



Thomas Montgomery and family papers.

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From

Having, some years since, meditated the difficulties with which you were mounted them. The selections are cannot but regard this volume as interest with which a young kinswoman earnest of the reception which it met for both sexes.

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From Rev. Charles B. Haddock  
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Geo. B. Emerson.

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1864.

Major Thomas Montgomery, alderman from the Tenth ward, St. Paul, was born in Mountcharles, Donegal Co., Ireland, June 4, 1841. Was brought to Durham, Canada East, in 1845. Attended a number of schools taught by his father, Rev. Alex. Montgomery, in that part of Canada until 1855, when the family moved to London, Canada West, where he clerked in a hardware store a few months. On July 20, 1856, he landed at St. Paul with his parents and lived for a month on Third street. On August 20 settled on a farm near Cleveland, Le Sueur Co. When he became of age he took a farm for himself in Meeker Co. Enlisted Aug. 15, 1861, and sworn into Co. K, 7th Reg. Minn. Infy., and engaged in the defense of the frontier at St. Peter and Mankato. In 1863 was all through the Indian campaign to the Missouri river, and in September went with his regiment to St. Louis, Mo. In January, 1864, was commissioned by the president a first lieutenant in the 3rd Mo. Vols., of African descent, and in May was promoted to captain. Was mustered out and returned home in February, 1867. Commissioned major by brevet by President Johnson for faithful and meritorious services during the war.

Settled in business with Capt. T. G. Carter at St. Peter in April, 1867, where for 24 years he carried on business as real estate and insurance agent. Was married September 26, 1867, to Miss Sarah A. Purnell, of Wisconsin, and has seven children. In November, 1889, was appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of A. F. A. Masons on the death of A. T. C. Pierson, and also of the Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery, and so continues to serve by successive elections to the present time. Was Grand High Priest of the state and Grand Commander of Knights Templar, and Deputy for the state of the Scottish Rite of Masonry. Moved his family to Hamline in 1891, where he erected a home, to give his children the benefit of a collegiate education. In May, 1892, was elected alderman of the Tenth ward, and again in May, 1894.

# In Memoriam

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Thomas Montgomery

Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.

of Minnesota

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Born June 4th, 1841,  
Died at St. Paul, Minn.,  
June 7th, 1907.

HALL OF THE  
**M. W. GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M.**  
**OF MINNESOTA.**

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The solemn notes that betoken the dissolution of this earthly tabernacle have again alarmed our outer door.

**BROTHER THOMAS MONTGOMERY**, a Mason for forty-two years, and for more than seventeen years continuously R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, has been suddenly called from his labors here to the Grand Lodge above where the Supreme Grand Architect of the universe presides. His work was not done, yet his column is broken. His death was untimely and his Brethren mourn.

For many years Brother Montgomery diligently wrought in the quarries of Masonry in the state of his adoption, and his work has always been pronounced good, square and true.

His long and faithful service on foundation and superstructure of Minnesota Masonry has afforded valuable and material aid, not only in the increase of our membership from a comparatively small number when he commenced in 1865 to more than 22,000 in 1907, but in advancing, maintaining and preserving the high standard of Masonic character in this jurisdiction.

The evidences of his zeal, ability, untiring industry

and devotion to the cause of Masonry may be found, as well, in his private writings (which have served to make him so well and favorably known in Masonic circles both at home and abroad), as well, in the thousands of pages of the journals of this Grand Lodge—there furnishing an imperishable monument to his memory among the craftsmen of Minnesota.

While to his Brethren it now seems that he was taken away at the height of his usefulness, and at a time when he was better than ever prepared to serve the great purposes of life, yet it is a satisfaction, in reverting to the history he has made for himself, to read upon its final page the record of a man in his fulness of being, in the highest development of mind and intellect; to know that it is the full and perfect fruit gathered in without bitterness arising either from the weight of years or physical infirmities; and to feel that we may close this record at high twelve instead of the dark and clouded night, and at a period which leaves no indication of man's decay, but speaks only of strength, vigor and immortality.

*Be it Therefore Resolved*, By the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of Minnesota, here assembled, that in the death of our esteemed Brother, Masonry has lost one of its brightest lights; our Grand Lodge a diligent and efficient officer; the Brethren a strong and helpful co-worker; the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Loyal Legion an esteemed and honored Comrade and Companion; the State a valuable citizen, and his immediate family a kind husband and father.

*Be it Further Resolved*, That we hereby tender to his

widow and family our sincere sympathy in their great bereavement, and may the great Master above help and comfort them in this trying hour.

*Resolved Further*, That as a token of respect to the memory of our deceased Brother, these resolutions be read in each lodge at its first regular Communication after receiving the same, and that the Altar and Jewels of the Lodges be draped for the period of thirty days.

*And be it Further Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be suitably engrossed and presented to the family of our late Brother.

GIDEON S. IVES,

EDWARD W. DURANT,

DAVID W. KNOWLTON,

*Committee.*

**Military Order**  
of the  
**Loyal Legion of the United States**  
**Minnesota Commandery**

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**In Memoriam**

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Companion  
**Thomas Montgomery**  
Captain 65th and 67th U. S. Colored Troops  
Brevet Major A. S. V.

