

HISTORY
OF
JOSEPH WEBB LODGE

Ancient
Free and Accepted Masons

AND
BIOGRAPHY
OF
PAST GRAND MASTER JOSEPH WEBB

SECOND EDITION

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INTRODUCTORY.

At the Sixty-third Communication of Joseph Webb Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held in Sutton Hall (Masonic Temple), Boston, April 5, A.D. 1882, A.L. 5882, the following resolution, proposed by Bro. William Tyner, was adopted :

“That a Committee of five brothers be appointed to prepare a sketch of the life and times of Joseph Webb, the first Grand Master of the Independent Grand Lodge in this Commonwealth ; also a history of the origin and work of this Lodge, and submit the same at the annual meeting.”

Worshipful Master Albro A. Osgood appointed the Committee as follows : Brothers J. Waldo Denny, William Tyner, Worshipful Brothers J. Elliot Bond, D. T. Brigham and Brother Francis A. Chase.

The Committee thus appointed placed the preparation of the book required by the resolution of the Lodge in the hands of Brother J. Waldo Denny.

At the annual meeting, November 1, A.D. 1882, A.L. 5882, Bro. Francis A. Chase, in behalf of the Committee, submitted a report recommending that the Historical and Biographical matter prepared by Brother J. Waldo Denny be published. This report was accepted and the recommendation adopted ; but, upon further consideration, a delay in the publication was deemed necessary, and at the March Communication A.D. 1888, A.L. 5888, upon motion of Wor’f. Brother Albro A. Osgood, adopted by the Lodge, Wor’f. Master Henry M. Rowe appointed Wor’f. Brother J. Waldo Denny, Brothers William E. Murdock and Robert T. Almy a Committee to complete the publication of the matter prepared by Wor’f. Brother J. Waldo Denny.

In accordance with this action of the Lodge, the first edition was published A.D. 1888, A.L. 5888.

At the Communication of the Lodge, December 9, 1897, a Committee was appointed to supervise the publication of a second edition of the History of the Lodge at such time as might be hereafter designated.

The Committee was constituted as follows :

Wor'f. J. Waldo Denny, Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brother James L. Hovey, Wor'f. William E. Murdock and Wor'f. Frank T. Kenah.

At a regular Communication of Joseph Webb Lodge, September 5, 1900, the following motion was made and unanimously adopted :

“That the Committee appointed December 9, 1897, to revise the publication of the History of this Lodge, be instructed to continue the work until after the 25th anniversary of the Lodge, March 20, 1901, to include the account of the celebration of said anniversary ; also, to submit, with their report, three proposals for printing five hundred copies, of which number, two hundred copies are to be delivered bound in such style as the Committee may require.”

Wor'f. Brother Denny accepted the duty of preparing the copy for the printer, and, in accordance with this action of the Lodge, the following pages are respectfully and fraternally submitted.

HISTORICAL.

A history of the origin and work of Joseph Webb Lodge must necessarily be brief. Of the twenty-six brothers who participated in the earliest movement for the formation of the Lodge, as signers of the petition for dispensation, thirteen are now living and affiliated with us.

It becomes a delicate task, for one who played a part in all the preliminary work necessary in bringing the Lodge into existence, to make such a record as all the brethren might agree to be entirely fair and impartial. There exists in the human mind so much of the spirit of envy, and green-eyed jealousy so often asserts its supremacy while judging contemporaneous work, that we have almost feared, in spite of all the guards placed about the avenues of the heart, that one or the other of these spirits of evil might shade a line and point a comma, or, that some idle word might strike unpleasantly upon the attentive and sensitive ear, or, equally undesirable, that silence might be wrongly construed, forgetful of the fact that, when nothing need be said, silence, as Bovee states it, is the eloquence of discretion.

The task of preparing this historical sketch has been assigned, and loyalty to the Lodge requires the performance of its decrees in the spirit of fraternal impartiality and truthfulness, which is sincerely invoked to guide our pen.

First Meeting.—Dispensation.—Charter.

The first meeting to consider the feasibility of forming a new Masonic Lodge was held in Boston Hall, 176 Tremont street, on the evening of December 9, 1875.

A very few brethren interested in Masonic work, had for some months considered the question in all its bearings, until they became satisfied that a new Lodge could not only live, but be made a success. Little by little this feeling, looked upon by some as visionary, grew into a great root, which, spreading like those germinating from the little acorn, shot forth its main branch and gave us the material from which to build our Masonic home.

The time had come when consultation was proper, hence the meeting at Boston Hall as before stated.

William F. Story was chosen to preside, and J. Waldo Denny was made secretary. Brother Story was then a member of Adelpi Lodge, and Brother Denny had been of the same Lodge, but, having taken a demit, was then unaffiliated. The others present were Brothers N. E. Hollace, E. S. Gouls-ton, William H. Gleason, Albro A. Osgood, Oscar C. Pullen, George W. Frost, George Carbis, Alexander McKinley, D. T. Brigham, Benjamin Magoun, William B. Foster and Joseph A. Plumer, all of Adelpi Lodge; Brothers Thomas W. Shap-leigh, of Winslow Lewis Lodge, Columbia R. Beal, of Mt. Tabor, and Julius A. Greene, of Joseph Warren Lodge. The names are given in the order they appear upon the record.

After discussion, it was voted to proceed to designate the officers for a new lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. Worshipful Brother J. Elliot Bond, who had served three terms as Worshipful Master of Adelpi Lodge, was unanimously designated to be the first Master of the new organization. Bro. N. E. Hollace was designated Senior Warden, and Brother William F. Story as Junior Warden. Brother Denny was designated as Secretary. The designation of Treasurer was postponed, as it was desirable to select Brother William Tynner for that position, whose affiliation with us had not at that time

been determined. The two designated Wardens, the Secretary, and Bro. E. S. Goulston were constituted a committee to wait upon Worshipful Brother Bond, inform him of his designation as Worshipful Master, and obtain his acceptance of the same. Another committee of equal importance was chosen to wait upon the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Percival L. Everett, with the petition asking for a dispensation. This committee consisted of Brothers Denny, Story, Hollace, Goulston and Shapleigh. The Most Worshipful Grand Master received the committee at the appointed time, with his usual courtesy, at his banking office on State street, and listened attentively to the argument in support of the petition. Without indicating his own opinion, he stated that he thought it would be advisable to submit the application to all the Masonic bodies in Boston proper. This was an unexpected decision of the Most Worshipful Grand Master — an ordeal never before required of any new applicants for the formation of a Lodge in the city of Boston, and seemed like an impassible Rubicon, that not even a Cæsar could safely cross. It seemed to some of us that the hiatus of our hopes had been reached. There was in Boston proper, located at Masonic Temple, an even dozen lodges. Of this number, one negative lodge would defeat us. With this seemingly insuperable condition before us, we went to work. Right here the committee unexpectedly found friends, and was very strongly re-enforced by the intelligent advocacy of R. W. Brother Charles J. Danforth, who, from the first, warmly espoused the cause of those whose signatures appeared upon the petition. This hearty friend of our enterprise was elected an honorary member May 1, 1877, and, much to the grief of all his Masonic brethren, died on the 17th of the same month. He was a devoted member and Past Master of Lafayette Lodge in the Roxbury district.

The brothers associated in the formation of the new Lodge also bear in affectionate remembrance the official support received from R. W. Henry G. Fay, at that time District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District, and a Past Master of Zetland Lodge in Boston. In recognition of his continued sympathy and support, he was elected to honorary membership February 6, 1884. Worshipful Brother Bond consented to accept the position of Master should a dispensation for a new Lodge be granted. The petition for a dispensation bore the signatures of J. Elliot Bond, N. E. Hollace, William F. Story, Seth B. Cushing, Horatio H. Crawford, George W. Frost, Edward S. Goulston, Albro A. Osgood, J. Waldo Denny, Thomas W. Shapleigh, D. T. Brigham, Benjamin Magoun, George Carbis, Alex. McKinley, Oscar C. Pullen, William H. Gleason, Julius A. Greene, William B. Foster, Columbia R. Beal, John A. Campbell, Joseph A. Plumer, James L. Hovey, Frank D. Bullard, Seth Perkins, William Tyner and John T. Stetson.

Of the above brethren who signed the petition, nine have deceased, as follows: Wor'f. J. Elliot Bond, Wor'f. N. E. Hollace, Wor'f. John T. Stetson, Brothers William F. Story, Seth B. Cushing, Horatio H. Crawford, Edward S. Goulston, Julius A. Greene and Seth Perkins. Brothers William F. Story, William B. Foster and Alexander McKinley did not become members under the Charter, and Brother William H. Gleason asked and received a demit under the Charter. This leaves still affiliated with the Lodge, Wor'f. Brothers Brigham, Osgood and Denny, Brothers Frost, Shapleigh, Magoun, Carbis, Pullen, Beal, Campbell, Hovey, William Tyner and Plumer. After a long struggle, only one or two Lodges making for a time serious opposition, the unanimous consent of the twelve Boston Lodges was obtained, and the Most Worshipful Grand Mas-

ter granted the prayer of the petitioners and issued dispensation March 8, 1876. Under its grant the first communication was held March 20, 1876, in Masonic Temple.

The dispensation is as follows :

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING :

Whereas a petition has been presented to me by sundry Brethren, to wit—J. Elliot Bond, N. E. Hollace, Wm. F. Story, Seth B. Cushing, Horatio H. Crawford, George W. Frost, Edward S. Goulston, Albro A. Osgood, J. Waldo Denny, Thomas W. Shapleigh, D. T. Brigham, Benj'n Magoun, George Carbis, Alex. McKinley, Oscar C. Pullen, William H. Gleason, Julius A. Greene, W. B. Foster, Columbia R. Beal, John A. Campbell, Jos. A. Plumer, James L. Hovey, Frank D. Bullard, Seth Perkins, William Tyner, John T. Stetson, praying to be congregated into a regular Lodge under the name and title of JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, with permission to hold the same in the City of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts —

And Whereas, said petitioners have been recommended to me as Master Masons in good standing, by the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Several Lodges holden in Boston, and their petition having been countersigned and approved by our District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District —

Therefore I, Percival Lowell Everett, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, reposing full confidence in the recommendations aforesaid, and in the Masonic integrity and ability of the petitioners, do by virtue of the authority of my office, and of ancient Masonic usage,

hereby grant this Dispensation — authorizing and empowering our trusty and well beloved Brethren aforesaid, to form and open a Lodge after the manner of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and therein to admit and make Free Masons according to the ancient custom, and not otherwise.

And this Dispensation is to continue in full force until the Quarterly Communication of our Grand Lodge aforesaid, to be holden in the City of Boston in the month of March A.D. 1877, A.L. 5877, unless sooner revoked by me or by authority of our Grand Lodge.

And I do hereby appoint Brother J. Elliot Bond to be first Master, Brother N. Edgar Hollace to be first Senior Warden and Brother William F. Story to be first Junior Warden of said Lodge. And it shall be the duty of said Master and Wardens and their associates, and they are hereby required, to return this Dispensation, with a correct transcript of all proceedings had under the authority of the same, together with an attested copy of their By-Laws, to our Grand Lodge aforesaid, at the expiration of the time herein specified, for examination and such further action in the premises as shall be deemed wise and proper for the general interests of the Craft.

Given under our hand and the seal of our Grand Lodge aforesaid, at Boston, this Eighth day of March A.D. 1876, A.L. 5876.

PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,

Grand Master.

Attest: CHARLES H. TITUS,

[SEAL]

Recording Grand Secretary.

The record of the first meeting before mentioned closes with this sentence, "A general expression was given that when

any person receives the Master's degree, he should be granted membership upon signing the by-laws without further action of the Lodge." While this was a departure from the usual practice of Masonic bodies in this city, it was an acknowledgment of that inchoate membership which every brother has a Masonic right to claim upon the completion of his initiation, and the wisdom of which has been proved in the universal satisfaction attending the practical demonstration of this true democratic theory and its adoption by many other lodges. It is now an established rule of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Before the issuance of the dispensation, there had been discussion upon the subject of the selection of a name for the new Lodge, and the agitation of this question had been so general among the brethren,

That all had owned "with rapture smitten frame,
The power of grace, the magic of a name."

Each proposed cognomen found its defenders; some viewed the promised land through "Centennial" glasses, while others insisted upon making our Masonic pilgrimage through the "East Gate," but, in the midst of our friendly discussions came the opportune suggestion of M. W. Grand Master Everett, that we adopt the name of "Joseph Webb," which suggestion was unanimously adopted. The dispensation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master established us under the name of "Joseph Webb Lodge," and we became debtors to the Grand Master for both the dispensation and a name.

At the first communication under dispensation, Bro. William Tyner was elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Waldo Denny, Secretary. Twenty-one members were present, as follows: Wor'f. Bro. Bond, Bros. Hollace, Story, Tyner, Denny, Osgood, Crawford, Hovey, Shapleigh, Pullen, Plumer, Carbis, Goulston, Cushing, Greene, Beal, Magoun, McKinley, Foster, Frost and

Campbell. Wor'f. Bro. Bond delivered an address, which is spread in full upon the records, and which in all future years will be turned to and read with interest by our affiliated brethren, not merely for its eloquence, but because it contained matter of historic character which our brethren of the present and of the future will be glad to peruse as they go back to the old landmarks of Joseph Webb Lodge. In this address Wor'f. Bro. Bond said: "Before obtaining this warrant from the Grand Master it was necessary to obtain the consent thereto of all the Masonic Lodges having a home in this temple. We have successfully passed the scrutiny of our Masonic brethren composing these Lodges, and our application is endorsed by all of the twelve Masonic bodies of Boston proper. This result, while it is flattering to us, giving us a strength of approval beyond that ever before required, is particularly pleasing, because it assures us that we have the good will of our Masonic brethren." Worshipful Master Bond concluded his address in these words: "Brothers: In ancient times lodges were dedicated to King Solomon, who was our first Most Excellent Grand Master; yet Masons professing Christianity dedicate their lodges to St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist, two eminent Christian patrons of Free Masonry. While we heartily join in dedicating our Lodge to these beloved exemplars of Christianity, it is eminently proper at this time, upon this centennial era, when our minds are being more thoroughly educated in the grand record of the past, that we should be ready to assist in doing honor to one who, a hundred years ago, added the strength of his manhood in support of the Masonic institution. We find, upon looking over the history of Masonry in Massachusetts, that on the 8th day of March, 1777, Joseph Webb, an honored citizen who had previously held distinguished positions in the Provincial Grand

Lodge of which M. W. Joseph Warren was Grand Master, was duly installed Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, which position he held for eight years, and that no lodge until now has assumed his name. The honor of suggesting the name of 'Joseph Webb,' by which we may be known Masonically, belongs to our present Most Worshipful Grand Master, Percival L. Everett. It has been accepted, not only because by so doing we compliment the good taste of our Grand Master, but because by taking it we link the glorious present with the noble past, and do honor to a worthy exponent of Masonry of a hundred years ago. If God smiles upon our effort, we hope here to constitute a full Masonic Lodge upon the centennial anniversary of the installation of Joseph Webb as the first elected Grand Master of the Independent Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. To this end, brothers, let us invoke the continued blessing of Almighty God, that here we may learn to subdue the passions, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, and practice charity to all, that here we may be true and faithful, and by our good work render ourselves deserving the honor which has been conferred, and the confidence so generously reposed in us."

Lodge Constituted.

The work was continued under dispensation until March 23, 1877, when Joseph Webb Lodge was constituted in Ample Form by M. W. Percival L. Everett, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, under a charter granted by the Grand Lodge dated March 8, A.D. 1877, A.L. 5877, that date being the centennial anniversary of the installation of Joseph Webb as Most Worshipful Grand Master of our Grand Lodge, being the first year of its independence.

CHARTER.

To all the Fraternity to whom these Presents shall come, THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS of the COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, sends GREETING :

Whereas, a Petition has been presented to us by —

J. Elliot Bond	George Carbis
N. Edgar Hollace	James L. Hovey
Thomas W. Shapleigh	Columbia R. Beal
William Tyner	William H. Gleason
J. Waldo Denny	Edward S. Goulston
George W. Frost	Seth Perkins
Oscar C. Pullen	Joseph A. Plumer
Albro A. Osgood	Seth B. Cushing
Daniel T. Brigham	William F. West
Horatio H. Crawford	John A. Campbell
Julius A. Greene	Benjamin Magoun

all Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, praying that they, with all others who shall hereafter join them, may be erected and Constituted into a Regular Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, which Petition appearing to us as tending to the advancement of Masonry and to the good of the Craft ;

KNOW YE THEREFORE, that We the Grand Lodge aforesaid, reposing special Trust & Confidence in the Prudence and Fidelity of our Brethren above-named, have constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do constitute and appoint them the said Brethren, a Regular Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons under the title and designation of

Joseph Webb Lodge.

Hereby giving and granting unto them and their successors,

full power and authority to convene Masons within the City of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth aforesaid, to receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts and raise Master Masons, upon the payment of such compensation for the same, as may be determined by the Grand Lodge: Also to make choice annually of a Master, Wardens and other office bearers: to receive and collect funds for the relief of poor and distressed Brethren, their widows and orphans; and in general to transact all matters relating to Masonry which to them may appear to be for the good of the Craft, according to the ancient usages and customs of Masons.

And we do hereby require the said Constituted Brethren, to attend the Grand Lodge, at its Quarterly and other Communications, by their Masters and Wardens, or by Proxy, regularly appointed. Also, to keep a fair and correct Record of all their proceedings, and to lay the same before the Grand Lodge when required.

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

And we do hereby declare the precedence of the said Lodge, in the Grand Lodge and elsewhere, to commence from the eighth day of March A.D. 1876, A.L. 5876.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We, the Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, by virtue of the power and authority to us Committed, have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of our Grand Lodge to be affixed, at Boston, this Fourteenth day of March Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred

and Seventy-Seven, Anno Lucis Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

[SEAL] PERCIVAL LOWELL EVERETT,
Grand Master.

CHARLES ALFRED WELCH,
Deputy Grand Master.

By Order of the Grand Lodge,

Attest : CHARLES H. TITUS,
Grand Secretary.

DANIEL W. LAWRENCE,
Senior Grand Warden.

CHARLES J. DANFORTH,
Junior Grand Warden.

[From the Grand Lodge Records.]

CONSTITUTION OF JOSEPH WEBB LODGE.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION,

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 A.L. 5877.

A special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Friday, the twenty-third of March A.L. 5877, A.D. 1877, for the purpose of constituting Joseph Webb Lodge and installing its officers.

PRESENT —

M. W. Percival Lowell Everett, Grand Master.
R. W. Charles A. Welch, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Daniel W. Lawrence, Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Charles J. Danforth, Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. William D. Coolidge, Past Grand Master.
R. W. William Parkman, Past Grand Master.
R. W. Charles Levi Woodbury, Past Deputy Grand Master.

- R. W. Samuel P. Oliver, Past Grand Warden.
R. W. Wyzeman Marshall, Past Grand Warden.
R. W. John McClellan, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Charles H. Titus, Recording Grand Secretary and Acting Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Henry G. Fay, D. D. G. Master, District No. 1.
W. William H. Chessman, Grand Marshal.
W. Thomas Waterman, Grand Lecturer.
W. William H. H. Soule, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Henry S. Bunton *as* Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Marlborough Williams, Senior Grand Steward.
Bro. James M. Gleason *as* Junior Grand Steward.
Bro. John B. Rhodes *as* Grand Organist.
Bro. Benjamin F. Nourse, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the small hall, at 8 o'clock P.M., in Ample Form, and was conducted by the Grand Marshal to the Grand Lodge hall, where the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge were assembled. There were also present many of the Masters, Wardens and members of the Lodges in Boston and vicinity to the number of about one hundred and seventy-five.

The officers of the Grand Lodge having assumed their several stations, prayer was offered by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

The twenty-two Brethren named in the Charter were constituted into a regular Lodge, in AMPLE FORM, under the title and designation of JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, in accordance with the ancient usage of the Craft and the ritual of this Grand Lodge, and proclamation thereof was duly made.

The Brother designated as Master — a Past Master of Adelphi Lodge — was installed by the Grand Master; the Wardens were severally installed by the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and the remaining officers by the Deputy Grand Master.

[For names of officers installed, see "First Organization" under the Charter, March 23, 1877.]

The Grand Master briefly addressed the members of the new Lodge, and introduced R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master Charles Levi Woodbury, who presented the following address :

ADDRESS OF R. W. CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and you Brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge :

Your new Lodge is named after Joseph Webb, who, a century before the date of your charter, was elected and installed Grand Master of the Old York Masons of Massachusetts. Upon you the Grand Lodge has devolved the trust of bearing his honored name, and of squaring your Masonic life by the rule of his sturdy virtues. I have so lately delivered an oration on the Centennial of this Grand Lodge that I ought to be brief in my remarks on him whose name you bear. He was the first Grand Master elected and installed in this country. His election was the sign and symbol that the revolutionary struggle which made these colonies free from British rule had transmitted its energy to the York Masons, and they also had determined to govern themselves in this independent State, and spread their rite under their own sovereign authority, in conformity with the ancient landmarks, but without subordination to any foreign Grand Lodge.

In this Commonwealth Masonry was organized first under the authority of the Grand Lodge at London (subsequently known as "Moderns") by virtue of a charter to Henry Price, in 1733, creating him a Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Lodge he organized was called the St. John's Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Scotland afterwards, in 1769, issued a charter to Joseph Warren, creating him their Provincial Grand Master, by authority of which he convened a Provincial Grand Lodge of the Masons, who, like those of Scotland, practised the Old York or "Ancient" form of Masonry. He died on the blood-stained heights of Bunker Hill, a martyr in the cause of liberty. Behold his portrait on

your Grand Master's left ! His Deputy Grand Master was Joseph Webb. There were four Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Provincial Grand Lodge. Webb was a patriot ; for part of his life he was an auctioneer [we have seen nothing to verify this statement], he also was a soldier ; Lieut-Colonel appears to have been the rank he reached eventually [he was commissioned Colonel], and occasionally he was absent from Masonic duties, as the record says, "on public business."

The patriots assembled to drive the British army from Boston. The leader of their army was General George Washington, whose portrait hangs here on my right.

Many of the Masons of Boston were with him. John Rowe, who was Provincial Grand Master of St. John's Grand Lodge, himself also a zealous patriot, granted a charter to the Masons of the Connecticut line to hold an Army Lodge, "American Union," at Roxbury, in the besieging army, and our Brethren, though shut out from their own Lodges, enjoyed Masonic privileges with the Connecticut line until the evacuation of Boston [March 17] enabled them to return in triumph to their free homes.

The war so dispersed the Brethren that regular Lodge meetings were rare. The opinions of the surviving officers of General Warren's Grand Lodge were that the Deputy Grand Master had not power under General Warren's Commission to grant charters to new Lodges. This fact did not balk them. They lived in a free State, Scotland was at war with them, and by Masonic law they had a right to a Masonic independence. They resolved to exercise this right with its objections ; and they did.

On March 8, 1777, the Old Grand Lodge came together, Joseph Webb at their head, and formally elected him Grand Master, and installed him and other officers, and set up for themselves free, sovereign and independent—the first self-created Grand Lodge on the continent ; the leader of the immortal band of Grand Lodges which now represent all the legitimate Masonry in the Union.

The courage and the sturdy virtues which a hundred years ago gave us freedom in political and Masonic government will

be constantly before you as the model of a lofty Masonic character.

Colonel Webb was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge. He died in 1787, I think it was ; he left a widow, a will, and a good estate. I find his name as a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. You will find more of him in the Centennial proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Yet more facts about his private life could, with a little research, be gathered and preserved. This labor will be particularly your duty, members of Joseph Webb Lodge, and long ere the centennial anniversary of his death I have no doubt you will have thoroughly performed this pious undertaking.

Worshipful Master and members of Joseph Webb Lodge, you are entering on a new career. It rests on you whether your Lodge will be a success or a failure. The ancient charges given you have for centuries proved sufficient to preserve the weal of Lodges and the prosperity of the Craft when they are rightly understood and fairly lived up to.

Masonry is a social Institution, and its basis is the good sense, honesty, and truth of its Craftsmen. The virtues we cherish are plain and homespun, those which the experience of life shows are the safeguard of the practical middle interests of society. We neither seek the very rich nor the very poor, neither the erratic scintillations of genius nor the unimpressible apathy of ignorance.

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

The Masons, as a class, represent, more than any other I know of, the practical common-sense of the whole community in its most liberal aspect, solid men of judgment, selected from every interest in society for the good of society. Our Institution seeks no political distinction, nor does she ostracise any one for his politics. We welcome good men of all parties, and think the more they meet here on the level the better they all will be for it. We welcome varieties in creeds as we do in politics ; an equal consideration for all good men. Every Mason has his own politics, his own creed ; that is his private

right. To our Fraternity the solid character is the test of the man,—his equity, his prudence, his energy, his social worth. Has he, in the common sense of the word, a good character ; does he possess the solid virtues of life ? And in this his social and benevolent qualities are included. These are the vital questions that should occupy you in selecting candidates for admission. The candidate's proof should be made in his life *before* you admit him to your mysteries. It is too late after he is in. Masonry does improve good men, but the foundation must exist before. She has no divine privilege to regenerate a captious spirit, to change a fool into a man of sense, or a rogue into an honest man. She needs good material to begin on, and of such a man she will make a better man day by day as long as he lives.

This is what we claim for her. He may be a rough ashlar when he enters, but if the structure, the character, is all right, Masonry will hew him into a perfect ashlar soon. You cannot make a square man out of a stone cracked, rotten, or full of shakes. My experience, every man's experience, is that Masonry improves the tone of his character, takes the rough edges off his prejudices in a marked degree, and makes him a worthier neighbor, a better member of a family, more reverential in his piety, and more disinterested in his patriotism. To the social system Masonry is a balance-wheel, steadying and restraining the excesses and vagaries of the motor power, the human will, but neither having relation to the construction and working parts of the political machine, nor capacity to any relation thereto. That it has this value in society is due, first, to the social and sturdy virtues it builds upon ; next, to that liberality that exacts no sacrifice of private opinions on politics or theology, and demands only respect for the laws of the country, and common reverence to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge, your future reputation is in your own control. Look well to the character of those you select for initiation.

At the conclusion of R. W. Brother Woodbury's address,



J. Elliot Bond.

the Grand Lodge retired to the place of opening, and was closed in Ample Form at ten minutes before ten o'clock P.M.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest : CHARLES H. TITUS,
Recording Grand Secretary.

Administration of Wor. Bro. Bond.

Worshipful J. Elliot Bond was installed Worshipful Master for the second term, and for the first term under the Charter, March 23, 1877.

The By-Laws were adopted October 10, 1876. They were drafted by a committee consisting of Brothers Denny, Story, and Edward S. Goulston. These By-Laws have been amended from time to time. As at present existing, see Appendix A.

The present Seal of the Lodge was adopted February 7, 1877, having been designed and prepared by Brothers Hollace, D. T. Brigham, and Shapleigh, appointed for that purpose by Wor'f. Bro. Bond by vote of the Lodge, December 6, 1876.

The two terms of Wor'f. Bro. Bond covered a space of one year and three months, during which time seventeen Brothers were Raised. At the close of his service the membership of the Lodge numbered forty. Four applications for the degrees had been rejected. By the aid of loans from members and voluntary assessments, together with the amount accruing from applicants, the Lodge was placed upon a permanent basis and success was fully guaranteed. This result was substantially aided by brethren, who in various ways contributed to the success of the undertaking. Brothers Hollace and Brigham made valuable gifts; Brothers Gleason, Crawford and Pullen presented the two Bibles now used by the Lodge;



Nelson E. Hollace.

the Secretary gave his services the first two terms; Brothers Osgood, Carbis, and E. S. Goulston offered gifts; Brother Frost presented the solid silver square and compasses now used upon the altar, and other Brothers came forward with donations and contributions, all of which materially assisted the Lodge in its struggle of the first year.

The first to receive degrees in Joseph Webb Lodge and the first raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, were Brothers William H. Lee, John F. Perkins, James F. Swain, Joseph O. Hayden, and John K. Scott,— Brother Swain being the first initiate to pay fees into the Lodge. Of the above brethren, Brothers Lee, Swain and Scott still remain with us.

Administration of Wor. Bro. Hollace.

On the 28th June, 1877, the Lodge commenced its second term under the Charter, with Wor'f. Bro. Hollace in the Oriental Chair, Bro. D. T. Brigham, Senior Warden, and Bro. T. W. Shapleigh, Junior Warden. Brother Francis A. Chase commenced his duties as Secretary, a position he creditably filled until December, 1887, when serious disability compelled him to relinquish its active duties — Brother Charles C. Littlefield serving as Secretary since that time, a term of fourteen years. Wor'f. Bro. Hollace remained Master until January 1, 1879, a period of a little over one year and six months, during which time thirty brothers were Raised. He left the Lodge in splendid condition as to membership, and the "work" under his supervision was of a character to show great industry and patience in its superintendence.

Administration of Wor. Bro. Brigham.

January 1, 1879, Wor'f. Bro. D. T. Brigham assumed the Oriental Chair and remained in the discharge of the Master's



Daniel T. Brigham.

duties until January 5, 1881, a period of two years, during which time twenty Brothers were Raised. During the first term of Wor'f. Bro. Brigham, Brother Albro A. Osgood was Senior Warden and Brother Horatio H. Crawford, Junior Warden. His second term had Brother Osgood as Senior Warden and Brother John F. Ham, Junior Warden. The Lodge continued its growth and maintained its character for good work.

Wor'f. Bro. Brigham attended very carefully to the details of lodge work, and it is due to his painstaking care and precision, in grasping the words and their meaning, that he was enabled to perfect the work and develop an interest among the brethren that has been felt for good through all the successive administrations.

Administration of Wor. Bro. Osgood.

On the 5th of January, 1881, Wor'f. Bro. Albro A. Osgood was installed Wor'f. Master, with Bro. John F. Ham, Senior Warden, and Bro. William H. Whitcomb, Junior Warden. Brother Whitcomb died August 5, 1881, deeply lamented by all the brethren, and the South remained vacant during the remainder of the year.

The second term of Wor'f. Bro. Osgood commenced January 20, 1882, with Bro. John F. Ham, Senior Warden, and Bro. J. Waldo Denny, Junior Warden. The administration of Wor'f. Bro. Osgood was successful, and the healthy growth of the Lodge was pleasing to our brethren. A good spirit of harmony existed, and a commendable interest in the prosperity of the Lodge seemed to be a distinguishing feature. During the two terms of Wor'f. Bro. Osgood, comprising a period of twenty-three months, twenty-five brothers were Raised. The regular communication in November, 1882, was the last



Albro A. Osgood.

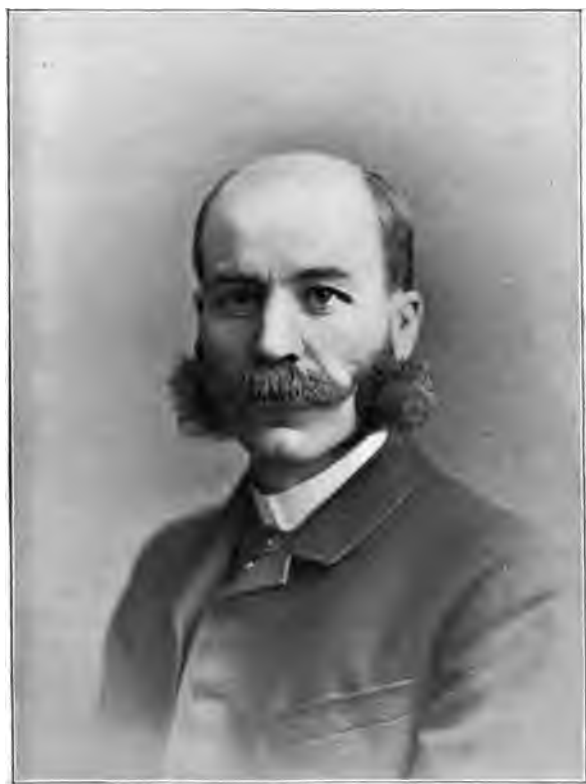
session of the Lodge in which Wor'f. Bro. Osgood presided, and his administration was rounded off by the largest attendance of visitors and brethren known in its history. It was the occasion of the annual visitation of R. W. Bro. Nathaniel Greene, M.D., District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District of this Commonwealth, and he was pleased to speak in favorable terms of the work, remarking, also, that it was the largest assemblage of brethren ever held in Sutton Hall at a subordinate lodge communication.

DEATH OF BRO. WILLIAM H. WHITCOMB.

The third death in Joseph Webb Lodge and the second during the administration of Wor'f. Bro. Osgood, was that of our Junior Warden, Bro. William H. Whitcomb, occurring August 5, 1881. His sickness was short, his final departure sudden. He was a young and promising star in the Masonic firmament. He was raised in St. John's Lodge, April 7, 1873, taking membership in Joseph Webb Lodge May 2, 1878. His nature was genial, his disposition happy, his death most sincerely lamented. Like a bright meteor he had been thrown among his fellows. We saw him, as it were, meteorlike, speeding among the stars, and ere we could count the number of his years, we heard his sudden plunge into the grave, and *there was no Light in the South!* He was buried at Mt. Auburn with Masonic honors, the Lodge being present in a body.

DEATH OF BRO. WILLIAM TROWER.

Another death of an officer occurred the same month and year, and within three weeks of Brother Whitcomb. Brother William Trower, the faithful Sentinel of the Lodge, died after a short illness, August 26, 1881. He was a modest, unassuming brother; there was no base metal in his composition. In



John F. Ham.

every attribute of true manhood, he was golden. On a quiet Sunday, as the sun was low in the west, the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge stood with uncovered heads around his open grave in beautiful Forest Hills. The lessons and prayers of our Masonic Ritual were recited over his bier, and the brethren of another fraternity tenderly gave him the tribute of their affection, and then the earth covered the fourth brother of Joseph Webb Lodge who had gone to that bourne whence no traveler returns —

“ Who had crossed the languid river,
 Who had paid the last obole;
 Day for him had set forever,
 He had won the mystic goal.”

Administration of Wor. Bro. Ham.

At the annual meeting held November 15, 1882, Bro. John F. Ham was elected Master, and was re-elected in 1883, serving as Worshipful Master for two years. During his term Bro. J. Waldo Denny was Senior Warden, and Bro. Henry M. Rowe, Junior Warden. The administration of Wor’f. Bro. Ham was eminently successful, the healthy growth of the Lodge being maintained. He exercised the most painstaking care to sustain the reputation already achieved for good work.

During the two terms of Wor’f. Bro. Ham, covering two years, twenty-seven Fellow-Crafts were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and six brothers united with the Lodge by demit from other branches of the Order.

It may not be improper to remark that, upon the second year of Wor’f. Bro. Ham’s administration, Joseph Webb Lodge occupied an honorable position among the sister lodges of this jurisdiction. In the amount of “work” the Lodge stood 64 per cent above the average of the State.

It was during this administration that the first Worshipful



J. Waldo Denny.

Master of the Lodge, Wor'f. J. Elliot Bond, died at his residence, Winter Hill, Somerville, after a distressing illness of several weeks, passing away on December 3, 1883. The history of Joseph Webb Lodge bears the imprint of the Masonic work of Wor'f. Bro. Bond. A Charter member, he had from the first evinced a strong love for the work, and in its perfection he accomplished much he undertook. During his illness his pains were alleviated and his spirits sustained by the constant attentions of the brethren. The Lodge attended his obsequies in a body, and brethren of the Lodge tenderly laid him in his resting place in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Administration of Wor. Bro. Denny.

At the annual meeting of November 19, 1884, Bro. J. Waldo Denny was elected Worshipful Master, and was re-elected in 1885. During his term of two years Bro. Henry M. Rowe was Senior Warden, and Bro. William E. Murdock, Junior Warden. During these two terms twenty-two Fellow-Crafts were raised to the degree of Master Mason. The Lodge continued in its usual healthy condition; the Wardens and other officers associated with them contended successfully in the maintenance of good work, and Bro. William H. Gerrish, who was appointed organist when Wor'f. Bro. Denny entered upon his duties, contributed very largely to the success achieved by the officers in rendering the ritual as laid down for this jurisdiction. In the work of the Master Mason's degree, Bro. Gerrish provided new music, which was most artistically rendered by the Temple Quartet, and which materially contributed to the excellent character of the work.

RECEPTION TO JUNIOR WARDEN MURDOCK.

After the regular communication, October 7, 1885, a meeting of members was held, and, it being announced that Brother

William E. Murdock, Junior Warden, who, with his wife, had been travelling some months in Europe, was now on his return voyage on the steamer "Cephalonia," it was voted to choose a committee to arrange for a reception and banquet to be tendered the Junior Warden. The committee was as follows: Wor'f. Bros. J. Waldo Denny, Daniel T. Brigham, Albro A. Osgood, John F. Ham, Brothers Crawford, Rowe, Royal and Almy. This committee issued a circular to the brethren, headed "Sub Rosa."

The reception took place in Sutton Hall on the evening of October 16, 1885. The Worshipful Master extended a formal welcome home to Brother Murdock, who briefly responded, thanking the brethren for the fraternal courtesy manifested. Brother Royal presented the Junior Warden with a beautiful bouquet in behalf of the members of the Lodge, with a request that it should be presented to Mrs. Murdock with the compliments of the brethren.

After the reception the brethren formed procession and proceeded to the banquet hall, the Worshipful Master presiding at the tables. The Divine blessing was invoked by Brother Richard Tyner. After cigars were lighted, Worshipful Brother Denny extended to Brother Murdock the hearty congratulations of the brethren upon his safe return, and expressed to him the warm welcome and fraternal love of all the brethren. "Here and now we grasp the symbolic trowel and with it spread the cement of brotherly love and affection which unites us in a common bond of fraternity." After referring to the strong ties of comradeship uniting him with Brother Murdock, he closed as follows:

"A few months ago Brother Murdock sought rest from business by a foreign voyage, accompanied by his amiable and excellent wife. He has safely returned, and will be able to

tell you what he saw. That he may receive your hearty welcome and warmest congratulations, I now have the honor to welcome home and to present to you our Junior Warden, William E. Murdock."

Brother Murdock responded at considerable length, saying, in substance, that when he first received notice that the officers of the Lodge were to meet for rehearsal tonight nearly two hours earlier than usual, he concluded that during his absence a wonderful amount of zeal had been infused into the Masonic work of Joseph Webb Lodge; he had never before heard of a rehearsal being called at such an early hour; since coming here his eyes had been opened.

"Now, brethren, I shall be the last one to complain of this, after the most cordial reception and right royal welcome I have received from Worshipful Brother Denny, and from you all, tonight. I am unspeakably glad to be back again, and thankful that I have been preserved from the dangers of travel; that I am once more in my accustomed place in the Lodge and can look in your faces and grasp you again by the hand. I have no words that fitly express the depth of my feelings at this great and unexpected honor you have so kindly conferred upon me. I can only most sincerely thank you all for this beautiful expression of your fraternal regard, which is most gratifying to me and most fully appreciated, I assure you. Of course you cannot expect anything from me that will at all compare with the fervid eloquence to which we have just listened, that being entirely out of my line, but possibly you might be interested in a few incidents of my journey. But first, allow me briefly to allude to the remarks of our Wor'f. Master concerning our comradeship in the army. It is true that a large portion of the nearly four years of my army service was passed in the same battalion with Wor'f.

Brother Denny, and mostly under his command. Amid the exciting scenes of camp, march, bivouac and battle, we commenced that friendship that has continued unbroken for almost a quarter of a century. To him I am indebted for many acts of kindness during this period, and through him I applied for admission to Free Masonry at the time he held the position in the South of Joseph Webb Lodge, now, through your kindness, held by myself." Brother Murdock continued with incidents and reminiscences of army life and then gave an account of his travels after leaving Boston on the "Cephalonia" on the 8th of August.

He described the landing at Queenstown, alluding to the examination of their baggage by Custom House officers expecting to find firearms, liquors and other dutiable goods, asking Mrs. Murdock if she had any whiskey or pistols. At Cork they registered at the Imperial Hotel, where was the first experience of a European table d' hote, a very solemn occasion. The waiters silently brought the various courses, beginning with soup and ending with sweets. In the course of two hours the plates were changed thirteen times, and "when the formalities were over we arose with a sigh of relief, feeling about as hungry as when we began."

He described the visit to Blarney Castle, "which is easily reached from Cork. Built in the wall near the top of the tower is the noted Blarney Stone, which, as you know, is said to endow the person venturesome enough to climb and kiss it with extraordinary powers of eloquence. In the words of Father Prout,—

' There's a stone that whosoever kisses,
Oh! he never misses to grow eloquent.
'Tis he may clamber to a lady's chamber,
Or become a member of Parliament.'

"In my *present dilemma*, I most sincerely wish I had risked

my neck in the trial ; but I only succeeded in touching it with my fingers, not with my lips."

After describing many scenes in Ireland, he said : " We saw women everywhere at work in the fields, sometimes by themselves, sometimes alongside the men, but usually they seemed to be doing the greater part of the work of various kinds. We met with soldiers constantly, and there are said to be 35,000 troops in Ireland to preserve order. One cause of the poverty existing in Ireland is shown by the fact that their bills for *strong drink* largely exceed the total amount of the rents about which they murmur so unceasingly." At some length Brother Murdock gave interesting descriptions of Scotland and England, particularly of London, and said : " I regret exceedingly that I cannot give you more information concerning Free Masonry in England. None of the lodges hold communications during the summer months, therefore I was unable to see any of their work. I visited Free Mason's Hall on Great Queen street, and, by the courtesy of the Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of England, I was shown through the building. The exterior is very plain. The front is built of the light-colored stone in universal use there, but blackened with smoke and dust like all the London buildings. The entrance hall and grand staircase of various colored marbles are very beautiful. The Grand Lodge Room is rather smaller than our Sutton Hall, very handsomely furnished. On the walls hang portraits of Past Grand Masters for two hundred years, many of them in Court dress. The chair used by the present Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales [now, 1901, King Edward VII.], was reverently uncovered for my inspection. It is of great size, handsomely carved and upholstered. The Prince is an enthusiastic Mason, and usually presides in person at the Quarterly Communi-

cations of the Grand Lodge. I also saw his private robing room and the rooms of the other Grand Lodge officers. The subordinate lodge rooms, of which there are several, are about as large as our Sodality Hall, and furnished similarly to that. The Grand Lodge banquet hall appears to be one of the most important rooms in the building, though decorated plainly. I was told that many of the lodges held their meetings in taverns, and that the work was largely of a convivial nature, which would quite suit *our Wor'f. Master*, as well as the rest of us, perhaps.* On a visit to the Holborn restaurant, an establishment magnificently fitted up with floors, walls and staircases of marble, with most elaborate decorations, I found at the top of the building folding doors, over which was the sign, 'Masonic Temple,' and I found on inquiry that some of the lodges met there regularly. English lodges are very careful about admitting visitors, and I warn you, when you go abroad, not to forget to take your diplomas, as it is quite impossible to gain admittance without one. I received many acts of kindness from English Masons as well as those of other nationalities, and my belief in the noble principles of the order is confirmed and strengthened. While in Paris, I asked many questions about French Free Masonry, but without gaining much information. During the last few years the religious and other secret societies have been very generally suppressed, and, as nearly as I could discover, Masonry, as we practice it, is almost unknown there. The Grand Orient of France is working, but nothing is done in the summer season.

“Upon our return voyage we passed through a terrific

* Right here, the editor begs the privilege of saying, that while he is a friend of good fellowship suitably manifested, and sees no reason why the virtues of Cato may not be united with the indulgence of Epicurus, he is certain that the excellent Junior Warden of 1885 uttered this paragraph in a Pickwickian sense, allowing his innate love for truth to be overcome by his love of humor.

northeast storm that burst our sails into ribbons and rolled us about most disagreeably for two days. On the last day of the journey, as we steamed up the harbor with familiar objects all around us, the bright sun, 'which is the glory and the beauty of the day,' reflected from the gilded dome of the State House, we thought no place in the world so beautiful as our own beloved Boston, and on nearing the dock, almost the first object that met our view was the portly form of our Worshipful Master, whom I was rejoiced to see.

"Brethren, I thank you again for the great pleasure you have given me in this reception, and also for your handsome remembrance of Mrs. Murdock in sending her that beautiful basket of fragrant flowers, as well as for your patience in listening to my imperfect and hurried remarks."

The remarks of the Junior Warden were received with loud applause. Wor'f. Bro. James Swords, of Faith Lodge, Charlestown, was called up, and said he was very happy in being present upon an occasion which honored one whom he had known personally and pleasantly for many years. It was pleasant to him to witness the great degree of good feeling that prevailed here, and it was a feature of Joseph Webb Lodge to cherish a great degree of fraternity among the brothers.

Wor'f. Bro. Lafayette G. Blair, of Mount Olivet Lodge, Cambridge, followed in pleasing remarks with stories that were entertaining, and said that the first time he ever saw Bro. Murdock was when he was Seniór Deacon of the Lodge, and he thought he was the best Senior Deacon he had ever seen.

Wor'f. Bro. Fred. M. Briggs, of Lafayette Lodge, responded to a call, and said he had known Bro. Murdock a long time, and he could endorse every word that had been said about him, and particularly what the Worshipful Master who presided had

said of his modesty. "I had known him very intimately for three years before I found out that he had been a soldier in the late war. His modesty is one of his distinguishing characteristics."

Wor'f. Bros. Brigham, Osgood, and Ham followed with pleasing remarks, and Senior Warden Rowe offered his sentiments of regard for his junior.

Bro. Richard Tyner responded with a warm testimony of respect for Bro. Murdock, whose good character could not be too strongly endorsed. Bros. Williams and Cook entertained the brethren with happy remarks, and Bro. Littlefield gave a recitation, which was received with applause.

Bro. Walter C. Whitcomb spoke warmly of Bro. Murdock, enlarged upon the principles of the Order and the duties of Masons.

At half-past eleven, after three hours spent at the table, the brethren joined in singing "Home again from a foreign shore," and after passing a vote of thanks to Bro. Doolittle, representing the Chapter of Rose Croix, for his courtesy in resigning his right to the use of the banquet hall for this evening, and instructing the Secretary to notify Bro. Doolittle of this expression of fraternal gratitude, the brothers departed, well pleased with the entertainment of the evening.

CHARITY FUND.

For several years a feeling had existed among the brethren of the Lodge that a fund of some kind should in some way be established to be pledged to the holy work of Charity, and which could under no circumstances be diverted from that object.

On the 6th of December, 1882, Wor'f. Bro. Albro A. Osgood submitted an amendment to the By-Laws as follows:

Amend Art. IV. by adding a new section, as follows :

“The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys received for life membership in some reliable Trust or Banking Company, or invest the same in such manner as the Lodge may direct, for a separate permanent fund to be called the Life Membership Fund of Joseph Webb Lodge, the income of which only may be applied to the payment of current expenses of the Lodge or for the relief of distressed members, their widows and orphans.”

January 3, 1883, the amendment to the By-Laws presented by Wor’f. Bro. Osgood was considered. The Secretary proposed an amendment to the amendment by providing that the income accruing from the fund shall be applied only for the relief of distressed widows and orphans of deceased members. On motion of Bro. Denny, voted, 23 to 9, to refer the further consideration of the proposed amendment to the next annual meeting.

November 21, 1883, the proposed amendment was called up and upon motion of Wor’f. Bro. Osgood was indefinitely postponed.

October 3, 1883, Bro. J. Waldo Denny submitted in writing a proposition establishing a “Reserved Fund” and constituting it Article VII. of the By-Laws. This proposition was printed for distribution among the brethren and laid upon the table for future consideration. Finally, after reference to a committee, the matter took form as a “Charity Fund,” and was adopted June 2, 1886, by a vote, twenty-eight being present, of yeas twenty-five.

The first money received by the trustees was on the 4th of October, 1886, amounting to \$23.55. At the annual meeting in 1900, the trustees reported the amount in their hands to be \$1,769.10.



Henry M. Rowe.

Administration of Wor'f. Bro. Rowe.

Bro. Henry M. Rowe was elected Worshipful Master at the annual Communication, November 17, 1886, and was installed on the same evening. He was re-elected at the annual Communication, November, 1887, and publicly installed by Most Worshipful Grand Master Endicott on the evening of December 30. During his term of two years, which is not terminated at the time of this writing, Bro. William E. Murdock was Senior Warden, and Bro. Horatio H. Crawford, Junior Warden.

During the second year of Wor'f. Bro. Rowe's term, the Lodge was deprived (from November, 1887) of the able services of Bro. Francis A. Chase, Secretary. Bro. Charles C. Littlefield served as Secretary *pro tem* during the disability of Brother Chase.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Joseph Webb Lodge celebrated its tenth anniversary by a reception and dinner at the Tremont House, March 8, 1887. One hundred and twenty brethren and their ladies sat down to the well loaded tables. Among distinguished brethren present were his Honor Lieut. Gov. Brackett, representing the Commonwealth in the absence of the Governor, who was unavoidably detained; Hon. Charles Levi Woodbury, representing the Grand Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Endicott being absent in consequence of illness; Right Wor'f. Henry G. Fay, and Major and Past Master Stevens of Mt. Horeb Lodge, of Woburn.

The following circular was issued by a committee of brethren :

JOSEPH WEBB LODGE.

BOSTON, December 30, 1886.

Brother,—The Tenth Anniversary of the Constitution of Joseph Webb Lodge occurs Tuesday, March 8, 1887. Arrangements have been made by a committee, duly appointed, to properly observe that occasion by a reception and grand banquet, to be provided by Brother Silas Gurney, at the Tremont House.

The program as now arranged is, that a reception be held at five o'clock P.M., and the banquet be served at six o'clock. After the banquet an interesting entertainment will be furnished by the Temple Quartet and other artists. By vote of the committee, tickets will be sold *only* to members for themselves and ladies, till March 2. The price of tickets is fixed at \$2.50 for each person, and they may be had of any member of the committee.

W. M. HENRY M. ROWE, 25 Kneeland St.
 Wor. Bro. ALBRO A. OSGOOD, 750 Washington St.
 Wor. Bro. DANIEL T. BRIGHAM, 25 Winter St.
 Wor. Bro. JOHN F. HAM, 159 Tremont St.
 Wor. Bro. J. WALDO DENNY, Custom House.
 Bro. WILLIAM E. MURDOCK, 155 Franklin St.
 Bro. HORATIO H. CRAWFORD, 13 Boylston Market.
 Bro. WILLIAM TYNER, Cor. Summer and Hawley Sts.
 Bro. GEORGE H. ROYAL, Jr., Custom House.
 Bro. WILLIAM C. COOLEGE, 235 South St.
 Bro. JOHN A. CAMPBELL, 74 Trenton St., E.B.
 Bro. LEMUEL H. LANE, 57 Pinckney St.

Committee of Arrangements.

Bro. FRANCIS A. CHASE, *Secretary of Committee*,
 159 Tremont Street.

At 5 P.M. Wor'f. Henry M. Rowe received, assisted by his lady, Bro. William E. Murdock and wife, and Bro. H. H.

Crawford and lady. The very full account of what followed is copied from the admirable records of the Secretary:

“At 6.30, the members of the Lodge, their wives, sisters and sweethearts, headed by the Wor’f. Master, Henry M. Rowe, and lady, marched to the banquet hall. After being seated, Rev. Bro. L. V. Price invoked a blessing upon the feast, and then all did justice to the elegant viands provided by the proprietors of the Tremont House.

“After two hours at the tables, Wor’f. Bro. Rowe called to order and spoke as follows: ‘Ladies and friends: Joseph Webb Lodge observes its tenth anniversary this evening, and I bid you all a cordial welcome to our gathering. We are honored by the presence of several representatives of the Grand Lodge, and we have with us his Honor the Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, who represents the State in the forced absence of the Governor, who expected to be present. I will not, however, occupy more of your time, but will now present Wor’f. Bro. J. Waldo Denny, who will serve us as toastmaster this evening.’

“Wor’f. Bro. Denny spoke as follows: ‘The authority and power of the Worshipful Master of a Masonic Lodge to do about as he pleases has never been successfully called in question. As much as any potentate sitting upon a throne, clothed in purple, the Master of a Masonic Lodge is clothed with autocratic power, and we find, many times to our disadvantage, that his will is law and his commands are to be obeyed. Hence it is that, with great diffidence, I submit to the royal decree that compels me to act officially here tonight. My embarrassment, however, is mitigated by the consideration that I am not to make speeches. My duty will be to place others upon our oratorical goat — to open the mouths of those who will interest you by words of wisdom and sparkling flashes of wit.

“‘To-night we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the formation of Joseph Webb Lodge. The Charter granted us by the Grand Lodge bears date March 8, 1877, and that date was the one hundredth anniversary of the installation of Joseph Webb as Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge, which position he occupied for eight years.

“‘We commenced our labors with about twenty craftsmen, well tried and true; to-night, with a number of losses by death and many more by removals, we have a list of one hundred and fifty live brethren who try to observe the moral precepts of Free Masonry — who try to keep the faith transmitted to them from the Fathers, and to be faithful to the great lessons taught in those beautiful symbols employed by us to point the way to purity and good works. We have also one officer who not only points the way, but whose duty it is to inspire us by example to walk by the still waters, and finally leads us to the celestial world where the Supreme Ruler of the Universe presides. It gives me pleasure to ask him, our Reverend Chaplain, Bro. Price, to respond to the sentiment —

“‘Joseph Webb Lodge: May its members be true to the faith received from Masonic saints, and act worthy the name of Joseph Webb, whose name it bears.’

“Response by Rev. L. V. Price: ‘There are times in the life of an organization, as in the life of man, when it is wise and helpful to retrospect the past and predict the future. The traveler, when he gains the mountain top, pauses, looks back on the way he has come and forward along the way he is to go. In reaching his high outlook he may have crossed many a ravine, climbed many a rock, met many a difficulty, grown weary in limb and perplexed in mind, but now, as he looks abroad over the scene before him, all the hard past dis-

appears and is forgotten in the richer experience of the hour and the larger hope for the future.

“As an organization, Joseph Webb Lodge reaches to-night a hill-top in its history ; and here we pause, with our mothers, sisters, wives, sweethearts, and honored guests, for a little retrospection, onward look, and the renewing of our strength. This Lodge came into existence ten years ago. The dispensation was issued March 8, 1876. A twelvemonth later the Charter was granted, and bears date March 8, 1877. The Lodge was constituted on the 23d of the same month. This makes Joseph Webb the youngest but not the least of the lodges of our order in the city of Boston. There is no small praise in this statement. I know of no city of the size of Boston that can name within its borders a larger number of strong and eminent Masonic Lodges. For a young lodge to take rank in such company requires exceptional worth, wisdom and energy on the part of its officers and members.

“‘The Lodge has made reputable progress in these ten years. There have been dark days, trial and struggle ; but all is resolved into gladness and hope as we celebrate to-night our tenth anniversary. As we look upon this company and note the evidence of good feeling, we are richly rewarded for all it has cost of effort and sacrifice in the past to reach this hour and share in these festivities.’

“The Reverend Chaplain gave a summary of the organization of the Lodge, speaking of the adoption of its name with a glowing review of the life of Joseph Webb: ‘Let us, as members of a Lodge that bears his name, perpetuate his memory and emulate his virtues. The noblest monument ever raised above the noble dead is a life and character inspired and moulded by one’s influence and example. . . . It is said that the wise man improves the opportunity to better himself,

serve his brethren, and promote a good cause. Is not ours a good cause? Certainly. Therefore, brethren, members of Joseph Webb Lodge, as suggested by Wor'f. Bro. Denny in his opening remarks, may we be careful to incarnate our Masonic instructions and principles in our character, so that the truth and grandeur of our order may more and more appear as we ascend into the life and fellowship of Him who presides over all the Brotherhood in the Celestial Lodge above.

