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BITTERS**The Mystery of Creation.**

How dim our vision of the Eternal past;
How dark the veil that hides that shoreless sea;
How deep, unfathomed, undisturbed its rest;
How awe-inspiring are its shades to me;
On its dark bosom broods the ever-living
"Cause."
That life imparts, in measure form and kind
Wisdom within its depths elaborates those
laws.
That are the reflex of the Eternal Mind.
Those potent forces move the countless worlds
in space;
Their throbs are felt in earth and sea and air;
Those laws propel each member in its course,
And gently shine and twinkle in each star;
Supremely wise the Mind that planned creation
first,
Supreme the Power that made it by a word—
Supreme, unique, the Will that will'd, and it
stood fast.
Supreme "Creator," be that "Word" adored.
Mid dark surroundings, that concealed its
mystic birth,
Through long periods of its pregnant throes,
The labor and perfection of its birth and growth
Are problems still unsolved—God only knows
Those deep, unfathomed mysteries are ever
sealed.
Who, by science searching, can find them out?
They are secret parts that have not been re-
vealed.
To human mind, though carefully they're
sought;
Man stands 'twixt two Eternities with throbbing
breast,
Anxious to explore the Great Beyond.
Without a chart—no haven where a thought
might rest,
Nor voice, nor echo from the vast profound.
Dumb silence sits supreme upon that boundless
void,
And vagueness blindly stares with absent
mien,
And mental phantoms revel in that solitude,
The mere phantasies of a morbid brain.

JAS. A. BLAIR.

London, Jan. 27, 1893.

**Gleanings from Within and Without the Fraternities.**

(NOTE.—Contributions from the various fraternal societies will be gladly received up to Thursday night by the Conductor of this department. Address J. S. Dewar, "Lodges Column," FREE PRESS OFFICE, LONDON.)

Masonic.

Meetings next week:—*Monday*, Lodge of Perfection, A. & S. Rite; *Tuesday*, St. George's R. A. Chapter, No. 5; *Wednesday*, St. John's B. A. Chapter, No. 3; *Thursday*, St. John's Lodge, No. 209A, A. F. & A. M.; *Friday*, Emergent Assembly of Richard Cœur de Lion, K. T., No. 4.

During the business routine of Union Lodge, No. 380, on Monday night last a pleasant incident occurred, being the presentation of a fine gold Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, to the immediate Past Master, W. Bro. W. G. McMillen, who has passed through the several chairs of the Lodge, and evidenced marked ability during his occupancy of all of them. W. Bro. Hampton, in tendering the gift, alluded to the painstaking and conscientious services of the recipient, and hoped he would long be spared to wear the emblem of his rank in the Craft and to go in and out amongst the brethren of Union Lodge by all of whom he was held in high esteem. W. Bro. McMillen made a neat response, thanking his brethren for this additional token of esteem and regard. He had spent an exceedingly pleasant year as their Worshipful Master and although now relegated to an office without any very important attributes he would, nevertheless, whenever it was in his power, assist the Master and officers in the work. He closed by thanking all for the confidence and support accorded him.

The Lodge of Sorrow memorial services to John R. Reynolds, held at Jackson, Mich., on Tuesday last was the greatest event ever known in Masonic circles in Jackson, if not in Michigan. It was the first of the kind ever held in the State.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Mutual Masonic Compact of Lincoln and St. Catharines took place at the Masonic Temple, St. Catharines, on Wednesday evening, Dr. Goodman in the chair. Since the inception of this fraternal compact in 1871 there have been forty deaths, and about \$4,000 paid to surviving relatives. There are at the present time 142 members in good standing and \$579 to the credit of the Compact in the St. Catharines Security Loan and Savings Company. After the reception and adoption of the usual reports the following officers were elected for the current year:—R. W. Bro. Dr. E. Goodman, President; W. Bro. W. F. Clarke, Grimby, Vice-President; W. Bro. Levi Yale, Secretary-Treasurer; Executive Committee, R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M. F. Try Lodge, Beamsville; R. W. Bro. D. Robertson, Temple Lodge, St. Kitts; R. W. Bro. Dr. McGarry, St. Mark's Lodge, Niagara Falls South; W. Bro. W. A. Mittleberger, Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Kitts; W. Bro. E. Smith, McNab Lodge, Port Colborne; R. W. Bro. Forbes, Union Lodge, Grimby.

