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Society of the Sons of Maine in Illinois.

On the 12th day of March, 1880, a meeting of the citizens of Maine, residing in Chicago and Illinois, was held at the Club Room of the Gardner (now Leland) House in Chicago, for the purpose of forming a Society of the Sons of Maine in Illinois. There were present at this meeting:

Abner Taylor,
G. W. Getchell,
C. P. Kimball,
J. E. Waterhouse,
A. D. Hayward,
O. M. Soper,
J. L. Hathaway,
B. H. Hinds,
J. P. Smith,
A. A. Libby,
W. H. Arnold,
C. A. Tinkham,

J. J. P. Odell,
C. P. Libby,
Charles H. Noyes,
D. V. Purington,
E. B. Knox,
J. D. Marston,
N. P. Wilder,
R. L. Herrick,
Leonard Swett,
Charles M. Morse,
J. S. Brewer.

Hon. Leonard Swett called the meeting to order, and announced the object for which it was called, viz.: to form a Society of the Sons of the State of Maine.

On motion, Mr. Swett was then made chairman of the meeting, and J. S. Brewer, secretary.

Mr. C. P. Kimball spoke warmly in favor of the organization.

Mr. Hinds then moved that a committee on constitution and by-laws be appointed to prepare and submit them at the next meeting.

The committee appointed was Messrs. Kimball, Odell, and Taylor, to which was added the chairman and secretary.

This committee was also authorized to call the next meeting—which they did for March 19, 1880.

The call was as follows :

An informal meeting was held at the Gardner House on the 12th instant, at which it was resolved to form a Society of the gentlemen born in the State of Maine and now citizens of Illinois. The object of the society, for the present, will be simply to cultivate with each other more intimate personal relations, and to revive and perpetuate the memories of our early home and native State.

In furtherance of the movement the undersigned beg leave to invite all the sons of Maine now residing in Illinois to meet at the Club Room of the Palmer House on the 27th day of March, 1880, at half-past 7, P. M., for the purpose of perfecting such organization.

Signed.

Leonard Swett,
John N. Jewett,
W. H. Arnold,
C. A. Tinkham,
C. H. Noyes,
J. S. Brewer,
J. D. Marston,
W. W. Kimball,

Thomas Drummond,
George L. Dunlap,
A. D. Hayward,
J. J. P. Odell,
E. B. Knox,
R. L. Herrick,
C. P. Kimball,
I. B. Parsons.

The meeting was held, and largely attended ; and, in the absence of Mr. Swett, Hon. C. P. KIMBALL was made chairman.

The committee on a constitution and by-laws made a report, which was discussed, and the constitution and by-laws of the society of the Sons of Maine in Illinois were adopted.

A committee was appointed to nominate officers to report at a meeting to be held April 3, 1880. At that adjourned meeting, the committee on permanent officers reported as follows :

President, Hon. THOMAS DRUMMOND.
1st Vice-President, Hon. LEONARD SWETT.
2d “ “ J. Y. SCAMMON.
3d “ “ No election.
Secretary, J. S. BREWER.
Treasurer, J. J. P. ODELL.

Executive Committee.

John N. Jewett,	Geo. L. Dunlap,
C. M. Morse,	John H. Clough,
C. P. Kimball,	B. V. Page,
Abner Taylor.	

Who were elected for *one* year.

In the winter of 1880-81, it was determined by the Society to give a first banquet of the society, and committees were appointed to carry out the purpose. It was resolved that this banquet should be worthy of the Sons of the State of Maine in Illinois and of the State of their birth. The time of the banquet was fixed, to take place at the Palmer House, Chicago, June 16, 1881.

Invitations to the banquet were sent to the Governor and all the ex-Governors of Maine, to the two United States Senators, and to many gentlemen, natives of the State, distinguished in public and private life. The parties were to be the guests of the society from the time of their leaving Boston till their return. A member of the Society, and the general committee on banquet, Henry A. Hersey, Esq., met the invited guests at Boston, and accompanied them in a special car to Chicago, leaving Boston Tuesday morning, June 14th, and arriving in Chicago on the evening of the succeeding day.

The following was the invitation sent :

SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE STATE OF MAINE.

Yourself and Ladies are respectfully requested to be present at a banquet to be given by the Society of the Sons of the State of Maine in Illinois, at 8 o'clock, on the evening of Thursday, June 16th, 1881, at the Palmer House in the City of Chicago.

A special car will be furnished from Boston and return, for friends coming from the East, and they are invited to be the guests of the Society from the time of leaving Boston.

In order that necessary arrangements may be made, you are requested to notify the chairman of the Committee on Invitations at an early day, whether or not the Society may expect the pleasure of your presence.

THOMAS DRUMMOND, *Pres't.*

JOHN S. BREWER, *Sec'y.*

Committee on Invitations.

Leonard Swett, Chairman.
John N. Jewett, Abner Taylor.

General Committee on Banquet.

C. P. Kimball, Chairman.
W. W. Kimball, George L. Dunlap,
E. B. Washburne, John N. Jewett,
Henry A. Hersey, Abner Taylor,
D. V. Purington, A. A. Libby,
George M. How, Leonard Swett.

Of the banquet and reception preceding, the Chicago Tribune of the following day, June 17, 1881, said :

THE SONS OF MAINE.

The banquet given last evening at the Palmer House, by the Society of the Sons of Maine to their New England and Western guests, was, in some respects, a most remarkable one. Rarely on such an occasion, or, indeed, on any other, has there been gathered together so great a number of distinguished guests—men of eminence not only in the history of their own State, but of those bordering upon it. It was to a great extent a representative gathering of Maine's foremost sons—those whose homes are still among the soughing pines, as well as those who had left the mother State for the prairies of Illinois and the metropolis of the Northwest, the land of their adoption—and the sons of her great sister State of Massachusetts. Such a gathering possessed within itself all the elements which could combine to make the occasion a brilliant success, and an event long to be remembered, not only in the annals of the Society, but in the hearts and minds of its eminent guests, and in the memories of its numerous and honored members.

The reception, which preceded the banquet, was held in the main parlors. By 8:30 the full company had arrived, and from that time on, the scene presented by the reception was an unusually brilliant one. Not only were the handsomely-illuminated parlors thronged, but the spacious hallways were crowded with promenading couples and little social coteries of ladies and gentlemen. The toilets of the ladies were, of course, magnificent; and the general pleasantness of the evening was enhanced by a fine orchestra which was stationed at the entrance to the grand dining-hall, and which sent delightful strains of music floating along the hallways and through the parlors.

Apparently the reception was greatly enjoyed by all participating, there not being too much formality for a sociable time. There was a vast amount of handshaking and talking over old times, for many of the "Sons" met each other last night for the first time in many years. Of the honored guests, due homage was paid at the reception by the ladies and gentlemen to the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin of Maine, ex-Vice President, the Hon. E. B. Washburne of Chicago, ex-Gov. Garcelon of Maine, the Hon. Henry W. Paine of Boston, and the Hon. Bion Bradbury of Maine, and the Hon. C. A. Boutelle of Maine.

The banquet was held in the spacious and brilliantly-lighted main dining-room and was a most recherche' affair. Underneath the beautifully frescoed ceilings and the brightly-illuminated chandeliers thirty tables, handsomely decorated with choice bouquets, pillars of ferns, smilax, etc., had been placed within easy distances of one another. Some 200 persons sat down at the superb banquet which the enterprise and liberality of the Sons of Maine had provided for them. Judge Drummond, of this city, the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, ex-Governor of Maine, ex-United States Senator, and ex-Vice President, the Hon. Henry W. Paine, of Boston, the Hon. Mark H. Dunnell, member of Congress from Minnesota, and Hon. John N. Jewett, occupied the seats of honor at the middle of the east side of the room.

The Chicago Times of the same date said :

The first annual reception and banquet of the Illinois association of the Sons of Maine at the Palmer House on last evening was fully worthy of the historic prestige of the State in whose memory and honor the entertainment was given.

It had not sufficed the Sons of Maine in the Prairie Queen city that their inaugural festival should be honored by the presence of those only who had taken up homes in the pushing and flourishing West. The distinguished Sons of the old commonwealth had to come west to do the festival due honor, and accordingly a large company of distinguished guests were brought by special train from the sea-bound coasts of the mother State to the smiling prairies of Illinois, to give dignity and importance to the occasion and to shed lustre on the fraternal banquet.

In this manner the presence of some of the most distinguished men of Maine—men who have made themselves historic in the annals of the country—was secured to give distinction to the event, and the Illinois Sons of the Pine Tree State were afforded an opportunity of personally meeting such distinguished men as Hannibal Hamlin, ex-Gov. Garcelon, Bion Bradbury, Henry W. Paine, and others of almost equal note.

After a pleasant drive around the city, which comprehended the principal points of interest and beauty of which Chicagoans justly boast, the visitors from Maine returned to the Palmer House and prepared for the banquet.

At about 7:30 o'clock a brilliant company assembled in the parlors on the grand floor of the hotel, and for an hour gentlemen in unexceptionably correct evening dress, and ladies in rich and dazzling costumes promenaded the corridors of the sumptuous hotel, and held a lively *conversazione* in the adjacent rooms. At 9 o'clock the grand march to the banquet hall was formed, headed by Judge Drummond, president of the association, and C. P. Kimball, Esq., chairman of the committee of arrangements. The company was ushered into the splendid banquetting hall of the Palmer House, brilliantly illuminated and radiant with flowers.

After the guests had become seated at the tables, Judge DRUMMOND, president of the society, rapped to

order and said that it was becoming on such an occasion, that a blessing should first be invoked. He therefore called on the Rev. ARTHUR SWAZEY, a son of Maine, and a distinguished clergyman of Chicago, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows :

O God, the God of our fathers and our God, we thank Thee for the homes of our childhood, and for the homes of our later years. May the virtues of our sires abide with us—their industry, honesty and greatness of mind ; their fear of God and their love for man. Let Thy blessing rest upon us, and upon our children, and upon our children's children, to the last generation. Regard us with a friendly eye to-night, while we eat and drink and commune with each other on the olden times ; and may Thy peace which passeth all understanding keep our minds and hearts. In Christ's name, Amen.

The full list of the banqueters included the following-named persons :

[The asterisk (*) before a gentleman's name denotes that he was accompanied by his wife.]

