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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

From the History of Waterbury, we learn that "The first Pequonnock chief known to the English was Sehat, who was succeeded by Nesaheagan, whose name has been perpetuated in that of the first Waterbury lodge of Odd Fellows.* Of the Indian names in the deed of 1674, the first in order and doubtless the first in importance is Nesaheagan, who is also spoken of as Sachem of Pequonnock in Windsor; and about the year 1666 sold a tract of land measuring 28,000 acres to certain agents in that town."

Of the twenty Odd Fellows lodges in the state, instituted previous to that of Nosahogan Lodge, eight had adopted some prominent Indian name in its locality, and of the eighty-one lodges in the state twenty-two are named after some Indian name of place, tribe, or celebrated chief.

Tradition informs us that Nosahogan was a prominent and influential chief of his tribe, and his name has come down to us as one who was a steadfast friend of the "pale faces;" and for his many acts of friendship it seems a fitting tribute to his memory that his name was chosen by the charter members of Nosahogan Lodge.

*The old fashioned e of the early scribes having been mistaken, as it often is, for an o, the name has been transformed into Nosahogan.

NOSAHOGAN LODGE, No. 21, I. O. O. F.

The records of Nosahogan Lodge for the first few years do not furnish many items of historical interest. Aside from the greater work of the Order of visiting the sick, and giving aid and sympathy to the families of deceased brothers, the initiation of members was the principal feature of interest, the five degrees being conferred in degree lodge with but few brothers present, and lacking much of the interest pertaining to the "new work." By giving a chronological narrative of the more important transactions of the lodge outside the routine of lodge work, the principal items of historical interest will present themselves to the reader.

Having recently celebrated the semi-centennial anniversary of our lodge, it becomes a matter of more than ordinary interest to scan its history, to trace our pathway, and to learn what it has done, not as a subject of self-congratulation or idle boast, but that it may serve to quicken us to greater efforts in the Heaven-born mission of our Order, and to seek out and perfect new methods of relief and protection to our members.

Outside the records of the lodge we learn that on April 24, 1845, five reputable and prominent citizens of Waterbury journeyed to Birmingham, Conn., viz: John S. Mitchell, Charles U. C. Burton, Rufus E. Hitchcock, William M. Pemberton and Henry Merriman, and were duly initiated and took their degrees in Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, and received cards of withdrawal of the same date for the purpose of forming an Odd Fellows lodge in Waterbury.

INSTITUTION OF NOSAHOGAN LODGE.

The Grand Master John L. Devotion, accompanied by the grand officers of the state, convened at Waterbury, July 1, 1845, for the purpose of instituting Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F. The grand master having taken the chair, called the members to order, directed the grand secretary to read the petition of five brothers for a subordinate lodge in Waterbury. The grand marshal presented brothers John S. Mitchell, William M. Pemberton, Charles U. C. Burton, Rufus E. Hitchcock and Henry Merriman, with cards of withdrawal in their hands, to the grand master, who administered the prescribed obligation.

The grand marshal by order of the grand master proclaimed Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., duly instituted according to the most ancient and august ceremonial of the Order.

The grand master then called for the nomination and election of officers of the lodge, when William M. Pemberton was elected noble grand, Charles U. C. Burton, vice grand, Rufus E. Hitchcock, secretary, and Henry Merriman, treasurer, when each were declared elected and duly installed into their respective chairs. After the election of officers eight applications for membership were received, and at the evening session they were duly admitted to membership. As a matter of historical interest the names of these brothers are here given: Henry H. Hayden, merchant; David S. Law, merchant; E. J. Warner, machinist; George W. Benedict, manufacturer; George Pritchard, manufacturer; Edward S. Clark, bookkeeper; Charles Partree, hotel keeper; E. B. Leavenworth, builder. Of the charter members four were manufacturers and merchants. Of these eight initiated members George W. Benedict and Edward S. Clark were elected and

served as grand masters of the state, and George Pritchard, David S. Law, Charles Partree and E. B. Leavenworth became past grands. All these were men of more than average standing and ability in the community, and through their influence quite a number of the most influential and important citizens joined the lodge. Among these names our older members will recognize Abram Ives, John E. Smith, Scovill M. Buckingham, Dr. C. J. Carrington, Merit Lane, L. L. Trumbull, Lyman W. Coe, Russell A. Coe, John Mullings, John W. Smith, Albert S. Upson, Benjamin P. Chatfield, John H. Sandland, George L. Townsend and Theodore I. Driggs, three of whom became grand masters of the state, and nine were past grands. We recall these names as showing a resultant influence that enabled Nosahogan Lodge to afterwards maintain its existence.

Tradition informs us that the lodge held its first meetings in the Franklin building, corner of Exchange Place and West Main street, but in August a committee was appointed to rent and furnish a lodge room in "Gothic Hall" (now located on Phoenix avenue) which was then situated on the site of the new Odd Fellows building.

August 20, 1845. The lodge having secured a more convenient lodge room in Gothic Hall, a committee was appointed to procure the services of Brother Thomas H. Seymour, of Hartford (afterwards governor of the state) to deliver an address on the opening of the new lodge room.

August 27, 1845. The officers for the ensuing term were installed into office (the terms at this time were for three months). The charter of the lodge having been received, Brother Burton was appointed to procure a suitable frame for it.

Sept. 3, 1845. It was voted "that the 26th of the present month be the day for opening the new lodge room."

Sept. 10, 1845. Voted, "that the lodge appropriate \$100 towards the fitting up of the new hall, and the committee be authorized to draw an order on the treasurer for the same."

Sept. 24, 1845. George W. Benedict, Edward S. Clark and C. U. C. Burton were appointed a committee "to make arrangements for the dedication of the new hall on Friday evening, and prepare a collation."

Oct. 22, 1845. The Daughters of Temperance were granted the use of the hall, charges for rent, light and fuel to be determined.

Nov. 5, 1845. Brother Edward Terrell was appointed to care for the hall and lamps at the rate of \$25 per year for what time he may serve. A bill of \$14.65 was presented, incurred for expenses in procuring the services of Brother Thomas H. Seymour, who delivered an address on the occasion of the dedication of the hall.

Nov. 12, 1845. The committee reported that the expenses of fitting up the new lodge room would be about \$350. It was voted that Brother Jeffrey be requested to take charge of the singing, and that the secretary procure music for the lodge.

Nov. 19, 1845. Brother Sheldon Collins' bills amounting to \$34.63 for supper on the evening of dedication were accepted, and it was voted that the members belonging to the lodge at that time pay the bills.

Dec. 3, 1845. Voted, "That all committees hereafter appointed to investigate the health and character of candidates or proposed members shall give their reasons, if report be unfavorable."

Dec. 17, 1845. Voted to rent to Harmony Lodge, F. and A. M. the use of the hall on Thursday evenings, they to pay one-half of all expenses for rent, furniture and fixtures, and Brother Carrington was appointed a committee to transact the business.

Dec. 31, 1845. Voted, "That the proposition of Brother G. W. Benedict in relation to committees giving their reasons in case of unfavorable report of committee be laid aside until called for."

Jan. 21, 1846. Voted, "That the thanks of this lodge be presented to Past Grand William M. Pemberton for four dollars presented to the Widows' and Orphans' fund, it being the amount received as representative to the grand lodge.

Feb. 4, 1846. Brother Leonard Pritchard presented a bill for mourning regalia, which was ordered paid, and on motion of Brother Benedict that members be allowed to purchase same as they may wish.

Feb. 25, 1846. Brother D. B. Hurd was elected the first permanent secretary of the lodge.

March 11, 1846. The first report of sickness, that of Brother W. R. Judd, appears on the records of this date.

March 25, 1846. The following resolution was passed: "Resolved, that we will leave this room as soon as we can make arrangements to do so, and that a committee be appointed to notify Harmony Lodge, and Mattatuck Division, S. of T., that we wish to leave the room" [according to previous understanding].

April 15, 1846. "Brothers George W. Benedict, Henry W. Hayden, George Welton, George Pritchard and Samuel Pritchard, absent from lodge meetings last quarter offered their excuses, which were accepted."

June 17, 1846. An invitation from the citizens' committee of Waterbury to turn out in procession on the Fourth of July was accepted, and permission was asked of the grand master to appear in regalia.*

June 24, 1846. On motion voted "To invite all Odd Fellows, members of other lodges in town, to join with us in the coming celebration of the Fourth of July." An amendment to by-laws was passed imposing a fine of fifty cents on the noble grand, vice grand or secretary failing to attend the regular degree lodge or lecture meetings of the district, and "any member who shall accept an appointment on a committee and not attend to its duties within reasonable time shall pay

* This was Nosahogan's first public appearance in Waterbury.

twenty-five cents. Sickness or absence from town excepted, unless excused by vote of the lodge.''

July 1, 1846. Brother Joshua Guilford, in behalf of Howard Union, No. 3, Daughters of Temperance, presented the lodge with a silver goblet, accompanied by the following communication:

HOWARD UNION, NO. 3, D. OF T.

To Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F.:

GENTLEMEN AND FRIENDS:—Wishing to testify our respect for your Order, as we have done for the others, by some small gift which it may be in our power to bestow, we have made choice of this goblet, which we ask of you to accept as a token of our esteem; and with its presentation you will allow us to express the hope that your principles may be as pure as the crystal fluid that will oft sparkle upon its brim.

Yours in the bonds of virtue and temperance,

C. A. CARRINGTON, G. D. P. P. S.,

Howard Union.

It was voted that the goblet together with the communication be accepted and a committee be appointed to draw up suitable resolutions expressing the thanks of the lodge and to present them to Howard Union, No. 3. Brothers Edward S. Clark and Merit Lane were appointed as said committee.

July 15, 1846. The committee on communication from Howard Union, No. 3, Daughters of Temperance, presented the following report :

To the Officers and Brothers of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21:

The undersigned, a committee appointed to acknowledge a communication received from Howard Union, No. 3, on the first inst., would report the following:

To Howard Union, No. 3, Daughters of Temperance:

LADIES:—In behalf of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F., we have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your polite note of the first inst., accompanied with a beautiful silver goblet, requesting our acceptance of the same as a token of your esteem for the members of our lodge individually, and for the distinctive principles by which our Order professes to be governed. In the name of Nosahogan Lodge we accept of your valuable and valued gift, for which a vote of thanks by our lodge to the members of Howard Union was passed this

evening. Please accept our kind wishes for the prosperity of your Order, your happiness and usefulness individually and collectively. We remain with due respect,

Yours in the bonds of F., L. and T.,

EDWARD S. CLARK, } Committee.
MERIT LANE, }

Aug. 19, 1846. Report of committee on a communication from Nantucket Lodge, No. 66, Nantucket, Mass., relating to the destruction of their lodge room by fire, recommending a donation of \$20, was accepted, and it was voted that the same be taken from the funds of the lodge.

Sept. 23, 1846. The "committee on disclosures" (appointed August 19th ult.) made the following report:

The undersigned having been appointed a committee to inquire into the subject of "leaky members," beg leave to report that they have made diligent inquiry with reference to the matter and find that a brother has told a person not a member of the Order, some of the transactions of the lodge, but we are unable to find in what part of the ship the other leaky member is situated, but they are fully persuaded that there is another member who needs "calking."

GEORGE W. BENEDICT, } Committee.
W. R. JUDD, }
DENNIS CHATFIELD, }

Nov. 4, 1846. The committee appointed to report upon the application of Brother Joshua Guilford for sick benefits, reported that in their opinion he was entitled to receive the same, as he had stated before the committee upon his honor that he supposed his dues were paid up to the 24th instead of the 3rd of June. Report was accepted and benefits granted.

Nov. 11, 1846. A communication was received from the grand master giving notice that the terms of office shall be for a period of six months commencing January 1, 1847, in conformity with the law of the R. W. G. L. U. S.

Nov. 18, 1846. "Brother Warner was appointed a committee to procure a cheap lamp for lighting the hall, Brother Burton to procure a load of rails, and Brother Merriman to saw them up, or to get some one to do it."

Jan. 6, 1847. Brother Guilford having been appointed a committee to confer with the other orders, and make arrangements for one person to light the hall, reported that "the Masons and Daughters were to use candles for this year, and the 'Sons' had taken no action."

Jan. 13, 1847. Brother Pemberton stated that the lodge had a book of the proceedings of the grand lodge, and it was voted "that a paragraph be read when the lodge has no business, each night until we get through it."*

Jan. 20, 1847. Brother Guilford called for the second ballot on the name of the candidate which was declared not clear. †

March 24, 1847. Brothers D. S. Law, A. E. Rice and J. W. Finch were appointed a committee to ascertain what arrangements could be made to procure a new lodge room.

April 7, 1847. The committee on new lodge room reported that they had conferred with Mr. Austin Steele, and had received a proposition from him, and it was voted "That the committee inform Mr. Steele that we will take his room, the rent not to exceed \$150 per year. He to furnish it to the acceptance of the lodge."

May 12, 1847. Brother John S. Mitchell presented the lodge with a donation of \$25 towards the fitting up of the new lodge room, which was accepted by the lodge, with a special vote of thanks to Brother Mitchell.

May 26, 1847. A committee of three were appointed to procure the emblems and fixtures suitable for conferring the degrees.

June 30, 1847. "The outside guardian was authorized to procure sperm candles to burn during the warm weather, and also some cheap candlesticks for the use of the lodge. ‡

July 28, 1847. Brother Elias Webster's bill for candlesticks and candles, \$4.64, ordered paid.

* Why didn't they call for music from the orchestra?

† Three ballots were accorded candidates at this time.

‡ No electric lights in those days and no prophet to tell of their advent.

August 11, 1847. The hall committee were instructed to confer with Mr. Steele and present a plan of the room at next meeting. A vote was passed to pay the permanent secretary \$12 per year for his services.

Sept. 1, 1847. Voted "That the noble grand appoint some person to act as chaplain from time to time as he shall think proper for this lodge."

Jan. 5, 1848. Brother Hitchcock called attention to the non-attendance of officers at the regular and degree meetings, and the secretary was instructed to read a list of the absentees, when J. W. Finch and D. B. Hurd were found without excuses, and each fined 25 cents, Henry Merriman 50 cents and L. W. Coe \$1.

Jan. 26, 1848. The committee on emblems and fixtures reported that a set would cost from \$40 to \$50, and were empowered to procure them for the new hall.

March 15, 1848. A communication was received from Montowese Lodge, No. 15, "Notifying us of the sickness of Brother Homer B. Abbott." "The secretary is instructed to return the thanks of this lodge for the care and attention bestowed upon Brother Abbott; that he is a member in good standing, but not a beneficial member, but should he be indigent or in needy circumstances his expenses will be paid by this lodge."*

May 24, 1848. Brother John S. Mitchell presented to the lodge \$25, the same to go towards the purchase of a carpet for the new lodge room, and a committee was appointed to notify the Masons and Sons of Temperance relative to the disposal of rent and fixtures of hall.

June 21, 1848. It was voted that a committee be appointed to solicit subscriptions to the amount of \$400 for the new lodge room.

July 12, 1848. A communication was received from Howard Union, No. 3, D. of T., in which they offer their services

*Surely the founders of old Nosahogan in this action gave to those who might succeed them a lesson and example for all time.

in doing up the regalia. Their kind offer was duly accepted and the secretary instructed to return thanks for the same.

July 19, 1848. Amendment to by-laws was passed, changing lodge night from Wednesday to Tuesday. Brothers Clark, Benedict and Sandland were appointed a committee to procure suitable music for dedication of new lodge rooms.

Sept. 8, 1848. Brother Benedict was appointed to go to Stonington to invite the grand master to be present Sept 13, at the dedication of the new lodge rooms. Also voted "That we have a public procession, provide a dinner, invite the several clergymen of this village, also the editor of the *American*, and also employ a band of music."

Sept. 19, 1848. Bills for entertainment of the grand master and other incidentals to the dedication of the new lodge room were presented, but no other record of this interesting occasion was made.

April 9, 1850. Resolution passed as follows: "That the secretary be directed to make an alphabetical list of the members of this lodge for the use of the sick committee, and that the said list when made out shall be the only guide to ascertain the turn of the brothers in taking care of the sick of this lodge."

Feb. 25, 1851. Brother G. W. Benedict announced the death of Brother Charles P. Beers, as having occurred Dec. 31, 1850, at the age of 24 years. Brother Beers was initiated July 12, 1848. This being the first death to occur in Noshogan Lodge during a period of more than five years since it was instituted.

March 11, 1851. A public lecture at the Baptist Church by Past Grand Master Willey, and a supper at the Scovill House were the special features of this date.

April 1, 1851. On motion of Brother E. S. Clark, the noble grand was requested to "write a letter to the parents of our deceased brother, C. P. Beers, enclose his funeral benefit, and also to send the regalia belonging to him."*

* Past Grand Master J. W. Smith, and Past Grand Albert S. Upson, two of our prominent Odd Fellows, who are living today, Jan. 1, 1898, were initiated this date.

April 8, 1851. The death of Brother Henry Churchill is on our records of this date, at the age of 33 years. Brother Churchill was initiated October 29, 1845.

Oct. 14, 1852. Voted to change the hour for lodge meetings from 6:30 to 7 o'clock. Also voted to appropriate \$2.00 to procure the necessary books for conferring the Rebekah degree.

Feb. 24, 1852. Notice given of a special meeting to confer the Rebekah degree.*

April 2, 1852. Brother E. S. Clark was appointed a committee to procure the necessary regalia for conferring the Rebekah degree.

August 10, 1852. The death of Brother Julius F. Gaylord was reported as having occurred at Watertown, Aug. 4, inst., at the age of 27 years. Brother Gaylord was initiated Oct. 21, 1846, and his burial was at Watertown, attended by members of the lodge. Brother O. B. King was appointed to draft suitable resolutions.

Sept. 7, 1852. On report of the sick committee, Brothers Henry H. Hayden and George Farrel were each fined \$3 for having failed to watch with sick brothers when duly notified.

Dec. 28, 1852. A committee was appointed to inquire as to the practicability of lighting the lodge room with gas.

Jan. 4, 1853. George P. Woodruff, Frederick Dayton and W. B. Hotchkiss were initiated and took cards of withdrawal of the same date, for the purpose of forming a lodge at Watertown, Conn.

February 22, 1853. The death of William B. Frost was reported as having occurred February 21, after a brief illness, at the age of 24 years. Brother Frost was initiated March 2, 1852.

May 3, 1853. Brothers Clark, Partree and Porter, committee appointed to procure gas fixtures for the lodge room, and instructed that two burners be placed at each end of the lodge room.

* First record of conferring the Rebekah degree.

July 12, 1853. The noble grand was authorized to rent the lodge room to brothers wishing to form an Encampment.

September 20, 1853. The sick committee was authorized to confer with the Masons relative to procuring a nurse for Brother James S. Drake; our lodge to bear one-half of the expense.

October 18, 1853. Brother George Pritchard, committee to confer with the officers of Ansantawae Encampment, No. 20, reported that the Encampment would pay \$40 per year rent and their portion for lighting. Report was accepted and permission given.

October 25, 1853. A member of the lodge having been guilty of habitual intemperance, Brother Edward S. Clark was appointed to notify him that charges would be preferred against him unless he voluntarily withdrew from the lodge, and the records of November 22d show that he availed himself of that privilege.

February 18, 1855. The death of Brother James S. Drake was reported as having occurred February 9th, inst., at the age of 29 years. Brother Drake was initiated December 28, 1852. He was highly respected as a business man in Waterbury, and his early death was greatly mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Resolutions in memorium of Brother Drake are spread upon the records and were also published in the city papers.

October 23, 1855. Special meeting called to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother James W. Finch, whose death occurred October 23d, inst., at the age of 45 years. Brother Finch was initiated July 30, 1845, and served as noble grand for the term ending June 30, 1848. He was a member of much influence and greatly respected by the lodge. The records of this period are very meagre, and do not show any special action of the lodge, except that one hundred handbills were ordered printed to notify members of the funeral.

December 4, 1855. The records of the lodge show that \$15 was voted to Old Dominion Lodge, Portsmouth, Va., to

aid sufferers from an "epidemic," the same to be taken from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The records of the lodge for 1855, '56 and '57 show a most discouraging condition of the lodge. During those years but one member was initiated, while sixty were suspended, three of whom were "charter members," and six were past grands, three withdrew and five deceased, and this condition grew worse until the close of the civil war in 1865.

Jan. 28, 1857. The death of Brother Horace C. Bronson was reported as having occurred January 22d, inst., at the age of 47 years. Brother Bronson was initiated June 25, 1850, and was a prominent and influential member of the lodge. Resolutions were passed and the sick committee authorized to draw on the treasurer for \$10.50 to pay services of persons employed for care of Brother Bronson in the daytime.

October 2, 1857. Amendment to by-laws adopted authorizing the sick committee to employ nurses to care for the sick, "the expenses to be paid out of the funds of the lodge, and to assess members pro rata for all expenses in procuring suitable watchers."