The following is a copy of the address which accompanied the presentation of a Past Master's jewel at King Solomon's Lodge, London West, a few nights ago:—"To W. Bro. John M. Lord, M. of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 378, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C.—W. SIR AND BRO.—I can assure you that it is with the deepest feelings of pleasure and satisfaction that we, the duly appointed representatives of the officers and

brethren of this Lodge, approach you on the present occasion to solicit your acceptance of a Past Master's jewel as a token of their appreciation of your valuable services as W. M. of this lodge during the past year. Ever since your connection with this lodge, but more especially during the period in which you have presided over our work, peace, harmony and good will has been the order of the day, and more than all, perfect success has been the result of every effort. In presenting you with this Past Master's jewel to-night, in the name and on behalf of the officers and brethren of this lodge, we trust you will consider it not merely as a mark of our appreciation of your valuable services, but as showing the personal regard and esteem which every brother of the lodge entertains towards you; and it is the sincere wish of our hearts that this little present may afford you many pleasant memories of the past, and that you may long be spared to continue your valued and esteemed services in furthering the interests of the craft in general, and of this lodge in particular, and that the All-Seeing Eye may ever watch over you, and all who are dear to you, in the earnest prayer of the members of King Solomon's Lodge. Signed by the committee—R. W. Bro. SIMPSON, Wor. Bro. DUFF, Bro. W. J. WATTAM."

The Ottawa Masons had a grand reunion on Friday night under the auspices of the Builders' Lodge, No. 177, G. R. C., arising out of the fraternal visit of 70 members of Ogdensburg and Acadian Lodges of Ogdensburg, N. Y. When the lodge was opened for W. Bro. Fred Cook and his officers there were nearly 500 members of the craft present, hailing from all parts of Eastern Ontario. For the benefit of the Canadian craftsmen the New York visitors exemplified the Third Degree, New York ritual. W. Bro. L. D. Leonard, W. M., of Ogdensburg Lodge, presided during this portion of the proceedings and he was ably assisted in the rendition of the work by a team from the Ogdensburg lodges. At the close of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the visiting brethren for their splendid exemplification of the work. The motion was made by R. W. Bro. E. B. Butterworth, and seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, who were respectively W. M. and Secretary of Builders' Lodge 19 years ago when the brethren of Ogdensburg last paid a fraternal visit to the Canadian capital. After the conclusion of the lodge work the visiting brethren were tendered a complimentary banquet in St. James' Hall, Wor. Bro. Fred Cook, W. M., of the Builders' Lodge, presided and handled the great gathering in a creditable manner. Quite a number of the visiting brethren delivered addresses during the evening, one of the principal being W. Bro. Sir James Grant. He said that the Canadian people since they had been drawn together in one confederacy had spent millions of money in endeavouring to develop their resources and to open up ways of communication. Notably in this respect had been constructed a transcontinental railway than which there was not a better equipped road on the face of the globe. Knowing the feelings of the people of Canada, as he believed he did, he could assure the brethren from New York that in the breast of 49 out of 50 Canadians there was to be found a sentiment of undying attachment to the grand old Mother Land of Britain and a keen desire to remain under the sheltering folds of the Union Jack.

Right Worshipful Theodore S. Parvia, Grand Secretary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa, will complete his fiftieth year of service as such next January, should he live to that date.

Bro. J. Speed Smith, who has just been elected to the office of Grand Master of the Lodge of Kentucky, enjoys the distinction of being the only man, in ninety years of the history of that body, who has been promoted to grand office on his first appearance therein. He also fulfils the only instance in that state where a son has followed his father in occupying that high office. He is the fourth of his family to receive this grand honor. His cousin, Hon. Henry Clay, of Lexington; his uncle, Asa K. Lewis, of Winchester, and his father, J. Speed Smith, Sr., have been similarly honored. He is the first Grand Master to have a special office fitted up for his use in the Masonic Home and to have a private secretary furnished. He has been appointed a delegate to the Fraternal Congress to be held in Chicago.

