William F. Piatt, Grand Master.
George Skinner, Grand Sentinel.
Samuel C. Swartz, Deputy Grand Master.
John Utt, Grand Warden.

GRAND COMMANDERY.

Robert R. Boyd, Grand Commander.
Oscar Coles, Deputy Grand Commander.
Walter Cutting, Grand Commander Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
Thomas Dugan, Grand Treasurer.
Albert G. Goodall, Deputy Grand Commander.
James Herring, Jr., Grand Generalissimo Grand Encampment
William T. Hunter, Grand Standard Bearer.
Herman R. Kretschmar, Grand Warder.
Thomas Lownds, General Grand Warder Grand Encampment.
John A. Mapes, Grand Commander.
Charles Roome, Grand Master Grand Encampment.
William F. Piatt, Grand Commander.
Richard Pennell, Grand Senior Warden.
Oliver Whittlesey, Grand Senior Warden.

A LIST OF THE MEMBERS

OF

Jerusalem Chapter, No. 8, Royal Arch Masons

OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

From its Foundation, February 6, 1799, to December 31, 1899

NOTE.—Names in Capitals, Past High Priests of Jerusalem Chapter.

1799 Adams, William
1799 Archer, Ananias
1808 Andrews, Thomas
1809 Allen, Richard
1811 Anastassi, Joseph
1812 Antonio, Francis
1813 Allen, Prudden
1816 Anderson, George W.
1818 Arno, James
1821 Andrews, William
1822 ARNOLD, GEORGE
1823 Angiere, Samuel F.
1824 Allyn, Francis
1824 Alberson, Daniel
1825 Amsbury, Jabez A.
1825 Allen, George W.
1825 Adams, Charles
1826 Anstice, Moses
1826 Ames, Isaac
1827 Ayres, William
1831 Andrews, Alexander
1837 Atterbury, Robert B.
1840 Alcock, James
1847 ACKERMAN, GEORGE
1849 Andrews, George H.
1853 Ayres, Robert
1855 Allen, William
1862 Abbott, R. O.
1862 Austin, James M.
1864 Anthon, George C.
1864 Allen, Charles D.
1865 Angell, John C.
1866 Adams, Henry M.
1866 Atwater, William H.
1868 Andrews, John R.
1869 Ackert, Alfred T.
1870 Andrews, Thomas, Jr.
1876 Arnold, Glover C.
1876 Arnold, Robert T.
1880 Austin, Lewis H.
1882 Arthur, Charles S.
1885 Alley, William S.
1886 Anthon, Edward
1887 Acker, J. Frederick
1887 Andrews, Lilian Herbert
1887 Allen, William
1887 Andruss, Charles
1891 ARMSTRONG, SAMUEL T.
1894 Andrews, Herbert F.
1897 Allen, Ralph O.
1897 Amerman, William F.
1898 Atkins, John
1898 Allen, G. Edgar
1899 Adams, James H.

1799 Brandt, James W.
1799 Burtsell, Peter
1800 Bennett, James
1802 Brown, Andrew
1803 Bell, James L.
1804 Baker, Stephen
1807 Burrill, William C.
1807 Beach, Daniel
1807 Blakewell, William
1807 Brown, Bush G.
1809 Byrns, Mathew
1809 Bremner, Andrew
1812 Baxter, Stephen
1812 Bellamey, Anthony
1813 Betts, Hiram
1815 Brown, Horace
1815 Browning, Thomas P.
1815 Boyden, Barnard
1815 Bartow, Anthony
1817 Boss, Joseph
1817 Baldwin, Charles N.
1819 Beeman, Ephraim
1820 Brewer, Peter
1821 Borden, R.
1821 Basley, Henry
1822 BELDEN, LEWIS
1822 Betts, Walter
1822 Blackwell, Joseph
1823 Broadbent, Abraham
1823 Bindernagell, Jacob
1823 Baldwin, Joseph D.
1824 Buckley, William
1824 Brett, Theodore F.
1824 Barriere, Hypolite
1825 Blossom, Nathaniel
1825 Bruen, Gamaliel
1825 Buckmaster, Thomas H.

1825 Banks, William R.
1825 Belden, William
1825 Brewster, Jonathan L.
1826 Burrell, Benjamin
1826 Belden, Daniel
1826 Baker, John
1826 Buckingham, Ed.
1826 Barstrow, Thomas
1827 Boggs, William
1827 Bingle, Richard H.
1829 Bellamy, James S.
1831 Balchin, George
1837 BOYD, ROBERT R.
1843 Bouer, Frederick
1843 Beckwith, Joseph P.
1847 Browning, Ed.
1847 Bolton, E. C.
1849 Bishop, Godfrey H.
1850 Buffum, W. A.
1851 Burckhardt, Charles B.
1852 Bolton, John
1852 Benjamin, G. B.
1852 Bristow, William R.
1852 Bordman, Philip
1853 Bamberger, Albert
1854 Baldwin, John F.
1854 Buckhout, E.
1855 Bentley, John
1855 Bill, Edward
1855 Bartlett, Asa H.
1856 Babcock, Charles B., Jr.
1858 Bell, Molyneux
1858 Balestier, Joseph N.
1858 Banks, Henry C.
1859 Berghause, Julius M.
1860 Brevoort, Henry W.
1861 Bradbury, Edward G.
1861 Black, Charles N.
1862 Bronson, Henry G.
1862 Barlow, Samuel L. M.
1864 Burns, Walter H.
1864 Betts, J. Sidney, Jr.
1865 Bilger, James M.
1865 Black, Edward G.
1866 Bradford, J. Henry
1866 Belcher, Charles S.
1866 Bailey, Charles H.
1866 Bruno, William S.
1866 Bradford, Richard M.
1866 Brown, Hervey
1866 Brown, Charles S.
1866 Bensell, Joseph
1866 Boyd, Harkness
1866 Blakesley, Charles E. E.
1866 Bendix, John E.
1867 Burbank, George M.
1867 Bufford, Frank G.
1867 Bunker, William E.
1868 Benkard, James
1870 Burnett, James J.
1870 Burnett, Gilbert J.
1870 Blondell, Eugene
1870 Boyle, John C.
1870 Burke, Edward V.
1871 Browne, Jacob S.
1872 Barclay, Harrison S.
1872 Bryce, James, Jr.
1873 Bulkley, Charles H.
1873 Briggs, Newton S.
1875 Banks, David
1876 Bloomfield, Charles A.
1878 Browne, George B.
1880 Banks, David S.
1880 Bryant, Joseph D.
1882 Bruno, Richard M.
1883 Barnes, Davis
1884 Boll, Adolphus
1885 BROWN, GEORGE WHITFIELD, JR.
1885 Bache, William F.
1887 Bartlett, Samuel C.
1889 Babbitt, Charles J.
1889 Brown, H. R.
1890 Barklow, Benjamin R.
1890 Brady, Thomas H.
1891 Burke, Tyree P.
1891 Billington, Reno R.
1891 Booth, Carlos R.
1892 Butler, Arthur A.
1892 Babcock, Frank A.
1892 Booth, Thomas C.
1892 Berg, Walter G.
1892 Brady, James T.
1894 Bell, Thomas Outwater
1894 Blackhurst, James F. C.
1894 Brumley, Avery
1894 Bogert, Abram B.
1894 Buckbee, John
1894 Billings, John H.
1895 Brumley, William S.
1895 Bristol, Henry M.
1896 Burnside, James H.
1896 Bishop, Walter Vail
1897 Bagot, Peter
1897 Burrill, Percy Morris
1897 Bedell, William L. D.
1897 Brouillet, Charles E.
1897 Burke, James H.
1898 Brugmann, Albert F.
1898 Baxter, Philip W.
1898 Barnum, Orrin S.
1899 Boas, John C.
1899 Brown, Charles A.
1899 Ball, Samuel F.
1899 Berrian, George W.
1899 Breingan, Alexander S.
1899 Brown, Robert A.
1899 Banks, David, Jr.

