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**Summoned Away.**

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we have in this number to chronicle the death of the Hon. Peter McGill, at the advanced age of 72 years. Few have so fully enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his friends and the public at large as our departed brother, nor indeed are there many who would have been capable of using the large experience he possessed in accomplishing so much permanent good. As a Freemason, and while health lasted, he was ever zealous for the welfare of the order, and in a highly eminent degree acted upon the principles of his profession, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; while the cardinal virtues, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice were his only guide. In 1846 he was appointed by the Earl of Zetland the Grand Master of England, Provincial Grand Master for Montreal and William Henry, and in 1847 he received further marks of approbation by being made Grand Superintendent of R. A. A. Masonry in Canada. By his kind and urbane manner he endeared himself to all who knew him, while the loss of his frequent and unostentatious charities, will make the poor feel that they have indeed lost a friend. In the words of a brother "may we imitate his example and emulate his virtues, so that when the Grand Warden of Heaven shall call us from our labours on earth, we can look back upon a well spent life, and with our departed Brother, joyfully enter upon everlasting refreshments, in the Paradise of God."

We caution the craft to beware of the following impostors, who, though they have not yet probably reached our shores, nevertheless we may as well be on our guard:

John Honsingar, thick set, with dark complexion and hair, and black eyes, aged about 40, a horse tamer by occupation. Hails from Erie Lodge, No. 239, Milan, Erie County, Ohio, of which he was P. M., but expelled for unma-sonic conduct.

J. Lin, who claims to be a member of Keith Lodge, Halifax, and Corinthian Chapter, New York. Beware of him.

S. B. Minor, tall and slightly built, light hair and eyes, rather a rough diamond in every way, and usually talks very large and very loud, professes to hail from Harmony Lodge, No. 42 Waterbury, Conn. He visited Canada in August last, and left with much greater haste than he anticipated. He is not a member of any Lodge, his "proposition" having been unanimously rejected by the fraternity.

"J. E. Herrick," about 25 years of age, nearly 6 feet high, black hair, and one or two upper teeth gone, good looking and unassuming in his manners. Professes to hail from Acadia Lodge, No. 126 Louisiana. No such person belongs to that Lodge.

"Robert Cochrane," hailing from Union Lodge, No. 2, Madison, Indiana. We believe there is a real brother by that name a member of that Lodge, but the real Robert Cochrane does not live nor travel in that way.

"A. H. French," a native of Rochester, N. H., who professes to belong to Blazing Star Lodge, he is not and has never been a member of Blazing Star Lodge.

We have taken the above from our exchanges, and are indeed happy to see, and will be ever most willing to aid in exposing any impositions like the above. We are ready at all times to publish any names which our exchanges may desire, provided they are accompanied with the same authority as those above mentioned.

We last week had the pleasure of a visit from Marshall O. Waggoner, who is travelling as agent for Leon Hyne-man's work, the *World Masonic Register*.

The excellent publication which we have already noticed favourably is expected to be in press by November, when it will be issued to subscribers. Bro. Waggoner visited one of our City Lodges and was received by the W. M. and Officers with the kindest feelings. He expressed himself much delighted by their attention, and "went on his way rejoicing."

**AN ITEM WORTHY OF NOTICE.**—Brother Platt Benedict, of Norwalk, Huron Co., Ohio, is one who should not fail to receive the approbation and well-wishes of all good masons, and have his name recorded as a Pioneer Mason in his Masonic District. He originally came from Danbury, Conn., and was the first white settler, as well as the first mason in the now beautiful village of Norwalk, Ohio, where he erected the first house. Though now in his 86th year, he is hale and hearty, setting forth an excellent example to many younger masons by his regular attendance and masonic energy, scarcely ever being absent from a Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery Meeting.

In another part of this journal we have referred to the "*World's Masonic Register*," we have to notify those wishing to subscribe, that the list will be closed by November 1st, and members wishing their names inserted will be obliged to send them prior to this date.

**TO OUR EXCHANGES.**—We shall feel much obliged to our Exchanges, if they will send us as early a date as possible, the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges, in the respective States where they are issued, and will be happy at any time to return the compliment.—*Editor C. F. M.*

James Carroll has been suspended from DeKalb Lodge, No. 144, Illinois, and therefore while in this position is not entitled to masonic consideration.

What has become of Bro. C. W. Moore's *Freemason's Monthly Magazine* for September? we have not seen it.

We would beg to call the attention of those brethren who are non-subscribers, that it is our earnest desire and full intention to enlarge our publication as soon as the requisite number of subscriptions, would justify us in so doing. A masonic periodical which would give utterance to the peculiar views of the Canadian brethren, was admitted on all hands to be a desirable object, and the promise that if carried out it would meet with that support which would enable it to procure the best information upon subjects, bearing upon the order, and insure the publishers against loss. As far as it has yet gone, we trust our promise has been fully verified, and we have a right to expect that those brethren will aid and assist us in every way in our present undertaking.

**To the Editor of the Canadian Freemason.**

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—According to promise, that at some future period I would again make special reference to the degrees beyond the R. A. A., I am induced to offer a few remarks in conclusion to my letter in reference to these orders, and inserted in the June number of the *Canadian Freemason*. That our science is a progressive one, is universally admitted, not, perhaps, in the common sense of the term usually implying frequent changes, which would destroy our very existence; but in that nobler and better sense by which we understand that its pure lessons and profound teachings are communicated by degrees.

With the *profane*, a man is considered a mason when he has received the E. A. A. degree, though every brother must admit that he can have at the best but a very imperfect idea of the solemnity and beauty of the order into which he has been initiated, and scarcely a conception of the full splendor of that Light which has as yet but dawned upon his untutored vision from the effulgent East.

In the words of an eminent Grand Master, he may have passed from the mosaic ground-floor through the middle chamber, to the most Holy place; may have advanced to honorable position, and marked well the rewards of faithful industry; he may have passed the chair of Oriental royalty, impelled by laudable ambition to secure the recognition of his claim to superior excellence, and reviewing the wonders at Horeb; and encountering the obstructions of a rough and rugged journey through unexplored primeval wastes, he may have attained the most exalted position;—the sum-