“‘ Now, just a word to the ladies who this night honor us with their presence. Thrice welcome, noble and fair women! In the future I hope these festive occasions in which you shall share may more frequently occur. It shall ever be our purpose, as true Masons and members of Joseph Webb Lodge, to prove ourselves men, the defenders of your honor, the advocates of your womanly rights. All hail the noble women of our land! the light and joy of the home, the instructor and guide of the young, the first and foremost in reform, the strength and hope of the Republic. All hail!’

“The remarks of the Chaplain were received with much satisfaction. This was followed by a humorous recitation by M. R. Day and singing by the Temple Quartet.”

The toastmaster then offered remarks upon the early struggles of Free Masonry in Massachusetts, reviewing the Masonic life of Joseph Webb, who became the first Grand Master of the Independent Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and gave the next sentiment,—

“The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: Created an independent body amid the stirring events of the American Revolution, may it always be as true to the principles of our great Fraternity as its early members were loyal to American liberty.”

Response by Right Wor'f. Charles Levi Woodbury, who

expressed his great pleasure in being present at the anniversary of the youngest Lodge in the city of Boston. "It seems hardly possible that you should so soon have reached a membership of 150, but the good cheer shown here to-night proves that the same concord prevails in the Lodge, and the principles inculcated have conduced to bring this to pass. The beneficial effects of Free Masonry during revolutionary times was felt by the world at large, liberty, equality, and fraternity being its foundation stones, and toleration for the rights of others one of its distinctive features."

The Temple Quartet followed with a fine selection, and the toastmaster gave the next sentiment,—

"The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, claiming no greater distinction than that she produces men,—

" ' High-minded men,
With powers as far above dull brutes endued
As beasts excel cold rocks and brambles rude :—
Men who their duties know,
But know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain.' "

Response by Lieut. Gov. John Q. A. Brackett :

"I cannot make any elaborate speech, but am glad to express my enjoyment of the occasion. All present are loyal to the State, proud of its past and present, and, believe me, our State has produced men and women of whom we may be proud. To-night the State is properly subordinate to Free Masonry, the oldest of the so-called mystic orders, and to-day embracing all nations of the earth in its union. There is much in its principles and precepts to satisfy and gratify us. It teaches human brotherhood, uniting mankind more and more by its pleasant ties. Mystic orders are increasing, and he who has not joined some society of the kind is behind the times. 'In union is strength.' Rejoice in the propagation

of all true principles and live up to them, thus doing the State and mankind a noble service. On behalf of the State I thank you for your kind attention."

"The next sentiment was to the 'Second Masonic District, comprising the best of Boston, the culture of Cambridge, and the patriotism of Bunker Hill; it bears the palm for good work in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts.'

"Response was made briefly by Right Wor'f. Franklin W. Hopkins, District Deputy Grand Master.

"The next sentiment was —

"'The universality of Free Masonry: Limited by no national lines, compressed by no creeds, hampered by no political platforms, our Fraternity comprises the great body of Master Masons, however dispersed throughout the world.'

"Response by Wor'f. Charles W. Stevens, Past Master of Mt. Horeb Lodge of Woburn, who recited a poem containing many pleasant and interesting allusions suitable to the occasion."

The toastmaster, with humorous remarks, called upon Right Wor'f. Henry G. Fay to respond to the sentiment,—

"The Universe: May it accept the greetings of Joseph Webb Lodge."

Right Wor'f. Brother Fay made a most fitting and witty response, concluding with words of excellent advice.

A letter of regret was read from his Excellency Governor Ames, and the exercises were brought to a close at a late hour.

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S TESTIMONIAL.

On Tuesday evening, April 26, 1887, desiring to recognize the assistance he had received from the officers and brethren of the Lodge, Wor'f. Master Rowe invited the Officers, Past Masters and brethren who had assisted as Craftsmen in the

work of the Master's Degree, to meet him at dinner, which was provided at Young's Hotel. The occasion was entirely informal. After some hours spent in discussing the menu, which was very elaborate, speeches followed from all present, which only went to prove what has often been said that Joseph Webb brethren are all orators. Music was improvised for the occasion, and, with the assistance of Bro. John H. Woodman at the piano, and the guidance of Brother Whitcomb in vocalization, such music was produced as would have soothed a savage. Happily, a savage was *rara avis* on this occasion.

HONORS IN MALDEN.

During 1886, a new Masonic Lodge in Malden, known as Converse Lodge, commenced work under dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. At its head was Wor'f. F. J. Foss, well known in Masonic circles for his untiring energy and zeal. From him and the brethren of his Lodge came an invitation to the officers of Joseph Webb Lodge to confer the Master's Degree upon their candidates at Masonic Hall in Malden, on Monday evening, May 23, 1887.

The invitation was accepted, and the Master and brethren of Converse Lodge made it a most interesting occasion for the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge who united with the Worshipful Master and officers in this visit to Malden.

Upon arrival of the Lodge, fraternal greetings were heartily offered, and both lodges with many brethren from other lodges sat down to a most generous banquet. The inner man being satisfied, Converse Lodge formally received the Worshipful Master and brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge, the officers of the latter being conducted to their respective stations, whereupon a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form.

The program for the evening was as follows :

CONVERSE LODGE, MALDEN.

Monday Evening, May 23, 1887.

THIRD DEGREE

Exemplified by Joseph Webb Lodge, of Boston, assisted by the Past Masters.

The first section was worked by Henry M. Rowe, Worshipful Master. The first and second candidates raised by Wor'f. Bro. Daniel T. Brigham; the third and fourth by Wor'f. Bro. Albro A. Osgood; the fifth by Wor'f. Bro. John F. Ham, who worked the section in full. The lecture and charge was delivered by Wor'f. Bro. J. Waldo Denny.

The following music was rendered by the Oxford Quartet, with William H. Gerrish, organist :

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| 1. "When the weary seeking rest" | W. H. Gerrish. |
| 2. "Remember now thy Creator" | Rhodes. |
| 3. "Father, whose hand" | W. H. Gerrish. |
| 4. "Thou from whom we never part" | Gottschalk. |
| 5. Evening Hymn | W. H. Gerrish. |
| 6. Morning Song | W. H. Gerrish. |
| 7. "Requiem Æternam" | L. Hellwig. |
| 8. Closing Serenade | Franz Abt. |

The Lodge closed soon after eleven o'clock, and at 11.30 the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge, and other visiting brethren, returned to Boston upon a special train placed at their service. The occasion called together four hundred Masonic brethren, and will be long remembered by those so fortunate as to be present.

Administration of Wor. Bro. Murdock.

The first edition of this historical work closed in 1888, before the end of the second term of Wor'f. Bro. Rowe. It is proper in this place to allude to that administration as being



William E. Murdock.

fruitful of good results to the Lodge. During its two years, as shown by the figures, twenty-three brethren received the Master Mason degree, and during the first year three brethren were raised who have since honored the Lodge by two terms each in the Oriental chair.

At the annual Communication November 8, 1888, Brother William E. Murdock was elected Worshipful Master for 1889, and re-elected for 1890, upon his second election receiving the honors of a public installation by Right Wor'f. Wyzeman Marshall.

During the two years of Wor'f. Bro. Murdock's administration the Lodge was noted for exceeding good work. A number of candidates were rejected and the standard for admission to the degrees was fully maintained. During the two terms, twenty applicants were raised to the degree of Master Mason. During the last year four demits were granted, four members were discharged, and at the close of this year the membership was reported to be 172.

During the first term of Wor'f. Bro. Murdock, Bro. Horatio H. Crawford was Senior Warden and Bro. Robert T. Almy, Junior Warden. During the second term, Bro. Robert T. Almy was Senior Warden, and Bro. Eugene C. Upton, Junior Warden. Bro. Almy declined further service on account of the demands of his business.

UNIVERSALITY OF FREE MASONRY.

At the regular Communication January 1, 1890, notice was given that Mr. S. A. Gurney, son of Bro. Silas Gurney of this Lodge, had died at Omaha, Neb. At the time of this sad event, Bro. Gurney was detained here by the serious illness of his wife, and applied to strangers in Omaha for assistance, making application at random "to the Wor'f. Master of some

Lodge of Masons in Omaha." The duty was at once assumed by Wor'f. T. K. Sudborough, Wor'f. Master of St. John's Lodge of Omaha, who paid all expenses of embalming, casket and transportation out of his own pocket, for which fraternal kindness Bro. Gurney felt the deepest gratitude. It was voted that the Wor'f. Master of Joseph Webb Lodge express in proper terms the kind and fraternal thanks of the Lodge, and the following correspondence appears upon the records of the Secretary :

" BOSTON, January 25, 1890.

" T. K. SUDBOROUGH, Esq.,

W. M. St. John's Lodge, Omaha, Nebraska :

" Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother,— At the January Communication of Joseph Webb Lodge, F. & A. M., information was received of the death of Mr. S. A. Gurney, at Omaha, son of Brother Silas Gurney, an esteemed member of this Lodge. At the time the death occurred, Bro. Gurney was afflicted by the serious illness of his wife, and, being unable to leave Boston, was obliged to apply to strangers in Omaha for assistance in making necessary arrangements connected with this sad event.

" Your prompt compliance with his request, sent at random 'to the Worshipful Master of some Masonic Lodge of Omaha, Neb.' and the kindness and brotherly love you have shown in taking charge, attending to the details of embalming and forwarding the remains to destination in the East, at a large sacrifice of time to yourself, have made a very strong impression upon the brethren of our Lodge, and, by vote of the Lodge, I am directed to communicate to you our sincere and heartfelt gratitude for your fraternal kindness toward one of our members.

" You have nobly exercised the tenet of 'Brotherly Love'

and exemplified the principle 'that Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.'

"We take great pleasure in perpetuating your noble deed upon the Records of Joseph Webb Lodge.

"Will you also express to the brother who personally attended to the embalming and placing the remains in the casket, the gratification of Bro. Gurney and friends for the very beautiful manner in which it was accomplished

"Yours very truly and fraternally,

WM. E. MURDOCK,

[SEAL]

W. M. Joseph Webb Lodge."

"Attest: CHAS. C. LITTLEFIELD, *Secretary.*"

"ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 25, F. and A. M.
1608 Capitol Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska,
April 5, 1890.

"CHAS. C. LITTLEFIELD, Esq.,

Sec'y. Joseph Webb Lodge, F. & A. M., Boston:

"Dear Sir and Brother,—By a unanimous vote of this Lodge at a regular Communication held Thursday evening, April 3, 1890, I have been instructed to communicate to your Lodge our appreciation of the very flattering expressions to our Master for the offices of 'Brotherly Love and Affection' which he was called upon to perform in the line of his Masonic duty to an esteemed brother of your Lodge in the day of his sore bereavement.

"St. John's Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of this Grand Jurisdiction, ever stands ready to 'relieve the distressed, to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to com-

passionate their miseries,' and, should misfortune ever overtake any of your members or their loved ones in this city, this Lodge will be the first, when apprised, to come to their rescue.

"Again, in the name and on behalf of this Lodge, I thank you for your very cordial and fraternal letter bearing date January 25, 1890, to the Master of this Lodge.

JAMES B. BRUNER,

[SEAL]

Secretary."

DEATH OF BRO. FRANCIS A. CHASE.

During the first month of Wor'f. Bro. Murdock's administration, Bro. Francis Augustus Chase, Secretary of Joseph Webb Lodge for eleven years, passed away, after a long and tedious illness, November 22, 1888. The funeral service was held in the Baptist Church, corner of Broadway and F Street, South Boston, November 25, attended by the Lodge as a body.

At the regular communication of Joseph Webb Lodge, December 5, 1888, a "Lodge of Sorrow" was held, the proceedings of which we copy from the Lodge Records:

**"Joseph Webb Lodge, F. and A.M.—Wednesday,
December 5, 1888.**

"In Memoriam.

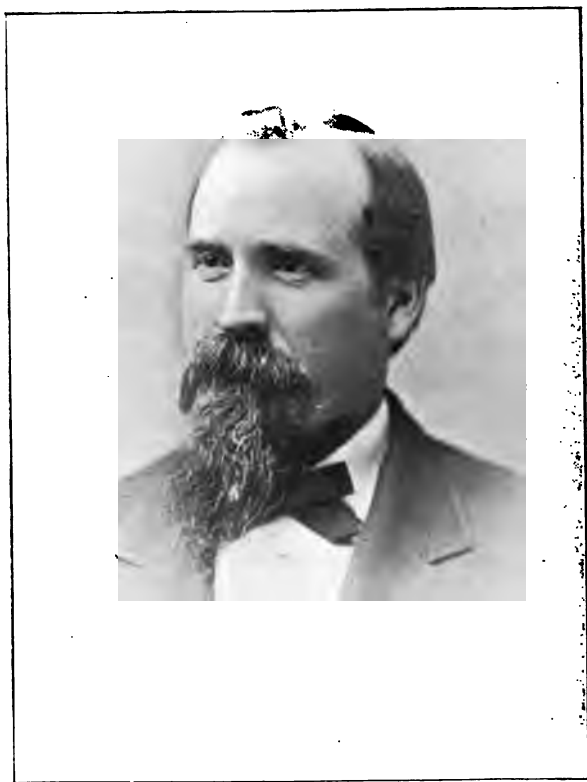
"Brother Francis Augustus Chase.—Died November 22, 1888.

"Announcement by the Worshipful Master.

"Organ dirge by Bro. William H. Gerrish, 'Rest, Spirit, Rest.'

"Remarks by Wor'f. J. Waldo Denny:

"'Worshipful Master,—What we have been anticipating with saddened hearts has occurred, and the thirteenth member of Joseph Webb Lodge has passed beyond the shores of Time and is numbered with the great majority, a mighty army



Francis A. Chase.

that, from the time when God said, 'Let there be Light,' to the present moment, has been crossing the river, marching with steady tread to the World of Eternity whence none return.

“‘It is not for us to fathom the mysteries of life, much less can our weak minds understand those of death or solve the problem of the hereafter. It is enough for us to know that life is given us for a purpose, and if we rightly improve our opportunities, are faithful to our trusts and obligations, hiding not the talent that is given us in charge, we may safely confide in the promises of Him who presides in the Celestial Lodge above, whither we all go.

“‘And it was with this confidence that Brother Francis A. Chase, for more than a year, watched the progress of his disease as calmly and intelligently as a general watches the changing line of an enemy upon the field of battle. Loving life as much as most men love it, he calmly calculated his chances of losing it. Once he said to me: ‘They tell me that if I have the surgical operation, there will be one chance to save my life and nine that I may lose it. I am going to take that chance. What matter it if I die? I have no fear of death, and, if it comes now, I will be free from suffering and no longer a burden to any one.’

“‘Those who watched our suffering brother, are witnesses of his patience, his fortitude and his cheerfulness.

“‘Brother Chase was raised to Masonry in this Lodge January 3, 1877, and became a member at its institution under the Charter, March 23d following. He served eleven terms as secretary, and was elected for the twelfth term, but, being unable from sickness to discharge its duties, resigned.

“‘He has always been a devoted worker in our Lodge and has labored to give it a high standard of excellence. To maintain this high standard he has warmly advised the most care-

ful scrutiny of all applicants for the degrees. He has believed that we should establish a high manhood plane, and admit only those whose character and social position was up to the standard so established. He believed in elevating man and making him better.

“ ‘Bro. Chase had large experience in social organizations, and what he learned in other fields he gathered and offered here for the benefit of the Masonic Order, which he loved above all others. We can no better manifest our love for him, now that he has gone, than to follow the line of administration which his wisdom, strengthened by large experience, has left us as a fraternal legacy.

“ ‘I do not purpose to review the life work of Brother Chase or speak his eulogy. This, however, I will say, that he was a man of marked character, a man of opinions, and always able to give a reason for them. He was a man inspired with Christian faith, and those who knew him best could always see behind his frank, open face, and his glistening eyes, the deep, inner spiritual self, that made him always a friend of the friendless, a good advisor of the tempted, a comfort to the sorrowing and a willing worker in every good cause. He had a deep, religious life, a supreme faith in his God, and this made him a good friend, a kind husband and a warm-hearted brother. From his resting place in the Eternal City, if he could speak, he would say to us, as we sit mournfully around this consecrated altar —

“ ‘ Weep not for me ;
 Be blithe as wont, nor tinge with gloom
 The stream of love that circles home,
 Light hearts and free !
 Joy in the gifts heaven's bounty lends
 Nor miss my face, dear friends !
 I still am near.’

“Worshipful Daniel T. Brigham spoke as follows :

“‘Worshipful Master and Brethren,—The solemn sound of the dirge, announcing that a brother has departed into the great unknown, even though I know the summons was but a blissful release from a bed of hopeless suffering, always throws over my heart a feeling of deepest sadness, and especially is it so in the present case.

“‘My acquaintance with our late Brother Francis A. Chase has extended back farther, perhaps, than that of most of those present, and covers a period of nearly a score of years, and it is a pleasure to remember that in all that time nothing has occurred to mar the feeling of personal friendship that existed between us. In other orders than Masonry, it has been my privilege to meet and know him intimately. Especially was this the case in the order of Knights of Pythias, where he was so well known and esteemed, that the highest honor of the Grand Lodge was conferred upon him, and he was raised to the rank of Past Grand Chancellor. Also, for nearly twenty years he filled the responsible office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, a position which required not only more than ordinary ability as secretary, but an extensive knowledge of Pythian law as well. The estimation of his brethren in that order is best shown by his long continuance in the office to which he was elected from year to year.

“‘In Masonry it is not necessary for me to remind the brethren of the self-sacrificing zeal and ability which he has given to this Lodge, the reputation of having the most carefully and perfectly kept Records in the Masonic District to which we belong, or to call to mind his uniform bearing of cheerfulness and brotherly regard for those with whom he was brought in contact.

“‘Endowed as he was by nature with a kind heart and a

generous hand, a disposition to forgive and overlook injury, and of a nature to appreciate and not soon to forget a kindness, and, withal, an honest and conscientious Christian, his going from us is a loss to the fraternity, and especially to this Lodge, for he was an ornament to the Craft. His memory will long remain green in the hearts of his brothers, for —

“ ‘ We look in vain for a well known form,
 We miss the grasp of a vanished hand;
 The heart is cold that was light and warm,
 A brother has passed the silent strand,
 And we list in vain to hear the sound
 Of familiar tones from we know not where;
 But his handiwork is strewn around,
 And we see the Ashlers are true and square.
 The tools have dropped from the nerveless grasp,
 From the shattered glass the sands have run;
 Life's book is sealed with a mystic clasp,
 The record clear — the wages won;
 And the willing feet with joy obey
 The summons to meet the Master there
 In the radiance of eternal day,
 For his work was plumb; his blocks were square.’

[The lines with which Wor'f. Bro. Brigham closed his remarks are original.]

“ ‘ Pleyel's Hymn ’ was then sung by the brethren to words as follows :

“ ‘ Brother, though from yonder sky
 Cometh neither voice nor cry,
 Yet we know for thee to-day
 Every pain hath passed away.
 Well we know thy living faith
 Had the power to conquer death.
 As a living rose may bloom
 By the border of the tomb.
 Brother, in that solemn trust,
 We commend thee, dust to dust:
 In that faith we wait, till risen.
 Thou shalt meet us all in Heaven.’

“Address by the Chaplain, Rev. Bro. L. V. Price :

“Worshipful Master and Brethren,—After the address of the Worshipful Master and the eloquent remarks of the Worshipful Brothers, it seems hardly necessary for me to add or say anything. Like all here present, I deeply deplore our mutual loss, and feel it the more when I look on my left and see another brother in his place, the place in which I have seen our departed brother so long. He still lives in the hearts of us all. Those who knew him intimately best knew him. When a man such as he is taken from us, we miss him ; it penetrates us to the centre of our being — lifting us up, as it were. We cannot think of it ; there is no way of getting at the influence of such a man upon us — upon the world. He touched the world at many points and at many centres. Among them are childhood and youth, high and low, rich and poor, and now, though he be dead, his influence will still pervade many centres. It may be felt while generations come and go. It was a force here and we know not how long it may be felt here, for we hope no good force will be lost. The energy and forceful influence of his life will continue here although he be gone with a larger and brighter company. You knew him at his home, in fraternal society and in church. He believed in God and in a book of law. Not simply an intellectual knowledge of things was his — he had it in his heart. He had the form and the spirit of the law, and it controlled his life, and in all the relations of life it found him urging the fundamental principles of the Book ; and it should be the foundation stone of every brother who kneels at that altar. The God that created us, gave us life and being, has spoken, and we should mold our lives in such a way as to fulfil the obligation by governing those lives by that book of law. May the spirit of our departed brother continue to

energize Joseph Webb Lodge so that its members may be brought to such a standard that the goodly company we are may become an irresistible power in this community where so much vice, crime and poverty rules.

“‘Although the form of our brother was wasting away, the spirit grew stronger. The natural things we see are temporal, the inward things unseen are of God — eternal. We look beyond earth. We see a celestial temple and a goodly company gathered there. It is high noon. We see our brother in that Grand Lodge, free from all suffering. Here, we see, as through a glass, darkly ; but he sees face to face.’

“Wor’f. Brother Osgood offered a few remarks and Bro. L. M. T. Hill submitted in behalf of the committee a paper ‘In Memoriam,’ which was accepted and this interesting occasion closed with ‘Jerusalem the Golden,’ executed by Brother Gerrish upon the organ.”

DEATH OF BRO. HORATIO H. CRAWFORD, SENIOR WARDEN.

At the second Communication at which Wor’f. Bro. Murdock presided, January 2, 1889, Brother Crawford sat in the west with the hectic flush upon his cheeks, but as brave and faithful in the discharge of his duties as if death was not then swift approaching like a great flaring search-light, which he saw with optimistic eyes as he looked through a smoke-tarnished glass as a little speck of diminishing flame. Only fourteen days after, with all faculties bright and with little if any premonition of nearing end, the gentle spirit passed away, January 16, 1889. The Lodge in a body attended his obsequies in the People’s Church, Columbus Avenue. Bro. Crawford was much beloved by all who knew him. A young man actively employed, of pleasing address, possessing an unusual personal magnetism, generous, truthful and a friendship that

was constant. These qualities endeared him to his brethren and a large circle of friends, as was testified by the great audience that filled the People's Church. In connection with the church service, the Masonic burial rites were solemnly performed.

LODGE OF SORROW.

On the evening of February 6, 1889, the Lodge observed a Memorial Service to Bro. Crawford, the late Senior Warden. Wor'f. Bro. Murdock made the usual announcement as follows:

“Brethren: The hand of death has again been laid heavily upon us, and our beloved Senior Warden has been suddenly taken from our midst.

“Horatio Hiram Crawford was born in Searsmont, Me., in 1852. He received his Masonic degrees in Adelpi Lodge, South Boston, being raised to the sublime degree of M. M., April 21, 1874. He became a Charter Member of Joseph Webb Lodge March 23, 1877, and occupied the position of Junior Deacon at the first Communication of this Lodge. He was Junior Steward 1876; Junior Deacon 1877; Junior Warden 1879, '87-'88, and was elected Senior Warden November 8, 1888. He died January 16, 1889, at the age of 36 years.

“It seems fitting that we should set apart a portion of the time this evening to show our affection and respect for our brother, who has endeared himself to us all by his cheerful and fraternal spirit and his faithful performance of every duty. I have invited a few brethren to speak to us of his many virtues, and I trust we may ever cherish his memory in our hearts and follow his noble example through life.”

The Secretary read a beautiful tribute of love for Bro. Crawford in a letter from Wor'f. William Park, Past Master of Adelpi Lodge.

Brother Oscar C. Pullen then spoke as follows:

“Worshipful Master, Brethren,— I need not remind you of the loss we have sustained — your hearts will tell you that. I am not sure I can tell you anything you do not already know in regard to our late brother we all loved so much. As my acquaintance with him dated back a long period and was of a more intimate character than that of most of you, it is perhaps fitting that I should say a word at this time, not in the way of praise, for I know that would not be pleasing to him, but the honest tribute of a brother who knew him long and well and loved him as a brother should love his brother. For nearly twenty years there has existed the closest intimacy between Bro. Crawford and myself. Each year he has grown in my esteem and love, and never in all these years have I found him wanting in any attribute that might gain for him the good opinion of his fellows. I have seen him as a kind and dutiful son ministering to the wants of an aged parent. I have seen him as a kind and loving brother by the sick bed and bier of an only and dearly loved sister. I have watched with him by many a painful couch and stood by his side above the graves of brothers and friends we both loved. I have known him in his own family and know how kind and thoughtful he was to them, and in my own home he has always been a dearly loved friend ; always receiving a glad welcome and being almost as much at home as any member of it. My little ones have all climbed upon his knee and nestled in his arms and always hailed his coming with a glad shout of welcome. In all these scenes of family and friendly relationship, I have ever found him the same, kind and thoughtful of others, thinking more of their welfare than of his own. These are the little things that bring out what is best and tenderest in a man’s nature. In the busy walks of life many of you knew him well, and I need not tell you that his strict integrity and sterling character

gained the highest esteem of his fellows and that he was always looked up to as a man above reproach, who made many friends and no enemies, who loved what was good and abhorred all that was bad, who scorned a mean action unworthy his high standard of manhood.

“Of his Masonic life I will say little. It was my privilege to kneel by his side at the consecrated altar of Free Masonry when he took upon himself those solemn obligations which in after life and up to his death he so faithfully and conscientiously observed. I stood by his side as the ‘Five points of Fellowship’ were explained. That he lived up to those teachings I leave for you to testify. No man I ever knew was more ready ‘to go on foot or out of his way to assist and save a worthy brother.’ Of his deep and abiding love for our Lodge and all things that affected its welfare, I need not speak. Perhaps no man deserves more for his unselfish devotion to our interests than Brother Crawford. In that interest there was no duty too small for him to perform willingly, no task however great or unpleasant that he would refuse to undertake when asked, and his untiring perseverance was always crowned with success.

“Brothers! the future of Joseph Webb Lodge may give us members more brilliant, of much greater ability; but one more noble, unselfish or who had its welfare more at heart than our dear brother whom we miss tonight, may not be found around its altar, a brother, —

“ ‘Who asked not that for him, the plan
Of good or ill be turned aside;
But, that the common lot of man
Be nobly borne and glorified.’ ”

Wor’f. Bro. Osgood said :

“Worshipful Master,— I can say but a few words. It lacks

but four days of being fifteen years since I first met Bro Crawford in Adelphi Lodge. I think the charge in the E. A. degree is most applicable to him —that ‘there stood a just and upright Mason who ever walked and acted as such.’”

Bro. Frank E. Cox addressed the Lodge as follows :

“Worshipful Master and Brethren,— I would like to say just a word about Brother Horatio H. Crawford. I probably have known him longer than anyone present to-night, and I can verify all that Bro. Pullen has said, and I feel as he does,— I cannot find words to express myself. As Horatio and myself were fellow townsmen, boys together in that Maine town where we lived, I will simply say that he was the same kind of a boy you have found the man to be. Although not in the same district school, we were classmates in the High School. He was a thorough scholar, and though of a retiring disposition he was a most genial companion. He had no enemies, and all who came in contact with him were ever after his friends. My father has told me that when Horatio made application for his degrees in Masonry, it afforded him a great deal of pleasure to answer the communication from Adelphi Lodge to Quantibacook Lodge of Searsmont, Me., in most favorable terms.

“I know it was very gratifying to Bro. Crawford to be in the position he occupied in Joseph Webb Lodge. From that position he is called to the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.”

Bro. Eugene C. Upton, Junior Warden, offered remarks as the representative of the Boston Lodge of Instruction, with which Bro. Crawford was connected. He said that Lodge had suspended its work for this evening that its members might be present upon this occasion, and it is but fitting that some member of that body should say a word as their representative, bringing the tribute of that Lodge to the memory

of our departed brother. He was one of the promoters of that institution. He was constant in his attendance, earnest in his work and impartial in his regard for the pupils in the school. We there learned to know him, and to know him was to love him. His heart was universal in its love, as boundless as the Lodge itself ; as high as from earth to heaven, as long as from north to south, as broad as from east to west. By his devotion to the cause in which he was enlisted, by his faithfulness in whatever capacity he served, by his deep and abiding faith in the principles of Masonry and the exemplification of them in his daily life, he made for himself a name that will ever live in our history.

“The placing of the Masonic apron in his grave was a fitting tribute ; for his life was a personification of its teachings. To him it was a potent reminder of that purity of life and conduct so essentially necessary to gaining admittance into the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.”

Wor’f. Bro. Roberts, Past Master of Adelphi Lodge, also addressed the Lodge, saying that he regretted that he could only express imperfectly the feeling he had upon the death of Bro. Crawford. “I have known Bro. Crawford ever since he came to this city. My business affairs with him would cover hundreds of thousands dollars, and in all business transactions he was honest and upright. He was an excellent and agreeable neighbor. I knew him as a boy and saw his good traits, and found as he grew older that these grew stronger. When he became of age he expressed a wish to become a member of our Fraternity, and it is an honor to any lodge to have such a member. I visited him three hours before his death and he was as bright and high spirited as ever, showing no sign of his near end. As one of his associates, I can truly say his death

is one of the most severe blows I ever received, and from the business circle no one will be more missed and lamented than Bro. Crawford.

“I thank you, Worshipful Master, for the privilege of speaking here tonight.”

The service of speaking was interspersed with music by Bro. Gerrish. Wor’f. Bro. Denny was called upon for the “Memorial Tribute” of the committee, consisting of himself, Bro. Pullen and Bro. John A. Campbell, and spoke as follows :

“Worshipful Master,—It is only when some one of our own family circle or some dear friend is cut down by the sickle of Time that we feel how near death comes to us — that we realize that life is but a breath ; that —

“ ‘ Earth’s highest station ends in — Here he lies ’ ;
And ‘ dust to dust concludes her noblest song.’ ”

“And this occasion of sorrow comes very near to some of us, who for nearly fifteen years have been walking the Masonic path hand in hand with Bro. Crawford ; a special sorrow to some of us who remember the night of April 21, 1874, and who have been warmly attached to Bro. Crawford ever since. We remember the three who together took the Master’s degree that night. Only one now remains with us. Those three brothers were afterwards associated with us in lodge work, and the only remaining brother joins us in submitting the Tribute we offer.”

The paper was read, accepted and ordered to be spread upon the Records, and a copy sent to the brother of our deceased member.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

At the one hundred and thirty-ninth regular Communication of the Lodge, held October 2, 1889, Right Wor’f. Jacob C.

Patton, of Cambridge, District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District, made his annual official visitation, accompanied by his suite, comprising a large number of officers and members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. The Right Worshipful Brother was pleased to compliment the officers of the Lodge upon the excellent work shown. The attendance was very large, filling Sutton Hall to its capacity.

The October Communication, 1890, was selected for the official visitation of Right Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, District Deputy Grand Master, who, with his suite of twenty-four distinguished brethren, was courteously received by Wor'f. Bro. Murdock. It was the first occasion since the formation of the Lodge that the opportunity had been presented of receiving one of our own family as the representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and on this account he was made all the more welcome. One hundred and sixty-three brethren were present to participate in the ceremonies.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

On the evening of December 31, 1889, Wor'f. William E. Murdock, being re-elected, was honored by a public installation, which was a highly creditable affair to the Lodge. The apartments of the Temple were thrown open for the inspection of the Lodge members and their lady friends, who, in spite of the inclement weather, gathered in large numbers to witness the installation of the officers of the Lodge by Right Wor'f. Wyzeman Marshall, assisted by Wor'f. James Swords as Grand Marshal, the latter distinguished brother of the Craft being at that time Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Knights Templar.

Carter's celebrated orchestra and Brother Gerrish at the

organ furnished the music for the evening, and Right Wor'f. Bro. Marshall and Miss Lucette Webster, as elocutionists, made up an entertainment that was enjoyed by all present. The affair closed with a banquet in the finely decorated dining hall.

Administration of Wor. Bro. Upton.

Brother Eugene C. Upton was installed Worshipful Master November 13, 1890, and served until November 10, 1892. His duties were performed with painstaking care, and the Lodge made an advance which was pleasing to all the brethren. During the two years of service, twenty-five brethren were raised to the Master Mason's degree.

On the evening of November 4, 1891, Right Worshipful Albro A. Osgood, District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District, made his official visitation, and, being escorted to the Lodge in usual form, was received by the Worshipful Master and most heartily welcomed. The Right Worshipful District Deputy was accompanied by a suite representing sixteen Lodges, in precedence as follows: **King** Solomon's, of Charlestown (1783); **Amicable**, Cambridge (1805); **Mount Tabor**, East Boston (1845); **Baalbec**, East Boston (1852); **Putnam**, Cambridge (1854); **Aberdoir**, Boston (1860); **Mt. Olivet**, Cambridge (1863); **Blue Hill**, Canton (1863); **Adelphi**, South Boston (1865); **Eleusis**, Boston (1865); **Eliot**, Jamaica Plain (1866); **Robert Lash**, Chelsea (1867); **Zetland**, Boston (1867); **Mizpah**, Cambridge (1867); **Satuit**, Scituate (1875); **Winthrop**, Winthrop (1887). The work was that of Fellow Craft, the Boylston Quartet rendering the music.

The work being closed, Right Wor'f. Bro. Osgood spoke as follows:



Eugene C. Upton.

“Worshipful Master,—From time immemorial it has been the custom to bestow rewards and diplomas for distinguished merit. It has been the desire of every people, the most savage as well as the most cultured, to symbolize their appreciation of deeds well done in some suitable token, that all might know that he who possessed it was honored and respected by his associates and companions. The savage wore his eagle plumes and necklace of grizzly paws; the Tulu chief his lion skin; the order of nobility wear their stars and crosses; the soldiers of our late war wear their distinguishing badges of honor, thinking them not dearly won if they carry with them the empty sleeve and shattered form; the scholar upon graduating from our institutions of learning receives his diploma for honors won.

“Although in Masonic life we do not demand the venture of life and limb, it has been deemed most fitting to reward the sacrifice of time and thought that accompanies a proper discharge of the duties of Worshipful Master by a suitable diploma to the brother who has been elected and installed to the honorable position you now occupy. Since the time when it was my privilege to propose you, Worshipful Master, as a candidate for the degrees in this Lodge to the present moment, I have closely watched you in your Masonic career and seen you pass through the several gradations in Masonry, from the ‘youngest entered apprentice,’ who stood in the northeast corner of the Lodge, to the ‘Worshipful Master,’ who presides in the East, and in all the mutations of your Masonic experience, I have ever found you like the valiant soldier, always ready in the thickest of the fight, always ready to sacrifice your time and thought for the benefit of your Lodge. And so, as you come to the close of the first year of your service, it becomes my pleasant duty, as the representative of

the Grand Lodge, to present you this Past Master's diploma as a testimonial of your meritorious service, and that you have the love, esteem and respect of your brethren: 'For he was a Light to his Brethren and an Ornament to the Craft.'"

The Worshipful Master made a brief and feeling response.

THE CHAPLAIN VISITED.

On the 15th of April, 1891, occurred the twenty-fifth marriage anniversary of our Chaplain, Rev. L. V. Price, D.D., at his residence in Brockton.

A circular was issued to the members of the Lodge by Wor'f. Master Upton inviting their participation in a visit to Brockton, and a large number of the brethren responded and filled a special car that was placed at the disposal of the Lodge. The parishioners of our Chaplain had already assembled at his residence, when the Lodge appeared in a body, much to the surprise and gratification of Rev. Bro. Price, who feelingly replied to the fraternal congratulations of the Lodge given by the Worshipful Master. Gentlemen of Brockton joined brothers of the Lodge in warm expressions of regard for the faithful minister of the gospel. A generous collation had been provided by members of the parish for all who were in attendance, some intimation of the intention of the Lodge to visit the Chaplain on that occasion having been communicated *sub rosa* to Brockton brethren who were interested.

At a late hour our brethren returned to Boston.

PERMANENT FUND.

At the October Communication of the Lodge, 1892, Wor'f. Bro. Osgood proposed in writing an amendment to the By-Laws constituting a Permanent Fund, as Article VIII. of said By-Laws, comprised in four sections. At the succeeding

November Communication, with slight amendment, the submitted new By-Law known as Article VIII. was adopted, and, upon approval of the Grand Lodge, became a part of the By-Laws of Joseph Webb Lodge.

HONOR TO VENERABLE AGE.

An event of some interest marked the administration of Wor'f. Bro. Upton, and the writer is sure the brethren of the Lodge will not enter protest, if he, regardless of kinship, gives it a place on these historic pages, because the incident referred to, seeking to do honor to venerable and honorable age, also marked its appreciation of one who lived to be the oldest Free Mason and also the oldest Past Master within this State's jurisdiction; one who had taken an active part in defence of our beloved Order when, for fourteen years after 1824, the waves of vile calumny were dashed against it. This venerable Free Mason, who, from about 1833 to his death, was affiliated with Morning Star Lodge of Worcester, died December 11, 1899, in the 98th year of his age. He received fraternal attentions of Vernon Lodge of Free Masons, in Belchertown, where he died, and was buried in his native town of Leicester, Morning Star Lodge attending in a body, conducting the Masonic burial rites, the last honors of Masonry.

I quote from the records of the Secretary of date October 5, 1892:

“Wor'f. Bro. Osgood addressed the Lodge, stating that on Monday, October 10, 1892, Wor'f. Bro. Henry A. Denny, of Worcester, Mass., the father of Wor'f. J. Waldo Denny of our Lodge, would be ninety years of age, and that Morning Star Lodge, F. and A. M., of Worcester, intended celebrating this event by a special communication and by tendering a reception to the former. In view of this fact and further that the

venerable Worshipful Brother had twice visited Joseph Webb Lodge, I offer the following preamble and resolutions :

“ SUTTON HALL, MASONIC TEMPLE,
“ Boston, October 5, 1892.

“ Whereas, our venerable Worshipful Brother Henry A. Denny, a member of Morning Star Lodge, F. and A. M., of Worcester, and the father of Wor’f. J. Waldo Denny, of Joseph Webb Lodge, will, on October, 10, 1892, reach the ninetieth anniversary of his birthday, therefore

“ Resolved : That Joseph Webb Lodge extends its hearty congratulations to this venerable patriarch in Free Masonry upon completing ninety years of honorable life, and that, defending Free Masonry in the days of its depression, he has maintained the faith and practised the tenets of our profession through evil and good repute, and lives to see our beloved Order cherished by good men of all nations of the earth, and its principles acknowledged as the keystone of human endeavor in building up man, socially and morally.

“ Resolved : That we extend to our venerable Worshipful Brother our kindest fraternal regards, and that a copy of this preamble and these resolutions be forwarded to him and to Morning Star Lodge, F. and A. M., of Worcester, Mass.”

Upon motion of Wor’f. Bro. D. T. Brigham, the preamble and resolutions were adopted, and a finely engraved copy of the same was sent to the venerable brother and one to the Morning Star Lodge, which was read at its communication and reception held on the evening of October 10, at Worcester.

I find upon the records of the Lodge of November 2, 1892, the following letter from Wor’f. Henry A. Denny :

“WORCESTER, October 16, 1892.

“CHARLES C. LITTLEFIELD, Esq.

Secretary Joseph Webb Lodge, F. and A. M. :

“Dear Brother,—It was with no little surprise, and more gratification, that I read your kind letter of the 10th inst., and received by the same mail a copy of the preamble and resolutions adopted by the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge, congratulating me on reaching my ninetieth birthday anniversary. Allow me to express my grateful thanks for this demonstration of kindness and brotherly love to one so unworthy, with the hope and belief that you and the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge may never experience the sad days in Masonry that I have passed through since 1824.

“Again thanking you personally and the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge, I am yours fraternally,

HENRY A. DENNY.”

DEATH OF BRO. THOMAS CORLEY.

Brother Thomas Corley, at that time the oldest member of Joseph Webb Lodge, died June 18, 1891. He was a native of Ireland, and for more than fifty years was a resident of Boston, engaged in business in the manufacture of umbrellas. He was known in the circle of his acquaintances as an honest, industrious man, conscientious in all things, a zealous worker in the Episcopal Church. He was a man of decided opinions, and had the courage of his convictions. In his business he accumulated a competency, and, after his retirement on account of age from the active employments of life, his last days were made happy by the kind care of a son and four daughters. He was proposed for the degrees in Free Masonry immediately after the constitution of our Lodge in 1877, and, from the date of his membership until the infirm-

ities of old age prevented, he was constant in his attendance, rarely missing a Communication of the Lodge. He was a member of the Boston Lodge of Odd Fellows and of the Encampment in that order. At his obsequies, our own Lodge and that of the Odd Fellows was largely represented.

Administration of Wor. Bro. Woodman.

Worshipful John H. Woodman commenced his duties as Master of Joseph Webb Lodge November 10, 1892, and served with much success until November 8, 1894. During this administration, the work was ample and satisfactory and the quality of candidates accepted beyond criticism. During the two years of his term, twenty-seven candidates were raised, and, to show that the brethren faithfully attempted to select the chaff from the wheat, giving each candidate that rigid scrutiny that the best interests of the Craft require, it is only necessary to state that during these two years twelve applicants were rejected.

More than usual attention was given to the Lodge work, which was accomplished with an elaboration never before attempted upon so large a scale, which proved pleasing to the members and drew to the Lodge a large attendance of the Craft.

On the evening of May 3, 1893, the degree of Master Mason was worked in full before an audience which filled Sutton Hall to repletion, a large number of brethren being unable to gain admission. The brethren participating upon the floor appeared in costumes appropriate to the time represented in the work. The music was rendered with artistic skill by three quartets, and the score in each part of the program, except numbers 12 and 16, as noted, was written by Brother



John H. Woodman.

William H. Gerrish, an accomplished manipulator of the organ keys and distinguished composer of music, who has served sixteen years as organist of the Lodge.

The brothers raised upon the above mentioned evening were Thomas S. Dennison, raised by Wor'f. Daniel T. Brigham, the Senior Past Master of the Lodge; Henry T. Bowers, raised by Wor'f. John F. Ham; Albert A. Gleason, raised by Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood; Andrew W. Burkholm, raised by Wor'f. Henry M. Rowe, and Richard J. McLean, raised by the Worshipful Master. The charge-to the candidates was delivered by Wor'f. J. Waldo Denny.

The choral service was as follows :

South Choir— Temple Quartet.

Brothers E. M. Spear, 1st Tenor; Edwin F. Webber, 2d Tenor;
Fred C. Fairbanks, 1st Bass; Leverett B. Merrill, 2d Bass.

West Choir — Corinthian Quartet.

Brothers Thomas H. Norris, 1st Tenor; William H. Fessenden, 2d Tenor;
Henry A. Cook, 1st Bass; William B. Robinson, 2d Bass.

East Choir — Beacon Quartet.

Brothers George J. Parker, 1st Tenor; George W. Want, 2d Tenor;
Antrice B. Hitchcock, 1st Bass; Myron W. Whitney, 2d Bass.

Choral Program.

1. *a.* Enter in Faith; *b.* Enter in Hope; *c.* Enter in Love.
2. Remember now thy Creator.
3. Lord who shall dwell.
4. Choral: High in Heaven.
5. Vanish the darkness.

6. Ring evermore, ye blessed bells.
7. The Lord's Prayer.
8. Hymn : The shadows of the evening hours.
9. Come and watch the daylight.
10. God is our refuge and strength.
11. Miserere Nobis.
12. Requiem Æternam *Hellwig*
13. Alleluia.
14. Choral : Crowns in radiant glory.
15. Onward, upward, homeward.
16. Pilgrim Chorus — " Tannhauser " *Wagner*
17. Amen. So mote it be.
18. The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

Besides the visitors, nearly seventy members of the Lodge were in attendance, and the Lodge was closed in form at 10.55 P.M.

At the Lodge visitation in 1893, Most Worshipful Harvey N. Shepard was present, and, being officially introduced and heartily welcomed, pleasingly alluded to Right Worshipful Henry G. Fay and his connection with Joseph Webb Lodge at its formation, complimented Brother Gerrish for his artistic musical work, spoke of the complete records and of the register of the Lodge, and said he believed that every Lodge in the State should have a similar one. He referred feelingly to the recent death of Grand Master Richard Briggs, and said he wished the co-operation of the lodges to assist him in extolling Free Masonry in its universality, extended as it is the wide world over. Empires and kingdoms come and go; monarchs and kings come and go; Masonry still exists — has travelled the world over, coming to our country with its

first settlers and ever proving to be a champion of truth, right and justice.

The remarks of the Most Worshipful brother were received with applause.

On the evening of October 3, 1894, the one hundred and eighty-eighth Communication was held and was the occasion of the official visitation of Right Worshipful Eugene C. Upton, District Deputy Grand Master of the 2d Masonic District.

Worshipful Brother Albro A. Osgood, Chairman of the Committee to receive the representative of the Grand Lodge, presented the Right Worshipful District Deputy in substance as follows: "Worshipful Master, for many years it has been the custom of the Grand Lodge to appoint some brother as its representative over groups of its Subordinate Lodges. For over eighteen years Joseph Webb Lodge has been loyal to the Grand Lodge and has respected and cordially welcomed its appointed representatives. It has a double honor tonight, in welcoming not only the representative of the Grand Lodge, but also one of its own respected members who has held the highest position which the Lodge can bestow, and I take great pleasure in presenting to you Right Worshipful Eugene Charles Upton, District Deputy Grand Master of the 2d Masonic District."

Worshipful Master Woodman replied that it gave him great pleasure to extend a hearty welcome to the Right Worshipful brother as the representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and all the more so because he is one of our own family of Joseph Webb Lodge.

Right Worshipful Brother Upton, in response, said that he was very much pleased with the cordial words of welcome and felt that he had been honored much more by the appointment to this honored position than the Lodge, which he loved

and had tried to serve, had ever been honored by him. He considered it an honor to be enrolled as a number in such a Lodge and to be associated with its officers and members.

The members of the official suite were presented, representing twelve lodges.

The work was upon the Third Degree, the musical program being rendered by the Temple, Corinthian and Beacon Quartets, and was the same as given on the evening of May 3, 1893, previously reported. There was present at this Communication nearly three hundred brethren.

During the two years' term of Worshipful Brother Woodman, Brother Frank T. Kenah was Senior Warden and Brother William H. Kenah, Junior Warden.

MORTUARY TRIBUTE.—BROTHER SILAS GILBERT GAGE.

During the administration of Worshipful Brother Woodman, two brothers of eminent worth, to whom the brethren of the Lodge of those years had become warmly attached, were removed by death. These were Brother Silas Gilbert Gage, who died April 6, 1893, and Wor'f. Bro. John Fairfield Ham, who died June 12, 1893.

Bro. Gage after a severe illness died among friends, with his wife by his side, at Henniker, N.H., and his funeral was held in the Methodist Church of that town on the Sunday after his death, the local lodge of Free Masons attending in a body and giving him the honors of a Masonic service and burial, while upon the casket rested a beautiful memorial tribute of flowers sent by Joseph Webb Lodge. At the May Communication, 1893, the following letter was received and read :

“BRIDGEWATER, April 10, 1893.

“CHAS. C. LITTLEFIELD, Esq.,

“Dear Sir and Brother,— There being no member of Joseph Webb Lodge present at the funeral of the late Bro. Silas G. Gage, I thought you would like to know something in regard to it.

“The funeral was held on Sunday last at the Methodist Church, Henniker, N. H., the local lodge of Masons performing the funeral service in a very impressive manner. The beautiful floral tribute sent by Joseph Webb Lodge arrived in good condition and was very highly appreciated by all.

“In behalf of Mrs. Gage I thank the members of Joseph Webb for their kindness in remembering our late brother by their beautiful tribute. Any information you may wish I will gladly furnish.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN MAYO.”

This letter was placed on the Records, a vote of thanks extended to the Henniker Lodge for its fraternal spirit manifested, and that Lodge was requested to send any bill of expense incurred and it would be immediately honored.

The resolutions adopted upon the death of Bro. Gage contain the proper tribute to his memory and state that he was raised in Joseph Webb Lodge November 1, 1882, by Worshipful Master Osgood. He came to us warmly recommended and endorsed as a good man and true. As he has been in and out among us for all these years, until detained more recently by illness, a constant attendant upon all our Communications (for his attendance was as regular as that of the Worshipful Master, and he always occupied the seat next east of the Senior Steward), we found that he was all he had been represented. During all his Masonic life it could be seen by all

who knew him that his Masonic faith was established upon firm foundations, that there was no alloy in his manhood, that his character was unmixed with selfishness, that his charity was always abounding, that modesty with him was a virtue, that his amiability commended him to the brethren, that his love for the tenets of his profession was equalled by his zeal in protecting our ancient landmarks from innovations, preserving the reputation of the fraternity unsullied, and defending his Lodge and brethren with a warmth of zeal that proved his fraternal love and intelligence.

With equal fervency and zeal he defended his country when her sons were called to arms, and during that war was a good soldier under the flag representing the constitution and the Union.

“He hath gone to the grave, but his name is enrolled
And a glorious crown has been given
Where the angels are sweeping their bright harps of gold
In the celestial lodge of Heaven.

“He hath gone to the land where the flowers ne'er fade,
Where he knows not of sickness or sorrow,
Where in beauty of bliss in a sun without shade,
He enjoys eternal tomorrow.”

WORSHIPFUL JOHN F. HAM.

John Fairfield Ham, Past Master of Joseph Webb Lodge, died June 12, 1893, at the age of fifty years and four months. He received his Master Mason's degree in Joseph Webb Lodge May 7, 1879, and at once became an active member.

As a friend and adviser he was cautious, prudent and safe; in business he was skilful and capable, and as a brother of our fraternity he possessed those pleasing personal qualities, that gentle demeanor that gained for him the love and esteem of all who were brought in immediate connection with him. Pos-

sibly he had his faults ; if so, they laid gently upon him, and only proved that he was human, for none save angels reach perfection. He had ambition, but it was not the kind that o'erleaps itself, and yet he had ambition. Seneca says : "Take away ambition, and where will be your heroes and patriots?" He had been affiliated with us only about six months when he was elected to the honorable position of Junior Warden. This, however, was not because of any ambition on his part, for literally the office sought the man and not the man the office. When circumstances pointed to him as the proper person to assume that position and the opportunity was presented to him, he at once positively declined, urging many cogent reasons why, because of his inexperience in the work of the Lodge and the short term of his membership, he should not consent to receive the vote of the brethren. It was not until these objections were removed by equally cogent argument that he consented to the idea of his candidacy, and so, at the annual communication in 1879 he was elected Junior Warden. He was elected Senior Warden in 1880, and installed January 5, 1881. He was elected and installed Worshipful Master November 15, 1882, and was re-elected November, 1883, and publicly installed December 31st of that year.

Wor'f. Bro. Ham passed from life at the time stated, and his obsequies was held at Grace Church, near the Revere House, where he resided with his family, and was attended by the entire Lodge, the Masonic burial service being performed over his remains.

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial tribute performed its duty, and it is entered upon the Records of the Lodge. In this the committee said, among other things :

"In the future months and years we shall miss him, and no feeble utterance of ours can speak the measure of his loss to

us, and yet, knowing how soon we must follow our brother we cannot repine, for —

“ ‘God is Love; a word like this
Can every gloomy thought remove,
And turn all tears, all woes to bliss,
For God is Love.’ ”

“By his zeal and intelligent efficiency he maintained the reputation of the Lodge at the high standard it had reached and largely increased our membership. Since he retired from the high position his brethren had assigned him, he has been almost constant in his attendance upon the Lodge, and has placed the Worshipful Masters who have followed him under constant obligations for fraternal advice and assistance.”

THANKS FROM THE FAMILY.

“To the Members of JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, A. F. and A. M. :

“Sirs,—The parting with a loved, loving and devoted father and husband is a sorrow so sudden, a grief so overwhelming in its shadow upon our happy lives together, that, knowing as we have for years my father’s devoted love for Joseph Webb Lodge, F. and A. M., and his friendship for brother members, your tribute of services, the beautiful ‘In Memoriam’ and every expression of sympathy comes to us through the cloud, and we most heartily appreciate your kind attentions.

“Please accept from my sorrowing mother and myself our deepest gratitude for every kindness and expressed wish in our recent bereavement. Very sincerely,

LEON W. HAM.

“Boston, August, 17, 1893.”

Administration of Wor. Frank T. Kenah.

The two years of the administrative work of Wor'f. Bro. Frank T. Kenah covered 1895 and 1896, and these were years of hard labor and unusual anxiety, especially for the Master, because of more than ordinary activity in social functions and more particularly on account of the partial destruction of the Masonic Temple, which is hereinafter noted, and which occasioned a change of our Masonic home and more or less interference with the work of the Lodge.

During this term Wor'f. Bro. F. T. Kenah had the valuable assistance of Brothers William H. Kenah and Joshua M. Dill, two intelligent and accomplished brethren who extended much needed aid in sustaining the high standard of excellence the Lodge had reached.

During the two years of this term, twenty-four brothers were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

After the partial destruction of Masonic Temple and before suitable apartments could be provided elsewhere, Joseph Webb Lodge received an invitation from Union Lodge of Dorchester, to occupy their apartments at Upham's Corner, and this fraternal offer was gratefully accepted. After an occupancy of those quarters for three months, the Grand Lodge having properly fitted up necessary halls and rooms in Continental Building, on the corner of Washington and Boylston Streets, the Lodge removed there and held its first communication December 20, 1895.

GENEROUS COURTESY OF UNION LODGE.

At a regular Communication of Joseph Webb Lodge May 6, 1896, a request having been made previously to Union Lodge for a bill covering rent, etc., for the use of its apart-



Frank T. Kenah.

ments at Upham's Corner, the following letter was received and read by the Secretary :

“UNION LODGE, F. and A. M.
Dorchester, Mass.

“FREE MASONS HALL, April 11, 1896.

“Mr. F. T. KENAH :

“Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother,—Relative to any charges against Joseph Webb Lodge for use of our apartments, the Worshipful Master presents his compliments and requests me to say that no indebtedness exists on that account. The actual expense to Union Lodge was a trifling matter not worthy of mention. Moreover, we considered it our duty as well as a pleasure to extend to all Lodges (situated as were yourselves) a cordial invitation to accept our hospitality and such other courtesies as were in our power to offer, and, while we sympathized with you in the misfortune of the hour, were glad of an opportunity that would enable us to show that spirit of friendship and brotherly love that should exist between all Lodges and members of this Fraternity.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

C. A. RUGGLES,

Secretary.”

At the regular Communication September 10, 1896, the special committee appointed at a previous time to prepare a letter and testimonial to Union Lodge, reported that they had purchased a “Charter case,” and prepared a written testimonial which had been received by Union Lodge at a largely attended Communication.

The written testimonial was as follows :

“BOSTON, June 14, 1896.

“To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of UNION
LODGE, A. F. and A. M. :

“Brethren,—Joseph Webb Lodge extends to Union Lodge its heartiest congratulations upon the completion of its first century (Union Lodge instituted 1796), and wishes for it a most glorious future.

“Its past is secure in a most honorable history, and its future lies along a road only trodden by those who exemplify in the highest degree the noblest precepts of our Fraternity.

Our members will long remember your exemplification of the noble virtue of charity in the brotherly love manifested to them as a Lodge on the occasion of the destruction of their Lodge rooms and Masonic home by the conflagration of September 7, 1895. Then it was your grand old Lodge that is so soon to celebrate its one hundredth anniversary came to the front, nobly extending its friendship and hospitality to its sister Lodges.

“Joseph Webb Lodge, being one of those deprived of a home, accepted your kind offer, and for three months had the pleasure of enjoying your hospitality, and for the many courtesies extended to us while there we extend to you our earnest and sincere thanks.