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Died at St. Paul, Minn.  
June 7, 1907

**Military Order**  
of the  
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**Headquarters Commandery, State of Minnesota**

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ST. PAUL, Nov. 30, 1907.

At a stated meeting of this Commandery, held November 12, 1907, the following report of the Committee appointed to prepare a tribute of respect to the memory of our late Companion, CAPTAIN AND BREVET MAJOR THOMAS MONTGOMERY, was read and adopted.

BY ORDER OF

MAJ. WILLIAM R. BOURNE,  
U. S. A. (RETIRED.)  
*Commander.*

DAVID L. KINGSBURY,  
LIEUT., U. S. V.,  
*Recorder.*

## In Memoriam

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Companion Thomas Montgomery was born June 4, 1841, in County Donegal, Ireland, and died at St. Paul, June 7, 1907. His parents, Alexander and Margaret (Baskin) Montgomery, with their family, emigrated to Montreal, Canada, in the year 1845. In September, 1855, he left school and became a clerk in a hardware store in London, Canada. In 1856 the family removed to Minnesota, settling on a farm in Cleveland, Le Sueur County. Early in 1861 he became a member of a militia company and on the 12th day of August, 1862, enlisted in what became Company "K" of the 7th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry and soon became a corporal. On the 29th of June, 1863, in anticipation of a vacancy in the office of second Lieutenant in his company, he, with eight other members, entered into a competitive examination for the position, in which competition he was successful and was recommended for the place, but the vacancy did not occur. February 7, 1864, he was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant in the 76th U. S. colored, and on the 13th of the same month was appointed a 1st Lieutenant in the 3d Missouri Volunteer Infantry, colored, which afterwards became the 67th U. S. colored. He accepted the appointment last mentioned and was promoted to a captaincy in that regiment May 17, 1864. He served with his regiment at various points on the Mississippi River and in August, 1866, was appointed by General Sheridan a recruiting officer for the 39th U. S. Infantry and the 9th U. S. Cavalry, then being recruited at Baton Rouge, La. When the 65th and 67th U. S. were consolidated as the 65th he was retained as a Captain, was breveted Major as of date March 13, 1865, and was discharged from the service January 3, 1867, immediately returning to Minnesota.

During the war and while at Baton Rouge, La., he was on special duty as a member of Court Martials, Boards of Survey, Councils of Administration, Recruiting Officer, Commander of his Regiment and at times Commander of the Post.

At its organization he became a member of A. K. Skaro Post No. 37 G. A. R. at St. Peter, Minnesota, where he resided at the time. He became a member of this Commandery May 12, 1896, and held the office of Chancellor from October 11, 1898, to May 13, 1903. His insignia was No. 11,502.

In civil life Companion Montgomery held various important positions. He was a member of the Board of Education at St. Peter for eighteen years, three years of which he was its president and for fourteen years its treasurer. He served as city justice for twelve years. Commencing in 1887 he was a member of the State Board of Equalization, serving for two years. Soon after his removal to St. Paul, he was elected alderman for the tenth ward, serving four years. He was also a member of many social associations, local and state, and took great interest in politics. He early became a member of several fraternal organizations, among them the Good Templars, the Sons of Temperance, the A. O. U. W. and the American Legion of Honor, but his fraternal work was largely done in the Masonic Order. He became a Mason in 1865, receiving the 3d degree on September 7th of that year in Concord Lodge No. 47 at Cleveland, Minnesota. He became very prominent in the Grand Lodge of this State, was appointed assistant secretary thereof January 15, 1878, and served as such until November 30, 1889, when he was appointed Grand Secretary. He served in that capacity faithfully and with great credit until his death. Few men become better informed as to the history and mysteries of Free and Accepted Masonry than did Major Montgomery.

He died an active member of the M. E. Church, having joined that body when twelve years of age. He was married to Sarah Ann Purnell at Cambria, Wisconsin, September 26, 1867. His wife was born at Hungerford, Berkshire, England. Seven children were born to this marriage: Edmund Alexander, Cora Belle, Charles Purnell, Edith Margaret, George Damren, Thomas Baskin and Grant, all at St. Peter, Minn. The widow and children survive him.

Companion Montgomery was a man of fine business ability, of excellent judgment and habitual industry. His conclusions were not formed hastily, but when reached were

specially impressed upon his mind. They were not scattered broadcast or promulgated freely, but if the time came when he felt that they might be of service in directing others along what he regarded as right lines, they were uttered without hesitation and with forcible earnestness. His integrity was never questioned, and no matter what was required of him in the line of duty, in his civil or military career, it was undertaken and concluded with skill and untiring faithfulness.

In his association with fellow men his modesty was very noticeable; but this trait of character was never permitted to be an obstacle in the way of the accomplishment of his purposes. Those who knew him well fully appreciated the courage and determination which he unhesitatingly and always displayed when the occasion demanded.

