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CAMBRIDGE LODGE, No. 157, F. AND A. M.

CAMBRIDGE, ME., Sept. 33, 1890.

In conformity to a Grand Lodge regulation concerning the matter of history, the Worshipful Master appointed a committee of three, consisting of Bros. J. T. Brown, C. C. Hale and S. E. Bailey, to prepare the same.

S. E. BAILEY,
Act'g Sec.

Attest:

JOHN W. COLE, W. M.

*I*ntroduction.

As the great luminary that rises in the east to open and adorn the day spreads warmth, light and cheerfulness to all within its reach, so Freemasonry in like manner, had its birth in the East and spread to the West cementing, in fraternal relation, all those who were disposed to submit to its sublime teachings and harmonize their conduct in conformity to its tenets.

No general history of Freemasonry need ever be written, as every man is supposed to be more or less a Mason, having engrafted within him a portion of that unwritten and divine attribute which will survive through all ages and conditions of human existence and of that better part that pervades all nature, a precious heirloom inherited by our first parents from the Grand Master of the Universe.

When that little band of exiled men, oppressed and forced to quit their native land, landed on Plymouth Rock, they carried to their rude forest homes the sublime teachings of this grand and noble inheritance. So as a universal principle, Masonry from time immemorial has been transmitted, unimpaired, from generation to generation until the present time. Tradition and legend have traced Masonry to the Pharaohs, the Temple of Solomon, and even to the building of the Pyramids, but the form in which it is now generally known dates from the seventeenth century and is of British origin. It was introduced into France in 1725, Russia 1731, Germany 1740. Grand Lodges now exist in all the principal countries of the Old and New Worlds. The first lodge in New England was organized in Boston in 1733, and not long after the Revolution, Grand Lodges were opened in all the states.

The history of the Cambridge Lodge is characteristic of nothing different from the history of numerous other Masonic Lodges that are being or have been written. It has had a flood tide of prosperity as well as periods of depression, and those members who have annually been called to preside over its affairs have, as a rule, given their best efforts to promote its interests. As a result of their labors Cambridge Lodge has become powerful and united, giving an assurance that the forthcoming decade of history will find the lodge still prosperous and growing in membership.

C. C. H.

Cambridge, Me., April 18, 1891.

History of Cambridge Lodge, No. 157.



Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

About the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, a number of brethren of different lodges, having the good of the craft at heart and wishing at the same time to disseminate the knowledge of Masonry, attempted, by a petition to the Grand Lodge of Maine, dated March 13, 1867, to organize a Masonic Lodge at Cambridge, to be called Island Lodge. This petition bore the names of eighteen well known brothers, among whom were Bailey, Ring, Herrick, Bailey, Austin and Chadbourn, of Penobscot Lodge, of Dexter; Brothers Moore, Wentworth, Morrill, Burdin, Goff, Page and Austin, of Mt. Kineo Lodge of Abbot, since removed to Guilford; Brother Bailey, of Mosaic Lodge, of Foxcroft, and Brother Yetton, of Eureka Lodge, of Rhode Island. For some cause the Grand Lodge did not see fit to grant the petitioners a dispensation. The project languished until the year 1870, when a second attempt was made to establish a lodge at the same place with success.

The names of those whose names appear on this second petition were Brothers Sands Bailey, S. Everett Bailey, William A. Herrick, John Russell, John W. Cole, Elisha Knowles, F. D. R. Morrill, Andrew W. Ham, Hiram P. Ring, Charles Ham, Frank R. Kimball, Charles M. Burdin, Cornelius G. Burdin, Lorenzo D. Wentworth, Jonathan B. Mitchell, Nathan L. Means, David Ring, Jos. J. Chadbourn, W. H. Burdin, Lewis S. Reed, W. F. Grant and G. E. Bailey. A dispensation was granted the above mentioned to form themselves into a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, May 5, 1870, to be called Cambridge Lodge.

Organization.

1870.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DEC. 6.

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM A. HERRICK, W. M.

JOHN W. COLE, S. W.

S. E. BAILEY, J. D.

F. D. R. MORRILL, J. W.

F. R. KIMBALL, S. S.

ELISHA KNOWLES, Treas.

H. P. RING, J. S.

SANDS BAILEY, Sec.

CHARLES HAM, Chaplain.

A. W. HAM, S. D.

L. D. WENTWORTH, Tyler.

A permanent organization was effected this year by the appointment of William A. Herrick, John W. Cole and Floraman D. R. Morrill, Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, respectively. The W. M. designated the remaining officers.

The first petition acted upon by the new lodge was that of Samuel C. Morrill, July 12, and six petitions in all were received. Two were raised and admitted to membership, namely: Samuel C. Morrill and Albert W. Murray.

There were eight communications held during the year, the first one being held in a small building provided for that purpose, situated on the west side of Main Street, nearly opposite what is known as Mitchell & Bailey's store, above the bridge. This building was designated, by the members, in a jocular way, as the "Box," being very small and cramped but answering every purpose as a temporary lodge room for the young lodge whose membership was small compared to what it was destined to be. With a little labor and at a nominal expenditure this room was fitted up and occupied for lodge purposes until November of this year, at which time the new hall was completed and occupied. This hall was constructed under the supervision of a board of trustees and purchased by the lodge September 26, 1871.