Thomas Drummond,	*Hannibal Hamlin,
H. W. Paine,	Erastus Foote,
Leonard Swett,	E. B. Washburne,
*Volney T. Persons,	J. D. Washburn,
*C. A. Boutelle,	A. L. Chetlain,
E. B. Haskell,	*C. P. Kimball,
Mrs. H. O. Stone,	Orrington A. Lunt,
J. A. Colby,	*W. H. Chadwick,
Dr. L. H. Watson,	G. W. P. Atkinson,
William Irving,	Mrs. J. S. Brewer,
Miss M. B. Larrabee,	*James M Hill,
Miss Clara E. Webster,	Mrs. N. F. Nickerson,
*W. W. Kimball,	*S. M. Nickerson.
Cyrus Woodman,	*Joseph Medill,
S. J. Medill,	Mrs. C. K. Lord,
*A. A. Libby,	Mrs. C. A. M. Libby,
*A. McNeill,	*G. D. Baldwin,
F. M. Hobbs,	*F. W. Springer,
*G. A. Springer,	*Bion Bradbury,
*C. M. Henderson,	*M. H. Dunnell,
Mayor Harrison,	John L. Hancock,
*J. B. Hobbs,	F. B. Wentworth,
*R. Z. Herrick,	C. L. Rawson,
W. H. Swett,	*A. Garcelon,
J. Y. Scammon,	*D. V. Purington,
*E. G. Keith,	Henry C. Putnam,
Miss Putnam,	*John N. Jewett,
Judge Lawrence,	Orville D. Baker,
Miss Fessenden,	O. G. Fessenden,

Miss Ellen Drummond,
 Miss E. Schofield,
 Henry M. How,
 C. Fred. Kimball,
 *W. H. Emery,
 *Gen. S. J. Anderson,
 *Dr. R. N. Isham,
 *D. W. Evans,
 *Rodney Welch,
 E. B. Knox,
 Miss Lena Boyer,
 *H. W. Fuller,
 *W. P. F. Meserve,
 Miss L. A. Thyng,
 Miss M. M. W. Hathaway,
 S. R. Thurston,
 *F. B. Little,
 Miss Lizzie Ambrose,
 *H. A. Hersey,
 Charles McLaughlin,
 *James W. Nye,
 Abner Taylor,
 Miss Clara Smith,
 *Ira T. Drew,
 *J. H. Clough,
 *A. D. Hayward,
 Miss Ada Frost,
 Frank E. Johnson,
 W. E. Miller,
 *A. A. Lincoln,
 T. H. Smith,
 *W. M. Scribner,
 *J. H. Clough,
 Hempstead Washburne,
 Miss Boutelle,
 H. C. Colby,
 *C. H. Mulliken,
 *C. P. Libby,
 *W. C. D. Grannis,
 M. P. Gilpatrick,
 *J. J. P. Odell,
 Joshua S. Stevens,
 *W. C. Stevens,
 A. J. Averill,
 Herman Raster,
 Miss Carrie Libby,
 W. G. Beale,
 Peter Folsom,
 C. M. Morse,
 Miss F. McNiell,
 J. W. Winslow,
 *T. J. Cox,

Col. J. H. Howe,
 G. M. Gross,
 *P. L. Hanscom,
 *Albert Hayden,
 *E. A. Potter,
 *George L. Dunlap,
 The Rev. G. C. Miln.
 *E. T. Shedd,
 F. J. Whitney,
 *R. E. Farnham,

Miss M. E. Brookings,
 Miss Fuller,
 *O. S. Lyford,
 J. L. Hathaway,
 *N. B. Powers,
 *G. H. Ambrose,
 Miss Lizzie Little,
 Mrs. M. J. Boardman,
 George E. Nichols,
 Judge H. W. Blodgett,
 F. R. Chandler,
 Miss Buckingham,
 *Nathaniel Butler, jr.,
 *W. S. Burrows,
 W. E. Frost,
 *C. H. Stinchfield,
 Mrs. J. S. Johnson,
 O. E. Greeley,
 *F. P. Erskine,
 Miss Mabel Libby,
 Pitt Washburne,
 E. F. Getchell,
 *G. M. How,
 *J. Hodgkins,
 *C. F. Libby,
 George F. Emery,
 Edwin Lee Brown,
 C. W. Gross,
 *D. A. Pierce,
 *Enoch B. Stevens,
 *N. B. Powers,
 *Josiah Little,
 E. M. Prince,
 John Dupee, Jr.,
 J. J. Herrick,
 W. J. Herrick,
 C. S. Fellows,
 *J. B. Parsons,
 *Ira Brown,
 Miss Brown,
 Miss Miln.

It was shortly after ten o'clock when the last course was removed and Judge DRUMMOND, the honored president of the society, rising and rapping the assembly to order, delivered the following address of welcome :

When we remember that forty-one years ago Illinois did not contain 500,000 inhabitants, and Chicago not 5,000, and that now this city has more than half a million, and the State more than 3,000,000, we appreciate in some degree the immense numbers that have come since then from other States and countries, and made their homes in this great State of the Northwest.

Maine has contributed her share to this prodigious increase in numbers, education, intelligence, industry and worth. (Applause.)

Natives of Maine, residents of Illinois, have formed this Society of the Sons of the State of Maine, to cultivate friendly relations with each other and revive and perpetuate the memories of our early homes. We have felt that we ought not to forget the State of our birth, but that in some outward and visible manner we should prove our affection for our native land.

When we think of the virtue and intelligence of its people, of the great names it has given to the country in all departments of life ; when we recall its hills and valleys, its unrivalled seacoast, with its countless bays and rivers, inlets and harbors, headlands and islands, we feel proud of the State of Maine. (Applause.)

When we look upon the State of our adoption, and think of its marvelous progress within the last forty years in all that contributes to the comfort and happiness of man, we feel proud of the State of Illinois. But let us not forget what the very fact of our birth and residence teaches, and what is our highest boast, that in Maine or Illinois, we are still the same—citizens of a great, free, common country, stretching from ocean to ocean, one and indivisible, not limited by State lines, with more than 50,000,000 of people, where there is as we believe a wider field and a nobler opportunity to develop all of which the human race is capable, than has ever yet been vouchsafed to any nation. Let us hope that we may prove true to the time, to the place, and to the occasion.

Ladies and gentlemen—our guests, some of whom have come more than a thousand miles to honor us with your presence—whether born in Maine, Illinois, or in any other State, whether on this continent or another, we bid you welcome to our hearts and to our cheer to-night. (Loud Applause.)

THE RIVERS OF MAINE.

The Chicago Quartet gave a pleasant turn to the after-dinner exercises by singing the following song, the words by Eugene J. Hall, and set to the music of the "Old Oaken Bucket":

O bright Androscoggin, O blue Androscoggin,
 O broad Androscoggin, we greet you once more.
 How oft in our childhood we played in the wildwood
 That bordered your green and your glorious shore.
 When on your fair bosom the moonbeams were dancing,
 When eyes full of love were turned upward to ours,
 When life was a treasure and toil was a pleasure,
 When hope was as sweet as the freshest of flowers,
 Chorus—O bright Androscoggin, O blue Androscoggin,
 O broad Androscoggin, we greet you once more.

O Kennebec River, O beautiful river,
 Grand Kennebec River, now gone from our gaze.
 O evergreen mountains, whose cool crystal fountains
 Recall the glad dreams of our happiest days.
 At life's weary toil with brave hearts we are working,
 Our faces are furrowed, our heads now are gray,
 Yet deep in our souls lovely memories are lurking
 Of boyhood and home on your banks far away.
 Chorus—O Kennebec River, O beautiful river,
 Grand Kennebec River, we greet you again.

O rolling Penobscot, O mighty Penobscot,
 Majestic Penobscot, great river of Maine.
 In sweet recollection and fond retrospection
 We drift down your waters with dear ones again.
 The friends we love dearest, the hearts that were nearest,
 The forms and the faces, their mirth and their glee,
 Have faded from sight in eternity's ocean,
 Like rain-drops that fall in the fathomless sea.
 Chorus—O rolling Penobscot, majestic Penobscot,
 O mighty Penobscot, we greet you again.

THE LAND OF OUR BIRTH.

Prof. Rodney Welch, of Chicago, was introduced by the President of the Society, and read the following poem, which won the appreciation of his many auditors:

From groves that shade the fair St. John,
 The cliffs worn by the sea,
 From Shoodic Lakes and Bryant Pond,
 The wilds where moose roam free,
 From where the peaks of Sugar Loaf
 The upper storm-cloud reach,
 To where the mad waves cast their foam
 Upon old Orchard Beach.

From sloping hillside, mountain pass,
 And meadow fair and green,

From sea-girt island, placid lake,
 The banks of murmuring stream ;
 From forests where the towering pines
 Shut out the light of day,
 We meet as mighty waters blend
 In Merry Meeting Bay.

No home is like our childhood's home—
 The prairies bloom more fair,
 And greater wealth of golden corn
 Their fruitful furrows bear ;
 But still we love that sterile land,
 Of which the satirist's pen
 Declared the products as composed
 Of granit, ice and men.

Go where we will, we miss the pines
 That whisper on the hills,
 The lakes that glisten in the sun,
 The springs that feed the rills,
 The scarlet leaves, the sweet Mayflower,
 The ever-changing skies ;
 No marvel that the bobolink
 Grows mute as south he flies.

No tropic sunshine warms her air,
 No balmy breezes blow
 Where old Kathadin lifts his head,
 Capped with eternal snow.
 The fierce winds from New Hampshire's hills
 Through woods and orchards play,
 Meeting the damp and chilling fogs
 That rise from Fundy Bay.

Those bleak west winds, those wintry blasts,
 That bracing, seaborne breeze,
 Give life and vigor unto men,
 And strength unto the trees.
 And ships are built that plow each sea,
 And from their topmost spars
 Display, 'neath clear or darkened heavens,
 Our galaxy of stars.

Hallowed the land where brave Knox rests,
 Where ocean's murmuring wave
 Repeats the dirge New England sung
 O'er Cilley's tear-wet grave ;
 Where white shafts standing on each hill
 In silent language tell
 Of battles nobly fought and won,
 And name the dead that fell.

There Cleveland taught and Hawthorne learned ;
 There Payson preached and prayed,

And, all unconscious of his gifts,
 The youthful Prentiss played ;
 There Lovejoy formed his plans to set
 The sable bondmen free ;
 And there the bard the Muses crowned
 Once sported by the sea.

There Evans, Fessenden, and Sprague
 Recalled the days when Rome,
 Moved by the power of eloquence,
 Hurl'd down the despot's throne ;
 There Holmes, and Ward, and Downing joked,
 Till age forgot its years,
 While mourners cast their grief aside,
 And laughter banished tears.

Land where sweet songs are ever sung,
 Alike by birds and men—
 Glorious for honors nobly gained,
 By sword, and plow and pen ;
 State first to catch the cheering beams
 Of early morning light ;
 And, when we leave for foreign shores,
 The last to fade from sight.

Thy wandering sons are scattered wide,
 As Israel's children are ;
 They guide the ever-restless ship,
 They urge the flying car,
 They turn the prairies with their plows,
 They crowd the marts of gain ;
 But wheresoe'er their lot is cast,
 Their hearts are true to Maine.

The toast " The State of Maine " was most appropriately responded to by the ex-Vice President, Hannibal Hamlin. The distinguished statesman was greeted with a spontaneous outburst of applause. He spoke as follows :

MR PRESIDENT: I am not aware of the regulations by which this social meeting is governed, but I think I have a right to infer that they are of a quasi-military character, because everybody knows in military circles, whether in council or courts-martial, the youngest officer is always called upon first for an expression of opinion—[applause and laughter]—and, besides that, Mr. President, there is that which does not belong to the judiciary. You issue a mandamus to enforce the law and to secure the right of the citizen, but here, sir, you come nearer to the highwayman, for your language and that of the highwayman who assails his victim upon the public road are precisely similar—" stand and deliver ! " [Laughter and applause.] Now, I am

occupying that precise position. I, the juvenile member of your invited guests from your native State, am compelled to speak under the mandate of your worthy presiding officer. It leaves me nothing, therefore, but to make the attempt.

I want to say, first, that we have travelled a thousand miles from Maine to partake of your hospitality and this generous banquet. There was also a higher motive that stimulated us. We come to testify by our presence here that we have not forgotten, and never will forget, the good men who went from us in early days. [Applause.] We regret that you should have sought other and wider, and in your judgment better, fields in which to display your energy, your ability, your integrity, and your capacity of every kind. You went from amongst us, but we have been consoled with the reflection that you have established reputations worthy of yourselves, and have reflected honor upon the State from which you emigrated.

Need I point to the mighty West, need I illustrate by this Empire State of Illinois, the truth of my declaration? Here, to night, in all the relations of life, you have shed a lustre upon your native State, and honored the State of your adoption. We have been consoled by another reflection, that while leaving us, you have sought other, newer, and more agreeable homes for yourselves. We have been consoled by the reflection that you would not forget your native State. [Applause.]

" O never may a son of thine,
Where'er his wandering steps incline,
Forget the skies that bend above
His early home."

We have been consoled by another reflection that you are still attracted by all the ties of early youth to the rock-bound coast of Maine; to her rugged hills, to her sloping hillsides, to her sterile soil, and last, but not least, to the little school-house that nestled in her valleys, where we have been taught to make men. [Applause.]

