

The Phœnicians, whom constant necessity always brought again to the port of Pharos were the first who made use of the same ceremonial and celebrated the same feasts in their own country. The Ceres of Sicily and Eleusis, is no other than the Egyptian Isis brought into those countries by the Phœnician merchants.

The first principal city in Phœnicia was *Sidon* and about the twelfth century before the christian era, *Tyrus* became the head of the Phœnician corporation of towns. *Hiram* the son of *Abibal* was *King of Tyrus*, who about 1000 B. C. concluded a treaty of commerce with *David King of Israel* and with *Solomon*, *David's* successor, and *Hiram* afterwards assisted *Solomon* in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem.

About the year 1100 B. C. the Phœnicians navigated through the "Pillars of Hercules," entered into commerce with Spain, Portugal, France, Holland, Britain and the Baltic coast, from Britain, and particularly from Cornwall, they imported tin, hence the British Isles were called the tin isles; from the Baltic coast they imported amber which in those times was equal in value with gold.

The British Druids in particular were those men who, in the western countries received the Egyptian mysteries through the Phœnicians if indeed these Druids were not themselves Egyptians, imported into Britain by the Phœnicians.

THE MYSTERIES OF ELEUSIS AT ATHENS.

About the fourteenth century. before the Christian era, *Orpheus* a Thracian by birth, and the son of *Æger* and *Calliope*, and a man who was possessed of that rare combination of qualities, which always distinguish a hero, and reveal the creator of a new epoch, became the founder of those celebrated Mysteries of Eleusis.

His thirst for knowledge and science caused him to travel into different countries in search of wisdom. Egypt at that period took the lead in the march of civilization and was the favored seat of philosophy, science and religion. Here *Orpheus* listened with admiration to the instructions of the Egyptian sages, he studied the structure of that ancient civilization, and initiated into the secret institutions of *Isis*, he became acquainted with the means of social advancement and of individual enlightenment. He saw at once the great value of this institution and its adaptation as an aid to human progress, and he comprehended also the power of those sublime moral dramas, which were therein represented, to impress strongly the solemn lessons of virtue and religion on the minds of earnest and imaginative men.

Thus become master of all the wisdom of the Egyptians, he returned to his own country and planted there with an open and generous hand the seeds of a new civilization. The secret order of *Orpheus* was the fountain of Grecian civilization. The Mysteries of *Orpheus* were first celebrated in Greece on a mountain of *Bœotia*, the Greeks received them with avidity and they soon grew into that vast and powerful institution known afterwards under the name of the Mysteries of Eleusis.

A complaint having been made by the Grand Lodge of Canada against Frontier Lodge, No. 74, that the latter had invaded their Masonic jurisdiction, and it appearing that heretofore that the jurisdiction of each was measured by the distance between the respective lodges, it was recommended that hereafter the State line is adopted as the dividing line between the two jurisdictions, and that it be recommended to the Grand Lodge to adopt the same line.