1871.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, Dec. 26.

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM A. HERRICK, W. M.

JOHN W. COLE, S. W.

S. E. BAILEY, J. D.

F. D. R. MORRILL, J. W.

H. P. RING, S. S.

ELISHA KNOWLES, Treas.

L. D. WENTWORTH, J. S.

ALBERT W. MURRAY, Sec.

NATH'L. L. HOOPER, Mar.

A. W. HAM, S. D.

CHARLES HAM, Chaplain.

JOSEPH J. CHADBURN, Tyler.

The commencement of this year found the new lodge well established in their new home, and with better accommodations came a corresponding increase of work. Indeed the year 1871 will be remembered as the most prosperous in the history of the lodge. Twenty-four petitions were received and acted upon. Five were rejected, and nineteen accepted. Thirty-one communications were held during the year. There was no installation until July 11, when the lodge was consecrated by the Grand Lodge, after which instructive and entertaining remarks befitting the occasion were listened to from W. Warren Phillips, Grand Tyler. Eighteen were raised and admitted to membership. The names of those receiving the M. M. degree were Ira H. Horne, Mar. 25; G. L. Wilder, April 4; Cyrus Libby, May 16; B. D. Libby, May 30; E. F. Leighton, May 30; Horace Ham, Aug. 15; R. G. Whitney, July 11; Wm. R. Woods, June 27; J. D. Morrill, Aug. 15; Elijah N. King, Aug. 29; John Pease, 2d. Sept. 26; Judson P. Smith, Sept. 26; James W. Hinkley, Sept. 26; David H. Whittier, Sept. 26; Silas P. Farrar, Oct. 28; Chas. W. Huff, Nov. 7; James B. Lewis, Nov. 21; Charles A. Mitchel, Nov. 21. There were admitted from other lodges, three. These were Brothers D. H. Bartlett, July 29; Ira Austin, July 29; and Lewis S. Reed, July 29. It was voted Oct. 24, to purchase two lots of land, one on the south side and the other on the west side of the present lodge lot.

A committee was appointed Jan. 31, consisting of Brothers A. W. Ham, S. Everett Bailey and John W. Cole, to draft a code of by-laws and determine the design of the seal to be used by the lodge on receiving a charter. At the stated communication of April 4, nine petitions were entered, the largest number received at any one time during the history of the lodge.

Voted May 30 to receive clergymen free.

1872.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION DECEMBER 10.

OFFICERS.

ANDREW W. HAM, W. M.

F. D. R. MORRILL, S. W.	HENRY WATSON, S. D.
L. D. WENTWORTH, J. W.	HORACE HAM, J. D.
G. E. BAILEY, Treas.	HIRAM P. RING, S. S.
A. W. MURRAY, Sec.	R. G. WHITNEY, J. S.

ELIJAH N. KING, Tyler.

Twenty-two communications of the lodge were held during the year. Twelve petitions for degrees and two for membership were received and acted upon. Of the petitions for degrees, five were accepted and seven rejected.

The petitions for membership were Bros. Nathan and Emanuel Meands, accepted July 16 and Oct. 15 respectively.

A public installation was held. Officers were installed by P. M., Ephraim Gee, of Penobscot lodge, Dexter.

One death occurred this year, that of Bro. Charles W. Huff, and was the first loss in membership the new lodge sustained. Bro. Huff died of consumption, in Parkman, Me., June 28, 1872, and was buried with Masonic honors. He received the degrees of masonry in Cambridge Lodge, Nov. 7, 1871, having been a member about eight months. He was born in Wellington, Me., May 15, 1839, where he lived until he was about twenty-four years of age. Later he came to Parkman, Me., where he resided until his death. Bro. Huff was an upright and conscientious man and Mason and his loss was keenly felt. Resolutions of respect to his memory, through a committee consisting of Bros. N. L. Hooper, L. D. Wentworth and John Russell, were adopted by the lodge.

Whole number of members March 1st was 48. The M. M. degree was conferred on George Mitchell Feb. 20, Edward Davis April 2, Benson M. Arno July 16, Reuben Whitehouse July 2. Bro. R. G. Whitney was appointed in behalf of the lodge to visit Bro. Benj. D. Libby in his illness and tender him the sympathy of the lodge.

1873.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION DECEMBER 2.

OFFICERS.

ANDREW W. HAM, W. M.

F. D. R. MORRILL, S. W.	HORACE HAM, J. D.
L. D. WENTWORTH, J. W.	ELISHA KNOWLES, S. S.
G. E. BAILEY, Treas.	RUFUS G. WHITNEY, J. S.
GEORGE MITCHELL, Sec.	CHARLES HAM, Chap.
NATHAN L. MEANDS, S. D.	WM. R. WOODS, Tyler.