1799 Cheetham, Benjamin
1799 Carr, James
1802 Costello, Thomas
1804 Cross, John, Jr.
1805 Curtis, Amos
1807 Charles, Robert
1807 Crosbie, Richard
1807 Cooper, Vernaldus
1807 Craig, William
1808 Collie, David C.
1808 Clarke, George
1808 Crockett, Ebenezer
1808 Cotterall, Thomas
1808 Clough, John
1808 Collier, Frederick
1809 Cave, Stephen
1813 Chiesa, Peter
1815 Crany, Daniel
1821 Collis, William
1821 Cook, James
1821 Curtis, Joel
1821 Coates, John
1822 Church, Rodney S.
1822 Carey, Robert
1823 Clements, Robert D.
1823 Cleeve, Charles
1823 Cook, Edward

1823 Cutler, John H.
1824 Crosby, Ransom
1824 Cripps, William
1824 Clegg, Isaac
1825 Croxson, William W.
1825 Colton, Nathaniel
1826 Couch, Hiram
1826 Conklin, John
1826 Chapman, Enoch C.
1826 Covill, Dennis
1827 Corneilson, Ab. D.
1827 Carlisle, John
1828 Cape, Christian
1833 Carter, Joseph
1837 COPELAND, ALEXANDER
1845 COLES, OSCAR
1845 Cron, Anthon
1847 Church, Charles L.
1851 Callicott, Theophilus C.
1851 Clark, John M.
1853 Corser, Benjamin F.
1853 Child, Asa
1854 Crighton, Robert
1854 Chapman, James H. T.
1854 Cronk, Samuel W.
1855 Compton, T. F.
1855 Carhart, Jeremiah
1855 Crane, John J.
1860 Coster, G. Washington
1860 Clinton, Charles A.
1861 Clark, Thomas
1861 Colman, William T.
1861 Cranston, Hiram
1862 Clitz, Henry B.
1862 Crawford, Samuel W.
1862 Cooper, Edward
1862 Carnochan, John M.
1864 Cathcart, John S.
1864 Curtis, Alfred L.
1864 Chambers, Mathew S.
1865 Crosby, Joshua W.
1865 Carr, William H.
1865 CONOVER, JOHN T.
1866 Conner, William C.
1866 Caldwell, Elisha S.
1867 Crane, Charles W.
1867 Chase, Edward P.
1867 Chapin, Edwin S.
1867 CROSS, THADDEUS M. B.
1867 Cutting, Walter
1868 Cumming, John T.
1868 Currier, Thomas J.
1871 Close, David A.
1871 Cruikshank, Aug. W.
1872 Colgate, John H.
1873 Cornwall, Adolphus B.
1874 CONOVER, WARREN A.
1874 Cobb, William S.
1875 Champney, Addison W.
1877 Calder, Patrick D. L.
1882 Carson, John
1885 Campbell, Geo. W., Jr.
1885 Clarke, John D.
1885 Cook, William W.
1887 Cleveland, Artie B.
1889 Cox, William C.
1889 Curtis, Edward W.
1889 Connell, J. Harvey
1890 CRITCHERSON, WILLIAM D.
1890 Cooke, Henry M.
1891 Cordes, August W.
1891 Cobin, I. Jones
1891 Chegnay, Henri

1893 Clark, Oliver S., Jr.
1893 Cooper, Joseph P.
1894 Crow, Moses R.
1894 Clark, Edmund C. M.
1894 Coleman, Abraham B.
1897 Copp, William Maltby
1897 Clare, Henry, Jr.
1898 Cook, Ellis L.
1898 Chambers, James
1898 Conrad, Theodore F.
1899 Chandler, Charles B.
1899 Cooper, John H. W.
1899 Crisp, Charles S.
1899 Cornwall, Arthur B.
1899 Camerer, Emil E.

1799 Douglass, John
1802 DANIEL, THOMAS
1802 Donaldson, James
1802 Dobbs, Henry M.
1807 Dubaur, Francis
1807 Dobson, William B.
1808 Delavan, Daniel
1808 Downs, John
1808 Davis, James C.
1809 Donavan, William
1810 Doubleday, John
1810 Dunlap, James
1813 de La Pierre, Barth.
1813 Douglass, James
1813 Davis, George
1822 Day, Charles M.
1823 Dwight, Henry
1823 Duncan, John, Jr.
1825 Dunham, Hampton
1825 Duffy, Thomas P.
1825 De Rose, Anthony L.
1825 Dean, Benjamin
1825 Davis, George
1825 Douglass, John P.
1827 Duprat, Justin
1828 Driscoll, Jeremiah
1829 Dardon, George
1838 Davis, John H.
1839 DeRoll, Charles
1849 Drummond, Samuel
1851 Dederick, W. H.
1851 DILL, HAMILTON
1853 Daly, R. H.
1855 Drake, Charles
1855 Deagle, Lorenzo
1855 Dean, John E.
1856 Dugan, Thomas
1860 DEDERICK, ZACHARIAH
1861 Davis, Julian G.
1865 Degroot, Edmund D.
1866 Draper, John H.
1866 Draper, Henry
1866 Dean, Isaac W.
1866 Dally, James C.
1867 Docharty, Geradus B.
1867 DEANE, ROYAL E.
1867 Dudley, John L.
1867 Davis, Lewis H.
1867 Docharty, James B.
1868 Docharty, Augustus T.
1868 Davis, William H.
1868 Davis, Otis B.
1868 Decker, James M.
1869 Davis, Wm. Hitchcock
1870 Dickinson, Abisha S.
1870 Doscher, John E.
1871 Dewing, Edwin S.