“Wishing, however, to extend to you the thanks of the Lodge in a more tangible manner than mere words can convey, we ask that you will accept the accompanying case for your venerable and valuable Charter ; asking its acceptance not for its intrinsic value alone, but as a very slight token of our appreciation of the many fraternal acts of kindness we received from Union Lodge while occupying its beautiful apartments ; and may Union Lodge endure and flourish like

a green bay tree, long after Time's effacing finger shall have removed the inscription it bears.

Very truly and fraternally,

ALBRO A. OSGOOD, *P. M.*

HENRY M. ROWE, *P. M.*

JOSHUA M. DILL, *S. W.*

ROBERT J. RODDAY.

CHAS. C. LITTLEFIELD, *Sec'y.*"

To this expression from Joseph Webb Lodge, a committee of Union Lodge, consisting of Wm. T. Adams, *P. M.*, C. D. Dunham, *W. M.*, C. A. Ruggles, *Sec'y.*, sent a warmly expressed letter of acknowledgement, which was entered in full upon the Records of the Lodge.

DEATH OF WILLIAM CLARK COOLEGE.

Bro. William C. Coolege, raised in Joseph Webb Lodge March 5, 1884, died February 3, 1895. He had served as the Inside Sentinel of the Lodge for a number of years, was much loved by the brethren and his death was felt to be a real loss to the Lodge. In the eloquently prepared memorial tribute written by Right Wor'f. Bro. Upton, it was said that "during a large part of his membership he has been an officer in the Lodge, and none were more faithful or constant in attendance upon the various Communications and other meetings of the Lodge than he. Whatever might be the occasion, his presence and his assistance were always looked for and never in vain. No hour of the night or storm of the heavens could prevent his attendance if he could be of any service to his beloved Lodge. Many will be the day ere we find a love for the institution more deeply rooted, more constant and enduring, and a regard for the welfare of its members more sympathetic and helpful

than was shown in the life of William Clark Cooledge. Even to the end he remembered us all, and in the last conversation had by any of us with him he inquired for the welfare of the Lodge and its members. Upon him and such as he the Masters of our Lodge have been accustomed to rely for material assistance and advice, and none have found him wanting."

AN OPPORTUNE GIFT.

At the Communication held June 5, 1895, a sealed letter was received by the Worshipful Master, with a request that it be not opened until after the close of the Lodge. On opening the envelope it was found to be from Bro. John H. Collamore, an honorary member of the Lodge, and was as follows:

"510 COLUMBUS AVENUE, June 5, 1895.

"FRANK T. KENAH, W. M. of Joseph Webb Lodge :

"My Dear Sir and Brother,— Inclosed please find one hundred dollars, which I am pleased to send in behalf of Joseph Webb Lodge, to be added to your Charity Fund. With best wishes to you all,

Fraternally,

JOHN H. COLLAMORE."

MONUMENT TO GEN. WARREN CELEBRATION IN CHARLESTOWN
JUNE 17, 1895.

A special Communication of Joseph Webb Lodge was called by the following notice :

"JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, A. F. and A. M.

"Dear Sir and Brother,— A special meeting will be held in Sutton Hall, Masonic Temple, Monday, June 17, at 9.30 A.M.,

to take part in the centennial celebration of erection of Joseph Warren monument in Charlestown.

By order

FRANK T. KENAH,

“CHARLES C. LITTLEFIELD,

Worshipful Master.

Secretary.”

“N. B.—Brethren are requested to assemble promptly, and to appear in black hat, dark clothes and cravat, black shoes and white gloves.”

Some forty members besides the officers appeared at the time named and proceeded to City Square, Charlestown, where the procession was formed.

The celebration was under the auspices of King Solomon's Lodge, then of Charlestown, and the invited Lodges present were as follows, given according to precedence of rank :

Amicable of Cambridge, 1805 ; Germania of Boston, 1854 ; Pequossette of Watertown, 1856 ; Aberdour of Boston, 1860 ; Mount Olivet of Cambridge, 1863 ; Temple, East Boston, 1870 ; Joseph Webb, 1876, Boston. These lodges were assigned to the First Division. Wor'f. Joseph Gahm, W. M. of Germania Lodge, was Chief Marshal, and Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, of Joseph Webb Lodge, was Aide to the Chief Marshal.

Although not possessing our national colors, Joseph Webb brethren marched under the starry flag in the hot sun of that day on their march to Bunker Hill to the music of Reeves' American Band of Providence, R.I. Through the kindness and courtesy of Bunker Hill Council No. 2, Order of United American Mechanics, of Charlestown, Joseph Webb Lodge was enabled to be one of the four Masonic lodges carrying the national colors that day, and Bro. Charles Hugo Richard Voight carried them throughout the line of march, without evidence

of unusual exhaustion, while many of the other brethren were nearly overcome by the heat. Certainly, nothing but their loyalty to Joseph Webb Lodge kept them in the line to the end.

At the monument an address of welcome was delivered by C. E. Marshall, Worshipful Master of King Solomon's Lodge, who was followed in an address by Most Worshipful Edwin B. Holmes, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. The monument of Gen. Warren was then beautifully decorated, whereupon His Excellency Frederick T. Greenhalge, Governor of Massachusetts, a brother of Kilwinning Lodge of Lowell, delivered the oration, after which Joseph Webb Lodge marched to the Navy Yard, where an excellent collation was served.

The thanks of the Lodge at a subsequent Communication was heartily extended to Bunker Hill Council No. 2, O. U. A. M. for its loan of the national colors.

MASONIC PATRIOTISM.

Our Masonic fraternity is fortunate in its possession of evidence displaying the patriotism of its membership. This is exemplified particularly in the early history of our country, when the foundation was laid under circumstances that tried men's souls. Historians may not make record of the important work that our Fraternity accomplished in declaring our national independence and afterwards establishing by the arbitrament of arms the great Republic that our Fraternity has since been foremost in maintaining and extending. Thomas Jefferson, a brother of our mystic tie, wrote the Declaration, Benjamin Franklin, another well-known Free Mason, supported it, and George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette, distinguished members of our Craft, led our patriotic army to victory.

But our own Masonic district, I venture to say, stands pre-eminent over all others in our national domain for the loyalty and bravery of its representative patriots and their achievements in the patriotic cause. Here I may mention, first, Paul Revere, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, a well-known curious artificer and scientific worker in metals, who manufactured the jewels of King Solomon's Lodge, an ancient Lodge until recently located at Charlestown in this Masonic district and now located in Somerville. Paul Revere was the intimate adviser with Samuel Adams, the most earnest advocate of independence when many others advised delay and the study of diplomacy; and also an active coadjutor of Dr. Joseph Warren, long the Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the first most distinguished martyr to American independence. Paul Revere became most distinguished by his midnight ride to Lexington and Concord on the night of April 18, 1775. Let me tell the story in his own words:

“On Tuesday evening, the 18th of April, 1775, it was observed that a number of soldiers were marching towards Boston Common. About 10 o'clock Dr. Warren sent in great haste for me, and begged that I would immediately set off for Lexington, where were Hancock and Adams, and acquaint them with the movement, and that it was thought they were the object. When I got to Dr. Warren's house, I found he had sent an express by land to Lexington — a Mr. William Dawes. The Sunday before, by desire of Dr. Warren, I had been to Lexington to see Hancock and Adams, who were at Rev. Mr. Clark's. I returned at night through Charlestown. There I agreed with a Col. Conant and some other gentlemen that, if the British went out by water, we would show two lanterns in the North Church steeple [now known as Christ

Church], and if by land, one, as a signal; for we were apprehensive it would be difficult to cross the Charles River or get over Boston Neck. I left Dr. Warren, called on a friend, and desired him to make the signals. I then went home, took my boots and surtout, went to the north part of the town, where I had kept a boat. Two friends rowed me across Charles River, a little to the Eastward, where the Somerset man-of-war lay. It was then young flood; the ship was winding and the moon was rising. They landed me on the Charlestown side. When I got into town, I met Col. Conant and several others. They said they had seen our signals. I told them what was acting, and went to get me a horse. I got a horse of Deacon Larkin. While the horse was preparing, Richard Devens, Esq., who was one of the committee of safety, came to me and told me he came down the road from Lexington after sundown that evening; that he met two British officers, well mounted and armed, going up the road.

“I set off on a very good horse. It was about eleven o'clock and very pleasant. After I had passed Charlestown Neck and got very near opposite where Mark was hung in chains, I saw two men on horseback under a tree. When I got near them I discovered they were British officers. One tried to get ahead of me, and the other to take me.”

To epitomize the narrative, Paul Revere pushed for the Medford road and escaped the men. In Medford he alarmed the captain of the minute men and then almost every house to Lexington. At Rev. Mr. Clark's house he found Hancock and Adams. They had not seen Mr. Dawes, but he arrived soon after. Then Revere and Dawes started for Concord; were met by Dr. Prescott, “a high son of liberty.” He told the story to Dr. Prescott, and thought they might be stopped before reaching Concord. He proposed alarming all the in-

habitants, which Dr. Prescott approved. About half way to Concord, being a hundred rods ahead of Dr. Prescott and Mr. Dawes, he saw two British officers, and shouted to Dr. Prescott to come up, but Revere was immediately surrounded by four men. They attempted to escape. Dr. Prescott jumped his horse over a stone wall and got to Concord. Revere made for the woods and was there met by six officers on horseback. They captured him. One of them, Capt. Mitchell of the 5th Regiment, called him by name, presented a pistol to his head and threatened to blow out his brains if he did not truthfully answer questions to be asked him. He answered the questions, was searched, and then they started with him towards Lexington. Proceeding a mile, he was placed in charge of a sergeant. They went on and reached near to Lexington meetinghouse. The militia fired a volley which alarmed the officers. The sergeant's horse became tired and he exchanged horses with Revere, and left the patriot behind, galloping on towards the meetinghouse. Paul Revere moved on over some pasture land and came again to Rev. Mr. Clark's house, where he found Hancock and Adams safe, who, being told by Revere the condition of affairs, left Rev. Mr. Clark's house and went towards Woburn. Paul Revere and Mr. Lowell, Mr. Hancock's secretary, went with them, but both returned to Mr. Clark's house. An elderly man came to Mr. Clark's from the tavern and told them no British troops were coming. Upon request of Mr. Lowell, Revere went with him to the tavern to get a trunk of papers belonging to Mr. Hancock. In his narrative, Mr. Revere says: "We went up chamber, and, while we were getting the trunk, we saw the British very near, upon a full march. We hurried towards Mr. Clark's house, and on our way we passed through the militia. There were about fifty. When we had

got about one hundred rods from the meetinghouse, the British troops appeared on both sides of the meetinghouse. In their front was an officer on horseback. They made a short halt, when I saw and heard a gun fired, which appeared to be a pistol. Then I could distinguish two guns, then a continual roar of musketry."

Hancock and Adams escaped from the British, but Gov. Gage finally offered pardon to all the patriots whom he called "rebels" excepting Samuel Adams and John Hancock. Paul Revere, after Independence was accomplished, became Grand Master of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, previous to which, when Joseph Webb was Grand Master, Paul Revere was his Deputy Grand Master. The official signatures of Joseph Webb and Paul Revere are attached to the charter of King Solomon's Lodge, of date September 5, 1783.

Next to Paul Revere was Gen. Joseph Warren, the colossal figure-head of the Revolution, a beloved and highly honored Free Mason. Gen. Joseph Warren was Joseph 3d, son of Joseph, Jr., born in Roxbury, June 11, 1741, and was a little more than thirty years of age when the war of independence commenced. He was an eminent physician and was remarkable for fearless integrity. His residence was on the location of the present American House, Hanover Street, nearly opposite Elm Street. On the 29th of February, 1768, Dr. Warren published an article in the "Boston Gazette," which was, without any personal allusion to him, an arraignment of the acts of Provincial Governor Bernard in negating councillors elected by the representatives; and for severe censures on leading members of the House, expressed in letters to Lord Shelburne, minister of State to the King. In this article Dr. Warren says: "Nothing has been more intolerable than your insolence on a late occasion, when you had, by your

jesuitical insinuations, induced a worthy minister of State to form a most unfavorable opinion of the province in general, and some of the most respectable inhabitants in particular. You had the effrontery to produce a letter from his lordship, as a proof of your success in calumniating us. Surely you must suppose we have lost all feeling, or you would not dare thus to make us sensible of the inexpressible misfortunes which you have brought upon us. But I refrain, lest a full representation of the hardships suffered by this too long insulted people should lead them to an unwarranted revenge. We never can treat good and patriotic rulers with too great reverence. But it is certain that none totally abandoned to wickedness can ever merit our regard, be their stations ever so high :

“ ‘ If such men are by God appointed,
The devil may be the Lord’s annointed.’ ”

Bernard’s ire was excited by this letter, which he accepted as an attack upon him, and he sent a message to the House of Representatives, declaring the article libellous and asked their consideration. Fifty-six members of the House voting in the affirmative and eighteen in the negative passed a resolve declaring “that the liberty of the press is a great bulwark of the liberty of the people.” The grand jury, when appealed to afterwards, refused to find a bill against Dr. Warren. The patriotic doctor had probed deeply with his pen.

Afterwards, March 7, 1768, Dr. Warren published a second article, in which he says : “ My first performance has, by a strange kind of compliment, been by some applied to his excellency Gov. Bernard. It is not for me to account for the construction put upon it. Every man has a right to make his own remarks, and if he satisfies himself, he will

not displease me. I will, however, inform the public that I have the most sacred regard to the characters of all good men, and would sooner cut my right hand from my body than strike at the reputation of an honest member of the community. But there are circumstances, in which not justice alone, but humanity itself, obliges us to hold up the villain to view and expose his guilt, to prevent his destroying the innocent. Whoever he is whose conscience tells him he is not the monster I have portrayed, may rest assured I did not aim at him ; but the person who knows the black picture exhibited to be his own, is welcome to take it to himself. The imputation of disaffection to the king and the government, brought against me by his majesty's council, I shall answer only by a quotation from the paper which they have been pleased to censure, where I say : 'We can never treat good and patriotic rulers with too great reverence,' in which sentence I hope the honorable board will not say I have omitted to declare my sentiments of the duty which every good subject owes to his present majesty and all worthy subordinate magistrates ; and I flatter myself that the sentiments of the board coincide with mine. If they do not, I must dissent from them. Their charge of profaneness, I humbly apprehend, was occasioned by their forcing a sense upon the two last lines totally different from what I intended they should convey. My design was to compare wicked men, and especially wicked magistrates, to those enemies of mankind, the devils ; and to intimate that the devils themselves might boast of divine authority to seduce and ruin mankind, with as much reason and justice as wicked rulers can pretend to derive from God, or from his word, a right to oppress, harass and enslave their fellow-creatures. The beneficent Lord of the Universe delights in viewing the happiness of all men. And so far as

civil government is of divine institution, it was calculated for the greatest good of the whole community ; and, whenever it ceases to be of general advantage, it ceases to be of divine appointment, and the magistrates in such a community have no claim to that honor which the Divine Legislator has assigned to magistrates of his election. I hope the honorable board will not condemn a man for expressing his contempt for the odious doctrines of divine hereditary right in princes, and of passive obedience, which he thinks dishonorary to Almighty God, the common and impartial Father of the species, and ruinous both to kings and subjects ; and which, if adhered to, would dethrone his present majesty and destroy the British nation. The honorable board is humbly requested to examine whether the above is not the most natural and obvious sense of the quoted lines. Certainly, when I read them, I thought it the only sense ; and I shall think myself very unhappy in my readers, should they generally put that construction upon them which the honorable board have been pleased to adopt."

In a third letter of March 14, 1768, Dr. Warren, who never again wrote articles for the newspapers, says : "With pleasure I hear the general voice of the people in favor of freedom. . . . The honorable House of Representatives have shown themselves resolute in the cause of justice. The grand jurors have convinced us that no influence is able to overcome their attachment to their country and our free constitution. They deserve honor. But this is one of those cases in which, by doing as they have done, they really merit praise ; yet the path was so plain, that to have done otherwise would have rendered them —— indeed !

"While this people know their true interest, they will be able to distinguish their friends from their enemies ; and with uniform courage will defend from tyrannic violence all those who

generously offer themselves volunteers in the cause of truth and humanity. But if ever a mistaken complaisance leads them to sacrifice their privileges or the well meaning assertors of them, they will deserve bondage, and soon will find themselves in chains.

“Every society of men have a clear right to refute any unjust aspersions upon their characters, especially when they feel the ill effects of such aspersions ; and, though they may not pursue the slanderer from motives of revenge, yet are obliged to detect him, that so he may be prevented from injuring them again. This province has been most barborously traduced, and now groans under the weight of those misfortunes which have thereby been brought upon it. We have detected some of the authors ; we will zealously endeavor to deprive them of the power of injuring us hereafter. We will strip the serpents of their stings and consign to disgrace all those guilty betrayers of their country. There is but one way to avoid being set up as objects of general hate, which is — NOT TO DESERVE IT.”

This terse, graceful, sarcastic and bold declaration and defence of his principles, not over his own signature, reminds us and possibly will others of the famed “Junius,” who, in a London publication, shot his unerring arrows of sarcastic argument and criticism from an impenetrable concealment, speaking from a recess which no human curiosity could penetrate.

Later on, March 5, 1770, occurred the Boston massacre on King, now State, Street, which for some years on each returning anniversary was publicly observed. On the anniversary of 1775, when British troops occupied Boston, and it was at the risk of life that any man uttered sentiments of independence against the British crown, Dr. Warren for a second time, the first in 1772, delivered the oration in the old South Church. The pulpit stairs and the pulpit itself was occupied

by officers and soldiers of the garrison stationed there to overawe the orator and, if possible, prevent him from proceeding. Dr. Warren, to prevent interruption and commotion, entered by a rear window. Standing there face to face with his armed enemies, knowing that the effect of his utterances might be death, he said among other things: "If pacific measures are ineffectual and it appears that the only way to safety is through fields of blood, I know you will not turn your faces from your foes, but will undauntingly pass forward until tyranny is trodden under foot and you have fixed your adored Goddess of Liberty fast by Brunswick's side on the American throne."

On June 17, 1775, Dr. Warren held a commission of Major General in the Revolutionary Army but had not qualified and of course had not assumed duty under the commission. Like a true, noble son of America as he was, he went to Breed's Hill where the battle was fought, since known as Bunker Hill. At Lexington and Concord fight April 19, 1775, Dr. Warren was one of the Committee of Safety. After the fight on the 19th, as the British were returning, Dr. Warren went out with Gen. Heath to aid in repelling them. When descending the high ground at Menotomy in West Cambridge he came near losing his life, a shot from the British taking off a long curl of his hair, which, according to the custom at that time, hung about his ears.

As our troops in Cambridge received orders to march and fortify Bunker Hill, Dr. Warren announced his intention of going to Bunker Hill, and Elbridge Gerry, of Cambridge, urged him not to risk himself unnecessarily "where your destruction will be almost inevitable." "I know it," he replied, "but I live within sound of their cannon. How could I hear their roaring in so glorious a cause and not be there?" Again Mr. Gerry remonstrated, and concluded by saying: "As surely

as you go there, you will be slain." At once the reply came from Warren, "*Dulce et decorum, est pro patria mori*" — it is a pleasure to die for one's country. He spent most of the night of the 16th at Watertown on public business and at 5 o'clock on the morning of the 17th June was at Cambridge, and laid down upon a bed for a little rest and sleep. About noon he mounted and reached Breed's Hill, where our army had commenced fortifying, a little before the action commenced. Col. Prescott, recognizing the presence of Dr. Warren, tendered him the command and asked orders. Dr. Warren explained his position and said that he did not come to command but to learn. It was finally arranged that while not in actual command he should be free to advise and his judgment would be gladly received and acted upon. Dr. Warren borrowed a musket and cartouch-box from a sergeant who was obliged to retire, and mingled in the thickest of the fight, encouraging the men by his example more than it was possible to do in any other way. After Col. Prescott ordered a retreat, says Everett, it was with great reluctance that Warren quitted the redoubt. He was retreating from it when the British had full possession and he was in extreme danger. At this moment, Major Small of the British army, whose life had been saved in a similar emergency by the intervention of Gen. Putnam, attempted to requite the service by one of like character for Warren, and called to him, "For God's sake stop and save your life." Gen. Warren turned and seemed to recognize Major Small, but still continued on. Small ordered his men not to fire upon him and threw up one of the muskets with his sword, but too late — the ball had sped that struck Gen. Warren in the head, killing him instantly. The body was found afterwards and identified by Dr. Jeffries, a surgeon on the field, who remembered that he had lost a finger-nail and wore a false tooth.

Everett states that he was buried where he fell. The Hon. Needham Maynard, of Whitestown, N.Y., gave evidence in 1843, at the age of 88 years, that "Col. Prescott was sent off on the night of the 16th June to break ground on Bunker Hill. It was found that Breed's was better, and so they laid the fort and went back to work there. I was in Col. Brewer's regiment, and we went out early on the 17th. We found Col. Prescott there and Col. Brewer. The balls were flying about us very thick. About eleven o'clock Gen. Warren came up. When Col. Brewer met him (probably Col. Prescott was also present), he said: 'General, if you have come to take the command, I am glad to see you.' 'No,' said Warren, 'I have come only as a volunteer; I did not come to take the command, but to act as a volunteer in any station. Our perils are commencing, and I have come to take my part.' 'Well,' they said, 'do you mean to stay with us, General?' 'Yes,' said Warren, 'I mean to stay,' and then the others insisted upon his taking command. Then they continued to urge, and Col. Brewer said: 'We must have a head, and he ought to be a general. We are all colonels here, and one colonel is as good as another.' Warren said: 'If you will continue to act as a council, I will give you my views as commander, and, if you approve them, they can go as commands,' and so he went on when anything was done, giving the orders." Col. Maynard was not with Gen. Warren when he fell, having gone into the redoubt. The statement of Col. John Small, at London in 1786, confirms the above statement, except adding that Gen. Howe urged him to save Warren, and that he (Small) spoke to him just as he expired. Deacon Samuel Lawrence, of Groton, father of Abbott Lawrence, once minister to the Court of St. James, a minute man at Bunker Hill, confirms the fact that Col. Prescott urged Gen. Warren to

take command. He states that he was with Warren when the ball struck him and until he expired, and that no British officer was within forty or fifty rods of him from the time the ball struck him until he was dead, which refutes the story of Col. Small.

For the purpose of perpetuating the memory of Gen. Joseph Warren, who at the time he fell was Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, King Solomon's Lodge, A. F. and A. M., in 1794-5, erected a monument upon the spot where he met his death June 17, 1775. It was the centennial celebration of the erection of this monument that called out Joseph Webb Lodge June 17, 1895, as stated. The monument was a Tuscan pillar, eighteen feet in height, placed upon a platform two feet high, eight feet square; on the top of the pillar was a gilt urn with the initials and age of Gen. Warren, enclosed in the square and compass. On the southwest side of the pedestal is the following inscription cut in stone:

Erected A.D. 1794 by
 KING SOLOMON'S LODGE OF FREEMASONS,
 Constituted at Charlestown, 1783,
 IN MEMORY OF
 MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH WARREN
 And his Associates

Who were slain on this memorable spot June 17, 1775.

“None but they who set a just value upon the blessings
 of Liberty are worthy to enjoy her.”

“In vain we toiled; in vain we fought; we bled in vain — if you our
 offspring want valor to repel the assaults of her invaders.”

Charlestown settled 1628; burnt 1775; rebuilt 1776.

The enclosed land given by Hon. James Russell.

[The quotations on the monument are the words of Dr. Warren from his oration at the Old South Church, Boston, March 5, 1772.]

As before stated, King Solomon's Lodge, until lately in this Masonic district, received its charter in 1783 from Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, then Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, whose honored name this Lodge bears. Between these two Lodges, therefore, there is a certain feeling of fraternity which emphasizes the natural feeling of brotherhood, and I may be excused if in this connection I make record of some incidents in the history of our venerable sister Lodge which may be of general interest as illustrating the customs of our more ancient brethren of the preceding centuries.

CELEBRATION OF ST. JOHN'S DAY.

June 24, 1785. The anniversary of St. John was celebrated by the Charlestown brethren by a procession, oration and feast. The Records of King Solomon's Lodge show there were present : Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Grand Master ; Right Wor'f. Paul Revere, Deputy Grand Master ; Most Worshipful John Warren, Past Grand Master, brother of Gen. Joseph Warren ; thirty-two visiting brothers ; the orator, Rev. Samuel Stillman ; Rev. Peter Thacher, chaplain ; John Frothingham, deacon ; the selectmen, constable and eight musicians, in all sixty-eight persons. "Proceeded to the meetinghouse with music playing, where divine service was performed by Rev. Messrs. Stillman and Thacher, after which there was a public contribution amounting to £8 17s. The money contributed was delivered to the Overseers of the Poor."

EMINENT FREE MASONS.

Brothers Stillman and Thacher were distinguished pastors of that day, and brilliant defenders of the tenets of our Order, and something in regard to them may not be uninteresting. I found in James Speare Loring's "Historical Gleanings" that Rev. Samuel Stillman was born in Philadelphia, February

27, 1737; was educated at Charleston, S.C.; settled in the ministry at James Island, but impaired health occasioned his removal to Bordentown, N.J., in 1760, and two years after he became assistant pastor at the Second Baptist Church, Boston, and in 1765 was installed over the First Baptist Church in Boston. He published, in 1766, a patriotic sermon upon the repeal of the Stamp Act, which was greatly admired. He preached a sermon before the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, June 4, 1770; the Election Sermon, May, 1779, and the Fourth of July Oration in 1789. He died March 13, 1807. A public paper said of him: "We cannot claim for Dr. Stillman the oratory of Burke. His printed sermons are no reflection of the man. The voice is wanting — the melting tones, the restless activity, the fervor, the life, the energy. He was a thin, spare man, dressed with the utmost neatness; he wore a large powdered, bushy wig; motions very quick and his tones the most melting we ever heard. It was once our lot to see him enter the jail in Court Street, where a criminal was confined, awaiting execution. A vast crowd was assembled in the yard around the old Court House, blocking up all the passages. He was driven up by an elderly negro man, who sat on a strapped seat before the body of the chaise. The impatient chaplain leaped from his carriage like a bird; and I shall never forget the impressions his motions made on me as he darted through the crowd, like a glancing arrow or a bounding rocket, rushing through every opening and almost pushing — one this way and another that way, seeming to say by his very motions: 'Make way, gentlemen, make way; your business cannot be equal to mine, for I have but one work to do and it must be done; I go to rescue a sinner from the darkness of his ignorance and the pangs of the second death; make way, gentlemen, make way!'"

We learn from the same historian that Rev. Peter Thacher was born in Milton, March 21, 1752. He entered the Boston Latin School in 1763, graduated at Harvard in 1769, and then was a school teacher in Chelsea for a time. He was invited to visit a friend in Malden who belonged to a church there, and asked him to bring a couple of sermons along with him, as he might be invited to preach. He was invited and preached for the first time at the morning service. His youthful and engaging mien, his silvery voice and golden eloquence so charmed the disturbed elements of this divided church, that, during the intermission, it was decided by acclamation that he was the man to heal all dissensions and he became their pastor in 1770, at the age of 18 years. In October of that year he married; he had ten children, one of whom was a clergyman and another a judge of the Boston Municipal Court.

During his residence in Malden, he took an active part in movements which affected the revolution. He delivered the oration on the Boston massacre, March 5, 1776, but as the British troops then occupied Boston, the oration was delivered at the meeting-house in Watertown. In this oration he alluded to the death of Gen. Warren, saying: "This day, upon which the gloomy scene was first opened, calls upon us to mourn for the heroes who have already died on the bed of honor. Especially does it lead us to recollect the name and the virtues of Gen. Warren; the kind, the humane, the benevolent friend in the private walks of life,—the inflexible patriot, the undaunted commander in his public sphere—deserves to be recollected with gratitude and esteem. . . . Ah, my countrymen, what tender, what excruciating sensations rush at once upon our burdened minds, when we recall his loved idea. When we reflect upon the manner of his death, when we fancy that we see his savage enemies exulting o'er his corpse,

beautiful even in death ; when we remember that destitute of the rights of sepulture, he was cast into the ground without the distinction due to his rank and merit, we cannot restrain the starting tear — we cannot repress the bursting sigh ! We mourn thy exit, illustrious shade ! with undissembled grief ; we venerate thine exalted character ; we will erect a monument to thy memory in each of our grateful hearts, and to the latest years will teach our tender infants to lisp the name of Warren with veneration and applause ! ”

From Malden Dr. Thacher was called to Brattle Street Church in Boston. Gov. Sullivan, Harrison Gray Otis and John Hancock were among his parishioners. He was settled in Boston January 12, 1775. His brother, Rev. Thomas Thacher, of Dedham, a man of strong intellectual power, once remarked : “ I know brother Peter excels me in prayer, but I can give the best sermons. ” Dr. Peter Thacher went to Savannah, Georgia, for his health, where he died November 16, 1802, of consumption, at the age of fifty. Both Doctors Stillman and Thacher were honored and beloved in the Masonic fraternity.

OLD-TIME INCIDENTS.

It is an interesting fact that on the 4th of July, 1783, Boston celebrated for the first time the anniversary of American Independence, and that a grand revolutionary leader and officer in the struggle, whose name our Masonic Lodge bears, took an active part in that celebration. The public exercises of that first celebration took place in the Brattle Square Church, Faneuil Hall being found too small to accommodate the people. Dr. John Warren, a distinguished Masonic brother and a brother of the hero-martyr of Bunker Hill, who was the successor of Joseph Webb as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, delivered the oration. After

the oration, the brigade train of artillery and the infantry regiment of militia, under command of Col. Joseph Webb, paraded in State Street, and the artillery and militia each fired thirteen volleys in honor of the occasion. After the parade, Col. Webb and the officers participating in the celebration dined at the "Bunch of Grapes," and it may be imagined that, in accord with the custom of that period, which is not always dishonored by their descendants and successors of this twentieth century, they drank the juice of grape in thirteen bumpers in honor of the independence of thirteen sovereign States. If living now, after the lapse of one hundred and eighteen years, they might find physical endurance taxed to the utmost limit, and even beyond the limit of endurance, if called upon to drink forty-five bumpers to honor all the present sovereign States. Happily that lapse of time and a better appreciation of the fitness of things has relegated jovial bumpers into innoxious desuetude.

An incident connected with our army at Cambridge, where Gen. Washington commanded, gives evidence of the lack of military order and discipline at that early period of the revolution. A body of British troops landed at Lechmere's Point. An attack was expected, and troops were ordered to their respective stations. The regiment commanded by Col. Joseph Webb, dressed in long cloth frocks with kerchiefs about their heads, held a certain line upon which was a redoubt, and this was held by a company of the regiment under command of Capt. William Hull, afterwards Gen. Hull. Capt. Hull appeared in full uniform. An officer told him that in the uniform he wore he would be a mark for the fire of the enemy, and kindly advised him to put on the frock attire as others had done. Not exactly liking the new style of uniform, he concluded to conform to the new costume, and sent his ser-

vant for the frock and kerchief, for which, when received, he exchanged his uniform. Not long thereafter, Gen. Washington rode along on a tour of inspection. Riding up, he asked what officer commanded the redoubt, for the commanding general could discover no one who had the appearance of having that honor. Capt. Hull presented himself, looking more like a half-dressed old woman than a brave and gallant soldier. Gen. Washington stared at him in astonishment, and, without uttering a word, turned his horse and galloped away. Capt. Hull, very much mortified, immediately laid aside his outlandish, unmilitary rig, donned his discarded uniform, and was happy and a wiser officer of the line. History does not tell us, but it is not presumed Colonel Webb was attired in other than the regulation uniform.

JOSEPH WEBB OUTING.

The first outing of Joseph Webb Lodge took place Saturday, June 22, 1895, at Melville Garden, Downer's Landing, at that time a well-known but not popular place of resort.

The excursionists went in a steamer from Rowe's Wharf, accompanied by a musical trio, which rendered selections during the trip down and up and at the Garden.

A clam-bake was served and many sports were enjoyed. The attendance was not large, most of the brethren being accompanied by ladies of their families.

MASONIC TEMPLE DAMAGED BY FIRE.

On September 8, 1895, the Masonic Temple, on the corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets, was badly damaged by fire, so that it could not be occupied for Masonic purposes. Our Joseph Webb Lodge was fortunate in not being large sufferers, a few hundred dollars of insurance reimbursing the Lodge

for its loss. Indeed, the damage was far less to the Temple than it might have been. One hall in the building was really beautiful, known as Sutton Hall, but generally the structure did not accommodate the Masonic bodies which were compelled to use it, and, so far as judgment can be formed, it appears that the consensus of Masonic opinion was strongly favorable to the building of a more commodious and better arranged temple for Masonic uses. This was finally determined. After the fire, Joseph Webb Lodge occupied, by the courtesy of Union Lodge, located at Upham's Corner, in Dorchester, the apartments of that Lodge until December 20, 1895, when it occupied Masonic apartments in Continental Building, corner of Washington and Boylston Streets, until the completion of the new Masonic Temple, and held its first communication in the new Temple September 14, 1899.

There are many precious fraternal memories clustering around that old Masonic Temple, which centres especially in beautiful Sutton Hall, the Masonic home of Joseph Webb Lodge for eighteen years; before whose consecrated altar more than two hundred of the present membership of our Lodge have bent their knees under circumstances that have made a sacred memory upon their hearts, influencing their youth and delighting old age, and which will remain there engraved forever.

A brief description of old Sutton Hall, which antedates Corinthian Hall, that magnificent art structure, our present Masonic home, will not be inappropriate here, and will be pleasing to our brethren who enjoyed that home for so many years.

OLD SUTTON HALL.

Sutton Hall was named in honor of Gen. William Sutton, late of Peabody, a former well known and distinguished Mason,

Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, who died April 18, 1882, at the age of 81 years.

It was located in the northeasterly corner of the Temple upon the second floor, and was a beautifully proportioned room in the Corinthian style of architecture, seventy feet in length, forty feet wide, and twenty-two feet high.

In the east were three projecting canopies which arose above three elaborately carved chairs. On the dome of the centre canopy was the figure of Justice, supported on the right and left by two figures, one holding a book, the other a tablet, representing Education and Intelligence. Above the canopy was a representation of the Rising Sun. Over the chair in the South, the Meridian Sun, and over the chair in the West, the Setting Sun, indicating the Masonic duties devolving upon the three principal officers of a lodge.

In front of these three positions were placed the Ionic, Doric, and Corinthian pillars, perfect specimens in all their original purity, and mathematically correct, of these three orders in architecture. In each of the four corners of the hall, forming a prominent feature, was a niche with columns and a circular pediment. In these niches were placed four allegorical statues in marble, representing Faith, Hope, Charity, and Wisdom, the gift of the late General Sutton. Above the niches were four portraits, Washington, Warren, Franklin, and Lafayette, each of them formerly eminent in the Masonic fraternity. These portraits were painted by Bro. E. T. Billings, and by him generously donated to the Grand Lodge. In the West were four columns similar to those in the East, which formed a screen for the organ. The side walls were divided into panels by seven columns, the centre space on the South side bearing a projecting pediment with a cornice and draperies represented in fresco beneath. On the opposite side appeared

a representation of Tacita, the Goddess of Silence, with the motto at the base, "Audi, Vide, Tace,"—Hear, observe, and be silent.

The centre-piece in the ceiling was a beautiful work of art, an allegorical representation of the Genius of Masonry, the conception of the late Right Wor'f. Charles W. Moore, formerly Recording Grand Secretary. It was embodied in the form of a beautiful female floating through the air, holding in her right hand the Square, and in her left the Plumb-line, which depended from the ceiling. Attendant on this figure, and gracefully floating upon the clouds, were two cherubs, one bearing an Olive-branch, the other the decalogue on a parchment scroll. Above the figures, floating through space, appeared the Moon and Stars, while a Comet was seen performing its revolution through a deep-blue sky. The execution of this picture was unsurpassed in its effective beauty and artistic excellence. No words of description which we can employ are equal to depict the artistic merits of this work of art, the beauty of which could only be realized through the medium of sight.

On entering Sutton Hall, the most noticeable feature was the long line of portraits of Past Grand Masters and other works of art, generously contributed to the Grand Lodge. A brief sketch of these may prove of interest, as these and others described were saved from the wreck of the old Temple and are now upon the walls of the new Corinthian Hall.

The portraits are of JOSEPH WARREN, Grand Master, 1769-1775, copied from the original painted for Governor Hancock by the distinguished artist John Singleton Copley; JOHN WARREN, M. D., brother of the preceding, Grand Master in 1782, '83 and '87, from the original by Rembrandt Pearle, in possession of John Collins Warren, M. D., copy by Miss E. M. Carpenter; MOSES MICHAEL HAYES, Grand Master, 1788-91;

PAUL REVERE, Grand Master, 1794-96, from the original by Gilbert Stuart painted in 1813, and copied by Miss Stuart, a daughter of the artist; JOSIAH BARTLETT, M. D., Grand Master, 1797, '98 and '99; TIMOTHY BIGELOW, Grand Master, 1805-7, 1810-12, presented March 14, 1877, by Right Wor'f. Charles A. Welch; ISAIAH THOMAS, Grand Master, 1802-4, 1808, presented by Morning Star Lodge of Worcester, June 9, 1875; SAMUEL P. P. FAY, Grand Master, 1819, presented by Miss Maria D. Fay, of Cambridge, June 12, 1872; JOHN DIXWELL, Grand Master, 1820-22, presented by George B. Dixwell, Esq., his son, September 9, 1874; JOHN ABBOT, Grand Master, 1823-5, 1833, presented by brethren of John Abbot Lodge of Somerville, September 9, 1874; JOSHUA B. FLINT, M. D., Grand Master, 1834-36, the property of Columbian Lodge of Boston; SIMON W. ROBINSON, Grand Master, 1845-47, presented by Mt. Lebanon Lodge, Boston, December 9, 1874; EDWARD A. RAYMOND, Grand Master, 1848-50, presented by his widow, Mrs. Eliza T. Raymond, June 11, 1873; WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D., Grand Master, 1854-5, 1859, presented by Right Wor'f. Bro. Lewis; JOHN T. HEARD, Grand Master, 1856-58, presented by Right Wor'f. Bro. Heard; WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE, Grand Master, 1860-61, property of Columbian Lodge; WILLIAM PARKMAN, Grand Master, 1862-64, presented by Lodge of St. Andrew, Boston, March, 1871; CHARLES C. DAME, Grand Master, 1865-67, presented by Revere Lodge of Boston; WILLIAM S. GARDNER, Grand Master, 1868-70, presented by brethren in Lowell, September 9, 1874; SERENO D. NICKERSON, Grand Master, 1871-73, presented by Winslow Lewis Lodge, June 14, 1874; PERCIVAL L. EVERETT, Grand Master, 1874-76, presented by Right Wor'f. Bro. Everett, June 14, 1882; CHARLES A. WELCH, Grand Master 1877-79, presented by Right Wor'f. Bro. Welch, June 14, 1882. Portraits

of Grand Masters SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE and ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, Jr., and later Grand Masters, occupied appropriate places on the walls. It is a matter of deep regret that no portrait of Joseph Webb adorned those walls. No representation of our first Grand Master of the Independent Grand Lodge has been found.

A fine marble bust of Charles W. Moore, Recording Grand Secretary from 1833 to 1866, chiselled by Martin Milmore, and presented by the Lodge of St. Andrew, December 13, 1871, occupied a conspicuous place near the southeast corner of the hall, and another, by an Italian artist, of Gen. William Sutton, presented by Right Wor'f. Bro. Lewis, M.D., was located upon the opposite side. These busts were saved and are preserved in the new Temple. At the head of the main stairway entrance was a marble statue of Gen. Joseph Warren, depicting him as he appeared at Bunker Hill, which now occupies a niche in the new Temple. It was executed by Henry Dexter, and presented to the Grand Lodge by Right Wor'f. Bro. Otis E. Weld, December 13, 1876.

In Sutton Hall was a portrait of the late Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, who was Deputy Grand Master in 1861. It was painted by Bro. E. T. Billings.

In the anteroom was a fine portrait of Josiah Baldwin, Grand Tyler from 1822 to 1852, presented by his son-in-law, Right Wor'f. Bro. Peter C. Jones; also the portrait of Bro. Thomas Waterman, Secretary for over forty years of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, which is the property of that Lodge; also a life-size portrait of Wor'f. Bro. William C. Martin, which was painted by Bro. J. Harvey Young and presented to the Grand Lodge by brethren of Boston lodges, and these are still preserved.

ANNUAL VISITATION.

At the regular Communication October 2, 1895, Right Wor'f. Eugene C. Upton, Past Master of the Lodge, District Deputy Grand Master of the 2d Masonic District, made his official visitation attended by his suite.

After the usual inspection, the degree of Master Mason was exemplified upon two candidates in the presence of a large number of members and visiting brethren.

GIFT OF STAR SPANGLED BANNER.

At the regular Communication held October 2, 1895, the Secretary stated that members had arranged for raising by subscription sufficient money to purchase a flag for the Lodge, and that Wor'f. Daniel T. Brigham had previously determined to purchase and present to the Lodge the standard of national colors, and that flag was being manufactured. Upon this information it was agreed, if the subscribers assented, to devote the money raised to another purpose.

On the evening of December 20, 1895, A.L. 5895, a special Communication was held in Masonic Hall, No. 2307 Washington Street, Roxbury, for the public installation of Wor'f. Frank T. Kenah and the elected and appointed officers of the Lodge. There was a large attendance of brethren and ladies. The Right Wor'f. Eugene C. Upton, District Deputy Grand Master of the 2d Masonic District, was received with all the honors, and the ceremonies of installation proceeded as follows :

Right Wor'f. Eugene C. Upton, installing officer, assisted by Wor'f. Bro. Walter C. Wardwell, District Deputy Grand Marshal.

Music by Albion Quartet and Edmand's Orchestra.

Opening Anthem, "The Earth is the Lord's" . *Gerrish*

Installation of Worshipful Master Frank T. Kenah.

Music, *a* "The Lord is my Shepherd."

b "Look to the East."

Installation of Senior Warden, Bro. William H. Kenah.

Music, "Look to the West."

Installation of Junior Warden, Bro. Joshua M. Dill.

Music, "Look to the South."

Installation of Bro. William Tyner, Treasurer, and Bro. Charles C. Littlefield, Secretary.

Installation of Chaplain, Bro. James L. Hovey.

Marshal, Bro. J. Otis McFadden.

Senior Deacon, Bro. Charles T. Dukelow.

Junior Deacon, Bro. Clarence P. White.

Senior Steward, Bro. Leon W. Ham.

Junior Steward, Bro. James F. Coburn.

Inside Sentinel, Bro. Tom Vickers.

Organist, Bro. William H. Gerrish.

Tyler, Bro. Seth T. Dame.

This concluded the installation service, whereupon Right Wor'f. Henry G. Fay came forward and spoke substantially as follows :

"During twenty years past it has been my privilege to present the Past Master's jewel to the presiding Master of Joseph Webb Lodge, and now for the tenth time I stand here to perform that pleasing duty as I have to your predecessors. Upon these occasions I have tried to introduce some mirth into my remarks, and from time to time have complimented the recipients of these gifts on their particular virtues and special characteristics they may have had, and as they all know that I am myself extremely truthful and always mean what I say, I have no doubt they have all been extremely proud of

the very excellent standing I have given them, although I must admit that I have strained a point in some respects.

“When I had the pleasure of presenting Wor’f. Bro. Murdock a jewel, I complimented him on his fine personal appearance and general good looks; while on a similar occasion I referred to Right Wor’f. Bro. Upton’s extreme modesty. But now I find that I have used up about all the characteristics that go to make up the perfect man, and I can only say that all the virtues and all the good characteristics are combined in yourself.”

Right Wor’f. Bro. Fay then presented the jewel in behalf of the Lodge, and expressed the hope that its recipient may be spared many years to wear it with pleasure to himself and honor to the Craft. Worshipful Master Kenah, responding, said: “I thank you, Right Wor’f. Bro. Fay and the members of Joseph Webb Lodge, for this expression of their confidence in me, and I will endeavor to serve them as faithfully in the future as I have tried to do in the past, and as their warm support demands.”

What follows is a copy from the Records of the Secretary:

“Wor’f. J. Waldo Denny then stepped forward and spoke as follows:

“Worshipful Master: Possibly I may be an instrument in springing a surprise upon some of the members of Joseph Webb Lodge, but, with your kind permission, I will present an occasion which is a digression from the usual proceedings of our Lodge, separable from the main work we have to do, yet rising naturally from it, because love of country, faithful service to the country as well as trustful service to the Deity whom we adore, constitutes the impost of the great Arch of Free Masonry, having as its keystone the grand principle of brotherly love, which unites men of every country, sect and

opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

“Our order of Free Masonry is largely symbolical. Through emblems which the initiated understand, we are taught our duty to God and we are reminded of our moral obligations. Free Masonry, perhaps more than any other organization, is represented by emblems having a deep meaning to the brethren of the mystic tie.

“This occasion, which the generosity of a dearly beloved Past Master of our Lodge permits, gives us a fitting emblem of our nationality—the American colors—a symbol that arouses our patriotism and never fails to recall the battlefields over which it has been unfurled, and the great multitude of men who have been wounded in its defence—have died, that it might wave in triumph.

“Under its folds Washington led the patriotic army of the Revolution to its final victory at Yorktown; Scott beat back the red-coats at Lundy’s Lane; Jackson at New Orleans; Scott and Taylor carried it in triumph from Buena Vista and Matamoras to the ancient halls of Montezuma, and the untiring, persistent Grant, under the spreading folds of this starry flag, achieved the great victory of 1865.

“Some months ago, our worthy secretary, Brother Littlefield, under an inspiration that is characteristic of the man, conceived the idea that Joseph Webb Lodge should have the national colors in its possession, and, with this idea, sent a circular to the members of the Lodge asking such contributions as they might see fit to offer for the purchase of the national colors.

“Brother Littlefield had to wait but a short time, for, as soon as the circular came into the hands of Wor’f. Bro. Brigham, he communicated with Brother Littlefield, authorizing

him to purchase such a flag as he believed Joseph Webb Lodge would be proud to possess, bring the bill to him and he would cancel the same.

“‘This duty has been accomplished, and it only remains now to place these national colors in possession of Joseph Webb Lodge.

“‘The duty of presenting the same has devolved upon me, by the request of the Worshipful Brother, who is not in the proper condition of health to permit him to act on his own behalf, a circumstance I very deeply regret ; for with his old-time enthusiasm and his old-time eloquence he would have made this occasion much more interesting.

“‘Perhaps it would be received with pleasure by those brethren who have been members with us only for the last fifteen years, if I very briefly allude to the Masonic life of Past Master Brigham, who longer ago than that took such an active part in building up this happy Masonic home.

“‘Only a very few of our brethren are now alive and associated with us who were present upon that evening, in 1875, when Bro. Brigham took his third Masonic degree in Adelphi Lodge, which was the original home of a large number who united in forming Joseph Webb Lodge. I can recall only six of our present number who were with us in Adelphi Lodge when Brother Brigham commenced his Masonic life.

“‘Not long after, he joined others in asking for a dispensation to permit Joseph Webb Lodge to commence its work. The petition was granted and under it Brother Brigham was Junior Deacon. In 1876, when the Lodge received its Charter, Bro. Brigham, being a charter member, became its first Senior Deacon. He was afterwards elected Senior Warden, and in 1879 and 1880 served the Lodge as its Worshipful Master, and those who were then members will recall with pleasure the

dignified precision and the high tone of excellence he imparted to the work of the degrees.

“Always taking a deep interest in the prosperity of the Lodge, he now feels a desire to do something more to signify his love for the brethren by the gift of this beautiful stand of colors, perhaps to be numbered as the last of his many generous donations to Joseph Webb Lodge.

“Charged with the duty of presentation, I do now on behalf of Wor’f. Bro. Daniel T. Brigham, its donor, place in your hands, Worshipful Master, this American flag, the symbol of our nationality.”

Wor’f. Master Kenah replying said: “I do not feel that I can find the proper words in which to express the thanks of the Lodge for this beautiful and appropriate gift. But in behalf of the brethren I accept it most gratefully, and express the warmest thanks of Joseph Webb Lodge to the Worshipful Brother not only for this expression of his generous love for the Lodge but for all his generous deeds and earnest efforts for the Lodge in the past.”

In response to invitations, Wor’f. Bro. Brigham arose and in a few brief words said “that if the Lodge receives the flag with one half the pleasure it affords me to present it, I feel more than repaid.”

The audience then arose, and Brother Gerrish rendered the “Star Spangled Banner” upon the organ with most artistic ability.

The Quartet rendered the evening song — “See the Day is Gently Ending.”

A collation in the Banquet Hall followed, after which the company enjoyed until one A.M. the pleasures of the terpsichorean art.

DEATH OF BROTHER NILS POSSE.

The Baron Nils Posse, a native of Sweden, noted in his native and adopted country for his many accomplishments, his manly beauty and splendid physique, was recommended for degrees in Joseph Webb Lodge by Brother Albert A. Gleason, September 4, 1895, and was found of good repute and exceedingly well qualified. He received the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, and, after receiving the second degree was seized with serious illness and on December 19, 1895, resigned his life into the hands of his Creator.

It was a source of deep regret that this brother, so well beloved, was cut off in the height of his activity and zenith of his usefulness. He left a dear life companion, a daughter of Essex County, and a large circle of family and business friends whose love he held. It is what we leave behind that makes so many good and useful men willing to remain in the flesh just a little longer; to illustrate—a sick French monarch being told that he would soon be a saint in Heaven, exclaimed sorrowfully, “I should have been quite content to remain King of France.” It is some consolation, however, to think that death is not an evil, but the consummation of an infinite design, and that at the close—

Death “throws a sable mantle o'er the scene
And pins it with a star,”

and under this mantle our dearly loved brother, Nils Posse, disappeared from mortal sight.

He was a young man, born in Stockholm, Sweden, May 1, 1862. He came of a noble family whose history dates back a thousand years, his father being a Baron and holding high position in the army of Sweden. Brother A. A. Gleason, in the memorial paper prepared for the Lodge, says that “his

father was a distinguished Free Mason, holding the second highest office within the gift of our illustrious Order in Sweden, the King holding the highest."

Brother Nils Posse was an enthusiast educational gymnast. He was a graduate of the Royal Gymnastic Institute of Stockholm, Sweden ; Special Swedish Commissioner to the World's Columbian Exposition and Honorable Vice-President to the World's Congress of Physical Education at Chicago in 1893, and, at the time of his death, Director of the Posse Gymnasium in Boston. He was the author of "The Special Kinesiology of Educational Gymnastics," a large and beautiful bound volume of 300 pages and 267 illustrations, with an analytical chart, published in Boston by Lee & Shepard in 1890, which went through two or three editions, one of the most complete works of the kind ever published. He also wrote the "Handbook of School Gymnastics of the Swedish System." This work contained one hundred consecutive tables of exercises and an appendix of classified lists of movements.

In the memorial paper prepared excellently well by Brother Albert A. Gleason, I find this reference to the early life of Brother Nils Posse: "At the early age of sixteen we find him enrolled as a private in the Eighth Infantry ; at seventeen in the Third Infantry (Grenadiers of the Life Regiment) ; at eighteen, brevetted Second Lieutenant in the Life Grenadiers ; at nineteen he passed the examination to Second Life Guards ; at twenty he was transferred to First Artillery, and in the following year, not yet twenty-one years of age, we find him an assistant in medical gymnastics in the Royal Gymnastic Institute. The same year he also distinguished himself by winning the championship of Sweden for prize skating.

"From 1880 to 1885, when he received his degree, a degree

equivalent, or nearly so, to the degree conferred on college graduates in this country, his life was an exceedingly busy one. Rising rapidly in the army, studying and teaching at the Royal Gymnastic Central Institute; instructor in the Stockholm Gymnastic and Fencing Club, a high honor in Sweden; a member of the Stockholm Gymnastic Association, a body of picked athletes and gymnasts, and the leading organization of its kind in the country, he certainly showed great powers of mind and body, even at that early age.

“On August 13, 1885, he, like many another aspiring youth, westward sailed, and cast his fortunes in Boston. With few friends, but with untold pluck and courage, and with one sole magnificent idea to benefit the people by introducing among them a system of physical and mental training which has had but few, if any, equals, he began his career.”

In 1892 he presented an exhibit at the Mechanics' Fair which won the bronze medal; later, he won a medal from the World's Fair for a magnificent exhibit from the Posse Gymnasium in Boston, and in 1894 secured another medal for his exhibit at Antwerp. In 1895, upon his thirty-third birthday, in token of the recognition of the many services he had rendered his native country, he was decorated by King Oscar of Sweden with the Order of the Knight of Gustavus Vosa, an honor he highly prized, as he was the youngest man who ever wore so high a title.

Again I quote from the paper of Brother Gleason: “He has always had a desire to follow in the footsteps of his father, and become a member of our noble Masonic Rite. But intense application to his life work, and perhaps a lack of acquaintance among our members, prevented him making his application earlier. The chairman of your committee esteemed it an honor to enjoy the acquaintance of Brother Posse, and

took rare pleasure in presenting his name for the degrees in this Lodge. The Lodge found him 'worthy and well qualified,' and he was duly elected, made an 'Entered Apprentice' and 'passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.' He looked forward with keen relish to the time when he should be 'raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason' and be able to say, 'I am a member of Joseph Webb Lodge.' But his wish was never realized. Merciless Father Time mysteriously and suddenly removed him from our midst. The Supreme Architect of the Universe took him by the hand, bade him 'fear no danger'; he 'followed his conductor' and was raised to that 'Celestial Lodge above, eternal in the heavens.'

"He possessed all the requisites of a loyal Free Mason,—industry, charity, courage, and above all, character. He has left behind him a name and a record which can never perish. Like a thought once uttered the influence of which never dies, so will the results of his life and love work on forever."

A large number of our membership attended the obsequies of our deceased Fellow Craft, and suitable resolutions of condolence were prepared and forwarded to the family of our late brother.

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The twentieth anniversary of the constitution of Joseph Webb Lodge was celebrated at the United States Hotel, March 9th, 1896, though that date was not the correct date of the first Communication of the Lodge. There was a large representation of members present. A number of brethren took part in song and speech and Right Wor'f. Henry G. Fay, honorary member, who aided in obtaining the Charter of the Lodge, being called up, spoke substantially as follows:

He prefaced his remarks by saying that as he came into the dining-hall Wor'f. Bro. Berry said to him that "Joseph

Webb Lodge cannot have a time unless they have their daddy with them," and if that is the fact it must be allowed that he was something of "an old duffer." "I remember the fact that considerable opposition was manifested at the time of the application for the Charter for this Lodge, but it did not come from the Grand Lodge; it came from a few sister lodges. After the dispensation was granted I attended, as far as I was able, every communication of the Lodge, that I might personally observe the proceedings and give assistance to the brethren. It was said that the formation of the Lodge was necessary in order to heal old sores in South Boston where the applicants lived. But a canvass of the applicants showed that twenty-four out of the twenty-seven lived in the city proper. The dispensation was granted, and I watched the progress of the Lodge until at length the Charter was granted. From this the Lodge has gone on and grown, and I believe that now, after twenty years of work, it ranks with any lodge in the State. It has been fortunate in securing on its membership earnest, Christian men, and for one particular thing is the Lodge to be especially commended, and that is, that it has constant regard for the sick and destitute. But one other Lodge so far as I know has gone so far in this respect, and that is King Solomon's Lodge of Charlestown. That this particular work will be well done may be assured so long as Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood is chairman of the Relief Committee and trustee of the Charity Fund. I hope he will long be spared to do this work, as I believe it one of the most important features of Masonry. With three years' experience upon the Grand Lodge Charity Committee, I know the amount of work to be done. Until one has served upon committees in this particular branch of work, he can form no idea of the calls for charity from non-affiliated and traveling Masons. There

are many 'beats' to be sure, but every Mason is a good brother until he is known to be a bad one, and the Committee have arrangements with railroad and steamship agents and other parties so that fraudulent claims may be easily detected generally, and tickets for transportation are not delivered until the party goes aboard the train or steamer." He related several instances to illustrate what he had said. He acknowledged the honor of honorary membership in the Lodge and he took much pride in a handsomely framed certificate of such membership, and also that it had been his privilege to present to each and every Worshipful Master of the Lodge a Past Master's Jewel. He wished the Lodge abundant prosperity.