On the morning of the 14th the Order of Knighthood was conferred on Thomas H. Brown by the Holy Cross Commandery, K. T., of Gloversville, N. Y. Brown is a member of the Fish House Chapter, Royal Arch, and has just passed his 102nd birthday. He is the oldest man upon whom the initiation of Knighthood has ever been conferred. A large number of Masons were present from different parts of the state on the occasion.

Bro. Philip Bajus, proprietor of the Kingston brewery, died on Thursday morning. He was stricken with paralysis a month ago while superintending the filling of an ice house. Deceased was a member of the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., and one of the leading spirits of Minden Lodge, No. 253, A. F. & A. M., Ancient Fraternity and Catechism Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M. He was Past Eminent Perceptor of Hugh De Payne's Premier Perceptor, No. 1, K. T., and a chartered member of Kingston Lodge of Perfection No. 7, and Rose Croix Chapter. He served twice as Pursuivant Grand Master. He also attained the 32nd degree in Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton. He was also an ex-Major of the 14th Battalion.

A. O. U. W.

This Order, which has just concluded its annual session at Toronto, has made a very gratifying progress during the past year, according to the report of Grand Master Workman F. G. Inwood, of this city. During 1892 there were eleven new lodges instituted as follows:—At Collins' Bay, Sunderland, Schreiber, Belmont, London, Yarmouth Centre, Southwold, Seagraves, Toronto, Lanark and Port Portage in Ontario; Chambly, Longueuil, Hochelaga and Maisonneuve in Quebec; two in St. John, N. B., and one each at Fredericton, St. Stephen and Moncton, N. B., and sixteen in Manitoba and the North-West. The increase of membership is 2,387 for 1892. On January 1, 1892, there were 24,745 members in good standing; admitted during the year, 3,499; re-instated, 255; total, 28,597. Died in 1892, as per G. M.'s report, 193; certificates annulled, 533; members suspended, 791, leaving a net membership in good standing of 27,080. The Province of Ontario has passed from the fifth position among the grand lodges of America to the third, there being only New York and Massachusetts with a larger membership, the former having 31,138 and the latter 32,280. The total membership of the whole order on Jan. 1, 1893, was reported 304,054, the net gain during preceding 12 months being 30,348. There were paid to the widows of children and other heirs of deceased members in 1892 the enormous sum of \$5,889,507.78, making a grand total since organization of over \$44,454,000. One well-known and highly esteemed member of the Ontario

Grand Lodge died during the year. Geo. W. Badgerow, Past Supreme Master Workman, of Toronto. The following are the principal changes made in the constitution at this session:—

The fee for the medical examination, instead of being fixed at \$2, is optional with the subordinate lodges, but shall not be less than \$1.

No other business can be transacted at a special meeting than that stated on the notice of meeting, except conferring degrees, in such cases as the constitution provides.

A lodge granting withdrawal cards shall forward the amount paid into the beneficiary fund of said lodge by the brother withdrawing (being current assessments or assessments) to the Grand Recorder with the card.

Members in good standing may sever their connection with the order by making application thereof in writing on the proper form furnished by Grand Lodge and paying all dues, fines and assessments for which they are liable.

No member shall hereafter be allowed to assign or hypothecate his beneficiary certificate for any cause whatever.

Every candidate hereafter to be submitted to, and shall be approved or disapproved by, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge.

Financiers shall in future make out the monthly report upon the blank form provided by the Grand Lodge for that purpose, and deliver the same to the recorder on the day following the 28th day of the month, giving date of service of notice of assessment and last post-office address of member suspended.

A suspended member failing to be reinstated by his lodge within three months from the date of his medical examination must be re-examined.

Lodges cannot hold public installations according to the customs of the order, but lodges may elect to hold public installation by resolution.

Any medical examiner of a subordinate lodge may be elected a grand medical examiner, but must resign his position of medical examiner at the first meeting of lodge.

The highest limit of age of candidates seeking admission hereafter shall be 45 years, and shall take immediate effect. In accepting cases where applications are now before and have been accepted by lodges or approved by the medical examiner.

Applicants of 40 years and over, asking for beneficiary certificates, shall produce proof of age or date of birth.