You have remembered and you will remember them, and all the ties of early years shall never depart from you. In addition, you have formed new homes and new ties, and thereby are prepared and fitted to speak from a higher standpoint of patriotism as citizens of a whole country. You have the ties of youth and you have the ties of association to tell you how dear should be this good land of ours.

True, we are in the far-off east. We have been on the outside of Uncle Sam's bed, but when we get two or three more States east of us, we will approximate a more central position, and won't sleep so cold at night. [Applause and laughter].

But I think, with no spirit of boasting, whether at home or in Illinois, whether at home or in distant lands, in that high latitude we may exercise a little just pride for our native State.

In old colonial times there were but two men who were knighted by the mother government for gallant and distinguished services. One was William Pepperill, of Kittery, who gallantly led the forces at Louisburg, and the other was Admiral Phipps, who won his laurels upon the ocean. They were the only two men who, in the colonial period of this country, were knighted for gallant conduct. [Applause.]

Then in colonial times there stands the name of Preble, who was

the father of the navy ; who gave form and comeliness to it ; who breathed into it the spirit of life as did Alexander Hamilton into the financial policy of the government. He was the father of our little navy that has shed a lustre abroad upon our nation.

Then there was Henry Knox. I believe he was born in that part of Maine which formerly was in Massachusetts. He was the chief military officer in the Revolutionary war under Washington.

And then what have we not done through our eminent sons ? Count them over and look at them. Nay, what have we not done in literary work and art ? Who shall stand the peer of Henry W. Longfellow in poetry and in song ? He has elevated the nation ; while Willis and Hilliard, and a host of other names, can almost be called his peers. And while in my own experience in the councils of the nation, I think I once served with eight members from the little, broken, sterile county of Oxford, where I was born, amidst its hills—oh, we loved them ! Something near thirty members of congress there were from that county, who had gone abroad to shed lustre upon our own State, with the representatives from other States.

Have we not a right to feel a little proud of our State, and has she not reflected honor upon herself at home, as her sons have abroad ? We think so. [A VOICE: "We think so."]

I think we have furnished governors ; we have one to-day for that part of Maine which is in Massachusetts. We have furnished one governor in Michigan, one in Minnesota, one over here in Iowa, two in California, one in Oregon certain. I don't know how many more. I won't go any farther, but I will stop there, and I will only say, if there are any wandering sons of Maine in Illinois who have not been governors of States, in want of good men for governors, we can furnish them.* [Laughter.]

I will close with a single suggestion : The wonderful power of concentrated steam has revolutionized the world. Although it is historically true that the people of the higher have populated the regions of the lower latitudes, yet this wonderful power that revolutionized the world contributed largely, beyond natural causes, to draw away from us our populations ; and it is true that in the last decade we have but little more than held our own in population. But what constitutes the elements of a State in the highest degree of prosperity to which it can reach ? It is no one great industry. It must be several. The great industries that constitute the prosperity of a State, and which

* Maine has furnished the following Governors for other States : John A. Andrew, Mass. ; John D. Long, do. ; Frederick F. Low, California ; Geo. E. Perkins, do. ; Samuel Merrill, Iowa ; C. C. Washburn, Wisconsin ; Alpheus Felch, Michigan ; Horace Austin, Minnesota ; Lafayette Grover, Oregon ; Marcellus L. Stearns, Florida ; Stephen B. Packard, Louisiana ; John A. Goodwin, Territory of Arizona. The Vice President might have claimed that his native county of Oxford is the champion county of the United States for Governors. Though a comparatively small county, rough and sterile, and before the introduction of railroads one of the most isolated in the State, it has given six Governors to the State of Maine, viz : Albion K. Par- ris, Enoch Lincoln, John W. Dana, Hannibal Hamlin, Israel Washburn, Jr., and Sidney Perham. To other States it has given four Governors, viz : La- fayette Grover, Oregon ; C. C. Washburn, Wisconsin ; Marcellus L. Stearns, Florida, and John D. Long, Massachusetts.

will carry it to the highest point of accomplishment, are the triple ones of commerce, of manufactures, and of agriculture.

You tell me we are not an agricultural State in Maine, and it is true. And yet we have for our home markets a respectable agriculture, though we come and buy of our friends in the west. We have a commercial interest and a history of commerce in the past that gives us the foremost position of any State within our Union. The time has been when we have constructed at least two-fifths of all the tonnage built in the United States.

In a recent survey of the water power of Maine, we demonstrate the fact that our water power, within accessible reach—to say nothing of that which lies within the regions of our primeval forests—if utilized to-day as is the water upon the Patuxet river in Rhode Island, would demand a population of five million of people.

Now we have got these three elements of greatness, and when population shall have equalized itself, when all the causes that serve to draw our population from us have accomplished their purpose, I tell you in the future, the hum of the wheel and the music of the loom and of manufactures in every department upon the water powers of our rivers that are now running unvexed to the ocean, and unutilized by the hand of man, will give to Maine the position of the great manufacturing State of this Union. [Applause.] It is written in the book of the future, which I can see, and those who shall come after me will see it done. And then how proud and gratifying will be our position to all our own good sons, whether they have remained at home or strayed abroad. Then we will assume within this family of States that constitute the nation the high position which shall mark us among the first of its members. [Applause.]

The next toast, "The Commonwealth of Massachusetts," was responded to by the Hon. Henry W. Paine, of Boston, as follows :

MR. PRESIDENT, AND BROTHERS, CITIZENS OF ILLINOIS, NATIVES OF MAINE: I think we have wanted no evidence of your kindness and courtesy since we received your invitation and started upon our long ride for this city. Everything has tended to convince us that you had an abiding affection for your native soil, that you had adopted the sentiment of the poet :

"Where e'er I roam, whatever lands I see,
My heart, untraveled, fondly turns to thee."

But you have not stopped there. While you have manifested your respect and affection for your mother, you have also not forgotten the venerable grandmother—the old "Bay State." [Applause.] And it will be gratifying to that State to know that they have been thus referred to by the members of this assemblage; and I do not know how I can more effectively express my gratitude for the kindness you have bestowed upon us than by saving you at this late hour from the infliction of a long speech. *Io triumphe!* [Applause.]

The president introduced the Hon. E. B. Washburne, of this city, who was received with an ovation scarcely second to that accorded ex-Gov. Hamlin, who responded to the toast, "The State of Illinois." Mr. Washburne's response was as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT, SONS OF MAINE, AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: No man can undertake, without embarrassment, and in this magnificent presence, to respond to the toast just proposed in the brief moments appropriated for an after-dinner speech.

To speak of Illinois is to speak of the mother of an empire, for Illinois embraces an empire, and had an existence and a name two centuries ago. When New France extended from the range of the Alleghenies westward to the Pacific seas, south till it touched the Spanish possessions of Florida, and north to the region of eternal snow, Illinois was then in the very heart of that mighty possession of France, as it is now, and ever shall be, in the very heart of the American Union. Illinois was known long before Ohio or any Western or Southwestern State was thought of. Its early history has all the interest of the most thrilling romance ever penned by the gifted hand of genius. The toast carries our thoughts back to old Kaskaskia, which was the seat of empire for one hundred and fifty years, the capital of the Territory and the State of Illinois, the home of commerce, of wealth and fashion, and of genius and eloquence, for there resided nearly all the distinguished men of the early times, whose names have become a part of our history. Great memories cluster around that ancient capital,—now alas! so deserted, and living only in the recollection of its former importance.

When I think of all the progress that has been made in Illinois since I first knew the State—progress in population, wealth, and all the elements that go to make up a great and free people—I am lost in wonder and amazement.

With two exceptions,—our honored president, Judge Drummond, and one of our worthy vice-presidents, Mr. Scammon,—I am probably the son of Maine longest in Illinois who is present here to-night. It is more than forty-one years since I first set foot on our generous soil. There was then less than a half a million of population in the State, against more than three millions by the last census. We had then three members of Congress, against twenty under the new apportionment. Galena, Chicago, Springfield, Peoria, Quincy, and Danville were then in the same district. The Representative district, which elected our president and his colleague, Mr. Thornton, to the Legislature in 1840, comprised ten counties, which to-day have nearly population enough for two members of Congress; and you, Mr. President, made the canvass of that great district on horse-back. He may have forgotten, but I have not, that June afternoon, when he and his gifted and brilliant competitor, the late Hon. Thompson Campbell, with their well-stuffed saddlebags,—there were no carpet-bags then,—mounted their steeds under a blazing sun, and departed from Galena to make their campaign. [Laughter.]

I have no time to mark each grade of our progress, but it has always been onward and upward. At the last census we just failed to outstrip Ohio in the race for population, and to become the third State in the Union. We shall be the third the next time. [Applause.]

But I think I may be permitted to say a word further of Illinois,—not in the language of boasting, but in the spirit of a just and honest pride. Laved on the west by the great “Father of Waters,” on the south by the beautiful Ohio, on the east by the Wabash and by the great inland sea which bears on its bosom such a mighty commerce, and whose crystal waves kiss the shore of our unrivalled city, Nature never spread out a nobler or a finer field than Illinois for the enterprising genius of man. [Applause.]

It will be no matter of wonder, therefore, that the Sons of Maine love the State of their adoption. They love its ocean-eyed prairies, its green groves, its limpid streams, its great cities, its flourishing towns, and, above all, its population, so intelligent, so enterprising, and so generous. We honor the noble sons of the State, who, in military and civil life, have shed undying lustre on its great name. We speak with emotion of her brave sons who rallied to the defense of the Union, assailed by traitors, and who ever bore in triumph and glory the starry emblem of the Republic upon a hundred battlefields. [Applause.] We pause, Mr. President, in the presence of two great historic characters—their names are on all our lips—Lincoln and Douglas. [Applause.] Grateful hearts and generous hands have erected monuments to their memories, but, as enduring as the marble may be, it will molder into dust long before their names and their fame shall die out in the memory of mankind.

While we love the State of our adoption, and are allied to it by all the ties which can bind men to a great and noble Commonwealth, we will cherish in our heart of hearts the recollection of our grand old mother, Maine. If we ever forget or forsake her, we will dishonor the land of our birth, which may Heaven forbid! [Applause.] No son of Maine will ever forget her snow-capped mountains, and her great rivers, her gurgling brooks, her fir-clad hills, and her smiling valleys. Never will he forget the cheer of home, the district school, the country church, the circulating library, and he should guard forever the bright example taught him, more precious than rubies, and which, when followed, has been the rock of his success and his salvation. [Applause.] Whatever fortunes may betide us, Maine shall be our guiding star. [Applause.]

I wish I could speak more fully of our friends who have come to see us in our adopted homes, but I must hurry to the end. While it is invidious to discriminate, there is one among the number of our guests from Maine whose name stands out as “a cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night.” During half a century of almost continuous service in public life, as a Representative in the Legislature, a Representative in Congress, a Senator of the United States, as Governor of Maine, and as Vice-President of the United States, no man ever has, and no man ever can, put his finger upon a single act that will not bear the sunlight of the most searching scrutiny. Full of years, and full of honors, he has retired from public trusts which he has illustrated by his ability,

his integrity, his patriotism, and his fidelity, with no stain upon his escutcheon, and amid a universal chorus, "Well done, good and faithful servant." [Applause.] Age has not lessened his strength, nor dimmed the fire of his intellect, but he traverses half a continent to visit us, while younger men stay at home; and to-night the Sons of Maine, with emotions of pride and gratitude, and with warm and grateful hearts, welcome Hannibal Hamlin to Illinois. [Great applause.]