November 10, 1857. The death of Brother W. A. Stevens was announced by the sick committee as having occurred November 10th, inst., at the age of 38 years. Brother Stevens was initiated May 13, 1851.

December 22, 1857. The committee on "Encampment Regalia" was authorized to purchase the same at their earliest convenience, and the secretary was instructed to draw an order in favor of William UMBERFIELD for \$150.

August 17, 1858. The records of these times do not present much of interest for the "historian," but the following of this date reads: "The warden and secretary being the only officers or members present, it was by them thought best to adjourn and close the lodge room," and the records of the 24th reads: "The minutes of August 17th and the doings of the warden and secretary was read and approved."

January 11, 1859. "Voted that the records from 1853 be read in open lodge."

January 28, 1859. "Voted that three-fourths of an hour be spent in reading the past records of the lodge as time can be found." These brothers were living over the past, and evidently striving to gather fresh courage. Since 1853 they had lost 68 members by suspension, 10 withdrew and 4 deceased. The additions to membership was 9, and we find that notwithstanding this fearful loss of members, they had the courage to suspend 19 members in 1859, leaving them with a membership of 53, having had a total membership to 1860 of 196, and a loss by suspension of 95, withdrawals 39, deaths 9. Total 143.

October 15, 1859. Special meeting, to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Richard Welton, whose death occurred October 15th, inst., at the age of 39 years. Brother Welton was initiated June 10, 1846, and was one of Waterbury's best known citizens.* Brother Welton was most genial and pleasant in personal intercourse, and had a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the state. As an Odd Fellow he never held an active or prominent place, but was greatly held in esteem as a member of the lodge, and for his many genial and pleasant qualities of character. His death caused more general sorrow and mourning than Waterbury had ever known. His remains were buried at Buck's Hill cemetery, and the funeral procession of carriages reached from St. John's church to the burial place. A "Widow's Card" was granted to the widow of Brother Welton.

April 30, 1861. "Voted that the grand officers be invited to visit us the first Tuesday evening in June; also that next Tuesday evening be set apart for practice in the work of the Order."†

* As "Col. Welton" he was best known to people who in those days traveled by stage between Waterbury and Meriden.

† First "school meeting" on record.

June 3, 1861. The committee on reception of grand officers was instructed "to procure a warm supper at Brother Partree's hotel for the grand officers and brothers, and that the expenses be paid out of the funds of the lodge."

July 2, 1861. A motion to lend a portion of the Encampment regalia to certain parties to wear in a "fantastical parade" on the Fourth of July was rejected.

October 29, 1861. A resolution was passed relating to the death of Past Grand Secretary Wildey, the founder of Odd-fellowship in the United States, and the lodge draped in mourning for thirty days.

April 12, 1862. Special meeting, called to take action on the death of Brother George W. Benedict, which occurred April 12th inst., at the age of 47 years. Brother Benedict was initiated July 1, 1845, and was one of the first eight members initiated at the institution of the lodge. Brother Benedict served as noble grand for the term ending August 30, 1846, and also as grand master of the state for the year 1852. He also was a past chief patriarch of Ansantawae Encampment, No. 20. As one of the most active and influential members of the lodge, his sudden illness and death came as a most afflictive and depressive event, and his loss to the lodge was indeed irreparable. Brother Benedict was a prominent business man and held important place and position in town and city affairs, and his many social qualities of character endeared him to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. His funeral was attended by the grand officers of the state, members of the Order, and by Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. and A. M., of which he was a member.

July 1, 1862. Brother John W. Smith announced the death of Brother Edward S. Clark in California, June 20, 1862. Brother Clark was initiated July 16, 1845, and was 47 years of age at decease. He served as noble grand for term ending December 31st, 1846, and was elected grand master February 19, 1862, dying while in that office. The deaths of Brothers Benedict and Clark, two of the most prom-



Geo. W. Benedict

Grand Master, 1852.

inent and influential Odd Fellows of Nosahogan Lodge, and in the state, present many points of special interest. Both joined the lodge in July, 1845, at the same age, 30 years. Served the lodge as noble grands in 1846, were elected as grand masters of the state, and also served as past chief patriarchs of Ansan-tawae Encampment, No. 20, and were also members of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. and A. M. In social and political life they were one. They both worshipped at the shrine of Oddfellowship, and alike were sought out and given most influential positions by members of the Order.

At the time of Brother Benedict's death a committee of five was appointed to draft suitable resolutions relating to his death, but they do not appear upon our records, and are lost to the lodge. Brothers Driggs, Mattoon and Sandland were appointed to present resolutions upon the death of Brother Clark, which are found spread upon the records of the lodge.

July 15, 1862. A communication was received from the grand secretary transmitting "resolutions upon the death of Grand Master Edward S. Clark."

Jan. 4, 1863. Special meeting, called to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Charles Partree, who died January 3d, inst., at the age of 49 years. Brother Partree was initiated July 1, 1845, being one of eight who were initiated at the institution of the lodge, and served as noble grand for the term ending December 31, 1848. Brother Partree was for several years the permanent secretary of the lodge, and was a prominent and well known citizen, being for many years the popular landlord of the "Arcade Hotel." As an Odd Fellow he occupied a prominent and influential position, and while many of those who joined the lodge with him fell out of the ranks, his interest in all that pertained to the Order, and the welfare of Nosahogan Lodge, remained to the close of life. Resolutions relating to Brother Partree are found spread upon our records.

Feb. 5, 1863. The remains of our late Brother Edward S. Clark having arrived from California, special funeral cere-

monies were observed, the grand master and other grand officers of the state being present.

Feb. 10, 1863. A communication was received from Mrs. Edward S. Clark expressing her high regard for the Order, and appreciation for the many kind efforts to smooth the affliction caused by the death of her dear husband, which was ordered spread upon the records, and also published in the *American*.

April 27, 1863. Special meeting, to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Hopkins P. Hall, whose death occurred April 26th, inst., at the age of 51 years. Brother Hall was admitted by card from Merchant's Lodge, No. 150, New York city, and was a past grand of that lodge. He was a prominent business man, being at the time of his decease the "United States revenue officer for Waterbury district." Resolutions relating to Brother Hall are spread upon the records of the lodge.

May 12, 1863. Brother Mattoon as committee reported that the search for the first volume of lodge records had been successful, and also for a silver cup.

June 16, 1863. "Lodge opened in due form, Past Grand Townsend in the chair. Roll call of officers. Absent, N. G., V. G., Secretary, Warden, L. S. to N. G., R. and L. S. to V. G., and Treasurer. The absentees the 23d, V. G., R. and L. S. to N. G., R. and L. S. to V. G. and Treasurer. The absentees the 30th, N. G., V. G., L. S. to N. G., L. S. to V. G." This record shows the want of interest in everything pertaining to lodge work, the current events pertaining to the civil war engrossing men's minds to the exclusion of almost everything else.

August 25, 1863. On motion of Past Grand T. I. Driggs, it was unanimously voted "that the secretary mention in the records the safe return of Brothers Edward T. Root and Edwin A. Camp, who have for the past year served this country in the Twenty-third Regiment, Conn. Volunteers, for the full term of their enlistment."



Edward Clark

Grand Master, 1862.

May 22, 1864. The sum of \$20 was appropriated to the "Willey Monument," the same to be taken out of the funds of the lodge.

Jan. 10, 1864. Public installation of officers by the grand officers, an address by Grand Master George L. Townsend, Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, of Birmingham, being present by special invitation, and supper at the Scovill House, were features of this date.

March 20, 1866. Brother T. I. Driggs offered the following resolution which passed unanimously: "That it is inexpedient in the opinion of this lodge to reinstate any suspended member who is over 45 years of age."

July 17, 1866. A communication was received from Grand Representative Kingsbury, of Portland, Me., relating to suffering brothers, caused by fire in that city. The sum of \$100 was voted for their relief, which was duly acknowledged by Brother Kingsbury in a letter of thanks, and which may be found spread at length upon our records.

July 24, 1866. "Past Grand J. W. Smith in behalf of brothers of the lodge, presented to Past Grand Master G. L. Townsend as grand representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, a splendid regalia, suitable for the office of grand representative."

Oct. 9, 1866. Resolution passed making the salary of permanent secretary \$25 per year.

April 26, 1867. As a suitable way in which to celebrate the "anniversary of the Order," \$50 was appropriated for the relief of lodges in the South. This amount was added to by private subscription, and \$115 was sent.

Nov. 12, 1867. The grand officers were present by invitation, and the lodge was highly complimented for the excellence of its work in the initiatory degree.

Nov. 26, 1867. Special attention was called to the "Odd Fellows Mutual Aid Association of Connecticut," and its importance to the brothers of the lodge.

June 5, 1868. Special meeting, to take action upon the death of Brother George L. Townsend, which occurred June 5th inst. at the age of 40 years.

Brother George L. Townsend was initiated Sept. 7, 1852, and served as noble grand for the term ending June 30, 1855 and also for the term ending Dec. 31, 1862. Brother Townsend also served as grand master for the year 1865. He also was a past chief patriarch of Ansantawae Encampment, No. 20, and served as past grand patriarch of the grand encampment of the state.

When Townsend Lodge was instituted his name was chosen in loving memory of his many social and fraternal qualities of character and eminent services in the Order. Brother Townsend occupied a prominent place in Waterbury life and society, being assistant editor and manager of the *Waterbury American*. His death came as a sad affliction to his family and a large number of friends as well as to the members of Nosahogan Lodge.

July 7, 1868. The committee on "Memorial of Past Grand Master George L. Townsend were instructed to procure three hundred copies of said memorial for the use of the lodge, also two copies handsomely bound, one for presentation to the widow of deceased and one for preservation in the archives of the lodge.

Aug. 24, 1868. "The lodge was called in special session to arrange for the funeral of Brother Miles Holmes of Wisconsin, who died while on a visit to his brother, Israel Holmes of this city. By special request Nosahogan took charge of the funeral, the ceremonies being performed in a most impressive manner by our chaplain, Past Grand J. W. Smith. "Resolutions of sympathy to the family and acknowledgment of the same by the family are spread upon our records.

Nov. 13, 1868. Brother George N. Granniss was appointed to procure a portrait of Past Grand Master Townsend for presentation to the grand lodge.



Geo. L. Townsend

Grand Master, 1865.

Dec. 1, 1868. Grand Sire E. D. Farnsworth was introduced by Past Grand J. W. Smith, and made remarks of much interest to the members.

Dec. 8, 1868. A resolution was passed tendering the use of the lodge room to the masons during the time their lodge room was being repaired.

Jan. 6, 1869. A communication was received from Harmony Lodge, F. and A. M., No. 42, accompanied by the present of a handsome bible in acknowledgment of courtesies received from Nosahogan Lodge, which was ordered to be duly acknowledged by the secretary, and it was voted, "That a portion of scripture be read in this lodge at every meeting."

March 2, 1869. Special meeting, called to make necessary arrangements for the funeral of Brother William Umberfield, whose death occurred February 28th, ult., at the age of 48 years. Brother Umberfield was initiated February 19, 1850, and served as noble grand for the term ending June 30, 1860. Ever genial and active in the lodge meeting, his heart was earnestly enlisted in the work of the Order, and the prosperity and welfare of Nosahogan Lodge. Resolutions relating to Brother Umberfield are found spread upon the records of the lodge.

April 23, 1869. Brother Thos. R. Martin was appointed marshal for Nosahogan's visit to New Haven to celebrate the "semi-centennial" of Oddfellowship, April 26, inst.

May 11, 1869. Grand Sire E. D. Farnsworth, Grand Representative F. Botsford, Grand Master Chas. C. Jackson and Grand Guardian J. W. Smith were presented by Past Grand Thos. I. Driggs, and welcomed by the noble grand. Brother A. O. Shepardson was initiated, the grand sire delivering the past grand's charge in a very impressive manner. After the close of the lodge, the distinguished visitors were entertained and serenaded by the Second Regiment Band, at the residence of Brother J. W. Smith, and addresses were made.

June 1, 1869. A photograph likeness of Grand Sire E. D. Farnsworth was presented to the lodge through Past Grand J. W. Smith.

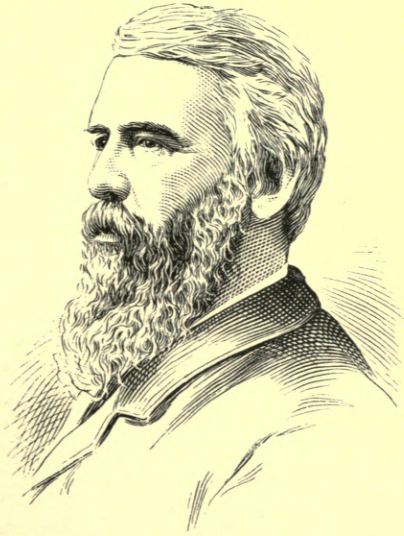
July 20, 1869. The death of Brother Abram Ives was announced as occurring July 19th, inst., at the age of 50 years. He was initiated Nov. 20, 1820. Brother Ives was one of Waterbury's most prominent business men, he being largely engaged in manufacturing, and was one of the organizers of the Citizens' Bank, and its first president. He afterwards removed to New York City, and became the president of the Merchants and Manufacturers Bank of New York. Brother Ives always remained true and steadfast to his fraternal brothers of Nosahogan Lodge, and received their ministrations during a long and protracted illness, with many expressions of thankfulness and appreciation (he having returned to his old home during the last years of his life). It was his special request that Nosahogan Lodge should have charge of the services at the grave. A communication was received from Mrs. Ives expressing her thanks to the lodge for their kind and constant attention to her husband during his long and painful illness, and enclosed the sick and funeral benefits, \$60, which she wished returned to the lodge.

Nov. 16, 1869. By invitation of the lodge Grand Guardian J. W. Smith gave a descriptive lecture to the members and their wives, of his recent trip to California, to attend the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Dec. 28, 1869. The sum of \$70 was collected to be distributed among the widows of deceased brothers as a "Christmas offering," and in testimony that these brothers are held in remembrance, and that their loved ones have a place in the watchcare of Nosahogan Lodge."

Jan. 17, 1871. A committee was appointed to procure an extended lease of the lodge rooms and to make necessary repairs.

Feb. 12, 1871. On motion of Past Grand E. C. Lewis, it was voted that the committee on repairs to lodge room be



J W Smith

Grand Master, 1870.

authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$1000—the same to be paid from the funds of the lodge.

Feb. 28, 1871. A communication was received from Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. and A. M., tending to Nosahogan Lodge the use of their hall, while repairs were being made to the lodgeroom, and the same was accepted with many thanks through the secretary of the lodges.

March 28, 1871. Past Grands E. C. Lewis, Geo. H. Waters and Brother Fred. Wilcox were appointed a committee of arrangements for the rededication of our lodge room.

April 26, 1871. An invitation was extended to the grand officers to be present and assist in the rededication of the lodge room.

May 2, 1871. There appears no record of the very interesting ceremonies of the rededication of lodge room, except votes of “thanks to Mrs. George L. Townsend and Miss Ellen Munson for their able musical assistance,” and also “to the Waterbury Scientific Club and J. M. Burrall for use of chairs.”

June 6, 1871, It was “voted to sell to Ansantawae Encampment, No. 20, all regalia and working material relating to the Encampment belonging to this lodge for the sum of \$100.

June 27, 1871. “The secretary was instructed to draw an order on the treasurer for \$1190.35 in payment of repairs to lodge room.”

Oct. 10, 1871. A donation of \$100 was sent to aid suffering Odd Fellows by reason of the Chicago fire.

Dec. 12, 1871. The death of Brother Charles D. Hurlburt was announced, and arrangements were made to attend the funeral. His death occurred at Denver, Col., Dec. 5, 1871, at the age of 29 years. Brother Hurlburt was initiated March 12, 1867. As one of the young members of Nosahogan Lodge, whose prospects were unusually promising, his death came as a sad loss and deep regret. Resolutions of sympathy to the family and also a communication from Denver Lodge,

No. 4, relating to his death, may be found spread upon the records of the lodge.

December 26, 1871. Withdrawal cards for the purpose of forming a new lodge were granted to the following named brothers: John W. Smith, Thomas R. Taylor, George W. Roberts, E. W. Smith, D. B. Clark, C. N. Hall, Rufus P. Smith, E. B. Platt, F. E. Castle, J. H. Walker, A. C. Peck and Meyer Kaiser. Brother H. P. Camp was appointed a committee to solicit funds for Christmas gifts to the widows of deceased brothers of this lodge.

Jan. 17, 1873. The sick committee reported the death of Brother David B. Hurd as having occurred Jan. 15, inst., at the age of 70 years. Brother Hurd was initiated Dec. 10, 1845, and served as noble grand for the term ending June 30, 1852. Brother Hurd was a prominent citizen of Waterbury, having filled many public offices, being well known as "General Hurd of the State Militia, and as sheriff of New Haven County. As an Odd Fellow and member of Nosahogan Lodge he at once became an influential member, and took a special interest in its welfare.

April 8, 1873, Past Grand E. C. Lewis as marshal introduced Grand Master Stephen Terry and other grand officers of the state, who were present by special invitation of the lodge. The initiation of two candidates and an address by the grand master were the features of interest.

May 20, 1873. A donation of \$15 was made to Crystal Lodge, they having suffered from a recent fire.

August 23, 1873. Special meeting. The death of Brother William W. White was reported as having occurred Aug. 22d, inst., at the age of 25 years. Brother White was initiated February 15, 1870. He was a young man of much promise as a business man, and his death was greatly mourned by many friends and acquaintances. Resolutions relating to Brother White are found spread upon the records of the lodge.

October 14, 1873. "On motion it was voted that a donation of \$25 be sent to our afflicted brothers of Memphis, Tenn."

December 15, 1873. Special meeting, to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Russel W. Ayres, who died at Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 14th. inst., at the age of 28 years. Brother Ayres was initiated July 28, 1868, and held a prominent position with the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co. as their agent. Resolutions in memory of Brother Ayres are found on our lodge records.

April 7, 1874. Past Grand J. W. Smith announced the death of Brother Joseph Colton, a past grand of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, New Haven. Brother Colton was a nurse and hospital steward during the war. He was greatly esteemed by all Odd Fellows of his acquaintance for his many genial qualities of character. His funeral was attended by the Odd Fellows and a large delegation from Quinnipiac Lodge. His burial was at Bucks Hill Cemetery.

April 21, 1874. A communication from Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, together with resolutions relating to the death of Brother Colton, are found spread upon the lodge records.

Nov. 28, 1874. Special meeting. The death of Brother John Dutton was announced as having occurred Nov. 28th, inst., at the age of 41 years. Brother Dutton was initiated Oct. 4, 1859, and was a prominent and well-known citizen and master builder of some of the principal buildings of today, among them being our city hall and the First Congregational church. Brother Dutton was greatly beloved and respected, especially by the men whom he employed. Resolutions of sympathy and regard are on our records.

Dec. 22, 1874. Past Grands Lewis, Munson and Hawley were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions for a "Christmas offering" to the widows of deceased brothers.

March 30, 1875. "It was voted to donate \$15 to suffering brothers in Kansas and Nebraska."

June 21, 1875. The death of Brother Jarvis Way was announced as having occurred June 21st, inst., at the age of 50 years. Brother Way was initiated July 12, 1848. He was a well known and highly respected citizen, and master builder. His long membership of 27 years gives evidence of his interest in all that pertained to the work of the Order and welfare of Nosahogan Lodge. Resolutions of esteem are found spread upon the lodge records.

Nov. 23, 1875. As showing the process of "evolution" through which Nosahogan Lodge was passing during these years, we find this vote: Motion was made "that H. L. Bowers be authorized to remove the spittoons from the lodge room, and replace the same by a suitable number of cuspidors."*

Dec. 21, 1875. Past Grand L. I. Munson moved the following resolution which was adopted: "Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of procuring a suitable manuscript record of the members of this lodge since its institution, said record to contain the name, age, occupation and date of every initiate, together with the date of receiving the degrees, and his election to any office in the lodge, or the grand lodge, and any other facts the committee may deem best to insure a complete record of every person who now is or ever has been a member of this lodge." The records do not show that said committee was appointed, and no further reference is made to the matter.

Jan. 25, 1876. The death of Brother Leonard Pritchard was reported as having occurred Jan. 23d, inst., at the age of 72 years. Brother Pritchard was initiated July 30, 1845, and served as noble grand for the term ending June 30th, 1849. At the time of his death he was one of 26 members remaining, out of 182 who joined the lodge during the decade, † and his interest was unceasing in all that pertained to the welfare of the lodge. He was a prominent and influential citizen and

* Offered by Brother D. B. Wilson.

† From July 1st, 1845 to July 1st, 1855.

well known manufacturer. Resolutions expressing the severe loss by the lodge and sympathy for friends are spread upon our records.