Officers were installed in public by D. D. G. M., Daniel Dolloff. Twenty-three communications of the lodge were held. The

M. M. degree was conferred on the following: Alanson H. Lock March 12, Elisha Skinner March 18, Charles A. Laughton May 6, Theodore V. Chadbourn June 10, Benjamin Grant June 10, Charles F. Dore July 1, Clifford W. Hight Aug. 5, Jacob T. Brown September 2, Noah C. Kendall September 30, Horace S. Elliott Nov. 11. The whole number of members March 1st was 52. Eleven petitions for degrees were received. Seven were accepted and four rejected.

A large amount of work was performed this year and interest continued unabated.

1874.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION DECEMBER 25.

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. COLE, W. M.

F. D. R. MORRILL, S. W.

L. E. BAILEY, J. D.

L. D. WENTWORTH, J. W.

R. G. WHITNEY, S. S.

G. E. BAILEY, Treas.

S. C. MORRILL, J. S.

GEORGE MITCHELL, Sec.

N. L. HOOPER, Marshall.

HORACE HAM, S. D.

WM. R. WOODS, Tyler.

Officers were installed by D. D. G. M., Daniel Dolloff. Fourteen communications were held this year. Four petitions were received and acted upon, one for membership and three for degrees and all were accepted. Bro. Asa H. Rolf was admitted to membership Oct. 20. The M. M. degree was conferred on Andrew H. Bailey March 31, and Orrin M. Rolf Aug. 15.

The lodge sustained a pecuniary loss this year in the partial destruction of the lodge building by a terrific tornado which passed through this place on the afternoon of Sunday, May 31. Nearly every building in the place was more or less damaged and the appearance of our beautiful village after the storm passed was pitiful in the extreme. The two-story hall building was carried bodily some ten feet, unroofed and otherwise damaged some hundreds of dollars. At a stated communication June 30, some measures were taken to repair the loss and contributions were solicited of other lodges. A committee of seven was appointed and assigned to different places as follows: G. E. Bailey, Dover; F. D. R. Morrill, Monson; J. B. Mitchell, Newport; S. Everett Bailey, Skowhegan; L. D. Wentworth, Dexter; Henry Watson, Hartland; R. G. Whitney, Bangor. The total membership March 1st was sixty-four.

1875.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION DECEMBER 1.

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. COLE, W. M.

F. D. R. MORRILL, S. W.	SAMUEL C. MORRILL, J. D.
NOAH C. KENDALL, J. W.	CHARLES A. LAUGHTON, S. S.
G. E. BAILEY, Treas.	JACOB T. BROWN, J. S.
A. H. BAILEY, Sec.	L. D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
HORACE HAM, S. D.	WM. R. WOODS, Tyler.

Officers were installed in private by Past Master, Andrew W. Ham. Seventeen communications of the lodge were held during the year.

Ten petitions for the degrees were received and acted upon. Five were rejected and five accepted. The M. M. degree was conferred on Henry C. Dore and Israel W. Lincoln May 18, Edwin Folsom June 1, William G. Bailey and Hanson Hight Sept. 14, S. A. Buzzell Nov. 9, John Pease, 2d, Dec. 7. Hiram P. Ring and Cyrus Libby called for and obtained demits March 3. The total number of members March 1st was sixty-five.

At the stated communication of April 20, it was voted to extend a vote of thanks to the several lodges and brethren who contributed to our relief, through the columns of the Masonic Token, a paper devoted to the cause of Masonry, and Bros. N. L. Meands and George Mitchell were appointed to carry the same into effect.

1876.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION DECEMBER 26.

OFFICERS.

F. D. R. MORRILL, W. M.

N. L. MEANDS, S. W.	LEVI E. BAILEY, J. D.
HORACE HAM, J. W.	FRANK R. KIMBALL, S. S.
N. L. HOOPER, Treas.	BENSON M. ARNO, J. S.
GEORGE MITCHELL, Sec.	L. D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
A. W. HAM, S. D.	JOHN RUSSELL, Marshal.

G. E. BAILEY, Tyler.

Officers were installed in public by D. D. G. M., Daniel Dolloff. Twenty communications of the lodge were held during the year. Ten petitions were received and acted upon. Two were rejected and eight accepted. The M. M. degree was conferred on John H. Mitchell May 7, Moses G. Page April 4, Elmer J. Smith April 11, Charles C. Hale Oct. 3, Frank M. Bailey Nov. 14, Frank L. Chadbourn Jan. 23, Washington Foss Dec. 26.

A communication from Bro. A. T. Wade, of Sangerville, was received, in regard to a movement to raise a fund for the purpose of purchasing a suitable monument to be

erected at the grave of Bro. Louis Annance, an Indian of the St. Francis tribe, and April 4th a committee of three was appointed to solicit funds for the same, consisting of Bros. Lewis S. Reed, John Russell and Benson M. Arno.

June 6 it was voted that a committee of three or more be appointed to make the necessary arrangements to attend the Masonic dedication at Dexter, Bros. George Mitchell, Lewis S. Reed, Henry Watson and Benson M. Arno being designated to act in that capacity.