1871 Duckworth, William H.
1871 DOWNES, WILLIAM
1873 DeVulder, John
1874 Dunham, Sumner T.
1875 Dwinnell, William H.
1876 DuBois, Coert
1880 DesMarets, Ernest A.
1882 DeBaines, John
1887 Doubleday, Edwin S.
1888 Dixon, E. W.
1889 Dawson, John J.
1891 Dutcher, Alfred C.
1891 de-Lemos, Theo. W. E.
1893 DuBois, Cornelius
1893 Dimick, Jeremiah W., Jr.
1894 Doll, Edwin N.
1894 Dusenberry, Walter L.
1894 Davis, George DeWitt
1894 Dewey, Irving M.
1895 Davis, Benjamin W.
1896 Dyer, Henry L.
1896 Dall, Horace Holley
1896 Dyett, Arthur M.
1897 Dudley, Fred Maurice
1897 Dieges, Charles J.
1897 Deyo, Emery
1898 Daily, George M.

1808 Evans, Lewis
1808 Emmons, Eli
1827 Efner, Valentine
1827 Edson, Alvin
1827 Ellis, Benjamin
1834 Engold, John F.
1845 Echart, Charles
1847 Elsessor, Seligman
1853 Evans, Joseph D.
1853 Edmonds, J. A.
1856 Edgerton, Theodore T.
1863 Eastman, Timothy C.
1864 Everson, Henry
1865 Earle, James
1865 Edwards, Richard T.
1867 Eager, William B.
1867 Erickson, William T.
1867 Ellis, Henry A.
1868 Elder, D. Riker
1872 Evans, Cadwalader
1883 Elliman, Arthur B.
1890 Ellicott, Joseph R.
1891 Edwards, James H.
1892 Evans, Hartman
1894 Ely, Alfred
1894 Erdmann, John F.
1896 Elmendorf, Dwight L.
1897 Elmore, Frank H.

1799 Frayard, William M.
1799 Fryate, William
1806 Frayard, William
1806 Fleming, Walter
1807 Ferris, George
1807 Forrester, Joseph
1807 Flemming, Thomas
1811 Friday, Jacob
1819 Finn, James G.
1820 Fitch, Theodore S.
1821 Fink, John P.
1822 Folger, Benjamin H.
1822 Flack, Jacob
1824 Fish, Orlando
1824 Fisher, Charles
1824 Finch, Alvah

1824 Ford, Lewis F.
1826 Folger, Robert B.
1826 Frame, David A.
1828 Field, Peter
1841 Freshbein, Joseph
1842 Fowler, James
1851 Fredericks, Charles D.
1851 Frear, Alexander
1851 Flores, Santiago
1852 Fredericks, G. W.
1853 Freeman, James
1853 Frank, P. W.
1853 Frank, W. K.
1855 Fowler, Isaac V.
1855 Fawcett, Frederick
1862 Ferris, Oscar C.
1865 FERGUSON, JAMES F.
1868 Fahnstock, John
1868 Fowler, Abraham F.
1877 Fellowes, Ernest T.
1878 Freeborn, James F., Jr.
1879 Felthousen, John W.
1888 Fuller, Robert M.
1889 Fischer, Adolpho H.
1893 Frankel, Edward
1894 Fitch, William P.
1894 Fryer, Benjamin W.
1894 Fraser, Charles A.
1894 Fleming, George A.
1896 Frost, Albert H.
1896 Ferris, Henry J.
1897 Freeman, Albert

1799 Gordon, Alexander
1799 Gedalia, Isaac
1800 Grant, Benjamin
1802 Gibson, William
1808 Gray, James
1808 Graham, John
1808 Gale, Coe, Jr.
1808 Guion, John
1808 Gomperts, Gompert S.
1814 Green, Samuel B.
1815 Garret, Albert
1816 Gantz, John J.
1816 Greenland, Stephen
1821 Garrettee, Jose
1822 Green, Reuben
1823 Gereardt, John P.
1823 Gray, Neil
1824 Goetner, John P.
1824 Gillender, John E.
1824 Greenup, George
1824 Gannon, John F.
1824 Gisner, James P.
1824 Greenup, William M.
1824 Gray, Samuel
1825 Gardner, George
1825 Gladding, Williard
1826 Gantz, George W.
1826 Govert, Harman
1826 Gram, Hans B.
1827 Gage, Samuel
1827 Green, Israel
1834 Gray, John F.
1834 Gunther, Christian G.
1840 Goulding, William R.
1842 Gibbons, George S.
1847 Gelston, Samuel
1852 Grace, Charles
1854 Gildersleeve, Caleb D.
1854 Grey, John
1855 Goodman, James

1856 Gardner, Peter
1861 Gibbs, George
1865 Gray, John H.
1866 Gayler, James
1866 Graham, John R.
1868 Gage, Peter J.
1868 Griffen, Samuel P.
1871 GOODALL, ALBERT G.
1873 Gordon, M[illegible]uis L.
1875 Gibson, K[illegible]sson C.
1880 Garrison, William D.
1882 Goodall, Edwin
1883 Goffe, [illegible]harles C.
1883 Gregory, G. Frederick
1886 Givaudan, Benjamin E.
1888 Gurney, Robert F.
1890 Giles, James H.
1891 Goffe, Robert H., Jr.
1891 Goodsell, Edward L.
1891 Goss, Wright D.
1892 GARDNER, JOHN ROBERT
1893 Gard, William E.
1894 Garr, John C.
1896 Gardner, J. A. L.
1896 Growtage, Harry
1897 Gardner, Joseph W. S.
1897 Gardner, George Rivers
1899 Grosholz, Louis P.
1899 Goulding, William J.
1899 Gardiner, Charles B.

