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CLOSE OF VOL. XXIII.

With this issue volume twenty-three is brought to a close. Before entering upon another volume, we feel it our duty to thank very many brethren for the support given us and the words of encouragement received. We have endeavored to produce a readable and reliable magazine, and it has been appreciated to a greater extent than we anticipated. However, there is room for further extending our circulation, and we ask present subscribers to endeavor, when remitting next year's subscription, to forward another name with their own. We have, contrary to our original intentions, carried for months the names of many in arrears. Such a proceeding must end some time, and the present is most opportune. Those

who have experienced our past leniency are requested to remit at once, and not send back this number, endorsed "refused." Having accepted it for a year, we certainly are entitled to payment therefor.

The *Masonic Home Journal* has entered upon its seventh volume. This semi-monthly publication is deserving of success, as it is issued in the interests of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Louisville.

Concurrently with the inauguration of a United Grand Lodge of Victoria, the Royal Arch Masons formed themselves into a Supreme Grand Chapter, with Sir W. J. Clarke as First Grand Principal, and Comp. T. H. Lempriere, Grand Scribe.

Believing that a few words of praise, unsought for, are highly appreciated, we have much pleasure in paying a tribute to the *Voice of Masonry*, Chicago. It is ably edited, and stands without a peer among the many Craft exchanges that reach our sanctum.

The Grand Lodge of Maine met in Portland, May 7th and 9th. The membership is 20,340, a gain of 79 during the year. The initiations were 600 against 708 last year. Albro E.