Aug. 2, 1877. Special meeting, called to receive the remains and make arrangements for the funeral of Brother George Pritchard, who died suddenly while at Richland Springs, N. Y., July 31st ult., at the age of 60 years. Brother Pritchard was initiated July 1, 1845, being one of the first eight members to join the lodge, and served as noble grand for the term ending Dec. 31, 1852. Like his brother, Past Grand Leonard Pritchard, he was prominent as one of Waterbury's business men, and socially and politically was in the front rank among our citizens. His interest in Nosahogan Lodge and all that pertained to the work of the Order is fully attested by his long and faithful membership during the period when so many of our members allowed themselves to drop out of the ranks. He was one of our few members of this state who acquired the ritualistic work of the Order, and the "Past Grand's Charge" as rendered by him was greatly appreciated by the members. Truly did Nosahogan mourn his departure, and his memory will never fade with those who were blessed with his personal acquaintance and companionship. Resolutions relating to his death are found on our records.

Sept 4, 1877. The death of Brother Septimus Furley was reported to the lodge as having occurred at Boston, Mass., Aug. 29th ult., at the age of 32 years. He was initiated June 12, 1877. A brief membership of less than three months came to bless this brother during his fatal sickness among strangers. Special contributions were necessary to defray sick and burial expenses at Boston.

Dec. 11, 1877. The death of Brother William H. Coer was reported as having occurred at Middletown, Conn., Dec. 11th inst., at the age of 56 years. Brother Coer was admitted by card from Bethel Rock Lodge, Woodbury, Sept. 21, 1858, and served as noble grand for the term ending Dec. 31, 1859. He was for many years a very efficient and active member, but for

the last few years of his life was an invalid, dying at the Retreat at Middletown. His burial was at Riverside Cemetery with usual burial ceremonies.

Dec. 25, 1877. Brothers T. I. Driggs, L. I. Munson and E. C. Lewis were appointed a committee to confer with Townsend Lodge in regard to a new lodge room.

Jan. 29, 1878. The report of committee on new lodge room was received, and the report being unfavorable, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

Aug. 27, 1878. A communication was received from Grand Secretary Botsford asking aid for suffering Odd Fellows in Mississippi afflicted with yellow fever, and \$50 was appropriated from the funds of the lodge.

Oct. 22, 1878. Large delegations of brothers from Franklin Lodge, No. 42, and Townsend, No. 89, were present. Speeches and refreshments followed at the close of lodge.

Nov. 5, 1878. A special vote of thanks to Brother Morris Hemingway, of Polar Star Lodge, No. 77, for his generous donation of oysters, Oct. 22d inst.

Brother I. L. Upson was appointed a committee to inquire into and ascertain what progress had been made on "Lodge History," and report at next meeting.

Nov. 12, 1878. Brother Upson reported progress, and hoped to get it completed before long.*

Dec. 24, 1878. The transient relief committee were instructed to see all needy widows of deceased brothers of this lodge and render needed assistance.

May 27, 1879. Brother Edgar W. Upson was initiated in Nosahogan Lodge Jan. 25, 1876, and deceased March 5th ult., at the age of 28 years. The only reference on the lodge records relating to Brother Upson's death is as follows: "On motion voted that the charter of this lodge be draped in mourning for thirty days for our late brother, E. W. Upson." Motion was made "that a committee of three be appointed to

* Jan. 1st, 1898, said History had not materialized.

inquire into the matter of procuring suitable watchers at more reasonable rates than heretofore paid." The motion was lost.

June 10, 1879. The death of Brother Wooster Warner was reported as having occurred June 7th, inst., Brother Warner was initiated March 24, 1847, and at his decease was 68 years of age. A membership of 32 years attests to his interest in all that pertained to Nosahogan Lodge and the work of the Order. Resolutions of sympathy and regard are found spread upon our records.

Nov. 4, 1879. An invitation was received from Townsend Lodge to unite with them in receiving and entertaining Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, Hartford, and Phœnix Lodge, No. 52, New Britain, on the evening of Nov. 10th, inst., which was accepted.

Dec. 2, 1879. It was voted "that the recording secretary receive a salary \$25 per year, to date from July 1, 1879."

Dec. 9, 1879. It was voted that the secretary be instructed to secure a suitable book in which to keep a list of "dormant members."

Dec. 16, 1876. Resolution was passed "to pay the chairman of the sick committee, Brother D. B. Wilson, for his prompt and efficient services during the past eighteen months, the sum of \$25.

Resolution to suspend Sec. 5, Art. IV of the by-laws was passed, and "it was voted that a part of the watching tax for 1879 be paid from the funds of the lodge, and that each member be taxed the sum of \$2 for watching tax for the year 1879."

Jan. 10, 1880. Two members were suspended to dormant membership, one of whom was afterwards* brought before the lodge and expelled on charges.

March 2, 1880. It was voted "that a committee be appointed to confer with Townsend Lodge in regard to establishing a reading room for the Odd Fellows of Waterbury."

*Feb. 17, 1880.

April 20, 1880. A committee of three was appointed to confer with a like committee from Townsend Lodge relative to a fraternal visit to Phoenix, No. 52, and to Gerstecker, No. 96, of New Britain, on the evening of May 5th. An invitation to visit Townsend Lodge on the evening of April 26th, inst., was accepted. The records show that it was customary to unite in visiting and receiving visits from sister lodges, with Townsend Lodge, and with but few exceptions has been maintained between these two lodges.

June 1, 1880. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the Uniformed Patriarchs of Ansantawae Encampment for the excellent manner in which they represented the Odd Fellows of Waterbury on Decoration Day.

June 8, 1880. It was voted that a committee of five be appointed to act with a like committee from Townsend Lodge to solicit subscriptions with a view of presenting a banner to the Uniformed Patriarchs of Ansantawae Encampment. It was also voted that the invitation extended to this lodge by Brother Morris Hemingway, to participate in a clam bake to be given by him, be accepted, and that a committee of three to act with a like committee from Townsend Lodge be appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the same.

Aug. 31, 1880. Past Grand William A. Hollman was appointed to act with a like committee from Townsend Lodge to procure and present a set of gavels to Phoenix, No. 52, and Gerstecker, No. 96, of New Britain, in acknowledgment of many courtesies received on their recent visit.

Sept. 14, 1880. A communication was received from Stella Lodge, No. 133, Newark, N. J., giving information of the death of Past Grand William M. Pemberton, Sept. 14th inst., at the age of 80 years. Brother Pemberton was one of the five charter members who were initiated in Onsatonic Lodge, No. 6, Birmingham, April 24, 1845, and took their degrees for the purpose of forming of a lodge in Waterbury. Of these five charter members, Brother Pemberton alone remained true and steadfast to the end of life,—three being sus-



H^{rs} W Pemberton

Nosahogan's First Noble Grand, 1845.

pended in 1856 and one in 1859. Brother Pemberton was the first noble grand of Nosahogan Lodge, having served for the term ending Aug. 30, 1845. He was for several years one of the most efficient members. The later years of his life he became a non-resident of Waterbury, but his frequent and interesting communications attest to his interest in the welfare and prosperity of Nosahogan Lodge. Resolutions in memory of Brother Pemberton are spread upon the records of the lodge.

Nov. 30, 1880. A communication was received from the grand master relating to the "new initiatory and degree work" charge books.

Jan. 11, 1881. It was voted that the noble grand and vice grand be instructed to attend the meeting of the district deputy grand masters at New Haven, Jan. 12th, inst., for the purpose of receiving instructions in the "new work."

March 1, 1881. The death of Brother John H. Sandland was reported as having occurred Feb. 28th ult., at the age of 68 years. Brother Sandland was initiated April 1, 1846, and served as noble grand for the term ending June 30, 1853. He also was permanent secretary for several years. Brother Sandland maintained an unbroken membership for 35 years, being one of the 50 members remaining in the lodge at the close of 1864.* He will be remembered as being one of Nosahogan's most active and efficient members, and as a citizen, was most highly respected, having been chorister at St. John's Episcopal Church for many years. Resolutions expressing the high esteem in which he was held by the lodge, and sympathy for his family, are found spread upon the records of the lodge.

March 2, 1881. "The three degrees of our Order were applied for by Brothers Blakeley, Stout, Brown, Morse and Perkins."†.

* Out of 216 members.

† This is the first record of conferring the three degrees under the new work.

April 14, 1881. The death of Brother E. M. Hurlburt was reported as having occurred April 13th, inst., at the age of 41 years. Brother Hurlburt was initiated March 12, 1867, and served as noble grand for the term ending June 30, 1870, and held a high place in the love and esteem of all the members of the lodge. Resolutions are found spread upon the records.

June 7, 1881. The transient relief committee reported the death of Brother Charles E. Chatfield of Elan Lodge, No. 604, Easton, Pa., which occurred June 6th, inst. Burial services were held at Hall Memorial Chapel, Riverside Cemetery, by Nosahogan and Townsend Lodges.

Sept. 20, 1881. Brother Thomas R. Martin was appointed a committee to drape the walls of the lodge room in mourning as an expression of grief for the sad death of the President of the United States, James A. Garfield.

Nov. 29, 1881. A communication was received from the grand master relating to the death of Grand Sire James L. Ridgley. The lodge room was ordered draped in mourning for thirty days.

Dec. 27, 1881. A communication was received from Grand Master J. W. Pond relating to the transaction of all lodge business being done in the *third degree*. It was voted that the secretary be authorized to draw an order on the treasurer for the sum of \$10 as a donation to the "Ridgley Monument Fund."

Jan. 17, 1882. Voted "That hereafter the chairman of the sick committee be paid from the funds of the lodge \$15 for each term of faithful service."

April, 11, 1882. It was voted "That a committee of three be appointed to act with a like committee from Townsend Lodge to take into consideration the matter of procuring a new lodge room." Past Grands E. C. Lewis, L. I. Munson and T. R. Martin were appointed said committee.

April 18, 1882. The committee appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the 63rd anniversary of American Oddfellowship "reported that they had met the com-

mittee from Townsend Lodge and would recommend that the lodges meet in their lodge room on the evening of said day, and have a social entertainment, to consist of songs, speeches, etc., and that all brothers be invited to attend and assist in making it as agreeable as possible."

May 2, 1882. It was voted "That a committee be appointed to ascertain whether 'Military Hall' can be leased for a lodge room, and at what cost."

May 9, 1882. Report of committee on leasing Military Hall was unfavorable.

June 6, 1882. It was voted "That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the matter of forming an 'Odd Fellows Aid Association.'"

June 27, 1882. The Odd Fellows Aid Association committee reported in favor of forming an association to be open to all Waterbury Odd Fellows.

Sept. 26, 1882. Motion was made that an organist be appointed at a salary of \$25 per year, and the motion was *lost!*

Jan. 16, 1883. It was voted "That the noble grand be authorized to appoint an organist at a salary of \$25 per year.*

Feb. 24, 1883. A communication was received from Pequabock Lodge, No. 48, of Bristol, expressing their thanks to this lodge for assistance rendered on the occasion of the re-institution of said lodge Feb. 8th, inst.

Feb. 17, 1883. A fraternal visit from Centennial Lodge, No. 100, of Naugatuck was received. The grand officers were present. The initiatory degree was worked and many interesting speeches were made. At the close of the lodge a collation was served to visiting brothers and others.

Apr. 24, 1883. A communication was received from Franklin Lodge, No. 42, inviting this lodge to visit them on

* These records show that Nosahogan Lodge was undergoing a process of "evolution," and although halting and hesitating at times, yet it will be found that her progress has ever been onward and higher in all that pertains to the improvement of lodge work and the enjoyment of its members.

the evening of May 7th, and exemplify the work in the initiatory degree. The invitation was accepted, and the officers of the lodge instructed to visit that lodge accompanied by our organist and paraphernalia to work the degree as requested.

June 6, 1883. Special meeting, called to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Thos. Kirk, who was accidentally drowned June 6th, inst., at the age of 45 years. Brother Kirk was initiated June 6, 1871 and served as noble grand for the term ending Dec. 3, 1873. His death came as a great shock to his many friends and members of the lodge, by whom he was much esteemed for his many social and pleasant traits of character. Resolutions in memory of Brother Kirk are found spread upon our records.

June 12, 1883. It was voted that a special meeting be held Thursday evening, June 21st, for the purpose of conferring the three degrees of our Order, and the secretary instructed to invite the officers of Franklin, No. 42, Ridgley, No. 50 and Pequabock, No. 48, to be present.

June 26, 1883. It was voted "That the thanks of this lodge be tendered to the retiring officers of the present term."*

July 31, 1883. A communication was received from Phoenix Lodge, No. 52, of New Britain, extending an invitation to visit them on the evening of Aug. 22d, which was accepted, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for exemplifying the three degrees.

Nov. 13, 1883. It was voted that the noble grand be empowered to appoint a brother to take charge of the regalia, to act with the warden, at a salary of \$12 per year.

Nov. 20, 1883. An invitation was received from Pequabock Lodge, No. 48, Bristol, to work the three degrees, Nov. 28th, which was accepted.

Dec. 11, 1883. A vote of thanks was extended to Pequabock Lodge for the generous manner in which our officers and members were entertained on their recent visit.

* Frederick E. Cross, N. G., and Seymour M. Judd, V. G.

Dec. 25, 1883. A communication was received from Pequabock Lodge expressing their thanks to Nosahogan Lodge for the courtesy of their recent visit.

Dec. 29, 1883. Special meeting. The death of Brother Frank G. Perkins was announced as having occurred Dec. 28th, inst., at the age of 33 years. Brother Perkins was initiated Feb. 28, 1880, and was much esteemed for his social and fraternal traits of character. Resolutions relating to him are found spread upon the records of the lodge.

Mar. 11, 1884. Amendment to by-laws adopted, changing sick benefits from \$3 to \$4 per week, and funeral benefits to \$75.

Mar. 18, 1884. The secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of this lodge to DeSoto Lodge, No. 155, Springfield, Mass. for the care taken of our Brother W. A. Finch, during his severe and protracted sickness.*

Apr. 1, 1884. It was voted "that a committee of three be appointed to act upon the matter of forming an Odd Fellows Aid Association." Past Grands Seymour M. Judd, Eugene C. Adt, and Geo. H. Waters, committee.

Apr. 8, 1884. The committee on "Odd Fellows Aid Association" reported in favor of the project, and recommended that every member be notified to meet to take action. The report was accepted and adopted. The "anniversary committee" reported that they had engaged Prof. Hibbard to read, and Grand Master Deming to give an address, after which there would be a sociable.

Apr. 22, 1884. The committee on "Odd Fellows Aid Association" reported their duties completed, a temporary organization having been formed, and gave notice that a meeting would be held on Friday evening, May 2d, for the purpose of perfecting a permanent organization; committee discharged with thanks.

* DeSoto Lodge refused to render any account for nurse hire and other expenses.

July 1, 1884. It was voted "That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a roll of the deceased members of the lodge and have the same suitably framed. Past Grands Adt, Judd and Stancliff, committee.

July 22, 1884. The noble grand appointed Past Grands Seymour M. Judd, George Barnes and Dennis Hawley as a "hall committee."

Aug. 5, 1884. The "excursion and clam bake" committee reported "recommending a shore dinner at Seaside Park, Aug. 13th, inst., and that Townsend, Centennial, Clifton, Ridgley and Franklin Lodges be invited to join us." The report was accepted and committee instructed to complete arrangements.

Aug. 19, 1884. The excursion and clam bake committee reported their duties completed, and the excursion a grand success. The committee was discharged with thanks for their special services.

Sept. 12, 1884. Special meeting. The death of Brother Geo. M. Welton was reported as having occurred Sept. 20th, inst., at the age of 44 years. He was initiated April 8, 1876, and his sudden death after only one week's illness came with painful surprise to the lodge and his many friends by whom he was greatly respected for his many social and pleasant qualities. Resolutions expressing the loss of the lodge are on the records.

Oct. 14, 1884. An invitation from the "Soldiers Monument Committee" to attend the dedication ceremonies was accepted, and Ives Degree Camp was requested to represent this lodge, a committee was appointed to procure a band for Ives Degree Camp for the occasion.

Jan. 26, 1885. Special meeting. The death of Brother John Schlegel was reported as having occurred Jan. 25th, inst., at the age of 38 years. He was initiated Jan. 11, 1870, and his sudden death after but four days' illness came with great surprise and regret to his many friends in the community and brothers of the lodge.

Feb. 17, 1885. The action of the lodge in appropriating \$200 from the funds of the lodge in aid of the Waterbury hospital being appealed from, the district deputy, Grand Master B. L. Coe, decided this action of the lodge illegal.

April 18, 1885. Special meeting, called to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Sylvester Curtiss, whose death occurred April 17th, inst., at the age of 57 years. Brother Curtiss was initiated June 24, 1874, and as one of the older members of the lodge was greatly beloved for his many pleasant qualities, and as one who took much interest in lodge work. Resolutions to his memory and expressive of the loss of the lodge are found on the records.

May 26, 1885. It was voted "That the hall committee be requested to endeavor to procure a hall suitable for a lodge room during the present summer."

June 9, 1885. It was voted "That Ansantawae Encampment be invited to appoint a committee to act in conjunction with like committees from Nosahogan and Townsend Lodges in relation to procuring a new lodge room.

June 16, 1885. The "hall committee" reported in favor of leasing Irving Hall for a lodge room in conjunction with Townsend Lodge, for the term of ten years or more at a rent of \$600 per year. The report was accepted and the committee was instructed to perfect a lease in conjunction with Townsend Lodge.

June 30, 1885. The "hall committee" reported that in conjunction with Townsend Lodge they had perfected a lease of Irving Hall, and the committee was instructed to make such alterations as may be necessary to make the hall suitable for our wants.

July 21, 1885. A committee of three was appointed consisting of Past Grands D. B. Wilson, Wm. M. Cottle and Geo. Barnes, to make the necessary arrangements concerning the dedication of the new hall, and that the officers of Harmony and Continental Lodges, F. and A. M. be invited to attend.

Oct. 2, 1885. The new lodge room was dedicated, the grand officers being present, and assisted by Past Grands from Nosahogan and Townsend Lodges, the exercises being of a very imposing and interesting nature. A long and full account of them may be found spread upon the records.

Oct. 13, 1885. The hall committee reported that the joint committees of Nosahogan and Townsend Lodges had performed their duties for which they were appointed, and presented an itemized account amounting to \$5100, which was received and ordered spread upon the records of the lodge. A special vote of thanks was extended to the committee for the very acceptable and faithful manner in which they had performed the duties of their appointment.

Oct. 27, 1885. A large delegation of brothers was present from Franklin Lodge, No. 42, Thomaston, and District Deputy Grand Master W. B. Atwood on behalf of Franklin Lodge presented to Nosahogan and Townsend Lodges a fine Seth Thomas clock for the new lodge room, which was very appropriately accepted by Past Grand George Barnes on behalf of Nosahogan Lodge, and by Past Grand C. H. Bronson for Townsend Lodge. A banquet was served.

Nov. 10, 1885. An invitation was received from Townsend Lodge, to visit them Nov. 16th inst., which was accepted. An invitation to Townsend Lodge to visit Nosahogan Lodge, Nov. 24th, inst., was extended to them.

Nov. 24, 1885. Large delegations from Centennial and Townsend Lodges were present by invitation to witness the work of Nosahogan Lodge.

Dec. 22, 1885. The transient relief committee was instructed to present a turkey to each of the widows of deceased brothers of this lodge, as a Christmas offering.

Jan. 5, 1886. The grand officers, Grand Master L. H. Stannard, Grand Warden B. S. Keith, Grand Secretary F. Botsford, Grand Treasurer J. W. Smith, and District Deputy Grand Master B. L. Coe were present at a public installation of the officers of the lodge. Visiting Odd Fellows

and members with their families were present to witness very interesting exercises.

Jan. 26, 1886. The resignation of Past Grand Charles H. Stancliff, who had served the lodge as recording secretary since Jan. 1, 1880, was received, and was accepted with great reluctance by the brothers of the lodge. A vote of thanks was extended to Brother Stancliff for his long and faithful services.

March 30, 1886. A fraternal visit by invitation was made to Mechanics Lodge, No. 73, Seymour, for the purpose of exemplifying the work of the degrees.

May 25, 1886. Past Grand Seymour M. Judd made a motion "to decorate the graves of deceased Odd Fellows once a year," which was laid upon the table.

June 8, 1886. Past Grand Seymour M. Judd's motion "to decorate the graves of deceased Odd Fellows once a year" was taken from the table, and it was unanimously adopted. Past Grands George Barnes, Wm. M. Cottle and Thomas R. Martin were appointed to make the proper arrangements to carry the resolution into effect.*

June 10, 1886. An invitation was extended to Townsend Lodge to join us in decorating the graves of deceased Odd Fellows the last Sunday in June.