The celebration of the twentieth anniversary was quite a success.

Administration of Wor. William H. Kenah.

Upon the date of the election of Wor'f. William H. Kenah to the Oriental chair, Joseph Webb Lodge had a membership of two hundred and twenty-five, thus gathering to our beloved branch of our fraternal organization an impetus for effectiveness exceeding anything it had before possessed. He left the chair at the close of the second year with a Lodge membership of two hundred and forty-five. Its membership, however, was not distinguished so much for quantity as it was for quality. The brethren of the Lodge were loyal, and were zealously loyal in supporting its administration and maintaining its healthy growth. At about the midway of his service our Worshipful Master was stricken down by disease which for many months retired him from business and from his fraternal duties. It was a subject of great anxiety to the brethren, and especially so to the Wardens and his other



William H. Kenah.

associates in the work of the Lodge. Nathless the Lodge did not suffer for the want of willing workers, who seemed to think that in the forced absence of the Master the responsibility upon them was greater. In his sick chamber the Worshipful Master received evidence of the love and sympathy of the brethren. The Senior Warden, Brother Dill, cheerfully assumed the extra work and responsibility. During the first term of Wor'f. William H. Kenah, Brother Charles T. Dukelow was Junior Warden. During the second term Brother Joshua M. Dill was Senior and Brother Clarence P. White was Junior Warden. During the two terms thirty-five brothers were raised, being the largest number raised in two years since the formation of the Lodge.

DEATH OF BROTHER JOHN HOFFMAN COLLAMORE.

Brother Collamore, an Honorary Member of Joseph Webb Lodge, died just at the close of the preceding administration, and the Committee appointed to report a suitable paper commemorating the life of so memorable a brother, consisting of Worshipful Brothers Frank T. Kenah, Dill and Murdock, performed that duty at the Communication of January 14, 1897, and using that admirable memorial paper will best serve to place upon the historic page of our Lodge a fitting tribute to his character. The Committee reported that "The life of Brother John Hoffman Collamore presents an example of love and devotion to our beloved Order unparalleled in the history of Masonry in Massachusetts, if not in the country.

"The Committee can only refer in part to the countless good deeds, many of which were performed in such a quiet way that there is no record of them.

"Before his association with the Masonic Order, his princely generosity was widely known, or rather felt; for, while his

charity was extended in all directions, his gifts were often made anonymously, his sole idea being, as he sometimes expressed it, to make his fellow creatures happy. He was born in Boston, November 3, 1816. His family was prominently identified with Old Christ Church on Salem Street, and it was at the old Academy on this street that his early school life began. Later, he attended the Chauncy Hall School.

“After a brief business career, he made his first European trip, which was the beginning of a life of travel which eventually covered both continents from one end to the other; he made many thousand miles on foot — in those days railroads were scarce — and gathered many interesting curios from every quarter of the globe. His rooms on Columbus Avenue, which two of the members of the Committee had the privilege of inspecting, presented the appearance of a museum of natural history, and to hear from Brother Collamore’s own lips the history relating to each relic, afforded those of his friends who were fortunate enough to be his guests entertainment which dwelt long and pleasantly on the memory.

“His connection with the Masonic Order was of comparatively short duration. He was raised in Columbian Lodge, January 2, 1890, but in a short time he received all the honors of the higher bodies, and finally that of the thirty-third degree, September 19, 1893, when he was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General at Chicago.

“He was elected an Honorary Member of Joseph Webb Lodge, February 6, 1895, and Honorary Membership was conferred upon him by seventeen other lodges, five chapters and twelve commanderies.

“His gifts to different Masonic bodies are too numerous to mention and we will simply allude to a few —

“Burial lot and monument to Boston Commandery Knights Templar.

“Burial lot and monument to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, also burial lot and monument to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, all at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

“Burial lot and monument to Olivet Commandery, Lynn.

“The finest pipe organ, probably, in the country, to Joseph Warren Commandery, and paraphernalia and other gifts to various other bodies.

“To our Lodge he was very much devoted, and his genial face was frequently seen at our meetings. His magnificent gift to our Charity Fund deserves particular mention.

“His special mission in life since his preferment to Masonic degrees seemed to be a consecration to the advancement of our Order, and it is a touching incident in this connection that only three hours before his death, when almost in the shadow of that dark portal, he dictated a loving message to Joseph Warren Commandery, whose meeting at that moment was being held at Roxbury, saying, ‘I send my regrets to the officers and members of Joseph Warren Commandery at my enforced absence from your meeting, but, as I lie on my bed, my thoughts are with you.’

“He has passed on to the other side, but his gentle, loving presence is still with us in that beautiful garb of charity which we are taught ‘abideth long, even beyond the grave to the boundless realms of eternity.’”

DEATH OF BROTHER EDWIN RICE.

Brother Edwin Rice died at his residence, Hotel Brunswick, in this city, March 10, 1897, at the ripe age of seventy-seven years. He was born April 11, 1820, and was raised in Joseph Webb Lodge May 7, 1879. He was the oldest mem-

ber of the Lodge at the time of his death. A delegation of the Lodge attended his funeral, and a suitable memorial paper was adopted by the Lodge and spread upon the Records. He came to us fully equipped in business experience and the many social qualities that made his coming a valuable acquisition to the Lodge. Though he was our elder brother in length of years, having passed his three-score years and ten, going beyond life's rubicon, doing which is considered a hazardous enterprise to undertake, though he had accomplished this, those of us who met him at the Lodge and upon the busy streets, always cheerful and interested in the Lodge and its membership, elastic in his steps, straight in form, with no whitened locks or lines of care upon his face, no one thus seeing him would suspect that the whirligig of Time was bringing our brother to ripened old age, that with him —

“ Old Time was onward flying
And the same flower that smiles today,
Tomorrow will be dying.”

His end came, and, having lived a good life and secured a competency, he made a happy home for himself and those he loved, and then bent to Nature's unerring law and paid the debt that all who live must pay.

DEATH OF BROTHER EDWARD S. GOULSTON.

Brother Edward S. Goulston, a charter member, died suddenly July 17, 1898, and, upon such notice as could be issued before the funeral on the 19th, the Lodge was convened on the latter date, the service for the dead performed, and the sacred roll deposited, a procession was formed and the officers and members in special cars were conveyed to Temple Adath Israel, corner of Columbus Avenue and Northampton Street, where eulogies were delivered by Rev. Dr. Charles Fleischer and Rabbi R. Lasker.

The Masonic funeral rites were concluded here, interspersed with singing by the Corinthian Quartet, Bro. Justus P. Weston, Organist.

Brother Goulston was born in Liverpool, Eng., December 3, 1846. In 1867 he received his Masonic degrees in Adelpi Lodge; in 1875 he was an earnest advocate for the establishment of Joseph Webb Lodge, was present at the first meeting to consider the subject, and affixed his name to the application for a dispensation and became one of the twenty-two charter members. In the early years he was an active collaborer in the Lodge, was an active promoter in business enterprises, and these demanding much of his time, which, with the hours devoted to his family and to religious engagements in which he was greatly interested, prevented him for many late years from giving his attendance upon the Lodge.

The memory of his earlier years in Joseph Webb Lodge remain with us like a rainbow athwart the sky, bright, vivid and beautiful, which can only fade as memory itself fades away like the morning dew.

In proper resolves, the Lodge offered its condolence to the widow and family of our late brother, "trusting that he with us may finally be raised by the strong Lion's paw of the tribe of Judah to the Celestial Lodge where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides."

INTERNATIONAL COURTESIES.

During the summer of 1896, a number of the members of Joseph Webb Lodge, also members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, joined the latter organization upon its visit to England as guests of the oldest military organization of England, the Honorable Artillery Company of London. Our Brothers Albert A. Gleason, William Tyner, William O. Webber, J. Otis McFadden and Peter

Morrison went upon that trip, and, with other Masonic brethren connected with the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, received generous hospitality from Fitzroy Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of London, Eng.

At the regular Communication, June 10, 1897, the Lodge voted "that a committee of five be appointed to draw up resolutions to be engrossed on parchment and signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge, the same to be forwarded to Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, of London, England, in acknowledgment and grateful appreciation for courtesies extended by Fitzroy Lodge to those members of Joseph Webb Lodge who visited England with the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts in 1896."

The Committee was appointed and offered the following report November 11, 1897, which was accepted by vote of the Lodge :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS TO FITZROY LODGE,
NO. 569, LONDON, ENGLAND.

"To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of the
FITZROY LODGE, No. 569, London, England :

"The officers and members of Joseph Webb Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A., desire to return grateful recognition to the officers and members of the Fitzroy Lodge for the hospitable and fraternal welcome and Masonic courtesies which they showered upon all members of our illustrious fraternity (including those of our Lodge) who, as members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, visited England the summer of 1896.

"The 29th of June in that year witnessed a unique, historic and memorable event in the history of nations. On the oldest military organization in the Western "

sphere sailed from Boston to invade, in a peaceful manner, Merry England, and to accept the gracious hospitality of England's oldest military company, the Honorable Artillery Company of London.

“The day was an auspicious one in every particular ; cheering multitudes evinced their national good feeling for the motherland, while Dame Nature herself, clad in the brightest raiment of cloudless skies and bright sunshine, bathed in a mellow temperature, honored the departure, as if trying to express her joy at the continuous harmonious relations between the two great Anglo-Saxon nations.

“Upon arrival in England, the guests were greeted with distinguished honors by all, from Her Majesty the Queen to the humblest subject. A welcome so spontaneous and fervent indicated that below all international differences there flows a deep, steady current of mutual interest and good will. But besides the welcome extended by the great masses of England, besides the limitless hospitality of that most ancient military corps, there was that delightful, fraternal feeling with which Masons know so well how to greet and entertain each other. This deserves special recognition, for nearly all the Ancients participating in this trip were Free Masons, many of them Chapter Masons and Knights Templar, a large number members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish rite.

“From Boston, the earliest home of Free Masonry in America, our brethren went to England and stood with you upon the Mosaic pavement of the Old World, not as Americans or Englishmen, but as members of one world-wide, illustrious fraternity ; each one the equal of every other ; each one the friend of every other ; where harmony, good fellowship and infinite good feeling should always prevail. From the very moment the door was opened until faces were homeward turned, the kindest favors, the most gracious courtesies

were extended. Your Masonic conduct was so exemplary that it proved beyond peradventure that the three great cardinal principles of Free Masonry,—Liberty, Equality and Fraternity,—are not mere matters of theory, but of daily practice and application. Our brethren were Freemen on a foreign soil ; the freedom of your cities was tendered to them. Your clubs, your friends, aye, your hearts, were opened unto them. With you they attended banquets, listened to patriotic sentiments from the lips of representatives of both nations and together grew enthusiastic over the national songs of England and the United States. It was the exemplification of fraternity! a word to conjure by, under whose bright influence long standing and inveterate prejudices are melted in the solvent of loving intercourse. Representatives of the two great nations of the Old and the New World joined hands in the interchange of kindly offices, and furnished evidence of the attainment of the brotherhood of man. May the Masonic friendships of that memorable trip never be broken, but as time goes on may they be welded together stronger and stronger in each succeeding year by a renewal of such fraternal visitations so that no international difficulties of the future can shake them. May the day be hastened when, following the setting sun, you may sail for the Western shore and in the footprints of your ancestors, the Pilgrim and Puritan, land upon the 'rockbound coast of New England' and receive from your Masonic brethren of Massachusetts the heartfelt welcome and hospitalities which are awaiting you.

ALBERT A. GLEASON,
WILLIAM O. WEBBER,
J. OTIS MCFADDEN,
WILLIAM TYNER,
PETER MORRISON,

Committee

The above report, with action of the Lodge, through the courtesy of Bro. John A. Campbell, were forwarded to Fitzroy Lodge, London, by the hands of Brother Captain James Evans, of the Warren Line steamship *Cambronian*, to Brother Captain Peter John Irving, honorary member of this Lodge at Liverpool, England, who in turn had made arrangements whereby the package would be safely conveyed to London and presented to Fitzroy Lodge. The presentation was arranged to be made with considerable formality by Right Wor'f. Lord Bectine, Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. On February 10, 1898, the Lodge voted its thanks to each of the above brethren for their services in behalf of Joseph Webb Lodge.

At the regular Communication of Joseph Webb Lodge held April 14, 1898, the following letter was received from the Fitzroy Lodge No. 569, London, Eng. :

"HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY,
AMOURY HOUSE,

FINSBURY, E. C., 30th March, 1898.

“ To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the
JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, Boston, Massachusetts, U. S. A. :

“ Brethren,— I am directed by the brethren of the Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569, to convey to you all their hearty appreciation of the kindly, brotherly sentiments expressed in the vellum received lately from the Grand Secretary.

“ They cordially reciprocate them, and trust that so long as time shall last, that brotherly feeling may continue to flourish and to extend its ramifications throughout the whole of the two kindred nations.

“ In the welcome of our comrades of the A. & H. A. C. we but prove that though many leagues of water may flow between

our lands, the same blood, laws and religion are our common heritage, inherited only to be transmitted again to future generations for the further advancement of every kindly feeling of order and the welfare of humanity.

“With every good wish for the prosperity of the Joseph Webb Lodge and its members, I remain

Yours fraternally,

F. J. STOHWASSER, Lt. Col. H. A. C.,
Sec'y No. 569, P. M. Z. 569.”

Accompanying this letter was a copy of the notice for the meeting of the Fitzroy Lodge 569, date of March 25, 1898, upon which was this explanation: “To receive an address from Joseph Webb Lodge, Boston, Mass., U. S. A.,” also a letter to the Secretary personally, stating that “the Worshipful Master had caused the vellum to be framed and it now graced the walls of our American room,” also a statement, “should any of the brethren be visiting London, our meetings are held at the Amoury House on the fourth Friday in January, February, March, April, October and November; a hearty welcome is always ready for them.”

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET.

The 22d anniversary of Joseph Webb Lodge was celebrated at the United States Hotel March 11th, 1898. After an hour's social interchange of good fellowship in the parlors, the company repaired to the Banquet Hall. The guests at the tables were:

- Right Wor'f. Edwin B. Holmes, Past Grand Master;
- Right Wor'f. Henry G. Fay, Grand Lodge Chairman Committee on By-Laws and Charters;
- Wor'f. J. Waldo Denny, Historian;

Wor'f. J. William Hinckley, P. M. Zetland Lodge.

The Harvard Mandolin Club rendered exquisitely fine music which was greatly appreciated.

The members present were : Wor'f. W. H. Kenah, Worshipful Master ; J. M. Dill, Senior Warden ; C. P. White, Junior Warden ; William Tyner, Treasurer ; C. C. Littlefield, Secretary ; A. A. Gleason, Junior Deacon ; William O. Webber, Senior Steward ; J. I. Bennett, Junior Steward.

Wor'f. Bros. Brigham, Osgood, Upton, Murdock, Rowe and F. T. Kenah ; Brothers Adams, Andrew, Balch, Beardsley, Bickford, Bowers, Butler, Cochran (J. F.), Cottle, Eddy, Ford, Fryer, Gerlach, Hammond (W. B.), Herter, Hodgson, Humphreys, Jackson, Keltie, Lane, Larrabee, Maginnes, Mee, Mills, Pearson, Pendle, Pinkham, Pullen, Rand, Rich, Robinson (J. M.), Rodday, Ross (A. M.), Ross (T. A.), Scott (W. J.), Silver, Smith (A. P.), Strauss, Taber, Tyner (A. M.), Tyner (W. F.), Underwood (F.), Whitcomb (W. C.), Whitney (E. B.), Whitney (H. E.), Williams (I. E.), Williams (W. H.).

I quote from the Records of the Lodge : Cigars being lighted, Wor'f. William H. Kenah rapped to order, and, after a few remarks of welcome, presented Wor'f. Frank T. Kenah as toast-master, who presented to the company successively the Past Grand Master, Right Wor'f. Edwin B. Holmes, Right Wor'f. Henry G. Fay and Wor'f. J. Waldo Denny. The two first offered pleasing remarks and paid the Lodge very high compliments, and the latter spoke as follows :

“ Before entering upon the duty assigned me by the committee, I ask indulgence in a few remarks that may not be inappropriate to this twenty-first anniversary of the institution of Joseph Webb Lodge. At our annual supper in November last, it was a pleasing incident that nine out of the seventeen Charter members now living were present with us

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that occasion; and it is noteworthy that but five of our original number of twenty-two have died. Two of that number having demitted, leaves us fifteen now affiliated with our Lodge.

"Our first Charter member to pass away was Brother Julius A. Greene, who died in February, 1881. In 1883, two brothers were removed by death; the first was Brother Seth Perkins and the second was Wor'f. J. Elliot Bond. Wor'f. Brother Bond had served two terms as Master in Adelphi Lodge and two terms as Master in Joseph Webb Lodge. He was an intelligent worker and a most devoted exponent of the tenets of Free Masonry — remarkably conscientious in everything he undertook.

"The fourth Charter member to leave us was Brother Seth B. Cushing, passing away May 13, 1885. In 1889 the fifth Charter member, Brother Horatio H. Crawford, in the prime of life, passed away while serving as Senior Warden. All who knew this kind-hearted and earnest brother loved him. He was a lovable young man and 'a pillar of strength' among us.

"There are some things connected with our affiliation with Adelphi Lodge that will always be pleasant to look back upon; the friendships formed in the old lodge can never be broken. It is also pleasant to know that when our seventeen faithful brethren determined that we could not work in the spirit of harmony in Adelphi Lodge, we have found that in this new field, 'harmony, which is the strength and support of all institutions, more especially this of ours,' has been the 'pillar of strength' in Joseph Webb Lodge, and we have also found that our work has been crowned with success. The lapse of twenty-one years has abundantly proved that no mistake was made in instituting Joseph Webb Lodge. During that time 26 brothers by death, 26 have been demitted a

25 have been discharged, giving us a total loss of 87. The average gain per annum since the Lodge was formed is 16; so you see our present Master has beaten the average by three members. These figures show us, discounting all losses, a net gain of nearly $15\frac{3}{4}$ members per annum. You will also observe that our loss from discharges has been very small. It is generally, but not always true, that members discharged are not desirable helpers,—possibly if all conditions had been considered in the first place our rolls might not have been burdened with the names. Our Lodge has acted wisely and with great discretion in keeping all who are found worth the keeping. It is not our custom to discharge a worthy brother when we know that circumstances beyond his control make it impossible for him to meet his obligations.”

[An allusion to the death, etc., of Brother the Baron Nils Posse is omitted here, as the substance of it may be found on another page.]

“But I am exceeding the duty required of me and will now give you some lines expressed rythmically which I inscribe to the

GENIUS OF MASONRY.

I.

Hail, genius of Masonry! hail,
 Its pillars — Faith, Hope, Charity — hail!
 O'er all the World from ancient time
 Expanding, accepted, free,
 Omnipotence created and preserves:
 Empires and kings have come and gone
 While ages rolled uncounted years,
 And Vatican thundering its papal bulls (1)

NOTE 1.—During the reign of Catherine II., of Russia, Free Masonry made progress and many of the Nobles became members of the Order. Catherine was so well disposed that her son Paul, afterwards Paul I., was initiated upon reaching his 21st year. In 1796, the Emperor Paul I., though himself a Mason, was so far influenced by the Church that he issued a decree interdicting the practice of Masonic rites under most severe penalties. This Emperor was assassinated in 1801, and was succeeded by Alexander I., who confirmed the decree of Paul I. against Masonry, but, in 1803, revoked the decree upon evidence he had found favorable to the

Has scarcely stirred the ripple of a storm :
 And cruel Spain heedless of Cuban tears
 Banishes the Mystic Craft from off her shores, (2.
 For cruelty, tyranny, inhuman crime
 Can not with Faith, Hope and Charity align!
 Goodness and Mercy walk not hand in hand
 With assassins of the Spanish band.
 While menaced thus on every side,
 Masonry, the glorious Art of olden time
 Which bravely every foe defied,
 Remains a landmark for the eyes of man.

II.

Genius of Masonry! divine,
 Guide well our steps by strictest law
 That binds us to our hallowed shrine
 And fills our hearts with solemn awe.
 Let *Faith* its perfect work fulfill
 And crown our deeds with bliss,
 While *Hope* its sweetest song will trill,

Order, and was himself initiated, but, in 1821, basing his act upon the charge that the Masonic lodges discussed political subjects, issued a ukase interdicting anew all Masonic assemblies. In Russia, Masonry still remains under this ban.

Pope Clement XII, April 27, 1738, issued a bull against Free Masonry, and May 18, 1751, Pope Benedict XIV. renewed the bull of Clement XII, under the threat of death against all who should attend Masonic lodges. These papal bulls have from time to time been renewed by Pius IX. (who was himself made a Free Mason before he became a Pope, and while a Missionary serving in South America), and by Leo, the present Pope of venerable years, and possibly by others.

NOTE 2.—No country in the world has been more atrocious than Spain in its persecutions of Free Masons, based upon the aforementioned bulls of Clement XII., Benedict XIV., the edict of Cardinal Consalvi, August 13, 1814, and later bulls from the Vatican of Rome. The Catholic clergy of Spain and its colonies have been the bitter and relentless enemies of Free Masonry. One of them, a monk named Joseph Torrubia, censor of the Holy office of the Inquisition at Madrid, in 1750, assuming a false name and acting under the orders of his superiors in the Church, represented himself a layman and became initiated in a Masonic lodge. For this purpose he received from the Pope's legate the dispensation necessary to relieve him from all Masonic obligations. He visited lodges in various parts of Spain and then presented himself before the Inquisition, denounced Free Masonry, accusing its members of every vice and crime known in the decalogue, and submitted a list of one hundred lodges and demanded rigorous action from the Inquisition. Many of the members denounced were rich and influential citizens, and a large number belonged to the nobility, and this fact had the effect of causing Ferdinand and his appointed tyrants to check the speed of their movements. Some months after Torrubia denounced the Order and its members, Ferdinand VI. prohibited the institution of Free Masonry in the kingdom and its colonies under the penalty of death against all who continued connection with it. Under this decree great numbers were sacrificed under orders of the Inquisition.

In 1814 Ferdinand VII. re-established the Inquisition and by a decree issued that year ordered all Masonic lodges to be closed, and pronouncing all participation in them a crime against the State. This decree applied to Spain and all her colonies.

August 1, 1824, the decree was renewed and all who did not within a certain date renounce Free Masonry should be hung within twenty-four hours without form of law. In 1825 the clergy of Grenada, under authority of the above interdiction, executed seven Free Masons who would not recant, and in 1829, in Barcelona, one was executed under the rack of the Inquisition, and two, more lucky, perhaps, were sent to the galleys for life.

Teaching of future happiness;
Sweet *Charity*, of all, the best,
Proffers in every ill a rest.

III.

The sons of patriotic "Joseph Webb,"
On this anniversary of its birth,
Reaching freedom's age of twenty-one,
Finds at the South refreshment nigh,
And at high twelve sit down to dine
That we may sing of auld lang syne
And pay the tribute of our love
To those who've passed away.
Dear brothers of the counted years,
Fond mem'ry stirs within our minds
Sweet visions of the loved ones gone.

[*Stanza IV., which was an allusion to each deceased brother in rhyme, is omitted.*]

V.

Adieu, ye brethren of our Mystic tie,
Whom we may meet again when life is fled,
Meet 'neath the bright celestial sky
When wasted health and wasted hopes are dead,
Meet in that Lodge above where none who go may die.

[*Stanza VI., humorously alluding to the then officers of the Lodge, is omitted here.*]

VI.

In closing now these rough cast lines,
We pray God's blessing on our band,
That we our faith may keep and good designs,
And over all fraternal love expand,
That all who wear this honored badge,
Accepted, Free,
May in Celestial Lodge
Accepted be.

Speeches followed from Bro. Charles S. Butler, who was presented as the youngest Master Mason of the Lodge, who, though in Masonry but a "tit" or a "bit," presented the physique of neither, made a most pleasing maiden speech,

expressing his pleasure in being enrolled among the brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge, and modestly stated his inability to do justice to himself or the Lodge in a speech.

Right Wor'f. Brother Upton, in his remarks, alluded to the charitable work of the Grand Lodge; Brother Dill, Senior Warden, spoke regarding care in the selection of members, and thought Joseph Webb Lodge members exercised particular care in this respect; Brother Tyner, the Treasurer, spoke in a general way of his love for the Lodge, and gave his thanks for the kind words expressed for him in the poem and its kind reception by the brethren; Wor'f. Brother Osgood spoke of his connection with the Lodge in its earliest days; Bro. William O. Webber spoke, proposing as a sentiment that not simply every military man but that every Mason disseminate through Masonic bodies and make personal efforts to have every one uncover the head and remain uncovered whenever the American flag is being borne through the streets in procession; Brother Bickford spoke loyally of Joseph Webb Lodge and the pride he felt in being united with such a body of men; Bro. William H. Williams expressed his pleasure in being present and his abiding love for Joseph Webb Lodge and all the brethren, and the Secretary, who always has more than one idea and knows how to weave them into garlands, proved it upon this occasion by proposing "that the beautiful roses decorating our tables be forwarded to the City Hospital for the purpose of making a garland of our love for Frank Gilbert Sargent, elected to receive his degrees and membership in Joseph Webb Lodge," but was now at the hospital, having submitted to a serious operation, and that a letter of sympathy be forwarded to him. This was received with acclamation by the Lodge and the idea was immediately acted upon. I am glad to add that Brother Sargent recovered and

received his Master's degree on the 13th of the following October.

The Harvard Mandolin Club was often heard during the evening, and at 11 P.M. the brethren sang "Auld Lang Syne," which concluded the twenty-first anniversary celebration, now become a matter of history.

Administration of Wor. Joshua M. Dill.

The administration of Wor'f. Bro. Joshua M. Dill covered the two years of 1899 and 1900, and during the earlier months of his first term he was ably assisted by Brother Clarence P. White in the West, Senior Warden, and Brother James F. Coburn in the South, Junior Warden. The untimely death of Brother White on July 1, 1899, was a saddening blow not alone to the Lodge, but particularly to the Worshipful Master. Brother Thomas N. Cook, an old-time member of the Lodge, whose excellent work as Senior Deacon of the Lodge in 1881 and 1882 was well remembered and often commended in the years of his service, was again called into service and occupied the Junior Warden's position during the autumn of 1899, to complete the term of our deceased Brother White.

At the close of the second term of Wor'f. Bro. Dill, the Lodge was shown to be in a most flourishing condition, both financially and numerically. These were years noted for business prosperity throughout the country, and those who desired to become affiliated in our ancient Order were enabled to surmount financial problems with less difficulty than heretofore, resulting, of course, in a larger field from which to select material. While we had a satisfactory increase in membership, the new accessions were of equally satisfactory quality.



Joshua M. Dill.

During the two years of Wor'f. Bro. Dill, fifty-six brothers were raised to the degree of Master Mason.

During the last year of Wor'f. Bro. Dill, the Lodge had a serious loss in the removal from the city of Brother Charles S. Butler, our Junior Deacon, which compelled him to vacate his official position. Early in 1901, however, his business relations returned him to Boston, and he was warmly greeted upon the floor of the Lodge.

In the report of the Finance Committee for 1900, Wor'f. Bro. Dill, who prepared it, says: "Our present membership is 295 and two Honorary Members; five in addition are now ready for the Master Mason degree and eight for that of Entered Apprentice; should all these become members, we shall number three hundred and eight. This makes us the largest Lodge in the Second Masonic District, we having made a gain of fifty-two members in the last two years. Until this year, Amicable Lodge of Cambridge has been the largest Lodge in our District.

"Size alone is not a sign of health. Large Lodges have dangers as well as small ones. It is agreeable to note that we are growing, for growth is the sign of life, but the danger lies in this — that in the larger body we may miss somewhat that friendly and brotherly intercourse which makes for the highest interest of the Lodge. Those who have experienced both say that being alone in the wilderness is sociability itself compared with the noise and bustle of the crowded street where we note no familiar face. See to it that, as the Lodge increases in membership, every member may find a cheery greeting and a welcome as warm as that at his mother's fireside."

Wor'f. Bro. Dill, in his report for 1899, makes this important suggestion in regard to benefit organizations as differenti-

ated from those of a purely fraternal character : " Masonry is in no sense a benefit organization in the common meaning of that term. That field is well covered by numerous societies organized for that especial purpose, and yielding returns, large or small, according to payments made by each member. These organizations, while excellent in their way, are as purely selfish as life insurance, where all benefits are graduated not by the need of the individual, but by the amount of the cash paid. Ours is fraternal, and a brother's need, not his contribution, should be the basis of our action. To administer to the necessities of a distressed worthy brother should be our duty and our happiness. This ministry, however, is limited by the means at our disposal, which consist of a fund made up, in days gone by, of certain moneys paid in from time to time out of the receipts of the Lodge." The Worshipful Master states that the Charity Fund had this year been impaired by the amount of \$100, and if this goes on " we shall soon bestow nothing because we have nothing to bestow," and urged that a part of the income of the Lodge be set apart for that fund. Probably future impairment will be obviated, as conditions will be changed when the Permanent Fund reaches the maximum of \$2500, as provided by the By-Laws.

In preparing this history, care has been taken, in speaking of the financial condition of the Lodge, which is most satisfactory, that invidious comparisons might be avoided and that financial affairs belonging to the Lodge alone might not become the property of those having no special interest or concern in it. This may be said with propriety, that the growth of the Lodge for the first twenty-five years of its existence has been phenomenal, especially in its financial department, which may perhaps show to our brethren who come after us, the guiding spirits of 1925 and 1950, how we of the earlier

days tried to save, and save, making a fund that has helped many a distressed brother as he came to darkened paths, many a brother whose thanks are not seen on the Records of the Lodge, but are surely recorded in the Celestial Records where they will be preserved in perpetuum, and, as we trust, will redound to the credit of our beloved Lodge, inspiring the brethren of the future to perpetuate the noble Charity Fund left to their keeping. It is the legacy the brethren of 1901 leave to those of 1925 and 1950. That Charity Fund is the little acorn so tremblingly planted in the infant days of Joseph Webb Lodge, which we earnestly pray may expand into the great spreading oak in the later years when those who planted have gone, that it may be not alone an honor, but a blessing, to the future generation.

DEATH OF BRO. LABAN MILLETT THOMPSON HILL.

Brother Laban M. T. Hill, after a wearing illness of several months, breathed his last on April 16, 1899. He received his Master Mason's degree in Joseph Webb Lodge, April 4, 1877, and at once became an active promoter of the Lodge. For three terms he served the Lodge as its Senior Deacon with an intelligent zeal which was gratefully appreciated by the earlier brethren of the Lodge, and which, when the Fellow Craft's degree was worked, brought together not only our own members but great numbers of the brethren of other Lodges. Of commanding physique, a rich, musical voice and power of speaking with propriety, elegance and force, he brought to the second degree a beauty of rendition which pleased all listeners and reflected great credit upon the Lodge. He declined promotion, declaring that the demands of business and of his family required his undivided attention.

A special Communication of the Lodge convened at the

Masonic Hall April 19, 1899, and, after the funeral service customary upon such occasions, the Lodge proceeded to the residence of Bro. William Tyner, near that of our departed brother, where the Lodge was reorganized, and proceeded in procession to the late residence of the deceased, where the Masonic funeral services were completed.

The Committee appointed to report a memorial paper reported in part as follows: "By the event of the death of Bro. Hill, the great book of his life-work was forever closed with a record of manly duty performed that can be looked back upon and studied by all who loved him in life and honored him for what he was. In all affairs of life, in his domestic relations, in all social and business affairs he acted honorably. Kind and affable to all, he won all hearts. In his religious life he was as true, sincere and honest as he was in his business relations. When he told us, in that moment that comes but once to us, that he trusted in God, he spoke truly, and so trusting with the faith of a Christian, he had no doubts and no fears. He was not the zealot to fight for modes of faith. Trusting in God, the faith he had was in religion that made the foundation of laws, formed the rule of his personal conduct, and living that religion he felt no doubt of reaching the Celestial City and wasted no time in mending the road that reached heavenward."

DEATH OF BRO. CLARENCE PARKER WHITE.

Bro. Clarence P. White, Senior Warden of Joseph Webb Lodge, died Saturday, July 1, 1899, at the age of 30 years. The funeral was attended at his residence in Allston on Monday, July 3, somewhat hastened by the approach of the National holiday, and was attended by the Lodge in a body to render fitting honors to one greatly beloved. Brother White had occupied several chairs in the Lodge, and, as before

stated, at the time of his death, was its Senior Warden, in which position he performed excellent work, and had upon several occasions exemplified the several degrees in the Oriental chair to the satisfaction of the Master and all the brethren.

Brother White was a sufferer from what is known as appendicitis, and went to the Homoepathic Hospital in Boston, where the appendix was successfully removed and his recovery was rapid. On the day of his death he had so far recovered that arrangements had been made for his return to his home, and only a few minutes before his friends were to call for him, while walking in one of the corridors, he suddenly fell, gasped, and all of him that was mortal had ceased to exist. Now the green grass that grows over a little earth constitutes another monument of man's mortality.

After the summer vacation, at the first meeting of Joseph Webb Lodge in the new Masonic Temple, the brethren listened to the tribute of affection prepared by the committee, and stood silently with many tearful eyes as Brother Gerrish rendered Old Pleyel's hymn upon the organ. For the second time in our Masonic Lodge history the sun in the West at the close of day cast its shadows upon the empty chair of the Senior Warden, and two of our most promising and much loved brothers, Crawford and White, had, as we hope, joined each other in the Grand Celestial Lodge above.

Brother White had pleasant anticipations of the future. He had struggled for success in business and had gained the victory. He had established a happy home where love reigned supreme. He had entered with great zeal upon the work of Masonry, had achieved success and gained the love of his brethren. Before him he saw future felicity, at his home and upon the floor of the Lodge his soul fluttered upon the breeze of hope. Without warning, as the lightning-bolt darts from

the thickened storm-cloud, the curtain fell and he was shut from view.

From the committee reporting the memorial in his honor, I quote as follows: "Manifesting a lively interest in the affairs of the Lodge, he soon perfected himself in the lectures and work, and, after assisting in various positions, he was appointed Senior Steward in November, 1894; Junior Deacon, November, 1895; Senior Deacon, November, 1896; elected Junior Warden, November, 1897, and Senior Warden, November, 1898, in all of which offices he performed his duties with great ability and untiring industry. He had a keen appreciation of the value of accurate and careful work, and was remarkable for his correctness in rendering it as well as for his success in imparting his knowledge and skill to others. He was ambitious for success not merely to please the Lodge, but to satisfy himself, and he was never content except by a close proximity to perfection. To establish standards of high merit and ever to advance them, to secure in his own work not simply exactness in a mechanical manner, but fine expression, and ever having in mind the impression it should make upon the mind of the hearer—to these ends did he give tireless devotion, and gladly do we, his brethren, award him generous praise.

"He was a pleasant companion, a gentleman in heart, instinct and manner, a genial, sympathetic, warm-hearted friend and brother among us, a most tender and loving husband and father, in such measure that the world would be better and happier if there were more like him. Of reverses and discouragements in life he had his full share, but he nobly rose above them and was gradually achieving success."

In view of our departed brother's life and its work in which he took advantage of opportunities and achieved success, singing with Johnson—

“ Catch, then, O catch the transient hour ;
 Improve each moment as it flies ;
 Life's a short summer — man a flower —
 He dies, alas ! how soon he dies ! ”

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

On Friday evening, March 16, 1900, the members of Joseph Webb Lodge celebrated the Twenty-fourth Anniversary of the organization of the Lodge by a dinner at the United States Hotel. The brethren assembled in unusually large numbers, and every seat at the tables was occupied. Worshipful Master Joshua M. Dill presided, addressing the brethren in his usual dignified and scholarly manner, welcoming all to the feast that celebrated the early labors of brethren who succeeded in building up a branch of our great Fraternity that is now known throughout this Grand Lodge jurisdiction. In appropriate and happy remarks, he presented the speakers of the evening.

Guests of the Lodge : Right Wor'f. the Hon. Albert L. Harwood, Past Deputy Grand Master ; Rev. Bro. Stephen H. Roblin, D. D.

Entertainers : The Harvard Quartet.

Committee of Arrangements : Wor'f. Master Joshua M. Dill ; Bro. Henry C. Cottle, Chairman ; Bro. James F. Curn, Senior Warden ; Bro. William O. Webber, Junior Warden ; Bro. Charles C. Littlefield, Secretary ; Wor'f. Bro. William E. Murdock ; Bro. William H. Williams ; Bro. Thomas N. Cook ; Bro. Albert A. Gleason ; Bro. Conrad M. Gerlach ; Bro. Shintaro Morimoto ; Bro. Wallace H. Pendle ; Bro. John A. Campbell ; Bro. William F. Seaver.

After discussing an appetizing menu, the brethren appeared satisfied, and, sitting comfortably in their chairs, igniting the choice Havanas, now become an American luxury without the

Spanish orthography "Habana," were prepared to enjoy the feast of reason and flow of soul that was reasonably expected.

Rev. Bro. Stephen H. Roblin, D. D., one of our esteemed Chaplains, was presented after the Harvard Quartet had pleasingly entertained the brethren, and spoke in his usually entertaining manner, giving his idea of what should be the prominent characteristics of "the Ideal Mason." These he defined and illustrated under the three heads of "Grit, Character, and love of Humanity." Many points in his remarks were loudly applauded, particularly when, in illustration of the meaning of the word "grit," he referred to the brave British soldiers defending the beleagued town of Ladysmith in South Africa, reduced to four hundred starving men, continued the almost hopeless defence, determined to die rather than surrender to the ten thousand besiegers, and so they stood defiant until relief came and brought them victory.

Right Wor'f. the Hon. Albert L. Harwood, of Newton, described Masons as men who loved fraternity and who enjoyed getting together, eating bread together, and very rarely drinking of intoxicants together; and upon this last point spoke of his experience that afternoon, when he had occasion officially to visit 250 men, wards of this Commonwealth, who presented quite a different appearance from this presented by the brethren now before him. Those men, shut up and deprived of their liberty, might have been bright and shining lights in the community had they possessed the power of self control — We, as Masons, are taught to control our passions, and the brother who fails to observe this important tenet of our profession falls far short of his duty and obligation. It was a sad sight to see the 250 confined men suffering because they could not control their passions. Our Fraternity, he said, represents true humanity. A good, true Mason represents

all that is good in nations — humanity, brotherhood, loyalty, and every progressive, educational interest, and with forty thousand good and true men in this Commonwealth, affiliated for these objects, what a power we may be in shaping the State in the pathway that leads to progress and righteousness.

Right Wor'f. Henry G. Fay was presented, and made the concluding speech, saying that, as he had the pleasing duty of doing something in aid of those brethren who were active in the organization of Joseph Webb Lodge, he was proud to observe its prosperity, its unparalleled success in good work and the quality of its numbers, until now it had become the leading lodge in this jurisdiction. The Lodge, he said, had honored him by making him an Honorary Member, of which he felt very proud. Brother Fay spoke in his usual happy, witty vein, and told several illustrative stories, which, like all his stories, had never been told before, and they were received with laughter and applause.

A feature of the evening was the admirable music furnished by the Harvard Quartet. The repertoire was suited to the occasion, artistically rendered and received appreciative applause.

In every feature, the Twenty-fourth Anniversary was a grand success, the result of the good work of the Committee of Arrangements, and particularly the zeal and intelligent supervision of its Chairman, Brother Cottle.

A BROTHER OF THE ORIENT.

Among the brethren who served upon committees at the celebration of the twenty-fourth anniversary of the Lodge may be found the name of Shintaro Morimoto, so far as known the first native Japanese to receive the degrees in Free Masonry,— a zealous member and earnestly devoted to the

tenets of our Fraternity. He was born in Nagoya, Japan. He received a liberal education in his native country, and came to this country a number of years ago, completing his knowledge of the English language on the Pacific coast. Brother Morimoto afterwards became connected with the large Japanese mercantile firm of Yamanaka & Co., and is at the head of the Boston branch of that firm, whose business is carried on in Europe, Asia and America. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason during the administration of Wor'f. Brother Dill, and since then has evinced a deep interest in the prosperity of Joseph Webb Lodge.

In June, 1900, he invited a large number of the Lodge to attend an evening entertainment at the Japanese Gardens on Columbia Road, Dorchester. The grounds were beautifully illuminated with hundreds of Japanese lanterns, and flags of our country and Japan were displayed in every direction. A large tent was erected for the entertainment which was provided, the program embracing music of America and Japan, with dancing by a number of Japanese, who gave the several dances of their country in native costume. After the entertainment, the company enjoyed a delightful repast spread under the trees. During the evening they had an opportunity to inspect the remarkable display of dwarfed trees and shrubs as cultivated in Japan. It was an exceedingly unique and pleasing affair, and was a revelation to all those present. Our brother of the Orient expressed his regret that he was not able to receive and accommodate every brother of Joseph Webb Lodge.

Administration of Wor. James F. Coburn.

At the twenty-fifth annual Communication of Joseph Webb Lodge held November 8 A.D. 1900, A.L. 5900, Bro. James F. Coburn was elected Worshipful Master and was installed in due form by Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, assisted by Wor'f. Henry M. Rowe.

Wor'f. Bro. Coburn commenced the responsible duties of his position under the most favorable auspices. He had the loyal support of his brethren, constituting a membership of nearly three hundred intelligent and, to a large extent, enthusiastic supporters of the tenets of Free Masonry. He brought to the Oriental chair a warm love for the Order and a thorough knowledge of the work, gained by experience in the subordinate chairs, and an intuitive knowledge of the Constitution and the rules and regulations which have been accepted for our government.

During the first year of his administration he was assisted by Bro. William O. Webber, Senior Warden, and Bro. Joseph I. Bennett, Junior Warden.

In the first five months of his administration, ending April 8, 1901, fourteen brothers received the degree of Master Mason, and two members were added by demits, the regular membership reaching three hundred and five (305), to which, adding two honorary members not counted in the number stated, makes a total of membership, three hundred and seven (307). Ten or more have already received the first and second degrees, and these added to the number received into membership in the first five months of Wor'f. Bro. Coburn's service, without other additions, would bring the work for the year up to twenty-six.

It would not be Masonic courtesy to claim for the success

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of Joseph Webb Lodge in the twenty-five years of its existence, in its accession of members or its perfection of "work," superiority over other Lodges within the Masonic jurisdiction of Massachusetts, but we certainly cannot be charged with egoism in claiming equality of success in quantity of loyal and enthusiastic brethren, and in the excellent character of the "work."

HONORED BY THE LODGE.

At the regular Communication of Joseph Webb Lodge held on the evening of March 6, 1901, Bro. William Tyner, Treasurer of the Lodge since March 20, 1876, was proposed for Honorary Membership under the provisions of the By-Laws of the Lodge. The proposition was acted upon, and, upon ballot, Worshipful Brother Coburn declared Bro. William Tyner duly elected. Previous to the ballot, Wor^d. Brother Denny, who proposed the name of Brother Tyner for Honorary Membership, addressed the Lodge as follows:

"Worshipful Master and Brethren:

"In presenting the name of Bro. William Tyner for Honorary Membership in Joseph Webb Lodge, I have acted upon my own idea as to the deservings of that brother, and also upon my belief that the brethren of that lodge, without a dissenting voice, would be glad to respond to that idea, and would be only too happy to confer an honor upon him, a served honor which twenty-five years of faithful and unquitted service seems to merit.

"My own Masonic intimacy with Brother Tyner has continued now for over thirty-two years. In the Lodge in which he received his Masonic degrees, it so happened that I was chairman of the committee of investigation upon his application therefor. As I look back to those old Masonic memories of memory, each leaf turned impres-

my heart sad and mournful thoughts, for more than a generation of men has come and gone, and many a dear brother then acting with us in that Mother Lodge has crumbled into dust as rocks are crumbled and washed away by the waves of the sea ; and so it is that now Bros. William F. West, George W. Frost and myself are the only living members of this Lodge who welcomed Brother Tyner into the Mother Lodge thirty-two years ago. It seemed to me that these facts would justify me in presenting Brother Tyner for the honors of Joseph Webb Lodge.

“ It is a fact I well remember that, when we were attempting the formation of this Lodge, those who were active in that work had resolved that Bro. William Tyner was the man above all others wanted to serve as Treasurer. He finally concluded to join us, and signed the Petition for Dispensation, became a Charter Member, and at the first meeting under the dispensation, March 20, 1876, just twenty-five years ago this month, he was unanimously elected Treasurer, and has been honored by a unanimous re-election every year since, and on the twentieth day of this month will have served twenty-five years. He has been a faithful steward.

“ He has received and disbursed over \$30,000 of the funds of the Lodge, and not a dollar — not a cent — has been lost or misapplied. The investments have always been carefully made with a resultant profit. Perhaps our Treasurer will not thank me for saying what very few have the opportunity of knowing, something that I would not dare say in his presence, something I certainly would not think of saying now if I did not know he was out of the country, enjoying life for a little time away down in the West India Islands. Because of his absence, I may safely speak of this something now ; that in our day of smaller things, when Joseph Webb Lodge had to

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e Lodge would have suffered, and some distressed brother
his family would have suffered, if our good, kind-hearted,
generous Treasurer, not able to find the money in the bank
which he could use, had not found it in his own private funds,
thus making it a fact that the Lodge never suffered because
its funds were short. I am told that in some of our later
years, when the Treasurer had paid out more money than he
had received, and the Finance Committee proposed to reim-
burse him from the first moneys received, he has more than
once replied: 'Never mind that, let it go until we settle at
the end of the year.' Our Lodge has often been the debtor
of our Treasurer.

"I very well know that I will be obliged to apologize to our
Treasurer when he returns from his foreign tour, but I could
not help saying this much of the fragrant blossoms I have
seen growing along the modest life of our brother. Life at
best, my brethren, is short, and every life has its thorns;
let us not forget any of its flowers.

"Under Article IV. of our By-Laws it is provided that any
Master Mason, for distinguished service to this Lodge or to
the Fraternity, may, upon recommendation of any member, be
elected an honorary member, and that a member of the Lodge
being so honored shall not lose the privilege of voting and act-
ing upon any matter before the Lodge. If any member has
rendered distinguished service to Joseph Webb Lodge, that
member is Brother William Tyner, and that honor particularly
belongs to him to round out his service of twenty-five years as
Treasurer of Joseph Webb Lodge."

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LADIES' NIGHT.

Preceding the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the formation of Joseph Webb Lodge, it was determined by a number of the brethren to give their wives, daughters, sisters and sweethearts the opportunity to inspect their newly occupied Masonic home that they might enjoy with them an entertainment of high character, readings and vocal selections, refreshments and dancing. The affair, not a Lodge event strictly, was arranged for Friday evening, January 25, 1901, and the following brethren were constituted a Committee with full powers to act, viz.: Wor'f. James F. Coburn, Worshipful Master; Charles C. Littlefield, Sec'y; Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood; Bro. Albert A. Gleason; Wor'f. Frank T. Kenah; Brothers Wm. H. Williams, Henry C. Cottle, Ahrend C. J. Pope and William H. Cook.

Upon the evening named, a large number of the brethren and friends with their ladies spent a delightful evening, the Corinthian and Gothic Halls and other apartments of the Temple being devoted to their exclusive use. Under the supervision of the above excellent committee, Ladies' Night proved to be entirely successful in every department of entertainment.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebrations.

LODGE CHURCH SERVICE.

The members of Joseph Webb Lodge at a meeting for consultation voted that the observance of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the formation of the Lodge should be observed by first, a religious service, and, second, by a festive occasion or banquet, the last affair to take place on the twentieth day of March, being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Lodge's natal day.

In accordance with this action the Lodge was called together by the following circular :

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

My Sir and Brother :

Special Communication of Joseph Webb Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to be held in Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets, Boston, Sunday, March 17, 1901, A. L. 5901, at 2 P.M., for the purpose of receiving Most Worshipful Charles T. Gallagher, Grand Master, and officers, of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and attending Religious Exercises at the Columbus Avenue Universalist Church, corner of Clarendon Street, Rev. Bro. Stephen Herbert Roblin, D. D., Pastor.

The brethren are requested to appear in black or dark clothes, hats and ties, black shoes, and white gloves.

By Order of

JAMES F. COBURN, W. M.

Charles C. Littlefield, Sec'y.

The members of the Lodge assembled at the Masonic Temple at the time indicated and a lodge being opened in due form, the Officers of the Grand Lodge and a large number of Worshipful Brothers of other lodges were received in the usual manner, and, accompanied by many visiting brethren, procession being formed, marched to the Second Universalist Church on Columbus Avenue, of which Rev. Dr. Roblin, Assistant Chaplain of this Lodge, is pastor, where interesting services were held in the following order :

1. Organ Prelude—"March Religieuse" (*Guilmant*); Charles S. Johnson.
2. Selection—"Sing Alleluia Forth," Harvard Quartet.
3. Scripture Readings by Grand Chaplain Rev. Dr. E. A. Horton, in the absence of Rev. Bro. Lewis V. Price, D. D., Chaplain, who was called out of the State.

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4. Selection —“Remember Now Thy Creator,” Harvard Quartet.
5. Historical Paper, Right Wor’f. Sereno D. Nickerson, Recording Grand Secretary.
6. Reading of Original Charter by Secretary, Brother C. C. Littlefield.
7. Hymn, Congregation.
8. Address, Rev. Brother Stephen H. Roblin, D. D., Assistant Chaplain.
9. Selection —“Praise Ye the Father,” Harvard Quartet.
10. Benediction, Rev. Dr. Roblin.
11. Organ Postlude —“Grand Choeur” (*Guilmant*); Charles S. Johnson.

Rev. Edward A. Horton, D. D., Grand Chaplain, read the Scripture lesson from the tenth chapter of St. Luke, as follows : “And behold a certain lawyer stood up and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, what is written in the law? How readeest thou? And he answering, said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus, answering, said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked

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and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence of that date representing in value about \$2.50 of our money — *Ed.*] and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee.

“Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.”

The Scripture selections were followed by prayer, and a selection by the Quartet, “Remember Now Thy Creator.”

ADDRESS OF RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SERENO D. NICKERSON,
Recording Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master.

“Most Worshipful Grand Master, Worshipful Master, Brethren and Friends:

“Many of those here present who are not of our Fraternity, and perhaps even some of the brethren, have found themselves inquiring: Where did this Lodge get its name? Who was Joseph Webb? To answer these questions very briefly is the duty assigned to me.

“Masons are wont to claim Solomon, King of Israel, as their first Most Excellent Grand Master. Perhaps the chief foundation for this claim is the wisdom which distinguished him and in later times has formed so conspicuous a characteristic of our Fraternity, individually and collectively. Whatever may be the truth in regard to this particular claim, so far as

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now known, there seems to have been a sad break in the succession of Grand Masters. Certain it is that, so far as we learn from authentic history, the first Grand Lodge established and the first Grand Master chosen date from 1717, in England. In that year occurred what is often called the revival or re-organization of Masonry, and from that date the history of the Fraternity can be traced with considerable clearness and accuracy.

“One of the new rules promulgated by this first Grand Lodge, in 1720, was the order that ‘no Set or Number of Masons shall take upon themselves to form a Lodge without the Grand Master’s Warrant’; the previous practice having been for any chance gathering of Masons to call themselves a Lodge and proceed forthwith to make merry and make Masons.

“On the 30th of July, 1733, Henry Price organized in the town of Boston the first Provincial Grand Lodge now known to have existed on this continent by duly constituted authority. That authority was derived from the Grand Master of England, and under it Henry Price proceeded forthwith to grant warrants for lodges in various localities. The first was for the lodge, still in existence, now known as St. John’s Lodge, of Boston.

“In 1756 the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted a warrant for the Lodge of St. Andrew, also of Boston, and also still in existence. In 1769, the same Grand Lodge issued a deputation to Joseph Warren, under which authority he organized a Provincial Grand Lodge on St. John the Evangelist’s Day, December 27, 1769.

“The existence of these two Grand Lodges in the same Province is in accordance with a practice which prevails with the three British Grand Lodges to this day; each of them

claiming the right to establish its own Provincial Grand Lodge in any British Colony where no independent Grand Lodge exists. Accordingly two Grand Lodges ruled side by side in Massachusetts from 1769 until 1792, when they were happily united, and since the latter date only one Grand Lodge has held jurisdiction in this Commonwealth.

“Joseph Warren, of blessed memory, was made a Mason in the Lodge of St. Andrew on the 10th of September, 1761, being twenty years and three months old; the rules of the Grand Lodge of Scotland permitting the admission of candidates at the age of eighteen years. He served as Master in 1769, and, as already stated, became Provincial Grand Master in December of that year. His authority was limited to ‘Boston and within one hundred miles of the same.’ In 1772 his jurisdiction was extended over the whole ‘continent of America.’

“Over this Grand Lodge General Warren presided until his glorious death on Bunker Hill, at the age of thirty-four years. Of the forty meetings of his administration he presided at all but four. He was greatly beloved and admired, the most intimate friend of Samuel Adams, who was the acknowledged leader of the patriots of Boston, which was the fountain-head of the Revolution.

“On the 6th of December, 1771, Grand Master Warren appointed Joseph Webb, a merchant of Boston, as his Deputy Grand Master and he held that office until March, 1777.

“In March 1775, General Gage shut up Boston, and ingress or egress was made exceedingly difficult. After the battle of Bunker Hill he was removed and the command turned over to General Howe. The fortifying of Dorchester Heights and the evacuation of Boston by General Washington made Boston untenable, and General Howe withdrew his troops to Halifax, the evacuation ta

place one hundred and twenty-six years ago today. Thus affording to this locality good grounds for *pat*-riotic demonstrations on the 17th of March.

“The occupation put an end for the time to all Masonic work in Boston. The Records of the St. John’s Grand Lodge and its subordinates stop abruptly with the shutting up of the town. The Tory Secretary carried the Records away with him when he fled to Halifax, and they were not recovered for twelve years. It is a singular fact that the Records of the other Grand Lodge give no account of the funeral services of Grand Master Warren, although full reports were published.

“One of the first duties performed by the brethren of Boston, when they were again at liberty, was to go in search of the body of their beloved Grand Master. They repaired to the place designated by an eye-witness of his death. It was at the brow of the hill, and near the head of the grave was planted an acacia tree. Upon the removal of the earth, which appeared to have been recently disturbed, they indeed found the body of their Grand Master. The remains were discovered on the 6th of April, 1776, carefully conveyed to the State House, in State Street, and on the eighth of the same month were borne in solemn procession to King’s Chapel, where an eloquent eulogy was delivered by Perez Morton, who was at that time Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge.

“A great difference of opinion arose among the brethren as to the Masonic effect of the death of the Grand Master and their rights and duties in consequence of it. One division strenuously maintained that the Provincial Grand Master having died, all organizations he had authorized and all appointments he had made died with him and new authority must be obtained from the original source. The other section argued no less earnestly, that the creatures lived although the creator

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, and furthermore that, inasmuch as the political re-
with the mother country were to be dissolved, it was
expedient and proper that the Masonic connection
also be terminated.

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The latter opinion seems to have prevailed, and accord-
the Deputy Grand Master, whom Joseph Warren had
elected, convened the Grand Lodge, and after mature de-
cision that body elected Joseph Webb as their Grand
Master, and thus was instituted the first Independent Grand
Lodge on this continent, on the 8th of March, 1777.