He was a constant attendant upon our commandery meetings and at all times manifested his delight in greeting his associates and in renewing the memories of the old days. The loss of such a companion is deeply deplored by all of our surviving members, and to his bereaved widow and children we tender our sincere sympathy.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted,

L. W. COLLINS,

J. C. DONAHOWER,

W. P. ALLEN,

*Committee.*

Grand Council  
of  
**Royal and Select Masters**  
of Minnesota

Office of WILLIAM CLARK ALLEN, Grand Master.

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**In Memoriam**  
**Right Illustrious Companion Thomas Montgomery.**

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, June 11, 1907.

*To Companions of Minnesota and Sister Jurisdictions:*

It is my sorrowful duty to announce to you the death of R. . . I. . . Companion Thomas Montgomery, Grand Recorder, which occurred in St. Paul on June 7, 1907.

Companion Montgomery was born in Mount Charles, Donegal County, Ireland, June 4, 1841. He came to America with his parents in 1845 and settled in Canada, where he remained for ten years. In 1856 the family removed to Minnesota, locating near St. Peter.

It was the young man's intention to enter college when the Civil War broke out, but he immediately volunteered, serving during the entire war with distinction, being several times promoted for distinguished gallantry, finally attaining the rank of Major.

In civil life he held many positions of honor and trust, among them that of Alderman of St. Paul, serving in that capacity for two years.

He was made a Mason in Concord Lodge No. 47, Cleveland, Minn., in 1865, a Royal Arch Mason in St. Peter Chapter No. 22, St. Peter, Minn., in 1873, a Royal and Select Master in Adoniram Council, Minneapolis, in 1881, and created a Knight Templar in Mankato Commandery No. 4, in 1874. He was Grand High Priest in 1879, and Grand Commander in 1887.

He was elected Grand Recorder in 1890, and served continuously in that capacity until his death.

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## THOMAS MONTGOMERY.

### A Sketch.

The death of Thomas Montgomery, which occurred on Friday, June 7, after a short sickness, was a great shock to his many friends in Minnesota, who together with the Masonic world, will long mourn his loss.

It was unknown to his acquaintances and many intimate friends that he had been ailing for several months as he had been attending to his official duties to within a week of his death.

It is probable that the arduous duties in preparing for and immediately following the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, contributed much to aggravate his disease and hasten the end.

A brief sketch of his life and work, which we here give, will best tell of his worth and of the great loss sustained by his death.

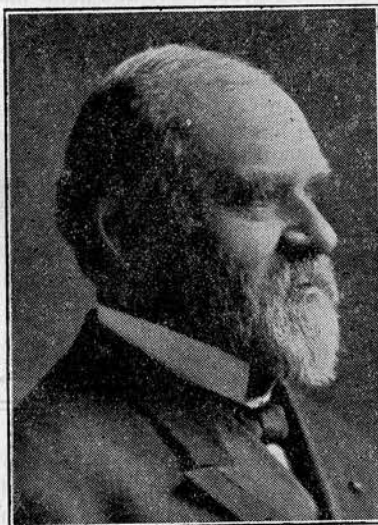
Thomas Montgomery was born June 4, 1841, at Mountcharles, Donegal Co., Ireland, where he resided with his parents, Alexander Montgomery and Margaret Baskin, until August 1845, during which month they sailed to Montreal, Canada. From the Fall of 1845 to July 1856, he resided and attended school at Durham, North Georgetown, Hinchinbrook, Portage, Ormstown, Boyd's Settlement and London, Canada. From Sept. 1855 to Jan. 1856, he was a clerk in the hardware store of Thompson Bros. Dundas St., London, Canada.

### Removal to Minnesota.

In 1856 the family removed to Minnesota, settling on a farm in Cleveland Township, Le Sueur Co.

That young Montgomery was early inspired with patriotism is shown by his military record. In May 1861 he became a member of the Cleveland, Minn., Guards, drilling every Saturday. At a public meeting held at Cleveland Aug. 12, 1862, to organize a war Company, the name of Thomas Montgomery appears as the eight upon

the roll of volunteers, and he was sworn in as a member of Co. K., 7th. Minn., Vol. Infy., and appointed a Corporal Aug. 19, and mustered into the U. S. service at St. Peter, Sept. 23. He was stationed at various places within the State and accompanied the Sibley expedition, took part in quelling that outbreak and was



THOMAS MONTGOMERY.

present at the execution of the thirty-eight Indians.

In June 1863 he was elected 2d Lieut. of his Co. in a competitive examination, but was not commissioned.

In 1863 he went South with his regiment, reaching St. Louis Oct. 11. In January 1864 he passed the examination and was appointed 1st Lieut. In February 1864, he was mustered into Co. B. 3d. Mo. Vols., and sent to duty at Port Hudson, La., where he was placed in command of Co. H. for provost guard duty. Was commissioned Captain May 17, 1864, and mustered into Co. K. 67th U. S. Colored Infy. June 29, 1865 he obtained 80 days sick leave and visited his home, returning to his Regt. at Baton Rouge Sept. 21. Aug.

16, 1866 he was commissioned by Gen. Phil. Sheridan as recruiting officer for the 39th. Infy. and 9th. Cavalry. Discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Jan. 22, 1867, reaching home Feby. 7th. He was commissioned Major by brevet to rank from March 13, 1865.