At the stated communication of Oct. 3, it was voted that a committee of five be appointed by the chair and confirmed by the lodge to draft a plan for reducing or paying the lodge indebtedness. Bros. William A. Herrick, Andrew W. Ham, John W. Cole, Rufus G. Whitney and John Pease, 2d, were appointed and confirmed as such.

Oct. 31, the committee on lodge indebtedness reported in favor of raising one thousand dollars by assessment and of increasing the dues to two dollars per year, which report was accepted and tabled until next regular meeting for discussion. The motion was passed over until Dec. 26, when it was voted to make an assessment of one thousand dollars on the members of Cambridge Lodge, to be brought up for final action at the next stated communication.

One death occurred this year, that of Bro. Josiah A. Folsom, and a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of the departed brother. Bros. George Mitchell, L. D. Wentworth and John W. Cole were designated. Brother Folsom was born in Newmarket, N. H., March 23, 1815, being the youngest of a family of five children. He spent the early years of his manhood as teacher in the public schools, and was led soon after to adopt medicine as a profession, studying and attending lectures in New York. He was in Providence, R. I., practicing as a physician in 1842, being at that time an involuntary participant in the celebrated Dorr rebellion and was arrested and imprisoned by the adherents of Governor King. Coming to Cambridge, Me., in the fall of 1843, he married and, until a short time before his death, attended strictly to professional duties, building up a large and lucrative practice. A correspondent of the Rockingham County Advertiser speaks of Bro. Folsom as an honest, hospitable and benevolent man, extending the hand of charity in the hour of need, for his heart was always free to relieve the wants of the poor. About two years before his death he became afflicted with cancer in the face, which soon assumed so malignant a form that he was obliged to give up his business and go to New York for medical treatment. Returning, he stopped at his brother-in-law's, in

Newmarket, N. H., where, after much suffering, he died, Aug. 16th, within one-half mile of his birthplace. Bro. Folsom was made a Mason in Cambridge Lodge, Jan. 3, 1871.

Total number of members, March 1st, was seventy-two.

1877.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DEC. 18.

OFFICERS.

ANDREW W. HAM, W. M.

JOHN W. COLE, S. W.	RUFUS G. WHITNEY, J. D.
IRA H. HORNE, J. W.	JOHN H. MITCHELL, S. S.
HENRY WATSON, Treas.	ANDREW H. BAILEY, J. S.
CHARLES C. HALE, Sec.	L. D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
HORACE HAM, S. D.	JOHN RUSSELL, Marshal.
G. E. BAILEY, Tyler.	

Officers installed publicly by P. M., F. D. R. Morrill and W. M., Andrew W. Ham.

Jan. 3d the proposition relative to making an assessment of one thousand dollars, tabled at last regular meeting, was passed over and instead another proposition to make an assessment of five dollars on each and every member of Cambridge Lodge for the purpose of reducing lodge indebtedness, final action to be taken at next regular communication.

Voted Feb. 27, to make an assessment of five dollars on each and every member of Cambridge Lodge. Thirteen communications of the lodge were held. Three petitions were received and acted upon. One was rejected and two accepted. Total number of members March 1, was seventy-seven. The M. M. degree was conferred on Fred Whittier, April 24; Dudley B. Whitney, July 24. Death has again entered our lodge, taking therefrom Brother Sands Bailey, first secretary and honorary member, who died at Winthrop, Maine, of catarrhal consumption, July 24. Brother Bailey was born at Leeds, Me., May 17, 1806, and went to Dover, Me., about the year 1850 or 1851. While at that place he received the degrees of masonry in Mosaic Lodge of Foxcroft, and August 6, 1851, was raised to the sublime degree of M. M. Thence he removed to Winthrop in the year 1858, to Lowell, Mass., in 1860, and from there to Cambridge, Me., September, 1863, where he assisted in organizing Cambridge Lodge. He resided at the latter place some ten years, a respected and zealous Mason. The last years of his life were passed with his daughter at Winthrop.

1878.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DEC. 3.

OFFICERS.

HORACE HAM, W. M.

HENRY WATSON, S. W.	S. A. BUZZELL, J. D.
MOSES G. PAGE, J. W.	GEORGE MITCHELL, S. S.
ELIJAH N. KING, Treas.	RUFUS G. WHITNEY, J. S.
CHARLES C. HALE, Sec.	L. D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
DUDLEY B. WHITNEY, S. D.	JOHN RUSSELL, Marshal.

G. E. BAILEY, Tyler.

Officers installed in public by Past Master, Andrew W. Ham. Thirteen communications of the lodge were held. Two petitions were received and acted upon. One was accepted and one was pronounced out of jurisdiction. Bro. John W. Cole was chosen proxy to the Grand Lodge.

The lodge was visited Oct. 8, by D. D. G. M. Peaks. The M. M. degree was conferred on Herbert H. Cobb, Feb. 12; Cyrus S. Young, Aug. 6.