"In December, 1875, some twenty brethren, members of
various Boston Lodges, took the preliminary steps for organ-
izing a new Lodge in this city. One of the first questions to
be settled was what name should be given to the new enter-
prise. Our first Most Excellent Grand Master, King Solomon,
tells us that 'a good name is rather to be chosen than great
riches,' and again, that 'a good name is better than precious
ointment.'

"In accordance with the usual custom, it was expected that
the new Lodge would be required to work one year under a
dispensation by way of experiment. If, at the expiration of
that period, a charter should be granted, it would bear date at
or about the time of the centennial anniversary of the estab-
lishment of the First Independent Grand Lodge in America.
It therefore seemed eminently fit and proper that the new
Lodge should assume the name of the Grand Master of the day.
That he bore 'a good name' is evident from the fact
that Joseph Warren selected him as his Deputy; that he fill
that office until his brethren advanced him to the position
of Grand Master; that he continued to fill the latter office
ten years, and only laid it down with his life.
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us hope that its future history may be such as to add new lustre to the name it so proudly bears.”

ADDRESS BY REV. STEPHEN HERBERT ROBLIN, D. D.

“My Dear Brethren,—It is with much pleasure I welcome you to this sacred place to-day. It is well that from time to time Masons do meet in the House of God and there meditate upon those eternal verities which make for everlasting life. I rejoice that you as brother Masons have journeyed to this sanctuary at this time, where it is my lot to preside, and I assure you that your presence here is a measure of great satisfaction to all those who participate in the fortunes of this historic church.

“More and more, I am confident, the public at large is coming to appreciate the principles of Masonry, and such occasions as this are calculated to increase that appreciation. ‘There is something about your Order,’ says one not affiliated with us, ‘that tends to increase manhood in our midst, and I like it.’ It is just here, I sometimes think, that our highest service is rendered. What nobler work can any institution engage in than manhood making? It is the best work we can set about in this rushing, throbbing world of ours.

“We hear it said that ours is an exclusive organization. Yes, that is so. This we cannot help if we would, and we would not if we could. One of the great fundamentals of our Order is belief in Almighty God. This excludes all atheists. I am glad to believe that the number who can conscientiously say that for them there is no belief in God is exceedingly small, much smaller than is popularly held. Yet there are some who have not this confidence, and wherever there is one who labors under this burden of belief, he by necessity is excluded from our ranks. He cannot be of us.

“Again, our doors do not open for cowards. The way in which we walk is not built for cowardice. The craven spirit shrinks from the tests which we put upon our membership. I have been there and know whereof I affirm. He who steps beyond our portals puts fear behind him, or else he falters early in his journey and wanders in the by-way which circles back to the outside world, and he is not of us. From first to last the demand is for courageous souls, and so all others are excluded; they are left to sojourn in their own place.

“Still again, we are an exclusive body in that we put a premium on persistence. The vacillating, wavering, purposeless character is never happy in our company. He finds that Masons are determined men, men who pursue an object nor cease until they accomplish their desires. My own first impressions are fresh in mind even to this very day. I recall how I felt that the way was never very smooth, and many difficulties beset me. But somehow the atmosphere was charged with a purposefulness which was contagious. It was a delight to me that I was ordered to tread a way which was rough indeed, and perform duties arduous. I resolved that those who endured to the end must be men rare and worthy, and I sought their company with zeal.

“Once more, the true Mason is ever just and fair. He courts the fellowship of the just. He stands separate from the unjust and denounces injustice. He faces as a foe all falsity, all duplicity. He is no turncoat! It is said that an artisan awoke late one morning and had scant time to throw on his garments and haste to his labors if he would be on hand at the striking of the hour. With a rush he reached his place of toil just at the stroke of the bell. Because of his hurry he had thrown his coat on hind-side-before, and in mounting a ladder before him he slipped and fell stunned to

the ground. Some thought him dead, but an Irishman, seeing signs of life, exclaimed : 'No, he's not dead, but, begorra, he's got an awful twist.' The true Mason is never a turncoat, and so never can be charged as suffering from the 'awful twist.'

"So while it may be said that ours is an exclusive body, such observations as these, and many others which might be made, are calculated to show that our exclusiveness is part of our glory, for which we are reasonably proud.

"There is proper pride, too, in the Mason's heart, that his brotherhood has, from the beginning, extended a helping hand to the weak and needy. The Mason has ever been a good Samaritan. We look over the records and find vast sums of money expended every year for the relief of the distressed, and the claims of want are never presented in vain. Joseph Webb Lodge has expended nearly \$1200.00 in the period of its existence in direct charity, and indirectly, sums not easy to compute. Besides, there is ever extended the sympathetic hand, and there speak constantly the encouraging voices of brothers. Incalculable are such aids in the struggling life of our world.

"And so I might at great length enumerate the benefits our body bestows upon mankind. It is sufficient to know that far more than any man can record is being done by Masonry. It needs no eulogium — no advocate; its works are legion, its power is world-wide, its truths everlasting.

"But there is one word I wish to speak in reference to the relationship of Masonry with the Christian Church. There is a danger that brethren will come to say, because they see the eternal truths exemplified in the Lodge room, the Masonic Temple is enough, and the Church for Masons is needless.

"I beg that you may not be led astray by this erroneous

view. 'Tis true the eternal verities are exemplified in the Lodge room. But whence came those verities to the Temple? From the Church. Masonry stands for certain unchanging eternal truths,—the Church no less for these truths, but also for those inspirations which are 'new every morning, fresh every evening, and which waste not in the noontide hour.' Masonry is a social, fraternal and semi-religious Order of great influence and power. The Church is a special institution set for the cultivation of religious life, for the application and perpetuation of those principles of truth and righteousness which are necessary for the development of character, for faith and hope and peace in the life of mankind.

“The Mason is the most natural supporter of the Church because his training in all lines is toward the Church. Masonry is the great auxiliary, or ought to be, of the House of God. The Temple of Solomon should more and more become the vestibule of the Tabernacle of the Lord.

“And so, my brothers, my plea today is that you forget not the privileges and duties which pertain to the House of God. Let no just rebuke fall upon our Order because of neglect on your part in this particular. Be sure that the doors of the Church are open for you. This particular Church has doors that swing inward for all Masons, and its hospitality, unstinted, is extended to all.

“Do not err in the thought that the Church has nothing for you. It has much. In our complex and struggling life there come constantly moods which weigh upon us which the Church can help remove. We are beset with doubt and fear. We see wrong and suffering on every hand. We know the pangs of separation and the hushed stillness of death. It is only as we turn to the Church that we can find light upon this dark pathway, solution for the vexed problems which fret

our souls. It is here we find that spirit which enables us to say with the laureate :

“ ‘And yet we trust that somehow good
 Will be the final goal of ill,
 To pangs of nature, sins of will,
 Defects of doubt and taints of blood ;
 “ ‘That nothing walks with aimless feet,
 That not one life shall be destroyed,
 Or cast as rubbish to the void,
 When God has made his pile complete,
 “ ‘Behold, we know not anything,
 And can but trust that good shall fall
 At last — far off, at last, to all
 And every winter change to spring.’

“ Yes, we all need the influence and inspiration which the Church affords. Let the Church die, and how long shall Masonry live? If you would strengthen the foundations of the Temple, you must show your allegiance to the Church. As its spires are lifted higher in the heavens, as its pillars are strengthened and its courts enlarged, there shall come more and more strength and glory and life to the Fraternity you represent today.

“ As we cultivate the broad, high, tolerant, true Christian spirit of the Church, we shall more freely exemplify the Masonic spirit, and we shall be led up the way until our souls touch the exalted heights which Christ's kinsman found,— Solomon's father — the poet shepherd king, David the psalmist, the chosen of the Lord, and with him shall be able to say :

“ ‘The Lord is my shepherd ; I shall not want.

“ ‘He maketh me to lie down in green pastures : he leadeth me beside the still waters.

“ ‘He restoreth my soul ; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

“‘ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

“‘ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies : thou annointest my head with oil ; my cup runneth over.

“‘ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.’

“ In this mood of soul may we go forward in the name of our God, forever and forever. Amen.”

The service closed with a selection by the Quartet and the benediction by Rev. Dr. Roblin.

LETTER FROM THE CHAPLAIN.

At the Communication of the Lodge, April 3, 1901, following the Twenty-fifth Anniversary church service, at which our Chaplain, Rev. Lewis V. Price, D. D., because of absence from the State could not be present, sent a letter to the Worshipful Master, which was read, and received with much satisfaction and pleasure, and was ordered placed upon the Records.

Following is the excellent letter in full :

“ SOMERVILLE, March 28, 1901.

“ My Dear Coburn, Worshipful Master :

“ I have been confined to my room since the night of our anniversary, and my mind has been busy with many things. Among them I have thought of Joseph Webb Lodge, and as the result I send you this letter, which expresses some of my sentiments.

“ Twenty-five years in these strenuous times mark an epoch in the history of a human life or an organization. This number of years has now dropped away since the birthday of

Joseph Webb Lodge. They have left behind in our memory and in the archives of our Lodge their record of events, some filled to the rim with good cheer ; and some, here and there, overflowing with sorrow. But as we now look back along the way we have come and note the many ties of loving brotherhood that have been created at our altar, and the fewness, in comparison, of those that have been broken by death, we find that the bright days far outnumber those o'ercast by a passing cloud.

“In view of this we did well to rejoice and give praise to the Author of our blessings. It in no way subtracted from the pleasures of our anticipated festive occasion ; but did the rather, in many hearts at least, intensify every feeling of gladness. The twenty-fifth anniversary was in and of itself well fitted to awaken gratitude and thanksgiving in our hearts. It is indeed blessed for brethren to commune over a past in which they have lived and toiled together for a common cause and end. Out of such happy occasions come a better wisdom and a brighter hope for the future. Especially ought this to be the case when we recall our recent meeting to commemorate a quarter century of such fellowship. Outside our guarded portal there have been strifes based on selfishness and injustice, class divisions and pride, neglect and suffering ; but within the ever enlarging circle of our brotherhood there have been nothing of the kind. So far as I have had opportunity to observe, our fellowships have been uniformly characterized by truth and good-will, by sympathy and kindness, by charity and brotherly love. In all these years nothing has transpired, to my knowledge, to disturb our peace nor to mar the grace and beauty of our social gatherings.

“For this we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the care and good judgment exercised in the choice of our officers,

for the excellent tact, fairness and wisdom shown by them in governing the Lodge, and for the loyalty and ready obedience of the brethren. To the exceptional ability and manhood of those who have filled responsible places in the Lodge, from the hour of its birth until now, I look for an explanation of our rapid growth and for the high standing the Lodge has attained unto among the strong and eminent Lodges of the Commonwealth. To this same source I look when endeavoring to account for the general high character and social standing of our membership. As a whole, they are as worthy a company of men and citizens as were ever drawn together by covenant vows.

“Our fellowships during the years past have done much to keep alive and to nourish brotherly sympathy and the spirit of self-sacrifice. The tendency of our age has been to suppress or crowd into the background the social virtues. In counteracting this, in some measure at least, the Lodge has done a good service. As an organization, the Lodge is committed to the principle that we are members one of another. This, as I understand it, carries with it among all true Masons a corresponding principle, namely, that those connected with a member in the family circle are also to be regarded by every other member with special esteem, and receive, if need be, particular practical consideration. In no other organization or company of men ought charity in judgment and in deeds count for more, or extend its benign influence over a wider area of human relations.

“From the beginning there has been intelligent and conscientious effort on the part of the officers and members of Joseph Webb Lodge to guard the approaches to our Consecrated Hall against unworthy men. It has been, and now is, I believe, the settled purpose of the Lodge to maintain a high

standard of moral character and manhood in its membership, that we may command the confidence and respect of the world.

“This suggests a practical thought which should, I think, receive a moment’s attention as we begin the living and recording history for a coming twenty-five years. The high ideals which Joseph Webb Lodge has set for its membership, and the laws governing members in their relations one to another, should be a practical force in the affairs of the world’s life. The conscience, enlightened by Masonic lessons, should embody its moral judgments in all private and public acts that the standards of personal righteousness may become the standards of all outside commercial, social or civil corporate bodies. Men who meet on the level as brothers, should act on the square in every department of human interest and effort. Picked men, numbering hundreds in Joseph Webb Lodge and many thousands in the Lodges of the Commonwealth, can create a public sentiment by reason of their own character and deeds that will make within our own beloved State truth and righteousness triumphant in all business combinations and in all affairs of government. There is now a call for this such as has not resounded in our land since the birth of the Republic. The cry is not for more law or for better laws, but for a public sentiment and conscience that will execute the law we have with equality and exact justice.

“Along with the above there should go a practical sympathy for the toiling multitudes who have not yet attained unto the wisdom and skill to defend themselves on the platform or at the ballot-box. Nor are they in a position to command, like the strong and wealthy corporations, the services of able talent in fighting their battles; and therefore that service should be given by those who believe in maintaining ‘a government of the people, by the people, for the people.’ It really seems

to me that the way to make the most of our blessings is so to use them for the elevation of others that they ever remain in us a beautiful memory, and in them an undying inspiration to a nobler life. The strong and good should be strong and good for something ; and in a free country that something should be the welfare of humanity.

“Here is a sphere of activity worthy the grandest efforts of the purest heart and the noblest brain. In all honest attempts to raise up those about us we exalt ourselves, and henceforth we work from higher altitudes of vision and nearer the springs of unfailing joy. The good already done puts us in position to see other good to do ; and in doing it, we grow into full rounded men. Through us the world becomes the better and we the happier.

“So much I have written because of my respect for the officers and members of Joseph Webb Lodge, and because of my faith in their intellectual and moral capabilities. The power lodged in such a noble body of men is great, very great, and I would like to see it set to work to bring to pass better things in our social and civil life. Much is being done now by individual members, but cannot we do more by some concerted effort ? The need is evident.

“Therefore, my dear Worshipful Master, let there go forth from the East, from the West and from the South a commandment to us all, saying—

“ Show yourselves men, true to truth and the right,
 Men whose faith in God, man and personal might,
 Gives birth to a purpose, spirit and power,
 That uses life's gifts, improves every hour,
 To cure the world's grief and blessings bestow
 On all who have aught of sorrow or woe.

“ Show yourselves men, be the first if you can
 To come to the front and stand in the van

Of any just cause, whate'r it may be,
 That rights any wrong, or makes man the more free.
 Think truly, act firmly, evil assail,
 That truth and the right may ever prevail.

"Show yourselves men, make life truly sublime,
 For it is wrong, yea verily, a crime
 To live meanly, or to work any plan
 Unworthy the gifts and being of man.
 Man is à king and a throne is his goal,
 If true to the best God puts in his soul.

LEWIS V. PRICE."

BANQUET AT THE EXCHANGE CLUB.

A. L. 5876.

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The Twenty-fifth Anniversary

OF

Joseph Webb Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

"We meet upon the Level, though from every station brought—
 The monarch from his palace and the peasant from his cot;
 For the King must drop his dignity when knocking at our door,
 And the peasant is his equal as he treads the Checkered Floor."

—*Rob. Morris.*

March 20, 1901.

Exchange Club, Boston.

"What, do we meet together?"

"Ay, and I think one business doth command us all."

—*Timon of Athens, III., 4.*

COMMITTEES.

"We're all good fellows together."—*John O'Keefe, Sprigs of Laurel.*

Executive.

Wor'f. James F. Coburn, W. M., Chairman.

"A proper man,—a very handsome man.—He speaks well."

—*Othello, IV., 3.*

Charles C. Littlefield, Secretary-Treasurer.

"The village all declared how much he knew,

'Twas certain he could write and cipher, too."

—*Oliver Goldsmith, The Deserted Village.*

William H. Cook, Henry C. Cottle, Albert A. Gleason,
Wor'f. Frank T. Kenah, Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Ahrend C.
J. Pope, William H. Williams.

Reception.

“Small cheer and great welcome make a merry feast.”

—*Comedy of Errors, III., I.*

Albert A. Gleason, Chairman.

“Since I had my office, I have kept you next my heart.”

—*Henry VIII., III., 2.*

Wor'f. James F. Coburn, W. M., Wor'f. Daniel T. Brigham,
Wor'f. J. Waldo Denny, Wor'f. Joshua M. Dill, Wor'f. Frank
T. Kenah, Wor'f. William H. Kenah, Wor'f. William E. Mur-
dock, Wor'f. Henry M. Rowe, Rt. Wor'f. Eugene C. Upton,
Wor'f. John H. Woodman, John A. Campbell, William H.
Cook, Henry C. Cottle, Conrad M. Gerlach, Thomas B. Kin-
raide, Charles C. Littlefield, Ahrend C. J. Pope, Robert J.
Rodday, Anthony W. Strauss, William H. Williams.

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Post-prandial.

“Hang sorrow! Care will kill a cat,

And therefore let's be merry.”—*George Wither.*

Toastmaster Rev. Bro. Stephen Herbert Roblin

“Wait till you hear me from the pulpit, there you cannot answer me.”

—*Bishop Gilbert Haven.*

Music Harvard Glee Club

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,

M. W. Charles T. Gallagher, Grand Master

“Every candidate offered should be hewn from the
finest Parian marble.”—*Gems from the Quarry.*

Music Harvard Mandolin Club

Joseph Webb Lodge,

R. W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Rec. Gr. Sec.

“Our Ritual is a sacred poem, and there are underlying inspirations to noble actions running beneath it like an underground stream.”—*George M. Morrow, G. M., Alabama.*

Music Harvard Banjo Club

Freemasonry Rev. Bro. Edward A. Horton

“Who is he that can twice a week be inspired, or has eloquence always on tap?”—*Lowell, Biglow Papers.*

Music Harvard Glee Club

Massachusetts, Hon. Augustus P. Gardner, State Senator

“It is in the history of Massachusetts, in the lives of her great men, in the sacrifices, in the deeds, and in the character of her people, that we find the secret of our love and pride.”—*Henry Cabot Lodge.*

Music Harvard Mandolin Club

The City of Boston . His Honor, Mayor Thomas N. Hart

“Boston State House is the hub of the solar system. You couldn't pry that out of a Boston man if you had the tire of all creation straightened out for a crowbar.”
—*Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes.*

Music Harvard Banjo Club

Our University City, His Honor, Mayor David T. Dickinson

“Let them behold the melancholy of a magistrate, and taste the fury of a citizen in office.”—*Eastward Ho, IV., 2.*

Music Harvard Glee Club

Masonic Reminiscences,

R. W. Albert A. Folsom, Dep. Grand Master

“Now one other health
To our grand patron, called Good-fellowship,
Whose livery all our people hereabout
Are clad in.”—*Dekker and Ford; Sun's Darling, IV., 1.*

- Music Harvard Mandolin Club
- The Law Hon. Edgar R. Champlin
 "Do as adversaries do in law, strive mightily, but
 eat and drink as friends."—*Taming of the Shrew, II., 2.*
- Music Harvard Banjo Club
- Sweet Memories of Our Absent Brothers, R. W. George F.
 Stebbins, D. D. G. M. of the 2d Masonic District
 "Here's a health to them that's awa,
 And here's to them that's awa."—*Robert Burns.*
 "Not lost but gone before."—*Seneca.*
- Music Harvard Glee Club
 "We meet upon the level, and we part upon the square."

After cigars had been lighted, the Worshipful Master, James F. Coburn, rapped to order and spoke as follows :

"Brothers and Friends,— We are assembled here tonight to celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Joseph Webb Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Massachusetts. We have with us tonight the youngest as well as the oldest of our members, and it is with much pleasure and satisfaction to me that we have as many of the organizers of Joseph Webb Lodge as have been spared to celebrate with us this Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

"We are particularly honored by having with us the Most Worshipful Grand Master and officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and many representatives of sister lodges and distinguished representatives of National, State and Municipal affairs. Even our sister city of Cambridge sends us some of her representative men and a goodly delegation of 'Fair Harvards,' some to interest us with music and others to join with us in a review of the past and contemplating another quarter century in the history of our Lodge. To all these

brethren we not only extend our greetings, but our sincere thanks for your presence with us. It is not my idea to act as a speaker here this evening: I am simply the outside fibre on the shell of the cocoanut,—the milk you will receive later in full measure and to your entire satisfaction.

“And now brothers, let us give our thoughts for a moment to those who have been with us in some of the years of the past — many who were important factors in the organizers of Joseph Webb Lodge. We have in our minds, and in our love, all who have passed beyond our earthly circle; we instance Worshipful Brothers J. Elliot Bond and John F. Ham, Brothers Whitcomb, Royal, Crawford, Laban M. T. Hill and Clarence P. White, not forgetting the many others who have been with us and of us, all of whom made their mark in the twenty-five years' progress of the Lodge; let us think of them kindly and with gratitude for the work they helped to accomplish.

“Now, to turn again to the living present, how proud and honored a brother of this Lodge may feel when he assumes his position as Worshipful Master in such a brotherhood. How much he may feel the honor when called upon to preside over a banquet like this of our Twenty-fifth Anniversary; and that is how I feel tonight when I extend to you all the most cordial greeting. May we who are assembled here be granted health and strength to live long enough to sit again together twenty-five years hence.

“It affords me real pleasure to present our Rev. Brother Roblin, who will act as toastmaster.”

Rev. Brother STEPHEN HERBERT ROBLIN: “Gentlemen, Brothers and Friends of the Lodge,—While I am getting my breath will the young men from across the Charles begin the musical part of the program.”

Music—"Johnny Harvard," "Clover Blossoms"—Harvard Glee Club.

Brother ROBLIN: "Most Worshipful Master, Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I just remarked to His Honor the Mayor that I did not know he smoked. He replied that he did not smoke, but my observation tells me that a man cannot be in this room very long without smoking. We can felicitate ourselves upon a good many things this evening; upon the place where we are quartered; upon the extra good looks of the assemblage; upon the quality of the guests who have been invited upon this occasion, and I want to say, on the outside, that we have a long program and we have gone beyond the edge of the evening. I am not going to speak myself except to say that the man who was capable of getting up these most artistic and complete arrangements of our program tonight deserves a vote of thanks upon the part of every member of Joseph Webb Lodge."

[A number of brethren requested to know who is responsible for this splendid program.]

Brother ROBLIN: "The name of the gentleman responsible is one of the splendid *bon mots* I intended to reserve, but I will say that we are indebted to Lieutenant and Brother Albert A. Gleason."

[The motion was made and seconded by everyone present that Brother Gleason be extended a vote of thanks. This was unanimously approved by acclamation.]

Music—"Hot Corn"—Harvard Banjo Club.

Bro. ROBLIN: "Masonic bodies have in their power to give some of the most important and honorable positions on earth to its chosen sons. That fine sagacity which chooses men according to their qualifications predominates in Masonry. When a very high position is offered to a Mason it is always

recognized that he has qualities which commend him for such position. The official position of Grand Master has been offered and accepted by one who sits before you tonight,— he looks the position, he acts the position, he fits the position. I have great pleasure in introducing to you Grand Master Charles T. Gallagher.”

M. W. Bro. CHARLES T. GALLAGHER: “Brethren,—As if the embarrassment was not great enough being surrounded with most Reverend Chaplains, members of the Senate, mayors of cities,—it is necessary to embarrass me further by adding qualities which the speaker has never recognized. It has a tendency to drive from one’s head all ideas of a speech. In listening to the names mentioned by your Worshipful Master recalls to my mind some very dear old ties which have bound me to Adelphi Lodge, the Alma Mater of most of your charter members, an offshoot of the old St. Paul’s Lodge. I was then occupying the office of Senior Warden. I recall the revered names of members who composed your organization when it first started, some of whose names have been mentioned to you, others I see before me. I remember joining some of you under the instructions of Brother White, and carrying the rods alongside of Brother Osgood. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to meet those who remain and have come here to join us in this twenty-fifth anniversary. The memory of Brother White’s stories, his culture and work all comes back to me. In his instructions he was very particular about the emphasis. He would say: ‘That is good work, but the emphasis is in the wrong place.’” He told a story about the minister in a suburban town who was in the habit of preaching in one town in the morning and another in the evening, using the same text of Scripture but placing the emphasis on different words, causing much amusement.

The Grand Master, an adept at story telling, told many stories, none of them ever heard before, to illustrate points he made, which were received with great laughter.

“Well, brethren, from a small beginning you have grown to your present number of 300. You have not only numbers, but your quality has kept pace with your quantity, and that is a great factor in Masonry in the present and future,— to see that the quantity does not increase at the expense of the quality.

“In these twenty-five years Masonry in this State has increased from 213 to 236 Lodges. What was 26,000 at that time has increased in twenty-five years to over 40,000 Free Masons in Massachusetts, all affiliated Masons, with an unknown number unaffiliated.

“When we look at the character of the men who are here, it is apparent to me that they are men of strength, true and faithful and ready to extend the hand of fellowship; men who are honest and men who cannot lie; men whom the lust and spoils of office cannot bribe, and who will stand before a ~~king~~^{demagogue} ~~hawk~~ and proclaim convictions without flinching; men who live above the humdrum in public duty and make the ideal citizen in private life.”

Music—*a.* “In Picardie”; *b.* “Mulligan Musketeers”—Harvard Mandolin Club.

Toastmaster ROBLIN: “Those of us who were privileged to listen to the historical paper delivered last Sunday afternoon know very well that the writer of those paragraphs is equipped with a keenness of discernment which not only enables him to thoroughly appreciate but to portray the grandness of our cause and to set forth the strength of our organization. He has been chosen to speak to us tonight on the history of Joseph Webb Lodge. It is with great pleasure I call upon

the Recording Grand Secretary, Right Wor'f. Sereno D. Nickerson.

Rt. W. Bro. SERENO D. NICKERSON : "Worshipful Master and Brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge,—I think that the Grand Master was perhaps more an infant at the time of the birth of the child whose twenty-fifth anniversary we celebrate to-night than I could claim to have been ; but I was an intimate friend of the family and I had something to do with the christening. I had the pleasure of suggesting through the Grand Master, and some of the brethren who were interested in the commencement of your organization, the name which it bears, as to whether it was a proper one to be given to a Lodge which would probably be chartered on or about the time of the Centennial Anniversary of the First Independent Grand Lodge in this country. The date of the dispensation under which you worked for one year was the 8th of March, 1876. The Grand Officers were at that time preparing for the celebration of the Centennial of the Independent Grand Lodge, which was to take place on the 8th of March, 1877. Six days after that celebration, the Charter was voted to Joseph Webb Lodge, and it therefore bears the date of March 14, 1877.

"I have frequently had the occasion of suggesting, during the last thirty or forty years, names for new Lodges, and I think the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts can really claim to have not a single poor name on its roll. It has two 'Union' Lodges, one in Nantucket and one in Dorchester ; two 'Ionics,' one in Taunton, the other in East Hampton ; two 'Mt. Horebs,' one in Woburn and one in Harwich. There are also two 'St. Johns' Lodges, one in Boston and one in Newburyport. There are two 'Lafayette' Lodges, one in Roxbury and one in North Adams. I cannot imagine how

these duplications have been allowed. It seems to me that good names for Lodges have not become so scarce as to require that two should use the same name. I have had the curiosity to look over the roll of Lodges in some other States, and I think some of the names will surprise you: such as 'Wildcat,' 'Blackberry,' 'Six Mile,' 'Yankeetown,' 'Eel River,' 'Bean Blossom,' 'Young America,' 'Blue Eye,' 'Burnt Corn' and 'Cold Water.' I should not think it would be possible for those Lodges to get up any enthusiasm under such titles. I think that unless the names of our Lodges are chosen with dignity they become a burlesque.

"I have noticed the progress of Joseph Webb Lodge, and have watched with pleasure its gains and improvements in every respect. I think it is a remarkable record for a Lodge to show that during only twenty-five years it has grown from 22 members to over 300. It is a good record, especially when you look around and see the character of the men who now compose its brotherhood. I think in these respects and a good many others, too, Joseph Webb Lodge has a right to be proud of its history."

Music — "Ameer March" — Harvard Banjo Club.

Toastmaster ROBLIN: "I made a slight allusion the other day of something that was bordering on a fact, which was, that the Boston Fraternity of Churches, and the people at large, have been trying to select a man to take charge of a South End church, and they have chosen the minister they thought was the best looking, and the best looking man happens to be my friend Dr. Horton. A few years ago he was pastor of one of the foremost churches in Boston, and did such efficient work there, that they have called him to a higher and more responsible position. [Dr. Horton, later, declined the position tendered.] I am glad that the Committee who chose th

speakers tonight gave our friend, the Doctor, a limited subject. It will be impossible for him to talk very long ; there is no subject that will confine him in such close quarters as that of 'Free Masonry.' It will give us great pleasure in listening to our eloquent friend Dr. Horton, whose stories must be limited within the scope of twenty-five years."

Rev. EDWARD A. HORTON, D. D.: "Worshipful Master, Brethren and Friends,—It is all very well to make fun of the notable line of martyrs who are obliged to make after-dinner speeches ; it only goes to remind me of a joke some have played upon President McKinley and General Otis, that they have been in no danger of Filipino bullets out in the Philippines, because they kept Miles from the front. A good woman once said she ought to know how to bring up children ; her experience had been large. She had nine, and seven of them died. I have made a good many poor speeches and possibly a few good ones, and so I ought to know how to talk, and also how to follow the illustrious President and the distinguished General in keeping out of the range of bullets, those shafts of the enemy 'winged with red lightning and impetuous rage.' [The Doctor told several stories which convulsed the banqueters with laughter, and continued.] Now friends I will give you a few words of a more serious character. I am proud at all times to be associated with the members of this Lodge ; it gives me a deep feeling of satisfaction to meet true men and honored leaders, and it is doubly so when I sit with our friend Gallagher, illuminously shining at the head of the procession.

"I am pleased to be with the members of this Lodge — it proves to me that all the goodness and wisdom is not in the Grand Lodge. Now, it is this spirit of fraternity, this exhibition of good fellowship which prevails here to-night, that makes a man go home feeling that the world is wider and that



James F. Coburn.

life is stronger than the petty torments that surround our daily lives. And so I say to you, in conclusion, that Free Masonry broadens a man — and through it humanity speaks to us. It inspires us to look upward. It is incarnated in the ideals of mankind and cheers the young man as he goes out of the lodge, its influence following him in his daily life. As it has been in the twenty-five years of your successful Lodge work, so in the next twenty-five years may it be the inspiration ever present in your hearts, leading you always onward and upward, until, in the fulness of time, we gather in the Celestial Lodge, beyond the vicissitudes of life and the chances of separation.”

Bro. ROBLIN : “We all owe our duty to the Commonwealth in which we reside. We honor and love old Massachusetts. The secret of our love may be found in the history of our State and in the character and deeds of her people. To speak for old Massachusetts, I present one of her honored senators, the Hon. Augustus P. Gardner.”

Hon. AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER, State Senator : “Members of the Joseph Webb Lodge, — I was exceedingly pleased when your worthy Brother Campbell telephoned me the other day, notifying me to be present. I was exceedingly pleased to be able to accept, and then it occurred to me that perhaps I might be expected to make an address and I said, ‘Mr. Campbell, am I expected to make an address?’ And he said, ‘What did you think we were going to feed you for?’ He said, ‘Certainly you are expected to make a speech, and on no account exceed ten minutes.’ And then he hung up the ‘phone. If he had remained on the other end of the instrument I would have reminded him of an incident, which comes within the twenty-five year limit, of a man whose wife died and he was notified by those who were in charge of the obsequies that he must go to the funeral in the same carriage with

his mother-in-law. He said: 'Gentlemen, if you say so I shall go in the same carriage with the old lady, but I want you to understand that it spoils the whole blamed thing for me.'

"Nevertheless, Mr. Chairman, I am exceedingly glad to be able to make an address, strictly limited to ten minutes, to a body of Free Masons. Those of us who are engaged in politics and addressing audiences are more likely to consider what will please the audience rather than what is strictly true; and for that reason it is a distinct pleasure to be able to address a body of men in a complimentary vein and still feel that every word you express is not only true, but is inadequate to express the whole truth. By the way, Mr. Chairman, I think I should have had some warning as to the scope of my address. It is hard to cover the State of Massachusetts in ten minutes. I wish I had known I was to make such 'rapid transit.' I see this sentence: 'It is in the history of Massachusetts, in the lives of her great men, in the sacrifices, in the deeds, and in the character of her people, that we find the secret of our love and pride.' I think you will agree with Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge that it is in the character of her people that we take the greatest pride, and I wish to say to you a few words as to how it appears to an outsider who is not a Mason,—that is, why Free Masons render the greatest service to the community. It is in the respect of molding the character of the people of Massachusetts. It is by furnishing a standard of true Americanism. I am well aware that Free Masonry did not originate in America. It has a far older growth. But it seems to me that the principles for which Free Masonry stands, the principles of universal brotherhood, the principles of equality, are far more American principles than they are the principles of those countries which gave Free Masonry birth. And it is a means of measuring

those principles for which your Order stands in the mind of an outsider. I am going to carry out a little further my idea of the value of Free Masonry in promoting true Americanism. If I am correctly informed, a majority of the population of Massachusetts today is of foreign birth, and many wise men disdain to fear anything from the great influx of citizens that we are getting here in Massachusetts from the South of Europe and from Russia and from Asia, because they feel as these immigrants come in slowly they will be assimilated into our body politic and their individuality disappear, and they will become full-fledged American citizens. I will confess I view, with considerable apprehension, the great influx from those parts of the world I have named. I know if I take a glass of water and pour two or three drops of claret into the tumbler, the claret will disappear in the great body of water, but the water will be discolored, and in the same way I believe that the influx of poor material for citizenship, while it is absorbed and assimilated in the great body politic, will discolor the greater mass. It at least has that tendency. I do not say that it actually does it, but it has the tendency to lower the whole level of the body politic. Now if we knew nothing else except discolored water, we would be satisfied with it. We would say it is our daily drink, it is good enough for us, we do not ask anything better, just as the citizens of Havana have been satisfied with their drinking water.

“If we had no standard with which to measure our body politic, we should look around and see the high standard lowered by the influx of poorer material, and we should not see the necessity of clarifying that body as we see the necessity of clarifying polluted water the moment we compare it with clear water. But, if, on the other hand, we have a body



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of men that we can turn to and say, 'That polluted, that discolored, standard is not the ideal; here is the true standard, here is the invaluable standard, here is the body that has remained unaltered; it will be better if we can keep it up to the higher standard.' We will not be satisfied with a tainted body politic; we have a better standard and we have it here. And by that standard we can measure ourselves and we can strive to clarify our body politic just as we can aim at purer water. Mr. President, I wish to thank you very much for this opportunity you have given me to meet this Lodge of Joseph Webb Masons, and I feel it is somewhat unusual that you accord it to a man who is not a Mason himself, and I may say I appreciate more than I ever did before what Masonry means from seeing you all together and seeing the light in which you regard your Masonic Order."

Toastmaster ROBLIN: "The cry for health seems to be the order of the day, and that cry has extended to City Hall. It may not in all its parts be free from disease, but the people have seen to it that the one great necessary essential has been fixed in its proper place. If you can get a sound heart you can get a sound body, and for quite a while now the City of Boston has had a sound heart, and we have been feeling the pulsations of the good rich blood of common sense, of character, liberty, of integrity and of righteousness. I have to admit that when Mayor Hart assumed this position of the body politic, he did not look to me entirely robust, which gave me some apprehension as to his fate. But he comes to us tonight robust and full of life, ready to go forth and conquer. My friends, it is with great pleasure I introduce to you his Honor Mayor Hart."

Mayor HART: "If the entire City of Boston believes what Brother Roblin says, I shall be in clover. I am glad to come

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tonight, and I am glad that the waters which pass City
will run entirely clear. The waters may be a little bit "Riley"
the top of the Hall, but below they are pure and fine. I
haven't a question about this new order that is coming about,
about the different people coming to these shores, and I
should be glad to take you all to a school over at the North
End, where there is not a child of American parentage, and I
hear those children sing the 'Star Spangled Banner' as well
as the American children. They will assimilate with us and
become good citizens. Of course the old people who come
over are entirely different, but the children will be good
Americans. Now, you often say to me, 'You have been
Mayor for a year, what have you done?' Well, I have done
a good deal through the Providence of God, and I think it
was only by the Providence of God I have been able to do it.
For fifteen years the City of Boston went on in a wrong way
raising money enough through its taxation. But by the help of
the Massachusetts Legislature and by the help of the present
Governor of Massachusetts, I was enabled to carry through
the Legislature a tax bill which taxes the citizens a dollar
more than they had previously paid. I am glad to say this
to you tonight, that I believe the people are with me on the
tax bill. I have done the best thing for Boston that I ever
did in my life. I have had the best year that I have ever had
in my life, because I have been able to do something for my
city, which I love more than anything else in the world.
Some days we have had it pretty rough in City Hall, for a
which made me feel something as the man did in the follow-
ing story: He was at a hotel where they had Tobasco sauce
on the table, and he asked what it was. The host
'That is the best sauce in the world; I am surprised

have not seen it before. I supposed every well regulated hotel had it.' He took a teaspoonful of it and grinned, and did the best he could, and said: 'I should not suppose any well regulated hotel outside of hell would have that.' That is one of the propositions that has been going on in City Hall.

"I hope sometime I shall meet a lot of Masons as officials of the City of Boston. If the time should ever come when you find the principles of Masonry established in City Hall you will find things generally different from what they are today. There seems to be a feeling in some quarters that City and State governments should be managed upon policies different from what men would apply in their own private business. If such men as I see before me will take the stand and nominate some of their own members in this very Lodge of 300 men,—if there is a certain man wants to go into office, no other man could get in. When you ask that man to accept he could not refuse it. Put that man in and you will find your public business done as well as your private business."

Toastmaster ROBLIN: "We have to look to the City of Cambridge for that greatest institution of learning in America and I believe that we can fairly say now the greatest intellectual institution on earth. We have to look to Cambridge as being that city which first and last has represented the highest culture, and it is with delight that I present to you tonight its chief magistrate, His Honor Mayor Dickinson."

Mayor DAVID T. DICKINSON: "It seems to me at this late hour it would be trespassing upon the rules of the club if I made a speech of any length at all. The idea has occurred me that there is one great good which comes from going out of what you think are the limits of extra labor and doing other work which comes out of your special province. There is a spirit which inspires one and holds him up to those duties he

has to perform. It is well stated on this beautiful bill of fare : 'Let them behold the melancholy of a magistrate, and taste the fury of a citizen in office.' Now Andrew Jackson has some of the elements of mind which might be described as a fury in office, and on the other hand we find on record that he was a gentleman 'who had the tranquil peace of mind.' I ask myself how can a quiet, moderate man come in and succeed in office, for that is all the Chief Executive of Cambridge can claim to be. I think if a holder of public office simply feels that he has got a trust to perform and will enjoy the performance of it, and let it go at that, and not worry about what may come in the future, it will relieve him from any sour feeling. I thank you for the pleasure of being here tonight, and have gained many things which will help me in the performance of my public and private duties."

Toastmaster ROBLIN : "We are approaching very near to that solemn hour of 'low twelve' and are reminded that even if the Temple is not completed the Craftsmen are fatigued and want to be wending their way homeward. We cannot, however, leave this place of good fellowship without a benedictory speech from our Right Wor'f. Bro. Folsom, the Deputy Grand Master who sits behind the throne to inspire it with reminiscences of our Ancient Order and always appears clothed in the living of 'good fellowship.' Let us hear from Right Wor'f. Albert A. Folsom, and then the Harvard Glee Club will send us home under the inspiration of its soft music-that charms forever."

Right Worshipful ALBERT A. FOLSOM : "It is fortunate for me that I am expected at this late hour to occupy only a few moments of your time. It may be fortunate that I am asked simply to pronounce the benediction, which will serve the pur-

pose of putting you into that mental condition which woos to sweet slumber.

“I may content myself in saying that I well remember the birth of Joseph Webb Lodge, and in its earlier years I was a frequent visitor to its shrine. In 1876 and 1878, I was Master of Columbian Lodge, and watched your success with deep interest. Your Lodge became second to no other in the Temple in respect to its work and its personnel. This could not be accomplished without tireless work, without a great concentration of effort. I rejoiced in your success because it was the result of industry, and it has proved an honor to the Craft. It has assured your future for all time to come. I thank you for the opportunity of being here to enjoy this fraternal occasion and for the opportunity of leaving you my benediction.”

The following letter was received from Right Wor’f. Charles A. Hutchinson, Past Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts :

“LOWELL, March 11, 1901.

“Dear Sir and Right Worshipful Brother :

“I thank you most sincerely for your cordial invitation to attend the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Joseph Webb Lodge at the Exchange Club on the 20th inst.

“I should be glad to meet with my brethren of Joseph Webb Lodge on that occasion, but other engagements will prevent my doing so. Please make my fraternal regards to all the brethren.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

CHARLES A. HUTCHINSON.”

OUR SECRETARY — CHARLES C. LITTLEFIELD.

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Joseph Webb Lodge was noted also as being the completion of the fourteenth year of the service of Bro. Charles C. Littlefield as Secretary.

This has been a noted service, particularly of the degree of perfection to which he has brought every branch within his department of work. It has been also a noted service because for all these years he has been unanimously re-elected, which is sufficient evidence that he has been considered a "Master Workman worthy of his hire."

Brother Littlefield brought to his office in the Lodge an experience in such line of work gained as State Council Secretary of the Order of United American Mechanics. A singular coincidence in this connection is worth noting, that Brother Francis A. Chase, our former Secretary, and whom Brother Littlefield succeeded upon the decease of the former, was first Secretary and first State Council Secretary of the Subordinate and State Councils of the Order of U. A. M.

Brother Littlefield was raised in Joseph Webb Lodge April 4, 1883. He was raised the same evening with two other brothers, George H. Royal, Jr., and William W. Colbourn, both of whom are deceased, as is also Wor'f. Brother Ham, who raised them.

DEATH OF BRO. J. OTIS M'FADDEN.

Bro. J. Otis McFadden, who was made Master Mason in Joseph Webb Lodge May 1, 1889, became from the date of his membership an active and efficient worker in our organization. He held official positions in the Lodge as Marshal, Junior Deacon, and served upon the Reception and other committees. From the first, he evinced a zeal for the pros-



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perity of this branch of our great Fraternity, which commended him as a faithful and intelligent brother. After a brief illness at his home in Brookline, he passed away on the 17th day of March, 1901. A large number of the Lodge were present at the funeral service from his residence, which Rev. Brother Roblin, D. D., attended, and delivered an eloquent eulogy upon our deceased brother, after which his remains were conveyed to Bath, Me., his native place, where final obsequies were held, and he was interred among his kindred and friends of his earlier days.



DESCRIPTION OF SEAL

OF

JOSEPH WEBB LODGE.

(Adopted February 7, 1877)

A half circle upper scroll with raised letters — “Joseph Webb Lodge, F. A. M.”; over this scroll, the uplifted arm and sword belonging to the Coat of Arms of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Forming the centre under the scroll a shield having upon its crest the letters and figures “A. L. 5876,” and upon its base the Square and Compass, the letter G being between the points, and the shield surrounded by representation of corn in the ear. At the bottom of the seal is a scroll having upon it in raised letters the words, “Boston, Mass.”

BIOGRAPHY CHARTER MEMBERS.

Giving sketch of life of each Charter Member now living and connected with the Lodge. The membership of each Charter Member dates from March 23, 1877, being the date of the institution of the Lodge, but all of them were connected with the organization when working under a dispensation, and that organization commenced March 20, 1876.

COLUMBIA RICHMOND BEAL was born in Dedham, Mass., September 10, 1843. He was educated in the public schools of that town, and, after studying the profession of architecture, became an architect, and has made that profession his life business. He has held no civil or military positions.

He was raised to the degree of Master Mason in Mt. Tabor Lodge, East Boston. Brother Beal was present at the first meeting for consultation held in Boston Hall, Tremont Street, on the evening of December 9, 1875, and signed the petition for dispensation. He has remained a faithful member of the Lodge from that time to the present, but has held no official positions. He took membership at the institution of the Lodge, having received his demit from Mt. Tabor Lodge.

DANIEL TAYLOR BRIGHAM. Dr. Brigham was born in Lancaster, Mass., May 30, 1840. He was educated in the common schools of that town, in a private school and received an academic course. He chose the dentistry for his life work, and, after a long study and practice of the profession, commenced business in Boston, and still remains in its practice, not for the intrinsic value thereof or the existence of any pecuniary necessity therefor, but to please a large number of

old patrons who have not yet reached the conclusion that it would be possible for any other dental surgeon to assume the duties he has performed satisfactorily for so many years.

Dr. Brigham was raised in Adelphi Lodge June 15, 1875. He signed the petition for dispensation and became a Charter Member, taking an active part in all the consultations concerning the new Lodge. He was Junior Deacon in 1876, under the dispensation; Senior Deacon, March 23, 1877, under charter; Senior Warden, June 28, 1877, to January 1, 1879; Worshipful Master, January 1, 1879, to January 22, 1880, when he entered upon his second term, being publicly installed by Right Wor'f. Wyzeman Marshall. He has been always a zealous brother, and, as the pages of this history will show, has more than once gladdened the hearts of his brethren by gifts of great value. He has never held any civil or military positions.

JOHN ANDOLPHE CAMPBELL was born in Pictou, Nova Scotia, June 6, 1849. He received his education in the common schools of Pictou and in the Pictou Academy. In 1867, at the age of only eighteen years, he left his Pictou home and went to the city of New York, where he entered the shipping business, and there remained until January 1, 1870, when he came to Boston, and found employment in the same business, and in four years became the chief clerk of the Warren line of steamships engaged in freight and passenger transportation between the ports of Boston and Liverpool. Thus we have the record of a Down East boy who, leaving the home of his youth while in his teens, sought employment in one business—found it,—has continued in that business thirty-four years and the position he now holds twenty-seven years, all of which proves the sterling quality of the man.

He was made a Master Mason in Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston, May 10, 1872.

He signed the petition for dispensation to allow Joseph Webb Lodge to commence work, and became a Charter Member of the Lodge March 23, 1877. He esteems it a high honor that for nearly a dozen years he has impersonated that well-known character, "Jubulum," and has never yet repented the excitement he has occasioned in leading his milder associates into difficulties. A brother of strength that would distinguish a Senior Warden, of physical beauty that would do no discredit to the Junior Warden sitting at the outer door of the middle chamber, it may be believed that his duties as one of the "three" are satisfactorily performed. He has served several years upon the Reception Committee, and seven years upon that of Visitation and Relief.

He was a member of the Boston City Council for the years 1889 and 1890.

Before leaving Pictou, he was attached to the Nova Scotia militia, and was sergeant in the Pictou Artillery.

GEORGE CARBIS was born at Mabe, near Penryn, Cornwall, England, September 20, 1838, and was educated in the public schools of his native country. At an early period of his life he chose to make the United States his future home, and for a number of years has been employed upon municipal work in the City of Boston and is now foreman in the paving department. He has held no other civil or military position.

He was raised in Adelphi Lodge May 19, 1874.

He was very much interested in the formation of Joseph Webb Lodge, and was present December 9, 1875, at the first meeting for consultation; was a signer of the petition for dispensation, and became a Charter Member of the Lodge March 23, 1877. He was the first Inside Sentinel of the Lodge.

JOSEPH WALDO DENNY was born in Leicester, Worcester County, Mass., January 7, 1826. Was educated at a private school, common school and academy. Was a card clothing manufacturer, a partner with his father and brother for seven years; afterwards editor of a daily paper in Worcester, where he removed in 1854; clerk of police court, deputy sheriff (two terms), assistant city marshal and marshal, member of common council, president of common council, at which time he left for the war. Was lieutenant 6th Regiment M. V. M., engaged at Baltimore April 19, 1861; September 1861, Captain 25th Regiment Mass. Vol. Infantry. In May, 1861, commissioned Captain in United States army, which he declined to accept. Was member of several general courts-marshal; provost marshal of district of Pamlico, N.C., on staff of Gen. I. N. Palmer; provost marshal of New Berne, N.C.; provost marshal general, department of North Carolina, on staff of Maj. Gen. John J. Peck; provost marshal 18th Army Corps in Virginia, staff of Maj. Gen. William F. Smith; chief of ambulance 18th Army Corps, staff of Maj. Gen. E. O. C. Ord. Was engaged in over twenty engagements in North Carolina, and in Virginia at Cold Harbor (2) and several during the siege of Petersburg.

After the war settled in Boston, was assistant constable of the State 1866 to 1870, in Custom House from 1870 to January 7, 1895. In 1879 wrote and published a historical war book, 500 pages, "Wearing the Blue," treating specially of the 25th Massachusetts Volunteers, and in 1895 engaged in publication of daily and weekly newspaper which continued until May 8, 1897, when he voluntarily discontinued the same.

Was raised in Adelphi Lodge June 25, 1866, having been proposed and recommended by the late Dr. L. B. Packard, of South Boston. Received membership in Adelphi Lodge De-

ember 6, 1866. Asked and received demit from Adelphi Lodge March 21, 1876.

Was Marshal of Adelphi Lodge 1869, 1873 ; Secretary 1874 ; Chorister 1875, and was Proxy of Adelphi Lodge in Grand Lodge for two years. Was present at first meeting of those favorable to forming a new lodge, December 9, 1875. Signed the Petition for Dispensation, represented the signers in the hearing before Most Wor'f. Grand Master Everett, and became Charter Member March 23, 1877.

Was Secretary Joseph Webb Lodge under dispensation, 1876 ; Secretary under Charter, 1877 ; Junior Warden 1882 ; Senior Warden 1883, 1884 ; Worshipful Master 1885 and 1886, and for the latter year was publicly installed by Right Wor'f. Edwin Wright, December 30, 1885. He served upon the Committee of Visitation and Relief for 1879, 1880, 1881, 1900, 1901 ; upon the Committee for Examination of Visitors for 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1893, 1894. Chosen historian of the Lodge, he prepared the first edition of the Lodge History, etc., published in 1888, and for more than a year has been engaged in preparing this second edition for publication.

GEORGE WILLIAMS FROST was born in the town of Hancock, Maine, August 1st, 1838, and received his education in the public schools of that town.

In his early years he followed the life of a seaman and became mate of a vessel.

After the Civil War he settled in Boston and entered upon duty as fireman in the Boston Fire Department April 1, 1868, and in January, 1873, having made a creditable record as a fire fighter, he was promoted to be a captain, performing the duties of that responsible position to the satisfaction of his superiors in the department, and has continued to hold that position to the present time, a period of twenty-eight years. At present he is captain of Engine Company No. 41, located at Allston.

He was made a Master Mason in Adelphi Lodge May 10, 1866. He participated in the first meeting for consultation in regard to forming a new lodge in Boston, held December 9, 1875; signed the Petition for Dispensation for Joseph Webb Lodge and became a Charter Member March 23, 1877. His official duties have commanded his time to that extent that he is seldom able to attend the Lodge Communications or serve it officially or upon committees, but has always been a loyal and enthusiastic member of our branch of our Masonic organization.

JAMES LEWIS HOVEY was born in Boston, February 27, 1841. He was educated in the Cambridge grammar and high schools. After his school days were over he entered business as clerk and salesman in a mercantile house, and early in the Civil War joined the service of the United States as a private in the 44th Massachusetts Volunteers, with which he served during his enlistment, participating with the regiment in several engagements in North Carolina. Returning from the war, he entered the service of Messrs. Bigelow, Kennard & Co., where he remained ten years, when he was appointed to a clerkship in the Treasury Department of the United States, serving in the Boston Sub-Treasury, which position he holds at the present time.

He became a Master Mason in Revere Lodge, this city, February 2, 1865. He was one of the signers of the Petition for Dispensation for the new lodge and became a Charter Member March 23, 1877. He was appointed Organist of the Lodge under the dispensation and served in that capacity eight terms under the Charter. He was Chaplain in 1896. He has served on Committee of Reception, Committee of Examination and six years on the Committee for Visitation and Relief.

BENJAMIN MAGOUN was born in Popline, now Fremont, N.H., September 23, 1829, and was educated in the common schools of his native State. In his early life he was a seaman and finally settled in Boston. For many years he has served as foreman in the City of Boston Paving Department and as watchman in the City Sanitary Department.

He received his Master Mason's degree in Adelphi Lodge, South Boston, November 16, 1875. He was present at the first meeting for consultation in regard to forming a new lodge, held December 9, 1875, signed the Petition for Dispensation and became a Charter Member March 23, 1877.

ALBRO AARON OSGOOD was born in Dracut, Mass., March 16, 1849. After the death of his father, June 15, 1852, his mother removed to Windham, N.H., where she lived with her father, Capt. Robert M. Campbell, where she died December 12, 1854, leaving her son to the care of his grandfather. He attended the town school in Windham, N.H., and in 1865 and 1866 attended the Pinkerton Academy at Derry, N.H. He came to Boston, February 9, 1867, and went into the retail grocery business, where he remained, obtaining a practical knowledge of the trade, until September 5, 1870, when he formed a partnership under the firm name of Wilson & Osgood for the conduct of the same business. After a year of experience his health failed him and he sold out his share in the business to his partner. In 1872 he entered the employment of George A. Fenno & Co., in the retail clothing business, and has remained in that business up to the present time. He has held no civil or military positions.

He received his degrees in Free Masonry, being recommended by Brother George A. Kimball, in Adelphi Lodge; was made a Master Mason November 21, 1871, and admitted to membership in that lodge, January 16, 1872.

He asked and received his demit from that lodge, March 21, 1876. In Adelphi Lodge he served as Junior Steward, 1873; Junior Deacon, 1874, and Senior Deacon, 1875. He was present at the first meeting for consultation, December 9, 1875; signed Petition for Dispensation for new lodge and became Charter Member, Joseph Webb Lodge, March 23, 1877.

In Joseph Webb Lodge he served as Senior Deacon under the dispensation; Senior Warden, 1879, 1880; Worshipful Master, 1881 and 1882, and Marshal in 1899. He served upon the Reception Committee in 1877; served on the Committee of Visitation and Relief in 1877 and 1878, was appointed Chairman of that important Committee in 1883 and has continued to serve in that capacity to the present time, making nineteen years of continuous service as Chairman of that Committee.

He was elected Trustee of the Charity Fund in 1886 and has continued in that service to the present time.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District, serving for the years 1890 and 1891.

Worshipful Brother Osgood has been very attentive to his Lodge duties and takes pardonable pride in the fact that he has been present at every regular meeting of Joseph Webb Lodge, with five exceptions, and these exceptions were September 3, 1879, September 7, 1881, October 4, 1895, October 8, 1896, and February 9, 1899. He has attended every special meeting save one, and that was July 3, 1899, which includes the Twenty-fifth Anniversary, March 20, 1901. Who will beat that record at the next Twenty-fifth Anniversary in 1926?

JOSEPH ATKINSON PLUMER was born in Boston, October 8, 1838. He was educated in the public schools of Boston,

and for many years has been a clerk in the Assessors' Department of the City Government.

In 1861, during the Civil War, he held commission as First Lieutenant in a company of the M. V. M., unattached.

He received his degree of Master Mason in Adelphi Lodge, May 19, 1874, in which lodge he served as Junior Steward, and December 9, 1875, participated in the first meeting for consultation as to the expediency of establishing a new lodge, was one of the petitioners for a dispensation therefor, and became a Charter Member of Joseph Webb Lodge, March 23, 1877, and served two terms upon the Committee of Visitation and Relief.