He was a member of and organized A. K. Skaro Post G. A. R. at St. Peter.

### His Civil Life.

In April 1867 he began his active civil life by engaging in the real estate and insurance business at St. Peter, with Capt. T. G. Carter under the firm name of Carter & Montgomery, continuing until Jan. 1885, then alone until Dec. 31, 1890.

In 1873 he was elected a member of the board of education of St. Peter, serving 18 years, and was treasurer of the board for 14 years, and president 3 years.

In April 1875 he was elected City Justice, serving 12 years.

In 1881 he was commissioned a member of the state board of equalization and re-appointed in 1882 for 2 years, and was Alderman from the 10th. ward, City of St. Paul, in 1892 and 1894.

He was a member of almost every club and association, local and state, from base ball to Thespian association, and participated in all local and many State political associations.

### Church Life.

Thomas Montgomery was no less active in Church affairs. Baptized into the Church of England shortly after birth, he attended that Church while in Canada up to 1848. In January 1853, in his twelfth year, he joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Durham, Can., and the M. E. Church at Cleveland, Minn., Jan. 15, 1861, transferred to the M. E. Church at St. Peter in 1868 and to Hamline in 1891.

Ever active in church work, his pastor said that to him was largely due the erection and maintaining the church at Hamline. He was an ac-

tive Sunday School worker and was a participant in all conventions of the church.

#### Fraternal Organizations.

He was an active worker in the society of Good Templars, which he joined in May, 1860; in the Sons of Temperance, A. O. U. W., the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and American Legion of Honor.

In July, 1897, accompanied by his wife, he visited England, Ireland and Scotland, returning after three months. During this visit to the 'old country' he was warmly received and highly honored by several Masonic bodies.

#### Masonic.

Having formed a favorable opinion of Freemasonry while in the army, he decided to embrace the opportunity afforded by a visit to his home on sick leave, to become a member of that institution which he was afterwards to serve so long and well.

He petitioned Concord Lodge No. 47, at Cleveland, Minn., chartered Oct. 26, 1864, Aug. 8, 1865; was initiated Sept. 2, passed Sept. 4 and raised Sept. 7, 1865. Withdrawing June 29, 1867, he joined Nicollet No. 54, at St. Peter, Sept. 17, 1867. He served this Lodge as J. W. in 1868, S. W. 1870, W. M. 1871, 1876, 1881 and 1889; secretary in 1878, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887 and 1888, and represented his Lodge in Grand Lodge from 1869 to 1890 inclusive, except 1874 and 1876, and was D. G. M. from 1874 to 1885 inclusive.

In Dec. 1889 he conferred the degrees on his son Edmund A. at St. Peter, and in 1897, on his son Charles P. at Hamlin, also installed the latter as W. M. in 1900 and 1904.

He received the Capitular degrees in Blue Earth Chapter No. 7, Mankato; the M., P. and M. E. degrees Oct. 12, 1872 and the Royal Arch March 25, 1873, from which he withdrew April 6, 1875 (?)

High Priest of St. Peter Chapter U. D., Apl. 12, and under Charter June 24, 1873; elected 1874 to 1878, inclusive, and 1881 to 1889, inclusive.

Order of High Priesthood June 25, 1874; president 1891 to 1906, inclusive, during which time he conferred the Order on 107 High Priests.

Received the Royal and Select Master degrees in Adoniram Council No. 5, Minneapolis Jan. 10, 1881.

Received the Orders of Knighthood in Mankato Commandery No. 4; the Red Cross April 29 and Order of the Temple and Malta, May 8, 1874. Eminent Commander in 1881, 1882, 1883

and 1884.

Received the degrees 4, 5, 6, 7 of the A. & A. S. R., Sept. 30, 8 to 14, Oct. 1, 1879 from Albert Pike, at Mankato; 15 to 30, July 23, and 31-32, July 24, 1880, from Albert Pike, at St. Peter; elected a K. C. C. H. Oct. 18, 1888. April 22, 1888, he was commissioned Deputy Inspector General for Minnesota, by Inspector General Sam. E. Adams, by virtue of which authority he conferred the degrees, 4-32, upon Milton E. Powell, Wm. F. Dickinson, Larned Coburn, Ovid P. Buel and Wilbur S. Webb; 19-32 upon Jacob A. Keister and 4-14 upon seven others.

Assisted in organizing Osiris Lodge of Perfection at Mankato July 16, 1880, and served as junior warden; organized Delta Lodge of Perfection at St. Peter, July 24, 1880, and served as Venerable Master. Surrendered his commission in 1898, and affiliated with Bodies at St. Paul in 1904.

He acted as constituting officer for

13 Lodges, 5 Chapters and 3 Commanderies.

#### Services in Grand Bodies.

Appointed assistant secretary of the Grand Lodge Jan. 15, 1878, and served till Nov. 30, 1889, when he was appointed grand secretary to succeed A. T. C. Pierson, and served until removed by death.

In Grand Chapter he received his first appointment Oct. 12, 1875, elected Grand High Priest Oct. 14, 1879; served as assistant grand secretary in 1888 and 1889, appointed grand secretary Nov. 30, 1889, serving continuously since, also chairman of committee on correspondence since Oct. 14, 1890.