July 6, 1886. Past Grand Wm. W. Munson having completed his second continuous term of service as noble grand, to the acceptance and welfare of the lodge and also with great credit to himself for the excellent manner in which he had performed the duties of noble grand, was presented by Past Grand George Barnes on behalf of the members, a beautiful gold watch, chain and charm as a token of their heartfelt appreciation, which was duly acknowledged by Brother Munson.

* Nosahogan Lodge justly claims the honor of being the first Odd Fellow's Lodge to conceive and inaugurate the custom of decorating the graves of Odd Fellows, which custom was afterwards approved and adopted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and ordained that all lodges shall decorate yearly the graves of their deceased members.

Aug. 10, 1886. Past Grand George Barnes presented to the lodge a picture of former reminiscences which was accepted, and ordered to be suitably framed and placed upon the walls of the lodge room.

Aug. 19, 1886. District Deputy Grand Master Robert M. Smith conferred the Rebekah Degree upon a large number of members by special request.

Oct. 4, 1886. Special meeting, called to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Isaac A. Mattoon, whose death occurred Oct. 2d, inst., at the age of 61 years. Brother Mattoon was initiated July 15, 1851, and served as noble grand for the term ending Dec. 31, 1855, and also a second term ending June 30, 1863. Brother Mattoon for many years was one of Nosahogan's most efficient and active members. As warden and conductor he excelled in giving the work in a most impressive manner. He occupied a prominent place as a citizen of Waterbury, being at the head of the printing department of the *Waterbury American* for many years. His loss was most sincerely mourned by Nosahogan Lodge, as is attested by resolutions spread upon the records.

Nov. 2, 1886. The death of Brother Franklin L. Welton was reported as having occurred Nov. 1st, inst., at the age of 58 years. Brother Welton was initiated June 14, 1859 and held membership for 27 years, and while not an active member, he always maintained his interest in the welfare and prosperity of the lodge. Resolutions expressive of his character and regard for his memory are spread upon the records.

Nov. 9, 1886. In response to an appeal from Grand Master W. H. Comley, the sum of \$35 was voted to distressed and suffering brothers, caused by earthquakes at Charleston, S. C.

Nov. 30, 1886. Canton Waterbury, No. 14, was present by invitation as special guests and gave an exhibition drill, which at close of the lodge was followed by a collation.

Dec. 7, 1886. "The transient relief committee was instructed to procure and present to the widows of deceased

brothers of this lodge a turkey for Christmas, in accordance with the usual custom."

Dec. 14, 1886. In response to an invitation, the grand officers and Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4, of Bridgeport were present, with many visiting Odd Fellows from Townsend and lodges from surrounding towns, to witness Nosahogan's work in the second degree. A fine banquet at the close of the lodge, and many eloquent speeches by visitors served to add interest to the occasion.

Feb. 8, 1887. Past Grands E. C. Lewis, Thomas R. Martin and Seymour M. Judd were appointed a committee to act with a like committee from Townsend Lodge to make arrangements to receive the Grand Lodge at its annual session in this city, May 18.

Feb. 15, 1887. An invitation was received and accepted to visit Our Brothers' Lodge, No. 10, Norwalk, March 7, and exemplify the work in the first, second and third degrees, with officers, degree team and paraphernalia.

March 22, 1887. "It was voted that a committee be appointed to put the *Frazier Degree* on the floor of the hall, with a small fee for the benefit of the orchestra.

March 28, 1887. Special meeting. The death of Brother George W. Merwin was reported as having occurred at Milford, March 28th, inst., at the age of 28 years. Brother Merwin was initiated April 17, 1883. His death occurred among friends at Milford after a long and protracted illness. His burial was at that place and was attended by a delegation of brothers of the lodge.

April 5, 1887. Past Grand George Barnes on behalf of the brothers of Nosahogan Lodge presented to Past Grand Chas. H. Stancliff a silver bowl, plate and spoon for the use of his newly born son, as a token of regard and pleasant remembrance of his faithful services as secretary of the lodge, which was appropriately received with many expressions of appreciation by Brother Stancliff.

It was voted "that we work the three degrees on the evening of May 17, as many representatives to the Grand Lodge would be in attendance in the city, and that an invitation be extended to Townsend Lodge to be present to witness our work before the grand officers and representatives.

May 14, 1887. Special meeting. The death of Brother E. J. Porter was announced as having occurred May 14th, inst., at the age of 80 years. Brother Porter was initiated Nov. 5, 1845, having held a continuous membership of forty-two years, and was our oldest surviving member. He was highly esteemed as a citizen, having held the office of deputy sheriff for several years. His long and continuous membership attests to his interest in the prosperity of Nosahogan lodge.

May 17, 1887. Nosahogan Lodge meeting of this date was of more than ordinary interest; the three degrees were exemplified before a large assemblage of Odd Fellows, consisting of the grand officers of the state, Past Grand Sire J. P. Saunders, Grand Representative Dilks of New York, and other members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and a large number of past grands from all parts of the state, who were in attendance upon a session of the Grand Lodge.

May 24, 1887. The "Frazier Degree" committee reported "a successful entertainment, the net proceeds being \$106.79. A special vote of thanks was extended to the visiting Rebekeh and others for their kind assistance on the occasion."

May 31, 1887. It was voted that the salary of the chairman of the sick visiting committee be \$50 per year from Jan. 1st, ult.

June 14, 1887. Canton Waterbury was invited to escort the members of Nosahogan and Townsend Lodges to decorate the graves of deceased Odd Fellows the last Sunday in June. The Rev. W. W. Bowdish was also invited to address them in the evening.

June 28, 1887. A vote of thanks was extended to the floral committee of the M. E. Church for the floral emblem presented to the Odd Fellows on Sunday evening, June 26th, inst.

Oct. 17, 1887. Under this date is spread upon our records an extended account of a visit to Bantam Lake by the Nosahogan Piscatorial Association, composed of many of Nosahogan's prominent members. From the account as recorded, Nosahogan Lodge escaped a sad calamity.

Nov. 8, 1887. Charter Oak, No. 2, Connecticut, No. 93, of Hartford, and De Soto Lodge of Springfield, Mass., were present by invitation to witness the work in the first degree. At the close of the lodge some 400 Odd Fellows visited the residence of Past Grand D. B. Wilson, to extend congratulations to our brother, Past Grand William A. Hollman, and wife, who were holding a wedding reception, after which they repaired to City Hall, where a bountiful collation was prepared for the visitors and members. Many speeches were made in high commendation of Nosahogan's work and hospitality.

Dec. 20, 1887. In accordance with what has become a custom of this lodge, the transient relief committee were instructed to provide turkeys for Christmas offerings to the widows of deceased brothers of this lodge.

Jan. 3, 1888. Past Grand George Barnes, on behalf of the brothers of Nosahogan Lodge, presented to Past Grand G. Fred Barnes an elegant gold watch and charm as a token of their appreciation of his services as drill master of the degree team, which was appropriately acknowledged by Brother Barnes. Past Grands George H. Cowell, Henry W. French and George Barnes were appointed a committee "to confer with the trustees of Waterbury Hospital in regard to the cost of a bed for the use of Nosahogan Lodge.

Jan. 17, 1888. On motion, the noble grand appointed a committee of six, "whose duty it shall be, so far as practicable, to assist Odd Fellows in procuring employment, said committee to be known as the employment committee of Nosahogan Lodge." Henry W. French, William W. Munson, Henry A. Matthews, C. B. Webster, Andrew McClintock and D. Hawley were appointed said committee.

Jan. 24, 1888. The committee appointed to confer with the trustees of the Waterbury Hospital reported unfavorably, and were discharged by request.

Jan. 30, 1888. Special meeting, to take action upon the death of Brother William M. McKone, which occurred Jan. 30th, inst., at the age of 27 years. Brother McKone was initiated May 6, 1884, and his death, after but a few days illness, came as a great surprise to his many friends. As one of the most active working members of the lodge he was a favorite, and his death was greatly mourned. Resolutions are spread upon the records.

March 20, 1888. A communication was received from Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, Hartford, extending an invitation to visit them April 13th, and accepted.

March 27, 1888. The sick committee reported the death of Brother Daniel S. Morris, March 27th, inst., at the age of 68 years. Brother Morris was initiated April 27, 1858, and served as noble grand for the term ending June 30, 1866. He was a well known and respected citizen, and for several years held the responsible position as chief of police of Waterbury. The burial was at Roxbury by a delegation of the lodge.

An invitation was received from Pequonnock Lodge, No. 4, Bridgeport, to visit them April 26th, and to participate in their anniversary exercises, which was accepted.

April 24, 1888. It was voted that the salary of the permanent secretary be increased to \$100 per year. The entertainment committee reported that they would give a Strawberry Festival and Fair for the benefit of the music fund, May 23, 24 and 25, at the City Hall.

May 22, 1888. A committee from Townsend Lodge, in behalf of that lodge, presented to Nosahogan Lodge a beautiful gold watch to be disposed of at their Festival and Fair, and a committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions in acknowledgment of their beautiful gift, and as expressive of the fraternal relations existing between these two lodges.

May 22, 1888. A large delegation was present by invitation from Eureka Lodge, No. 75, Plantsville, to witness the work in the third degree. A collation was served at Bolster's Hotel.

May 29, 1888. Resolutions were passed "expressing the thanks of the lodge to the entertainment committee, G. Fred. Barnes, W. W. Munson and D. M. Davis, together with many others who rendered arduous and earnest labors for the magnificent and splendid manner in which they were perfected and carried out." Past Grand George Barnes presented to Past Grand Thos. R. Martin the gold head cane voted to him at the fair and festival "as the most popular citizen," which was appropriately acknowledged by Brother Martin. A committee of five was appointed "to ascertain a suitable building site for an Odd Fellows Building, said committee to act with a like committee from Townsend Lodge."

June 5, 1888. The secretary was instructed "to extend an invitation to the noble and vice grands of the lodges in the Naugatuck valley to be present with us Tuesday evening, June 12th, inst., and witness the work in the first degree." The report of the "entertainment committee" showed net proceeds \$694.03 from recent "fair and festival."

June 12, 1888. The noble and vice grands and members were present by invitation to witness the work in the first degree, from lodges in Bridgeport, Birmingham, Ansonia, Seymour, Naugatuck, Thomaston, Torrington and Winsted. Many speeches by visiting brothers in praise of the work, and a collation was served at Bolsters' Hotel.

June 14, 1888. Special meeting. The death of Brother Merit Lane was announced as having occurred June 14th, inst., at the age of 70 years. Brother Lane was initiated Aug. 27, 1845, and served as noble grand for the term ending June 30, 1847. Brother Lane held membership for 43 years, and for many years was prominent in lodge affairs, and was a highly respected citizen and manufacturer.

June 26, 1888. A communication was received from Townsend Lodge, giving the names of their committee to act with Nosahogan Lodge in the selection of a building site for an "Odd Fellows Building."

Aug. 1, 1888. A communication was received from L. A. Thomas Lodge, No. 9, Cheshire, requesting this lodge to visit them and work the second and third degrees, and on being referred to the degree master, an invitation was extended to that lodge to visit us and bring their candidates on the evening of Aug. 28th, inst.

Aug. 28, 1888. In accordance with invitation of Aug. 1st, the officers and members of L. A. Thomas Lodge were present together with 25 candidates to receive the second and third degrees.

Sept. 25, 1888. A communication was received from Eureka Lodge, No. 75, Plantsville, extending an invitation to visit them Oct. 16th, which was accepted, also one from Centennial, No. 100, Naugatuck, to visit them Oct. 1st, which was deferred to a further date.

Oct. 2, 1888. It was voted that \$50 be sent to yellow fever sufferers in Florida.

Oct. 23, 1888. A communication was received from Florida Lodge, Jacksonville, Fla., acknowledging the receipt of \$50 and ordered spread upon the records.* On motion it was voted "That the trustee of this lodge confer with the trustee of Townsend Lodge, and that they extend the use of this lodge room to the Masons on the occasion of the dedication of their new hall."

Oct. 30, 1888. A communication was received from Our Brothers' Lodge, No. 10, Norwalk, informing us of the death of Brother Frederick Schumann, who was drowned in Norwalk Harbor, Oct. 30th, inst., at the age of 34 years. Brother Schumann was initiated March 24, 1885. A delegation of brothers attended the funeral at Norwalk. A special benefit of \$50 was paid the widow.

* Not on records.

Nov. 6, 1888. An invitation was received from Townsend Lodge to visit them on the evening of Nov. 12th, inst., which was accepted. Also a communication was received from Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, of Brooklyn, N. Y., accepting an invitation from Nosahogan Lodge to visit us Nov. 13th, inst. The secretary was instructed to inform Centennial Lodge, No. 100, that it will be convenient to visit them on the evening of Dec. 3d.

Nov. 13, 1888. Nosahogan's lodge meeting of this date was of special interest. Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, of Danbury and Ousatonic, No. 6, of Birmingham, were present by invitation to witness its degree work. After close of lodge a fine collation was served at Music Hall.

Nov. 20, 1888. A communication was received from Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, Brooklyn, extending an invitation to visit them Nov. 30th, which was accepted.

Nov. 27, 1888. The chairman of the sick committee reported the death of Brother H. H. Horton as having occurred at Holyoke, Mass., Nov. 25th, inst., at the age of 65 years. Brother Horton was initiated Nov. 21, 1871, and was a well known and highly respected citizen, and a much esteemed member of the lodge. A delegation from the lodge received the remains at Holyoke and accompanied them to New Haven, where burial took place.

Dec. 4, 1888. A communication was received from Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, expressing their thanks for the invitation to witness the work of the second degree, Nov. 13th, ult. An invitation was extended to the grand master to be present on the evening of Dec. 11th, inst., to witness our work in the first degree.

Dec. 11, 1888: A communication was received from Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, Danbury, "expressing their united thanks for the entertainment extended to them, and for the rendering of the work we fail to find words to express our appreciation, but we believe in the great arch of Oddfellowship in Connecticut Nosahogan is the keystone."

Jan. 5, 1889. Resolutions were passed and ordered spread upon the records, and a copy engrossed and suitably framed and forwarded to Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, of Brooklyn, N. Y., expressing the thanks of this lodge for the generous hospitality received on their visit of Nov. 30th, ult.

Jan, 15, 1889. A communication was received from Pacific Lodge, No. 87, of Meriden, extending an invitation to visit them Jan. 30th, which was accepted.

Feb. 26, 1889. It was voted to extend an invitation to Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, to visit us on the evening of March 19th, also to invite the grand officers of the state to be present on that evening.

March 19, 1889. The grand officers, Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, of Brooklyn, also representatives from Franklin Lodge, No. 182, Sheepshead Bay, L. I., and New Brunswick Lodge, No. 6, New Brunswick, N. J., were present to witness the work in the first and second degrees. The exercises were of special interest. A full account may be found on our records.

March 26, 1889. Resolutions of thanks from Tycho Brake Lodge, No. 13, of Hartford, for officers' regalia, presented through Grand Master Burnham, were received. The thanks of this lodge to G. A. R., No. 49, for the use of their hall on the 19th, inst., were voted, and the secretary was instructed to forward the same.

May 14, 1889. It was voted that the salary of the recording secretary be raised to \$50 per year from Jan. 1, 1889.

May 16, 1889. Special meeting. The death of Brother M. D. W. Mears was reported as having occurred May 15th, inst., at the age of 65 years. Brother Mears was initiated May 31, 1887. Although a recent member he was a most enthusiastic Odd Fellow, and had greatly endeared himself to those with whom he became acquainted. Resolutions of esteem and sympathy are found spread upon the records.

July 9, 1889. A committee consisting of Past Grands D. B. Wilson, W. M. Cottle and H. W. French, was appointed to make suitable arrangements to attend the semi-centennial

celebration of the introduction of Oddfellowship into Connecticut, Sept. 3, 1889, at New Haven.

July 30, 1889. The semi-centennial committee reported that the necessary arrangements had been perfected and that Canton Waterbury would act as escort for the Odd Fellows of Waterbury. Remarks were made by several members of the Nosahogan Piscatorial Association, who had recently returned from a trip to Nantucket, Newport and Block Island. At Nantucket the association received most hearty and fraternal welcome, and on visiting the Odd Fellows lodge room, found Nosahogan's name enrolled among the lodges who had responded to their appeal for aid when their lodge room was destroyed by fire and homes of Odd Fellows made desolate. Past Grands E. C. Lewis, George Barnes, J. H. Guernsey and others of undoubted veracity told many exciting tales of great peril in fishing for *sharks*, and other *big fish*. It was voted that some of these were most *too* good to be lost to the lodge, and that a "scrap book" be procured and a historian appointed to take charge of it. Past Grand W. W. Munson was so appointed.

Sept. 24, 1889. Resolutions handsomely engrossed and framed were presented by Past Grand Hebard on behalf of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, Hartford, as a testimonial of their appreciation of favors received from Nosahogan Lodge, and as expressive of the spirit of true Oddfellowship existing between the two lodges. Past Grand D. M. Davis received the same in very appropriate words and they were ordered placed upon the walls of the lodge room.

Oct. 1, 1889. It was voted that the names of applicants for membership be read just before the close of the lodge, and remarks were made on the advisability of having all candidates examined by physicians previous to admission. Notice was given by Past Grands Wilson, Guernsey and Cottle that a "Grand Hunt" would be given at an early date by the Nosahogan Piscatorial Association.

Oct. 15, 1889. Past Grand William M. Cottle as a member of the committee on building an Odd Fellows' hall, submitted the plan proposed by which to raise the necessary funds for that purpose.

Oct. 22, 1889. Past Grand George Barnes and others related their experiences in connection with the "Grand Hunt," given by the Piscatorial Association, Oct. 17th, inst.

Oct. 29, 1889. It was announced that the lodge would hold a fair at the City Hall, in aid of the music fund, Nov. 20, 21 and 22.

Nov. 12, 1889. Visiting brothers from Bridgeport were present to witness the work in the second degree. Remarks were made by D. G. M. Hunt, Past Grands Marigold and Hubbard, and others, in praise of the work.

Dec. 10, 1889. The thanks of the lodge were extended to the Concordia Society for services rendered at the late fair, and also to the ladies who so kindly assisted. The transient relief committee was instructed to procure and present to each widow of deceased brothers of this lodge a Christmas turkey in accordance with usual custom.

Jan. 28, 1890. Remarks were made by Past Grand Guernsey in relation to taking a few pages in the forthcoming history of Waterbury, and Past Grands T. I. Driggs, G. H. Cowell and G. H. Waters were appointed as a committee.

A communication was received from Past Grand Master George N. Moses of New Haven in regard to a contemplated visit from the Odd Fellows of New Haven, and the secretary was instructed to write Brother Moses that they will be welcome to visit us at their convenience during the coming month.

Feb. 18, 1890. Large delegations of brothers were present from Quinnipiac, No. 1, Harmony, No. 4, Montowese, No. 15, City, No. 36, Relief, No. 86, and Humbolt, No. 91, New Haven, and Wopowage, No. 14, Milford, to witness Nosahogan's work in the second degree. Remarks were made by Grand Master James Bishop, Past Grand Marigold



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and many noble grands and past grands of visiting lodges, in high commendation of the work. A fine collation was served at Music Hall.

March 11, 1890. A communication was received from Past Grand Master G. N. Moses, on behalf of the visiting lodges of New Haven, expressing their heartfelt thanks for their generous treatment and cordial reception on the evening of Feb. 18th, ult., which has made a deep and lasting impression and one not easily effaced.

March 18, 1890. On motion, it was voted that the salary of the recording secretary be increased from \$25 to \$35 per term, to date from Jan. 1st, ult. Also voted, that the committee on Odd Fellows building be instructed to report progress to the lodge April 1st.

April 18, 1890. A large delegation of brothers from Central Lodge, No. 12, Middletown, was present by special invitation to witness the work in the first and second degrees. A set of gavels was presented to Central Lodge by Past Grand George Barnes on behalf of Nosahogan Lodge. Remarks expressing the thanks of Central were made, and also for the opportunity to witness Nosahogan's work. A fine banquet was served at the close of lodge.

May 27, 1890. A motion was made, "That the committee on Odd Fellows Building ascertain at what price the site of the Second Congregational Church can be secured," which was lost.

June 10, 1890. A communication from the grand master enclosing a report and resolutions of a committee appointed by the Grand Lodge relating to the establishment of an "Odd Fellows' Home" was read, and on motion by D. G. M. G. H. Cowell, it was unanimously voted "That this lodge approve of the resolutions as adopted by the Grand Lodge of this state regarding an Odd Fellows' Home."

June, 17, 1890. A communication was received from Prospect Lodge, No. 290, Brooklyn, N. Y., regarding a contemplated visit to us, and the secretary was instructed to extend to them an invitation to visit us in October next.