A single word more, for I must express all the partiality I feel personally for our distinguished guest, Gov. Hamlin, whom I have known all my mature life. We are natives of the same county, and his honored father, Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, the first physician of my native town of Livermore, built the house in which I was born. His maternal grandfather, Deacon Elijah Livermore, was the founder of the town, and for whom it was named. He was one of those great men of whom the world knows nothing. With a strong intellect, rare intelligence, and a keen sense of justice, he became to the early settlers "a guide, philosopher, and friend." He had the old-fashioned notions and ideas of the old Revolutionary and Colonial times. He was elected the first representative of the town to the "Great and General Court of Massachusetts Bay," and the tradition is that, when he made his journey from his wilderness home to go to fulfill his duties, he departed on horseback, wearing his cocked hat, shad-bellied waistcoat, ruffled shirt, and knee-breeches. I don't believe his grandson, when first elected to the Maine Legislature, traveled on horseback, from Hampden to Augusta, with a cocked hat and knee-breeches. [Laughter.]

But, ladies and gentlemen, while thanking you for your kind indulgence, I will no longer trespass upon your attention. Sons of Maine in Illinois, let us guard with filial affection the memory of our mother State, and let no unworthy acts of ours soil her fair name. Twining together the flags of the two States, we will emblazon on their ample folds the sentiment, "Maine and Illinois, one and inseparable, now and forever." [Applause.]

The president then introduced the Hon. CARTER H. HARRISON, Mayor of Chicago, to respond to the toast, "The City of Chicago."

Mr. HARRISON said that he felt honored by the invitation extended to him to become a "Son of Maine" for the occasion of the banquet given by the Sons of Maine. He was glad to be among not only the sons but the daughters of Maine, for he had always liked the State and had great respect for her sons and daughters. He had met many Maine men in Congress, and respected them for their ability and patriotism. In the city of Chicago, no State had more representative men in all the walks of business than Maine. He was proud of the record of Maine in Illinois. [Applause.] The Pine Tree State has given to Illinois many illustrious men, and among the most distinguished was the President of the Society of the Sons of Maine, whose record as a judge was an honor to himself and the country. Maine men in Illinois had reached high positions in political life, both

at home and abroad. No lawyers ranked higher at the Chicago bar than Maine men, and the reputation they had made had honored their native as well as their adopted State. In business circles many of the prominent men were Maine men, and their names were the synonym of honor and probity. Mr. Harrison then paid a tribute to Vice-President Hamlin, and closed by cordially welcoming the guests of the Society, and wishing them a pleasant visit to the West.

The Hon. JAMES H. HOWE, of Kenosha, Wis., responded to the toast: "The Sons of Maine in other States."

Geographical boundaries, he said, had had little to do with the fortunes of the sons of Maine since their "exile" from their native State. Certain material causes had done more. Maine's sons were known in almost every calling, barring, however, the fact that none of them had as yet, he believed, risen to be Mayors of Chicago. [Laughter.] The "Sons of Maine" were not only in Illinois, but in all the States, and everywhere they had upheld with honor the banner of their native State. [Applause.] It was in Illinois that a Maine man had adorned the high position of United States Judge, and in all the neighboring States Maine men had reached distinguished positions, not only in the field of politics, but at the bar and in all kinds of business. He was glad to see the Sons of Maine organizing into societies like the one formed at Chicago, as they would lead to a better acquaintance with each other. The banquet here to-night was an honor to the liberality and taste of those who got it up, and the remembrance of it, he was sure, would be guarded with pleasure by all who had the pleasure of participating in it. The gentleman concluded with some happy remarks on the matrimonial state, and with a hopeful word for the future state of the sons of Maine, and sat down amidst general applause and laughter.

The Hon. JOHN N. JEWETT, third vice-president of the Society, then introduced the Hon. MARK H. DUNNELL, member of Congress for twelve years from the State of Minnesota, to respond to the sentiment: "Sons of Maine in Congress from other States."

Mr. DUNNELL, who was received with applause, said:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I regret, Mr. President, that I have been asked to respond to any announced sentiment, for it would be much easier and far more in keeping with my feelings in this glad hour, to speak from the inspirations of the occasion, and from emotions and memories awakened by faces now before me. While there are many strangers to me present, yet I see many with whom I was acquainted in our good old mother State. [Applause.] Here before me is the genial Charles P. Kimball, whom I first met at Norway, when I

went from the county of York to Oxford, in 1850; Ira T. Drew, for many years prominent in the law and in politics in York county; Geo. F. Emery, whom I first met in Portland, when I became a citizen there in 1860; Cyrus Woodman, formerly living in Wisconsin, but now in Massachusetts, a son of my old native town of Buxton; the justly renowned lawyer, Henry W. Paine, now at my left, whom I first knew in the valley of the Kennebec; Alonzo Garcelon, ex-governor of Maine, with whom, in 1852, I served on the Whig State Committee of Maine; Mr. Shedd, a former pupil at Norway, and Mr. Stevens, a pupil at Hebron, both now in business in this city, and others whom I could name.

I am, sir, very glad to be here. The praises which have been already bestowed upon the grand old State of our birth have been due her. Maine has held an honorable place among her sister States. She has furnished her quota to the roll of the distinguished men of the Nation. She gave to the roll of the Senate the names of Holmes, Sprague, Evans, Hamlin, and Fessenden. Her sons from their adopted States have not been without reasonable recognition in the National service. [Applause.] Foremost is the honorable gentleman who has just closed his eloquent remarks, Elihu B. Washburne, who, after sixteen years of eminent service in the United States House of Representatives, represented his government in France for eight years with distinguished ability, an ability recognized and cheerfully accorded by every civilized nation of the world. [Loud applause.] Daniel Pratt, United States Senator for six years from Indiana, and afterwards United States District Judge, was a native of Waldo. Timothy O. Howe, United States Senator for eighteen years from Wisconsin, was a native of Oxford, and Lafayette Grover, present United States Senator from Oregon, was a son of old Oxford. Hon. Alpheus Felch, for six years a United States Senator from Michigan, was a native of Maine.

The day I entered Congress, in 1871, there retired from the House of Representatives, Cadwallader C. Washburn, of Wisconsin, after ten years of honorable service, and Alfred E. Buck, of Alabama, the former a son of Oxford, and the latter of Piscataquis. In the previous Congress, James Mann, of Louisiana, and Benjamin W. Norris, of Alabama, were members of the House, the former a native of Cumberland, and the latter of Kennebec. Those two gentlemen are now dead.

During the period of my service in Washington, Henry O. Pratt, a native of Piscataquis, and Nathaniel C. Deering, a native of Oxford, have been representatives from Iowa, serving that State and the country with intelligence and fidelity. [Applause.] Charles W. Kendall, of Nevada, a son of Waldo, and Alanson M. Kimball, a son of Buxton, in York county, and a pupil of mine in early teaching days, have also been members. In the 42d and 43d Congress, one of my colleagues from Minnesota was John T. Averill, of Lincoln county, and I have for a colleague now, Wm. D. Washburn, a brother of Elihu, Israel, Jr., and Cadwallader C., who at the same time were members of Congress, respectively, from the States of Illinois, Maine, and Wisconsin. Wm. D., by his intelligence, integrity and large

business talents, detracts, in no manner, from the honor given to the family by the brothers who had preceded him in the public service.

Mr. President, I must not forget to mention the distinguished ex-Senator and ex-Vice President who has honored us with his presence here to-night. It has been my pleasure and honor to have known him for many years. During a long public career, rarely equaled in length, and never surpassed in purity of record, he has honored Maine and the country. Long may he live and see the State and country which he so faithfully served, increase in prosperity, and all the elements of political and social greatness. [Great applause.] My memory recalls another name: James Brooks, of New York, was in Congress when I became a member of it. He had been a member from the City of New York for many years, and was justly regarded as a leader, for but few members were his peers in political knowledge. He was a native of Lincoln, if I mistake not.

You, sir [referring to the president of the society, Judge Drummond], have honored our old native State by your eminent legal attainments and distinguished service as judge in the District and Circuit Courts of the United States. You have at the same time honored the great State of Illinois. The State of Illinois and the city of Chicago have been justly mentioned on this occasion. The resources of the State and the enterprise of the city are all well known throughout the country. I have again, with pleasure, met here this evening, the distinguished mayor of the city. His words here on this occasion remind me of our service together in Congress, for then he let slip no good opportunity to extol the city of Chicago, and set out the thrift and enterprise of her citizens.

In closing, Mr. President, let me assure our distinguished friends from Maine that they will not be quite ready to return to their homes till they have seen the great Mississippi, and, passing over its waters, viewed the transcendent beauties of the great prairie State of Minnesota. They should see that now young, yet growing State; examine the depth and richness of its land; behold its grand scenery, and look upon the State which may, one day, equal this mighty State of Illinois. The sons and daughters of Maine are to be found in every county, and almost in every township. They would give you a generous welcome. If these friends must now return, we bid them farewell, we invoke a safe journey. They and we who remain in the West will long remember this happy reunion, and not soon forget the generous treatment granted us by our friends in the great city of the West. [Great applause].

The third vice-president, Mr. Jewett, then announced the next sentiment:

“The Men and Memories of Maine,”

and the Hon. Bion Bradbury, of Portland, was to have responded.

The Hon. C. P. Kimball arose, and said that gentle-

man had been compelled to retire on account of indisposition.

A number of the guests requested Mr. Kimball to respond in his stead. Being thus importuned, he stepped to the front, and said :

One of the most stringent rules passed by the committee of arrangements was that no man should respond to a toast whose name was not upon the programme, and, this being the case, he felt loth to infringe upon the rule. But, as the president commanded him to speak, and the call from those present was so generous, he presumed the committee would pardon him for trespassing on a rule he had helped make. ["We will."] But, said Mr. Kimball, I cannot attempt to fill Mr. Bradbury's place, or speak for him, and regret very much so many of his old friends and admirers are deprived of the privilege of listening to his eloquent voice. The presence here to-night of our distinguished guests from Maine calls to my memory many scenes where I have worked hard to make some of those present governors, some congressmen, and equally hard to prevent some others from being either. [Laughter.] I well remember how hard I tried, way back in in 1856, to prevent our most distinguished guest, Senator Hamlin, from being governor of the good old State.

SENATOR HAMLIN: "Well, I did the same by you a dozen years later." [Laughter.]

Yes, I know you did, and you did much better than I did, for you succeeded in defeating me, while you were always elected. But all those scenes are past, and bring no regrets to me, for I never allow my political feelings to interfere with my personal friendships. [Applause.] However, I cherish only the most sincere friendship and kindness for all my old political friends and opponents. When I left Maine to establish my business in this great city, I discarded all matters of a political nature, fully determined never to meddle with politics again, and have never attended a political meeting or voted.

I came here determined to succeed in business, and hope I shall not be disappointed.

Some time after I came here I was invited to meet with a few gentlemen to discuss the propriety of forming a society of the Sons of the State of Maine. All present were fully convinced such a society would be of value to us, and we decided to go on and organize. From that small beginning we have steadily grown in numbers and strength, until our society is both large and prosperous.

I was greatly pleased to learn, after becoming a citizen of this city, that the Sons of Maine were to be found here in all honorable branches of business, and that they stood at the head of whatever profession or business they followed.

This statement will never be questioned when I point to our president as the peer of any judge in the Nation. [Applause.] Or, to Chicago's distinguished citizen, E. B. Washburne, our retired statesman. [Applause.]

I well remember how delighted we all were when he joined our society. We felt honored by his presence, and as a member of this banquet committee, none have been more punctual and prompt; always on hand at our meetings, giving us valuable aid and great encouragement by his presence. We point with pleasure to John N. Jewett, Leonard Swett, Jonathan Y. Scammon, and M. W. Fuller, as our great lawyers, to Col. Abner Taylor, Geo. L. Dunlap, H. H. Porter, the Libbys, W. W. Kimball, Henry A. Hersey, Capt. A. J. Averill, Geo. M. Howe, John S. Brewer, and many others, as among our most eminent and successful business men.