In the Grand Council he was elected grand recorder Oct. 13, 1890, and has served in that capacity and as chairman of the committee on correspondence continuously since.

He was elected grand standard bearer in Grand Commandery June

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25, 1883, advanced in 1884, 1885, 1886, and elected Grand Commander June 24, 1887.

Nov. 30, 1889, he was appointed grand recorder and served continuously since, except from Apl. 27, 1904 to April 25, 1906.

He received the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star from Robert Morris at St. Peter, March 29, 1869, and in 1870 was deputized by Morris, and conferred the degrees upon a number of people at St. Peter.

He was also a member of the Masonic Veteran Association.

He attended eight convocations of the General Grand Chapter between 1880 and 1906, and served on several important committees.

He attended the Grand Encampments of 1880, 1883, 1886, 1892, 1895, 1898 and 1901, and served on several committees.

He was present at the formation of the General Grand Council at Detroit, Aug. 1880, at Denver in 1883, Minneapolis in 1891, Topeka in 1894, Baltimore in 1897, Cincinnati in 1900 and Little Rock in 1903.

**Grand Representative.**

At the time of his death he was the representative of the Grand Lodges of Colorado, England, Ireland and Scotland; of the Grand Chapters of Arkansas, Washington, New York and Scotland; of the Grand Council of Ohio and the Grand Commandery of Tennessee.

He was chairman of the committee which prepared and published in 1900, the "Masonic Code of Minnesota," and a member of the committee which prepared and published the "Minnesota Templar Code and Tactics" of 1903, performing the principal part of the work of both.

He also began and finished complete registers of members for the several grand bodies, which involved a vast amount of patient labor.

We cannot tell of the great service he rendered to Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, and the high estimation in which he was held throughout the Masonic world; his loss to us is great; he will be deeply and sincerely mourned by his brethren of the round table who will do full justice to his worth.

On Monday, June 10, while nature alternately wept and smiled, the mortal body of Thomas Montgomery was laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul.

Funeral services were conducted in

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Northern No. 236, Thief River Falls, raised six June 3; many visitors were present.

Williston, N. D. Masons have incorporated for the purpose of erecting a \$100,000 temple.

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin laid the cornerstone of the Roosevelt school building at Marinette, June 4.

Rev. Henry M. Green, Crookston, Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter, R. A. M., expects to remove soon to Kalispell, Montana.

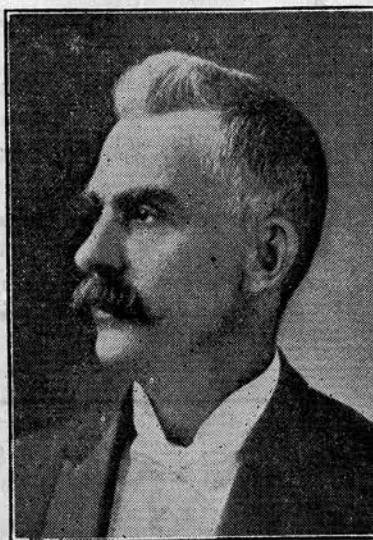
Nun Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity was installed with seventeen charter members, at Cornell University, on Memorial Day; the installing officers were Clarence G. Hill, Nation-

al Secretary, and William Homan of New York.

### THE NEW SECRETARY.

There was but little difficulty in reaching an agreement for the appointment of a successor to the lamented Montgomery.

Gustaf Widell, grand master of the Grand Lodge, William Todd, grand high priest of the Grand Chapter, William C. Allen, grand master of the Grand Council and W. Hayes Laird, grand commander of the Grand Commandery, met in St. Paul and agreed upon the appointment of John Fishel of St. Paul, to fill the vacancy. John Fishel is well known to the several Grand Bodies and has in full measure,



**JOHN FISHEL,**  
Secretary Masonic Grand Bodies.

the ability to perform the duties to which he succeeds.

John Fishel was born at Elkport, Iowa, in 1858, and is a past master of Triune Lodge No. 190, A. F. & A. M., past high priest of Palmyra Chapter No. 55, R. A. M., past T. I. M. of St. Paul Council No. 1, R. & S. M., past eminent commander of Paladin Commandery No. 1, P. G. H. P., Grand Chapter, P. M. I. G. M. Grand Council, and the grand generalissimo of the Grand Commandery, member of Minnesota Consistory No. 1, A. & A. S. R., 32°, and recorder of Osman Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

The term of office of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prussia is nine years.

### GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

The following officers were elected and appointed June 6:

Grand master, Ornan J. King, Lincoln.

Deputy grand master, William A. DeBord, Omaha.

Grand senior warden, Michael Dowling, Omaha.

Grand junior warden, Henry A. Cheney, Creighton.

Grand treasurer, John B. Dinsmore, Sutton.

Grand secretary, Francis E. White, Omaha.

Grand custodian, Robert E. French, Kearney.

Grand tyler, Jacob King, Omaha.

Grand chaplain, Rev. George A. Beecher, Omaha.