1799 Holmes, Thomas
1799 Hays, William
1800 Howlett, Samuel
1806 Harvey, John
1807 HART, JOEL
1807 Holmes, William
1808 Hiborn, James
1808 Hunter, William T.
1810 Humbert, Jonas, Jr.
1811 Hoxie, John
1812 Hassey, Henry J.
1812 HYER, GEORGE W.
1812 HERRING, JAMES, SR.
1813 Holdridge, Nathaniel B.
1813 Humphrey, Mathew
1815 Hoag, Philip
1816 Harbeck, Augustus
1817 HERRING, JAMES, JR.
1819 Hines, Luther
1821 Hallock, Charles
1822 HOXIE, JOSEPH
1822 Hector, John
1823 Hart, Joseph C.
1823 Henry, Philip
1823 Hassell, Josiah
1823 HOYT, MAURICE
1824 Hardy, William H.
1824 Henry, John
1824 Housman, William C.
1824 Hardenburgh, John
1824 Higgins, James P.
1824 Hull, Oliver
1825 Harding, James S.
1825 Hart, James H.
1826 Hardenbrook, J. R.
1826 Hilton, William
1826 Heath, S. V. R.
1826 Halsey, Luther
1827 Hartman, Gotfried
1827 Heim, Joseph
1827 Hodkins, John
1828 Hosack, David
1833 Hendricks, Lewis
1833 Hemmingway, William T.
1834 Higbie, A. H.
1835 Harway, John L.
1837 Hatch, Henry
1842 Hague, James
1849 Hopkins, Peter H.
1850 Harrison, Ed. H.
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1851 Hays, Thomas E.
1852 Henry, Charles H.
1852 Hall, Thomas S.
1853 Hull, Charles W.
1854 Hillson, William B.
1854 Hawley, Charles B.
1854 Harley, James H.
1854 Hancock, Thomas P.
1854 Hamilton, James
1855 Houghton, F. E.
1855 Hudson, H. Holly
1855 Hardenbrook, W. H.
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1871 Howe, Joseph W.
1871 Hay, Silas C.
1873 Hatfield, Robert F.
1878 Hurlburt, Frazier W.
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1888 Haswell, Charles H.
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1891 Hall, William W.
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1892 Hadley, Benjamin F.
1892 Haverstick, Willis N.
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1894 Harrington, Albert V.
1894 Hodgskin, James B.
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1897 Hoole, William Robert
1897 Hanford, C. W.
1898 Hill, Herbert J.
1898 Haff, William B. C.
1899 Hassell, Gilbert L.
1899 Haney, John D.
1899 Hagemeyer, George
1899 Hall, Christopher W.

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1808 Jackson, Archibald
1808 Jacques, Robert
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1821 Jessup, William
1823 Jones, Anthony W.
1824 Johnson, James
1825 Johnson, Martin
1825 Johnson, William S.
1825 Jewett, Noah
1825 Jocelin, William H.
1826 Jacobs, Samuel
1827 Jameson, Joseph
1832 Jansen, William A.
1841 Jewett, Perry
1841 Johnson, Henry W.
1843 Jessup, Henry
1848 Judson, Levi Carroll
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1870 Jackson, George R.
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1877 James, Dudley L.
1886 Janeway, James G.
1891 Jarman, Robert P.
1892 Judson, Cyrus Field
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1897 Jackson, Charles R.
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1899 Kenney, Joseph

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1807 Leggett, John
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1808 Lewis, Thomas
1809 Ladley, John
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1823 Letson, Thomas W.
1824 Lewis, Stiles
1824 LeCarron, Charles
1824 LaFayette, George W.
1824 Lafayette, Marquis de
1825 Lawrence, August
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1808 McAlpine, John
1808 Main, David
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1808 McGowen, James
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1821 Macbeth, James
1821 Mascia, John
1821 Mathews, Francis
1821 Moore, Stephen
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1822 McGarvey, James
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1866 Minor, Charles E.
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1892 Mallet-Prevost, Severo
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1826 Paap, John W.
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1826 Plog, Charles
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1823 Roberts, Hugh S.
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1879 Sayre, Lewis Hall
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1863 Van Vliet, Stewart
1867 Vought, Samuel L.
1867 VAN BENSCHOTEN, EUGENE
1871 Voorhis, Jacob, Jr.
1878 Van Wyck, William
1888 Vincent, Charles R.
1890 Van Auken, B. H., Jr.

1799 WEST, JOHN E.
1799 WARING, THOMAS
1799 Williams, Daniel
1800 WEIR, GEORGE
1801 Waring, Jesse
1804 Westerfield, John
1805 Williams, Jeremiah
1806 Weir, Thomas
1807 Wilson, Alexander
1807 Weatherspoon, Charles
1807 Wark, John
1808 Willets, Zebulon L.
1808 Wright, John
1808 Wilkinson, William
1808 Webb, James
1808 Wright, Nicholas
1808 Williams, States
1808 Whittlesey, Friend
1808 Woodruff, George
1809 Woods, Joseph
1811 Westcott, Samuel
1812 Williams, David
1812 Wallace, Thomas
1812 Williams, James
1813 WHITLOCK, THADDEUS
1814 White, Thomas
1816 WOOLLEN, CHARLES
1817 Walbridge, Lyman
1817 Wilson, Edward G.
1817 Willis, Charles P.
1819 Wright, Daniel
1820 Whalen, George
1820 Whitman, Jacob
1821 Weed, Daniel H.
1821 Waring, Benjamin T.
1821 Weed, Raymond
1821 Wilkes, Charles
1823 Wilson, Abram D.
1824 Whitlock, Edward
1825 White, Aaron C.
1825 Waterman, Otis
1825 Wilkinson, George
1825 Webster, James
1826 Wiltsie, Jacob
1826 Willard, Orsamus
1826 Warner, Effingham
1826 Woolsey, John
1827 Whitney, Stephen N.
1827 Washburn, Job M.
1827 Whitman, Jacob
1829 WHITTLESEY, OLIVER
1832 Willard, Timothy P.
1834 Westervelt, James
1835 Williams, Samuel M.
1839 Walker, Enoch
1839 Wenzel, Henry
1851 West, William R.
1852 Whipple, E. W.
1852 Wells, Helmus M.
1852 Walcott, Charles H.
1854 Ward, Henry H.
1855 Webster, David P.
1855 White, Thomas
1855 Walters, Henry
1856 Winters, John
1856 Witcomb, Virgil
1860 Woodward, George F.
1860 Wainwright, J. H., Sr.
1862 Wilmerding, John C.
1862 Wygant, Stephen T.
1865 Williams, A. Denison
1865 Winslow, Edward H.
1865 Wilmerding, George G.
1865 Wilson, George W.
1865 White, John P. P.
1865 Weston, Sullivan H.
1866 Waterhouse, James
1866 Warren, J. Kearney
1866 Walbridge, Daniel M.
1866 Whiting, Henry W.
1867 Weiler, Frank M.
1867 Waterbury, John S.
1868 Worster, Joseph
1868 Wray, John H.
1868 Wright, Charles
1868 Waterlow, James R.
1869 Warner, Leonard W.
1870 Ward, Josiah O.
1870 White, J. Burchard
1871 Willis, William B.
1872 Wells, Lawrence
1872 Ward, Charles E.
1873 Whipple, John
1873 Weir, Albert M.
1875 Watts, G. Burghall
1875 Walker, Dexter H.
1877 Wolff, Charles G.
1880 Whitney, Charles A., Jr.

1882 Waydell, Cornelius
1882 Wexell, John W.
1886 Walden, James H.
1886 Wills, Charles T.
1891 Wainwright, J. Howard, Jr.
1891 Wright, John S.
1891 Whitner, William R.
1891 White, David
1891 White, Samuel, Jr.
1891 Williams, Henry K. S.
1891 Wilson, Samuel Cheshire
1892 Wilson, William
1892 Westervelt, Josiah A.
1892 Williams, J. Castree
1893 Wakeman, Wilbur F.
1893 Ward, Frank B.
1894 Wagner, Frederic C.
1897 Wolters, Henry O.
1898 Weldon, Edward D.
1899 Wille, Carl A. E. T.
1899 Wilmurt, Thomas A., Jr.
1899 Weber, John
1899 Whitney, Charles Alvano
1899 Wood, Edward V.
1899 Winship, Francis A.