Sept. 9, 1890. It was voted that an invitation be extended to the grand officers and grand representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge to be present with us on the occasion of the visit of Prospect Lodge, No. 290, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sept. 23, 1890. The secretary was instructed to communicate with the trustees of the Waterbury Hospital that this lodge will be responsible for the care of all members of Nosahogan Lodge who shall be taken there by direction of the chairman of the sick committee, it being understood that they shall have the best care and accommodation which the hospital affords.

Sept. 30, 1890. Past Grand C. E. Bartlett was presented with a gavel made from wood taken from the "Old Johnson House," and a vote of thanks for services.

Oct. 14, 1890. In accordance with invitation extended June 17th, ult., Prospect Lodge, No. 290, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Sept. 19th, ult., to grand officers, both were present, also delegations from Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, and Principle Lodge, No. 46, of Brooklyn, N. Y. to witness the work in the first and second degrees. Remarks were made by the grand officers and visiting brothers, expressing high praise and commending the manner in which the work was rendered. At the close of the lodge the visitors and others repaired to Concordia Hall where a fine banquet was served, which was followed by speeches by the mayor of the city and the visitors.

Nov. 2, 1890. Special meeting. The death of Brother James E. Coer was announced as having occurred Nov. 1st, inst., at the age of 49 years. Brother Coer was initiated Feb. 28, 1865, and had been a member of the lodge for 25 years.

Dec. 16, 1890. In accordance with the custom of the lodge for a number of years, the transient relief committee was instructed to provide a Christmas turkey for the widows of deceased brothers of Nosahogan Lodge.

Jan. 12, 1891. Special meeting. The chairman of the sick committee announced the death of Brother Horace Frost, Jan. 12th, inst., at the age of 78 years. Brother Frost was

initiated Feb. 4, 1846, and served as noble grand for the term ending Dec. 31, 1857. At the time of his decease he was our oldest surviving member, having held a continuous membership for 45 years. As a lifelong citizen of Waterbury he was most highly esteemed and respected. As an Odd Fellow, his long membership attests to his great love and interest in the work of the Order, and the prosperity and welfare of Nosahogan Lodge, by whom he was greatly beloved. A letter from his daughter, Mrs. Chatfield, expressing her "great respect and appreciation for the kind attention and care bestowed upon her father by Nosahogan Lodge" was read and ordered spread upon the records.

Jan. 31, 1891. Special meeting, to take action upon the death of Brother Walter Niver which occurred Jan. 29th, inst., at the age of 55 years. Brother Niver was initiated Dec. 8, 1885. His death came suddenly after a few days' illness.

Feb. 21, 1891. Special meeting. The death of Brother Jacob Kahl was reported by the sick committee as having occurred Feb. 20th, inst., at the age of 62 years. Brother Kahl was initiated Sept. 30, 1873.

Feb. 24, 1891. It was voted that the chairman of the sick committee be authorized to procure flowers at an expense of \$5, on the decease of a member.

March 3, 1891. The illness and sudden death of Brother L. J. Kahl was reported by the sick committee as having occurred March 3d, inst., at the age of 36 years. Brother Kahl was initiated Feb. 22, 1876. He was the son of Brother Jacob Kahl whose death occurred Feb. 20th, ult., and their deaths came as a great affliction to the family and sorrow to the lodge. A communication from Meriden Center Lodge, No. 68, was received, extending an invitation to visit them April 3d, and to work the first degree for them, which was referred to degree committee.

March 10, 1891. It was voted to accept the invitation of Meriden Center Lodge, No. 68, and to work the first degree. A committee was appointed to visit Meriden and ob-

tain a plan of their lodge room and make necessary arrangements.

April 14, 1891. A communication was received from L. A. Thomas Lodge, No. 9, Cheshire, inviting this lodge to visit them on the evening of April 23d, inst., which was accepted.

April 21, 1891. A communication was received from Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, Hartford, relative to a visit from them, and the secretary was instructed to extend an invitation to visit us May 19th. It was voted that Canton Waterbury, No. 14, be invited to do escort duty on the occasion and procure the American Band.

May 19, 1891. A most cordial welcome was extended to Charter Oak Lodge of Hartford, who were present by invitation to witness the work in the second degree. Remarks were made by visiting brothers expressing great pleasure in witnessing Nosahogan's famous work in the second degree. At the close of the lodge a fine banquet was served.

A communication was received from the High School Alumni of Waterbury extending an invitation to take part in the parade of the schools May 30th, which was accepted, and Canton Waterbury was invited to do escort duty on the occasion.

June 9, 1891. A communication was received from Prospect Lodge, No. 290, of Brooklyn, N. Y., extending an invitation to visit them Aug. 27th. The secretary was instructed to forward an acceptance.

Nov. 10, 1891. A communication was received from S. H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, Bridgeport, giving information of the death of Brother W. J. Squires, which occurred at Bridgeport, Nov. 9th, inst., at the age of 57 years. Brother Squires was initiated May 26, 1872. His burial was at Bridgeport, and was attended by a delegation from Nosahogan Lodge.

Nov. 11, 1891. Special meeting. The death of Brother Sidney H. Ridpath was announced as having occurred Nov.

11th, inst., at the age of 30 years. Brother Ridpath was initiated Feb. 3, 1885. The ministrations of the lodge came to this brother and his family during a long and protracted illness, exemplifying in a most forceful manner the beneficial work of the Order.

Nov. 17, 1891. In accordance with the action taken by the Grand Lodge and adopted by this lodge, an assessment of 50 cts. per member was laid, the same to be paid each term until the sum of \$50,000 shall have been raised for the purpose of establishing an Odd Fellows' Home at Fairview, Groton, Conn., each lodge in the state to bear its proportion of this amount. The chairman of the committee sent to Bridgeport to attend the funeral of Brother W. J. Squires, reported that they had performed the duties assigned to them, and presented the following: "Resolved that this lodge extend a vote of thanks to S. H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, of Bridgeport, for the brotherly care and attention shown our late Brother W. J. Squires during his last sickness, and the kind attention and generous hospitality shown to the lodge committee."

Nov. 24, 1891. Past Grands H. W. French, George Barnes and J. H. Guernsey were appointed a committee to care for the widows and orphans of this lodge.

Dec. 1, 1891. Report of committee on amendment to by-laws was received and it was voted to pay \$6 per week sick benefit and \$100 funeral benefit.

Dec. 15, 1891. The committee to care for widows and orphans was instructed to provide turkeys to widows of deceased members of this lodge at Christmas time, and to those out of town to send an equivalent in money with which to purchase one.

Jan. 19, 1892. It was voted that the chairman of the sick committee shall receive a salary of \$50 per term.

The death of Brother William Brooks was reported as having occurred at Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 17th, inst., at the age of 76 years. Brother Brooks was initiated March 10, 1847, and had held continuous membership for 45

years. The remains were brought to Waterbury, the funeral services were held at Hall Memorial Chapel, Riverside Cemetery.

Jan. 21, 1892. Special meeting. The death of Brother Morris Schnitzer was reported as having occurred Jan. 20th, inst., at the age of 25 years. Brother Schnitzer was initiated Oct. 3, 1888. While in San Francisco, Cal., he was taken sick and became dependent upon the charity of his brother Odd Fellows. Instructions were sent to the lodge at San Francisco to give him all necessary care, pay all legitimate expenses and report the same to this lodge. As an invalid he returned to Waterbury and was placed in the Waterbury Hospital. His burial took place from Hall Memorial Chapel, Riverside. A vote of thanks was extended to the matron of Waterbury Hospital for the special care given to Brother Schnitzer, and also to the committee in charge.

March 15, 1892. It was voted to extend an invitation to Meriden Center and Pacific Lodges of Meriden to visit us on the evening of April 19th.

March 22, 1892. Special meeting was called to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Henry M. Stocking, whose death occurred March 20th, inst., at the age of 57 years. Brother Stocking was initiated March 7, 1865, and served as noble grand for the term ending Dec. 31, 1867. He was a prominent and influential member of the lodge. He was also a prominent mason and was greatly esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances.

April 5, 1892. It was voted that this lodge exemplify the work of the three degrees for the new lodge about to be instituted at Bristol.

April 19, 1892. It was voted "That this lodge donate to Stephen Terry Lodge of Bristol such regalia as is no longer of use to us."

May 3, 1892. Special meeting, to take action upon the death of Brother Thomas R. Martin, who deceased May 2d, inst., at the age of 53 years. Brother Martin was initiated

May 7, 1867, and served as noble grand for the term ending June 30, 1879. It was given to but few of the members of Nosahogan Lodge to occupy so prominent a place in Odd-fellowship, and more especially the social life of Nosahogan Lodge, he having served his country during the Civil War as a captain, was peculiarly qualified to meet a want in the lodge on all public occasions as marshal, or on committees of arrangements. He also was active and prominent in organizing and drilling the uniformed branch of the Order, and was its first commander at "Ives Degree Camp," and afterwards of "Canton Waterbury, No. 14." Brother Martin held a high place in the love and esteem, not only of Nosahogan Lodge, but among Odd Fellows throughout the state. As a citizen he took a prominent and influential position as a member of the city government. Resolutions were ordered drawn and presented to his family, but failed to find a place upon our records.

A communication was received from Accanant Lodge, No. 71, Wallingford, in relation to working the first and second degrees, and the secretary was instructed to inform them that we would do so if they would bring their candidates here.

A committee was appointed to act with a like committee from Townsend Lodge to secure the Second Congregational Church property at a price not to exceed \$400 per front foot.

May 10, 1892. A communication was received from Past Grand James Cheetam and sixteen other past grands of Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, of Brooklyn, N. Y., relating to the death of Past Grand Thomas R. Martin, which may be found spread upon our records.

May 24, 1892. A communication was received from Stephen Terry Lodge of Bristol expressing their thanks for the gift of regalia.

May 31, 1892. The committee appointed to act with a committee from Townsend Lodge relative to the purchase of the Second Congregational Church property reported that they had secured the property on terms advantageous to the lodges.

June 7, 1892. A communication was received from Magnolia Lodge embracing a set of resolutions relating to the loss sustained by the death of Past Grand Thomas R. Martin, which are spread upon the records of the lodge.

June 28, 1892. The trustees were instructed to tender the use of the lodge room (so far as this lodge is concerned) to Winona Rebekah Lodge, No. 8, until Jan. 1, 1893, also voted, that in conjunction with Townsend Lodge we present to that lodge a set of officers' regalia at a cost of \$75.

Aug. 16, 1892. A communication was received from Winona Lodge expressing their thanks for regalia, which is spread upon our records.

Aug. 30, 1892. The committee on excursion to New London reported that said excursion would take place Sept. 5th. Past Grand George Barnes presented to Noble Grand George M. Egan a policeman's billet to be used on said occasion. Brother Barnes having formerly been a policeman explained its uses and gave interesting reminiscences of his personal experiences.

Sept. 6, 1892. The lodge meeting of this date presented one feature of special interest. Among a class of eleven members who were initiated were C. M. Wilson, age 70, and E. W. Wilson, age 21, the father and son of Past Grand D. B. Wilson, the past grand's charge being very impressively administered by him, which was an occurrence hardly to be paralleled by any other lodge in the state.

Sept. 20, 1892. It was voted to appropriate \$50 from the funds of the lodge to furnish a room in the Odd Fellows' Home at Fairview, the same to be known as "Nosahogan room."

Sept. 27, 1892. It was voted that we donate to Winona Lodge, No. 8, the crockery and cooking utensils belonging to this lodge.

Oct. 18, 1892. The committee on Columbus Day reported favorably and recommended "that this lodge participate in the parade of Oct. 21st, inst.

Oct. 29, 1892. Special meeting, to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother A. O. Mell, whose death occurred Oct. 29th, inst., at the age of 39 years. Brother Mell was initiated Nov. 10, 1885, and served as noble grand for the term ending Dec. 31, 1890. Brother Mell's illness was of but a few days, and his death came as a painful surprise and affliction to his many friends in the lodge, of which he was a most efficient officer and active member. Resolutions of regard and sympathy are spread upon our records.

Dec. 6, 1892. The committee on widows and orphans were instructed to provide turkeys at Christmas time for the widows of deceased members of this lodge.

Dec. 20, 1892. The grand officers of the state and also large delegations of brothers from Clifton, No. 30, Franklin, No. 42, Ridgley, No. 51, and Stephen Terry, No. 59, were present by invitation to witness the exemplification of work in the first and second degrees. Remarks were made by the grand officers and visiting brothers in commendation of the work. At the close of lodge a fine collation was served and many speeches were made.

Dec. 27, 1892. It was voted that the matter of hiring nurses be left in the hands of the chairman of the sick committee with power to use his best judgment for the interests of the lodge.

Jan. 10, 1893. An invitation was received from S. H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, of Bridgeport, to visit them on the evening of Feb. 13th, which was accepted. Brother W. J. Larkin presented to the noble grand and vice grand each a very handsome gavel, which were appropriately accepted by them.

Feb. 17, 1893. Special meeting. The death of Brother Ralph L. Bronson was reported by the sick committee as having occurred Feb. 7th, inst., at the age of 65 years. Brother Bronson was initiated Dec. 6, 1887. His interest in the work and prosperity of Nosahogan Lodge was attested by his constant attendance at lodge meetings, and his sudden death, after but a few days illness, was greatly mourned, not

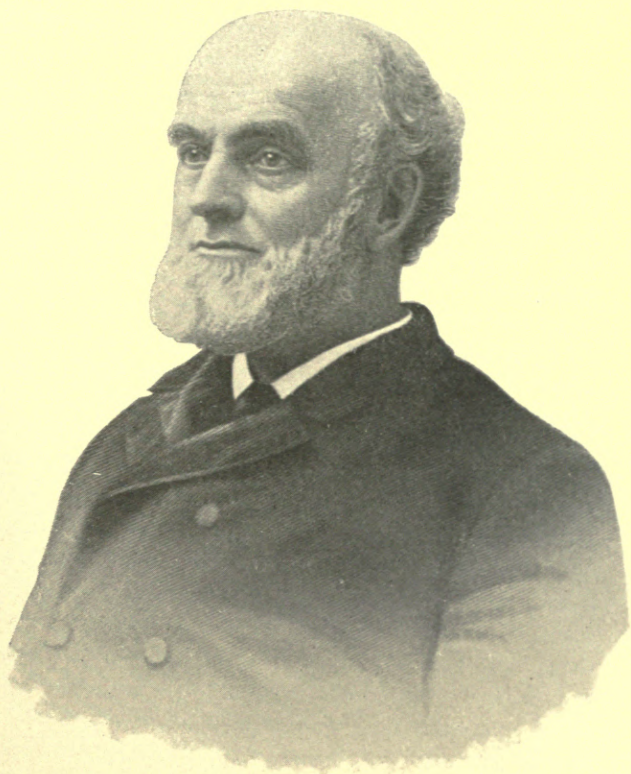
only by the lodge but by a large circle of friends. He was a prominent citizen and influential member of the M. E. Church.

March 14, 1893. A committee consisting of Brothers H. T. Stedman, F. O. Peabody, J. H. Guernsey, Ira C. Moore and D. M. Davis was appointed relative to the holding of a fair.

April 18, 1893. It was voted "That we go as a lodge to New London April 26th, inst. to attend the dedication ceremonies of the Odd Fellows' Home at Fairview." Past Grand W. M. Cottle was appointed to represent Nosahogan Lodge.

June 20, 1893. Past Grand J. H. Guernsey, secretary of the fair committee, reported "that the fair had proved a grand success." The net receipts were \$2093.30, and it was voted that \$215.50 be placed in the entertainment fund, and the balance in the hands of the treasurer of the lodge, to be known as the "Fiftieth anniversary fund." A vote of thanks was extended to Winona Lodge, No. 8, for their very efficient assistance, and also to each member of the committee, under seal of the lodge.

June 29, 1893. Special meeting, called to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Theodore I. Driggs, whose death occurred June 28th, inst., at the age of 63 years. Brother Driggs was initiated May 13, 1851, and served as noble grand for the term ending Dec. 3, 1853. By reason of his superior executive ability and great interest in all that pertained to the special work of the Order, Brother Driggs took a prominent place, not only in his own lodge, but throughout the state. He was elected grand master, May 16, 1876, having also acted as grand master from March to May 16th, by reason of the death of Grand Master John F. Comstock. He also filled the office of grand patriarch of the grand encampment of this state. Brother Driggs was a prominent and influential citizen of Waterbury, having been chairman of the board of education for many years; also as secretary, treasurer and president of the American Pin Company. Resolutions in memoriam are spread upon our records.



T. J. Driggs

Grand Master, 1876.

July 25, 1893. A communication was received from Mrs. T. I. Driggs and daughter expressing their heartfelt gratitude for care and kind attention to Mr. Driggs during his long illness, and for the sympathy of the lodge as expressed by their resolutions, which was ordered spread upon the records of the lodge.

July 28, 1893. Special meeting. The chairman of the sick committee announced the death of Brother Philemon P. Woolworth, which occurred suddenly at Block Island July 26th., at the age of 74 years. Brother Woolworth was initiated Aug. 12, 1851, and held a continuous membership for 42 years. His great interest in Oddfellowship and many genial and social qualities of character made him a great favorite among all his acquaintances. His death was sincerely mourned by *all* and especially by the brothers of Nosahogan Lodge. Resolutions of love and regard are spread upon our records.

Aug. 28, 1893. Special meeting, called to make the arrangements for the funeral of Brother Samuel Taylor, whose death occurred Aug. 28th, inst., at the age of 81 years. Brother Taylor was initiated Aug. 12, 1846, having held a continuous membership for 47 years. He, like Brothers Driggs and Woolworth was one of 50 members who maintained their membership through Nosahogan's darkest period* and lived to see his lodge largely outnumber any lodge in the state. Brother Taylor was a highly respected citizen of Waterbury and his death was sincerely mourned by a large circle of acquaintances.

Oct. 3, 1893. A communication was received from Magnolia Lodge of Brooklyn, N. Y., informing us of an intended visit Oct. 17th, inst., an invitation was extended to Clifton Lodge, No. 30, of Winsted, to visit us on the evening of Oct. 17th.

Oct. 13, 1893. Special meeting. The chairman of sick committee announced the death of Brother T. F. Judson as having occurred Oct. 12th, inst. Brother Judson was initi-

* From 1855 to 1865.

ated May 4, 1869, and was 48 years of age. His sudden death came with a painful surprise to his family and many friends. Brother Judson was one of our most highly respected business men, and his sad death was greatly lamented by the community.

Oct. 17, 1893. A large delegation of members from Magnolia Lodge, No. 199, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and also from Clifton, No. 30, of Winsted, were present by invitation on a fraternal visit, and to witness Nosahogan's work in the first and second degrees. Remarks by visiting brothers and others interspersed with singing by Magnolia Quartette Club were special features of interest. A fine collation was served at the close of lodge.

Oct. 31, 1893. A communication was received from Magnolia Lodge enclosing resolutions expressive of their "thanks and appreciation for the bountiful hospitality received on the 17th, inst. and most sincere regard to the brethren of Nosahogan Lodge for their many rendered manifestations of regard for the members of Magnolia Lodge, and we shall cherish the memory of this visit as another golden link added to the chain of friendship which binds us together."

Nov. 14, 1893. A communication was received from Winona Lodge, No. 8, offering to assist Odd Fellows' families in need, and the secretary was instructed to express the thanks of this lodge for the same.

Dec. 12, 1893. Special meeting to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Edward H. Shannon, whose death occurred in the "Adirondacks" Dec. 26th, inst., at the age of 51 years. Brother Shannon was initiated March 12th, 1872. For nearly a year he had resided at Saranac Lake to regain his health, attended by his wife. The Odd Fellows of that state were very kind and attentive, and at Brother Shannon's death took charge of his remains, and assisted the stricken wife back to her home and friends. Brother Henry Shelly of Saranac Lake Lodge, was with difficulty persuaded to accept the expenses of his journey, feeling that he had done no more than was his duty to do.

Jan. 2, 1894. The following communication was received from Mrs. Shannon, and was ordered spread upon the records of the lodge.

To the Noble Grand of Nosahogan Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

Please convey to the officers and members of your lodge my gratitude which is too deep for my feeble words to express, for their great kindness and assistance during the long and painful illness of my husband, and which has continued to be expressed since his death. Please accept my sincere thanks for all the services so kindly rendered, for your beautiful floral offering and for the order for \$100 so promptly sent me. I cannot forbear expressing to you my full appreciation of and deep gratitude for the spirit which members of your Order in the Adirondack Mountains have shown us; coming often out into the country where we were, to see if there was anything which they could do for my dear husband, and at last through the dreary darkness, and in the pouring rain assisting me in every way possible on my sad journey home. It was a kindness never to be forgotten while life lasts, and brings out clearly the true nobility of the fraternal spirit of your Order. Again thanking you for your great kindness and with deepest gratitude I remain sincerely yours,

EMILY A. SHANNON.