I need not say to our distinguished guests here to-night that these men are an honor to their native State as well as to their State by adoption.

Some months since our society voted to have a banquet, and invited some of their old friends in Maine to visit us. The committee appointed to take charge of the matter have done their best to make it a reunion and pleasant greeting of old friends widely separated. And, on behalf of the committee, permit me, my good friends, to heartily thank you for your efforts in traveling more than a thousand miles to attend our banquet and meet your brothers and sisters in the great west. [Loud applause.] We feel under great obligations to you, and are sure we cannot do too much to make your stay agreeable and pleasant, and only regret others invited were unable to join you. I do not think you people living in the good old State can fully realize our feelings toward you. For myself, I can only say, the further I wander from my native State the deeper I find my affection for the good old State; the beautiful hills and valleys, the grand lakes and rivers, and most of all, its noble, intelligent and generous people—a people unsurpassed on the face of the earth for all the good qualities of head and heart. And, as I read the Portland daily papers, and see that one after another of my dear old friends have passed away, my affection for those left constantly increases, and with all my love and admiration for this grand city, for its energetic and generous people who have received and treated me so kindly, and whose generosity I greatly admire, I can never love any place on earth as I do my old native State. [Applause.]

Mr. Kimball asked pardon for speaking so long, and he said he would close by informing the guests that carriages would be in readiness at 2 P. M., to-morrow to carry them to the Grand Boulevards and South Park. He again thanked the guests for coming to Chicago to see their friends, and hoped their stay would be long and pleasant. [Applause.]

The next sentiment proposed was "Our Sister Societies." The Hon. CHARLES B. LAWRENCE, ex-Judge of the Supreme Court of Illinois, and President of the "Society of the Sons of Vermont," was called upon to respond. His speech was as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN: The greater part of the adult citizens of Chicago of American birth, have come here from the older States, and we have, therefore, a sort of three-fold citizenship, and owe a triple allegiance.

First, we are citizens of the United States, recognizing the Republic, in all its borders, as our common country, and giving to it our first affection. We love it and its flag, as an Englishman loves England, and we are more than ever proud of it to-day when, after a hundred years, it has finally worked, and written, and fought its way to an undisputed equality with the great powers of the world.

Secondly, we are citizens of Illinois, and we live in the State of our adoption, the State where we have made our homes and are doing our work in life, where our children have been born and buried, and where we ourselves expect to be laid away to rest after our work is done.

And finally, with a different sentiment, but one of great power, we love the State where we were born and whence we came.

Amid the scenes of the intensely busy life which we nearly all lead, the scenes of the past are constantly recurring. We go back in memory to the old hills, and streams, and meadows, to the school-house and the church, to the village and the farm, and recall with deep affection a period in our lives when the world was young, and there was "glory in the grass and splendor in the flowers."

It is in recognition of this love for the old home, and to help keep bright its flame, that we found these societies. The Vermonters here, being a sentimental set of Yankees, were the first, I believe, to set the example. I congratulate the Sons of Maine that they are following our lead. They know where to go for a good model. Vermont is not nearly as big as Maine, but she is a good deal older. Maine, indeed, is quite a young sister in comparison, and therefore Vermont is entitled to put on some airs, as Massachusetts does. It is a pity that Maine should not also follow Vermont in politics. In Vermont politics give nobody any trouble. In Maine they give a great deal. In Vermont the whole country knows in advance how an election will result. In Maine you don't know even after it is held. It would be a great deal easier if you would be all on one side, or all on the other. But as you are, all the world admits, and must admit, that you are a very noble State, great not merely in National resources, but great, especially in the quality of the men you produce. The influence of the men of Maine in the city of Chicago is very great, and deservedly so. In all those qualities that go to make a great city,—in talent, character, intelligence, energy,—they stand in the foremost rank. The more of such men you can send us, the deeper will be our gratitude to Maine.

I conclude, Mr. President, by wishing in behalf of the Sons of Vermont to the Sons of Maine all prosperity and happiness.

THE PRESS.

The last toast of the evening—"The Press"—was responded to by Capt. C. A. Boutelle, of the Bangor Whig, who lauded the Chicago newspapers for their unrivaled en-

terprise, their wonderful growth in a comparatively few short years to their present proud position as exponents and moulders of public thought, and said it seemed to him like bringing coals to Newcastle—and in a very small hod, at that—to get him, the editor of a little country newspaper down in Maine, to come out here and attempt to tell Chicago people anything about the Press. If he had been invited to go to New York, where they were just beginning—[laughter]—he shouldn't think it so strange. After getting through with his eulogy of the Chicago newspapers, Mr. Boutelle gave his ideas as to what constituted the sphere and duty of the profession, closing with an exordium to the Sons of Maine to remember the place of their birth, and to keep the turf green.

Hon. J. N. JEWETT, third vice-president of the Society, announced the receipt of several telegrams and letters, expressing their authors' profound regrets at their inability to be present. At a parting word from the President announcing that the program had been completed, the banquet broke up, and the banqueters, whose happy experiences during the evening had been marred by no flaws or regrets, retired to their several homes.

LETTERS RECEIVED.

CAMBRIDGE, June 6, 1881.

Dear Mr. Washburne :

I wish, with all my heart, that I could accept the very kind and generous invitation of the Sons of Maine in your city.

Nothing would give me greater pleasure, but I am not well enough to undertake the journey, nor to bear the excitement of such an occasion.

I beg you to say this to the committee, and to express to them my thanks for their kindness, and my regrets that I am obliged to decline it.

I am, my dear Mr. Washburne, with great regard,
 Faithfully yours,

HENRY W. LONGFELLOW

Hon. E. B. Washburne, Chicago.

DANVERS, JUNE 4, 1881.

My Dear Cousin :

I have received thy letter with the invitation of the committee of arrangements for the banquet of the Sons of Maine on the 16th inst. I am not sure that I can call myself a son of Maine, as I was not born within the province limits; but as my birth took place when Maine and Massachusetts were one, I wish it was possible for me to avail myself of the courtesy of the committee, and sit down with you as a Down Easter for the time being.

I do not wonder that the Sons of Maine in the west seek in this way to revive the memories of a State rich in its resources, industries and natural beauty. Her wonderful sea coast rivaling in picturesqueness the fiords of Norway, is famous in history, and haunted by romantic traditions dating back half a century before the pilgrims landed at Plymouth; fishermen, explorers, jesuit missionaries, traders, and pirates, Indian war canoes, French and English battle ships rounded her capes and dropped anchor in her bays at a period when from the mouth of the Saco to that of the Delaware no white settlements interfered with the Indians' title to the wilderness. At the present time her healthful and beautiful islands are our most popular sea side resorts, and a grand diversity of lakes, rivers and mountains renders her inland forests attractive. Rich as she is in her agricultural, lumbering and fishing interests, she is still richer in her men: King, Holmes, the two Fessendens, and Andrews—dear to Massachusetts—and her living representatives, Longfellow, whose songs have girdled the world; the Washburnes, born legislators and governors; Hamlin, Chamberlain, and her son by adoption, Blaine, John Neal, and Neal Dow, the temperance reformer, and Artemas Ward, the inimitable humorist, may be mentioned among the many who made the State famous.

Massachusetts has borrowed from Maine her present popular Chief Magistrate, who guides the helm of State with one hand and translates Virgil with the other.

You need, indeed, no excuse for your banquet. The noble State of your adoption will not esteem you less for your loyal love of your eastern birthplace. With thanks for the invitation, I am very truly thine.

JOHN G. WHITTIER.

D. V. Purington, Esq.

ELLSWORTH, MAINE, JUNE 1, 1881.

Dear Sir: I have just received the invitation of your committee to the banquet of the Sons of Maine, in Chicago, on the 16th inst., and regret deeply that home engagements imperatively keep me away.

In fact, about the best thing that Maine can do for the next ten years is to try and keep her "Sons" at home, fruitless as the effort would seem to be.

Think of the old town of Turner, where you and I were born, competing with Chicago to hold an ambitious man!

With the hope and assurance that you will have a "good time," I am

Very truly yours,

EUGENE HALE.

Hon. Leonard Swett, Chairman Committee on Invitations.

WASHINGTON, May 30, 1881.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an invitation for myself and wife to be present as guests at a banquet to be given by the Society of the Sons of the State of Maine in Illinois, on the evening of Thursday, June 16th, in your city, and, in answer, I regret being obliged to inform you that having made arrangements to go to Saratoga early in the month, thence to Rye Beach, N. H., it will not be practicable for us to accept. I regret this the more on my own account, as I see the names of some gentlemen on your committees whose acquaintance I made many years ago, and whom I should be most happy again to take by the hand. One of these ought to have been governor of our State, and I believe would have been had all the voters known him as well as I do; and had my advice, publicly uttered in the winter of 1876, been followed, another of them would have been the regular candidate, and, in all probability, the successful nominee of his party for the highest office in the gift of the people of the United States. I need not tell you to whom I refer. Many other State of Maine gentlemen, I doubt not, will be present, whom I should be most happy to recognize as old friends, and still others whom I have never met but should be gratified to know.

I hope my life-long friend, Hannibal Hamlin, who has served his State and country so faithfully, will have gotten through with his fishing in time to be with you, that he may give you a brief sketch of our early newspaper partnership in our native town of Paris, where, in 1830, we published *The Jeffersonian*, a weekly paper in which the "bears of Oxford" were duly conjured to believe that the salvation of the country depended entirely on the continued success of the democracy over Hartford Convention federalism. It is true that neither of us then held the editorial pen, albeit the writer assumed charge of that potent instrument and used it, keeping up the attack on the enemy in the same paper from 1832 'till 1838—the latter five years in Portland; but in view of so many failures in the newspaper line, it is a satisfaction to be able to say that our success was such that we were enabled to hire one of the best lawyers in the village as our editor. Being a Yankee, the first inquiry in your mind, no doubt, will be what we had to pay him. Well, I will tell you. We paid him just one dollar and fifty cents (which we used to call nine shillings) a week—a very liberal compensation, you will admit, when I assure you that it paid his board at one of the best boarding houses in the village, including washing.

But I must not anticipate. Be assured, if I cannot be with you in person, I shall be present in spirit, and that you have my earnest wishes for a joyous reunion.

Very respectfully and truly,

HORATIO KING.

Leonard Swett, Esq., Chairman of Committee on Invitations, Chicago, Ill.

BOSTON, JUNE 11, 1881.

Leonard Swett, Esq., Chairman, etc.

My Dear Sir: It is with much regret that I feel obliged to decline your cordial and most attractive invitation to the banquet to be given by the Sons of Maine in Illinois.

A citizen of Massachusetts for almost half a century, my heart constantly and fondly turns to our native State. Everything that concerns her welfare, or interests her people, comes home to me with a power that words can feebly express.

Certainly, it is a State to be proud of. The mountains, the rivers, the sea-coast of wonderful extent, the splendid farms, the grand old forests, and, more than all, the *men* so remarkable for ability, energy, and general intelligence—to say nothing of the women from whom so many of us who early left the State had the good fortune to select our companions for life—all these are matters of life-long congratulation. I do not envy the man who is not stirred by the recollection of them, and whose heart does not glow with deep emotion, however long he may have been absent, at the reflection that they are in a sense his own inheritance.

It is matter of congratulation, also, to us who live near her borders and frequently visit our early home, that many of those who are more remote in distance, and seldom have the opportunity to view the scenes of their youth, have contributed so much to the renown of the old State, by their successful career in other communities. We claim them as ours in a higher sense than mere citizenship. The mothers who nursed them, the school-houses and colleges where they were educated, the principles they early imbibed, the manliness, simplicity and energy of character for which they are remarkable—all, all belong to the State that leads the Union on the flag, and stands first in the hearts of all her sons, wherever they may live and wherever they may die.