1804 Yates, Joseph
1808 Yarts, James
1808 Young, Robert
1825 Young, Pierre A.
1826 Youghey, John
1865 Young, Ebenezer
1883 Young, Thomas A.
1891 Yoran, Frank
1891 Yergason, J. S.
1896 Young, Charles H.

1831 Zanoni, James
1837 Zeitz, Charles

A LIST OF THE OFFICERS

OF

JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 8,

From its Foundation, February 6, 1799, to 1899

Year.	High Priest.	King.	Scribe.
1799	John E. West	Thomas Waring	Alexander M. Stewart
1800	Thomas Waring	Alexander M. Stewart	Thomas H. Kennedy
1801	Thomas Waring	Alexander M. Stewart	Thomas H. Kennedy
1802	Alexander M. Stewart	Thomas H. Kennedy	Robert Steele
1803	Alexander M. Stewart	Robert Steele	Thomas Daniel
1804	Thomas Daniel	Henry Newport	Andrew Brown
1805	Alexander M. Stewart	Henry Newport	William Shippy
1806	Thomas Lownds	Henry Newport	William Shippy
1807	Thomas Lownds	George Weir	Amos Curtis
1808	Thomas Lownds	Benjamin C. Stevenson	Stephen Baker
1809	Thomas Sketchley	John E. Ruckle	Jeremiah Shotwell
1810	Benjamin C. Stevenson	George Weir	William T. Hunter
1811	George Weir	William T. Hunter	William Shippy
1812	Joel Hart	William Shippy	John Westerfield
1813	William Shippy	George Woodruff	James Herring, Sr.
1814	William Shippy	James Herring, Sr.	Amos Curtis
1815	James Herring, Sr.	James Gray	Joel Hart
1816	George W. Hyer	William T. Hunter	Thaddeus Whitlock
1817	James Herring, Sr.	Thaddeus Whitlock	William Osborn
1818	*No record*	*No record*	*No record*
1819	Thomas Kinch	*No record*	*No record*
1820	Charles Woollen	Christian Truss	Charles N. Baldwin
1821	Christian Truss	Charles N. Baldwin	Thomas McCready
1822	Christian Truss	Peter Brewer	Ephraim Beeman
1823	Thaddeus Whitlock	Richard Pennell	Joseph Hoxie
1824	Richard Pennell	Joseph Hoxie	Lewis Belden
1825	Joseph Hoxie	Lewis Belden	Hampton Dunham
1826	Lewis Belden	Hampton Dunham	Charles Cleeve
1827	Joseph Hoxie	Maurice Hoyt	Neil Gray
1828	Maurice Hoyt	James Robinson	Hans B. Gram
1829	Richard Pennell	James Robinson	Neil Gray
1830	James Robinson	Neil Gray	Thomas W. Letson
1831	George Arnold	Thomas W. Letson	Oliver Whittlesey
1832	Oliver Whittlesey	James S. Harding	William Boggs
1833	Oliver Whittlesey	William Boggs	Harvey F. Lombard
1834	Oliver Whittlesey	William Boggs	Harvey F. Lombard
1835	Oliver Whittlesey	Harvey F. Lombard	Levi Strangman
1836	Levi Strangman	Timothy P. Willard	Lewis Hendricks
1837	James Herring, Jr.	Richard Pennell	Ransom Crosby
1838	James Herring, Jr.	Richard Pennell	Alexander Copeland
1839	Alexander Copeland	James Herring, Jr.	William H. Skeats
1840	Richard Pennell	William H. Skeats	William W. Nexsen
1841	William W. Nexsen	Charles S. Rowell	James Shaw
1842	Charles S. Rowell	William C. Shaw	William H. Skeats
1843	Alexander Copeland	William C. Shaw	James Allcock
1844	Robert R. Boyd	James H. MacKenzie	Frederick W. Leeds
1845	William H. Skeats	Frederick W. Leeds	Elias W. Nexsen
1846	Elias W. Nexsen	Oscar Coles	James Fowler
1847	Oscar Coles	James Fowler	J. H. Vonderleith

Year.	High Priest.	King.	Scribe.
1848	Oscar Coles	George Ackerman	J. H. Vonderleith
1849	George Ackerman	John F. Robinson	George S. Gibbons
1850	Richard Pennell	James W. Powell	George H. Andrews
1851	James W. Powell	Peter H. Hopkins	James Narine
1852	William B. Shove	Hamilton Dill	Samuel C. Swartz
1853	Hamilton Dill	Samuel C. Swartz	E. W. Whipple
1854	Hamilton Dill	Samuel C. Swartz	Alexander Frear
1855	Samuel C. Swartz	Alexander Frear	Royal G. Millard
1856	Samuel C. Swartz	Alexander Frear	James Narine
1857	Samuel C. Swartz	Alexander Frear	James Narine
1858	Samuel C. Swartz	Alexander Frear	James Narine
1859	Godfrey W. Steinbrenner	J. N. Balestier	Charles B. Babcock, Jr.
1860	Godfrey W. Steinbrenner	J. N. Balestier	Charles B. Babcock, Jr.
1861	Horace S. Taylor	Jotham Post	Zachariah Dederick
1862	Horace S. Taylor	Jotham Post	Robert G. Remsen
1863	Horace S. Taylor	Jotham Post	Robert G. Remsen
1864	Horace S. Taylor	Jotham Post	Robert G. Remsen
1865	Jotham Post	John J. Crane	Robert G. Remsen
1866	Zachariah Dederick	John T. Conover	George L. Maxwell
1867	Zachariah Dederick	John T. Conover	Joseph H. Toone
1868	Zachariah Dederick	John T. Conover	Joseph H. Toone
1869	John T. Conover	Joseph H. Toone	James F. Ferguson
1870	John T. Conover	James F. Ferguson	Eugene Van Benschoten
1871	James F. Ferguson	Eugene Van Benschoten	John P. P. White
1872	James F. Ferguson	Eugene Van Benschoten	John P. P. White
1873	Eugene Van Benschoten	Thaddeus M. B. Cross	Robert H. Thomas
1874	Eugene Van Benschoten	Thaddeus M. B. Cross	Albert G. Goodall
1875	Thaddeus M. B. Cross	John A. Mapes	Albert G. Goodall
1876	John A. Mapes	Albert G. Goodall	Royal E. Deane
1877	John A. Mapes	Albert G. Goodall	Royal E. Deane
1878	Royal E. Deane	Frank H. Hinds	William Downes
1879	Frank H. Hinds	William Downes	Warren A. Conover
1880	Frank H. Hinds	William Downes	Warren A. Conover
1881	William Downes	Warren A. Conover	Coert Du Bois
1882	Charles Roome	Albert G. Goodall	Warren A. Conover
1883	Charles Roome	Albert G. Goodall	Warren A. Conover
1884	Albert G. Goodall	Warren A. Conover	Albert M. Weir
1885	Warren A. Conover	Albert M. Weir	William F. Livermore
1886	Warren A. Conover	William F. Livermore	Rollin M. Morgan
1887	William F. Livermore	Rollin M. Morgan	Claudius M. Roome
1888	Rollin M. Morgan	Claudius M. Roome	Geo. Whitfield Brown, Jr.
1889	Claudius M. Roome	Geo. Whitfield Brown, Jr.	James Holian
1890	Geo. Whitfield Brown, Jr.	James Holian	Lilian H. Andrews
1891	Geo. E. W. Stivers	John W. Sisson	J. Harvey Connell
1892	John W. Sisson	William E. Hoxie	William D. Critcherson
1893	William E. Hoxie	William D. Critcherson	Samuel T. Armstrong
1894	William D. Critcherson	Samuel T. Armstrong	Charles Victor Twiss
1895	Samuel T. Armstrong	Charles Victor Twiss	John Robert Gardner
1896	Charles Victor Twiss	John Robert Gardner	George J. Kilgen
1897	John Robert Gardner	George J. Kilgen	H. Eugene Stafford
1898	H. Eugene Stafford	John R. Tresidder	Thomas O. Bell
1899	John R. Tresidder	Thomas O. Bell	William P. Martin