OSCAR CLIFFORD PULLEN was born in Waterville, Maine, March 8, 1852, and was educated in one of the little red schoolhouses of his native town. In early life, like many an ambitious young man, he came to Boston and learned the business which in its varied branches he has followed to the present time. He has been occupied as a provision dealer and proprietor of restaurants. He received his Master Mason's degree in Adelphi Lodge, April 21, 1874, was present December 9, 1875, at the first meeting for consultation as to the feasibility of forming a new Masonic lodge, signed the Petition for Dispensation, and from the first was an active and loyal supporter of Joseph Webb Lodge, becoming a Charter Member, March 23, 1877. He was Marshal of the Lodge in 1882 and has many other times filled other chairs temporarily as occasion required, and served upon Committee for Examination of Visitors in 1877 (two terms), 1879, 1880 and 1885.

THOMAS WENTWORTH SHAPLEIGH was born in Portland, Maine, February 28, 1841, and received his education in the common schools and high school at Lowell, Mass. For more than twenty years after coming to maturity, he followed a

mechanical business, and afterwards became connected with the sales department of the American Sugar Refinery Company, with which he has ever since been attached.

During the Civil War he enlisted in the service of his country as private in the 45th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers.

He received his Master Mason's degree in Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston, February 12, 1864. December 9, 1875, he attended the first meeting for consultation in regard to forming a new lodge in Boston, and was an earnest advocate of the same, signed the Petition for Dispensation and became a Charter Member, March 23, 1877. He served as the first Marshal of the lodge in 1876, was the first Junior Warden under the Charter, 1877, serving three terms as such. He served upon the Committee on Visitation and Relief in 1877, 1883 and 1884.

WILLIAM TYNER was born in Ireland, June 24, 1830, and was educated at the National English School provided for the youth of his neighborhood. At an early age he came to America and settled in Boston, entering an importing house as clerk, and afterwards went into business on his own account as master teamster, which business he has pursued up to the present time with that success which has enabled him to possess a competency of this world's goods, placing him beyond all fear of the wolf that sometimes embitters the lives of our more unlucky fellows.

For many years he has been connected with the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, in which he has served as Sergeant.

He was raised in Adelphi Lodge, October 7, 1869. He was one of the petitioners for dispensation to allow Joseph Webb Lodge to commence work, and became a Charter Member, March 23, 1877. He was elected Treasurer under the

dispensation, March 23, 1877, and has been re-elected unani-
mously for every succeeding term, and at the present time
has served as Treasurer 25 years, and on March 6, 1901, as
a testimonial of gratitude for his distinguished service, he was
elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge.

WILLIAM FRENCH WEST was born in Belfast, Maine, Nov-
ember 13, 1837. He was educated in the public schools of
his native town, and, during all the early years of his life was
engaged in farming. He removed to Boston, and on the 9th
of May, 1863, at the age of twenty-six years, he was appointed
a patrolman upon the Boston police, and assigned to Station
6, where he served until his assignment to Station 2, where
he has since remained. He has never held any military
position, and has remained for nearly forty years a faithful
guardian of the peace and good order of the city.

He was raised in Adelphi Lodge May 3, 1866, and became
a Charter Member of Joseph Webb Lodge, March 23, 1877.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Right Wor'f. Charles J. Danforth, May 2, 1877.

Died in Roxbury, May 17, 1877.

Captain Peter J. Irving, Liverpool, Eng., May 2, 1883.

Raised in Joseph Lodge, October 10, 1877.

Right Wor'f. Henry G. Fay, Roxbury, February 6, 1884.

John Hoffman Collamore, February 6, 1895.

Died in Boston, November 3, 1896.

William Tyner, Roxbury, March 6, 1901.

Raised in Adelphi Lodge, October 7, 1869.

Charter Member, Joseph Webb Lodge. Treasurer
from March 20, 1876.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Edward S. Barker.

John H. Capstick.

William A. Cochran.

John H. Coombs.

Frank P. Cummings.

Wor'f. J. Waldo Denny.

Albert A. Gleason.

Lew C. Hill.

Charles A. King.

Benjamin Magoun.

Allen V. Nixon.

William F. Nye.

Robert J. Rodday.

John K. Scott.

Charles M. W. Smith.

Oscar Storer.

Fred J. Taber.

Charles E. Underwood.

Ezra M. Ward.

Henry M. White.

William S. Whiting.

William E. Whitney.

William H. Williams.

Wor'f. John H. Woodman.

NECROLOGY.*

"Weep not for me:
 Be little as wout, nor tingo with gloom
 The stream of love that circles home
 Light hearts and free:
 Joy in the gifts heaven's bounty lends.
 Nor miss my face dear friends!
 I still am near."

Name.	Died.	Where Died.
Anderson, Samuel H.	July 22, 1891.	Windham, N.H.
Bond, Wor'f. J. Elliot	Dec. 3, 1883,	Somerville
Burleigh, Albert P.	Jan. 12, 1896,	Boston
Chase, Francis A.	Nov. 22, 1888,	South Boston
Colburn, Willis W.	Dec. 4, 1889,	New York
†Collamore, John H.	Nov. 3, 1896,	Boston
Cooledge, William C.	Feb. 3, 1895,	Boston
Corley, Thomas	June 18, 1891,	Boston
Crawford, Horatio H.	Jan. 16, 1889,	Boston
Cushing, Philip A.	April 2, 1897,	Boston
Cushing, Seth B.	May 13, 1885,	Hingham
†Danforth, Right Wor'f. C. J.,	May 17, 1877,	Roxbury
Davis, Sylvester L.	Nov. 11, 1879,	Boston
Dean, Hiram F.	Jan. 19, 1897,	Dorchester
Ford, Horace M.	Feb. 9, 1900,	Boston
Gage, Silas G.	April 6, 1893,	Henniker, N.H.
Goulston, Edward S.	July 17, 1898,	Boston
Goulston, Philip	April 7, 1899,	Boston

* This includes two Honorary Members

†Honorary.

Gray, Henry C.	. . .	April 5, 1895,	Malden
Greene, Julius A.	. . .	Feb. 8, 1881,	Walpole
Gurney, Silas	. . .	Jan. 11, 1897,	Boston
Ham, Wor'f. John F.	. . .	June 12, 1893,	Boston
Hill, Charles F.	. . .	May 23, 1900,	Medford
Hill, Laban M. T.	. . .	April 16, 1899,	Dorchester
Holden, Thomas	. . .	Feb. 17, 1894,	Boston
Hollace, Wor'f. N. E.	. . .	April 8, 1900,	E. Bridgewater
Jenkins, Daniel	. . .	Aug. 2, 1887,	Malden
McFadden, J. Otis	. . .	Mar. 17, 1901,	Brookline
Miles, Frank J.	. . .	Jan. 4, 1888,	Somerville
Morrison, Peter	. . .	April 23, 1901,	East Boston
Nason, Henry	. . .	Mar. 12, 1894,	Boston
Noyes, John G.	. . .	May 12, 1884,	Burlington, Vt.
Perkins, Seth	. . .	Oct. 6, 1883,	Winchester
Phillips, Frederick A.	. . .	Sept. 13, 1891,	Palermo, Me.
Philpots, Robert G.	. . .	June 26, 1895,	Charlestown
Pickard, Edward L.	. . .	Sept. 13, 1892,	Chelsea
Quimby, Moody	. . .	Feb. 25, 1888,	Boston
Raymond, Jeremiah M.	. . .	July 4, 1895,	Boston
Rice, Edwin	. . .	March 7, 1897,	East Boston
Rounds, Justin H.	. . .	Feb. 9, 1900,	Boston
Royal, George H., Jr.	. . .	Sept. 6, 1891,	Boston
Smith, Albert P.	. . .	Mar. 14, 1901,	East Boston
Smith, Robert	. . .	May 17, 1894,	Boston
Trower, William	. . .	Aug. 26, 1881,	Boston
Webb, Francis H.	. . .	Nov. 11, 1894,	Roslindale
Whitcomb, William H.	. . .	Aug. 5, 1881,	Boston
White, Clarence P.	. . .	July 1, 1899,	Allston

NECROLOGICAL STATISTICS.

The deaths each year since constitution of the Lodge are as follows :

1877 . . . 1	1886 . . . 0	1894 . . . 4
1878 . . . 0	1887 . . . 1	1895 . . . 4
1879 . . . 1	1888 . . . 3	1896 . . . 3
1880 . . . 0	1889 . . . 2	1897 . . . 3
1881 . . . 3	1890 . . . 0	1898 . . . 1
1882 . . . 0	1891 . . . 4	1899 . . . 3
1883 . . . 2	1892 . . . 1	1900 . . . 4
1884 . . . 1	1893 . . . 2	1901 . . . 2
1885 . . . 1		—
	Total	46

Five years of the twenty-five that the Lodge has existed have been free from death. Such a favorable result cannot be reasonably expected since the Lodge has reached its present numerical strength.

The mortuary statistics for each month give the following average results, showing the largest percentage of deaths in February and April :

January . . . 4	May . . . 5	September . . 3
February . . . 6	June . . . 3	October . . . 1
March . . . 4	July . . . 4	November . . 4
April . . . 6	August . . . 3	December . . 3
		—
	Total	46

The average age of the members of the Lodge, March 20, 1901, was 46.08 years.

The average length of membership is 9.50 years.

PRESENT MASONIC TEMPLE.

Joseph Webb Lodge held its communications immediately after the partial destruction by fire of the old Temple, September 7, 1895, with Union Lodge of Dorchester, which, with never to be forgotten fraternal courtesy, placed its Masonic apartments at the disposal of the Lodge. When the Grand Lodge provided accommodations for the Lodges that were tenants of the old Temple in Continental Building, on the corner of Washington and Boylston Streets, our Lodge removed there and continued the occupancy of those quarters until September 14, 1899, when the new Masonic Temple being nearly completed its first communication was held September 14, 1899, in Ionic Hall, Corinthian Hall, which is the "home" of our Lodge, not being finished for occupancy on that date.

The present Temple, the third Masonic Temple in Boston, is upon the site of the old Temple, on the northeast corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets, as eligible a location as can be found in Boston, and covers an area of 10,125 square feet. It rises 125 feet above the sidewalk and falls below the sidewalk to a depth of 32 feet, giving, from the foundation layer of the superstructure to its apex, a height of 157 feet, with a contents of 1,600,000 cubic feet, the available floor area in the whole building amounting to 91,500 square feet, nearly two acres.

The work of removing the walls, etc., of the old Temple was commenced October, 1897, and was completed in a few months. Most of the old bricks, some 800,000, were used in the construction of the present Temple; it may not be unin-



Masonic Temple, Boylston and Tremont Streets.

teresting to our brethren to learn that the familiar old granite walls, redressed for the purpose, were used in the construction of the educational and club building erected by the Roman Catholic Mission Church in Roxbury, and the large gothic windows are now utilized for letting in more light for the benefit of the worshippers in a Roman Catholic Church, also in Roxbury.

The exterior of the new Temple is in a classic style of architecture, simple in treatment, with granite facades of Hallowell granite and the rear in gray face brick. The interior construction is of steel, with steel partitions and steel lathings. The partitions are hollow, the space between being used for sound-proofing and for tubes, pipes, etc. The floors which do not depend upon the partitions for support are hollow terracotta and concrete, beams and girders being encased in terracotta. The granite of the exterior was laid in a special cement to prevent staining the stone. It was also painted on the back with a chemical compound to prevent moisture, and it is backed up with hollow brick, the stone being anchored to the backing and to the steel construction with iron, put on hot and clamped. The partitions around all Lodge rooms are made especially sound-proof with seaweed quilting in asbestos, in double thickness, and wired to the framing. The building is thoroughly fireproof; the only wood construction is where the floors are carpeted, the window sashes and doors. The floors of the corridors, toilet rooms, vestibules, main halls, etc., are of Italian marble mosaic in small cubes, with marble bases, thresholds and window stools. The walls and ceilings are three-coat work in plaster. There are two fire escapes, one at the rear being a double staircase with high wire enclosed railings and connected at each story with iron platforms, each 25 feet long, with two balanced ladders at the

bottom and extending to the roof ; the other fire escape is enclosed within the building and extends from the sub-basement to the roof.

The retaining walls of the building are laid the whole length of the lot on Tremont and Boylston Streets to resist street and earth pressure. These walls are very massive, being composed of great granite blocks, laid in Portland cement, the base being 32 feet below the sidewalk. The walls at the bottom have a width of 12 feet, tapering to $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet at the top. The stonework weighs 5,390 tons. The street side of the wall is plastered smooth with cement, over which is a coat of water-proof compound. The party wall on the north side of the building had to be shored the whole height and underpinned the whole length, owing to defective construction in part, and also in order that the great depth required might be obtained. The extra expense of making good the defective work in this party wall was about \$4,000.

The main Masonic entrance is on Boylston Street. The vestibule is of glass mosaic, and there are niches in which stand two marble columns, which were formerly at the entrance to the old building. The main entrance hall is 20 feet square, with a floor of marble mosaic. There is also seen the seal of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, done in marble mosaic. On the right, as one enters, is a handsome grill work, behind which are elevators. Facing the entrance are three arches, with black marble columns with gold caps. From the centre arch leads the grand staircase of white marble. The entrance hall has a white marble dado and pilasters and gilded capitals. The ceiling is elaborately panelled.

On the ground floor of the building are three stores, two of which have been made into one to suit the convenience of lessees.

On the second floor is found a Fraternity Parlor, $31 \times 55\frac{1}{2}$ feet, with an elegant mosaic fireplace and mantel. There is an alcove at the end of the room, supported by columns. The room is finished in black oak.

There is also on this floor a coat-room with many compartments, which can accommodate nine hundred persons. Then there are eight offices, most of which are *en suite*, finished in oak, and provided with cabinets and toilet conveniences. The Sodality Hall, on this floor, is 26×40 feet, with ante-rooms opening out of it. These rooms have oak floors and toilet-rooms of white marble.

The offices of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts are on the third floor, and are *en suite*. The Grand Master's room is finished in mahogany, and contains a very handsome mosaic fireplace. The rooms of the other officers are finished in black oak, all offices having oak floors. The library, which adjoins the Grand Master's room, is a two-story apartment, with mosaic floor. There are iron bookcases, three tiers high, and two galleries, the whole having space enough for 45,000 volumes.

Corinthian Hall, on the third floor, is considered one of the handsomest rooms of the kind in the country. In this Hall are held the Communications of Joseph Webb Lodge. In dimension, it is 46×85 feet, and it is two stories high. It is in a very refined style of architecture of the Corinthian order. Around the Hall are thirty-five columns and pilasters. There is an elaborate cornice, and the ceiling, in its handsome modelling, cannot be too highly praised. The decorations of the Hall are in ivory tones and in gold and silver. The carpet was especially woven to match the decorations, and the furniture was especially designed, it being of light mahogany with blue plush trimmings.

The pedestals are of white marble, with carved capitals, surmounted by bronze candelabra. The organ is on the north side of the Hall, in a case of ivory white and gold. It is operated by an electrical console, the air being furnished through a metal conduit from the sub-basement, where the motor and blower are placed. This motor and blower also furnish air for the two other organs in the building. The ante-rooms of the Hall are finished like the Hall, but not so elaborately.

On the fourth floor are a small Lodge room with connecting rooms, four parlors, a room for Lodge Secretaries and a vault with separate lockers, where may be secured the archives of each Masonic body.

On the fifth floor is Ionic Hall of pure Greek architecture, two stories high. It has connecting apartments, waiting rooms and a Prelate's room.

The sixth floor contains an Armory, a small adjoining apartment and two parlors.

Gothic Hall is on the seventh floor, fitted up like the stage of a modern theatre, and has gridiron, balconies, stairs, border and footlights and a drop curtain. A gallery is at the rear of the Hall, with a choir gallery and organ on one side of it.

There is also on the seventh floor an Armory and other apartments.

The eighth floor contains an Armory, two parlors, waiting and toilet rooms, all finished in oak.

On the ninth floor are eleven private parlors, one of which is occupied by Joseph Webb Lodge. There are also four parlors for the use of Scottish Rite bodies.

In the sub-basement are two Banquet Halls; the larger one has a capacity for seating 450 persons and the smaller one will seat 178 persons. These Halls are so arranged that they

can be used separately or together. The floors are of oak, and the ceilings are heavily beamed with moulded cornices, walls and ceilings being painted in light tones. There is a model kitchen, with china closet, etc., and a boiler-room containing two 125-horsepower boilers of special type water tube pattern. They are not set in brick, so they can be easily removed or repaired. The engine-room contains two Alfred automatic 150-horsepower direct-connected, self-oiling, slide-valve engines and two 100 Westinghouse K. W. generators, either of which is capable of doing all the work required.

This room also contains all the necessary pumps and other apparatus for elevator service, valves and compressors. The building is heated by the vacuum system. The vacuum system of heating used saves all the exhaust steam in cold weather.

The principal apartments are warmed by fresh air. Each duct for air and renewal of same from each room is controlled by metal dampers operated by compressed air in the engine-room, and in charge of the engineer, who, by an ingenious device, can instantly tell at what point the temperature is of any room. The direct radiators are also controlled by thermostats. The plant is in duplicate, one for the regular use and the other a reserve to be used in case of accident or repairs.

Provision is made for running the electric plant on one or both systems, or to connect with the outside system, if necessary. There is thermostatic control, with the compressed-air system, of all the principal heating apparatus. The coal pocket is located under the street in Head Place, for economy of room, and holds about 80 tons. The coal falls by gravity, and by pulling a bar the coal falls into a car and is carried to the boilers. The ashes are removed by the same process, and are lifted about 36 feet to the street by a plunger ash hoist.

The elevator systems — of which there are two for passen-

gers, with an accommodation of 25 to each car, and 2 for freight,—are all of the safety type, “Plunger” elevators, safety being the principal thing sought for. These cars will run at a speed of 400 feet per minute. The tubes of the two passenger elevators descend 144 feet below the sub-basement into the earth, about 180 feet below the street. Holes were bored by an automatic machine, the property of the contracting company, and especially designed for this purpose. They are protected by steel casings one-half inch thick, and sunk as the holes were bored.

The foundations of the building extend 2 feet below mean low tide water, or about 40 feet below the sidewalk.

The Corner-stone of the present Temple was laid June 8, 1898, on the occasion of the Regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. Grand Chaplain Rev. Edward A. Horton, of Boston, delivered the oration.

The present Temple was dedicated with elaborate ceremonies in presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, comprising 600 brethren of the Craft, December 27, 1899, the Most Wor'f. Grand Master, Charles C. Hutchinson, presiding. The ovation was delivered by Bro. Samuel J. Elder, of William Parkman Lodge of Winchester. We can only quote a few sentences from this eloquent production of genius as indicating the spirit of the occasion. “In these halls and in the light of these ceremonies we are in the presence of another sphinx. It has the centuries behind it. Its genesis is wrapped in the mists of antiquity. No man can certainly tell of its beginnings or its growth. Its symbols and ceremonies are of the long distant past. Its ritual is rich in the phrase and speech of man's early utterance. To the world it is an enigma. It is silent. Its face does not change. It is as it always has been. But to the initiate it presents no

riddle, and is no enigma. It finds its strength and support in the life, aspirations and desires of man. The passing generations upbuild, but do not change it. Its principles are the same for this century as for the past. The tiny span of man's life sinks into insignificance beside it. . . . Venerating it, you are convened to dedicate this lofty and dignified edifice to its spirit and work. The time and place are most significant. You are assembled during the closing hours of a dying year. You are transmitting to a new century a monument which we may well trust will outlive it. You are signaling a Fraternity which measures its life not by years or decades, but by centuries.

“We stand at the meeting place of the ages. The past we know. Its marvellous advance in all the arts and sciences is an open book and a part of our every day life. Old things have passed away, and all things have become new. The sluggish life of an hundred years ago is vitalized and pulsating with the present. We are caught up in chariots of steam and swept across the continent. We send our messages ‘a thousand leagues and more’ across the seas. We defy the storm in ocean palaces and ‘clip the wings of time to stay it in its flight.’ We whisper to our friend in the next street or half across the continent. We set electric fingers among the rocks to search out gold for us. We are forearmed against disease. We smooth the distorted face of suffering into the blessed peace of insensibility. We rob death of half its sting. We store up the mighty forces of the air in Arctic winter, and release them at our will to do our bidding. We have seen a few scattered settlements along the eastern fringe of the country welded by the fires of battle into a mighty republic. We have seen it grow as by magic into a nation whose course of empire has held its unbroken way across the continent and two thousand

leagues across the western sea. We see the morning sun upon an eastern border pause to cast its last beams upon our western possessions."

At the feast of St. John the Evangelist, following the dedication, the newly installed Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charles Theodore Gallagher, of South Boston, in his opening remarks paid a fitting compliment to the special committee of the Board of Directors, the late Grand Master, Right Wor'f. Charles C. Hutchinson, of Lowell, and Right Worshipful Brothers Edwin B. Holmes and Frank T. Dwinell, of Brookline, who had devoted much of their time in watching every detail of the work as it progressed, and suggested that this new edifice was not alone a *Masonic* monument, but it should be called also *their* monument; for during the past two years they have superintended its construction with a patience and a devotion of time and attention daily and hourly that could not have been excelled had the entire edifice and the responsibility for its completion been their own.

Right Wor'f. Bro. Locke, of Portland, Past Grand Master of Maine, who brought the salutations and congratulations of the brethren of Maine, said that —

"When the news came flashing over the wires four years ago of the great fire that destroyed the beautiful Temple which stood on this site, the Fraternity throughout the country mourned its loss. How great a change! That former Temple was beautiful; but this Temple, with its massive, yet simple exterior, its grandeur and its elegance within, far surpasses the former, as did the first Temple at Jerusalem surpass the second.

"I cannot permit this opportunity to pass without expressing my appreciation of these leaders in Masonic thought and action in your Grand Lodge, men possessed of the courage

of their convictions, who have conceived and carried into execution their ideas of what a proper Masonic home for the Grand Lodge should be. And as the result of their work you see today this magnificent Temple, the third Masonic home you have had here. I say to you that from henceforth the eyes of all New England Masons will turn to this Temple, as do the eyes of the Mohammedans turn towards Mecca, although not in the same spirit, for our Free Masonry teaches us to worship God in spirit and in truth, and that may be done in the humblest cottage as well as in the magnificent cathedral or imposing synagogue. To this Temple will all the Masons throughout the country delight to come, so long as the Free Masons of Massachusetts remain true to their God and true to the principles and teachings of our beloved Fraternity."

It may be an opportune moment to add, that at this session of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, during which the present Temple was dedicated, Joseph Webb Lodge was honored equally with a distinguished Past Master of the Lodge by the election of R. W. Eugene C. Upton to be Junior Grand Warden, thereby making him a permanent member of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

BIOGRAPHY OF JOSEPH WEBB

AND SKETCH OF FREE MASONRY OF HIS TIME.

Having briefly recited the facts concerning the origin and work of Joseph Webb Lodge, we now turn to a consideration of such items as have been attainable in regard to the life of Joseph Webb, in whose honor this Lodge was named. Only those who have knowledge by practical experience in delving into the worn and musty records of past generations can fully appreciate the difficulties of the task which, by the resolution before stated, this Lodge requested its committee to perform.

In this research into the almost perished records, having on them the gray dust of more than a hundred years, we are influenced by no wish to gain honor to ourselves because of noble progenitors; and, while we rejoice that we can attach the name of Joseph Webb to our Masonic escutcheon, we claim no virtue for that attachment other than that we may claim by reason of our own deservings. To give the idea of Bulwer without claiming to use the exact words which he makes Rienzi utter to the people of Rome, we may claim a sanctity in the past because of the chronicles it retains—chronicles of the progress of mankind in civilization, liberty and knowledge. Could Joseph Webb speak to us here and now, could all our ancestors, who look down upon us from the mouldy ages gone, join him in utterance, speaking, their voices would teach us to augment their heritage, improve by their experience, preserve their virtues and avoid their errors. These are the true uses of the past. If we can find nothing to boast of among Masons save that we bear the honored name of

traveling lodges in the British Army (according to Mackey) organized a

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in Massachusetts, and upon the petition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master, commissioned Dr. Joseph Warren provincial Grand Master.

Joseph Webb, Jr., after his initiation in the Lodge of St. Andrew, took membership therein. He did not receive the degree of Master Mason until two years afterwards, to wit, in 1758, taking the obligation in what was known as the Right Worshipful Lodge of Masters in Boston, founded January 2, 1739 (Harris' History, page 166).

EXPLANATIONS.

This historical sketch touches upon two matters that require explanation ; first, under what circumstances were two Grand Lodges established in Boston ; and second, under what system of rules and regulations was it proper for Joseph Webb, Jr., to receive *membership* in a lodge *before* taking the degree of Master Mason, a custom entirely at variance with present practice.

Upon the first point, we explain that *two* Grand Lodges existed in Great Britain, one called "Ancient," the other "Modern." In 1738 a body of Masons in England seceded from the regular Grand Lodge, for the reason, as was alleged, that the Grand Lodge (as stated by Thory) "had introduced innovations, altering the rituals and suppressing many of the ceremonies which had long been in use." The seceding brethren adopted the name of Ancient York Masons, and soon after declared themselves independent, assuming the appellation, as Mackey says, "to indicate their adhesion to ancient forms." They gave the name of "Modern Masons"

to the brethren from whom they seceded, because, as was contended, they had adopted new forms and usages. The seceders established a new Grand Lodge in London. This division continued until 1813, when the two bodies, consequent upon the efforts of the Duke of Kent, Grand Master of the Ancient or York Grand Lodge, united under the title of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England.

Upon the second point, we explain that in 1756 one degree constituted Free Masonry, upon taking which, membership was granted. Mackey says, in his *Encyclopædia of Free Masonry* (page 210): "It is now the opinion of the best scholars that the division of the Masonic system into degrees was the work of the revivalists of the beginning of the 18th century." Again, the same authority says: "In 1717, the whole body of the Fraternity consisted only of Entered Apprentices"; again, "In the old charges collected by Anderson and approved in 1722, the degree of Fellow Craft is introduced as being a necessary qualification for Grand Master, although the word degree is not used"; again, "Perhaps about 1721, the three degrees were introduced, but the Second and Third were not perfected for many years. Even as late as 1735, the Entered Apprentice degree contained the most prominent form of initiation, and he who was an Apprentice was, for all practical purposes, a Free Mason. It was not until repeated improvements, by the adoption of new ceremonies and regulations, that the degree of Master Mason took the place which it now occupies, having been confined at first to those who had passed the chair."

These subjects cleared up, we may intelligently pursue the thread of our biography of Joseph Webb, Jr.

As before stated, he received initiation and membership in

the Lodge of St. Andrew in 1756, took his degree of Master Mason in 1758, being then twenty-four years of age. He served as Secretary of the Master's Lodge, and served one year as Worshipful Master of the Lodge of St. Andrew during the term of 1765-6.

According to the Free Masons' Monthly Magazine, vol. xv., page 169, edited by that late distinguished Masonic historian, Charles W. Moore, Joseph Webb, now, by the death of his father, become senior, was appointed by Grand Master Joseph Warren in 1771 to be Deputy Grand Master, he being then thirty-seven years of age; he served as Deputy Grand Master to the time of the memorable death of the Grand Master, June 17, 1775.

From the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Percival Lowell Everett, to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in 1877, we gather the information that on the 27th of December, 1776, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts celebrated the feast of St. John the Evangelist at Free Masons' Hall, R. W. Joseph Webb, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

Another incident of some interest connected with Deputy Grand Master Webb is the following memorandum from the records of the Grand Lodge, under date of November 1, 1773. [For this and other interesting items from Grand Lodge Records and other sources, we are under obligations to R. W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, who is much interested in historic researches, and who is an intelligent student of genealogical records.]

The memorandum referred to indicates that Joseph Webb practised the true Masonic virtue of generosity, though we are not able to state, from any researches made, what kind of glassware constituted "Masons' glasses," or for what purpose

they were used. Let the wisdom of future ages solve the problem.

“At a meeting of the Massachusetts Lodge, at Concert Hall, Nov. 1, 1773, third night in the quarter,—

“The Deputy Grand Master, Joseph Webb, having presented the Lodge with three Doz. Masons’ Glasses, praying their acceptance of the same,

“Voted, the thanks of this Lodge be given the Dep. G’d Master, and a copy of the same be transmitted to him by the Secretary.”

If some of the items from the ancient records of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge seem unimportant, a second thought may induce the belief that no matter of a historical character can be deemed too small to enter into a truthful narrative which is intended to give us an insight into the character and acts of the chief worker of the period depicted. In this connection we may cite the words of Right Worshipful Sereno D. Nickerson in a recent note to the writer in regard to items from ancient Grand Lodge records: “They will be of interest because at this late period even the most trivial matter is worth preserving, and sometimes an apparently unimportant item suggests or develops something of real value. Historians must often content themselves with being regarded as collectors of ‘unconsidered trifles.’”

FROM ANCIENT GRAND LODGE RECORDS.

The following items refer to Joseph Webb and contain a brief sketch of his Masonic life:

Dec. 27, 1769. Nominated by the Most Worshipful Grand Master (Joseph Warren), and unanimously elected Grand Marshal.

Jan. 12, 1770. Acted as Senior Grand Warden *pro tem*.

- March 2, 1770. Acted as Senior Grand Warden *pro tem.*
- March 2, 1770. Chosen chairman of a committee "to prepare a body of Laws for the regulation of the Grand Lodge."
- May 13, 1770. Acted as J. G. W. *pro tem.*
- June 1, 1770. Acted as S. G. W., chosen a member of a committee "to prepare an estimate of the necessaries for the Grand Lodge." A new committee was chosen "to prepare a Body of By-Laws for the regulation of the Grand Lodge," Joseph Webb being named fifth and last.
- Aug. 10, 1770. Acted as Deputy Grand Master at the constituting of Massachusetts Lodge.
- Oct. 14, 1770. Acted as Deputy Grand Master.
- Dec. 7, 1770. Acted as S. G. W.
- Dec. 27, 1770. Acted as G. M. Feast of St. John the Evangelist.
- March 1, 1771. Acted as S. G. W. *pro tem.* Appointed to that office by the Grand Master.
- June 7, 1771. Present as S. G. W.
- Dec. 6, 1771. Present as S. G. W. "The Grand Master then acquainted the Grand Lodge that he appointed Right Worshipful Joseph Webb Deputy Grand Master."
- Dec. 27, 1771. "The Grand Officers and a number of Brethren met at the Masons' Arms at 11 o'clock A.M., where the Deputy Grand Master was installed in ample form, agreeable to the appointment on the 6th inst., after which they repaired to Concert Hall, where an elegant dinner was provided, and Brethren enjoyed the same in a manner suitable to the festivity of the day."
- March 6, 1772. Present as D. G. M.
- May 29, 1772. Present as D. G. M. Chosen a member of a committee "to procure the best music that can be obtained for the Festival of St. John the Baptist."

- June 12, 1772. Present as D. G. M.
- June 24, 1772. Present as D. G. M. Appointed chairman of a committee to wait upon "our Brother, the Rev. Samuel Fayerweather, with the thanks of this Lodge . . . for his sermon preached this day before the Grand Lodge, . . . and to request him to grant a copy of the same for the press."
- Sept. 4, 1772. Present as D. G. M.
- Nov. 6, 1772. Present as D. G. M.
- Dec. 4, 1772. Present as D. G. M.
- Dec. 11, 1772. Present as D. G. M.
- March 8, 1773. Present as D. G. M.
- May 7, 1773. Present "R't W'p'ful Joseph Webb,"—his name following those of the Grand Officers, and no Deputy Grand Master being mentioned.
- June 11, 1773. Present as D. G. M., and "proposed that Rules and Orders should be drawn up for the regulation of this Grand Lodge, and motioned a committee be appointed from the several Lodges under this jurisdiction to draw up the same." Two Brethren from each Lodge were appointed, and Brother Webb was added to the committee.
- June 16, 1773. "Most Worshipful [*sic*] Joseph Webb, D. G. M., in the chair."
- Sept. 3, 1773. Present as D. G. M.
- Oct. 1, 1773. Present as D. G. M.
- Dec. 3, 1773. Present as D. G. M. ; chosen chairman of a committee to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer.
- Dec. 27, 1773. "A Commission from The Right Hon'ble and Most Worshipful Patrick, Earl of Dumfries, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland, dated 3d day of March A.D. and of Masonry 5772, Appointing the Most Worshipful Joseph Warren, Esqr., Grand Master of Masons for the CONTINENT OF AMERICA."

“The Brethren then proceeded in AMPLE FORM to Install The Most Worshipful Grand Master.”

“Then the Most Worshipful Grand Master, by Virtue of the Authority Granted him in the foregoing Commission, Ordered the G'd Sec'y to Read a Commission, dated at Boston, N. England — 1773, Appointing Joseph Webb, Esqr., Deputy Grand Master under him, the said Joseph Warren, Esqr., G'd Master, who was accordingly Install'd.”

“The tables being Furnished, The Brethren (with the Guests) Enjoyed themselves Agreeable to the Festivity of the day. Present, Most Worship. Joseph Warren, Esqr., G'd M'r, Hon'ble William Brattle, Esqr., Rev'd Doc'r Sam'l Mather, Worshipf. Joseph Webb, Esqr., D'ty G'd M'r,” and thirty-eight other Brethren.

March 4, 1774. Present as D. G. M.

“Com'ttee appointed to draw up certain By-Laws (as Voted the eleaventh June last) the Chairman Worshipf'll Bro'r D. G. Mast'r says the said By-Laws were still under consideration ; Mot'd and Seconded, The Chairman of said Com'ttee be desired to summons the whole Com'ttee upon the By-Laws and make report next Lodge Night.”

“Voted un'ly the Thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Worsh'l Bro'r Webb, Dep'y Grand Mast'r, Bro'r Capt. Sam'l Barrett & Bro. W. Hoskins, for the use of the Platform, Pillars, and Arch, to this Grand Lodge during their Hold'g this Grand Lodge at Masons' Hall.”

June 3, 1774. Only six Brethren present — neither Joseph Warren nor Joseph Webb among them.

“Mot'd Seconded and Voted, this Grand Lodge be adjourned to Tuesday Evening Next, 7 o'Clock ; by reason of the few Grand Officers present ; Engaged in Consequential Public Business.”

June 7, 1774. Present as D. G. M.

Dec. 2, 1774. Present as D. G. M.

Mar. 3, 1775. Present as D. G. M.

“Memo. 19th April 1775. Hostillities Commenc'd between the Troops of G. Britain & America, in Lexington Battle.”

In consequence of which the town was blockaded and no Lodge held until December, 1776.

Dec. 27, 1776. “At a Grand Lodge held at Free Masons Hall for the Celebration of St. John, the Evangelist, Dec'r 27, 1776, Present—Joseph Webb D. G. M. [the names of 31 other brethren following]. All settled & paid, a very Genteel Entertainment.” This is the entire record.

It may be fairly assumed that the Brethren of '76 sat down to an enjoyable banquet, which was the last assemblage of the kind for some months in consequence of the war.

Feb. 14, 1777. Right Worshipful Joseph Webb, D. G. M., presiding. Special meeting “call'd to hear the petition of Seth Deane & others praying for a Charter to erect & hold a Lodge in the Town of Stockbridge, in the County of Berkshire. The petition was referred to Friday evening, 7th March next.”

“Voted that the Dep'y G. Master send a Summons to all the Masters & Wardens under this Jurisdiction to assemble here on 7th March in order to consult upon & to elect a Grand Master for this State, in the Room of our late worthy Grand Master WARREN, dec'd.”

March 7, 1777. Present, Right Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., D. G. M. “This Grand Lodge is adjourned untill tomorrow evening.”

March 8, 1777. Present, Right Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., D. G. M. "On a motion made, Voted, this Grand Lodge proceed to the Choice of a Grand Master to Act in that Capacity 'till Friday June next.

"Voted, that Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., be Grand Master." Other Grand Officers were chosen. Thus was organized the first Independent Grand Lodge on this Continent. "Motion'd & Seconded that the prayer of the petition of Seth Dean & others be heard and answered, Voted accord'ly."

June 24, 1777. Festival of St. John the Baptist celebrated, Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., G. M., presiding. Seventy-one Brethren present.

September 5, 1777. Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., G. M., presiding. "As a Number of the Grand Officers are absent, Voted, This Grand Lodge be adjourn'd to the first Friday in October Next, and that the Grand Lodge be Summon'd accordingly." Nevertheless the next Record is —

Dec. 4, 1777. Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., G. M., presiding. Grand Officers "continued until the first Friday in March next." Voted to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist,— "that Brother Perez Morton be desired to pronounce an Oration, at the Stone Chaple, that the Subject of his Oration be — Masonary."

Jan. 30, 1778. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. Charter granted to Trinity Lodge, of Lancaster.

March 7, 1778. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding "The few members present Induces the Worship'l Grand Master to adjourn this Grand Lodge to the Next Friday Evening."

March 14, 1778. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. "Voted, That this Grand Lodge be adjourn'd till called together by the Grand Master."

May 1, 1778. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. "Voted Unanimously that Brother Nath'l Peirce be dismissed as Secretary of this Grand Lodge for a General neglect of duty."

Charter granted to United States Lodge, of Danvers.

June 5, 1778. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. William Chaloner and others had leave to withdraw their petition for a Charter "on account of its not being supported by sufficient Number of Signers."

Sept. 4, 1778. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. Charter granted to Dr. William Chaloner and others, under the name of Warren Lodge.

Dec. 4, 1778. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. "Voted The Most Worshipful Jos. Webb, Esqr. be Grand Master for the year Ensuing." Other Grand Officers were chosen.

"The Grand Master desired the Opinion of the Grand Lodge Respecting Celebrating Festival of Saint John the Evangelist. Voted the Celebration of Said Festival be at Free Masons Hall, on Monday, the 28th Instant." . . . The Stewards were instructed to 'agree with Bro. Wait for an Elegant Dinner.' A committee was appointed to request the Rev. Mr. Howard to preach a sermon to the Masons on the occasion."

Dec. 18, 1778. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. "A petition was presented from the Massach'ts Lodge, Sign'd Wm. Palfrey, Mast'r, James Jackson, Sr. W'd, Edward Gray, Jr. Warden—Setting forth that the Exigency of the times would not admit of their assembling sooner, and praying Said Lodge may retain the Rank they formerly held under this Grand Lodge. Voted the Prayer of Said Petition be Granted. Bro. Colo. Revere, one of the Committee nominated to wait on Mr. Howard, Reports, That the Rev'd Mr. Howard will deliver a Sermon to the Body of Masons, at

the Old Brick Meeting [House] on Monday, 28th Decem'r, and that the Rev'd Messrs. Clark and Laughtrop will also attend.

“Voted, the three Reverend Gentlemen be Invited to dine—also the Rev'd Messrs. White & Parker, on the 28th Instant.

“Voted, The Hon'ble General Gates, and such of his Family who are Masons, be waited upon & Invited to dine at the Feast.”

Dec. 28, 1778. Present, Most Worshipful Joseph Webb G. M., presiding, Hon'ble Gener'l Gates, Rev'd Mr. Howard, Rev'd Mr. Clarke, Rev'd Mr. Lothrop, Rev'd Mr. Parker, sundry Brethren, “The family of Gen'l Gates . . . & Fifers”—in all about 125 persons.

“The Brethren Marched to the Old Brick Meeting House, where the Rev'd Mr. Howard preached a sermon, Reve'd Messrs. Lothrop & Clarke assisted, after which a Colection was made for the Poor of this Town [amounting to 105 dollars], then Return'd to the Hall, and after partaking of an Elegant Feast,” returned thanks to the preacher and asked for a copy of his sermon for the press—which was granted.

March 5, 1779. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. “The petition from a number of French Bro'rs desirous of holding a Lodge under this Jurisdic'n was read,” and a committee appointed “to wait on the French Consul to Enquire whether they are persons of Character.” A petition was presented from William McKean and others “praying for liberty to hold a Lodge at Ipswage,” also “from George Abbot and others desirous of holding a Lodge at Salem.” All three petitions were deferred to the adjournment—March 9th.

March 9, 1779. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. The three petitions were granted. "Voted, That the Toiler have £1.4."

April 13, 1779. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. The petition of a committee in behalf of Danvers Lodge, praying it might be removed to the town of Beverly, was unanimously granted, "and the said United States Lodge is in future to be held in the said town of Beverly, and all their proceedings there to be firm and valid, to all intents and purposes, as though the Name of Danvers had not been mentioned in their Charter of Erection."

April 30, 1779. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. A remonstrance, signed by nine members of United States Lodge, was presented, and the vote authorizing the removal was suspended. The Grand Secretary was directed to send copies of the two petitions to the Master, with instructions "to call his Lodge together immediately and know the minds of the members (consistent with the By-Laws), respecting a Removal of it, and that they transmit to the Grand Lodge a Copy of their proceedings & the result of their determinations, to be further acted upon."

May 21, 1779. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. Six members of United States Lodge were present. "Having by writing Reported the determination of their Lodge at their Last Meeting; and answer'd to several pointed Questions made by this Grand Lodge, particularly to the Constitutions, Page 314, they withdrew." It appearing that there were more than five members who were willing to support said Lodge, it was the unanimous opinion of the Grand Lodge, "that no Lodge may be Removed to any other Town, So long as Five Members Continue to Support it. We Therefore Recommend to the Members of Said Lodge they Cultivate

Brotherly Love and Friendship — the Cement of Masonary — that the Vulgar may not take the advantage of any little difficulty that [may] arise among Masons, to bring the Craft into disrepute.”

June 4, 1779. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. “Voted, that the G. Sec’y write to the Commissary of Prisoners, at Rutland, and know the Rank of Rich’d Speaight & others, who have petitioned this Grand Lodge to use their Influence with the Honorable Council to Grant a parole to go to New York — promising an Exchange of Officers of Like Rank.”

Sept. 3, 1779. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. Charter granted to Amity Lodge, of Beverly.

Oct. 6, 1779. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. “The petition of John Peirce & others; Praying this Grand Lodge would Grant them a Charter for holding a travelling Lodge, Having Nominated General John Patterson Master, Colo. Benja. Tupper S. W’d and Maj’r Will’m Hull J W’d — Voted, a Charter be Granted them for holding Regular Lodges, Make Masons, Pass and Raise, in this State, or any of the United States of America, where no other Grand Master Presides. But in any other State where there is a Grand Master, Constituted by the Brethren of these United States, they are to Inform him and Receive his Sanction.”

Dec. 3, 1779. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. Grand Officers chosen, with Brother Webb at the head. “Voted, Worshipfull Brother Webb, Colo. Revere & Cap’n Barrat be a Committee to Wait on Doc’r John Warren Requesting the delivery of the Charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to our late Deceas’d Grand Master.”

Dec. 27, 1779. Feast of St. John the Evangelist. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. Sixty-three Brethren present.

“The Celebration was Conducted with Dignity, Propriety and Harmony ; Such as is to be found and Injoy'd only among Masons.”

Jan. 25, 1780. Constituting of Friendship Lodge, at Boston, the Grand Master conducting the ceremony and installing the Master. This was the French Lodge to which a Charter was granted March 9, 1779.

March 3, 1780. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. “Washington Lodge No.—Laid before this Grand Lodge a Copy of their By-Laws, also a List of Officers & Members of that Travelling Lodge.”

March 18, 1780. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. Charter granted to St. Patrick's Lodge, of Portsmouth, N.H. This identical Charter was presented to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at its Annual Communication on the 13th of December, 1882.

June 2, 1780. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. “This Grand Lodge Received a letter from Unity Lodge [of Ipswich] Inclosing One Hundred Pounds for the late Grand Master Doct'r Warren's Children, the Same being Read, whereupon Voted, That the Treasurer write to said Lodge and return them the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the same.”

Sept. 1, 1780. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. “The Worshipfull Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge a letter dated Philadelph'a August 19, 1780, Sign'd William Smith, Grand Sec'y, Inclosing a Printed List of the Lodges in Pensilvani under that Jurisdiction, and Advising that they had in their Grand Lodge thought it Expedient to make choice of a Grand Master General for the Thirteen United American States ; That they had Nominated His Excellency General George Washington, Requesting the Opinion and Approbation of this Grand Lodge thereon. Voted

Circular Letters be wrote to the several Lodges under this jurisdiction, Requesting Attendance of Masters & Wardens at the Next Adjournment for their Opinion, or that they give Instructions to their Proxys on this subject.”

Sept. 22, 1780. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. “Voted a Committee of Five be appointed to write an address to all Masons in the Thirteen United States (under this jurisdiction)— The subject, Masonary.” The G. M. was made the chairman. He was also added to a “Committee to write the different Lodges under this jurisdiction, after Receipt of a Letter sent to the Grand Lodge of Pensilva.”

Dec. 1, 1780. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. “Voted, That the Committee of Seven, Chose last Grand Lodge Meeting to take into consideration the letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia, be dissolved, and that this Grand Lodge form themselves into a Committee to act upon said Business, and that The Worshipfull Grand Master be President of the same. . . . Grand Officers for the ensuing year elected & unanimously Chose,” Joseph Webb at the head. “Voted, That the Lodges under this Jurisdiction which are not Represented, nor have been notified of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia, Respecting the appointment of a Grand Master General, should be wrote to immediately by the Grand Secretary, and have their answer. . . . Voted, this Grand Lodge be adjourned to the Second Friday in January, 1781, to Receive the Report of the Committee Respecting a Grand Master General over all the Grand Lodges in the Thirteen United North American States.”

Dec. 27, 1780. “To Celebrate the Festival of the Beloved Saint John the Evangelist. Present, Joseph Webb, Esqr., His Excellency Governor Hancock, Major Keith, Honor-

able General Lincoln, Reverend Mr. Parker, Reverend Mr. Eliot," and seventy-five Brethren.

Jan. 12, 1781. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. A "Dispensation" was granted to hold a Lodge in Colchester, Conn. "Read a Letter from Trinity Lodge, Dated Sep'r 19, 1780, objecting to the propriety & necessity of a Grand Master General at this time."

"Brother Morton moved that we now determine and fix upon a time for the Choice of a Grand Master General. After candidly debating the matter, the following Reasons were offered: As this Grand Lodge have not been acquainted with the Opinion of the various Grand Lodges in the United States, Respecting the Choice of a Grand Master General, and the Circumstances of our Public Affairs making it Impossible we should at present obtain their sentiments upon it, Therefore, Voted, that any determination upon the subject cannot, with the Propriety and Justice due to the Craft at large, be made by This Grand Lodge until a General Peace shall happily take place thro' the CONTINENT."

March 2, 1781. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. "Brother Colo. John Brooks [afterwards Governor] laid before the Grand Lodge a List of the Officers and Members of Washington Lodge for this year." This was an Army Lodge, often attended by Gen. Washington.

May 8, 1871. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. Upon the petition of a number of the members, the Charter of Friendship Lodge (composed of Frenchmen) was vacated, and a new Charter granted under the name of Perfect Union Lodge, "with the Rank that the Friendship Lodge before held."

May 22, 1781. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. Charter granted to St. Paul Lodge, of Litchfield, Conn.

- June 1, 1781. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding.
- Sept. 7, 1781. Samuel Barratt, Esq., D. G. M., presiding.
- Nov. 8, 1781. Samuel Barratt, Esq., D. G. M., presiding.
Charter granted for a Lodge in Cornish, Vt.
- Dec. 7, 1781. Paul Revere, Esq., G. M., *pro tem.* "Voted, the choice of Grand Officers be referred to the next Quarterly Communication, by Reason of our Worthy and Most Worshipful Grand Master, Joseph Webb, Esqr., absence at present in the Service of the United States."
- Dec. 21, 1781. Paul Revere presiding. It was voted not to celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, "On the Principle that the prices demanded are beyond the ability of many Brethren to support, without apparent Injury to their Families."
- March 1, 1782. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. "A petition from the Master, Wardens & Members of St. Andrew's Lodge being presented to the Grand Lodge —praying that the Grand Lodge would grant them a Charter by the afore-said name, they retaining their rank of Preecegency as heretofore in s'd G'd Lodge. The Grand Lodge taking the same into their serious & deliberate consideration, for reasons set forth in s'd Petition, Unanimously Resolved that the prayer of s'd Petitioners be Granted. . . . Voted, The Grand Lodge proceed to the Choice of Grand Officers. Unanimously Chose Most W'p'f'Il Joseph Webb, Esqr., G. M.," and other Officers.
- There appear to be no records from March, 1782, a space of three months, to the next date, which is —
- June 7, 1782. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. Voted, to celebrate the feast of St. John on the 24th. "Voted, There be a Committee of three to wait on the Gentlemen Selectmen for the use of Faneuil Hall on s'd day." The com-

mittee were Paul Revere, John Warren and John Lowell. "A copy of a letter from the Most Wors'p'll J. Webb & the two Grand Wardens to Moses Michael Hays, together with his answer, are fil'd with the G'd Lodge Papers."

June 10, 1782. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. Among the Brethren recorded as present is named "W'p'f'll Moses M. Hays, by request of the Most W'p'f'll Master and G'd Wardens. . . . Voted, that a Committee be appointed to Draught Resolutions explanatory of the Powers & Authority of this Grand Lodge, respecting the Extent and Meaning of its Jurisdiction, and of the exercise of any other Masonic Authorities within its jurisdiction." Bro. Hays bore the title of "Deputy Inspector General for North America" under the Scottish Rite, and the Brethren probably thought it advisable to investigate his "powers and authority," which were new to them.

June 24, 1782. Festival of St. John the Baptist at Faneuil Hall, Grand Master Webb presiding. There were present also "the Gentlemen Selectmen, French Consul, Rev'd B'r Eliot, Dr. Warren, Town Clerk, W'p'f'll B'r Rowe," and sixty-six other Brethren. After listening to a sermon from Bro. Eliot and a charge from Bro. Warren, "the Brethren returned to Faneuil Hall & enjoyed themselves upon an Elegant Dinner."

Sept. 6, 1782. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. "Voted, The Petition from B'r John Copp & others to this Grand Lodge for Holding a Lodge in the State of New York be granted."

Sept. 30, 1782. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. The report of the committee appointed June 10, 1782, was read and referred to the next Lodge evening.

Dec. 6, 1782. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. "A Return was presented from Washington Lodge, Dated West Point,

18th July, 1782, of the choice of their Officers and list of Members." The report of the June committee was again read, defending the organization of the Independent Grand Lodge, "and after mature deliberation thereon, the same was accepted and ordered to be recorded in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge." This is one of the most important and famous documents ever submitted to an American Grand Lodge. "The Grand Lodge proceeded to the choice of Grand Officers for the year ensuing. The Grand Master propos'd Bro. John Warren [brother of Gen. Warren] for his successor; upon which the Grand Lodge proceeded by Ballot to the choice, whereupon he was unan'y elected."

Dec. 24, 1782. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. The Grand Master presented a letter from St. Andrew's Lodge. "Mov'd, seconded & Voted, That there be a committee of five to confer with St. Andrew's Lodge at their next meeting upon the subject of their letter on refusing to acknowledge the Independency of this Grand Lodge."

Jan. 3, 1783. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding. "A petition from Charles Whitney & others, of Darby, in the State of Connecticut. The Grand Lodge grants them a Charter of Dispensation to hold a Lodge, making Masons, &c., untill a Grand Master be erected in that State." This was King Hiram Lodge, of Derby. "Voted, a committee of seven be appointed to write to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Informing them the Reasons why the Grand Lodge in Commonwealth Massachusetts assumed to themselves that dignity; the same Committee also to write the Grand Lodge of Philadelphia, Informing them of the assumption of this Grand Lodge. Mov'd, seconded & Voted, unan'y, that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be requested to call a meeting of the Grand Lodge, as soon as may be, for the Installation of the Grand Master Elect."

March 7, 1783. Joseph Webb, G. M., presiding.

June 6, 1783. Joseph Webb, G.M., presiding. "Voted, that this Grand Lodge celebrate the Feast of St. John ye Baptist, the 24th instant, and that the Most W'p'f'll John Warren, Esq., Grand Master Elect, be then install'd." At each meeting since the election, except this, "Worshipful John Warren, Esq., G. M. Elect," has been named among the Brethren present.

June 24, 1783. A Grand Lodge was held in Ample Form at Concert Hall, "for the Installment of the Grand Master Elect," Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esq., G. M., presiding. The names of 107 Brethren are given as present, but there the record ends, the two pages following being blank. "An oration was delivered at the stone chapel by Brother Christopher Gore, Esq.," and a "charge" by John Eliot, A. M., both of which were published.

Sept. 5, 1783. Grand Master Warren presiding. "Most W'p'f'll Joseph Webb, P. G. M.," was present and presented a return from Wooster Lodge, of Connecticut. Charter granted to King Solomon's Lodge of Charlestown.

Dec. 4, 1783. Past Grand Master Webb present.

Jan. 8, 1784. Past Grand Master Webb present. Special meeting for the constitution of King Solomon's Lodge.

June 3, 1784. Past Grand Master Webb present. "Agreeable to our Constitutions the Most W. G. Master [John Warren] nominated W. Jos. Webb, Esqr., P. G. M'r, to be Grand Master Elect. The Ballots being call'd he was unanimously chose Grand Master for the year ensuing — The Grand Master Elect then proceeded to nomination of his Officers & propos'd the Officers now holding place, to continue in office." The Senior and Junior Grand Wardens were accordingly unanimously elected. It was voted to

celebrate the feast of St. John the Baptist, but the record is omitted, the next being :

- Sept. 2, 1784. "M. Wo. Joseph Webb, Esqr., G. M.," presiding. "On a Petition of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, holding under this Jurisdiction, praying for a renewal of their Charter, with the alteration of the name to 'Rising States'; Voted, the petition be granted."
- Dec. 2, 1784. Grand Master Webb presiding.
- Jan. 19, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding. Charter granted to North Star Lodge, of Manchester, Vt.
- March 3, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding. "A General Convention of the Lodges of Antient Masons in this State" was authorized, "that the state of Masonry in this Commonwealth [may be] duly considered and the Benefit and Interest of the Craft in general promoted."
- April 28, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding.
- June 2, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding.
- June 24, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding, and re-elected.
- July 23, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding. Charter granted to Friendship Lodge, of Williamstown; also to Columbia Lodge, of Norwich, Conn.
- Sept. 29, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding.
- Dec. 1, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding.
- Dec. 8, 1785. Grand Master Webb presiding.
- March 1, 1786. Grand Master Webb presiding.
- June 2, 1786. Grand Master Webb presiding, and re-elected.
- June 24, 1786. Grand Master Webb presiding, and installed his officers.
- Sept. —, 1786. Grand Master Webb presiding. A committee was appointed to draft a book of Constitutions, and the Grand Master was made chairman.
- Nov. 3, 1786. Grand Master Webb presiding. The Com-

mittee on Constitutions reported, and a new committee was appointed to revise their report.

Dec. 1, 1786. Grand Master Webb presiding.

March 2, 1787. John Lowell, D. G. M., presiding. A committee was appointed to confer with the other Grand Lodge as to a union.

April 6, 1787. John Lowell, D. G. M., presiding. The records of the last two meetings give at the head of the list of officers present the title of the Grand Master without his name, indicating his sickness, and perhaps his anticipated death.

April 27, 1787. A special Communication was held, it being the day succeeding the death of Grand Master Webb, a report of which will be found hereafter in the account of the death and obsequies of the Grand Master.

June 1, 1787. John Lowell, D. G. M., presiding. "A Billet of thanks, from Mrs. Webb to the Grand Lodge, and other Lodges, that gave their attendance at the funeral of her late Husband, was read and ordered to be filed."

This ends our items from the records of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

INTERRUPTIONS OF WAR.

It must be remembered that from the earliest hostile movements between the Continental patriots and the troops of King George III. the town of Boston was blockaded and in a state of siege. A very large number of Free Masons, including the great majority of leading members, were more or less actively engaged on the side of the patriots, and there can be no doubt that the Boston Free Masons were important factors in the events of that period. Such men as Joseph Warren, James Otis, and Paul Revere were bright and shining lights in the

Masonic diadem, and who that knows the early history of our struggling colonists against the encroachments of the British Crown, does not recognize in those men the great patriotic leaders who fired the hearts of the colonists to resist the tyranny of the British government?