Grand orator, Roscoe Pound, Lincoln.

Grand marshal, Henry Gibbons, Kearney.

Grand senior deacon, James B. Cain, Stella.

Grand junior deacon, Alpha Morgan, Broken Bow.

One of the most important matters considered and acted upon during the session was the recommendation of an appropriation of \$20,000 for the erection of an addition to the Masonic home at Plattsmouth.

Wednesday morning's session was largely devoted to the consideration of the report of the committee on the Masonic home at Plattsmouth. The report showed the home and orphanage in a prosperous state. Thirty-six orphans are now being cared for at the home and eighteen widows of Masons, aside from a number of enfeebled and aged members of the order.

### LODGE OF THE THREE GLOBES.

The Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin, was erected by Frederick the Great, shortly after his accession to the throne of Prussia, Sept. 13, 1740. It was organized as a Grand Lodge June 24, 1744, Frederick being Grand Master, and continuing as such to his death in 1786.

Its jurisdiction is the largest and most important in Germany, and claims the allegiance of 14,748 brethren. The grand lodge and its subordinates control 361 charitable institutions.

Saint Johns Lodge No. 1, Providence, R. I., will observe its 150 anniversary, Sunday, June 23.

The Grand Lodge of Montana dedicated the new temple at Anaconda, June 5.

# FARGO SHRINERS TO ST. PAUL.

It was seventeen years ago that El Zagel Shrine was instituted, members of the St. Paul Shrine coming up here to do the work. As St. Paul is to entertain the Imperial council in July, 1908, the local Shriners have decided to render every assistance to their brethren of the Minnesota capital. Plans were made last night to raise \$10,000 to assist the St. Paul Shriners in entertaining their guests who will come from all over the country. A large reception committee accompanied by the Arab band and patrol, will be sent to St. Paul and will keep open house there during the Imperial Shrine session.

# OLYMPIA'S MASONIC TEMPLE.

The first Masonic temple, erected for the uses of the lodge solely, in the Northwest was built at Olympia, being completed some time in the fall of 1854 or the spring of 1855. The records are not intact concerning this. The cornerstone was laid on Saturday, June 24, 1854. The exact cost of the building is not a matter of record, but is believed to have been somewhat less than \$1,200.

Damascus Commandery No. 1, St. Paul, held a special conclave last Saturday evening and conferred the Red Cross Order; refreshments were served following the work.

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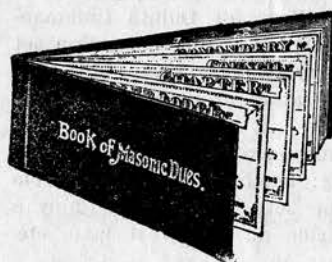
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## LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

Wm. H. Morehouse, Mt. Tom Lodge, Holyoke, Mass., was a caller last Monday.

J. L. Elfenbein of Donora Lodge No. 626, F. & A. M., Donora, Pa., was a caller last Tuesday.

Adoniram Council No. 5, R. A. M., University Ave. S. E., will confer degrees tonight, Monday.

Compass Lodge No. 265, Robbinsdale, will confer the master mason degree tonight, Monday.

Powers Restaurant has been recently enlarged and fitted with up-to-date appliances throughout. See Ad.

Tusler Lodge No. 263, St. Anthony Park, will confer the E. A. degree Friday night, 21st. It is hoped there will be a large attendance.

David B. Thomas, of the Central High School, a member of Minneapolis Lodge No. 19, has gone to Wayland, Ohio, for the summer vacation.

George Allen Beecher, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, Neb., grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, was a caller last Thursday.

Darius Commandery No. 7, K. T., Order of the Temple, Wednesday night, 19th. The Red Cross Order was conferred on two last Thursday night.

R. B. Ware, Sec'y of Summit Chapter No. 45, St. Paul, was a caller last Thursday. Brother Ware is one who occasionally remembers the Observer with news items.

Minneapolis Council No. 2, R. & S. M. will have degree work Friday night, 21st. If a member of this Rite you can get much enjoyment from attending the assemblies.

Geo. E. Carroll, a conductor on the N. P. railway and member of Ark Lodge No. 176, met with an accident recently by which he suffered a broken arm; residence 1427 N. Lynedale.

Minnesota Lodge No. 224, Entered two last Tuesday night; worshipful master McWhorter was absent, being out of the City. There will be only the stated business meeting this week.

Khurum Lodge No. 112, long a popular lodge and having some of the best people of the City among its membership, has a prospect for continued summer work. Seven petitions were received for degrees last Friday night, and there is work almost weekly.

Hennepin Lodge No. 4, Entered one

last Wednesday night, received 4 petitions for degrees and one for restoration and elected one to receive the degrees. The first degree will be conferred at the next stated communication.

Zion Commandery No. 2, transacted a large amount of business last Tuesday night.

The Red Cross Order will probably be conferred in the afternoon of Tuesday, 25th and the Order of the Temple in the evening. See the Observer for further notice.

Saint Johns Chapter No. 9, R. A. M., stated convocation, Tuesday night; important business. This Chapter held a special June 8 and 10 for work, and exalted several at a largely attended special last Friday night. Several of the grand officers were present. Maas served a delicious luncheon after the work.