A meeting was held at Copenhagen, Elgin County, the other day, for the purpose of organizing a lodge of the A. O. U. W. in that place. D. D. G. M. Graham, W. Warnock and Dr. Sinclair, of Tilsonburg, addressed the meeting.

The A. O. U. W. in 1892 paid to the widows of deceased members the enormous sum of \$5,899,507.78, making a total of \$44,454,000 paid out since their organization.

The widow of the late Rev. Geo. Boyd acknowledged the other day the receipt of \$2,000 from the officers of Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M. The payment was made just six weeks after the death of Mr. Boyd, and speaks well for the promptness of the order in paying death claims.

Rev. William Karley, of Sparta, opened the second day's proceedings of the A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge in Temperance Hall, the first item of business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Grand Master Workman, F. G. Inwood, Toronto, re-elected by acclamation; Grand Recorder, D. D. G. M. Graham, re-elected by acclamation; Grand Treasurer, F. W. Ullitt, Toronto, re-elected; Grand Reporter, M. D. Carder, St. Thomas, re-elected by acclamation for the 15th time; Grand Receiver, James Rushton, Ridgeway, re-elected by acclamation for the 15th time.

Grand Guide—Geo. P. Graham, editor of the Morning Herald.

Grand Inside Watchman—John Wilson, Hamilton, re-elected.

Grand Outside Watchman—John R. Taylor, Owen Sound, re-elected.

Grand Trustees—T. D. Pruyn, sheriff, Napanee, re-elected by acclamation, M. A. James, Bowmanville, and Thomas Sargent, Toronto, are the other trustees.

Grand Solicitor—Warren Potter, Woodstock, re-elected by acclamation.

Executive Committee—James B. Nixon and T. L. Lewis, Toronto, for two years. "Appointed by G. M. W. J. E. Halliwell, Belleville.

Supreme lodge representatives—D. Spry, Barrie; J. R. Miller, Toronto, and E. B. Taylor, Windsor, Past Grand Master.

The following brethren were elected district deputies: St. Clair, W. Scullery, Chatham; Erie, John Beupre, Simcoe; Niagara, J. H. Brown, Oshawa; Hamilton, Albert Jones, West Flamboro; London, C. Walker, Alisa Craig; Guelph, John Strachan, Rockwood; Huron, Geo. Pateron, Seaboard; Simcoe, W. H. Walker, Hildaie; Georgian Bay, J. C. Arnold, Coldwater; Dufferin, L. Striggs, Tara; Brant, P. Griffin, Mount Vernon.

Forensic.

The brethren of Court Devize, 356, C. O. F., and their immediate friends partook of an oyster supper at Bro. J. C. Fitzgerald's last week. Last night they engaged in a friendly debate. Resolved, that "Nature is more pleasing to the eye than art."

Knights of Pythias.

J. B. Davidson, of St. Thomas, Grand Chancellor of Knights of Pythias, met the members of Marion Lodge No. 15, Chatham, on Wednesday night, and on Thursday evening he visited the Wallaceburg Lodge. He will pay London a visit on or about the 27th inst.

The thirtieth Pythian period and the twenty-first anniversary of the institution of the order in Ontario occurs to-morrow (Sunday), and will be duly honored all over the jurisdiction. The Toronto knights have arranged for a combined meeting of all the lodges and a banquet to be held in Pythian hall there, on Tuesday evening, February 21, when it is proposed to have, for the first time, an exemplification of the new ritual by the officers of the several lodges. Grand Chancellor J. B. Davidson, of St. Thomas, will also make his official visit on this occasion. The banquet will take place at the Palmer house on the following evening, when the Grand Lodge officers and prominent members of the order will address the gathering.

It is expected that the Lieutenant-Governor will preside and that the Mayor and other civic officials will grace the gathering. The Knights of Pythias are a growing body. Not only is the membership of existing lodges in Toronto increasing, but new lodges are forming in the east, end north and over the Don. West Toronto Junction will also have a lodge of splendid material before the spring sets in.

The C. O. of C. F. Victoria Square (near Stouffville) Campbell, Canadian Order Chosen Friends, was instituted on Thursday evening by the Grand Organizer, S. F. Hill, of Bowmanville, with a large charter list of ladies and gentlemen.