Joseph Webb, who had grown to man's estate,—had gained position as a merchant in the circles of trade, the first in authority among Free Masons,—was united with Warren, Otis, and Revere and other leaders in the cause, in all measures inaugurated for asserting the right of the colonists to resist taxation unless based upon representation. These men, leaders in the great movement of colonial resistance, were craftsmen who walked uprightly in their several stations before God and man.

GREEN DRAGON TAVERN.

The famous Green Dragon Tavern was the locality of Free Masons' Hall, where the feast of St. John the Evangelist was held, as before stated, December 27, 1776. This famous hostelry was situated on the corner formed by Hanover and Union Streets, and was as distinguished for Revolutionary and Masonic headquarters as it was for its smoking viands and general good-cheer, which, to our ancient brethren, proved no hindrance to a good life. This Green Dragon Tavern should have proper mention in any attempted effort to rescue the name and fame of Joseph Webb from the musty and almost hidden archives of a hundred years ago. The Grand Lodge assembled at this tavern, and, more than this, it was owned by the Lodge of St. Andrew. Right Wor'f. Charles Levi Woodbury, in the centennial address before alluded to, speaking of the Green Dragon Tavern and the Lodge of St. Andrew, said: "It is recorded in this respectable Lodge that, on the night of the famed destruction of the tea in Boston

harbor, they did not hold their regular meeting, in consequence of 'having business with the consignees of the foreign tea.' Here the Chiefs sat in private council when the Lodge was not in session."

There is other evidence than that of the festal assemblies at the Green Dragon, if we may judge from the little bits of history that have come down to us from the early days of the eighteenth century, that our ancient brethren were general lovers of good fellowship; and we may affirm that even *before* the Green Dragon Tavern became a place of Masonic resort, when the Craft was called to refreshment, the Royal Exchange, located on what is now State Street, at the southwest corner of Exchange Place, was a hostelry where Masonic brethren often repaired.

We find in the Memorial History of Boston, in a paper prepared by Edwin L. Bynner, Esq., a poetic satire on a Masonic celebration at the Royal Exchange in 1749, which alludes to Luke Vardy, a Masonic brother, probably of St. John's Lodge, formerly of London, who, at the time of the celebration, was the host of the establishment and generously entertained the brethren of the mystic tie:

"Where's honest Luke — that cook from London?
 For without *Luke* the *Lodge* is undone;
 'Twas he who oft dispelled their sadness,
 And filled the brethren's hearts with gladness.
 For them his ample bowls o'erflowed,
 His table groan'd beneath its load;
 For them he stretched his utmost art,—
 Their honours grateful they impart.
Luke in return is made a *brother*,
 As *good* and *true* as any other;
 And still, though broke with age and wine,
 Preserves the *token* and the *sign*."

A Grand Lodge was held at the Green Dragon Tavern

Friday evening, March 3, 1775, at which Most Worshipful Joseph Warren presided. It was the last service of that distinguished patriot and brother to the brethren of the Craft, for, upon the 17th of June following he surrendered his life upon the sanguinary field of Bunker Hill.

In the compilation of the History and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts by Rev. Thaddeus Mason Harris, A. M., printed at Worcester by Brother Isaiah Thomas in 1798, we find the following interesting allusion to the death and obsequies of Grand Master Warren :

“ By the contest of the eventful 17th of June, on the celebrated heights of Charlestown, the Grand Lodge sustained a heavy loss in the death of Grand Master Warren, who was slain contending for the liberties of his country. Soon after the evacuation of Boston by the British army, March 28th A.L. 5776, and previous to any regular *Communication*, the brethren, influenced by a pious regard to the merits and memory of the late Grand Master, Joseph Warren, were induced to search for his body, which had been rudely and indiscriminately buried on the field of slaughter. They accordingly repaired to the place, and by direction of a person who was on the ground about the time of his burial, a spot was found where the earth had been rudely turned up. Upon removing the turf and opening the grave, which was on the brow of a hill, and adjacent to a small cluster of sprigs, the remains were found in a mangled condition, but were easily ascertained (by an artificial tooth), and being decently raised, were conveyed to the State House in this metropolis April 8, from whence, by a large and respectable number of brethren, with the late Grand Officers attending in a regular procession, they were carried to the Stone Chapel, where an animated eulogium was delivered by Brother Perez Morton, at their

request. The body was then conveyed to the silent vault and sacredly deposited without a sculptured stone to mark the spot ; but as the whole earth is the sepulchre of illustrious men, his fame, his glorious actions, are engraved on the tablet of universal remembrance, and will survive marble monuments or local inscription."

Following the record of the Grand Lodge Communication of March 3 is this memorandum :

"19th April, 1775, hostilities commenced between the troops of G. Britain and America in Lexington battle. In consequence of which the town was blockaded and no Lodge held until December, 1776."

That brief record covers a period which was one of isolation for the port of Boston, and during which the work of the ancient craftsmen was necessarily suspended. Free Masons' Hall at the Green Dragon was closed, the tools and implements of Free Masonry were carefully laid away, and brother was separated from brother.

We find no Masonic record breaking in upon these fifteen months of gloom until December, 1776, when, on the 27th of that month, the Grand Lodge convened and celebrated the feast of St. John the Evangelist at Free Masons' Hall, R. W. Joseph Webb, Deputy Grand Master, presiding. It appears by the record that only thirty-two brethren were present at this feast, and the record happily closes with the remark : "All settled and paid ; a very Genteel entertainment."

The death of Joseph Warren left the Grand Lodge without a head. It was generally considered, and this was the view Joseph Webb took of it, that as the Deputy held his appointment from the Grand Master, the power of the former ceased upon the death of the latter. It would seem, however, that Deputy Grand Master Webb was willing to assume authority

to the extent of calling the Grand Lodge together. He therefore sent his summons to all the Masters and Wardens to assemble March 7, 1777, "to consult upon and to elect a Grand Master for this State, in the room of our late Worthy Grand Master Warren, deceased."

It appears from the records of those early days that there was a variance of opinion among Masons as to the regularity of proceedings after the death of General Warren, and the differences grew to such proportions that on several occasions it was found expedient to vindicate the regularity of the action taken. An able report upon this subject was made in the Grand Lodge December 6, 1782, signed by Perez Morton (a distinguished lawyer, and for some years Attorney General of the State), Paul Revere (the patriot whose midnight ride is famous in prose history and poetry), Dr. John Warren, and James Avery. In Grand Lodge the report was carefully read, considered, and accepted.

We give extracts from this report as follows :

"The Commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland granted to our late Grand Master, Joseph Warren, Esquire, having died with him, and of course his Deputy, whose appointment was derived from his nomination, being no longer in existence, they saw themselves without a head, and without a single Grand Officer, and of course it was evident that not only the Grand Lodge, but all the particular Lodges under its jurisdiction, must cease to assemble, the Brethren be dispersed, the penniless go unassisted, the Craft languish, and Ancient Masonry be extinct in this part of the world.

"That in consequence of a summons from the former Grand Wardens to the Masters and Wardens of all the regular constituted Lodges, a Grand Communication was held to consult and advise on some means to preserve the intercourse of the Brethren.

“That the political Head of this country, having destroyed all connection and correspondence between the subjects of these states and the country from which the Grand Lodge originally derived its commissioned authority ; and the principles of the Craft, inculcating on its professors submission to the commands of the civil authority of the country they reside in ; the Brethren did assume an elective supremacy, and under it chose a Grand Master and Grand Officers, and erected a Grand Lodge with independent powers and prerogatives, to be exercised, however, on principles consistent with and subordinate to the regulations pointed out in the Constitutions of ancient Masonry.

“That the reputation and utility of the Craft, under their jurisdiction, has been most extensively diffused, by the flourishing state of fourteen Lodges constituted by their authority, within a shorter period than that in which three only received Dispensations under the former Grand Lodge.

“That in the history of our Craft we find that in England there are two Grand Lodges, independent of each other, in Scotland the same, and in Ireland their Grand Lodge and Grand Master are independent either of England or Scotland. It is clear that the authority of some of these Grand Lodges originated in assumption ; or otherwise they would acknowledge the head from whence they derived.

“Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the doings of the present Grand Lodge were dictated by principles of the clearest necessity, founded in the highest reason, and warranted by precedents of the most approved authority.

“And they beg leave to recommend the following resolutions to be adopted by the Grand Lodge, and engrafted into its Constitutions :

“I. That the Brethren of the Grand Lodge, in assuming

the powers and prerogatives of an independent Grand Lodge, acted upon the most laudable motives, and consistently with principles which ought forever to govern Masons, viz: the benefit of the Craft and the good of mankind, and are warranted in their proceedings by the practice of Ancient Masons in all parts of the world.

“ II. That this Grand Lodge be hereafter known and called by the name of ‘ The Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons;’ and that it is free and independent in its government and official authority of any other Grand Lodge or Grand Master in the universe.

“ III. That the power and authority of said Grand Lodge be construed to extend throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to any of the United States, where none other is erected, over such Lodges only as this Grand Lodge has constituted, or shall constitute.

“ IV. That the Grand Master for the time being be desired to call in all Charters which were held under the jurisdiction of the late Grand Master, Joseph Warren, Esquire, and return the same with an endorsement thereon, expressive of their recognition of the power and authority of this Grand Lodge.

“ V. That no person or persons ought or can, consistently with the rules of Ancient Masonry, use or exercise the powers or prerogatives of an Ancient Grand Master or Grand Lodge, to wit: to give power to erect Lodges of Ancient Masonry, make Masons, appoint Superior or Grand Officers, receive dues, or do anything which belongs to the powers or prerogatives of an Ancient Grand Lodge, within any part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the rightful and appropriated limits to which the authority of this Grand Lodge forever hereafter extends.”

Under this latter provision, Lodges constituted in this juris-

diction by any other authority than that of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts are deemed to be illegitimate.

JOSEPH WEBB ELECTED GRAND MASTER.

The Massachusetts Grand Lodge assembled on March 7, and then, by adjournment, on March 8, 1777, at which time Joseph Webb, Esq., was elected Grand Master, it being first resolved to *establish the Grand Lodge as Independent*. Of the creation of this independent Grand Lodge, R. W. Charles Levi Woodbury declared, in the address from which we have before quoted: "It was no shivering infant, surrounded by foreign nurses, that came puling and screaming into the world. In the dread crater of a war of liberty, amid the throes of social reorganization, she saw the Light and saluted its grand representatives; springing full-grown and armed out of the loins of the Scotch Lodges of this Commonwealth, as Pallas from the brain of Jove, she stood upright, the emblem of the Palingenesis of Free Masonry in the new world of liberty, equality, and fraternity."

At this time, when he was called by his brethren to the highest position known in Free Masonry, as he ascended to the Grand Oriental Chair, he took his seat very much as our more ancient pioneers in this new world entered their primitive houses of worship in the wilderness — with their trusty rifles over their shoulders; somewhat like them, he assumed the highest Masonic position with the sword by his side, armed for the contest then waging between the infant colonies and the forces of King George III.

Grand Master Webb was an earnest worker in the Masonic vineyard, gathering from the wide harvest field many rich sheaves. Under his administration the Fraternity increased with as much rapidity as was desirable. Not only in Massa-

chusetts, but in other States (for the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge was not limited to State lines), warrants and charters were granted to petitioning brothers. During the war, a large number of Army Lodges, so called, were created,—lodges composed of officers and soldiers attached to the Continental army.

We give a list of some of the Lodges chartered by Grand Master Webb for the nine years including 1777-85. Those marked with a * are not now in existence, and the status of some of the others is unknown :

YEAR.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	STATE.
1777.	*Berkshire.	Stockbridge.	Mass.
1778.	*Trinity.	Worcester. †	Mass.
1778.	*United States.	Danvers.	Mass.
1778.	Warren.	Machias.	Maine.
1779.	*Unity.	Ipswich.	Mass.
1779.	*Amity.	Beverly.	Mass.
1779.	Essex.	Salem.	Mass.
1779.	*Friendship.	Boston.	Mass.
1779.	*Washington.	(Army.)	—
1780.	*St. Patrick's.	Portsmouth.	N. H.
1781.	Unknown.	Colchester.	Conn.
1781.	Unknown.	Litchfield.	Conn.
1781.	Unknown.	Cornish.	Vermont.
1782.	Unknown.	—	New York.
1782.	King Hiram.	Darby.	Conn.
1785.	North Star.	Manchester.	Vermont.
1785.	Friendship.	Williamstown.	Mass.
1785.	Columbia.	Norwich.	Conn.

Of the Warren Lodge and the three Connecticut Lodges chartered in 1781, the present status is unknown. May 8,

† Harris' History of 1789 says Lancaster.

1781, the name of "Friendship Lodge" was changed by vote of Grand Lodge to "Perfect Union."

During the time that Joseph Webb was at the head of the Grand Lodge, he was sometimes absent in the military service. We find upon the Grand Lodge records that Grand Master Webb was "absent" from the State from September 7, 1781, to March 1, 1782, and we also find this memorandum: "December 7, 1781, Grand Master absent in the service of the United States." During this period, as we have before stated, two Grand Lodges existed in this jurisdiction. Of the St. John's Grand Lodge, John Rowe, Esq., was Grand Master from 1768. He died in 1787, the same year, as we shall see, that Joseph Webb departed this life. The earlier death of Grand Master Rowe left but *one* Grand Master, and steps were immediately taken to unite the two Grand Lodges into one jurisdiction. In 1792 this union was consummated [March 19], and all distinctions between Ancient and Modern Free Masons came to a happy end.

MILITARY RECORD.

We are indebted to Wor'f. Oliver A. Roberts, the historian of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, of Boston, for valuable information in regard to Col. Webb's connection with that corps.

That Joseph Webb, Jr., was early imbued with the military spirit, is illustrated in the fact that in 1761, at the age of twenty-seven, he became a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company; was its second sergeant in 1765, and in 1773, twelve years after taking membership, he was elected ensign of that illustrious military corps. Discipline was well defined in those early days, for we find the record in 1772 that Ensign Joseph Webb was, with some eighty others, placed under a fine of one shilling per diem for non-attendance.

At the time, just previous to the revolution, that General Gage arrived at Long Wharf, armed with His Majesty's commission to superintend military affairs with the idea of keeping the colonists, and particularly the stiff-necked people of Boston, under a proper subjection to royal authority, the Boston Regiment paraded upon King Street to receive the military representative of the Crown with all due honors. It must be remembered that, even after the experience of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill, the distinguished leaders in resisting British aggression did not advocate a sundering of the ties of loyalty to the British Crown. It was "Down with British tyranny!" "No taxation without representation!" But with the same breath came the cry, "God save King George III.!" It took months and years to educate the people up to the point of separation and independence. It was British tyranny, fully exercised, that *forced* the colonists to a higher plane, until independence became the only hope of a struggling people. When General Gage arrived, this higher plane had not been reached; its best known and strongest advocates were the philosopher Franklin and the noble-hearted Sam Adams. And so the Boston Regiment, made up of the best young men in the leading colony town, with Joseph Webb in its ranks gaining experience to fit him for higher official duties, paraded to receive the uniformed representative of King George III. As General Gage passed up the military line reviewing the troops, it is said that he remarked that he "did not know His Majesty had any troops here," and when told that the troops before him were only militia, he undoubtedly received his first impression of the character of the soldiers he must contend with if instructed to attempt the subjection of the colonists.

Joseph Webb was commissioned Ensign of the Tenth Com-

pany in the Boston Regiment, April 17, 1767, and Captain, November 26, 1776. At that time Henry Bromfield was Colonel, being commissioned as such September 7, 1776, and Jabez Hatch was Lieutenant Colonel.

Joseph Webb was promoted and commissioned Major, April 25, 1778, and Lieutenant Colonel of the same regiment, May, 1780. He was commissioned Colonel, August, 1784. Lieutenant Colonel Jabez Hatch succeeded Bromfield as Colonel, and Edward Proctor was Colonel during the Lieutenant Colonelcy of Joseph Webb.

As stated by Right Wor'f. Past Grand Master John T. Heard, at the Massachusetts Grand Lodge Centennial Celebration in 1877, "there *was* a Lieutenant Webb connected with the famous expedition to Quebec in 1775, and he was taken prisoner by the British." But this lieutenant was *not* our Joseph Webb.

Exactly what service the Boston Regiment performed during the war of the Revolution is not easily ascertained. It is presumed, however, that the regiment held itself in readiness to be called out upon emergencies. This much we know, that in 1781 the regiment was called out for three months' duty, and, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Webb, performed important service at Peekskill and probably at West Point on the opposite side of the Hudson as a reinforcement of the American army. At this time the regiment served for a term of nearly six months.

AS A CITIZEN.

We have already spoken of Joseph Webb as an associate of the eminent men who were the leaders in the great movement for independence. Not, like sturdy old Sam Adams, was he able to stir the popular heart by fiery oratorical

appeals, but, in his own good way, by personal influence, wise counsels and earnest work, he accomplished great results in uniting the people upon measures necessary to thwart the efforts of the loyalists in binding the fetters of George III. upon those determined to resist the tyranny of the Crown. In all great crises, success is often achieved through the efforts of energetic working men among the masses. Laboring diligently, early and late, the world little knows under how great a debt it rests to those voiceless agents who stir the under-current and give direction to popular movements. The fervid oratory of the statesman may move the multitude even to frenzy, but there its power finds a surcease. Joseph Webb was not an Adams or an Otis, to stir the people with winged words of oratory, but, taking counsel with them and their compeers, he moulded the movements, and, with his sword, performed his duty in the work of achieving Independence as God pointed the way. To illustrate, we recite a fact well known in history : The great multitude of patriotic Bostonians assembled in the Old South Church to be taught by revolutionary orators their duty in resisting the payment of the tax upon tea, and to consider in what manner they could prevent the consignees from landing their cargoes at the south-end wharf. Another body of citizens, some of them brethren of the Lodge of St. Andrew, quietly assembled at the Green Dragon Tavern — probably in Free Masons' Hall — with Joseph Webb as one of their advising number. From that famous tavern they emerged, and, going to the wharf, determined how to prevent the consignees from landing the tea. They cast the tea into the water of the harbor. While the lovers of order and sticklers for precedents were orating and considering, the deputation from the Green Dragon formed a decoction that made a bitter cup for King George, a cup of tea

that inspired resistance to tyranny as obedience to God and the first duty of man.

As a citizen-soldier, Joseph Webb aided in the achievement of national independence. By the same process of reasoning that made him a patriot, he determined that Free Masonry in America should be free from the authority of a foreign Grand Lodge. Hence, in 1777, we find him at the head of the movement which erected the first Independent Grand Lodge in America, whose right to exist as such was not called in question after the re-establishment of peace upon the basis of national independence in 1783.

Joseph Webb occupied an honorable place in mercantile circles. His place of business as a ship-chandler was at one time at the lower end of Water Street. Here he met the terrible misfortune of fire in 1760. During that year a great conflagration destroyed 349 dwelling houses, stores and shops, leaving 1000 of the inhabitants without a roof to cover their heads. Among the sufferers was Joseph Webb. He recovered from his losses, however, and recommenced business on Long Lane, now known as Federal Street, where also he erected his residence in 1767. By foresight and industry he became wealthy. It is proper to remark here that, during the life of his father, the subject of our sketch signed "Junior" to his name, which was only occasionally used after 1762, the death of his father occurring October 10th of that year. He was buried in Granery burial ground, where his grave may now be seen, marked by a stone, stating his age at death to be 64. His wife, Abigail, the mother of Colonel Joseph Webb, died in 1753, and her grave, marked by a stone, is by the side of her husband. She died at the age of 53 years.

There is nothing to show that Col. Joseph Webb was interred in the Granery ground. We have seen a list of all the

burials in the Granery, as compiled by the Boston Cemetery Commissioners within a few years, and neither his name nor that of his wife appears as having a grave or tomb in that burial place.

In 1760 Joseph Webb, Jr., served the town in the capacity now known as Street Commissioner; was Clerk of the Market, 1766 and '67; in 1776 was one of a committee of the town to provide inhabitants with fire arms; was Fire Warden 1777 to 1783, both inclusive; one of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety, in 1779; Overseer of the Poor, 1781 to 1784, and served during the Revolution upon committees to fill the quota of Boston.

The fact that Joseph Webb was a citizen of wealth, as wealth was then counted, and that his worldly goods were freely bestowed for the benefit of the public treasury, is satisfactorily established by the following ancient notes of hand from the Town Treasurer of Boston:

“No. 6.

BOSTON, June 23, 1780.

“I promise to pay to Joseph Webb Esquire or Order one hundred & fifty Pounds out of the next Tax, with Interest until paid; so much he lends as Part of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds, voted the 9th and 14th Inst. for the sole Purpose of carrying on the war.

DAVID JEFFRIES,

“£150

Town Treasurer.”

“BOSTON Aug. 21, 1780.

“I promise to pay to Joseph Webb Esq. or discount with some one of the Collectors of Taxes Eight pounds two shillings value received.”

DAVID JEFFRIES

“£8. 2

Town Treas.”

DEATH AND OBSEQUIES.

The subject of our sketch died April 26, 1787.

The "Boston Gazette," a newspaper published in Boston, in its issue of Saturday, April 28 of that year, had this brief item relating to the event :

"On Thursday morning, died Joseph Webb Esquire, Grand Master of Ancient Masons for this Commonwealth. His funeral will be on Monday next at five o'clock P.M., from his late dwelling-house in Long Lane, when his friends and acquaintances are desired to attend."

In the "Massachusetts Centinel" of April 28, 1787, we find the following notice :

"MASSACHUSETTS GRAND LODGE.

"The funeral of the Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esquire, late Grand Master of Ancient Masons, will be attended in Ample Form on Monday next.

"The Brethren are therefore requested to assemble at the Rev. Mr. Belknap's Meeting-House precisely at half past four o'clock.

JOHN LOWELL, *Dep. Grand Master.*

JOSIAH BARTLETT } *Grand Wardens.*
THOMAS EDWARDS }

Rev. Mr. Belknap's meeting-house was on the corner of Berry Street and Long Lane — Berry Street was afterwards known as Channing Street and Long Lane is known as Federal Street. This old meeting-house was famed for being the place where the meeting was held in 1788 to consider the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. The issue of the "Boston Gazette" of April 30 repeats the notice.

From the Grand Lodge records we quote as follows :

“ The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts convened by special summons Friday evening, April 27th, 1787. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master (John Lowell), having informed the Lodge that it had pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe to call from this transitory life the Most Worshipful Joseph Webb, Esquire, late Grand Master of Ancient Masons, in consequence of which the Grand Lodge came to the following resolutions :

“ That Brother Bartlett be desired to draft an advertisement proper for the occasion.

“ That Brothers Revere, Scollay, and Dexter be a committee to regulate the funeral procession.

“ That Brother Dexter be desired to write a Billet to Grand Modern Lodge of St. Andrews, requesting their attendance.

“ That Brother Dunkerley be appointed Assistant Grand Marshal.

“ That the Committee be fully empowered to take all such measures as to them may appear necessary for the due conducting of the funeral, in such honourable manner and decent solemnity as is agreeable to the established customs of Ancient Masons.

“A true record,

GEO. RICHARDS, *Secretary.*”

No other notice of the death or burial of Grand Master Webb appears in any Boston newspaper (newspaper men were not as enterprising as at the present day) until May 9, 1787, when the following appeared in the “ Massachusetts Centinel ” :

“ The funeral of Joseph Webb, Esquire, late Colonel of the Boston Regiment and Grand Master of Ancient Masons, was on the 30th ult. The Corps [*sic*], followed by the mourning relatives and friends, was preceded by a large and respectable number of the Brethren from the different Lodges in town, ornamented with their Jewels and arrayed in all the insignia

of Masonry, attended with military musick, and several Officers of the Grand Lodge bearing lighted tapers. Colonel Webb, besides the offices above mentioned, has sustained several important town offices ; and all which he discharged with credit to himself and to the approbation of his fellow citizens. He died in the fifty-third year of his age, sincerely regretted by all who were acquainted with his worth and abilities."

The excerpts given from the two Boston papers are all that we can discover in the public prints concerning the death and burial of Joseph Webb. When we consider the diminutive proportions of the newspapers of a hundred years ago, and that the local news items occupied a very small space, and were considered secondary to information from London and other foreign places, it is not particularly astonishing that a citizen of such note as the subject of our sketch should be borne to his final resting-place with only such brief note as we have herein transcribed. It appears, however, that one friend of Colonel Webb was very much mortified that the "Gazette" took so little notice of the death and obsequies of so eminent a citizen, and entered complaint to the manager of the newspaper, from which complaint or criticism he derived about as much satisfaction as is usually obtained in our modern times by those who think there is something to improve in a newspaper, and have the courage to say so.

It will be observed that the funeral of Grand Master Joseph Webb took place at his residence on Long Lane at five o'clock in the afternoon of an April day, which might be, as time was then reckoned, about half an hour before sunset. His remains undoubtedly found sepulture in some burial place in the town of Boston. Taking into consideration the lateness of the hour for the obsequies and the necessary time taken to form procession and march to the burial place, it is almost certain that

the remains of our first Grand Master were placed in some tomb or grave in the burial ground upon the "Common." We have seen the records of all persons buried or entombed there so far as they exist, and there is no record of the interment of our Grand Master. We are satisfied of the fact that, consequent upon changes and infringements made upon space occupied once by the dead, the burial place of the first Grand Master of the Independent Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is unknown. There is no early record of burials upon the Common; such later record of burials as exists has been classified by the Cemetery Commissioners, and no evidence is therein found. We have examined the records, etc., of the King's Chapel burial ground and that at Copp's Hill, and nothing can be found to show that the burial was at either of those places. We are satisfied the burial was in the Common burial ground. Upon that April day, dust was returned to dust, as the sun, which is the glory and beauty of the day, "cast its setting over the purple sea." How Masonically appropriate such a burial, and how significant is it of the beautiful lesson we are taught in Masonry!

One hundred and fourteen years, so little has been the reverence for the resting-place of the honored and beloved defender of our mystic faith — so little the appreciation for the brave man who led the Boston Regiment in fighting for the Independence of the thirteen American Colonies, — has sufficed to make a blank of the small space of soil needed for his repose. Ruthless hands have invaded the spot of his burial upon the public grounds of his native town, and it has been obliterated forever:

In vain we seek the grave of Master, just!
Shrouded forever in the fearful dark;
In vain we seek where earth received thy dust,
Alas, we cannot find thy Mark!

JOSEPH WEBB'S WILL.

The following is the Will of Joseph Webb, published by him as his last Will and Testament, April 8, 1787, not many days before his death :

IN THE NAME OF THE EVER BLESSED TRINITY, FATHER,
SON AND HOLY GHOST :

I, Joseph Webb, of Boston, in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Esquire, being Sick and Weak, but, thro' the Goodness of God of Sound and disposing mind and memory, and considering that I must shortly Die, do make and ordain this my last Will as follows : That is to say first and principally I commit my precious and immortal Soul, into the hands of God who gave it, relying Solely on his Mercy thro' the merits and Satisfaction of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for the Pardon of all my sins, and gracious Acceptance with him ; my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently Interred at the discretion of my Executors herein after named, not doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God ; and as for such Worldly Estate as it hath pleased the Lord to bless me with, I will and order that the same be Employed and bestowed in the following manner. That is to say — *Imprimis*. I will and order that all my just debts and Funeral expenses be well & truly paid by my Executors with all convenient speed after my Decease.

Item — I will and Order that all my Stock and Trade as soon as may be after my Decease, be sold at Publick Auction, to enable my Executors herein after named to pay off my just

debts and the Legacies herein after mentioned as soon as Conveniently can be —

Item — I give to the Children of my Sister, late wife of M^r John Edwards deceased. Viz^t Thomas Edwards Esq^r, Polley Symonds, wife of M^r Jonathan Symonds, Nabby Cushing, wife to — Cushing, Lewis Edwards of Petersburg, in Virginia. And Nancy Warring wife of M^r Henry Warring of said Petersburg the sum of Ten pounds each.

Item — I give to M^{rs} Sarah Webb widow of my late Brother Nehemiah Webb deceased the sum of Ten pounds. I also give to their Children viz^t Joseph, Deborah, Sally, Nabby, Daniel, Lydia & Thomas the sum of Ten pounds to be equally divided between them.

Item — I give to my Sister Deborah Smith of Sandwich in the County of Barnstable, Widow, the sum of Ten pounds for the love I bear her.—

Item — I give to my sister Gracy Tobey, wife of Capt Prince Tobey of Sandwich aforesaid, the sum of Ten pounds for the love I bear her.—

Item — I give to my Niece Deborah Webb the sum of Six pounds in Clothing in Addition to what I have given her among her Sisters and Brothers for her care of me in my sickness.

Item — I give to Hannah Potter the sum of Two pounds out of Friendship.—

Item — I give to the aforesaid Thomas Edwards, Esquire, my Gold Watch.

Item — I give to my Young Man William Baker the sum of Ten pounds for his great care and attention to my Business.—

Item — I give to my Friend M^r Henry Simpson the sum of Ten pounds, out of True Love and Friendship which I ever bore him.—

Item — I give to my beloved wife Penelope, the Inc use and Improvement of all the Rest Residue & Remain of my Estate, both Real, Personal and mixt. . . . Whatso and wheresoever the same is shall or may be found for during the Term of her Natural Life.—

Item — All my Estate Real, Personal & Mixt that shall main after my said wife's decease, I give devise and beque to and among my before named surviving relations to equally divided between them and holden by them, their h and assigns in equal parts forever as Tenants in Common not as joint Tenants.—

Item — I do hereby Nominate and appoint my said Penelope and M^r Samuel Clap to be the Executors of my last will, hereby revoking making null and void, all for and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made, declar this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. Witness whereof I the said Joseph Webb have hereunto my hand and Seal, the Eighth day of April, in the year our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and Eighty-seven

JOS. WEBB. [S]

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared by said Joseph Webb the Testator to be his last will and Testament, in the presence of — Sam^l Bangs — sworn — H Simpson — Isaac Rand, Junr.—sworn.

SUFFOLK, SS: The aforewritten Will being presented Probate by the Executors therein named, Samuel Bangs Isaac Rand Jun^r made oath that they saw Joseph Webb deceased acknowledge the above Instrument sign and seal also heard him publish and declare the same to be his Will & Testament and that when he so did he was of so

disposing mind & memory according to these Deponents best discerning and that they together with Henry Simpson now absent set to their hands as Witnesses thereof, in the said Testator's presence.

O. WENDELL —

Boston May 3 1788

ƒ. Probate.

This is from an attested copy bearing the teste of

P. R. GUINEY, *Register.*

The estate left by Joseph Webb, including his residence on Long Lane, with his store and land belonging to the same on the same street, estimated under the depreciation of Continental money consequent upon the war, was in value about twenty-five thousand dollars.

We close our sketch of the life and work of Joseph Webb with the words of R. W. Past Grand Master John T. Heard, at the Centennial Celebration, March 8, 1877 :

“I think, Most Worshipful, that we are fortunate in being able to refer to the record of our Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1777 and find a character unspotted; a character deserving the esteem, respect, and honor of our Fraternity.”

ORGANIZATION UNDER DISPENSATION.

 March 20, 1876, to March 23, 1877.

J. Elliot Bond	Worshipful Master
N. Edgar Hollace	Senior Warden
William F. Story*	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
J. Waldo Denny	Secretary
Wor'f. John T. Stetson	Chaplain
Thomas W. Shapleigh	Marshal
Albro A. Osgood	Senior Deacon
Daniel T. Brigham	Junior Deacon
Horatio H. Crawford	Senior Steward
Julius A. Greene	Junior Steward
George Carbis	Inside Sentinel
James L. Hovey	Organist
Henry Orr	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief.—Brothers T. W. Shapleigh, W. F. Story, D. T. Brigham, Wm. B. Foster, Seth B. Cushing.

Reception Committee.—Brothers E. S. Goulston, J. A. Campbell, J. L. Hovey, Columbia R. Beal, Seth B. Cushing.

*Served two months. Balance of term filled by Thomas W. Shapleigh.
 Brother Story died April 16, 1882.

ORGANIZATION TO JUNE 28, 1877.

FIRST UNDER THE CHARTER.

Installed March 23, 1877, by Most Worshipful Grand Master Percival
Lowell Everett.

J. Elliot Bond	Worshipful Master
N. Edgar Hollace	Senior Warden
Thomas W. Shapleigh	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
J. Waldo Denny	Secretary
William Henry Lee	Chaplain
Elestus M. Springer	Marshal
Daniel T. Brigham	Senior Deacon
Horatio H. Crawford	Junior Deacon
Julius A. Greene	Senior Steward
Anthony W. Strauss	Junior Steward
James F. Swain	Inside Sentinel
James L. Hovey	Organist
Henry Orr	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief.— Brothers William Tyner, J. Frank Miles, J. A. Plumer, A. J. Kebler and J. S. Keller.

Reception Committee.— Brothers E. S. Goulston, S. B. Cushing, M. Kelley, Albro A. Osgood and Philip Goulston.

Examination of Visitors.— Brothers A. A. Osgood, O. C. Pullen, Francis A. Chase, William H. Gleason and James L. Hovey.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1877.

Installed June 28, 1877, by Worshipful J. Elliot Bond.

N. Edgar Hollace	. . .	Worshipful Master
Daniel T. Brigham	. . .	Senior Warden
Thomas W. Shapleigh	. . .	Junior Warden
William Tyner	. . .	Treasurer
Francis A. Chase	. . .	Secretary
William Henry Lee	. . .	Chaplain
Seth B. Cushing	. . .	Marshal
Laban M. T. Hill	. . .	Senior Deacon
Julius A. Greene	. . .	Junior Deacon
Anthony W. Strauss	. . .	Senior Steward
Amory J. Kebler	. . .	Junior Steward
James F. Swain	. . .	Inside Sentinel
James L. Hovey	. . .	Organist
Henry Orr	. . .	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief.— Brothers William Tyner, E. B. Whitney, Springer, Plumer and Kebler.

Reception Committee.— Wor'f. J. E. Bond, Brothers Osgood, Hovey, Kelley and J. A. Campbell.

Examination of Visitors.— Brothers Osgood, Miles, Pullen, Cushing and Pray.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1878.

Public Installation June 21, 1878; R. W. Wyzeman Marshall,
Installing Officer.

N. Edgar Hollace	Worshipful Master
Daniel T. Brigham	Senior Warden
Thomas W. Shapleigh	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Francis A. Chase	Secretary
Rev. George J. Prescott	Chaplain
Seth B. Cushing	Marshal
Laban M. T. Hill	Senior Deacon
William K. Browne	Junior Deacon
Anthony W. Strauss	Senior Steward
James F. Swain	Junior Steward
Henry M. Rowe	Inside Sentinel
James L. Hovey	Organist
Henry Orr	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief.— Brothers William Tyner, Whitney, Springer, H. V. Hayward and J. S. Keller.

Reception.—Wor'f. J. E. Bond, Brothers F. T. Kiernan, T. N. Cook, Jr., W. C. Whitcomb and A. A. Osgood.

Examination of Visitors.— Brothers Osgood, Miles, Crawford, A. J. Scott and S. L. Davis.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1879.

Installed January 1, 1879, by R. W. Seth C. Ames.

Daniel T. Brigham	Worshipful Master
Albro A. Osgood	Senior Warden
Horatio H. Crawford	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Francis A. Chase	Secretary
Rev. George J. Prescott	Chaplain
Henry M. Rowe	Marshal
Laban M. T. Hill	Senior Deacon
Anthony W. Strauss	Junior Deacon
James F. Swain	Senior Steward
Arthur J. Scott	Junior Steward
Albert G. Pray	Inside Sentinel
James L. Hovey	Organist
Henry Orr	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief.—Brothers Denny, Miles, Hanscom, Trower and Hayward.

Reception.—Wor. J. E. Bond, Brothers Shapleigh, Kiernan, Gaensslen and Richard Tyner.

Examination of Visitors.—Brothers Cushing, Kebler, Pullen, Browne and S. L. Davis.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1880.

Public Installation January 22, 1880, by R. W. Wyzeman Marshall.

Daniel T. Brigham	Worshipful Master
Albro A. Osgood	Senior Warden
John F. Ham	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Francis A. Chase	Secretary
Rev. George J. Prescott	Chaplain
Henry M. Rowe	Marshal
William H. Whitcomb	Senior Deacon
Arthur J. Scott	Junior Deacon
Robert Smith	Senior Steward
Frank N. Evans	Junior Steward
William Trower	Inside Sentinel
James L. Hovey	Organist
Henry Orr	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief.— Brothers Denny, Miles, Hanscom, L. M. T. Hill and Hayward.

Reception.— Wor'f. J. E. Bond, Brothers Strauss, Kiernan, Gaensslen and Richard Tyner.

Examination of Visitors.— Brothers Crawford, Kebler, Pullen, Swain and Jones.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1881.

Installed January 5, 1881, by Worshipful D. T. Brigham.

Albro A. Osgood	Worshipful Master
John F. Ham	Senior Warden
William H. Whitcomb*	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Francis A. Chase	Secretary
Rev. George J. Prescott	Chaplain
Henry M. Rowe	Marshal
Thomas N. Cook, Jr.	Senior Deacon
Arthur J. Scott	Junior Deacon
William A. Hopkins	Senior Steward
Michael Kelley	Junior Steward
William Trower †	Inside Sentinel
James L. Hovey	Organist
Henry Orr	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor'f. Brother Hollace, Brothers Hayward, Miles, Denny and William Tyner.

Reception.—Wor'f. Brother Bond, Brothers Pullen, Cumming, Richard Tyner and Swain.

Examination of Visitors.—Wor'f. D. T. Brigham, Brothers Crawford, Shapleigh, Evans and Morgan.

* Died August 5, 1881.

† Died August 26, 1881.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1882.

Public Installation January 20, 1882, by R. W. Edwin Wright.

Albro A. Osgood	Worshipful Master
John F. Ham	Senior Warden
J. Waldo Denny	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Francis A. Chase	Secretary
Richard Tyner	Chaplain
Oscar C. Pullen	Marshal
Thomas N. Cook, Jr.	Senior Deacon
Arthur J. Scott	Junior Deacon
George R. Tucker	Senior Steward
Alexander Hill	Junior Steward
Frank E. Cox	Inside Sentinel
James L. Hovey	Organist
Henry Orr	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief.— Brothers Jones, Hayward, Miles, Cumming and Joshua Mitchell.

Reception.— Wor'f. J. E. Bond, Brothers Kelley, Ward, W. C. Whitcomb and Charles F. Hill.

Examination of Visitors.— Wor'f, D. T. Brigham, Brothers Crawford, Evans, Swain and W. A. Hopkins.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1883.

Installed November 15, 1882, by Worshipful Albro A. Osgood.

John F. Ham	Worshipful Master
J. Waldo Denny	Senior Warden
Henry M. Rowe	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Francis A. Chase	Secretary
Richard Tyner	Chaplain
Henry C. Cottle	Marshal
Frank E. Cox	Senior Deacon
William E. Murdock	Junior Deacon
Alfred J. Cumming	Senior Steward
Fred J. Taber	Junior Steward
Francis Underwood	Inside Sentinel
James L. Hovey	Organist
Henry Orr	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Tucker, Keller and Henry M. White.

Reception.—Wor'f. J. E. Bond, Brothers A. J. Scott, W. A. Hopkins, Robert Smith, and Charles F. Hill.

Examination of Visitors.—Wor'f. D. T. Brigham, Brothers Crawford, Cook, Shapleigh and Swain.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1884.

Public Installation December 31, 1883, by R. W. Edwin Wright.

John F. Ham	Worshipful Master
J. Waldo Denny	Senior Warden
Henry M. Rowe	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Francis A. Chase	Secretary
Richard Tyner	Chaplain
Henry C. Cottle	Marshal
William E. Murdock	Senior Deacon
William F. Seaver	Junior Deacon
Ezra Marble, Jr.	Senior Steward
William W. Hinkley	Junior Steward
James F. Lucas	Inside Sentinel
Walter C. Whitcomb	Organist
Henry Orr	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.—Wor'f. Daniel T. Brigham, Brothers Anthony W. Strauss, George H. Royal, Jr., Robert Smith and Charles F. Hill.

Examination.—Bros. Horatio H. Crawford, James F. Swain, Oscar C. Pullen, Seth B. Cushing and Fred J. Taber.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, George R. Tucker, George E. Stackpole, M. D., and Henry M. White.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1885.

Installation November 19, 1884, by Wor'f. D. T. Brigham.

J. Waldo Denny	Worshipful Master
Henry M. Rowe	Senior Warden
William E. Murdock	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Francis A. Chase	Secretary
Rev. Lewis V. Price	Chaplain
John H. Woodman	Marshal
George H. Royal, Jr.	Senior Deacon
Ezra Marble, Jr.	Junior Deacon
James E. Robinson, Jr.	Senior Steward
Robert T. Almy	Junior Steward
James F. Lucas	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Henry Orr	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.—Wor'f. John F. Ham, Bros. Arthur J. Scott, Whitcomb, J. M. Raymond and Herter.

Examination.—Wor'f. D. T. Brigham, Brothers Crawford, Pullen, Ford and Taber.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Stackpole, Hovey and Richard Tyner.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1886.

Public Installation Dec. 30, 1885, R. W. Edwin Wright, Installing Officer.

J. Waldo Denny	Worshipful Master
Henry M. Rowe	Senior Warden
William E. Murdock	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Francis A. Chase	Secretary
Rev. Lewis V. Price	Chaplain
Charles C. Littlefield	Marshal
George H. Royal, Jr.	Senior Deacon
Robert T. Almy	Junior Deacon
James E. Robinson, Jr.	Senior Steward
John H. Woodman	Junior Steward
James F. Lucas	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
John H. Chester	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.—Wor'f. John F. Ham, Brothers Pullen, Arthur J. Scott, Herter and William J. Scott.

Examination.—Wor'f. D. T. Brigham, Brothers Crawford, Ford, Swain and Walter C. Whitcomb.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor'f. A. A. Osgood, Bros. William Tyner, Stackpole, Richard Tyner and Frederic A. Smith.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1887.

Installation November 17, 1886, by Worshipful John F. Ham.

Henry M. Rowe	Worshipful Master
William E. Murdock	Senior Warden
Horatio H. Crawford	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Francis A. Chase	Secretary
Rev. Lewis V. Price	Chaplain
George H. Royal, Jr.	Marshal
Robert T. Almy	Senior Deacon
James E. Robinson, Jr.	Junior Deacon
John H. Woodman	Senior Steward
Samuel B. Hopkins, 2d	Junior Steward
William C. Cooledge	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
John H. Chester	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.—Wor'f. John F. Ham, Brothers Herter, William J. Scott, Henry M. White and L. H. Lane.

Examination.—Wor'f. J. Waldo Denny, Brothers Ford, Whitcomb, French and Pope.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Stackpole, Richard Tyner and Gould.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1888.

Public Installation December 30, 1887, by Most Worshipful Grand
Master Henry Endicott.

Henry M. Rowe	Worshipful Master
William E. Murdock	Senior Warden
Horatio H. Crawford	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Francis A. Chase *	Secretary
Rev. Lewis V. Price	Chaplain
Robert Herter	Marshal
Robert T. Almy	Senior Deacon
James E. Robinson, Jr.	Junior Deacon
John H. Woodman	Senior Steward
Samuel B. Hopkins, 2d	Junior Steward
William C. Cooledge	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
John H. Chester	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.—Wor'f. John F. Ham, Brothers W. J. Scott,
John H. White, L. H. Lane and Henry Z. Burbank.

Examination.—Wor. J. Waldo Denny, Brothers Ford,
Whitcomb, French and Pope.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers
William Tyner, Stackpole, Richard Tyner and Gould.

* Brother Chase, owing to serious illness, was not installed; Brother Charles C. Littlefield acted as Secretary during the year.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1889.

Installation November 8, 1888, by Worshipful Daniel T. Brigham.

William E. Murdock	Worshipful Master
Horatio H. Crawford*	Senior Warden
Robert T. Almy	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
Rev. Lewis V. Price, D.D.	Chaplain
Richard Tyner	Associate Chaplain
George E. Bruerton	Marshal
John H. Woodman	Senior Deacon
James E. Robinson, Jr.†	Junior Deacon
Henry Z. Burbank	Senior Steward
Charles T. Dukelow	Junior Steward
Ahrend C. J. Pope	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.—Wor'f. Brothers John F. Ham, Henry M. Rowe, Brothers W. C. Whitcomb, William J. Scott, L. H. Lane.

Examination.—Wor'f. Brothers Daniel T. Brigham, J. Waldo Denny, Brothers Horace M. Ford, Samuel B. Hopkins, 2d, Eugene C. Upton.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Thomas W. Shapleigh, James L. Hovey, George E. Stackpole, M.D.

* A vacancy existing by the death of Brother Crawford, under dispensation granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, a special election was held February 6, 1888, and Junior Warden Almy was elected Senior Warden and Brother Eugene C. Upton was elected Junior Warden, and both were installed by Wor'f. A. A. Osgood.

† Brother Robinson resigned in February, 1889, and Brother Frank T. Kenah was appointed to fill the vacancy, and installed by Wor'f. Brother Osgood.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1890.

Public Installation December 31, 1889, by Right Wor'f.
Wyzeman Marshall.

William E. Murdock	Worshipful Master
Eugene C. Upton	Senior Warden
John H. Woodman	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
Rev. Lewis V. Price, D. D.	Chaplain
Richard Tyner	Associate Chaplain
William H. Kenah	Marshal
Frank T. Kenah	Senior Deacon
Charles T. Dukelow	Junior Deacon
John Hurd	Senior Steward
George H. Gilbert	Junior Steward
J. Otis McFadden	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.—Wor'f. Brothers John F. Ham, Henry M. Rowe, Brothers Walter C. Whitcomb, William J. Scott, Lemuel H. Lane.

Examination.—Wor'f. Brothers Daniel T. Brigham, J. Waldo Denny, Brothers Horace M. Ford, Robert T. Almy, George E. Bruerton.

Visitation and Relief.—Right Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Thomas W. Shapleigh, James L. Hovey, George E. Stackpole, M. D.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1891.

Installation November 13, 1890, by Wor'f. Daniel T. Brigham.

Eugene C. Upton	Worshipful Master
John H. Woodman	Senior Warden
Frank T. Kenah	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
Rev. Lewis V. Price, D. D.	Chaplain
Richard Tyner	Associate Chaplain
J. Otis McFadden	Marshal
William H. Kenah	Senior Deacon
Joshua M. Dill	Junior Deacon
Eugene H. Boothby	Senior Steward
George H. Gilbert	Junior Steward
William C. Cooledge	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.—Wor'f. Brothers John F. Ham, Henry M. Rowe, Brothers Walter C. Whitcomb, William J. Scott, Lemuel H. Lane.

Examination.—Wor'f. Brothers Daniel T. Brigham, J. Waldo Denny, Brothers Horace M. Ford, Robert T. Almy, Charles T. Dukelow.

Visitation and Relief.—Right Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Wor'f. William E. Murdock, Brothers William Tyner, James L. Hovey, George E. Stackpole, M. D.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1892.

Installation November 12, 1891, by Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood.

Eugene C. Upton	Worshipful Master
John H. Woodman	Senior Warden
Frank T. Kenah	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
Richard Tyner	Chaplain
J. Otis McFadden	Marshal
William H. Kenah	Senior Deacon
Joshua M. Dill	Junior Deacon
Eugene H. Boothby	Senior Steward
George H. Gilbert	Junior Steward
William C. Cooledge	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.—Brothers Anthony W. Strauss, James L. Hovey, William J. Scott, Charles R. Willard, George W. Beardsley. .

Examination.—Brothers Horace M. Ford, Robert T. Almy, Lemuel H. Lane, A. C. J. Pope, Charles T. Dukelow.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Robert J. Rodday, William C. Greene, George E. Stackpole, M. D.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1893.

Installation November 10, 1892, by Wor'f. Daniel T. Brigham.

John H. Woodman	Worshipful Master
Frank T. Kenah	Senior Warden
William H. Kenah	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
Rev. Lewis V. Price, D. D.	Chaplain
Richard Tyner	Associate Chaplain
George E. Stackpole, M. D.	Marshal
Joshua M. Dill	Senior Deacon
J. Otis McFadden	Junior Deacon
William F. Pinkham	Senior Steward
Charles R. Willard	Junior Steward
William C. Coledge	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.— Brothers Charles T. Dukelow, Robert Herter, William J. Scott, Anthony W. Strauss, George W. Beardsley.

Examination.— Wor'f. Brothers William E. Murdock, J. Waldo Denny, Brothers L. H. Lane, A. C. J. Pope, Fred J. Taber.

Visitation and Relief.— Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Robert J. Rodday, John A. Campbell, George E. Stackpole, M. D.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1894.

Installation November 9, 1893, by Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood.

John H. Woodman	Worshipful Master
Frank T. Kenah	Senior Warden
William H. Kenah	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
Rev. Lewis V. Price, D. D.	Chaplain
George E. Stackpole, M. D.	Marshal
Joshua M. Dill	Senior Deacon
J. Otis McFadden	Junior Deacon
William F. Pinkham	Senior Steward
Charles R. Willard	Junior Steward
William C. Cooleedge	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.— Brothers Charles T. Dukelow, Robert Herter, William J. Scott, Anthony W. Strauss, George W. Beardsley.

Examination.— Wor'f. Brothers William E. Murdock, J. Waldo Denny, Brothers L. H. Lane, Ahrend C. J. Pope, Fred J. Taber.

Visitation and Relief.— Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Robert J. Rodday, John A. Campbell, George E. Stackpole, M. D.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1895.

Installation November 8, 1894, by Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood.

Frank T. Kenah	Worshipful Master
William H. Kenah	Senior Warden
Joshua M. Dill	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
Rev. Lewis V. Price, D. D.	Chaplain
Richard Tyner	Associate Chaplain
J. Otis McFadden	Marshal
Charles T. Dukelow	Senior Deacon
Herbert B. Locke	Junior Deacon
Clarence P. White	Senior Steward
Leon W. Ham	Junior Steward
William C. Cooledge	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.—Brothers Robert Herter, William J. Scott, Anthony W. Strauss, George W. Beardsley, Albert A. Gleason.

Examination.—Wor'f. Brothers Wm. E. Murdock, Henry M. Rowe, Brothers James F. Coburn, George E. Marsters, Anthony W. Bowman, M. D.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Robert J. Rodday, John A. Campbell, George E. Stackpole, M. D.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1896.

Public Installation December 20, 1895, by Right Wor'f. E. C. Upton,
D. D. Grand Master.

Frank T. Kenah	Worshipful Master
William H. Kenah	Senior Warden
Joshua M. Dill	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
James L. Hovey	Chaplain
J. Otis McFadden	Marshal
Charles T. Dukelow	Senior Deacon
Clarence P. White	Junior Deacon
Leon W. Ham	Senior Steward
James F. Coburn	Junior Steward
Tom Vickers	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.— Brothers Robert Herter, William J. Scott, Anthony W. Strauss, Geo. W. Beardsley, Albert A. Gleason.

Examination.— Wor'f. Brothers William E. Murdock, Henry M. Rowe, Brothers Loren F. Fletcher, George E. Marsters, Anthony W. Bowman, M. D.

Visitation and Relief.— Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Robert J. Rodday, John A. Campbell, George E. Stackpole, M. D.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1897.

Installation November 20, 1896, by Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood.

William H. Kenah	Worshipful Master
Joshua M. Dill	Senior Warden
Charles T. Dukelow	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
Rev. Andrew Gray, D. D.	Chaplain
James L. Hovey	Associate Chaplain
James F. Kenny	Marshal
Clarence P. White	Senior Deacon
Leon W. Ham	Junior Deacon
James F. Coburn	Senior Steward
James B. Jackson	Junior Steward
Tom Vickers	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.— Brothers Albert A. Gleason, Walter C. Whitcomb, William J. Scott, Anthony W. Strauss, J. Otis McFadden.

Examination.— Wor'f. Brothers Henry M. Rowe, William E. Murdock, Brothers Thomas N. Cook, William F. Pinkham, Joseph I. Bennett.

Visitation and Relief.— Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Robert J. Rodday, John A. Campbell, Thomas W. Shapleigh.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1898.

Installation November 19, 1897, by Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood.

William H. Kenah	Worshipful Master
Joshua M. Dill	Senior Warden
Clarence P. White	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
Rev. Andrew Gray, D. D.	Chaplain
James F. Kenny	Marshal
James F. Coburn	Senior Deacon
Albert A. Gleason	Junior Deacon
William O. Webber	Senior Steward
Joseph I. Bennett	Junior Steward
Tom Vickers	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.—Brothers William H. Williams, Walter C. Whitcomb, William J. Scott, Anthony W. Strauss, J. Otis McFadden.

Examination.—Wor'f. Brothers William E. Murdock, Henry M. Rowe, Brothers Thomas N. Cook, William F. Pinkham, Jesse Eddy.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Robert J. Rodday, John A. Campbell, Thomas W. Shapleigh.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1899.

 Installation November 18, 1898, by Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood.

Joshua M. Dill	Worshipful Master
Clarence P. White *	Senior Warden
James F. Coburn	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
Rev. Andrew Gray, D.D. †	Chaplain
Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood †	Marshal
William O. Webber	Senior Deacon
Joseph I. Bennett	Junior Deacon
Charles S. Butler	Senior Steward
Charles B. Houghton	Junior Steward
Tom Vickers	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.— Brothers William H. Williams, Walter C. Whitcomb, Anthony W. Strauss, J. Otis McFadden, James B. Jackson.

Examination.— Wor'f. Brothers William E. Murdock, John H. Woodman, Brothers William F. Pinkham, Jesse Eddy, John A. Pearson.

Visitation and Relief.— Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood, Brothers William Tyner, Robert J. Rodday, John A. Campbell, Thomas W. Shapleigh.

* Died July 1, 1899, leaving the office vacant.

† Installed at later Communication by the Worshipful Master.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1900.

Public Installation December 29, 1899, by Right Wor'f. Henry G. Fay.

Joshua M. Dill	Worshipful Master
James F. Coburn	Senior Warden
William O. Webber	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
Rev. Lewis V. Price, D.D.	Chaplain
James F. Kenny	Marshal
Joseph I. Bennett	Senior Deacon
Charles S. Butler	Junior Deacon
Charles B. Houghton	Senior Steward
Oscar J. West	Junior Steward
Jesse Eddy	Inside Sentinel
William H. Gerrish	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler

COMMITTEES.

Reception.—Brothers William H. Williams, Walter C. Whitcomb, Anthony W. Strauss, J. Otis McFadden, James B. Jackson.

Examination.—Wor'f. Brothers John H. Woodman, William H. Kenah, Brothers William F. Pinkham, Tom Vickers, Morton T. Holton.

Visitation and Relief.—Wor'f. Brothers Albro A. Osgood, J. Waldo Denny, Brothers William Tyner, Robert J. Rodday, Charles S. Montgomery.

ORGANIZATION FOR 1901.

Installation November 8, 1900, by Wor'f. Albro A. Osgood.

James F. Coburn	Worshipful Master
William O. Webber	Senior Warden
Joseph I. Bennett	Junior Warden
William Tyner	Treasurer
Charles C. Littlefield	Secretary
Rev. Lewis V. Price, D.D.	Chaplain
Rev. Stephen H. Roblin, D.D.	Associate Chaplain
Charles B. Houghton	Senior Deacon
Oscar J. West	Junior Deacon
Isaac D. Carl, M.D.	Senior Steward
Robert G. Wilson	Junior Steward
George C. Bartram	Inside Sentinel
Walter C. Whitcomb	Organist
Seth T. Dame	Tyler
JESSE EDDY	Marshal

COMMITTEES.

