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COMPARISON OF NORTH AMERICAN STATISTICS.

Date.	Templars.	Royal Arch.	M. Masons.	Percentage of Templars to M.M.'s
1870	25,844	96,275	483,585	5
1880	50,681	127,025	573,317	8.84
1890	84,923	157,898	651,028	13
1891	88,094	165,193	673,643	13.077
1892	93,874	174,242	695,193	13.5

"In the admirable statistical tables of the Grand Lodge of New York, for 1892, by Jessie B. Anthony, we find one giving the percentage of masons to the white population, similar to one which we prepared for the Grand Commandery of Main in 1881, only much more full, and requiring an infinite amount of labor. From it we find that the white population is 55,753,392, the Master Masons 640,101, or one to 87.10; the Royal Arch Masons 156,554, or one to 4.09 masons; the Cryptic Masons 83,305, or one to 4.70 Royal Arch Masons; the Templars 86,878, or one to 7.36 Master Masons and one to 1.80 Royal Arch Masons.

Maine heads the lists of Master Masons with one to 31.97 of the population, or about three per cent., while New York has one to 79.15.

* Rhode Island heads the Royal Arch list with one to 2.02 Masons, nearly half; while Maine has one to 4.40.

Texas heads the Cryptic list with one to 1.33 Royal Arch Masons, while Maine has one to 3.88.

Washington heads the Templar lists with one to 1.40 Royal Arch Masons, while Maine has one to 1.90.

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Thirtieth Conclave, Jackson, May 17, 1892.

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He visited thirty-eight out of their forty-one Commanderies, and thus recounts the result:

"As a result of my visits to the several commanderies, I am satisfied that the general standard of perfection is high, and is being constantly pushed higher. A few enthusiastic commanderies have attained preeminence nearly approaching perfection; a few commanderies, owing to untoward circumstances, chiefly, as I believe, to a lack of interest on the part of the members, have fallen behind in the march of progress. But the general average is higher than ever before, and a steady, earnest interest in the