Whole number of members March 1, seventy-nine.

1879.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION DEC. 22.

OFFICERS.

HENRY WATSON, W. M.

JOHN H. MITCHELL, S. W.	ANDREW H. BAILEY, J. D.
CHARLES C. HALE, J. W.	JOHN PEASE, 2d., S. S.
BENSON M. ARNO, Treas.	JACOB T. BROWN, J. S.
NATHAN L. MEANDS, Sec.	L. D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
ANDREW W. HAM, S. D.	ELISHA KNOWLES, Mar.

F. D. R. Morrill, Tyler.

Officers were installed in private. Fourteen communications were held during the year. The M. M. degree was conferred on James S. Allen, April 1, and Michael Andrews, Nov. 25.

Jan. 7, Bro. Charles C. Hale having presented the lodge a small trunk for the purpose of keeping lodge records, it was voted that Bro. Hale have a vote of thanks. April 1, Bro. George Mitchell was elected proxy to the Grand Lodge. A request was received from the brethren at Athens asking the consent of the lodge to the forming of a new lodge at that place Jan. 7. Frank M. Bailey was re-instated to all the rights and benefits of Masonry. Demits were granted Bros. R. G. Whitney, D. B. Whitney and F. M. Bailey in December.

Whole number of members March 1, was seventy.

1880.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION DEC. 14.

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. MITCHELL, W. M.

CHARLES C. HALE, S. W.	ELISHA KNOWLES, J. D.
S. A. BUZZELL, J. W.	ANDREW H. BAILEY, S. S.
S. EVERETT BAILEY, Sec.	JACOB T. BROWN, J. S.
JOHN RUSSELL, Treas.	L. D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
JOHN W. COLE, S. D.	HENRY WATSON, Marshal.

WILLIAM R. WOODS, Tyler.

Officers installed by P. M. Henry Watson, in public. Twelve communications of the lodge were held. No petitions were received this year and but one candidate rejected, consequently no work was performed.

One death occurred this year, that of Bro. Charles M. Burdin, who died March 29. The immediate cause of his death was an erysipelas sore on the leg. Bro. Burdin was born in Solon, Maine, April 1, 1824, where he passed his childhood, coming to Wellington, Maine, Dec. 12, 1835. From Wellington he went to the St. John's where he was employed five years, or until the winter of 1851. From thence he went to California to work in the mines, returning to Wellington in October 1854, where he married and lived until his death, being a prominent member of the Free Baptist church. Bro. Burdin was a charter member and was instrumental in organizing Cambridge Lodge. He was raised to the sublime degree of M. M. in Mount Kineo Lodge, No. 109, March 15, 1865. He died as he lived, esteemed and beloved by all men and Masons alike.

1881.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION NOV. 29.

OFFICERS.

CHARLES C. HALE, W. M.

S. A. BUZZELL, S. W.	F. L. CHADBURN, J. D.
CHARLES F. DORE, J. W.	ANDREW H. BAILEY, S. S.
JOHN RUSSELL, Treas.	BENSON M. ARNO, J. S.
GEORGE MITCHELL, Sec.	L. D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
ANDREW W. HAM, S. D.	HENRY WATSON, Mar.

G. E. BAILEY, Tyler.

Officers installed in public by W. M. Charles C. Hale. Twelve communications of the lodge were held. No work was performed this year, in fact, hardly members enough could be called together to open the lodge, owing to the extreme lack of interest, for which this year will be noted in the history of the lodge. A dispensation was granted by the Grand Lodge to hold the annual communication Nov, 29, there being a meeting in December.

Whole number of members March 1, sixty-seven.

1882.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DEC. 19.

OFFICERS.

CHARLES C. HALE, W. M.

JOHN W. COLE, S. W.	ELISHA KNOWLES, J. D.
JACOB T. BROWN, J. W.	JAMES S. ALLEN, S. S.
L. D. WENTWORTH, Treas.	MICHAEL ANDREWS, J. S.
NATH'L. L. HOOPER, Sec.	CHARLES HAM, Chap.
GEORGE MITCHELL, S. D.	HENRY WATSON, Mar.

BENSON M. ARNO, Tyler.

Officers were installed in private by W. M. Charles C. Hale. Sixteen communications of the lodge were held during the year. Two petitions for the degrees of masonry were received and acted upon. Both were accepted. The degree of M. M. was conferred on William H. Smart Aug. 22, and Henry B. Mitchell, June 13. Demits were granted to Bros. Herbert H. Cobb, Jan. 3, Lewis S. Reed, May 2, Benjamin Grant, Aug. 22, and Elijah N. King, Nov. 22.

Whole number of members, March 1, sixty-seven.

1883.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION DEC. 11.

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. COLE, W. M.

JOHN H. MITCHELL, S. W.	S. A. BUZZELL, J. D.
F. L. CHADBURN, J. W.	JOHN PEASE 2d., S. S.
NATH'L. S. HOOPER, Treas.	WM. H. SMART, J. S.
CHARLES C. HALE, Sec.	L. D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
ANDREW H. BAILEY, S. D.	ELISHA KNOWLES, Mar.