Jan. 9, 1894. This being "past grands' night" the following past grands officiated: George Barnes, N. G.; L. I. Munson, V. G.; Horatio Nelson, Warden; Albert S. Upson, Conductor; F. B. Merriman, I. G.; Geo. H. Waters, R. S. to N. G.; Geo. N. Grannis, L. S. to N. G.; E. C. Lewis, R. S. to V. G.; H. T. Sperry, L. S. to V. G.; E. T. Root, R. S. S.; Spencer B. Lane, L. S. S.; E. D. Steele, Chaplain, and D. B. Wilson, P. G. Two candidates were duly initiated with some of the features of the "old work." At the close of initiation Past Grand E. C. Lewis presented to Noble Grand W. J. Larkin a beautiful gavel which was appropriately accepted by him. Many speeches were made by past grands of much interest in reference to lodge work in years gone by.

Feb. 26, 1894. Special meeting. The death of Brother Friend A. Sanford was announced as having occurred Feb. 26th, inst., at the age of 41 years. Brother Sanford was initi-

ated April 1, 1883, and served as noble grand for the term ending Dec, 31, 1887. Brother Sanford suffered from a long and painful illness, and received the unceasing watchcare of the lodge, and most fully illustrating the beneficial work of Oddfellowship.

April 14, 1894. Special meeting, to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother George Barnes, whose death occurred April 12th, inst., at the age of 70 years. Brother Barnes was admitted by card from Franklin Lodge, No. 42, March 7, 1871, and served as noble grand for the term ending June 30, 1884, and was also a past chief patriarch of Ansantawae Encampment, No. 20. Brother Barnes will long be remembered as one of our most active and efficient members, his hand was ever open to aid the needy and suffering, his voice was often heard in the lodge meeting, giving pleasant words of fraternal advice and wise action. In all the relations of lodge life he was one of its most genial and pleasant members, and was greatly beloved by all. On the anniversary of his seventieth birthday, he was given a surprise reception at the lodge room, and Grand Master W. H. Marigold, of Bridgeport, on behalf of his many friends, presented him with a beautiful gold watch and chain. A committee was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on his death, but they do not appear upon our records.

May 1, 1894. A delegation of six past grands from Magnolia Lodge, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was present as a committee to present to Nosahogan Lodge a beautiful engrossed memorial with a portrait of our late Brother George Barnes, who was a great favorite with the brothers of Magnolia Lodge. The speeches of presentation were of most effecting interest to all present.

June 1, 1894. Special meeting. The death of Brother Robert C. Partree was announced as having occurred May 31st, ult., at the age of 32 years. Brother Partree was initiated May 1, 1888.

June 12, 1894. A vote of thanks was extended to Canton T. R. Martin for doing escort duty on "memorial day," and for their large turnout and fine appearance, and the same to be conveyed by the secretary under the seal of the lodge.

July 23, 1894. A vote of thanks was received from Winona Rebekah, No. 8, for the courtesies extended to them on the memorial services at Odd Fellows' hall and cemetery on "memorial day."

July 24, 1894. Amendment to by-laws relating to the election of trustees, and the duties of treasurer, were adopted, and a vote of thanks was extended to Past Grand George M. Egan for the able manner in which he had looked into and brought the matter before the lodge.

Sept. 8, 1894. Past Grand James Cheetam, of Magnolia Lodge, presented the officers of the lodge Japanese fans with very pleasant remarks referring to the pleasant and fraternal relations existing between the brothers of Nosahogan and Magnolia Lodges.

Oct. 9, 1894. The chairman of the sick committee reported a brother as sick and in needy circumstances and unable to procure medical attendance, he was empowered to expend a sum not to exceed \$100 in furnishing needed relief.

Oct. 30, 1894. A communication was received from a member in arrears stating that by want of employment he was unable to pay his dues, it was voted "That a special relief of \$10 be granted for this purpose."

Nov. 13, 1894. S. H. Harris Lodge, No. 99, Bridgeport, was present by invitation to witness the work in the first degree. Past Grand Master F. S. Hunt, Grand Representative Marigold and visiting brothers from Maine, Massachusetts and New Jersey were also present. At the close of the lodge, the visitors and brothers repaired to the "Auditorium" where a bountiful collation was in waiting. Speeches were made in praise of Nosahogan's work and hospitality.

Jan. 17, 1895. Special meeting. The death of Brother J. F. McCandless was reported by sick committee as having

occurred Jan. 16th, inst., at the age of 24 years. Brother McCandless was initiated June 6, 1893. The remains were taken to East Hamden where the usual funeral ceremonies were performed.

Jan. 29, 1895. Special meeting. The chairman of the sick committee reported the death of Brother Frederick H. Root, Jan. 29th, inst., at the age of 26 years. Brother Root was initiated Dec. 13, 1892. His sudden death was a great and mournful affliction to a large circle of relatives and friends.

Feb. 10, 1895. A communication was received from Progressive Lodge, No. 18, of Danbury, inviting this lodge to visit them and exemplify the work of the degrees. The invitation was accepted, and the secretary was instructed to inform them that the visit would be March 28th.

Feb. 19, 1895. Special meeting. The death of Brother E. B. Gibbud was reported as having occurred Feb. 19th, inst., at the age of 69 years. Brother Gibbud was initiated Nov. 12, 1867. He was a non-resident of Waterbury for several years, but retained his membership and interest in Nosahogan Lodge and the work of the Order, and was greatly respected by a large circle of friends. His burial took place from Hall Memorial Chapel, Riverside Cemetery.

Feb. 26, 1895. An invitation was extended to Stephen Terry Lodge, Bristol, to visit this lodge March 19th, and bring their candidates for the purpose of having the first and second degrees conferred.

March 12, 1895. An invitation was extended to Phoenix Lodge, No. 52, New Britain, to visit us on the evening of March 19th.

March 16, 1895. Special meeting. The sick committee reported the death of Brother George N. Grannis March 15th., inst., at the age of 67 years. Brother Grannis was initiated April 9, 1850, and served as noble grand for the term ending Dec. 31, 1879, and also was a past chief patriarch of Ansan-tawae Encampment. Brother Grannis was for many years

the leading photographer of Waterbury and vicinity, and was highly respected as one of our prominent citizens. A membership of 45 years attests to his interest in the Order and the welfare of Nosahogan Lodge.

March 19, 1895. Stephen Terry, No. 59, Bristol, and Phoenix Lodge, No. 52, New Britain, were present by invitation, and also a delegation from Southington to witness the work in the second degree. Speeches were made in high praise of Nosahogan's work in this degree. Selections were sung by the Acme Quartette, of Stephen Terry Lodge. After the close of lodge a banquet was served in the banquet room. An invitation was received from Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, Brooklyn, to visit them April 15th, which was accepted.

March 26, 1895. A communication was received from Stephen Terry Lodge expressing thanks for hospitalities received on their visit of the 19th, inst.

March 30, 1895. Special meeting, to make necessary arrangements for the funeral of Fletcher H. Watrous, a member of De Soto Lodge, of Springfield, Mass. By special request of that lodge and the wishes of the family this lodge took charge of the funeral, and a delegation of brothers accompanied the remains to Mystic, where they were met by the brothers of Stonington Lodge, No. 26, and the usual funeral ceremonies were performed.

April 2, 1895. The chairman of the sick committee made his report on the recent journey to Mystic with the remains of Brother F. H. Watrous, of De Soto Lodge. A vote of thanks was extended to Stonington Lodge, No. 26, of Mystic Bridge, for the large attendance of members, and for their untiring efforts and hospitality in entertaining the brothers of this lodge. Special mention should be made of Past Grand King, of Stonington Lodge.

April 23, 1895. A vote of thanks was extended to Magnolia Lodge, of Brooklyn, for the very cordial and fraternal courtesies received on the visit of April 15th.

July 2, 1895. This being the fiftieth anniversary of the institution of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, Past Grand E. C. Lewis was called to the noble grand's chair, which he accepted amid the applause of the members.* Past Grand George M. Egan being called upon presented an historical sketch of the lodge, giving many items of historical interest as gathered from the records of the lodge, which was listened to with much interest, especially by the older members, many of whom were present, at the close of which he was presented with a beautiful boquet by District Deputy Waite of Naugatuck. Remarks were made of special interest by Past Grands E. C. Lewis, L. I. Munson, A. S. Upson, George H. Waters, E. R. Lampson, W. H. Jones, C. H. Stancliff and others.

Resolutions of sympathy were unanimously passed by a rising vote, to Past Grand Master John W. Smith, one of the charter members of Townsend Lodge, who for many years was an officer and active member of Nosahogan Lodge, and now suffering from a long and serious illness, a copy of which was ordered forwarded to him, and the same to be spread upon our records.

April 20, 1895. It was voted to extend an invitation to Magnolia Lodge of Brooklyn to visit us on the occasion of the dedication of the new Odd Fellows' building as our special guests.

Sept. 25, 1895. Special meeting, called to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Hubert Rogers, whose death occurred Sept. 25th, inst., at the age of 35 years. Brother Rogers was initiated May 1, 1888.

Oct. 15, 1895. This date is made memorable by most elaborate and interesting ceremonies attending the dedication of the new Odd Fellows building and lodge room in the evening, by the grand master and other grand officers of the state, assisted by past grands from Nosahogan and Townsend

* Past Grand Lewis was also called to preside on the occasion of Nosahogan's twenty-fifth anniversary.



E. C. Lewis

Noble Grand 1867, 1869.



L. J. Munson

Grand Master, 1882.

Lodges. The first session of the lodge was holden in the evening, after dedication ceremonies.

Oct. 28, 1895. Special meeting, called to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Luzerne I. Munson, whose death occurred Oct. 28th, inst., at the age of 58 years. Brother Munson served as noble grand for the term ending June 30, 1865. He was initiated Nov. 22, 1859, and held membership for thirty-six years. Brother Munson was also elected and served as grand master for the year 1882, and also as grand patriarch of the Grand Encampment. This record is all that we need to show that Brother Munson occupied a high place in the love and esteem of all Odd Fellows. His interest in all that pertained to the success and welfare of Nosahogan Lodge was unceasing, and is fully attested by his unbroken membership during the time when it became a matter of much doubt whether the lodge could retain its charter. Brother Munson occupied also a prominent position among the business men of his own city, commencing as boy and clerk in the Apothecaries Hall Company, he became its business manager and president. As a leading citizen he was held in high esteem, and as a prominent republican was elected to and held the office of comptroller of the state. Resolutions are spread upon our records.

Nov. 19, 1895. A communication was received from Magnolia Lodge of Brooklyn, N. Y., relating to the death of Brother Munson, also from Townsend Lodge, which may be found on the records.

In closing this review of Nosahogan's life for its first fifty years, many items of much interest have been briefly mentioned, some of which may be appropriately referred to. To the change made in lodge work in 1881 must largely be ascribed the great success and prosperity of Nosahogan Lodge. By the change from five degrees, as administered to candidates, attended but by few of the officers and members, to three degrees, each conferred at the regular session of the lodge with ceremonies of special interest, the result was to

give an increased attendance at lodge meetings. With the adoption of the "new work" came a desire and ambition to excel in the execution and spirit of the work. To this end delegations or committees were sent to New Haven and Springfield, Mass., to acquire best methods, and to enable the lodge to place the degree work upon the floor in the very best form and manner. The result of this effort was soon seen in a larger attendance and added interest in the lodge meetings, the officers were expected to acquire the lodge work and to perfect themselves in all its detail, and it soon became known that Nosahogan was one of the lodges that was doing "good work." Sister lodges in the state asked the privilege to visit and witness its work, and also for the lodge to visit them and give their officers and members needed instructions, and the records of the lodge most fully attest to the liberal and unselfish manner in which they gave hearty and fraternal welcome to all who sought her assistance or hospitality. Special features introduced in the degree work called for a larger and more commodious lodge room, and Irving Hall was leased by Nosahogan and Townsend Lodges, making one of the largest and best fitted up lodge rooms in the state.

The removal to the new lodge room not only gave the members a beautiful home and enlarged facilities, but gave a fresh impetus to the lodge, resulting in large attendance at lodge meetings and a large increase of membership. An examination of the records shows that in 1884 the new members were twenty-three, in 1885 were fifty-eight, in 1886 were fifty-six, in 1887 were seventy-seven, in 1888 were sixty-nine, and at the close of the decade from 1885 to 1895, 511 had joined the lodge. Nor was Nosahogan alone benefitted by this "change of base," for Townsend and the other branches of the Order were equally benefitted and received large additions to their membership.

As illustrating what has been written relative to the excellence of the work of Nosahogan Lodge and the liberal spirit

with which they received and exemplified to many visiting lodges, and also with much expenditure of time and money visited many lodges throughout the state, and also outside their jurisdiction, with their officers, degree team, orchestra, and paraphernalia, it may seem appropriate to copy from the records an account of their visit to Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10, of Norwalk, March 7, 1887:* “On Monday about 150 members of the Nosahogan Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Waterbury, visited Our Brothers Lodge and worked the first and second degrees in a very pleasing manner. It was the opinion of men who have had every opportunity of seeing the work done by the crack lodges of the country, that the first degree as rendered by Nosahogan Lodge was the finest piece of work ever put on any floor. If every reader of this issue of the *Hour* was an Odd Fellow, we should be only too glad to give a full description of the proceedings. After the work the visitors from Waterbury together with representatives of the Grand Lodge, had supper at the Atheneum, where Caterer Mead had three great tables laden with substantials and delicacies. Among those who witnessed the work were representatives from Butler Lodge, South Norwalk, Rippowam Lodge, Stamford, Pilgrim Lodge, Ridgefield, Pequonnock Lodge, Bridgeport, and Townsend Lodge, Waterbury.”

The session of the Grand Lodge of May 18, 1887, held in Waterbury, was an occasion of more than passing interest, especially to Nosahogan Lodge, they having extended an invitation to the Grand Officers of the state, several officers of the Grand Lodge of New York State, and to all representatives to the Grand Lodge, to be present on the evening of May 17th to witness the work of the lodge, which had not only become well known throughout the state, but extended to outside jurisdictions. At the close of the lodge, which was attended by nearly 200 representatives to the Grand Lodge, speeches were made by Grand Master Comley, Past Grand

* Clipped from the *Norwalk Hour*.

Sire J. P. Saunders, Past Grand Master Medole, Grand Representative Dilks, of New York, Grand Representative Stannard, and Deputy Grand Master Keith, all in highest praise of the work. The session of the lodge Feb. 18, 1890 was made memorable as witnessing the largest delegation of visiting brothers ever received by Nosahogan Lodge, some 700 being present by special invitation from New Haven lodges, viz.: Quinipiac, No. 1, Harmony, No. 5, City, No. 36, Montowese, No. 15, Germania, No. 78, Relief, No. 86, Humboldt, No. 91, and Wapowage, No. 14, Milford. At the close of the lodge the visiting brothers were conducted to Music Hall, where a fine collation had been prepared. Speeches were made by Grand Master Bishop, Past Grand Master Marigold, and others.

As expressive of the sincere appreciation of the excellence of the work as rendered by Nosahogan Lodge, and the unstinted hospitality extended to visiting lodges, the following from Past Grand Master Geo. N. Moses may be most appropriately placed upon these pages of "Historical Notes."

NEW HAVEN, CONN., March 5, 1890.

*To the Officers and Members of Nosahogan Lodge,
No. 21, I. O. O. F.:*

BROTHERS: At the very general request of the committee having charge of the visit of the New Haven and Milford brethren to your lodge on the evening of the 18th of February, and by the unanimous vote of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, I herewith transmit their most fraternal and heartfelt thanks for the very generous treatment and cordial reception extended on that occasion. It will be an event long to be remembered by every brother who was your honored guest on that evening. The brotherly reception and superior rendering of the work, for which you are so justly famed, has made a deep impression and one not easily effaced. Again on their behalf I extend warmest thanks, and express the hope that we shall all meet again at no distant day. On behalf of this lodge and all brothers, I am,
Very fraternally yours,
GEO. N. MOSES, *Sec'y.*

No one perusing the records of the lodge can fail to be impressed with the magnitude of the labor performed by

Nosahogan Lodge during this period. No session of the lodge passed without work either in initiation or the degrees, and visiting Odd Fellows in greater or less numbers were present, not only from lodges in the state, but outside our jurisdiction, to witness our work, and, if possible, to take home to their own lodges some of the methods and spirit of Nosahogan Lodge. And in all this but one thought and feeling has come to this lodge—the “good of the Order,” to lead the van of Oddfellowship.

For quite a number of years it had been the thought and ambition of Nosahogan Lodge that the Odd Fellows of Waterbury should erect an Odd Fellows building, which should not only be a home for themselves but should stand before the people as an ever present testimony that here Oddfellowship had erected an altar upon which the great cardinal virtues, friendship, love, and truth, were inculcated and practiced. The records show that from time to time a “building committee” had been appointed to ascertain if a suitable building site could be secured, but it was not until the Second Congregational Church determined to relinquish their church property and build elsewhere, that the site desired could be procured. Having secured possession of this property at a cost of \$32,000, the members of Nosahogan and Townsend Lodges formed an association and were duly incorporated by act of legislature. It had been planned that the new building should be completed and dedicated on the fiftieth anniversary of the institution of Nosahogan Lodge, July 1, 1845, but unavoidable delays compelled the deferring of the ceremonies until October 15, 1895, at which time the new Odd Fellows Building and lodge rooms were dedicated to the uses of Oddfellowship with most imposing and impressive ceremonies. Large delegations of Odd Fellows were present from all parts of the state, and also from Brooklyn, N. Y., and Springfield, Mass., making the occasion one of surpassing interest, and one long to be remembered by those who witnessed it, over 5,000 Odd Fellows being in the procession with some twenty

bands of music, all of whom were afterwards banqueted under two mammoth tents located upon the spacious and beautiful lawns of the Waterbury Watch Company, who also kindly tendered the services of over 200 of their lady employees to serve the tables at the banquet. Full reports of the committees in charge of arrangements are found spread upon the records of the lodge.

The completion of this new Odd Fellows building brings Nosahogan's history to the close of its fiftieth year. During this period its roll of members contained the names of 1066, of whom 245 became suspended, 103 withdrew, 74 members deceased and 10 were expelled, leaving an effective membership of 634. An examination of the records of the lodge show that but few lodges ever started under more favorable conditions. Its charter members and a large proportion of those who became members during the first ten years, comprised the names of Waterbury's most prominent citizens, as is shown from the fact that five of them took high place in the councils of the Order, and served as grand masters, and three of them as grand patriarchs. And it was this quality of membership that enabled Nosahogan Lodge to survive and retain its charter during the period of our Civil War. With the advent of peace came a period of steady growth in membership and strength, comprising many of Waterbury's best citizens, the result of which is seen today in the estimation in which Oddfellowship is held by this community as one of the leading fraternities of the world. Nosahogan's fraternal ministrations are best known and written in the hearts of its members, while no appeal from outside unfortunate and suffering Odd Fellows ever passed unheeded.

From the "historical sketch" of Nosahogan lodge in the souvenir programme, we learn that the total receipts during these fifty years was \$98,222.73, and that the total relief was \$40,624.69. The social side of Nosahogan's life is largely mentioned in these notes, in the many sociables and friendly meetings, public installations of officers, fishing, hunting, clam

bakes and excursions, all serving to bring the members and their families together, thus promoting friendly and pleasant relations and acquaintances. To the general reader it may seem that the historian has been unnecessarily prolix, but in lodge life we find similar conditions as is found in family life, and like the family, the lodge has a constant routine of duty to perform and experience to meet. In giving the history of a life for fifty years, unless a daily record of events has been kept, many things which in later years would be of much interest would be lost trace of, and so we trust, to our own members at least, these chronological notes will afford much of real interest, which can be amplified and verified by reference to the lodge records.

One matter of much interest and importance presenting itself in the preparation of these notes has been to place on record in readable form a reference to the deceased members of Nosahogan Lodge, giving their names, date of admission to the lodge, date of decease and age. Of the eighty-six deaths (to Jan. 1, 1898) your historian has had a personal acquaintance with all but four,* with some more than others, and as some have been more prominent than others, more extended notes have been made.