The Grand Council meets at Berlin on

Tuesday, the 14th March next.

A Council of the Friends was recently instituted at Goderich.

The Orange Association.

At the regular monthly meeting of Hackett's Local Orange Benefit Lodge, No. 505, held in Orange Hall, Mechanics' Institute, on Monday evening, the 13th, there was a large representation of the members present. After the usual business being gone through Bro. James Tuffield was presented with a Royal Arch sword gold pin for bringing in the most new members, and Wor. Bro. Hugh Newell with a beautiful solid gold past master jewel, Wor. Bro. R. A. Smith, Past District Master, making the presentation:—"Wor. Bro. Hugh Newell, in behalf of Hackett L. O. Benefit Lodge, I have much pleasure in presenting to you this beautiful past master jewel, showing the esteem and good-will in which you are held by the members, for during your term of office the lodge has been very prosperous, having increased its membership by 17 more than any previous term. It is earnestly hoped that your life may be long spared for further usefulness in the association, and that you may wear this memento with credit to yourself and honor to the order."

Wor. Bro. Hugh Newell replied:—"That words cannot express my deep sense of gratitude to the members present for this beautiful gift they have just presented, and either present or far away this jewel will always remind me of the pleasant and happy associations connected with this lodge. Again thanking you for this mark of esteem, and wishing Hackett Lodge every prosperity in their work." Both articles were purchased from the establishment of Bro. S. B. Windrum, of Toronto. The above lodge is in a good financial standing, and has a membership of 75. The Worshipful Master, Bro. R. D. A. Hillier, was appointed delegate to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ontario, which meets in the town of Orangeville on Tuesday, the 14th of March at 2 p. m.

Sons of England.
At the regular meeting on Thursday night of Lodge British O.K. No. 82, S. O. E., B. S., it being the fourth anniversary of the lodge, there was a good attendance of brothers of our own and also from sister lodges. After the routine work was gone through with, we had one initiation, which was done by the visiting brothers in a very creditable manner. P. D. D. G. M. Wilkins presiding, after which a motion to adjourn till next regular meeting was carried. The refreshments were then being brought in, when the St. George's Society arrived, who had been invited; a pleasant half-hour was spent in social talk and words of welcome, while the good things were rapidly disappearing. After which Ald. Bro. Parnell was called to the chair, and ex-Ald. Skinner, President of St. George's Society, took the vice chair, at which time our convenient hall was comfortably filled. The following programme was then entered upon:—Selection by the S. O. E. Band, which was well executed, then the chairman's address, which was a masterpiece and evoked forth repeated applause. Bro. Brown followed with a song, Bro. Jones, P. D. of Lodge Kensington, gave us one of his instructive speeches; Bro. Jas. Hooz, Sec. Lodge Piccadilly, sang; Bro. Wilkins, P. D. D. a speech; Bro. F. P. Hobbs, the song of the evening, "Going Down the Hill"; selection by the band; Bro. Tyler's speech; Bro. Wilson, song. The band gave another selection, when the vice-chairman took the programme in hand, who on rising said he had one regret, that he had not joined the Order when asked to do so, but thought he was almost one by being a member of the St. George's Society, a society of which he was proud. He then called on Bro. Bartlett, a song; Bro. Graham, speech; Bro. Job Cook, song; Bro. Parnell, speech; Bro. Fountain, song; Bro. Griffiths, song; Bro. Jenkins, Past P. British Oak, speech, reviewing the lodge from the commencement, stating that we had received the sum of \$2,754 in contributions, etc., and have paid out in sick pay relief to members about \$800, sent G. L. \$430, the doctor \$445, rent, stationery and all other expenses about \$490, leaving a balance of \$449 to the credit of the Lodge, which he considered a very good showing in four years. The sister societies were responded to as follows:—St. George's Society, ex-Ald. Skinner; S. O. E., Bro. Spettigue; S. O. E. Juveniles, Bro. John Nutkins; A. O. E., Bro. Gramlich. The address was, etc., were carried, when one of the most successful meetings of the season was brought to a close by the band playing the National Anthem.

The C. M. E. A.

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