Robert W. Hill, secretary of the State Board of Charities of New York, a past grand master of the Grand Council, past grand high priest of the Grand Chapter and past grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Indian Territory, now residing in Albany, N. Y., was a caller last Wednesday.

Minnehaha Lodge No. 165 worked in the F. C. degree after the business session on Tuesday evening. On next Tuesday evening, June 18th, the Lodge will work in the E. A. degree. It is expected that seven candidates will be present to receive this degree, and it is hoped that a large number of the Brethren of the Lodge will be present. Visiting Brethren will be cordially welcomed.

Harry S. Ray, a well known Dentist, died early last Monday at his residence on Calhoun Boulevard.

He was a member of Minnesota Lodge No. 224, Saint Johns Chapter No. 9 and Darius Commandery No. 7.

Past Grand Master Henry R. Adams of No. 224, conducted the funeral services of the Lodge, and Darius Commandery furnished an escort. Burial was at Lakewood, June 13.

Chas. E. Ovenshire, deputy grand commander, has been appointed inspecting officer for Duluth Commandery No. 18, K. T., and inspection set for Tuesday, August 27th. His Minneapolis Fraters propose to give him an escort.

Why not make this the annual K. T. outing; leaving here on the evening of the 26th, see Duluth, enjoy a steamer ride on the great lake, etc. etc. What do you say?

## THE EASTERN STAR.

Milaca, Minn., is to have a Chapter of the O. E. S.

The Chapter at Pickwick, Minn., was constituted May 31, grand worthy matron Yould presiding. The W. M. is Mrs. Lizzie Rutherford, the secretary Miss Jessie Dykeman.

The past matrons' club of the O. E. S. will hold a picnic at the home of Mrs. Howard, 4500 Vincent Ave. at 2 p. m. June 20. Box lunch. Gentlemen invited to 6 o'clock lunch.

Montgomery Lodge No. 258 A. F. & A. M. of St. Paul was treated to a genuine surprise on the evening of Wednesday, June 5, when at the close of their meeting the sisters of Oriental Chapter O. E. S. marched into their lodge room. They were introduced by Bro. H. H. Blinn, Sec'y and greeted with applause. The Worthy Matron of Oriental Chapter, Eliza Farnsworth, spoke in high appreciation of the many acts of kindness and courtesy extended to the Chapter by Montgomery Lodge and on behalf of the sisters presented the lodge with a silver trowel suitably engraved. The trowel reposed in a handsomely lined burnt wood box decorated with Masonic emblems, the work of a sister. W. M., F. R. Bunnell, altho taken completely by surprise, made a neat speech of acceptance.

Adjournment was then taken to the banquet hall where refreshments and a general good time were enjoyed. The successful arrangement of the affair was in charge of sisters Betty Carlson and Minnie Paine.

The Silver Trowel is now resting at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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the Church at Mamline where he had worshipped, by his beloved friend and pastor, Dr. R. N. Avison, assisted by Rev. W. E. Jamieson of the Trinity M. E. Church at Merriam Park, the Masonic Quartet of Minneapolis singing the hymns, while his mourning Brethren filled the church.

The body was escorted from the residence to the Church, and from the Church to the Cemetery, by the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, Midway Lodge No. 185 and Montgomery Lodge No. 258, and a delegation from his Commandery at Mankato; the Grand Commander's Escort being composed of one hundred Sir Knights of Damascus Commandery No. 1 and Paladin No. 21, St. Paul, and Zion No. 2, Darius No. 7, and Minneapolis Mounted No. 23, of Minneapolis.

The services at the grave were conducted by the Grand Lodge under the direction of Past Grand Master Henry M. Tusler, in the most impressive manner.

**Family.**

Thomas Montgomery was married to Sarah Ann Purnell, at Cambria, Wisconsin, September 26, 1867. His wife was born at Hungerford, Berkshire, England.

Seven children were born of this marriage; Edmund Alexander, Cora Belle, Charles Purnell, Edith Margaret, George Damren, Thomas Baskin and Grant, all at St. Peter, Minn. The widow and children survive. Mrs. Montgomery resides at 1494 Capitol Ave. Hamline, Dr. E. A. at Minneapolis, Cora B., Dr. C. P., Thomas B. and Grant at St. Paul, Edith M. Catlin at Mankato, and Geo. D. at Los Angeles, Cal.

El Riad temple, Sioux Falls, will hold a ceremonial session June 20, advanced from the 27th as heretofore set.