With the hope that your banquet may be attended with the success it so thoroughly deserves,

I am respectfully and faithfully yours,

PELEG W. CHANDLER.

Leonard Swett, Esq., Chairman, etc.

Dear Sir: I am obliged, very reluctantly indeed, as I assure you, to forego the pleasure of attending the banquet of the Society of the Sons of Maine next week. Although it comes the week before our commencement here, I should comply with this pleasant invitation, received through Capt. Purington, if I were not going to start for Europe the week after commencement.

I can only wish you all, sons and daughters of Maine, a joyous reunion. Some of the latter are in my household, and regret with myself the impossibility of attending. Please accept their good wishes with mine. We in Iowa who come from the dear old Pine Tree State, lose not a particle of our attachment to it, or our interest in our fellow "Maniacs" in the lapse of time.

Yours very truly,

IOWA COLLEGE, Grinnell, Iowa, }
June 11, 1881. }

GEO. F. MAGOUN.

AUGUSTA, Maine, May 30th, 1881.

Gentlemen: I thank you for your kind invitation, and I assure you I regard it an honor to be remembered on the occasion, and deeply regret that I cannot be with you.

But you must allow me to say that Maine is justly proud of the record made by her sons in the development of the great West, and while she regrets to lose them from the old homestead, she rejoices to see them already reaping the rich fruits of the character and habits they carried with them from their mother State. We are gratified to recall the contributions that Maine has made to the bench, to the learned professions, to the merchants and business men, the farmers, manufacturers and mechanics of the Empire State of the West.

Be assured that we who remain in the good old State cherish your memory and are proud of your achievements. With great respect,

Yours very truly,

Messrs. Leonard Swett, } JAMES W. BRADBURY.
 John N. Jewett, } *Committee on Invitation.*
 Abner Taylor, }

P. S.—Allow me to present the following sentiment :

THE SONS OF MAINE IN ILLINOIS.

We sons at home send you our fraternal greetings, and our congratulations upon the organization of a society to strengthen and perpetuate the family ties.

J. W. B.

PORTLAND, Maine, June 10, 1881.

Hon. Leonard Swett, Chairman of Committee :

Please accept thanks for your kind invitation to the banquet to be given by the Society of the Sons of the State of Maine on the 16th inst.

It would afford me very great pleasure to accept your generous hospitality, and to meet the Sons of Maine on the occasion contemplated, but my duties here compel me to forego the privilege.

Maine regrets that so many of her best men and women have left her, but she claims them still as a part of herself, and counts their achievements her glory.

She rejoices that so many of them have found successful business and honorable positions in the metropolis of the great Northwest. To all such allow me to tender the congratulations of one who expects to continue, through life, a citizen of Maine.

Very respectfully,

SIDNEY PERHAM.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 2d, 1881.

Hon. Leonard Swett, Chairman, etc., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of the very cordial invitation to be present at a banquet given by the "Society of the Sons of the State of Maine," at Chicago, on the 16th inst. Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be with you, but I fear business engagements will prevent. A history of the great Northwestern States would show what an important factor our good old mother State had been

in their development, and what an important influence she has had in shaping the destinies of the country, for in looking over the Congressional Directory a few years ago with Senator Hamlin we found that Maine had thirty-two representatives in Congress instead of the seven accredited to her, a larger number by far in proportion to her population than any other State. Believing that the reminiscences around the table of early life at home, and of the struggles and hardships endured, and the victory won in helping to build up the great States of the West, will be pleasant to the participants, and profitable to their children, I remain with much respect.

Your ob't servant,

W. C. MORRILL.

BOSTON, June 7, 1881.

Gentlemen: It would be a great gratification to me to accept your kind invitation to be present at the banquet to be given by the "Society of the Sons of the State of Maine," on the 16th inst., but other engagements unhappily forbid.

It is my good fortune to have a personal acquaintance with many of Maine's worthy sons who have gone from her soil to help build and adorn the broad fields of the growing West, and who have done so much honor to themselves and to their native State.

It would afford me peculiar pleasure to meet them on such an occasion. That your festival will be crowned with great happiness, and enduring, pleasant memories to all its participants, is fully assured. The "mother of us all" may well be proud of such an assemblage of her sons.

Thanking you for the honor conferred by your invitation, and much regretting my inability to attend, I am, gentlemen,

Yours very truly and fraternally,

BENJ. A. G. FULLER.

Hon. Leonard Swett,
John N. Jewett,
Abner Taylor, } *Committee.*

ST. LOUIS, May 27, 1881.

Hon. Leonard Swett, Chairman Com. on Invitations, Chicago.

Dear Sir: Your kind invitation to attend the banquet of the Society of the Sons of Maine is received, and it is with sincere regret that I am compelled to decline it. I have tried to make my arrangements so as to be present, but find it impossible to do so. No man has more pride in, and affection for, the old Pine Tree State, than I; and though I have been a resident of this State and city for seventeen years, that pride and that affection have never waned. No part of the Atlantic coast is so dear to me as her rocky headlands and beautiful isle-adorned bays. And her sons everywhere honor her. Never have I met in this western country a man from Maine whom I have been ashamed to grasp by the hand and call brother.

May your meeting be full of pleasure, and may its effect be to bind in still closer brotherhood all her sons in the great West.

Very truly yours,
EVERETT W. PATTISON.

BRUNSWICK, Maine, May 30, 1881

Leonard Swett, Esq., Chairman of Committee of Invitation.

Dear Sir: I received the card of invitation to the banquet to be given by the "Society of the Sons of Maine" in Chicago, on June 16th, and as requested by the committee on invitation, notify them that my engagements will prevent me from being present on the occasion.

Respectfully,

A. S. PACKARD.

PORTLAND, June 6, 1881.

Hon. Leonard Swett.

My Dear Sir: It is with much regret that I find that professional engagements will prevent my accepting the very flattering invitation to attend the banquet of the Society of the Sons of the State of Maine in Illinois, from the committee of which you are chairman.

I know many of the sons of our native State, who are now citizens of Illinois, and it would afford me very great pleasure to meet them, and especially as members of an organization which honors the State of their birth.

It needs no more than the reading of the roll of your membership to prove, that bleak and cold as our climate may be, and rough and barren as our soil may be, the State of Maine produces *men* of which any State may be proud.

As ever, yours truly,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND.

NEW YORK, June 2, 1881.

Messrs. Leonard Swett, John N. Fawcett, and Abner Taylor, Committee on Invitation of the Society of Sons of the State of Maine-Chicago, Ill.

Accept my thanks for the honor of an invitation to your banquet of the 16th inst. Pressing engagements here deprive me of the pleasure of attending; but I shall be with you in spirit, though absent in body.

May the Sons of Maine, wherever found, be true to the motto of the good old Pine Tree State, and so conduct themselves as to deserve to carry the banner inscribed "Dirigo."

Very truly yours,

DEXTER A. HAWKINS.

BLOOMINGTON, Illinois, June 7, 1881.

*Leonard Swett, Esq.,**Committee on Invitations,**Society of the Sons of the State of Maine.*

My Dear Sir: Thanking the society for the honor of the invitation to the banquet at the Palmer House on the evening of June 16th, I am constrained to say that it will be out of my power to accept it.

Begging you to present to the society my thanks and my regrets,

I am yr. friend,

DAVID DAVIS.

CHICAGO, June 2, 1881.

Gentlemen: Illness will prevent compliance with your esteemed invitation to be present at a banquet of Sons of Maine, at the Palmer House, on the 16th inst.

Regretting this, and thanking the committee for their courtesy, I am,

Very truly,

W. F. STOREY.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 4, 1881.

Leonard Swett, Esq., Ch'n, &c.

Dear Sir: I greatly regret that I cannot accept your kind invitation to be present to attend the meeting of the "Society of the Sons of Maine," on June 16th.

Nothing would give me more pleasure than to meet the "Sons of Maine" at your banquet, and renew my allegiance to the Pine Tree State. May you have a happy time.

Most truly yours,

A. E. BUCK.

BOSTON, June 4, 1881.

Leonard Swett, Esq.,

Chairman of the Society

of the Sons of the State of Maine.

Dear Sir: Your kind invitation to be present at a banquet on the 16th of June duly received, and it would give me special pleasure to be present and meet the Sons of Maine, as I am proud of the good old State, and proud of *most* of her sons. But business engagements will prevent my acceptance of the invitation. With the kindest wishes, and wishing you the merry time I think you will have, I am, dear sir,

Yours respt.,

E. N. KIMBALL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8, 1881.

To Hon. Leonard Swett, Hon. John N. Jewett, Abner Taylor, Esq., Committee, etc., etc.

Gentlemen: I regret that plans previously arranged will necessarily prevent my presence at the banquet in acceptance of your kind invitation. I should esteem it an honor to be counted among such a representation of the "Sons of Maine." If it were not broaching a State secret, I might add that the Sons of Maine are thought here in Washington to have *some influence* with the present administration of the Government. Whether we look at the executive, legislative or judiciary departments, Maine certainly holds her historic pre-eminence.

I trust you will have a full attendance of fair women as well as brave men, and Maine would be most *unfairly* represented without this.

With heartiest assurances of my interest in the objects of the association, I remain,

Very truly yours,

C. H. HOWARD,
Editor of the Advance, etc.

EASTPORT, Maine, 6th June, 1881.

My Dear Sir: I have received an invitation requesting me to be present at a banquet to be given by the Society of the Sons of the State of Maine, at Chicago, June 16th.

I deeply regret that it is beyond my power, on account of pre-existing engagements, to be personally present, while at the same time, I think there is no one who would be more gratified to be with you, than myself. My associations with Chicago through friends and relatives are such, that I have always considered that city as near and dear to me as my own home. It would seem unnecessary for me to add one wish for your prosperity, but you have it, and a thousand besides.

Believe me gentlemen, very truly yours.

D. I. ODELL.

To Thomas Drummond, President of the Society of the Sons of the State of Maine, Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO, June 10, 1881.

Hon. Leonard Swett.

Dear Sir: For reasons which you would deem quite sufficient, if I should state them, it will not be possible for me to accept your kind invitation to be present at the banquet to be given by the Society of the Sons of the State of Maine on Thursday evening. Accept my thanks for the invitation.

The Sons and the Daughters of the State of Maine will, no doubt, greatly enjoy this reunion, and I sincerely regret that I cannot share the pleasures of the occasion with them. The State of Maine is largely and honorably represented in the population of Chicago and its vicinage, and I am well aware that to be unable to join them on a social occasion, when one has an opportunity, is no small deprivation.

Respectfully yours,

ANDREW SHUMAN.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, May 25, 1881.

Leonard Swett, Chairman, &c.

Sir: I have the pleasure of acknowledging receipt of invitation to be present at a banquet to be given by the Society of the Sons of the State of Maine in Illinois, in Chicago, June 16th, and regret my inability to accept it.

With best wishes for the Sons of Maine in Illinois and elsewhere.

Yours respectfully,

C. H. SMITH.

AUGUSTA, Maine, June 10, 1881.

Hon. E. B. Washburne, Chicago.

Dear Sir: It is with much and sincere regret that I find myself compelled to forego the pleasure of attending the meeting of the "Sons of the State of Maine in Illinois," to which you invite me.

I am, with many thanks,

Yours very respectfully,

SELDEN CONNOR.

BOSTON, Mass., May 24, 1881.

My Dear Washburne.

I have received your welcome letter covering the kind invitation of the "Sons of Maine," to their banquet in Chicago, on the evening of the 16th of June.

Nothing could be more delightful to me than to accept this invitation, but in an unwise hour, possibly, I accepted the office of Honorary Chancellor of Union University, N. Y., and have to deliver an oration at a day which conflicts with the Chicago festivity. My disappointment is only equaled by the remembrance of your kindness in informing me of the invitation. I really cannot go. Will you be kind enough to communicate my regrets to the society, with my thanks for the courtesy.