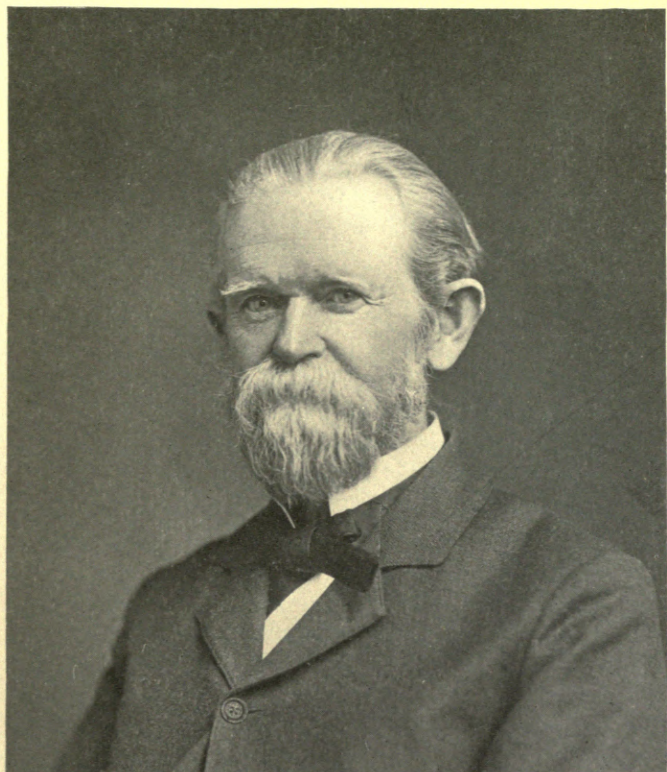
In closing these notes of Nosahogan's history, reference should be made to the large number of fraternal and social visits made to and received from sister lodges from many parts of the state, and from outside our jurisdiction. Especially would we refer to the friendly and fraternal relations existing between Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and the brothers of Nosahogan Lodge.

* Previous to 1853.

ADDITIONAL
CHRONOLOGICAL NOTES

FROM

January 1, 1896 to January 1, 1898.



Geo H Waters

Noble Grand, 1870.

ADDITIONAL NOTES.

Jan. 7, 1896. An invitation was received from L. A. Thomas Lodge, Cheshire, to visit them Jan. 20th, inst., which was accepted.

Feb. 4, 1896. An invitation was received from Ridgely Lodge, Torrington, to visit them on the evening of March 11, 1896, which was accepted.

Feb. 18, 1896. The report of the "general committee on dedication of Odd Fellows Building" was read, accepted and ordered spread upon the records, and the secretary was instructed to send to each member under seal of the lodge a letter of thanks for the able manner in which they had performed their duties. It was also voted that a committee of three be appointed to act with like committees from Townsend Lodge, Ansantawae Encampment, Canton T. R. Martin and Winona Rebekah Lodge, to make arrangements for a reception on the completion of the building.

Feb. 25, 1896. A communication was received from the trustees of the Odd Fellows' Home at Fairview, informing this lodge that they had paid \$2364.50 to the same, and was the full amount for which this lodge stood pledged, as per vote of Dec. 10, 1890. Grand Master Alling and Grand Representative Marigold and a large delegation from Stephen Terry Lodge, of Bristol, were present. Remarks by the grand officers and visiting brothers, and singing by Bristol's Acme Quartette Club gave much interest to this meeting.

March 17, 1896. Eureka Lodge, No. 75, Centennial, No. 100 and L. A. Thomas, No. 9, were present by invitation to witness work in the second degree. A collation was served at the close of the lodge.

March 31, 1896. On motion of Past Grand George M. Egan, a committee of three was appointed to procure and present on behalf of Nosahogan Lodge to Past Grand Owen B. King, an honorable veteran's jewel, he being the first of over 1100 members on the roll of membership of Nosahogan Lodge who has been a continuous member for fifty years. Past Grands George H. Waters, Albert S. Upson and E. D. Steele were appointed said committee.

April 14, 1896. A communication was received from Stephen Terry Lodge of Bristol informing this lodge of the death of Brother Ira B. Newcomb, April 14th, inst., at the age of 46 years. Brother Newcomb was initiated May 2, 1893. Funeral ceremonies were performed at Bristol, and the remains were taken to Derby for burial. A vote of thanks was extended to Stephen Terry Lodge for care given to Brother Newcomb.

April 12, 1896. A communication was received from Mrs. Ira B. Newcomb expressing her sincere thanks for the kind care given her husband, and for beautiful floral tributes.

May 9, 1896. Special meeting. The death of Brother Dennis Hawley was announced as having occurred May 9th, inst., at the age of 52 years. Brother Hawley was initiated Feb. 17, 1869, and served as noble grand for the term ending June 30, 1876. Brother Hawley was one of our most active and efficient members, and his labors for several years as transient relief committee were highly appreciated by the lodge and by non-resident Odd Fellows. His sudden and most untimely death came as a sad calamity to his family and many friends. For several years he was a prominent and successful business man, and was much esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

May 12, 1896. A communication was received from Grand Master Alling relating to the importance of preserving matter pertaining to the history of the lodge, that may now be in possession of some older members, but may be lost trace of, and suggesting that the lodges appoint some one or more to

act in that capacity. On motion, it was voted that Past Grand George H. Waters act as historian.

June 2, 1896. Past Grand James Cheetam, of Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, of Brooklyn, presented to Nosahogan Lodge a souvenir book of the dedication of the Odd Fellows' Temple, Philadelphia, May 21, 1895, which was accepted with thanks.

June 16, 1896. Past Grand Owen B. King being present, Past Grand George H. Waters, on behalf of the committee and Nosahogan Lodge, presented to him the honorable veteran's jewel, which is only granted by special act of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to Odd Fellows who have held a continuous membership for fifty years. Brother King duly accepted same with sincere thanks for the kind thought of the lodge, and which had been so pleasantly expressed through the committee. By vote of the lodge Brother Waters remarks were ordered spread upon the records and published in the *American*. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. T. I. Driggs for her present of several books and pamphlets relating to Oddfellowship, belonging to her husband, Past Grand Master T. I. Driggs.

June 30, 1896. Past Grand James Cheetam of Magnolia Lodge was present and made very pleasant and interesting remarks. This was Brother Cheetam's last visit to Nosahogan Lodge, with whom he was a great favorite, as the news of his sudden death came in August.

July 28, 1896. The chairman of the transient relief committee reported the death of Past Grand John S. Gourley, a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 17, District of Columbia, July 25th, inst., in this city, and that it was his expressed wish to be buried at Riverside Cemetery by the Odd Fellows, which request was complied with by Nosahogan and Townsend Lodges, with appropriate ceremonies.

July 29, 1896. Special meeting, to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Henry M. Buell. His death occurred July 28th, inst., at the age of 84 years. Brother

Buell was initiated in Poughkeepsie Lodge, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 26, 1846, and on removal to Waterbury joined Nosahogan Lodge by card, March 16, 1852. At the time of his death he was our oldest surviving member, and had maintained an unbroken membership for fifty years. He was for many years a highly respected and successful merchant, and was greatly esteemed as a citizen. His interest in Odd-fellowship is fully attested by his long membership.

Aug. 18, 1896. The death of Past Grand James Cheetam, of Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, of Brooklyn, was announced with much sorrow and regret to the members of this lodge. The noble grand appointed Past Grands J. H. Guernsey, William W. Munson and George M. Beach as a committee to draw up and present suitable resolutions and forward the same to the family of the deceased and to Magnolia Lodge, and it was further ordered that a delegation of brothers be appointed to attend the funeral.

Aug. 25, 1896. The report of committee appointed to attend the funeral of Past Grand James Cheetam of Magnolia Lodge was received. Six members of Nosahogan Lodge were present, and by request of Magnolia Lodge served as pall bearers, the burial being at Greenwood Cemetery. A long communication from Magnolia Lodge relating to Brother Cheetam is found spread upon our records, expressing their appreciation of the friendly and fraternal action on the part of Nosahogan Lodge, which concludes as follows: "This act of yours, taken in connection with innumerable evidences of true friendship, of which he and we have been the happy recipients at your hands, crowns the monument of love and esteem already erected in the heart of Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, by old Nosahogan, No. 21. It was voted that a pair of gavels be presented to Magnolia Lodge, to be held in memory of Brother Cheetam.

Sept. 8, 1896. Resolutions on the death of Past Grand James Cheetam were presented by the committee, and were ordered to be engrossed and forwarded to the family, and also spread upon our records.

Oct. 13, 1896. It was voted that the second Tuesday of Jan., 1897, be a "past grands' night," and that a committee be appointed to have the initiatory degree exemplified that evening by our past grands. G. Fred. Barnes, D. M. Davis and Ira C. Moore were appointed. Brother J. G. Twining made some very interesting remarks relating to a recent sporting trip "down east," and having had the good fortune to "bring down a buck deer," wished to give it to the fraternity, and it was voted that a committee of five to act with Rebekah Lodge, No. 8, be appointed to arrange for a deer supper. It was voted that we join with Townsend Lodge in the reception and entertainment on the evening of Nov. 30th, of the grand officers.

Oct. 27, 1896. A communication was received from Centennial Lodge, No. 100, of Naugatuck, extending an invitation to visit them on the evening of Nov. 20, the twentieth anniversary of their lodge, which was accepted and a committee was appointed to act with Townsend Lodge in making the necessary arrangements.

Oct. 31, 1896. Special meeting, to take action upon the death of Brother Daniel F. Webster, which occurred Oct. 31st, inst., at the age of 43 years. Brother Webster was initiated Oct. 4, 1881. A brief sickness of less than two days resulting in his death came with a most sad and painful surprise to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Brother Webster was a prominent lawyer and influential citizen, and at the time of his decease held the office of prosecuting attorney of the police court. Resolutions of sympathy and respect were passed by the city government, and also by a large political meeting, held at the Auditorium, by those who were politically opposed to him. His funeral was largely attended by members of the city government, many prominent citizens and members of the Order. The remains were taken to Thomaston for burial, attended by a delegation from Noshogan Lodge, also by brothers from Franklin Lodge, No. 42. Resolutions of regard and sympathy are found spread upon our records.

Dec. 7, 1896. Special meeting, to make arrangements for the funeral of Brother Irving G. Platt, whose death occurred Dec. 6th, inst., at the age of 36 years. Brother Platt was initiated Dec. 2, 1890. He was one of Waterbury's most prominent business men, having large interests in real estate, and many manufacturing enterprises. His death coming in the prime and strength of manhood, was a great calamity and loss to the community at large, and was greatly mourned not only by Nosahogan Lodge, but by a large circle of relatives, many friends and business acquaintances.

Dec. 8, 1896. On motion of Past Grand D. B. Wilson a committee of three was appointed to consider the advisability of procuring a memorial book to perpetuate the names and deeds of deceased brothers of this lodge. Past Grands D. B. Wilson, George M. Egan and George H. Waters were so appointed.

Dec. 15, 1896. A communication was received from Past Grand Lawrence Powers, of Magnolia Lodge, No. 166, Brooklyn, expressing his thanks to the members of Nosahogan Lodge for their gift of a beautiful Waterbury watch.

It was voted that the lodge room shall not be used for dancing, card playing, or for other purposes than lodge work.

Dec. 18, 1896. Special meeting. The transient relief committee reported the death of Brother Bernard H. Mahler, a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 42, of Thomaston. Brother Mahler was born in Germany, July 4, 1831, and was 65 years of age. His funeral was attended by a delegation of brothers at Thomaston.

Dec. 22, 1896. A communication was received from Franklin Lodge, No. 42, expressing their thanks for the care and attention given to Brother Mahler during his protracted and painful illness.

Dec. 24, 1896. Special meeting. The transient relief committee reported the death of Past Grand W. C. Hebert, a member of City Lodge, No. 36, of New Haven. Brother Hebert had been a resident of Waterbury for several years,

and had won the regard of a large circle of Odd Fellows and acquaintances. A delegation of brothers accompanied the remains to New Haven for burial.

Dec. 20, 1896. A communication was received from Past Grand J. H. Hart expressing the thanks of family and friends of our late brother, Irving G. Platt, for care and attention received during his sickness, and for their beautiful floral offering.

Jan. 1, 1897. Special meeting. The chairman of the sick committee reported the death of Brother Walter M. Edmonds who deceased Jan. 1st, inst., at the age of 51 years. Brother Edmonds was initiated Jan. 28, 1879. He was appointed by the board of managers of the Odd Fellows' Home at Fairview as its first superintendent, and served with great acceptance from March 3, 1893 to March 1, 1896, being obliged to resign his position on account of failing health. After a journey through the West he returned to Waterbury and received treatment at the Waterbury Hospital, but he failed rapidly, although receiving the closest care and best of medical skill. Brother Edmonds was an enthusiastic Odd Fellow, and ever had the interests and welfare of the Order at heart, and took great pride in the growth and prosperity of Nosahogan Lodge, and its good reputation throughout the state. In his last illness he devised by will all his estate to Nosahogan Lodge, thus manifesting his supreme love for his lodge, and the charitable work of the Order. A vote of thanks was extended to the matron and attendants at the Waterbury Hospital for the care and attention given to our late brother, Walter M. Edmonds.

Jan. 5, 1897. It was voted "That the secretary transmit to District Deputy Grand Master F. W. Tate the thanks of this lodge for the superior and efficient manner in which he has performed his duties, and for the courtesies we have received at his hands.

Jan. 12, 1897. This date marks a session of more than ordinary interest, it being "past grand's night." The

several offices were filled by the older past grands of the lodge. The initiatory degree was exemplified in a brilliant and superior manner, and was greatly enjoyed by all, and to the great profit of members and many visitors.

The thanks of City Lodge, No. 36, New Haven, was received for the care and attention given to Past Grand W. C. Hebert. It was voted to extend an invitation to Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, Ansonia, to visit us Tuesday evening, Jan. 26th, inst.

Jan. 26, 1897. A large delegation from Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, was present by invitation to witness work in the second degree. A large delegation was also present from Mechanics Lodge, No. 73, of Seymour, and visiting brothers from elsewhere. A fine banquet was served in banquet hall at close of lodge. Voted, "That we extend our thanks to Miss Caroline O. Platt, and to Past Grand Jay H. Hart, for the courteous manner in which the difference in regard to the old Odd Fellows' Hall has been settled.

Feb. 3, 1897. Special meeting. The death of Brother F. M. Cannon was reported as having occurred Feb. 2d, inst., at the age of 52 years. Brother Cannon was admitted by card Jan. 18, 1886. During the Civil War he served as assistant surgeon, and afterwards practiced medicine at Deckertown, N. J., for fifteen years. The interment was at Deckertown, Feb. 5, 1897.

Feb. 5, 1897. Special meeting. The chairman of sick committee reported the death of Brother G. H. Williams, Feb. 5th, inst., at the age of 28 years. Brother Williams was admitted to Nosahogan Lodge by card March 28, 1893, from Philadelphia, Pa. The burial was at Riverside Cemetery.

Feb. 19, 1897. Special meeting, called to take action relative to the death of Brother Daniel Kiefer, which occurred Feb. 18th, inst., at the age of 55 years. Brother Kiefer was initiated June 2, 1866, and had held membership for thirty-one years. The chairman of the sick committee reported

that Brother Kiefer had made special arrangements for his funeral, and that it was his wish that the funeral exercises should take place at the Odd Fellows' lodge room. Brother Keifer being also a Mason and a member of the G. A. R. and Concordia Society, the pall bearers were appointed from the different organizations. He was born in Germany, Dec. 12, 1841, came to this country in 1854, and settled in New York. He enlisted in Company A, Fifty-fifth N. Y. Volunteers, serving through the Peninsular campaign, and was promoted to the rank of corporal, and at the close of the war came to Waterbury. Brother Kiefer was one of our most prominent German citizens, having held official places in both town and city governments. As a society man he was held in great esteem, not only as a Mason and Odd Fellow, but also in the Condordia Singing Society, of which he was a promoter and leader. His death came as a sad affliction, not only to his family, but to a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the state.

March 2, 1897. An invitation to visit Pequabock Lodge, No. 48, of Bristol, March 19th, with our Paraphernalia and degree team and work the second degree, was accepted.

March 23, 1897. The committee on visit to Pequabock Lodge reported that members to the number of 150, with paraphernalia and degree team paid a visit to that lodge and worked the second degree, and that they had a good time which was greatly enjoyed by all.

April 7, 1897. Special meeting. The death of Brother Frederick Wilcox was reported as having occurred April 7th, inst., at the age of 53 years. Brother Wilcox was initiated Feb. 22, 1870, and held membership for twenty-seven years. He was for many years in the employ of the Apothecaries Hall Company as expert chemist and druggist, and also had held the position of state chemist and vice president of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He was a well known citizen and highly esteemed.

April 13, 1897. The following communication was received from Mrs. Wilcox:

To Nosahogan Lodge, I. O. O. F.:

I desire to express to the members of my husband's lodge my thanks for their kindness to him in ministering to his wants in sickness, and for their brotherly interest in his welfare, and for the sympathy expressed to my children and myself in sending us flowers. Respectfully yours,

LUCY N. WILCOX.

April 20, 1897. Voted "That a committee be appointed to look over Past Grand Waters' history of our lodge and report what action should be taken." Past Grands G. M. Egan, J. H. Guernsey, D. M. Davis, J. H. Hart, and G. Fred Barnes were appointed as such committee.

April 27, 1897. As per previous arrangements, after the close of lodge the lodge room was thrown open to Odd Fellows and their friends, and Nosahogan held her first "smoker." The entertainment consisted of music, singing, wire walking, contortionistics, boxing, sleight of hand, and closing with a grand cake walk, the intermissions being interspersed with social chat and refreshments. All who attended voted it another of Nosahogan's good times and a grand success in every way.

May 4, 1897. A communication was received from the Odd Fellows' Home Corporation informing us that a vacancy in their board existed by reason of the death of Past Grand Master L. I. Munson. Past Grand Jay H. Hart was chosen to fill the office of corporator for Nosahogan Lodge, subject to the approval of the board of corporators. It was voted "That we extend an invitation to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut to hold their next annual session in 1898 in Waterbury." A vote of thanks was extended to Past Grand R. C. Hart, of New Haven, for services rendered at our recent "smoker." Deputy Grand Master John Blair being present, made remarks relating to the anniversary celebration at the Odd Fellows' Home, and the donations made by different lodges, and that Nosahogan had given the largest money donation of any

lodge. An invitation was received from Stephen Terry Lodge, of Bristol, to visit them on the evening of May 21st, which was accepted, and a committee was appointed to act with Townsend Lodge to make all necessary arrangements.

May 11, 1897. The report of committee to look over the history of Nosahogan Lodge during its first fifty years, as prepared by Past Grand G. H. Waters, was read, authorizing its publication of 750 copies at a cost not to exceed \$300, was accepted, and Past Grands Geo. H. Waters, Geo. M. Egan, and John H. Guernsey were appointed as a committee to have the matter in charge. A communication was received from Pres. Chas. B. Ware of the Odd Fellows' Home, thanking us for our donation of \$25. Past Grands J. H. Guernsey, D. M. Davis, and Brother C. F. Trott were appointed to make arrangements to entertain visiting lodges from Springfield, Mass., on May 25th, inst., and on motion Past Grands H. J. Phillips and F. E. Cross were added to this committee. A communication was received from Past Grand J. H. Hart, accepting the appointment of corporator of the Odd Fellows' Home, which was ordered spread upon the records.

May 18, 1897. On motion it was voted "That Canton T. R. Martin be invited to act as escort for the reception of visiting Odd Fellows from Springfield, Mass., on May 23d, inst.

May 21, 1897. Visiting Odd Fellows from lodges in Springfield were present to the number of 150 by special invitation to witness Nosahogan's work in the first and second degrees. Grand Master John Blair, Deputy Grand Master Robbins, and Grand Warden Jackson were present. Remarks were made by them and visiting brothers expressing much praise of the work and pleasure in visiting Nosahogan Lodge. Grand Master Blair, at the close of his remarks, presented to Past Grand J. H. Guernsey his official appointment as District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 11. At the close of the lodge the brothers repaired to the banquet hall, where a fine collation was prepared, after which many speeches were made, and brothers were entertained by recitations and singing by

the quartette from Stephen Terry Lodge, of Bristol, of whom quite a large delegation were present.

June 1, 1897. Voted "That an invitation be extended to Canton T. R. Martin, P. M., to turn out with us in uniform on 'decoration day,' Sunday, June 13th, inst." A vote of thanks was ordered sent to the Acme Quartette of Stephen Terry Lodge, for their services in entertaining us and our visiting friends from Springfield, Mass., on the evening of May 21st, ult.

June 8, 1897. The following communication was received from Bay Path Lodge, Springfield, Mass., and was ordered spread upon the records:

GENTLEMEN SIRs: I am instructed to say that the members of Bay Path Lodge, of Springfield, Mass., feel more than grateful to Nosahogan Lodge for the courtesies extended while on the recent visit to Waterbury. A unanimous vote of thanks is herewith given, and we only hope and pray that we may be able to return the compliment.

ALONZO T. HUSSY, *Secy.*

July 2, 1897. Special Meeting. The death of Brother William B. Judd, a past grand of City Lodge, No. 36, of New Haven, was reported by the transient relief committee. Brother Judd died July 1st, inst., at the age of 76 years. He removed to Waterbury, where he had been a resident for about twenty years, and was a frequent visitor at the meetings of Nosahogan Lodge, by whom he was held in great respect.