BENSON M. ARNO, Tyler.

Officers were installed in private by W. M., John W. Cole. Seventeen communications of the lodge were held this year. Six petitions were received and acted upon, all of which were accepted. Two were re-instated to the benefits of Masonry, viz. Frank R. Kimball, Jan. 23, and Judson P. Smith, May 5. A demit was granted Orrin M. Rolf, Aug. 14. The degrees were conferred on F. S. Bunker, April 17; Nathan R. Turner, June 2; H. K. Thatcher, Aug. 14; Albion F. Buker, Jan. 8; John B. LaBree, December 12. At the stated communication of Sept. 8, the lodge received a visit from D. D. G. M. Patten, who examined the records, inspected the exemplification of work and deemed them satisfactory in his remarks to the lodge.

Whole number of members March 1, sixty-seven.

1884.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DEC. 30.

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. COLE, W. M.

F. L. CHADBOURN, S. W.	JACOB T. BROWN, J. D.
FRANK R. KIMBALL, J. W.	JOHN PEASE, S. S.
N. L. HOOPER, Treas.	WM. H. SMART, J. S.
GEORGE MITCHELL, Sec.	L. D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
ANDREW H. BAILEY, S. D.	ELISHA KNOWLES, Mar.
	G. E. BAILEY, Tyler.

Officers were installed in private. There were fourteen communications of the lodge held during the year. One petition only was received. The degree of M. M. was conferred on Albion F. Buker, Jan. 8, Roscoe W. Herrick, May 6.

Whole number of members March 1, sixty-one.

With sincere sorrow we chronicle the death of beloved brother and charter member, Nahum Morrill, who died at his home in Cambridge, Feb. 1, of dropsy, at the age of seventy-six years. He was the oldest member in the lodge. Bro. Morrill was born in Greene, Maine., March 18, 1808. He came to Harmony, Maine, when only nine years of age, after which time, with the exception of a few years, his residence was in Cambridge, where he was held in high esteem by his fellow-townsmen.

1885.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION DEC. 15.

OFFICERS.

JOHN H. MITCHELL, W. M.

F. L. CHADBOURN, S. W.	ALBION F. BUKER, J. D.
FRANK R. KIMBALL, J. W.	L. D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
JOHN W. COLE, Treas.	ELISHA KNOWLES, Mar.
JOHN B. LABREE, Sec.	S. EVERETT BAILEY, S. S.
ANDREW H. BAILEY S. D.	JOHN PEASE 2d., J. S.
	E. F. LEIGHTON, Tyler.

Officers were installed at a special communication of the lodge. Thirteen communications were held during the year. One petition was received and accepted. The M. M. degree was conferred on Herbert O. Bartlett, May 26.

Whole number of members Mar. 1, seventy-two.

 1886.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION DEC. 7.

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. COLE, W. M.

FRANK R. KIMBALL, S. W.	ALBION F. BUKER, J. D.
HERBERT O. BARTLETT, J. W.	L. D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
ELISHA KNOWLES, Treas.	JOHN H. MITCHELL, Mar.
JOHN B. LABREE, Sec.	JOHN PEASE, S. S.
ANDREW H. BAILEY, S. D.	HENRY B. MITCHELL, J. S.

STANWOOD D. PAGE, Tyler.

Officers installed in private. Eighteen communications of the lodge were held during the year. One petition for membership and ten for the degrees were acted upon. Of these, two were rejected and nine accepted. Demits were granted Bros. D. H. Bartlett and Noah C. Kendall, April 8; Bro. L. H. Reed, a non-affiliant, was admitted to membership Aug. 10. D. D. G. M., C. S. Manter, was present Oct. 12.

Our ranks were again broken this year by the death of Bro. Benjamin D. Libby. Bro. Libby was born in the town of Wellington, Maine, April 7, 1820. In the year 1830 he moved to Milton Plantation, now the town of Orneville. Thence to Exeter in May, 1832, then to Wellington, then to Brighton, and again to Wellington, May 4, 1864, where he died of ulceration of the kidneys.

The degree of M. M. was conferred on Delmont C. Hutchins, Jan. 19; William H. Davis, May 11; Richard H. Marble, June 15; J. Charles Bailey, May 18; Ora Willis, June 15; George W. Badger, Sept. 7; Daniel R. Hayden, Aug. 10; G. W. Chadbourn, Nov. 11.

Whole number of members March 1, seventy-two.

 1887.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DEC. 27.

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. COLE, W. M.

FRANK R. KIMBALL, S. W.	ALBION F. BUKER, J. D.
JACOB T. BROWN, J. W.	LORENZO D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
G. E. BAILEY, Treas.	ELISHA KNOWLES, Marshal.
JOHN R. LABREE, Sec'y.	J. CHARLES BAILEY, S. S.
ANDREW H. BAILEY, S. D.	GEO. W. BADGER, J. S.

BENSON M. ARNO, Tyler.