Year.	Captain of the Host.	Principal Sojourner.	Royal Arch Captain.
1799	Thomas H. Kennedy	William Hays	William Fryate
1800	William Hays	Thomas Holmes	Benjamin C. Stevenson
1801	James W. Brandt	William Rodgers	Thomas McCready
1802	William Rodgers	John E. West	Thomas Holmes
1803	William Gibson	Lewis Morris	Samuel Todd
1804	George Weir	Thomas Lownds	William Rodgers
1805	George Weir	Thomas Lownds	James L. Bell
1806	Amos Curtis	Joseph Yates	John Westerfield
1807	Joseph Yates	Thomas Sketchley	William A. Frayard
1808	Alexander M. Stewart	Francis Dubuar	Joseph Robinson
1809	Robert Young	William T. Hunter	Bush G. Brown
1810	Bush G. Brown	George B. Smith	Philo Lewis
1811	George Woodruff	George Clarke	Joseph Robinson
1812	George Woodruff	George Clarke	Thomas Weir
1813	R. N. Rosencrantz	John E. Russell	Martin Vriden
1814	Joel Hart	Isaac Tryon	Richard G. Lowery
1815	John Utt	Mathew Byrns	Joseph Forrester

Year.	Captain of the Host.	Principal Sojourner.	Royal Arch Captain.
1816	George Clarke	Henry Roff	Hiram Betts
1817	George Clarke	Barnard Boyden	Hiram Betts
1818	*No record*	*No record*	*No record*
1819	*No record*	*No record*	*No record*
1820	W. F. Piatt	Edward Riley	Ephraim Beeman
1821	Ephraim Beeman	Peter Brewer	Jacob Whitman
1822	Daniel H. Weed	William Jessup	John Coates
1823	Reuben Green	Lewis Belden	Hampton Dunham
1824	Hampton Dunham	Charles Cleeve	Abram D. Wilson
1825	Charles Cleeve	Abram D. Wilson	William Rockwell
1826	Abram D. Wilson	Maurice Hoyt	George Arnold
1827	James Robinson	Joseph C. Hart	George W. Gantz
1828	Ransom Crosby	James H. Teller	Levi Strangman
1829	Ransom Crosby	Maurice Hoyt	Charles Adams
1830	Levi Strangman	Richard H. Bingle	Oliver Whittlesey
1831	Charles Adams	William Hilton	John Ridden
1832	William Sarisee	Christian Truss	John Ridden
1833	Levi Strangman	William Sarisee	Timothy P. Willard
1834	Levi Strangman	William Sarisee	Timothy P. Willard
1835	Timothy P. Willard	Thomas L. Mathews	William Sarisee
1836	Smith Marvin	Oliver Whittlesey	*No record*
1837	Oliver Whittlesey	Lewis Hendricks	Levi Strangman
1838	Oliver Whittlesey	Timothy P. Willard	James MacKenzie
1839	Robert R. Boyd	Timothy P. Willard	William W. Nexsen
1840	Alexander Copeland	James Herring, Jr.	Henry Hatch
1841	Greenfield Pote	Elias W. Nexsen	Henry Hatch
1842	James Alcock	Elias W. Nexsen	James MacKenzie
1843	William R. Goulding	Elias W. Nexsen	James MacKenzie
1844	William H. Skeats	Thomas Knapp	James Fowler
1845	Robert Speir	James Fowler	Charles S. Rowell
1846	Charles S. Rowell	William H. Skeats	Robert R. Boyd
1847	John F. Robinson	William H. Skeats	W. St. Clair Nichols
1848	John F. Robinson	George S. Gibbons	Charles L. Church
1849	William H. Skeats	Charles L. Church	J. H. Vonderleith
1850	Peter H. Hopkins	Charles L. Church	J. H. Vonderleith
1851	George Skinner	William B. Shove	James Neary
1852	George Skinner	Thomas Hays	George C. Stone
1853	George Skinner	Thomas Hays	James Narine
1854	Charles W. Hull	James M. Turner	Thomas Hays
1855	George Skinner	G. W. Steinbrenner	John F. Baldwin
1856	George Skinner	Edward Bill	James F. Mahon
1857	George Skinner	Edward G. Bradbury	Charles B. Babcock, Jr.
1858	George Skinner	G. W. Steinbrenner	Charles B. Babcock, Jr.
1859	Hamilton Dill	Samuel C. Swartz	Thomas C. M. Paton
1860	Hamilton Dill	Samuel C. Swartz	Samuel Leggett
1861	John T. Refford	G. W. Steinbrenner	Herman B. Sears
1862	George L. Maxwell	Charles A. Rapallo	Herman B. Sears
1863	Oscar C. Ferris	Edward G. Bradbury	Herman B. Sears
1864	Henry F. Quackenbos	Zachariah Dederick	Herman B. Sears
1865	Matthew S. Chambers	Zachariah Dederick	Herman B. Sears
1866	John H. Gray	Joseph H. Toone	Herman B. Sears
1867	James F. Ferguson	John H. Gray	John T. Horton
1868	James F. Ferguson	Hervey Brown	Frank Markoe
1869	Charles H. Bailey	Geradus B. Docharty	John T. Horton
1870	Thaddeus M. B. Cross	Geradus B. Docharty	John T. Horton
1871	Matthew S. Chambers	Thaddeus M. B. Cross	John A. Mapes
1872	John A. Mapes	Thaddeus M. B. Cross	Eugene Blondell
1873	Albert G. Goodall	John A. Mapes	Eugene Blondell
1874	William H. Davis	John A. Mapes	Frank H. Hinds
1875	William H. Davis	Frank H. Hinds	Thomas Hodgson
1876	William H. Davis	Frank H. Hinds	William Downes
1877	Frank H. Hinds	William Downes	Warren A. Conover
1878	Warren A. Conover	John H. Colgate	Coert Du Bois
1879	John H. Colgate	Coert Du Bois	Robert T. Arnold
1880	Robert T. Arnold	Coert Du Bois	Albert M. Weir
1881	Robert T. Arnold	Ernest A. Des Marets	Albert M. Weir
1882	James F. Ferguson	Ernest A. Des Marets	John W. Felthousen
1883	Albert M. Weir	John H. Colgate	Walter P. Montague
1884	William F. Livermore	John H. Colgate	Walter P. Montague
1885	Rollin M. Morgan	Claudius M. Roome	John Tulley
1886	William H. Nesbit	Claudius M. Roome	Edward W. Martin
1887	William H. Nesbit	Geo. Whitfield Brown, Jr.	Edward W. Martin