Reception.— Brothers William H. Williams, Albert A. Gleason, Anthony W. Strauss, William F. Pinkham, James B. Jackson, J. Otis McFadden, Shintaro Morimoto, Paul C. Klein, John T. King.

Examination.— Wor'f. William H. Kenah, Brothers Frank R. Butman, Oscar Storer, Morton T. Holton, Frank P. Kurtz.

Visitation and Relief.— Wor'f. Brothers Albro A. Osgood, J. Waldo Denny, Brothers William Tyner, Charles S. Montgomery, Robert J. Rodday, Thomas W. Shapleigh, William F. Seaver.



EDWIN RICE.

ROSTER OF MEMBERS.

[The Committee on publication of this History determined that it was proper to obtain photographs of members to embellish the pages of this work, and to that end issued a circular July 12, 1901, with the approval of the Worshipful Master, inviting the brethren to send to Brother Lane, the publisher, their photographs for publication. The time was limited to August 1, but it was all the Committee could give and was amply sufficient for the purpose. Every member of the Lodge residing within a reasonable distance was notified, and the brethren whose portraits appear in this roster made response as requested.]

Names.	Residence.	Raised.
Adams, John	Auburndale	Mar. 1, 1882
Allen, Edwin H., M.D. . . .	Boston	Aug. 11, 1886
By demit from Fraternal Lodge, No. 55, Alfred, Me.		
Allen, Franklin G. . . .	Woburn	June 6, 1900
Almy, Robert T. . . .	Brookline	June 6, 1883
Junior and Senior Warden, 1889.		
Anderson, Samuel H. . . .		Sept. 9, 1890
Died at Windham, N.H., July 22, 1891.		
Andrew, Horatio J. . . .	Dorchester	Dec. 10, 1869
By demit from St. Andrew Lodge, Quebec, June 6, 1894.		
Armstrong, George A. . . .	Dorchester	April 13, 1899
Armstrong, James A. . . .	Dorchester	Sept. 5, 1900
Armstrong, Thomas R. . . .	Dorchester	Feb. 9, 1899
Ashman, Alfred A. . . .	Dorchester	Oct. 3, 1900
Bacon, Charles H. . . .	Boston	May 2, 1900
Balch, Walter H. . . .	Dorchester	Feb. 10, 1898
Baldwin, Edwin A. . . .	South Boston	Mar. 2, 1892
Baldwin, Vine D. . . .	Boston	July 1, 1885
Barbour, George R. . . .	Congress, Ariz.,	May 12, 1898
Barker, Edward S. . . .	Winchester	Nov. 2, 1892
Life Member.		



ALFRED A. ASHMAN.



GEORGE C. BARTRAM.



MERRITT B. BESSEY.



JOHN E. BISHOP.

- Bartram, George C. . . . Providence, R.I., Oct. 12, 1899
- Beal, Columbia R. . . . Mattapan . . . June 25, 1874
 Raised in Mt. Tabor, East Boston; by demit to Adelphi Lodge, June 15, 1875; Charter Member March 23, 1877.
- Beardsley, George W. . . Boston . . . Mar. 4, 1891
- Bennett, Frederick S., M.D., Roxbury . . April 13, 1899
- Bennett, Joseph I. . . Boston . . . April 9, 1896
 Junior Deacon, 1899; Senior Deacon, 1900; Junior Warden, 1901.
- Bennighoff, George P. . Boston . . . June 18, 1901
- Bensemoil, Jacob . . Boston . . . Feb. 2, 1881
 Discharged June 4, 1890.
- Berry, George F. . . Boston . . . June 18, 1901
- Bessey, Merritt B. . . Boston . . . July 19, 1867
 By demit from Lincoln Lodge, No. 78, Vermont. Membership November 3, 1893.
- Bickford, Robert S. . . Roxbury . . Feb. 11, 1897
- Bicknell, William H., M.D. . Roxbury . . June 9, 1898
- Bishop, John E. . . Boston . . . Oct. 12, 1899
- Black, Clifton D. . . Boston . . . Oct. 2, 1895
- Bloom, William . . Boston . . . Mar. 7, 1888
 Membership September 14, 1899.
- Bond, Wor'f. J. Elliot . . . Feb. 22, 1866
 Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877; first Worshipful Master; died December 3, 1883, at Somerville.
- Boothby, Eugene H. . . Brooklyn, N.Y., April 2, 1890
- Bowers, Henry T. . . Dorchester . . May 3, 1893
- Bowman, Anthony W., M.D., West Somerville, June 3, 1891
- Bresnehan, Daniel F. . Boston . . . Mar. 6, 1901
- Bridge, J. Ransom . . Boston . . . April 9, 1896
 Demitted November 8, 1900.
- Brigham, Albert W. . . Weston . . . Dec. 3, 1879
- Brigham, Wor'f. Daniel T., Dorchester . . June 15, 1875
 Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877; third Worshipful Master.



WILLIAM BLOOM.



ANTHONY W. BOWMAN, M. D.



HENRY Z. BURBANK.



RALPH N. BUTTERWORTH.

- Brown, Eugene M., M.D. . . . Auburndale . . . Mar. 4, 1891
- Browne, William K. . . . Boston . . . Mar. 6, 1878
Demitted October 6, 1890.
- Bruorton, George E. . . . Arlington . . . June 6, 1888
- Bullen, Dana R. . . . Newtonville . . . Feb. 6, 1901
- Bunten, Alonzo . . . Somerville . . . Mar. 1, 1882
Discharged June 4, 1890.
- Burbank, Eleazer R. . . . Newton . . . Mar. 30, 1874
By demit January 3, 1883; Lafayette Lodge, of Manchester, N.H.
- Burbank, Franz D. . . . Somerville . . . Jan. 3, 1877
Membership March 23, 1877; discharged September 1, 1886.
- Burbank, Henry Z. . . . Jamaica Plain . . . May 5, 1886
- Burkholm, Andrew W. . . . Boston . . . May 3, 1893
Discharged June 3, 1896.
- Burleigh, Albert P. Oct. 10, 1877
Died January 12, 1896, in Boston.
- Burgess, Frank G. . . . Dorchester . . . Oct. 12, 1899
- Burnham, Charles H., Jr. . . . Allston . . . June 5, 1891
- Butler, Charles S. . . . Boston . . . Feb. 10, 1898
- Butler, Henry C. . . . Boston . . . Oct. 3, 1900
- Butman, Frank R. . . . Boston . . . June 6, 1900
- Butterworth, Ralph N. . . . Revere . . . Feb. 6, 1901
- Cameron, John C. . . . Roxbury . . . May 2, 1900
- Campbell, John . . . Boston . . . Feb. 2, 1881
Discharged February 1, 1888.
- Campbell, John A. . . . E. Boston . . . May 10, 1872
Raised in Winslow Lewis Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877.
- Campbell, John D. . . . E. Boston . . . June 4, 1884
Demitted December 6, 1893.
- Capstick, John H. . . . Montville, N.J. . . . Feb. 20, 1878
Life Member.
- Carbis, George . . . Dorchester . . . May 19, 1874
Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877.



JOHN A. CAMPBELL.



JOHN H. CAPSTICK.



GEORGE CARBIS.



ALFRED V. CARLISLE.

- Carl, Isaac D., M.D. . . . Newton . . . June 6, 1900
- Carlisle, Alfred Van B. . . Cambridge . . . Dec. 2, 1891
- Chandler, Alexander . . . Boston . . . June 1, 1892
Demitted January 14, 1897.
- Chase, Francis A. Jan. 3, 1877
Membership March 23, 1877. Was Secretary of Lodge eleven years ;
died in South Boston November 22, 1888.
- Clark, Charles A. . . . Roslindale . . . Jan. 3, 1900
- Clark, Eugene A. . . . Boston . . . March 7, 1888
Demitted December 4, 1889.
- Clark, Franklin O. . . . Boston . . . June 9, 1898
- Clark, Geo. Faber . . . Boston . . . Feb. 3, 1886
- Clark, Geo. Francis . . . Quincy . . . Nov. 7, 1883
- Coburn, James F. . . . Allston . . . April 4, 1894
Fourteenth Worshipful Master, 1901.
- Cochran, John F. . . . Boston . . . Nov. 11, 1897
- Cochran, William A. . . . Boston . . . June 9, 1898
Life Member.
- Colburn, Willis W. April 4, 1883
Died in New York city December 4, 1886.
- Cole, Charles H. . . . Roxbury . . . March 7, 1888
- Collamore, John H.
Honorary Member February 6, 1895 ; died in Boston November 3,
1896.
- Cooledge, William C. March 5, 1884
Died in Boston February 3, 1895. For several years was the faith-
ful Inside Sentinel of the Lodge.
- Cook, Thomas N. . . . Brookline . . . May 15, 1878
Senior Deacon 1881 and 1882 and acting Junior Warden 1899.
- Cook, William H. . . . Boston . . . Oct. 13, 1898
- Coombs, John H. . . . Roxbury . . . June 2, 1880
Life Member.
- Corley, Thomas Sept. 5, 1877
Died in Boston June 18, 1891. At his death the oldest member of
the Lodge.



ISAAC D. CARL, M. D.



GEORGE FABER CLARK.



GEORGE FRANCIS CLARK.



FRANK O. CLARK.

- Cottle, Henry C. . . . Roxbury . . . July 5, 1882
- Cox, Frank E. . . . Wakefield . . . Dec. 21, 1881
 Inside Sentinel 1882, Senior Deacon 1882-1883.
- Crawford, Horatio H. April 21, 1874
 Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877; died in
 Boston January 16, 1889, when Senior Warden.
- Creed, Winfield L. . . . Boston . . . May 3, 1893
 Admitted to Membership Oct. 13, 1898. Received by demit from
 Quantibacook Lodge, No. 129, Searsmont, Maine.
- Cross, William C. . . . Boston
 Discharged May 1, 1901.
- Cumming, Alfred J. . . . Boston Nov. 6, 1878
 Demitted September 5, 1894.
- Cummings, Frank P. . . . Boston April 4, 1894
 Life Member.
- Cushing, Philip A. Sept. 7, 1887
 Died in Boston April 2, 1897.
- Cushing, Seth B. April 1, 1869
 Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877; died
 in Hingham May 13, 1885.
- Danforth, Right Wor'f. C. J.
 Honorary Member May 2, 1877; died in Roxbury May 17, 1877.
- Danforth, William E. . . . Somerville . . . April 8, 1897
- Davis, Benjamin F. . . . Waterbury, Me., Dec. 5, 1877
 Discharged February 1, 1888.
- Davis Charles H. . . . Newton Jan. 1, 1890
- Davis, Sylvester L. Dec. 5, 1877
 Died in Boston November 11, 1879; first death in Lodge.
- Dean, Hiram F. June 5, 1891
 Died in Dorchester January 19, 1897.
- Dearing, Howard S., M.D. Boston Oct. 3, 1894
- Denny, Wor'f. J. Waldo . . . Boston June 25, 1866
 Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877; sixth
 Worshipful Master; Life Member.



THOMAS N. COOK.



JOHN F. COCHRAN.



WILLIAM A. COCHRAN.



HENRY C. COTTLE.

Dennison, Thomas S.	Brewer, Me.	May 3, 1893
Derby, Roger	Boston	Feb. 6, 1895
Deshon, Frank C.	Everett	Mar. 2, 1892
Dicus, Asher L.	Boston	May 11, 1899
Dill, Joshua M.	Newton	April 2, 1890

Thirteenth Worshipful Master, 1899-1900. He was appointed and installed Junior Grand Steward of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for 1901-2.

Dixon, William A., M.D.	Boston	June 5, 1901
Dooley, James E.	Roxbury	May 7, 1879
Draper, William L.	Atlanta, Ga.	June 10, 1897
Dukelow, Charles T.	Boston	June 6, 1888

Junior Warden 1897; demitted January 13, 1898.

Duncan, James	Boston	April 13, 1899
Eddy, Jesse	Allston	Feb. 11, 1897
Evans, Frank N.	Boston	Feb. 5, 1879
Evans, Robert	Beachmont	June 3, 1878

By demit from St. John's Lodge, December 4, 1878.

Farnsworth, Thomas W.	Boston	Oct. 2, 1889
Fay, Right Wor'f. Henry G., Brookline		

Honorary Member, February 6, 1884.

Fiske, William B., Jr.	New York City.	Feb. 1, 1893
Fletcher, Loren F.	Boston	May 1, 1895
Folsom, George C.	Wellesley Hills.	June 6, 1900
Folsom, Walter H.	Dorchester	May 1, 1895
Ford, Horace M.		June 22, 1880

By demit from Union Lodge, Dorchester, November 13, 1883; died in Boston February 9, 1900.

Foster, George R.	Boston	July 5, 1882
Discharged June 4, 1890.		

Fowler, Edward E.	Winthrop	Jan. 1, 1896
Frankel, Charles L., M.D.	Boston	Nov. 1, 1899
French, Charles A.	Roxbury	Nov. 2, 1892



WINFIELD L. CREED.



JESSE EDDY.



RT. WOR'F. HENRY G. FAY.



GEORGE C. FOLSOM.

- French, Herbert W. . . . Chelsea . . . Feb. 6, 1901
- French, William C. . . . Boston . . . May 31, 1871
By demit from Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 604, New York, November 5, 1884; demitted November 14, 1889.
- Frost, George W. . . . Brighton . . . May 10, 1866
Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877.
- Fryer, Frank Boston . . . Feb. 6, 1895
- Fulton, David Boston . . . Mar. 6, 1901
- Gaensslen, August F. . . . Dorchester . . . Dec. 5, 1877
- Gage, Silas G. Nov. 1, 1882
Died at Henniker, N.H., April 6, 1893.
- Gardiner, Albert G. . . . Providence, R.I. May 11, 1899
- George, Nathan R., Jr. . . Boston . . . Feb. 11, 1897
- Gerlach, Conrad M. . . . Boston . . . June 10, 1897
- Gertz, Richard W. . . . Cambridgeport. April 13, 1899
- Gilbert, George H. . . . Somerville . . June 6, 1888
- Gleason, Albert A. . . . Boston' . . . May 3, 1893
Life Member.
- Gleason, William H. . . . Boston . . . April 21, 1874
Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877; demitted November 7, 1883.
- Golding, Thomas F. . . . Boston . . . Jan. 1, 1890
Discharged May 13, 1897.
- Gorton, John C. . . . Dunkirk, N.Y., Oct. 3, 1898
By courtesy received Master Mason's degree in Lodge at Dunkirk, N.Y., to which place he had removed, to which Lodge he was demitted December 6, 1899.
- Gould, Charles B. . . . Dorchester . . May 5, 1886
- Goulston, Edward S. June 13, 1867
Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877; died in Boston July 17, 1898.
- Goulston, Philip Dec. 6, 1876
Membership March 23, 1877; died in Boston April 7, 1899.



CHARLES L. FRANKEL, M. D.



CHARLES A. FRENCH.



HERBERT W. FRENCH.



DAVID FULTON.

- Gray, Henry C. Oct. 6, 1886
Died in Malden April 5, 1895.
- Gray, Rev. Andrew, D.D. . Mattoon, Ill. . April 9, 1896
- Greene, Julius A. Feb. 22, 1864
Raised in Joseph Warren Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877;
died at Walpole February 8, 1881.
- Greene, William C. . . . Boston . . . Nov. 7, 1888
Demitted December 8, 1898.
- Gross, Hawes A. . . . Boston . . . Feb. 6, 1889
- Grove, Elijah H. . . . Auburndale . Dec. 21, 1881
- Gruver, Samuel J., M.D. . Brockton . . Nov. 2, 1892
- Gunther, George H. . . . Roxbury . . Feb. 7, 1900
- Gurney, Silas Feb. 4, 1885
Died in Saco, Me., January 11, 1897.
- Hall, Frederick L. . . . Winthrop . . Oct. 2, 1895
- Ham, Wor'f. John F. May 7, 1879
Fifth Worshipful Master; died in Boston June 12, 1893.
- Ham, Leon W. Hingham . . Jan. 3, 1894
- Ham, William A. . . . East Boston . June 1, 1881
- Hamilton, George W. . . Boston . . . June 1, 1891
- Hammond, Roland O. . Beach Haven, N.J. May 2, 1900
- Hammond, William B. . Worcester . . Nov. 12, 1896
- Hancock, George W. . . Boston . . . Feb. 9, 1899
- Hanscom, Orinton M. . Boston . . . Nov. 21, 1877
Demit from Atlantic Lodge, No. 181, Maine; membership March
6, 1878; demitted January 2, 1889.
- Harding, Edward F. . . Ashmont . . Sept. 5, 1900
- Harding, Edwin F. . . Roxbury . . April 8, 1897
- Harrison, Roden S. . . Somerville . June 7, 1893
- Hayden, Joseph O. . . Somerville . July 5, 1876
Membership March 23, 1877; demitted November 2, 1892.
- Haywood, Hampton V. . Boston . . . Feb. 20, 1878
Discharged May 7, 1890.



CONRAD M. GERLACH.



RICHARD W. GERTZ.



GEORGE H. GILBERT.



ALBERT A. GLEASON.

Hawkins, Richard W.	Roxbury	May 11, 1899
Herter, Robert	Roxbury	June 4, 1884
Hildreth, Herbert L.	Boston	May 2, 1900
Hildreth, Nelson H.	Boston	May 2, 1900
Hill, Alexander	Boston	Dec. 21, 1881
Discharged September 1, 1886.		
Hill, Charles F.		Feb. 2, 1881
Died at Medford May 23, 1900.		
Hill, James F.	Dorchester	June 5, 1878
Hill, Laban M. T.		April 4, 1877
Died in Dorchester April 16, 1899.		
Hill, Lew C.	Boston	Feb. 7, 1883
Life Member.		
Hinkley, William W.	Boston	June 6, 1883
Discharged November 18, 1885.		
Hodgson, William E.	South Boston	April 4, 1894
Holden, Thomas		Oct. 2, 1889
Died in Boston February 17, 1894.		
Hollace, Wor'f. Nelson E.		April 5, 1866
Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member; demitted November 21, 1883; died April 8, 1900.		
Holland, Allen J., M.D.	Boston	May 1, 1889
Holton, Morton T.	Boston	Feb. 9, 1899
Holmgren, Charles	Boston	May 15, 1878
Demitted February 3, 1886.		
Hopkins, Samuel B., 2d	Jamaica Plain	Oct. 6, 1886
Hopkins, William A.	Jamaica Plain	June 2, 1880
Hosford, John T.	Roslindale	Feb. 6, 1895
Hough, Fred D.	Boston	April 9, 1896
Houghton, Charles B.	Roslindale	Jan. 1, 1896
Hovey, James L.	Dorchester	Feb. 2, 1864
Raised in Revere Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877.		
Howard, Charles	London, Eng.	July 1, 1885



SAMUEL J. GRUVER, M. D.



GEORGE H. GUNTHER.



WILLIAM A. HAM.



EDWIN F. HARDING.

- Howard, John L. . . . Roxbury . . . June 27, 1880
 Membership by demit from Union Lodge, Dorchester.
- Howe, Frank D. . . . Boston . . . Feb. 3, 1886
 Demitted November 11, 1897.
- Howes, Frederick S. . . . Cambridge . . . March 6, 1901
- Humphreys, William M. . . . Roxbury . . . May 1, 1895
- Hurd, John Jamaica Plain . . . Oct. 2, 1889
- Hutchinson, William . . . Boston . . . Feb. 7, 1883
- Ingalls, Frederick C. . . . Dorchester . . . Oct. 2, 1889
- Irving, Peter J. . . . Port Carlisle, Eng., Oct. 10, 1877
 Demitted December 4, 1878; Honorary Member, May 2, 1883, for
 heroism on high seas, February, 1885, in the rescue of 44 persons
 from watery graves, some of whom were brothers of our Craft.
- Jackson, James B. . . . Jamaica Plain . . . Jan. 1, 1896
- James, Julius Liverpool, Eng., Feb. 18, 1880
 Demitted October 4, 1882.
- Jameson, Charles P. . . . Chelsea . . . Feb. 7, 1900
- Jameson, Ulysses G. . . . Boston . . . Jan. 2, 1901
- Jenkins, Daniel Feb. 7, 1883
 Died in Malden August 2, 1887.
- Johnson, Robert K. . . . Everett . . . Jan. 3, 1900
- Johnson, Thomas V. L. . . . West Roxbury, March 2, 1892
- Jones, Melville D. . . . Somerville . . . May 15, 1878
 Demitted October 3, 1888.
- Keating, James M. . . . Somerville . . . April 4, 1894
- Kebler, Amory J. . . . Boston . . . Jan. 3, 1877
 Discharged June 6, 1883.
- Keith, Allen F. . . . Cambridge . . . March 7, 1888
- Keller, John S. . . . Allston . . . Jan. 3, 1877
 Membership March 23, 1877.
- Kelley, Michael Dorchester . . . Dec. 6, 1876
 Membership March 23, 1877.
- Keltie, Alexander R. . . . Roxbury . . . May 1, 1889



ROBERT HERTER.



CHARLES B. HOUGHTON.



WILLIAM E. HODGSON.



JOHN L. HOWARD.

- Kenah, Wor'f. Frank T. . . Boston . . . Dec. 7, 1887
Eleventh Worshipful Master.
- Kenah, Wor'f. William H., Roxbury . . Dec. 7, 1887
Twelfth Worshipful Master.
- Kenny, James F. . . . Brookline . . Nov. 12, 1896
- Kent, Robert R. . . . Florida . . . Sept. 5, 1877
Demitted June 18, 1882.
- Kerr, James W. . . . Boston . . . June 7, 1893
- Keyes, Charles H. . . . Springfield . . April 2, 1890
- Kezer, Mark J. . . . Roxbury . . Jan. 5, 1887
- Kiernan, Francis T. . . . Boston . . . Sept. 5, 1877
- King, Charles A. . . . Boston . . . May 1, 1874
By demit from Granite Lodge, Vermont, May 1, 1895; Life Member.
- King, John T. . . . Roxbury . . Oct. 3, 1900
- Kinraide, Thomas B. . . Jamaica Plain. Feb. 11, 1897
- Kirby, Gilbert L. . . . Charlestown . June 5, 1901
- Klein, Herman L. . . . Boston . . . Mar. 7, 1900
- Klein, Paul C. . . . Dorchester . May 12, 1898
- Knights, Harry H. . . . Brighton . . Sept. 20, 1895
- Kramer, Henry C. . . . Roslindale . Sept. 7, 1887
- Kurtz, Frank P. . . . Boston . . . May 12, 1898
- Lane, Lemuel H. . . . Dorchester . Feb. 3, 1886
- Larrabee, McIvah . . . Boston . . . Jan. 12, 1866
Demit from Adoniram Lodge, Maine, March 10, 1898.
- Lee, William H. . . . Roxbury . . July 5, 1876
Membership March 23, 1877.
- Le Grice, Frederick W. . Boston . . . Feb. 7, 1900
- Leonard, Francis H. . . New York City. Mar. 7, 1900
- Lewis, Ellsworth M. . . Washington, D.C. June 5, 1901
- Littlefield, Charles C. . South Boston . April 4, 1883
Was elected Secretary November, 1888; has now served the Lodge
twelve years.
- Lloyd, Andrew J. . . . Boston . . . Nov. 4, 1885
Demitted December 10, 1896.



JAMES L. HOVEY



HERBERT L. HILDRETH.



NELSON H. HILDRETH.



LEW C. HILL.

- Locke, Herbert B. . . . Augusta, Me. . . Jan. 3, 1894
- Long, Thomas J. . . . Boston . . . Feb. 9, 1899
- Lovell, Warren D. . . . Boston . . . July 5, 1882
Mentally afflicted by injury received at gas explosion.
- Lowe, Joseph D. . . . Brookline . . . May 12, 1898
- Lowell, John S. . . . Roxbury . . . Mar. 2, 1892
- Lucas, James F. . . . Mattapan . . . May 28, 1880
- Maginnes, William C. . . . Dorchester . . . Mar. 4, 1891
- Magner, Mark New York City. Feb. 6, 1889
Demitted June 6, 1894.
- Magoun, Benjamin . . . Boston . . . Nov. 16, 1875
Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member; Life Member.
- Mahany, Rowland B. . . Buffalo, N. Y. . Feb. 3, 1886
Graduate Harvard 1888; United States Minister to Ecuador 1890;
Member of Congress '96, '97, '98, '99; demitted January 4, 1893.
- Manfull, John S. . . . New York City. April 9, 1896
- Manson, Frederick T. . . East Boston . . Mar. 3, 1880
- Marble, Ezra Winchester . . Nov. 1, 1882
- Marsden, William . . . Arlington . . June 7, 1893
- Marsters, George E. . . Winthrop . . Nov. 23, 1893
- Mayo, Charles U. . . . Boston . . . Oct. 25, 1887
By demit from Fargo Lodge, No. 300, Liberal, Kan.; demit dated
December 16, 1895; membership April 3, 1901.
- McFadden, Alexander . . Ashdale, Me. . Dec. 2, 1891
Discharged June 9, 1898.
- McFadden, J. Otis May 1, 1889
Life Member; died in Brookline March 17, 1901.
- McKie, William East Boston . . May 5, 1886
- McLachlan, John W. . . Malden . . . Feb. 13, 1894
By demit from Merchant's Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool, Eng., Octo-
ber 3, 1900.
- McLean, Charles N. . . . Rockville, Ct. . Mar. 3, 1880
- McLean, Richard J. . . . Boston . . . May 3, 1893



WILLIAM M. HUMPHREYS.



ROBERT K. JOHNSON.



ALLEN F. KEITH.



JOHN S. KELLER.

McLellan, Augustus D.	Jamaica Plain.	Sept. 5, 1900
Mee, William	Winthrop	Oct. 3, 1894
Mellish, John W.	Dorchester	Feb. 9, 1899
Meloon, Joseph L.	Nashua, N.H.	Dec. 7, 1887
Merrill, Alphonso T.	Topsfield	Nov. 6, 1878
Demitted February 11, 1897.		
Merrill, John M.	West Roxbury.	Jan. 3, 1900
Mickel, Augustus	Boston	April 6, 1887
Demitted November 2, 1887.		
Middleton, Walter D.	Boston	Dec. 21, 1881
Demitted February 11, 1885.		
Miles, J. Frank		Dec. 6, 1876
Membership March 23, 1877; died in Somerville January 4, 1888.		
Miller, Charles	Melrose	May 28, 1880
Miller, William J.	Jamaica Plain	Mar. 2, 1892
Demitted December 5, 1900.		
Mills, James C.	Pennington Gap, Va.	Nov. 11, 1897
Minchin, William A.	Boston	June 18, 1901
Mitchell, Joshua	Boston	Nov. 6, 1878
Senior Member of the Lodge.		
Mitchell, Oreb F.	Boston	Oct. 4, 1880
Discharged November 12, 1891.		
Montgomery, Charles S.	Boston	Oct. 13, 1898
Morgan, Richard	South Boston	May 15, 1878
Morimoto, Shintaro	Dorchester	Feb. 7, 1900
Morrison, Peter		June 4, 1884
Died in East Boston April 23, 1901.		
Murdock, Wor'f. William E.	Dorchester	Mar. 1, 1882
Eighth Worshipful Master; appointed District Deputy Grand Master 2d Masonic District 1893, but declined the office.		
Musick, Daniel	Boston	Sept. 5, 1900
Nason, Henry		Feb. 5, 1879
Died in Boston March 12, 1894.		



MICHAEL KELLEY.



JOHN T. KING.



THOMAS B. KINRAIDE.



PAUL C. KLEIN.

- Nickerson, John H. . . . Lyon, Mont. . June 10, 1897
- Nixon, Allen V. . . . Dorchester . Jan. 3, 1894
Life Member.
- Norris, Charles D. . . . Boston . . . Feb. 6, 1901
- Noyes, John G. Sept. 7, 1881
Died in Burlington, Vt., May 12, 1884.
- Nye, William F. . . . Roslindale . June 3, 1891
Life Member.
- Nye, William L. . . . Sandwich . Sept. 5, 1877
Discharged February 3, 1886.
- O'Hara, Edward J. . . . Boston . . . June 5, 1901
- Orcutt, William J. . . . Boston . . . April 8, 1897
- Osgood, Wor'f. Albro A. . Roslindale . Nov. 21, 1871
Raised in Adelpi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877; fourth
Worshipful Master; District Deputy Grand Master 2d Masonic
District for years 1890 and 1891.
- Paige, E. Clifford . . . Alexander, N.H. Mar. 6, 1878
Discharged November 8, 1900.
- Palmer, Edgar F. . . . Roxbury . June 6, 1900
- Pearson, John A. . . . Dorchester . Feb. 10, 1898
- Pendle, Wallace H. . . . Dorchester . Nov. 11, 1897
- Perkins, John F. . . . Providence, R.I. July 5, 1876
Suspended from membership September 7, 1881.
- Perkins, Seth April 1, 1869
Raised in Adelpi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877; died in
Winchester October 6, 1883.
- Perkins, Seth, Jr. . . . Boston . . . Mar. 1, 1882
Discharged May 13, 1897.
- Perry, Frederick H. . . . Somerville . June 1, 1878
By demit from Apopka Lodge, No. 36, Florida, September 14, 1899.
- Pettee, George Boston . . . June 18, 1901
- Phillips, Frederick A. Oct. 6, 1886
Died in Palermo, Me., September 13, 1891.



HERMAN L. KLEIN.



WILLIAM H. LEE.



ELLSWORTH M. LEWIS.



THOMAS J. LONG.

Philpots, Robert G.	June 2,
Died in Charlestown June 26, 1895.	
Pickard, Edward L.	Feb. 4,
Died in Chelsea September 13, 1892.	
Pinkerton, George F.	Oct. 4,
By demit from Union Lodge, Dorchester, June 4, 1884.	
Pinkham, William F.	West Somerville. June 5,
Plumer, Joseph A.	West Roxbury, May 19,
Raised in Adelpi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877; demitted June 6, 1883; readmitted to Membership December 5, 1883.	
Pope, Ahrend C. J.	Winthrop . May 5,
Pope, Walter H.	Dorchester . June 3,
Pratt, Ralph C.	Boston . . . Dec. 7,
Demitted March 7, 1894.	
Pray, Albert G.	Dorchester . April 4,
Prescott, Emerson B.	Boston . . . Jan. 3,
Prescott, Rev. George J.	Boston . . . June 5,
Demitted January 2, 1884; Chaplain 1878-79-80-81.	
Price, Rev. Lewis V., D.D.	Somerville . Nov. 5,
Chaplain 1885 to 1896, also 1900, 1901, comprising thirteen years.	
Pullen, Oscar C.	Boston . . . April 21,
Raised in Adelpi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877.	
Quimby, Moody	May 10,
By demit from Union Lodge, Dorchester; died in Boston February 25, 1888.	
Rand, David L.	Boston . . . April 6,
Raymond, Cadwalader M.	Charlestown . Mar. 6,
Raymond, Jeremiah M.	Mar. 6,
Died in Boston July 4, 1895.	
Reed, Warren A.	Newton . . . Mar. 1,
Discharged November 18, 1885.	
Reilly, Gilbert H.	Roxbury . . Nov. 1,
Rhodes, Edgar L.	Boston . . . Jan. 2,



JOHN S. MANFULL.



EZRA MARBLE.



CHARLES N. MCLEAN.



JOSEPH L. MELOON.

Rhodes, Leonard H.	Boston	Jan. 2, 1901
Rice, Edwin		May 10, 1879
Died in Boston March 7, 1897.		
Rich, Frank J.	Roslindale	Jan. 3, 1894
Roberts, Fred H.	Boston	June 6, 1883
Demitted November 11, 1897.		
Roberts, George T.	Roxbury	June 6, 1883
Roberts, John E.	Boston	Dec. 21, 1881
Discharged September 1, 1886.		
Roberts, John H.	Malden	Mar. 7, 1900
Robinson, James E.	Dorchester	Mar. 5, 1884
Robinson, James M.	Somerville	Nov. 2, 1892
Roblin, Rev. Stephen H., D.D.	Brookline	May 17, 1882
Demit from Cayuga Lodge, Scipio, N.Y., February 11, 1897; Associate Chaplain.		
Rodday, Robert J.	Roxbury	June 6, 1888
Life Member.		
Ross, Adam M.	Dorchester	Nov. 4, 1885
Ross, Adam M., Jr.	Dorchester	June 5, 1901
Ross, Thomas A.	Chihuahua, Mex.	June 10, 1897
Rounds, Justin H.		Feb. 6, 1895
Died in Boston February 9, 1900.		
Rowe, Wor'f Henry M.	Newton	May 27, 1867
Seventh Worshipful Master; demit from Bethlehem Lodge, 35, Augusta, Me., September 5, 1877. Was the first Master of Joseph Webb Lodge to hold office in the Grand Lodge. He was appointed Grand Pursuivant by Most Worshipful Grand Master Endicott for 1888-89.		
Rowell, Charles A.	Roxbury	Feb. 2, 1881
Royal, George H., Jr.		April 4, 1883
Died in Boston September 6, 1891.		
Sargent, Frank G.	Osakis, Minn.	Oct. 13, 1898
Sabean, Henry D.	Roxbury	Feb. 6, 1901
Schaaf, Albert E.	New York City.	June 9, 1898



JOSHUA MITCHELL.



CHARLES S. MONTGOMERY.



SHINTAÑO MORIMOTO.



WILLIAM A. MINCHIN.

Scherer, August F. G.	Roslindale	Sept. 5, 1900
Scott, Arthur J.	Allston	May 15, 1878
Demitted June 3, 1891.		
Scott, John K.	Roxbury	July 5, 1876
Membership March 23, 1877; Life Member.		
Scott, William J.	Roxbury	Nov. 4, 1885
Seaver, William F.	E. Boston	Feb. 7, 1883
Shapleigh, Thomas W.	Boston	Feb. 12, 1864
Raised in Winslow Lewis Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877.		
Shaw, Edward H.	Boston	June 18, 1901
Shorey, Melville E.	Boston	Dec. 3, 1879
Discharged September 7, 1882.		
Silver, John A. W.	Roxbury	April 8, 1897
Simpson, George B.	Boston	Nov. 5, 1890
Discharged May 1, 1895.		
Skinner, Edward W.	Boston	Feb. 4, 1885
Smith, Albert P.		Mar. 6, 1878
Died in East Boston March 14, 1901.		
Smith, Charles M. W.	Cambridge	May 12, 1898
Life Member.		
Smith, Fred A., M.D.	Boston	April 27, 1878
By demit from Roswell Lee Lodge, Springfield, April 6, 1881; discharged May 13, 1897.		
Smith, Frederick A.	Boston	Feb. 7, 1900
Smith, Marcellus N.	Newton	April 25, 1876
By demit from St. Mark's Lodge, No. 44, Derry, N.H., June 18, 1879; demitted June 6, 1888.		
Smith, Robert		Feb. 5, 1879
Died in Boston May 17, 1894.		
Smith, William O.	Medford	Nov. 7, 1883
Snow, Stillman J.	Winchester	Mar. 5, 1884
Soule, Porter H.	Somerville	June 7, 1893
Sparks, Samuel L.	Boston	Mar. 6, 1901



DANIEL MUSICK.



CHARLES D. NORRIS.



WILLIAM J. ORCUTT.



JOSEPH A. PLUMER.

Spencer, Charles E. . . .	Roxbury . . .	Mar. 10,
By demit from Zetland Lodge, Boston.		
Spitz, Jacob M. . . .	Roxbury . . .	Mar. 7,
Sprague, George W. . . .	Boston . . .	Feb. 10,
Sprague, Harry C. . . .	East Boston . . .	Feb. 6,
Demitted May 13, 1897.		
Springer, Elestus M. . . .	Newton . . .	Dec. 6,
Demitted February 2, 1881.		
Stackpole, George E., M.D. . . .	Malden . . .	Nov. 7,
Stacy, William H., Jr. . . .	Boston . . .	June 4,
Stafford, Frederick E. . . .	Roxbury . . .	April 13,
Stillings, Charles A. . . .	Boston . . .	Feb. 20,
By demit from Soley Lodge, Somerville, April 13, 1899.		
Storer, Oscar	Newton . . .	Oct. 12,
Life Member.		
Strauss, Anthony W. . . .	Cambridge . . .	Dec. 6,
Membership March 23, 1877.		
Swain, James F. . . .	Nantucket . . .	July 5,
Membership March 23, 1877.		
Taber, Fred J. . . .	Mattapan . . .	July 5,
Life Member.		
Terhune, Everit B. . . .	Dorchester . . .	Oct. 3,
Tindall, Henry B. . . .	New York City. . .	June 1,
Titcomb, George A. . . .	Somerville . . .	Nov. 5,
Totman, George E. . . .	Roxbury . . .	Jan. 3,
Trower, William		Feb. 20,
Died in Boston August 26, 1881.		
Tucker, George R. . . .	Boston . . .	June 1,
Tyner, Andrew M. . . .	Roxbury . . .	May 1,
Tyner, Richard	Arlington . . .	June 5,
Chaplain and Associate Chaplain several years.		



AHREND C. J. POPE.



REV. LEWIS V. PRICE, D.D.



OSCAR C. PULLEN.



REV. STEPHEN H. ROBLIN, D.D.

- Tyner, William . . . Roxbury . . . Oct. 7, 1869
 Raised in Adelphi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877; Treasurer of Lodge from March 20, 1876, 27 terms; Honorary Member March 6, 1901.
- Tyner, William F. . . . South Boston. Feb. 3, 1886
- Underwood, Charles E. . . Boston . . . Nov. 1, 1899
 Life Member.
- Underwood, Francis . . Boston . . . May 28, 1880
- Upton, Rt. Wor'f. Eugene C., Malden . . . Jan. 5, 1887
 Ninth Worshipful Master; District Deputy Grand Master 2d Masonic District for years 1894, 1895; Junior Grand Warden of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge 1900, and Permanent Member of Grand Lodge.
- Urann, Edward . . . Boston . . . April 2, 1890
 Discharged May 7, 1891.
- Vickers, Tom . . . Roxbury . . . Nov. 23, 1893
- Vinal, Warren D. . . . Boston . . . June 1, 1881
- Voigt, Charles H. R. . . Roxbury . . . Dec. 7, 1887
- Wade, James P. July 5, 1882
 Discharged May 2, 1888; died December 30, 1900.
- Walcott, William H. . . Newport, R.I. Jan. 5, 1887
 Demitted April 8, 1897.
- Wales, Thomas C. . . . Roxbury . . . Feb. 4, 1885
 Discharged May 1, 1901.
- Walley, James S. . . . Boston . . . Nov. 6, 1878
 Discharged June 8, 1899.
- Ward, Ezra M. . . . Somerville . . May 28, 1880
 Life Member.
- Warner, John E. . . . Newton . . . April 4, 1877
 Discharged June 6, 1883.
- Webb, Francis H. April 12, 1870
 Raised in Baalbec Lodge, East Boston; demit to Joseph Webb Lodge April 2, 1890; died at Roslindale November 11, 1894.
- Webber, William O. . . Brookline . . . Feb. 11, 1897
 Junior Warden 1900; Senior Warden 1901.



JAMES M. ROBINSON.



WILLIAM F. SEAVER.



THOMAS W. SHAPLEIGH.



GEORGE E. STACKPOLE, M. D.



OSCAR STORER.



JAMES F. SWAIN.



ANDREW M. TYNER.



WILLIAM F. TYNER.



FRANCIS UNDERWOOD.



CHARLES E. UNDERWOOD.



WILLIAM O. WEBBER.



OSCAR J. WEST.

- Weden, Peter D. E. . . . Roxbury . . . Jan. 1, 1896
Discharged November 8, 1900.
- Wentworth, Walter E. . . . Chelsea . . . Jan. 2, 1901
- West, Oscar J. Auburndale . . . May 11, 1899
- West, William F. Dorchester . . . May 3, 1866
Raised in Adelpi Lodge; Charter Member March 23, 1877. .
- Whitaker, William B. . . . Boston . . . Jan. 5, 1887
Discharged May 1, 1901.
- Whitcombe, Charles R., M.D. Roslindale . . . Nov. 5, 1890
- Whitcomb, Walter C. . . . Cambridge . . . Feb. 20, 1878
- Whitcomb, William H. April 7, 1873
Demit from St. John's Lodge May 2, 1877. Died in Boston August
5, 1881, when Junior Warden of the Lodge.
- White, Clarence P. June 7, 1893
Senior Warden 1899; died in Boston July 1, 1899.
- White, Everett A. . . . Boston . . . Oct. 3, 1894
Entered and passed in Robert Morris Lodge, Kearney, Neb.
- White, Henry M. . . . Boston . . . June 4, 1879
Life Member.
- White, John H. New Haven, Ct. April 6, 1887
- Whittemore, David L. . . . Newton . . . April 4, 1894
- Whiting, William S. . . . Brookline . . . Feb. 7, 1883
Life Member.
- Whitmore, Joseph P. . . . Boston . . . Oct. 6, 1886
Demitted November 14, 1889.
- Whitney, Elias B. . . . Boston . . . May 12, 1870
By demit from Mt. Hermon Lodge, Medford, May 2, 1877.
- Whitney, Harry E. . . . Boston . . . Feb. 10, 1898
- Whitney, William E. . . . Boston . . . Jan. 5, 1887
Life Member.
- Willard, Charles R. . . . Dorchester . . . Mar. 4, 1891
- Williams, Charles F. . . . Dorchester . . . Jan. 1, 1890
- Williams, Irving E. . . . Roxbury . . . April 8, 1897



JOHN H. WHITE.



WALTER C. WHITCOMB.



ELIAS B. WHITNEY.



HARRY E. WHITNEY.

- Williams, William H. . Hyde Park . June 4, 1884
 Life Member.
- Wilson, Robert G. Dorchester . . May 11, 1899
- Wood, Charles N. Boston . . . Jan. 21, 1891
 Demit from Ezekiel Bates Lodge, Attleboro, April 13, 1899.
- Wood, Harry B. Dorchester . . Nov. 1, 1899
- Woodman, Wor'f. John H. Brookline . Mar. 5, 1884
 Tenth Worshipful Master; Life Member.
- Wright, Fred P. Boston . . . Mar. 6, 1901
- Wyman, Arthur W. Jamaica Plain . Nov. 23, 1893
- Yates, Harry G. Melrose . . . Nov. 2, 1892
- Young, John Boston . . . June 4, 1884
 Discharged May 7, 1891.



ROBERT G. WILSON.



WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.



IRVING E. WILLIAMS.



ARTHUR W. WYMAN.



HORATIO H. CRAWFORD.

APPENDIX.

BY-LAWS OF JOSEPH WEBB LODGE.

ARTICLE I.

COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS.

Sect. 1. Joseph Webb Lodge shall be composed of Master Masons named in the Charter, and all Master Masons who shall sign the By-Laws as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 2. This Lodge shall hold a Regular Communication the first Wednesday of each month, but may close during the months of June, July and August or during the months of July, August and September.

Sect. 3. The Annual Meeting for the election of officers and transaction of the business of the Lodge shall be held on the second Thursday in November. Visitors shall not be admitted except at Installation, which may occur that evening.

Sect. 4. Matters pertaining only to the business of the Lodge shall be transacted at a members' meeting, from which visitors shall be excluded at the request of one member.

ARTICLE II.

Sect. 1. The officers of the Lodge shall be a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Marshal, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Inside Sentinel, Organist and Tyler. The first five officers shall be elected by majority ballot at the Annual Meeting, and the others shall be appointed by the

Worshipful Master at the Annual Meeting or the next Regular Communication.

Sect. 2. The Master and Wardens shall constitute the Committee on Finance.

Sect. 3. At the Annual Meeting or the next Regular Communication the Worshipful Master shall appoint five or more members on each of the following committees :

1. Visitation and relief.
2. Reception.
3. Examination of visitors.

ARTICLE III.

Sect. 1. The Finance Committee shall examine and audit all bills presented, before they are read to the Lodge by the Secretary ; make a thorough inspection of the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, Secretary, Trustees of the Charity and Permanent Funds, before each Annual Meeting, and at such other times as they may choose, and at the Annual Meeting shall submit a written statement of the results of such examinations.

Sect. 2. The Treasurer shall deposit all money of the Lodge in some National Bank or Trust Company, approved by the Finance Committee, in his name as Treasurer of Joseph Webb Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and pay, by check drawn on said bank or trust company, only such bills as shall have been audited by the Finance Committee and approved by vote of the Lodge. He shall pay over to the Trustees of the Charity and Permanent Funds such sums as the By-Laws require to be so paid, and such sums as the Lodge may appropriate for that purpose ; and shall, before the Annual Meeting, present to the Finance Committee a full and detailed account of his receipts and expenditures ; and after said account is approved by said Committee, he shall present it to the Lodge at the Annual Meeting.

Sect. 3. The Secretary shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Lodge ; read to the Lodge only such bills as have been examined and audited by the Finance Committee ; notify all committees of their appointment ; issue summonses and notifications when directed by the Master ; make a report at the Annual Meeting, which shall contain a statement of the general and financial condition of the Lodge and the number of Life members, and a detailed statement of all moneys received, and from whom received, and the amount paid each month to the Treasurer ; shall receive all moneys due to the Lodge and pay the same each month to the Treasurer, and shall in general perform all the duties usually required of such an officer. His compensation shall be fixed by vote of the Lodge.

Sect. 4. The Committee upon Visitation and Relief shall visit all members of this Lodge sick or in distress, and shall attend to all demands for assistance from said members or their families, and in any special emergency may, by the signatures of a majority of their number, draw upon the Treasurer of the Charity Fund for a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars at any one time, which draft the said Treasurer is authorized to honor and pay. The Committee shall report from time to time such visits as they may make, and the condition of any members who may be sick, and shall, at the Annual Meeting, report in writing the amount of expenditure authorized by them.

Sect. 5. The Reception Committee shall wait upon, introduce and furnish seats to all visiting brethren, and shall be particularly attentive to such visitors when the Lodge is called from Labor to Refreshment. The members of the Committee shall wear such distinctive badges as the Lodge may direct.

Sect. 6. The Committee upon examination shall respond to all calls for examination of visitors, and those found qualified to sit in the Lodge shall be introduced to the Lodge. This public introduction may be waived when deemed advisable.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERSHIP—HOW OBTAINED.

Sect. 1. All brothers receiving the Degrees in this Lodge shall be entitled to membership upon signing these By-Laws and without the payment of additional fee; provided that the brothers so receiving the Degrees shall sign these By-Laws within six months from the date of raising; and if not so signed, the brother shall be deemed as having forfeited his right to membership, excepting upon application, examination and payment of fee, as prescribed for brothers raised in another Lodge; and reserving the right of objection by any member to such signing, for cause, the sufficiency of which shall be determined by the vote of a majority of the members present at a regular monthly Communication, after the objections have been referred to a committee of three members, and that committee has investigated the charges made and reported to the Lodge.

Sect. 2. Any Master Mason having received the Degrees in another Lodge may be proposed for membership after depositing ten dollars with the Secretary [to be returned if rejected, and forfeited to the Lodge if accepted and the By-Laws are not signed within the time appointed]. If accepted, he shall pay to the Secretary fifteen dollars and sign the By-Laws within three months. The names of applicants for membership shall be borne upon the notifications of the meeting at which final ballot is had.

Sect. 3. Any brother who has been a member of this

Lodge, and is now a demitted Mason, may become a member of the Lodge again as provided by Section 2 of Article IV. of the By-Laws, and by paying a fee of five dollars, said fee to accompany the application.

Sect. 4. Any Master Mason, for distinguished service to this Lodge, or to the Fraternity, may, upon recommendation of any member, be elected an Honorary Member, in the manner provided for election to membership under Section 2 of this Article, except that he be not required to pay the fee or sign the By-Laws; and provided, that no member of this Lodge shall, by such election, lose the privilege of voting and acting upon any matter before the Lodge.

Sect. 5. Any member of this Lodge may become a Life Member thereof by paying seventy-five dollars at any one time, and he shall be exempt from the Annual Assessment.

Sect. 6. Any member wishing to withdraw from membership, must apply for his demit in writing to the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

FEES AND DUES.

Sect. 1. Fees are established for the Degrees as follows:—

For the three Degrees, Fifty Dollars, twenty dollars to be paid upon making application, and the balance before receiving the First Degree. All moneys shall be returned if the application is rejected; and forfeited to the Lodge if, being accepted, the applicant fail to appear for initiation within six months thereafter.

Sect. 2. For Crafting and Raising, when initiated elsewhere, Thirty Dollars, to be paid, one half upon application, and the balance before Crafting.

Sect. 3. For Raising, when initiated and Crafted elsewhere,

Twenty-five Dollars ; ten dollars to be paid upon application, and the balance before Raising.

Sect. 4. An Assessment of Six Dollars per annum shall be paid by each member, except the Chaplain, honorary and life members, on or before the Annual Meeting in each year ; if not so paid, the Secretary shall notify such delinquents before the regular Communication in December of each year of the neglect, and if said arrearages remain unpaid for six months after the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall report the same to the Lodge for action at the next Regular Communication.

ARTICLE VI.

MEMBERS' DUTY, ETC.

Sect. 1. All applications for Degrees shall be referred to a Committee of three members, and this Committee shall report at the next Regular Communication. Should any member appointed be unable to attend to the duty, he shall immediately notify the Master, giving the reason for the inability. If any member appointed upon such committee is unavoidably detained from the meeting, he shall authorize some member to report for him. Neglect in the performance of this duty shall be considered an offence against the Lodge.

Sect. 2. No member shall disclose any of the business transacted in the Lodge to others than members of the Lodge, and any violation of this section shall be considered an offence against the Lodge. Any visitor guilty of this offence shall ever after be prohibited from visiting this Lodge. The Secretary shall read this section at the close of every business meeting.

Sect. 3. At the expiration of the first year of service of a Master of this Lodge, a Past Master's jewel shall be presented to him by the Lodge, of the style and quality hereto-

fore presented to the several Masters of the Lodge, and at a cost not exceeding the sum of one hundred and ten dollars in gold.

Sect. 4. No funds shall be taken from the Treasury for convivial purposes, except by two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE VII.

Sect. 1. A special fund, known as the Charity Fund, to be used only for charitable purposes, shall be created and maintained as follows :

1. All moneys appropriated by the Lodge for such purposes.
2. All interest accruing from the fund.
3. Any other donation or money contributed.

When the Permanent Fund, provided for in Article VIII., shall reach the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500), there shall be added to the payments thereafter accruing to the Charity Fund the following items :

4. Five dollars for each initiate.
5. Five per cent of all dues, payable at the Regular Communications in June and November.

All other moneys payable to the fund, as hereinabove provided, shall be paid on the day received.

Sect. 2. The Charity Fund shall be held by and the legal title thereto shall be vested in a Board of three Trustees, who shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Meeting (the first election of Trustees to be held at the next Regular Communication after the adoption of this By-Law and its approval by the Grand Lodge) to serve as follows : the first selected, for three years ; the second, for two years ; the third, for one year, or until the successor of each is chosen ; thereafter, one Trustee to be elected at each Annual Meeting ; provided, that no one of the Finance Committee nor the Treasurer of the

Lodge shall be eligible to serve upon the Board of Trustees. An election to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation or ineligibility may be held at any Regular Communication. Notice thereof be given on the call for said Communication.

Sect. 3. The Trustees of the Charity Fund shall elect one of their number to act as Treasurer, who shall give his receipts for all money received, keep a fair record of all amounts received and all money invested or expended, and all transactions relating to said fund, in a suitable book, which shall at all times be subject to the examination of the Trustees and the Finance Committee.

The Trustees shall report at each Annual Meeting the condition of said fund, stating in detail the amounts received, invested or expended, with the amount of the fund on hand.

Sect. 4. The Trustees shall invest the funds as directed by the vote of the Lodge. When this fund shall amount to five hundred dollars or more, the Trustees may expend a sum, not exceeding twenty-five dollars on any one case, for the relief of a member or his family, and shall pay any such sums as may be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the Lodge, provided it does not in any case reduce the fund to less than three hundred dollars.

Sect. 5. This Article shall not be repealed or amended in any manner, except by three-fourths vote of the members present, notice of any intended repeal or amendment having been sent to each member at least one month previous to the meeting being taken thereon.

ARTICLE VIII.

Sect. 1. A fund to be known as the Permanent Fund, which may be expended as hereinafter provided, shall be created and maintained as follows :

1. The Treasurer of the Lodge shall deposit two hundred dollars (\$200) in some institution for savings incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, as a nucleus to create a Permanent Fund.

2. There shall be added to this fund, established as aforesaid, from time to time, as follows :

a. All funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer of the Lodge, every three months, in excess of three hundred dollars (\$300), after all bills are paid.

b. All interest accruing on this fund.

c. All moneys that may be appropriated by the Lodge, or donated to the Lodge for that purpose.

d. All Life Membership fees hereafter received by the Lodge shall be paid to the Trustees of the Permanent Fund, provision for whose election is hereinafter made, and by them set apart and dedicated to the Life Membership Division of said fund. When the amount in the Permanent Fund, exclusive of said Life Membership Division, shall amount to one thousand dollars (\$1000), there shall be paid therefrom, and added to the Life Membership Division of said Permanent Fund, the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750), being the amount heretofore paid into the Lodge for Life Membership; the principal of said Life Membership Division shall not, in any case, be expended; the income thereof shall be available for all purposes of the Permanent Fund according to the provisions of this Article.

Sect. 2. The Permanent Fund shall be held by, and the legal title thereto shall be vested in, a Board of three Trustees, who shall be chosen by ballot at the Annual Meeting (the first election to be held at the next Regular Communication after the adoption of this By-Law and its approval by the Grand Lodge) to serve as follows : The first selected, for

three years ; the second, for two years ; the third, for one year ; or until the successor of each is chosen therefor ; one Trustee for the term of three years to be elected at each Annual Meeting thereafter ; and no one of the Finance Committee nor the Treasurer of the Lodge shall be eligible to serve on this Board of Trustees. An election to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation or ineligibility may be held at any Regular Communication, if notice thereof be given on the call for said Communication.

Sect. 3. The Trustees of the Permanent Fund shall elect one of their number to act as Treasurer, who shall give his receipt for all moneys received, keep a correct account of all moneys received, and of all moneys invested or expended, and a true record of all transactions relating to said fund, in a suitable book, which shall be subject to the examination of the Trustees and the Finance Committee at all times. The Trustees shall report at each Annual Meeting the condition of the fund, stating in detail the amounts received, invested or expended, with the amount of funds on hand.

Sect. 4. No part of the Permanent Fund shall be expended while there are any funds in the general Lodge treasury.

Sect. 5. When it shall be necessary to expend any part of the Permanent Fund, the Finance Committee shall notify the Lodge in writing of the proposed expenditure, stating the amount proposed to be expended, and for what purpose, and the approval of the Lodge must be obtained, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, before any portion of said fund can be expended ; the notice to the Lodge by the Finance Committee must be made at least one month previous to taking the vote of the Lodge thereon, and must be borne on the notice to members of the meeting when final action is to be taken.

Sect. 6. The Trustees of the Permanent Fund shall invest the fund as directed by the Lodge.

Sect. 7. Any proposed amendment affecting that part of Section 1 relating to fees received for Life Membership, shall be acted on only at a Regular Communication of the Lodge, notice whereof has been borne on the call for said Communication, and at which not less than fifty members are present ; and action upon said amendment shall then only be had upon a four-fifths vote of the members present.

ARTICLE IX.

Sect. 1. These By-Laws may be amended at any Communication of the Lodge, notice of the proposed amendments having been filed at a previous Communication and borne upon the notification for the meeting when action is to be had. A vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be required for the adoption of any proposed amendments ; *provided*, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any part of Article VII. of these By-Laws.

Sect. 2. A copy of these By-Laws shall be furnished to each member.

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