Officers installed in private by P. M. Charles C. Hale. Sixteen communications of the lodge were held this year and a fair amount of work was performed. Five petitions for the degrees were received. Three were rejected and two accepted. Bro. Lewis S. Reed was re-instated Aug. 10th. Bro. Alfred H. Willis

was admitted to membership Sept. 27th. A demit was granted Bro. James B. Lewis Sept. 27th. The M. M. degree was conferred on Walter H. Ring, March 8th; J. B. Leighton, April 5th; Melvin W. Knowles, May 31st; Gardner Rogers, Jr., Aug. 16th; Albert Taylor, Sept. 13th. Whole number of members, March 1st, was seventy-nine.

1888.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DEC. 18.

OFFICERS.

FRANK R. KIMBALL, W. M.

JOHN B. LABREE, S. W.	G. W. CHADBURN, J. D.
JACOB T. BROWN, J. W.	LORENZO D. WENTWORTH, Chap.
GARDNER ROGERS, JR., Treas.	ANDREW H. BAILEY, Marshal.
J. B. LEIGHTON, Sec'y.	HENRY B. MITCHELL, S. S.
GEO. W. BADGER, S. D.	ALFRED WILLIS, J. S.

JOSEPH J. CHADBURN, Tyler.

Officers installed in private by P. M. Charles C. Hale. Thirteen communications of the lodge were held. Three petitions for degrees were received. One was rejected and two accepted. A demit was granted Bro. Charles F. Dore, Oct. 16th. The whole number of members, March 1st, was eighty-four.

The lodge sustained a double loss this year in the death of two of its most esteemed members, Lorenzo D. Wentworth and Roscoe W. Herrick. Bro. Wentworth was born in Wellington, Me., Feb. 13th, 1830, and, with the exception of two years spent in Parkman, Me., was a resident of Cambridge. His daily life was a model of purity and integrity, enjoying the esteem and confidence of friends and Masons. He long and acceptably filled the office of chaplain in the lodge and all through a long period of illness displayed a Christian fortitude and patient resignation to the last. The cause of his death was sciatica, coupled with a kidney trouble. One of the first in the organization and a charter member of Cambridge lodge, having been initiated March 11th; passed April 8th and raised to the degree of a M. M., May 6th, 1865, in Mt. Kineo Lodge, No. 109, and was granted a demit, April 1st, 1871. Resolutions to his memory were adopted by the lodge. Bro. Herrick was born in Harmony, Me., Nov. 1st, 1850, where he lived with the exception of some twenty winters spent in woods around Moosehead Lake, and where he met his death, Nov. 25th, 1888, by breaking through the ice while crossing a small cove near Beaver creek. He was cut down in the strength of manhood, and will ever be remembered as a true Mason, zealous for the cause he represented, sympathetic and quick to forgive an injury; being a noble example of what constitutes the good and true in his daily walk of life. Resolutions were adopted by the lodge. Whole number of members, March 1st, was eighty-four.

1889.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DEC. 31.

OFFICERS.

FRANK R. KIMBALL, W. M.

ANDREW H. BAILEY, S. W.	S. EVERETT BAILEY, J. D.
JACOB T. BROWN, J. W.	J. W. HINKLEY, Chap.
J. B. LEIGHTON, Sec'y.	JOHN PEASE, S. S.
GARDNER ROGERS, JR., Treas.	JOHN W. COLE, Marshal.
J. B. CHADBOURN, S. D.	GEO. W. BADGER, J. S.

G. E. BAILEY, Tyler.

Officers were installed in private by P. M. Charles C. Hale. Fourteen communications of the lodge were held. Six petitions for the degrees were received and acted upon. Three were rejected and three were accepted. The Master Mason's degree was conferred on Albert Ward, March 12th, and Alfred A. Richards, April 9th. Demits were granted to Brothers Albion F. Buker, March 12th, and Asa H. Rolfe, Nov. 3d. Whole number of members, March 1st, was eighty-four.

1890.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, DEC. 23.

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. COLE, W. M.

ANDREW H. BAILEY, S. W.	ALFRED A. RICHARDS, J. D.
JACOB T. BROWN, J. W.	GEO. W. COLBY, Chap.
GARDNER ROGERS, JR., Treas.	ELISHA KNOWLES, Marshal.
ALFRED H. WILLIS, Sec'y.	ALFRED WARD, S. S.
G. W. CHADBOURN, S. D.	GEO. W. BADGER, J. S.