Yours, most sincerely,

ALEXANDER H. RICE.

Hon. E. B. Washburne, Chicago.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
Executive Department.

May 23, 1881.

Dear Mr. Washburne.

I would certainly accept the kind invitation to Chicago, and I cannot tell you how attractive it is, but the time set is in the midst of our college and school anniversaries, and I am engaged every day. On the 17th is the dedication of Col. Prescott's statue—the hero of Bunker Hill. Please extend to the committee my thanks and regrets, and believe me

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN D. LONG.

Hon. E. B. Washburne.

PORTLAND, Me., June 9, 1881.

Hon. Leonard Swett, Chairman of Committee on Invitations, Society of Sons of Maine in Illinois.

Dear Sir: I regret that I cannot accept your polite invitation to join the delightful excursion proposed by the Society of the Sons of Maine in Illinois, to attend the banquet on the 16th June.

A previous engagement alone prevents my acceptance, but I am none the less obliged for the invitation.

With thanks, and regrets, I am,

Yours truly,

GEO. E. B. JACKSON.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Springfield, Illinois,

June 9, 1881.

Hon. E. B. Washburne, Chicago.

Dear Friend: Your esteemed favor of the 7th inst. is received. It would afford me very great pleasure to accept the invitation of the "Sons of Maine," and be present at their banquet, but I have already

made an engagement for the 16th, which I cannot change, and which will make it impossible for me to be in Chicago on that day. Will you kindly convey my regrets to the committee.

Very truly yours,

S. M. CULLOM.

CHERRYFIELD, Me., June 9th, 1881.

*To the President and Members of the Society of
the "Sons of Maine," in Illinois.*

Gentlemen: I am a citizen of Cherryfield, and a stand-by of the good old State. My attention has been called by the public journals to your proposed meeting on the 16th inst., and in justice to myself and friends, I cannot omit to give you some expression of my own and their desire to recall the scenes of our early life, and to transmit to you our most earnest sympathy with the occasion.

It would seem natural to me on such an occasion, to exchange thoughts and recollections of the times, long since passed, when we were assembled in the log school-house, reading in the old Columbian Orator, and the American Preceptor, and taking spelling lessons from Webster's First Edition.

A great change has occurred since my boyhood, of sixty years ago. Then steam power was practically unknown, and was, in its application only, talked of as a matter for future development. The telegraph even had not been discovered, and the telephone was among the mysteries of the future. With these and similar memories, freshly recalled by the notice of your meeting, I greet you most cordially as the representatives of my beloved State, and shall be with you in mind at your banquet, and permit me to add that nothing but physical disability would prevent my presence in person to enjoy the hospitalities of the occasion. Especially would it be pleasant to me to meet the many old friends who will make part of your number. As a well-wisher of your association, invoking the Divine blessing upon your meeting, as well as upon you individually, and hoping that you may have a good time, and do honor to the State of your nativity,

I am truly your friend,

J. W. MOORE.

PORTLAND, Me., June 9th, 1881.

Hon. Charles P. Kimball, Chicago, Illinois.

My Dear Sir: I am much obliged for your kind remembrance in sending me an invitation to be present at the banquet to be given by the society of the Sons of Maine in Illinois, on Thursday, June 16th.

The proposal is one which possesses very great attractions, but none greater than that it will bring together the sons of Maine resident in Illinois for the admiration and envy of those who still remain at the old homes to preserve and protect this nursery for the West.

I regret that engagements made some weeks since will prevent my attendance, but I trust that the sons of Maine in Illinois will never forget their native State, or those of us who believe that Maine is a State, not only to be proud to hail from, but also one in which it is a great happiness to live.

It will continue to be the proud privilege of Maine to furnish your adopted State with its best citizens in the future as it has done in the past, but meanwhile do not forget that Maine's lakes and rivers are capable of turning a million more spindles, and that she will always be glad to supply manufactured goods for the West, and delightful summer homes for her self-exiled sons whenever they choose to return to their native haunts.

Again thanking you for your polite personal invitation, I am

Very truly,

GEO. E. B. JACKSON.

STILLWATER, Minn., June 11th, 1881.

Leonard Swett, Esq., Chairman Com.

Dear Sir: I acknowledge with pleasure the courteous invitation of the Society of the Sons of the State of Maine; and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to exchange "greetings" with those of my native State. I sincerely regret that illness permits me to join only in spirit.

With the best wishes for the society in the future, I remain, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

R. F. HERSEY.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 13th, 1881.

Hon. Leonard Swett, Chairman of Committee on Invitations.

Dear Sir: The generous invitation of your committee for myself, wife and daughter to be present at the banquet of the Society of the "Sons of Maine" on the 16th inst. is received. It well nigh reproduces the events and scenery of my earlier years. The tides of Casco Bay, with the White Mountains in view, the waters of Penobscot, Saco, Kennebec, and Androscoggin, all contributing to the grand ocean, are pictures which can never be obliterated from the mind, in whatever part of the world a Son of Maine may be found.

In whatever cause is good, and great, and right, the sons, and daughters too, of the State of Maine, have been in the front ranks.

I cordially approve of the objects of your society, and would gladly be present at the banquet. Though, on account of engagements which cannot be deferred, I am obliged to deny myself the pleasure of participating in the festivities of the occasion.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

GEORGE W. LAKIN.

TELEGRAMS RECEIVED.

LA CROSSE, Wis., June 16, 1881.

Hon. E. B. Washburne, Sons of Maine Committee.

The Sons of Maine residing at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, greet their brothers of Chicago, and desire to be kindly remembered to their sisters and their cousins and their aunts: Wendell A. Anderson, of Gray; Cyrus K. Lord, of Parsonfield; Chas. S. Benton, Baldwin;

J. L. Usher, Hobbs ; Frank Hatch, Bangor ; W. S. Hanscom, China ; John C. Renick, Portland ; W. C. Bushel, Mt. Vernon ; R. M. Moer, Parkman ; I. H. Moulton, Foxcroft ; E. Chamberlain, Foxcroft ; C. E. Chamberlain, Foxcroft ; George H. Ray, Gardiner ; D. W. Mars-ton, Philips ; Levi Withee, Norridgewock ; John A. Ballard, Fryeburg ; Andrew Quinn, Farmington ; C. A. Watson, Lewiston ; H. F. Smiley-Skowhegan ; Reuel Weston, Skowhegan : B. F. Bryant, Fayette.

STATE OF MAINE, EXECUTIVE DEPT.

AUGUSTA, Me., June 16th, 1881.

To the Sons of Maine, Palmer House :

The State of Maine sends cordial greeting to the Sons of Maine gathered in its Banquet Hall to-night in love and honor of their native State ; they left this outpost of the Union following the star of empire only to strengthen the centre. True to their motto, "Dirigo" they still lead.

HARRIS M. PLAISTED,

Governor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16, 1881.

Hon. E. B. Washburne and Charles P. Kimball, 365 Dearborn Ave.

Express to the Sons of Maine the sincere regret I feel at not being able to participate in the interesting meeting this evening.

JAMES G. BLAINE.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., June 15, 1881.

C. P. Kimball, 370 Wabash Ave.

I find at the last minute that the demands of business here are such that it will be impossible for me to join you to-morrow as has been my intention of doing. This I regret very much, as I had set my heart upon being present at this reunion of the Sons of Maine, and shall depend upon you to express my regrets and represent me upon this occasion, feeling sure that you will have a pleasant and interesting gathering.

I am very truly,

D. J. MORRELL.

ATLANTA, GA., June 15, 1881.

Hon. C. P. Kimball, Chairman Banquet Committee.

The continued illness of Mrs. Kimball compels me to deny myself the pleasure of meeting with you Thursday evening. Please extend to the honored Sons of Maine my regrets and earnest good wishes.

H. J. KIMBALL.

APPENDIX.

OFFICERS

OF THE

Society of the Sons of the State of Maine,

IN ILLINOIS.

ELECTION MARCH 15, 1881.

JUDGE THOMAS DRUMMOND, *President.*
HON. LEONARD SWETT, *First Vice-President.*
HON. J. YOUNG SCAMMON, *Second Vice-President.*
HON. JOHN N. JEWETT, *Third Vice-President.*
JOHN J. P. ODELL, *Treasurer.*
JOHN S. BREWER, *Secretary.*

Directors:

CHARLES P. KIMBALL,	BENJ. V. PAGE,
GEORGE L. DUNLAP,	ABNER TAYLOR,
JOHN H. CLOUGH,	CHARLES M. MORSE,
RODNEY WELCH.	

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Adopted April 3, 1880.

The undersigned, born in the District or State of Maine, but now citizens of the State of Illinois, hereby agree to form a Society, and be governed by the following Articles of Association :

First. The association shall be called THE SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE STATE OF MAINE.

Second. The objects of the Society shall be to cultivate friendly relations with each other, and to revive and perpetuate the memories of our early homes and native State.

Third. Any gentleman born in the District or State of Maine, of lawful age and good moral character, residing in the State of Illinois, may become a member of the Society at the organization, by signing the Roll of Membership and paying the Initiation Fee of Five Dollars.

Fourth. The officers shall consist of a president ; first, second and third Vice-Presidents ; Secretary and Treasurer ; who, together with seven other persons, shall constitute a Board of Directors, all of whom shall be elected from the members, and their term of office shall be for one year, or until their successors shall be elected and assume the duties of office.

Five Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Any vacancy occurring in the Board between the annual meetings may be filled by the Board of Directors, until an election shall be held by the Society for the unexpired term.

Signing the Roll of Membership and election of Officers shall constitute the Organization of the Society.

Fifth. All Elections shall be by Ballot under the direction of Inspectors to be appointed by the presiding officer, and a majority of all the votes cast shall elect.

Sixth. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society, have power to call special meetings, and perform such other duties as are ordinarily incident to his office.

Seventh. The duties of the President shall devolve upon the Vice-Presidents in the order of their designation, whenever the President shall be absent, or for any reason fail to discharge them.

Eighth. The Secretary shall keep a record of the meetings and proceedings of the Society ; shall give notice to the members of all general or special meetings, and have the custody of the books, papers and archives of the Society. He shall also keep a book in which these Articles of Association shall be recorded, with the names of the members subscribed thereto, together with their place of birth,

occupation and residence. He shall discharge all other duties incident to his office not herein especially enumerated.

Ninth. The Treasurer shall keep all the funds of the Society, and disburse them under the direction and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. He shall keep vouchers for all disbursements, and make report to the society once a year, or oftener, if required by the Board of Directors.

Tenth. The Board of Directors shall have the management and control of the affairs of the Society, subject to such general directions as may be made by the society.

Eleventh. The regular meetings, until otherwise ordered by the Society. Shall be on the fifteenth days of March, June, September and December. When the fifteenth occurs on Sunday, the meeting shall be held on the Monday following.

Twelfth. Any gentleman born in the District or State of Maine, and residing in the State of Illinois, may, after the organization, upon the recommendation of two members, and approval of the Board of Directors, become a member of the Society, upon signing the roll of membership and paying to the Treasurer the initiation fee hereinbefore provided for.

Thirteenth. The Directors shall have power to suspend any member from the privileges of the Society, subject to an appeal to the members at any general or special meeting.

Fourteenth. Special meetings shall be called by the Secretary, on application made to him in writing, by any five members of the Society, stating the objects and purposes for which they desire such meeting called.

Fifteenth. Honorary members may be elected members of this Society by a vote.

Sixteenth. These articles may be amended at any general meeting, notice of the change proposed having been given at a previous general meeting.

NAMES AND PRESENT ADDRESS OF MEMBERS

OF THE

Society of the Sons of the State of Maine.

CHICAGO, APRIL 1, 1881.