Year.	Captain of the Host.	Principal Sojourner.	Royal Arch Captain.
1888	James Holian	Lilian H. Andrews	Benjamin E. Givaudan
1889	Geo. E. W. Stivers	Lilian H. Andrews	John W. Sisson
1890	Geo. E. W. Stivers	John W. Sisson	J. Harvey Connell
1891	William E. Hoxie	William D. Critcherson	James H. Giles
1892	Henry B. Thornbury	Samuel T. Armstrong	Reno R. Billington
1893	James H. Edwards	Charles Victor Twiss	John Robert Gardner
1894	John Robert Gardner	George J. Kilgen	Joel S. Mason
1895	H. Eugene Stafford	George J. Kilgen	Daniel P. Pease
1896	H. Eugene Stafford	John R. Tresidder	Walter L. Dusenberry
1897	Walter L. Dusenberry	John R. Tresidder	Louis F. Kiefer
1898	William P. Martin	William H. Thomas	Herbert M. Seem
1899	Frank H. Richmond	James Chambers	Herbert M. Seem

Year.	Master of Third Vail.	Master of Second Vail.	Master of First Vail.
1799	William Adams	James McKay	Benjamin C. Stevenson
1800	Peter C. Schuyler	Daniel Williams	Benjamin Cheetham
1801	Lewis Morris	Daniel Williams	Gilbert Lang
1802	Samuel Todd	Lewis Morris	Daniel Williams
1803	Hugh McCulloch	James Donaldson	Andrew Brown
1804	James L. Bell	Samuel Todd	James Donaldson
1805	John Westerfield	Joseph Yates	Isaac Little
1806	Stephen Baker	John E. West	George Weir
1807	William F. Stewart	John E. Ruckle	Thomas Weir
1808	Philo Lewis	Thomas Weir	Robert Charles
1809	Thomas Tanner	John Phelps	George Woodruff
1810	Stephen Cave	Andrew Bremner	Edwin Mathews
1811	James Gray	John Wark	Philo Lewis
1812	James Dunlap	John Doubleday	John McAlpine
1813	George Weir	Joel Hart	Thomas Weir
1814	Mathew Byrns	Anthony Bellamy	Bartholomew de la Pierre
1815	Richard G. Lowery	John Westerfield	George Clarke
1816	Thomas Weir	Zadock Seeley	John R. LeCount
1817	William Davison	William Patterson	John J. Gantz
1818	*No record*	*No record*	*No record*
1819	*No record*	*No record*	*No record*
1820	Edward G. Wilson	John J. Gantz	Daniel Wright
1821	Luther Pratt	John J. Gantz	Luther Hines
1822	William Schureman	Jacob Whitman	James Macbeth
1823	James G. Finn	George Arnold	Joseph Kilpatrick
1824	John Solomons	Henry Dwight	Anthony W. Jones
1825	Maurice Hoyt	William C. Housman	George Greenup
1826	Cornelius T. McIlwaine	Nehemiah G. Miles	Thomas J. Morton
1827	Willard Gladding	Henry Riell	William Hilton
1828	Charles Adams	Peter Van Pelt	Luther Halsey
1829	William S. Johnson	Luther Halsey	Jeremiah Driscoll
1830	Jeremiah Driscoll	James S. Harding	William Hilton
1831	Peter Field	John Hodkinds	William Boggs
1832	Charles B. Tappan	Ransom Crosby	John J. Rickers
1833	John J. Rickers	Charles Adams	Enoch C. Chapman
1834	Thomas L. Mathews	John Hodkinds	Peter Field
1835	Lewis Hendricks	John F. Engold	Joseph Heim
1836	*No record*	*No record*	*No record*
1837	Timothy P. Willard	Smith Marvin	Christian G. Gunther
1838	Isaac Pangburn	Lewis Packelton	Henry Hatch
1839	Isaac Pangburn	Henry Hatch	John Newhouse
1840	Enoch Walker	John Newhouse	Henry Wensel
1841	Henry Wensel	William R. Goulding	James Alcock
1842	William R. Goulding	David Levison	Joseph Freshbein
1843	Henry Wensel	Ferdinand Palmo	James Fowler
1844	Henry Jessup	Thomas W. Morley	Charles S. Rowell
1845	Robert R. Boyd	Henry W. Johnson	Ferdinand Palmo
1846	J. H. Vonderleith	Robert Speir	John Newhouse
1847	Anthony Cron	Robert R. Boyd	Elias W. Nexsen
1848	James Lucy	Robert R. Boyd	Anthony Cron
1849	Robert R. Boyd	James Fowler	Samuel Gelston
1850	Gurden Roberts	James Fowler	Elias W. Nexsen
1851	J. F. Mahon	Robert Speir	Samuel McBurney
1852	James Narine	Alexander Frear	John M. Clark
1853	C. B. Burckhardt	Preston Sheldon	J. C. Lucky
1854	Robert Ayres	G. W. Steinbrenner	R. H. Daly