G. E. BAILEY, Tyler.

Officers installed by Past Master Charles C. Hale. Seventeen communications of the lodge were held this year. Five petitions for the degrees were received. Two were rejected and three accepted. Demits were granted Brothers D. R. Hayden, July 29th, and J. W. Hinkley, Oct. 21st. The degree of Master Mason was conferred on William Allen, Jan. 27th, John N. Batchelder, Feb. 18th; Fred O. Linnell, April 1st; John S. Longfellow, July 1st; Frank A. Linnell, Aug. 26th, and E. C. Bailey, Aug. 26th. Again two of our members have passed from this to the Celestial Lodge above. The first to obey the Supreme Master's summons was Bro. Henry C. Dore, who died at his home March 23d, esteemed by the members of his lodge. The next was Bro. John S. Longfellow, who died in Cornville, Me., Sept. 20th. He was born in that place May 7th, 1843, residing at Cornville until March 20th, 1866, when he removed to Harmony, Me., where he lived till just before his death, which was the result of heart trouble. Bro. Longfellow served some more than a year as a private in Co. D, 24th Maine Regi-

ment, in the war of the rebellion. Although his sojourn with us was short he was regarded as an exemplary brother and in him the lodge has sustained a great loss.

More than two decades have elapsed since Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, was organized, and of its record those composing the lodge may well be proud. The acquisition to membership has been normal and comparatively steady, and with one or two exceptions there has been no year but work has been performed or exemplified, ranking high among sister lodges in the correct rendering of the ritual.

Of the future history of Cambridge Lodge we can only conjecture. It depends largely upon the zeal and watchfulness of those having its welfare in charge; therefore we leave it to other hearts to mould and other hands to write.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Of the twenty-seven brothers whose names appear on the charter, five have been called to the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Master of the Universe presides. Three have withdrawn and joined other lodges, one beyond the limits of the state, and one without the jurisdiction. The remaining seventeen reside within the lodge limits and most of them attend the regular meetings of the lodge.

To all the Fraternity to whom these Presents shall come: The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Maine, sends GREETING:

Whereas a petition has been presented to us by Brothers William A. Herrick, John W. Cole, Floraman D. R. Morrill, Sands Bailey, G. E. Bailey, John Russell, Andrew W. Ham, Charles Ham, Hiram P. Ring, Charles W. Burdin, Jonathan B. Mitchell, Lorenzo D. Wentworth, Joseph J. Chadbourn, Elisha Knowles, Frank R. Kimball, S. Everett Bailey and William R. Burdin, original petitioners for a lodge at Cambridge, Samuel C. Morrill, Nathaniel L. Hooper, Henry Watson, Albert W. Murray, G. L. Wilder, Levi E. Bailey, Ira H. Horne, Nahum Morrill and Josiah A. Folsom, who were raised by said brethren while working as a lodge under a dispensation granted them for that purpose by the Grand Lodge of Maine, and C. R. Daggett, till now unaffiliated, all ancient Free and Accepted Masons, praying that they, with such others as shall hereafter join them, may be erected and constituted a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, which petition, appearing to us a tending to the advancement of Masonry and the good of the craft: Know ye,

therefore, that we, the Grand Lodge aforesaid, reposing special trust and confidence in the prudence and fidelity of our beloved brethren above named, have constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do constitute and appoint the said brothers William A. Herrick, John W. Cole, Floraman D. R. Morrill, Sands Bailey, G. E. Bailey, John Russell, Andrew W. Ham, Charles Ham, Hiram P. Ring, Charles M. Burdin, Jonathan B. Mitchell, Lorenzo D. Wentworth, Joseph J. Chadbourn, Elisha Knowles, Frank R. Kimball, S. Everett Bailey, William H. Burdin, Samuel C. Morrill, Nathaniel L. Hooper, Henry Watson, Albert W. Murray, G. L. Wilder, Levi E. Bailey, Ira H. Horne, Nahum Morrill, Josiah A. Folsom and C. R. Daggett, a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title and designation of Cambridge Lodge, No. 157, hereby giving and granting unto them and their successors full power and authority to convene as Masons within the town of Cambridge, county of Somerset, and state aforesaid; to receive and enter apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts and raise Master Masons, upon the payment of such compensations for the same as may be determined by the Grand Lodge; also to make choice of Master Wardens and other office bearers annually or otherwise, as they shall see cause; to receive and collect funds for the relief of poor and distressed brothers, their widows or children, and in general to transact all matters relating to Masonry, which may to them appear to be for the good of the craft, according to the ancient usages and customs of Masons.

And we do hereby require the said constituted brethren to attend the Grand Lodge at their Annual Communications and other meetings by their Master and Wardens, or by proxies regularly appointed; also to keep a fair and correct record of all their proceedings and to lay them before the Grand Lodge when required.

And we do hereby enjoin upon our brethren of said lodge that they be punctual in the payment of such sums as may be assessed for the support of the lodge; that they behave themselves respectfully and obediently to their superiors in office, and in all other respects conduct themselves as good Masons.

And we do hereby declare the precedence of said lodge in the Grand Lodge and elsewhere, to commence from May 5, A. D. 1870.

In testimony whereof, we, the Grand Master and Grand Wardens, by virtue of the power and authority to us committed, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be affixed at Portland, this fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

JOHN SYNDE,
Grand Master.

DAVID CARGILL,
Deputy Grand Master.

By order of the Grand Lodge,

ALBERT MOOR,
Senior Grand Warden,

H. H. DICKEY,
Junior Grand Warden,

IRA BERRY,
Grand Secretary.