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.

J. B. HOBBS.....	Sebattus.....	343 N. La Salle St.
WILLIAM E. FROST.....	Lewiston.....	137 Twenty-sixth St.
FRANCIS B. LITTLE.....	Minot.....	101 Ashland Ave.
ENOCH B. STEVENS.....	Livermore Falls.....	122 Washington St.
JOSHUA S. STEVENS.....	Livermore Falls.....	477 W. Madison St.
E. B. WASHBURNE.....	Livermore.....	365 Dearborn Ave.

(Honorary Member.)

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

GEORGE L. DUNLAP.....	Brunswick.....	128 La Salle St.
W. H. SWETT.....	Gorham.....	172 La Salle St.
NEWTON GOODWIN.....	Baldwin.....	45 and 47 River St.
H. B. PARKER.....	Saccarappa.....	Marshall Field & Co.
G. M. GROSS.....	New Gloucester.....	J. V. Farwell & Co.
CHARLES S. GROSS.....	New Gloucester.....	31 Superior St.
JOSHUA E. WATERHOUSE.....	Portland.....	Grand Pacific Hotel.
CHARLES A. TINKHAM.....	Portland.....	Fifth National Bank.
W. C. WILTMORE.....	Windham.....	149 W. Marble Place.
A. H. EVANS.....	Portland.....	1332 Michigan Ave.
GEORGE M. HOW.....	Portland.....	153 Monroe St.
F. A. SOULE.....	Portland.....	92 Washington St.
GEORGE PAYSON.....	Portland.....	Honore Building.
A. A. LIBBY.....	Deering.....	3357 Michigan Ave.
C. P. LIBBY.....	Deering.....	3358 Michigan Ave.
FREDERICK A. NOBLE.....	Baldwin.....	100 Warren Ave.
JOHN C. MORDOUGH.....	Saccarappa.....	21 Lake St.
E. E. SNOW.....	Brunswick.....	216-218 Monroe St.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

CHARLES M. MORSE.....	Wilton.....	Jacksonville, Ill.
F. E. BRETT.....	Strong.....	Marshall Field & Co.

HANCOCK COUNTY.

JAMES E. GROSS.....	Bucksport.....	48 Madison St.
WILLIAM H. PREBLE.....	Cranberry Isles.....	40 W. Monroe St.
J. HODGKINS.....	Lemoine.....	45 Metropolitan Block.
GEORGE M. SARGENT.....	Sedgwick.....	Grand Pacific Hotel.
WENDELL BENSON.....	Tremont.....	297 Chicago Ave.
GEORGE HERBERT.....	Ellsworth.....	92 La Salle St.

KENNEBEC COUNTY.

C. H. MULLIKEN.....	Augusta.....	.91 Dearborn St.
GEO. D. BALDWIN.....	Mount Vernon....	.8 Board of Trade.
BENJ. V. PAGE.....	Hallowell.....	.50 Erie St.
THOMAS P. ROBB.....	Bath.....	.89 Randolph St.
GEORGE A. SPRINGER.....	Hallowell.....	.3819 Prairie Ave.
WILLIAM C. STEVENS.....	Fayette.....	.199-201 Wabash Ave.
F. W. SPRINGER.....	Gardner.....	.3933 Prairie Ave.
D. V. PURINGTON.....	Sidney.....	.1804 Indiana Ave.
WM. H. ARNOLD.....	Sidney.....	Leland House.
R. G. STEVENS.....	Fayette.....	.89 Maxwell St.
M. HOPKINS.....	Gardiner.....	.204 S. Green St.
SUMNER HOPKINS.....	Gardiner.....	.15 N. Sangamon St.
JOHN H. CLOUGH.....	Readfield.....	.69 S. Water St.
J. P. SMITH, JR.....	Waterville.....	.145 Monroe St.
GEO. W. GETCHELL.....	Waterville.....	.166 La Salle St.
F. C. TILTON.....	Belgrade.....	.3538 Stanton Ave.
WILLIAM MATTHEWS.....	Waterville.....	.22 Ellis Ave.
RODNEY WELCH.....	Monmouth.....	.743 Carroll Ave.
WILLIAM SPRAGUE.....	Hallowell.....	.386 N. State St.
WILLIAM H. CHADWICK.....	Gardiner.....	.353 Burling St.
JOHN B. NUTTING.....	Gardiner.....	.125 Clark St.
O. S. LYFORD.....	Mount Vernon....	.123 Dearborn St.
A. D. HAYWARD.....	Augusta.....	.25 Bryant Ave.
JOHN F. BURRILL.....	China.....	Springfield, Ill.
WILLIAM G. BEALE.....	Winthrop.....	Hyde Park, Ill.
A. H. FROST.....	Monmouth.....	.43 S. Desplaines St.

KNOX COUNTY.

D. H. TOLMAN.....	West Camden.....	.164 Randolph St.
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LINCOLN COUNTY.

J. YOUNG SCAMMON.....	Whitefield.....	.35 Clark St
H. R. PAYSON.....	Wiscasset.....	Palmer House.
CHARLES H. GAUBERT.....	Richmond.....	.106 Dearborn St.
J. B. FITCH.....	Bristol.....	.222 Clybourne Ave.
F. P. ERSKINE.....	Wiscasset.....	.126 Washington St.
ERASTUS FOOTE.....	Wiscasset.....	.924 Wabash Ave.
B. H. HINDS.....	Bremen.....	Matteson House.
THOMAS DRUMMOND.....	Bristol.....	Winfield, Ill.
A. N. LINSOTT.....	Jefferson.....	.195 S. Clark St.

OXFORD COUNTY.

CHARLES A. HERSEY.....	South Paris.....	.10 and 12 River Street
FRANK H. COBB.....	Hebron.....	.412 Washington St.
C. P. KIMBALL.....	Bethel.....	.1815 Indiana Ave.
FRANK E. JOHNSON.....	Denmark.....	.25 & 27 Chamber Com.
LEONARD SWETT.....	Turner.....	.122 Ashland Ave.
ISAAC T. STEVENS.....	Norway.....	.123 Fifth Ave.
W. W. KIMBALL.....	Rumford.....	Cor. State and Adams St
HENRY A. HERSEY.....	South Paris.....	.10 and 12 River St.
EZRA T. SHEDD.....	Norway.....	.3759 Vincennes Ave.
JOHN A. COLBY.....	Freyburg.....	Hyde Park, Ill.
THOMAS J. COX.....	Dixfield.....	Bloomington, Ill.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

L. H. WATSON.....	Bangor.....	297 Indiana St.
VOLNEY T. PERSONS.....	Bangor.....	31 Oak Ave.
ROSWELL Z. HERRICK.....	East Corinth.....	4112 Indiana Ave.
F. W. RICE.....	Dexter.....	Tremont House.
CHARLES L. AMES.....	Bangor.....	43 S. Desplaines St.
ABNER TAYLOR.....	Bangor.....	157 Washington St.
EDWARD P. RICE.....	Bangor.....	125 LaSalle St.
W. E. MILLER.....	Howland.....	42 and 44 Michigan Ave.
HENRY W. RICE.....	Bangor.....	152 LaSalle St.
WILLIAM H. RICE.....	Bangor.....	125 LaSalle St.
FREDERICK B. SMITH.....	Bangor.....	117-119 State St.
JOHN N. EDDY.....	Corinth.....	264 Madison St.
C. H. STINCHFIELD.....	East Corinth.....	162 Washington St.
CHARLES S. FELLOWS.....	Bangor.....	38 Throop St.

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.

COUNCIL GREELEY.....	Dover.....	763 Michigan Ave.
GEO. B. AVERILL.....	Dover.....	240 W. Van Buren St.
EDWIN LEE BROWN.....	Milo.....	Cor. Clinton & Jackson Sts.

SAGADAHOC COUNTY.

V. B. POWERS.....	Bath.....	123 S. Water St.
R. E. FARNHAM.....	Woolwich.....	C. & N. W. Ry.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

JOHN N. JEWETT.....	Palmyra.....	Reaper Block.
J. L. HATHAWAY.....	Skowhegan.....	38 Market St.
CHARLES P. RAWSON.....	New Portland.....	90 S. Water St.
HENRY A. CROWELL.....	Madison Bridge.....	26 Hammond St.
E. F. GETCHELL.....	North Anson.....	184 Dearborn St.
C. C. AILTON.....	Madison.....	Sherman House.
JAMES M. HILL.....	New Portland.....	3910 Langley Ave.

WALDO COUNTY.

MOSES D. BROWN.....	Appleton.....	1814 Wabash Ave.
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WASHINGTON COUNTY.

CHARLES H. NOYES.....	Eastport.....	285 Indiana St.
SMITH T. BALKAM.....	Calais.....	537 Carroll Ave.
K. C. HAYCOCK.....	Calais.....	Matteson House.
JOHN S. BREWER.....	Calais.....	156 Lake St.
JOHN J. P. ODELL.....	Eastport.....	Union National Bank.
SAMUEL SHACKFORD.....	Eastport.....	Winnetka, Ill.
E. B. KNOX.....	Eastport.....	13 Metropolitan Block.

YORK COUNTY.

JOHN A. STEVENS.....	Newfield.....	3028 Groveland Park Ave.
D. A. PIERCE.....	Waterboro.....	Hyde Park, Ill.
JOHN N. DOLE.....	Limerick.....	59 W. Randolph St.
FRANK HAYES.....	Limerick.....	59 W. Randolph St.
SAMUEL I. HOPE.....	Wells.....	193 Lake St.

The following named gentlemen have become members of the Society since April 1, 1881 :

E. M. PRINCE.....	Turner.....	Oxford Co.
WILLIAM DEERING.....	_____	_____
C. P. FELCH.....	Limerick.....	York Co.
JOHN L. WOODCOCK.....	Robbinston.....	Washington Co.
GEO. R. UNDERWOOD.....	Eastport.....	" "
T. H. SMITH.....	Ormington.....	Penobscot Co.
GEO. A. PHILBRICK.....	Corrinna.....	" "
P. L. HANSCOM.....	Monmouth.....	Kennebec Co.
F. M. HOBBS.....	Falmouth.....	Cumberland Co.
W. H. EMERY.....	Fairfield.....	Somerset "
JOS. F. TUCKER.....	Saco.....	Cumberland "
STEPHEN R. THURSTON.....	Searsport.....	Waldo "
C. K. NICHOLS.....	Augusta.....	Kennebec "
C. H. HOWARD.....	Leeds.....	" "
H. W. FULLER.....	Augusta.....	" "
GEO. STICKNEY.....	North Anson.....	Somerset "
A. A. LINCOLN.....	Hallowell.....	Kennebec "
JOHN DUPEE, JR.....	Bangor.....	Penobscot "
FRANK J. WHITNEY.....	Milltown.....	Washington "
ROBT. B. KENDALL.....	_____	_____
C. A. WARREN.....	South Berwick.....	York Co.
T. ALLEN FRENCH.....	New Sharon.....	Franklin Co.
CHARLES H. BAKER.....	_____	_____
F. G. BALKAM.....	Calais.....	Washington Co.
NATHL. BUTLER.....	_____	_____
S. K. DOW.....	_____	_____
EDWIN A. POTTER.....	_____	_____
M. W. FULLER.....	Augusta.....	Kennebec Co.
H. H. PORTER.....	Machias.....	Washington Co.
W. P. F. MESERVE.....	_____	_____
JOHN L. HANCOCK.....	_____	_____
D. W. EVANS.....	Brighton.....	Somerset Co.
DAVID STARRETT.....	_____	_____
JOSIAH LITTLE.....	Minot.....	Androscoggin Co
D. K. HILL.....	Exeter.....	Penobscot Co.
F. S. HANSON.....	_____	_____
W. H. CARY, JR.....	Houlton.....	Aroostook Co.