July 3, 1897. Special meeting. The transient relief committee reported the death of Brother William Williams, July 2d. Brother Williams was a member of Phoenix Lodge, No. 52, New Britain. By special request the funeral services were held at the lodge room and the burial was at Riverside Cemetery. Brother Williams had been an invalid for several years and received the constant care and ministrations of Nosahogan Lodge.

July 6, 1897. A communication was received from the family of Brother William Judd, expressing their thanks for care and attention during his long illness, and for beautiful

floral piece. Remarks were made by Past Grand William M. Cottle, who said that this would be his twenty-fifth term as chaplain of Nosahogan Lodge, and on motion it was voted "That a committee be appointed to arrange for a 'chaplain's jubilee.'" Past Grands D. M. Davis and John J. Siebert, and Brother W. A. Chase, were appointed said committee.

July 20, 1897. A communication was received from Phoenix Lodge, No. 52, of New Britain, expressing their thanks to us for the care and attention bestowed upon Brother William Williams during his protracted illness.

July 27, 1897. A communication was received from City Lodge, No. 36, expressing their thanks for fraternal care given to Brother W. B. Judd.

Aug. 31, 1897. The special feature of interest was the celebration of the "Chaplain's Jubilee," Past Grand Wm. M. Cottle having acted as chaplain of Nosahogan Lodge for twenty-five successive terms. The records of the lodge read as follows: "At this time a short recess was taken. The lodge being called to order, Past Grand G. Fred. Barnes, captain of Canton T. R. Martin with twenty-six uniformed Chevaliers were admitted, followed by Past Grand Wm. W. Munson having in charge Past Grand Wm. M. Cottle, whom the army had captured in his den of roses in the wild and dismal thicket of West Side Hill 'amid hideous noises,' and after a very trying ordeal, had succeeded in escorting him to the lodge room, this being the night of the 'Chaplain's Jubilee.' Past Grand J. H. Guernsey having been recognized by the chair, made some very interesting remarks recalling reminiscences of the past and closed by presenting to Past Grand Cottle on behalf of the lodge a beautiful gold head cane suitably inscribed, in recognition of his long and faithful services as chaplain of Nosahogan Lodge. Past Grand Cottle, although somewhat surprised, responded in one of his well chosen speeches, accepting the same with many thanks to the members of the lodge for their kind remembrance of him."

Sept. 27, 1897. Special meeting. The transient relief committee reported the death of Brother L. A. Lavine, of Colfax Lodge, Patterson, N. J. Burial services were at the Hebrew Cemetery.

Oct. 27, 1897. It was voted that we tender the use of our parlors to Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. and A. M. on the evening of their one hundredth anniversary, Nov. 8th.

Nov. 9, 1897. A communication was received from Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. and A. M., expressing their thanks for the use of parlors and banquet hall on the evening of Nov. 8th, inst., it being the one hundredth anniversary of their lodge, which was ordered spread upon the records of the lodge.

Nov. 10, 1897. Special meeting, to take action upon the death of Brother Clayton C. Andrews, which occurred very suddenly from heart disease, Nov. 10th, inst., at the age of 48 years. Brother Andrews was initiated Feb. 4, 1896. The funeral services were held at Trinity Church, and were largely attended by Masons, Odd Fellows and K. of P. and a large delegation of the employees of the American Ring Co., of which he was one of their principal superintendents and by them held in highest respect and esteem. The funeral services at Riverside were in charge of Harmony Lodge, No. 42, F. and A. M. He was a well known citizen and will be held in loving remembrance by the different fraternal organizations of which he was a member, and by a large circle of acquaintances. A memorial of Brother Andrews may be found upon our records.

Nov. 23, 1897. The secretary having been appointed (Nov. 16th) to look up and report the names of all applicants for membership not reported upon by committees appointed during the past three years, made his report, and it was voted that he receive the thanks of the lodge for the able manner in which he had performed that duty. On further motion Past Grands D. M. Davis and W. J. Larkin were appointed to present a vote of thanks in writing.

Nov. 30, 1897. The committee on vote of thanks to Secretary Williams made a very extended report relating to the labor performed by the secretary, and the faithful manner in which he had performed his duties, closing as follows: "You are to the lodge what a business man is to a business concern, and we think, Secretary Williams, that you should be re-elected term after term with an increase of salary each term as long as you wish to serve, and then receive the honors of the lodge by passing through the principal chairs, in return for the very obliging and cheerful manner in which you have performed all these duties." The report was adopted and ordered spread upon the records. Brothers Landers, Morrow and Geddes, together with the orchestra favored the lodge with some fine singing and performance on banjo and other instruments which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Dec. 14, 1897. The committee on widows and orphans were instructed to procure turkeys as Christmas offerings and present the same to the widows of deceased members of this lodge.

Dec. 21, 1897. In the writing of these notes reference has been made to the spirit and method of Nosahogan Lodge. A nicely fitted up and well appointed lodge room, a careful selection of well qualified members for the principal offices as well also for subordinate places, a *personal* interest in introducing friends for membership, all serving to bring out a good attendance at lodge meetings, has conduced largely to Nosahogan's increase of members and prosperity. The social side of Nosahogan's life is well illustrated as given in these notes in sociables, dances, excursions, clam bakes and varied entertainments like the Frazier degree, the "smoker," and "cake walk," all serving to make even some of our older members feel that "life is worth living"! The record of this session of the lodge, being the last in 1897, will bring these Chronological Notes to a close: "At the close of the lodge a grand "cake walk" was given, to the great amusement of those present, Past Grand Master George H. Cowell, Past Grand John

H. Guernsey and Brother Grant Freeborn, being the judges. The "walk" was composed of a major and five couples made up from Nosahogan Guards, the makeup of all was fine and it seemed hard work for the judges to decide who "took the cake," but after a great deal of wear and tear of shoe leather it was narrowed down to two couples and finally declared a draw, and the cake to be divided, the judges to have the larger share. Brother E. H. Landers then favored us with two songs, Brothers Wilson and Hanlon in a clog dance. Brother Hendrickson gave exhibitions on the banjo and other musical instruments, and finally closing by Brother Whiteman in two coon songs and accompaniments on the banjo, which brought down the house; at the close it was the unanimous verdict that it had been a most enjoyable entertainment."

To the general reader these notes will present but little of interest, but to Odd Fellows, and more especially the members of Nosahogan Lodge, they will serve to quicken memories of years gone by and encouragement for greater efforts in the years to come. While our progress may appear to have been *toilsome* and *laborious* the *journey* has been *safe*. What the next fifty years will evolve who can say? Will the millenium have come and the world have become one great brotherhood? Then, if so, Nosahogan and all other fraternal organizations will have ceased their use as such, and the Lord of Heaven shall indeed reign upon the earth.

NECROLOGY
OF
NOSAHOGAN LODGE

FROM

July 1, 1845 to January 1, 1898.

NECROLOGY OF NOSAHOGAN LODGE, No. 21.

NAME.	ADMITTED.	AGE.	DECEASED.	AGE	LODGE LIFE. Yrs.
Beers, Charles P.	July 12, 1848	21	March 21, 1851	24	3
Churchill Henry	Oct. 29, 1845	27	April 22, 1851	33	6
Gaylord, Julius	Oct. 21, 1846	21	Aug. 4, 1852	27	6
Frost, William D.	March 2, 1852	21	Feb. 21, 1853	22	1
Drake, James S.	Dec. 28, 1852	25	Feb. 9, 1955	28	3
Finch, James W.	July 30, 1845	35	Aug. 22, 1855	45	10
Baird, Samuel	March 14, 1847	36	Aug. — 1856	45	9
Bronson, Horace C.	June 25, 1850	40	June 22, 1857	47	7
Stevens, W. A.	March 13, 1851	32	Nov. 10, 1857	37	6
Welton, Richard	June 10, 1846	26	Oct. 14, 1859	39	13
Benedict, George W.	July 1, 1845	30	April 12, 1862	47	17
Clark, Edward S.	July 16, 1845	30	June 20, 1862	47	17
Partree, Charles	July 1, 1845	31	Jan. 3, 1863	49	18
Hall, Hopkins P.	Sept. 30, 1862	50	April 26, 1863	51	1
Townsend, George L.	Sept. 7, 1852	24	June 5, 1868	40	16
Umberfield, William	Feb. 19, 1850	29	Feb. 28, 1869	48	19
Ives, Abram	Nov. 20, 1849	31	July 19, 1869	51	20
Hurlburt, Charles D.	March 12, 1867	25	Dec. 5, 1871	29	4
Hurd, David B.	Dec. 10, 1845	42	Jan. 15, 1873	70	28
White, William H.	Feb. 15, 1870	22	Aug. 22, 1873	25	3
Ayres, Russell W.	July 28, 1868	23	Dec. 14, 1873	28	5
Dutton, John	Oct. 4, 1859	26	Nov. 28, 1874	41	15
Way, Jarvis	July 12, 1848	23	June 21, 1875	50	27
Pritchard, Leonard	July 30, 1845	41	Jan. 23, 1876	72	31
Pritchard, George	July 1, 1845	28	July 31, 1877	60	32
Furley, Septimus	June 12, 1877	32	Aug. 29, 1877	32	0
Coer, William H.	Sept. 21, 1854	37	Dec. 11, 1877	60	23
Upson, E. W.	Jan. 25, 1876	25	March 5, 1879	28	3
Warner, Wooster	March 24, 1847	36	Jan. 7, 1879	68	32
Pemberton, William M.	July 1, 1845	45	Sept. 14, 1880	80	35
Ayres, James G.	April 7, 1863	21	Jan. 23, 1881	39	18
Sandland, John H.	April 1, 1846	33	Feb. 28, 1881	68	35
Hurlburt, E. M.	March 12, 1867	27	April 13, 1881	41	14
Kirk, Thomas	June 6, 1871	33	June 6, 1883	45	12
Perkins, Frank G.	March 1, 1881	30	Dec. 28, 1883	32	2
Welton, George M.	April 18, 1876	36	Sept. 20, 1884	44	8
Schlegel, John	Jan. 11, 1870	23	Jan. 25, 1885	38	15
Curtiss, Sylvester F.	Jan. 23, 1874	48	April 17, 1885	59	11
Mattoon, Isaac A.	July 15, 1851	26	Oct. 2, 1886	61	35
Welton, Franklin L.	June 14, 1859	31	Nov. 1, 1886	58	27
Merwin, G. W.	April 17, 1883	24	March 28, 1887	28	4
Porter, Edward J.	Nov. 5, 1845	38	May 14, 1887	80	42
Lane, Merit	Aug. 27, 1845	27	Jan. 21, 1888	70	43

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NAME.	ADMITTED.	AGE.	DECEASED.	AGE.	LODGE
					LIFE.
					Yrs.
Horton, H. H.	Nov. 21, 1871	48	Nov. 25, 1888	65	17
McKone, William	May 6, 1884	23	Jan. 30, 1888	27	4
Morris, Daniel S.	April 27, 1858	38	March 27, 1888	68	30
Schuman, F.	March 24, 1885	30	Oct. 30, 1888	33	3
Mears, M. D. W.	May 31, 1887	63	May 15, 1889	65	2
Coer, James E.	Feb. 28, 1865	21	Nov. 2, 1890	46	25
Frost, Horace	Feb. 4, 1846	33	Jan. 4, 1891	78	45
Niver, Walter	Dec. 8, 1885	49	Jan. 29, 1891	55	6
Kahl, Jacob	Sept. 30, 1873	42	Feb. 2, 1891	60	18
Kahl, Lemuel J.	Feb. 22, 1876	21	March 3, 1891	35	15
Squires, Wesley J.	March 27, 1872	38	Nov. 9, 1891	57	19
Ridpath, Sidney H.	Feb. 3, 1885	24	Nov. 11, 1891	30	6
Brooks, William	March 10, 1847	31	Jan. 17, 1892	76	45
Schnitzer, Morris	Oct. 3, 1888	21	Jan. 13, 1892	24	3
Stocking, Henry M.	March 7, 1865	24	March 20, 1892	51	27
Martin, Thomas R.	May 7, 1867	28	May 2, 1892	53	25
Mell, Albert O.	Nov. 10, 1885	32	Oct. 29, 1892	39	7
Bronson, Ralph L.	Dec. 6, 1887	60	Feb. 7, 1893	65	5
Driggs, Theodore I.	May 13, 1851	21	June 29, 1893	63	42
Woolworth, Philo. P.	March 11, 1851	32	July 21, 1893	74	42
Taylor, Samuel	April 12, 1846	34	Aug. 28, 1893	81	47
Judson, Thomas F.	May 4, 1869	24	Oct. 11, 1893	48	24
Shannon, Edward W.	March 12, 1872	30	Dec. 6, 1893	51	21
Sanford, Friend A.	April 1, 1884	30	Feb. 26, 1894	40	10
Barnes, George	June 13, 1871	45	April 12, 1894	68	23
Partree, Robert C.	May 1, 1888	26	May 31, 1894	32	6
McCandless, J. F.	June 6, 1893	23	Jan. 16, 1895	25	2
Root, Frederick H.	Dec. — 1892	23	Jan. 25, 1895	26	3
Johnson, C. W.	Jan. 11, 1887	24	Feb. 12, 1895	32	8
Gibbud, E. B.	Nov. 12, 1867	41	Feb. 19, 1895	69	28
Grannis, George N.	April 9, 1850	22	March 15, 1895	67	45
Rogers, Hubert	May 1, 1888	28	Sept. 24, 1895	35	7
Munson, Luzerne I.	Nov. 22, 1859	22	Oct. 28, 1895	58	36
Newcomb, Ira B.	May 21, 1893	42	April 4, 1896	45	3
Hawley, Dennis	Aug. 17, 1869	25	May 9, 1896	52	27
Buell, Henry M.	Feb. 16, 1852	40	July 28, 1896	84	44
Webster, Daniel F.	Oct. 4, 1881	28	Oct. 31, 1896	43	15
Platt, Irving G.	Dec. 2, 1890	30	Dec. 6, 1896	36	6
Edmonds, Walter M.	Jan. 28, 1879	33	Jan. 1, 1897	51	18
Cannon, F. M.	Jan. 18, 1887	42	Feb. 2, 1897	52	10
Williams, George H.	March 28, 1893	24	Feb. 5, 1897	28	4
Kiefer, Daniel	June 12, 1866	24	Feb. 18, 1897	55	31
Wilcox, Frederick	Feb. 22, 1870	26	April 7, 1897	53	27

ITINERARY

OF

NOSAHOGAN LODGE.

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VISITS RECEIVED FROM OTHER LODGES.

- Oct. 22, 1878—Franklin No. 42, Townsend No. 89.
 Nov. 10, 1879—Charter Oak No. 2, Phoenix No. 52.
 Feb. 27, 1883—Centennial No. 100.
 June 21, 1883—Franklin No. 42, Ridgley No. 51, Pequabock No. 48.
 Nov. 24, 1885—Centennial No. 100, Townsend No. 89.
 Dec. 14, 1886—Pequonnock No. 4.
 Nov. 8, 1887—Charter Oak No. 2, Connecticut No. 93, De Soto,
 (Springfield, Mass.)
 May 22, 1888—Eureka No. 75.
 June 12, 1888—Pequonnock No. 4, Naugatuck No. 63, Mechanics
 No. 73, Centennial No. 100, Franklin No. 42,
 Clifton No. 30.
 Aug. 28, 1888—L. A. Thomas No. 9.
 Nov. 13, 1888—Magnolia No. 166 (Brooklyn, N. Y.), Samaritan No. 7,
 Ousatonic No. 6.
 Mar. 19, 1889—Magnolia No. 166 (Brooklyn, N. Y.), Franklin
 (Sheepshead Bay, L. I.), New Brunswick No. 6
 (New Brunswick, N. J.)
 Nov. 12, 1889—Pequonnock No. 4, S. H. Harris No. 99.
 Feb. 18, 1890—Quinnipiac No. 1, Harmony No. 5, City No. 36,
 Montowese No. 15, Relief No. 86, Humboldt
 No. 91, Wapowage No. 14.
 April 18, 1890—Central No. 12.
 May 19, 1891—Charter Oak No. 2.
 April 19, 1892—Pacific No. 87, Meriden Center No. 68.
 Oct. 17, 1893—Clifton No. 30, Magnolia No. 166 (Brooklyn, N. Y.)
 Nov. 13, 1894—S. H. Harris No. 99.
 Mar. 19, 1895—Stephen Terry No. 59, Phoenix No. 52.
 Oct. 15, 1895—Magnolia No. 66 (Brooklyn, N. Y.)
 Mar. 17, 1896—Centennial No. 100, Eureka No. 75, L. A. Thomas No. 9.
 Jan. 26, 1897—Naugatuck No. 63, Mechanics No. 73.
 May 21, 1897—De Soto, Bay Path, and other lodges from Springfield,
 Mass.

ITINERARY OF NOSAHOOGAN LODGE, No. 21.

VISITS TO OTHER LODGES.

April 26, 1880—Townsend No. 89,	Waterbury.
May 5, 1890—Phoenix No. 52, Gerstecker No. 96,	New Britain.
Feb. 8, 1883—Pequabock No. 48,	Bristol.
Aug. 22, 1883—Phoenix No. 52,	New Britain.
May 7, 1883—Franklin No. 42,	Thomaston.
Mar. 30, 1886—Mechanics No. 73,	Seymour.
Mar. 7, 1887—Our Brothers No. 10,	Norwalk.
April 13, 1888—Charter Oak No. 2,	Hartford.
April 26, 1888—Pequonnock No. 4,	Bridgeport.
Oct. 16, 1888—Eureka No. 75,	Southington.
Nov. 12, 1888—Townsend No. 89,	Waterbury.
Nov. 30, 1888—Magnolia No. 166,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Jan. 30, 1889—Pacific No. 87,	Meriden.
April 3, 1891—Meriden Center No. 68,	Meriden.
April 23, 1891—L. A. Thomas No. 9,	Cheshire.
Aug. 27, 1891—Prospect No. 290,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
April 5, 1892—Stephen Terry No. 59,	Bristol.
Feb. 13, 1893—S. H. Harris No. 99,	Bridgeport.
April 26, 1892—Odd Fellows' Home,	Fairview.
Mar. 28, 1895—Progressive No. 18,	Danbury.
April 15, 1895—Magnolia No. 166,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Jan. 20, 1896—L. A. Thomas No. 9,	Cheshire.
Nov. 20, 1896—Centennial No. 100,	Naugatuck.
Mar. 19, 1897—Pequabock No. 48,	Bristol.
May 21, 1897—Stephen Terry No. 59,	Bristol.

STATISTICAL.

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Whole membership to July 1, 1895,	.	.	.	1,066
“ “ suspended,	.	.	.	244
“ “ withdrawn,	.	.	.	103
“ “ deceased,	.	.	.	74
“ “ expelled,	.	.	.	10
“ present membership,	.	.	.	635— 1,066

Whole membership to Jan. 1, 1898,	.	.	.	1,192
“ “ suspended,	.	.	.	279
“ “ withdrawn,	.	.	.	103
“ “ deceased,	.	.	.	86
“ “ expelled,	.	.	.	10
“ present membership,	.	.	.	714— 1,192

Average age admission, 27.64 yrs.

“ “ suspension,	38.62	“	Average lodge life,	11	yrs.
“ “ withdrawn,	31.90	“	“ “ “	4.26	“
“ “ deceased,	49.24	“	“ “ “	21.60	“
“ “ expulsion,	37.40	“	“ “ “	10.24	“

Average age deceased members, 49.24 yrs.

“ “ admission,	27.64	“	} 63.64 yrs.
“ life expectation, (about)	36	“	
“ “ “ (at decease)	63.64	“	} 49.24 “
“ “ “ (actual loss)	14.40	“	

Of eighty-six deceased members only ten outlived “expectation.”

THE ODD FELLOWS AID ASSOCIATION OF
NOSAHOGAN LODGE.

ORGANIZED MAY 3, 1884.

This Association was formed to provide additional sick and funeral benefits to its members. It pays its members \$6.00 per week sick benefit, and a funeral benefit equal in dollars to its membership.

STATISTICS TO JAN. 1. 1898.

Sick benefits paid,	\$8,832.85	
Funeral " "	3,701.00—	\$12,533.85

Twenty deceased members received sick benefits,	\$1,340.00	
" " " " funeral "	3,701.00—	\$5,041.00
" " " " paid assts.,	462.00	
" " " " funeral assts.,	156.00—	\$618.00

Average amount received by deceased members,	\$252.00
" " paid " " "	30.90

Whole number of assesments in thirteen and one-half years,	73
Average cost per year,	\$5.40
" " " " sick assessments,	3.90
" " " " funeral assessments,	1.48

Present membership,	252
Average,	185
Amount of life insurance carried by the association.	\$73,504.00
Average membership 185 ; average funeral assessments,	1.48
Or life insurance (to date) at average cost of about \$8.00 per	\$1,000.00



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