Year.	Master of Third Vail.	Master of Second Vail.	Master of First Vail.
1855	W. K. Frank	Adelmour W. King	C. B. Hawley
1856	W. K. Frank	Charles B. Hawley	G. W. Steinbrenner
1857	Peter Gardner	Robert Ayres	Robert L. North
1858	Albert Bamberger	Robert Ayres	G. W. Fredericks
1859	Morrel B. Spaulding	Peter Gardner	Caleb D. Gildersleeve
1860	Julius M. Berghause	Caleb D. Gildersleeve	Albert Bamberger
1861	Charles A. Rapallo	Charles D. Mead	Morrel B. Spaulding
1862	Benjamin L. Swan, Jr.	Edward G. Bradbury	George H. Penniman
1863	John McCollum	Charles B. Babcock, Jr.	Zachariah Dederick
1864	John McCollum	Benjamin L. Swan, Jr.	Charles B. Babcock, Jr.
1865	John McCollum	Benjamin D. Skidmore	John T. Horton
1866	Charles B. Peck	James F. Ferguson	John T. Horton
1867	John P. P. White	Hervey Brown	Jonathan O. Halsey
1868	Charles W. Crane	Charles H. Bailey	Charles C. Mowton
1869	Charles C. Mowton	Benjamin Loder	John S. Waterbury
1870	Charles C. Mowton	Benjamin Loder	John S. Waterbury
1871	Royal E. Deane	Theodore A. Strange	Eugene Blondell
1872	Theodore A. Strange	David A. Close	Harrison S. Barclay
1873	Frank H. Hinds	Thomas Hodgson	William Downes
1874	Thomas Hodgson	William Downes	John H. Colgate
1875	William Downes	John H. Colgate	J. Henry Liebenau
1876	William S. Cobb	Warren A. Conover	Kasson C. Gibson
1877	John H. Colgate	Coert Du Bois	Robert T. Arnold
1878	Robert T. Arnold	Frank R. Nevins	Dudley L. James
1879	Albert M. Weir	George C. Soren	Thomas Andrews, Jr.
1880	Thomas Andrews	William M. Hoes	William H. Simonson
1881	William F. Livermore	William M. Hoes	John W. Felthousen
1882	John H. Colgate	Walter P. Montague	Rollin M. Morgan
1883	Rollin M. Morgan	Claudius M. Roome	James F. Ferguson
1884	Rollin M. Morgan	Claudius M. Roome	Arthur B. Elliman
1885	*No appointment*	*No appointment*	*No appointment*
1886	William S. Alley	Geo. Whitfield Brown, Jr.	Patrick D. L. Calder
1887	Charles T. Wills	Geo. E. W. Stivers	Ed. L'Estrange Phipps
1888	Geo. E. W. Stivers	Russell W. Moore	John F. Acker, Jr.
1889	Russell W. Moore	John F. Acker, Jr.	Robert F. Gurney
1890	Russell W. Moore	John F. Acker, Jr.	Henry B. Thornbury
1891	Henry B. Thornbury	George S. Sturgis	Edward W. Curtis
1892	George W. Sutton, Jr.	James H. Edwards	Robert P. Jarman
1893	George J. Kilgen	Joel S. Mason	Henry R. Mount
1894	Henry R. Mount	Samuel C. Wilson	Frank B. Ward
1895	Henry W. Smith	Henry W. Remington	Thomas O. Bell
1896	Augustus S. Mapes	Benjamin W. Fryer	Thomas O. Bell
1897	Benjamin W. Fryer	Frank Ludlam	Thomas O. Bell
1898	Henry W. Remington	Charles W. Stranahan	Henry O. Wolters
1899	Henry W. Remington	Henry O. Wolters	Richard J. Secor

Year.	Treasurer.
1799 to 1801	John Douglass
1802 to 1807	Thomas Waring
1808	Amos Curtis
1809	Alexander M. Stewart
1810	Francis Dubaur
1811	George B. Smith
1812 to 1814	Jacob Friday
1815	Francis Dubaur
1816	Jacob Friday
1817	George W. Hyer
1818 to 1819	Thaddeus Whitlock
1820	Zadock Seeley
1821 to 1822	Thaddeus Whitlock
1823 to 1824	William T. Hunter
1825 to 1826	James Herring, Jr.
1827 to 1830	Cornelius T. McIlwaine
1831 to 1834	James G. Finn
1835 to 1838	James Westervelt
1839	Richard Pennell
1840	Bartholomew de la Pierre
1841	Richard Pennell
1842	William W. Nexsen
1843 to 1849	Bartholomew de la Pierre
1850 to 1851	Oscar Coles
1852 to 1854	James W. Powell
1855	Robert Ayres
1856 to 1858	Adelmour W. King
1859	Asa H. Bartlett
1860 to 1872	Adelmour W. King
1873 to 1884	Horace S. Taylor
1885 to 1888	Royal E. Deane
1889 to 1899	Charles A. Whitney

Year.	Secretary.
1799	William McCulloch
1800	James W. Brandt
1801 to 1802	Samuel Howlett
1803	Henry Newport
1804	William Shippy
1805 to 1806	Benjamin C. Stevenson
1807	John Westerfield
1808	Joel Hart
1809	Andrew Sitcher

Year.	Secretary.
1810	William Shippy
1811	Jonas Humbert, Jr.
1812	Robert Jaques
1813	John Hoxie
1814	George W. Hyer
1815	Thaddeus Whitlock
1816	William Osborn
1817	Augustus Harbeck
1818 to 1819	*No record*
1820	Thaddeus Whitlock
1821	Patrick Mott
1822	John Utt
1823	Henry Basley
1824 to 1825	Neil Gray
1826 to 1831	William Belden
1832 to 1833	Charles N. Baldwin
1834	John J. Rickers
1835 to 1841	A. H. Higbie
1842	Frederick W. Leeds
1843	James Shaw
1844 to 1847	William W. Nexsen
1848	Samuel Gelston
1849	Elias W. Nexsen
1850	Samuel Drummond
1851	Henry Stewart
1852 to 1858	John F. Robinson
1859 to 1886	Charles W. Sy
1887	Ernest A. Des Marets
1888 to 1895	Alfred L. Ryer
1896 to 1899	Samuel C. Wilson

Year.	Sentinel.
1799	Daniel Williams
1800	Ananias Archer
1801 to 1807	Gabriel Leggett
1808	Alexander Reynolds
1809 to 1812	Companion Varian
1813	Henry Rutzer
1814 to 1817	Thomas Lownds
1818 to 1821	John Utt
1822 to 1823	Peter N. Utt
1824 to 1826	Joseph Woods
1827 to 1829	James P. Higgins
1830 to 1831	Joseph Woods
1832	Christian Truss
1833 to 1834	Lewis Hendricks
1835	Smith Marvin
1836 to 1837	Thomas L. Mathews
1838 to 1839	James Thorburn
1840 to 1841	William Boardman
1842	James Shaw
1843	Timothy P. Willard
1844	Henry Hatch
1845 to 1846	Thomas Knapp
1847 to 1850	Greenfield Pote
1851	Sewall T. Fisk
1852 to 1855	D. H. Vansice
1856	William B. Shove
1857	John Ewing
1858	D. H. Vansice
1859 to 1899	George Skinner