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**Hennepin No. 4.** 2nd and 4th Wed. Masonic Temple. Henry W. Smollett, W. M., Jesse H. Wakeman, Sec., Bldg. Dept. City Hall, N. W. M. 630; T. C. City Hall 45.  
**Minneapolis No. 19.** 1st and 3rd Wed. Mas. Tem. A. M. Cheshier, W. M., Geo. E. Young, Sec., 530 Temple Court, N. W. M. 2724-L, T. S. 9331. Res. 3021 Park Ave. N. W. S. 445-J.  
**Khurum No. 112.** 2nd and 4th Friday, Mas. Tem. Wm. H. Crilly, W. M., D. W. Knowlton, Sec., 515 Mas. Temple. N. W. M. 771.  
**Plymouth No. 160.** 1st and 3rd Monday, 304 20th Ave. N. Geo. W. Armstrong, W. M., 710 Temple Court, T. C. 736, G. W. Hall, Sec. care Mpls Gen Elec. Co. N. W. M. 189.  
**Minnehaha No. 165.** 2nd and 4th Tues. 1535 E. Lake St. L. R. Ellis, W. M., H. S. Goff, Sec., 2628 Clinton Ave. T. C. 8977.  
**Ark No. 176.** 1st and 3rd Mon. Nicollet and 31st St. L. A. Countryman, W. M., E. C. Noyes, Sec., 603 Gty. Loan. T. C. 700. Meetings 8 P. M.  
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**Minnesota No. 224.** 1st and 3rd Tues. Mas. Tem. L. N. McWhorter, W. M., Central High School, V. H. Stough, Sec., City Water Works. N. W. M. 408. T. C. City Hall 33.  
**Tusler Lodge No. 263.** I. O. O. F. Hall, St. Anthony Park, St. Paul, 1st and 3rd Friday. Geo. Rouse, W. M., 1014 Manvel St., Carl Feiseler, Sec., 930 Raymond Ave.  
**Compass Lodge No. 265.** Robbinsdale, 2nd and 4th Monday, Geo. E. Swift, W. M., John V. Ruble, Sec.

**CHAPTERS.**

**Minnesota No. 1.** (St. Paul.) 1st Tues. H. M. Germain, E. H. P., E. J. Larkin, Sec.  
**St. Anthony Falls No. 3.** (Mpls.) 20-22 Univ. Ave. S. E. Frank J. Meyst, E. H. P., W. H. J. Pearce, Sec., 306 Univ. Ave. S. E., M. 1957; T. C. 103.  
**Saint Johns No. 9.** (Mpls.) 3rd Tues. Mas. Tem. Thos. D. Bell, E. H. P., W. C. Allen, Sec., 215 Mas. Temple, T. C. 3519.  
**Ark Chapter 53.** (Mpls.) 2d and 4th Mon. Mas. Hall Nic. Av. and 31st St. W. H. Germond, H. P., 3043 Nicollet. N. W. S. 10. L. A. Countryman, Sec., 109 E. 31st St. N. W. M. 332.  
**COLUMBIAN CHAPTER 60.** (Mpls.) 4th Tues. Mas. Bldg., 304 20th av. N., F. H. McCuskey, E. H. P., Geo. W. Hall, Sec., care Mpls. Gen. Elec. Co. N. W. M. 189.)  
**Anchor No. 67.** (Mpls.) 1st and 3rd Mon. Mas. Hall, 25th and Central Ave. J. D. Tolman, E. H. P., Dan. C. Brown, Sec., City Hall. T. C. 42

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**Adoniram Council No. 5.** (Mpls.) 2nd Mon. Mas. Hall, 20-22 Univ. Ave. S. E. J. L. Fournie, T. I. M., E. M. Van Cleave, Rec., 520 S. E. 4th St. N. W. E. 229-J-2.

**COMMANDERY.**

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**Zion 2.** (Mpls.) 2nd Tues. Mas. Tem. Geo. W. Critten, E. C., 502 Met. Life Bld., N. W., M. 1092, T.-S., 167, W. C. Allen, Rec., Mas. Tem., T.-S., 3319.  
**Darius Commandery No. 7.** (Mpls.) 1st Mon. Mas. Hall, 22-24 Univ. Ave. S. E. E. O. Ballard, E. C., 2700 Girard Ave. N., T. S., 13284 E. M. Van Cleave, Rec., 520 4th St. S. E., N. W., E. 229-J, 2.  
**Paladin, 21.** (St. Paul.) 1st Mon. Eugene W. McCord, E. C. 963 West 7th St. Geo. Herbert, Rec., 4th and Rosabel sts.  
**Minneapolis Mounted 23.** (Mpls.) 4th Tues., Nic and 31st. Chas. G. Laybourn, E. C., 324 N. Y. Life Bld., T.-S., 231., John M. Norris, Rec., 3200 Garfield Ave., T.-C. 4777.

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**St. Vincent de Paul Chapter Rose Croix No. 2.** 2nd Thursday. Henry Deutsch, W. M.  
**Alfred Ellisha Ames Council Knights Kadosh No. 2.** 3d Thursday. F. R. Salisbury, Commander.  
**Minneapolis Consistory No. 2.** 4th Thursday, William Hartley, M. of K.  
**Saint Paul Bodies,**  
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**Carmel Lodge of Perfection No. 1.** 3rd Monday. W. H. S. Wright, V. M.  
**St. Paul Chapter Rose Croix No. 1.** 4th Monday. Isaac Seddon, W. M.  
**De Molai Council Knights Kadosh.** 4th Wednesday. Eugene W. McCord, Commander.  
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## THOMAS MONTGOMERY.

Address of Charles N. Akers, Chairman of a committee appointed to secure a picture of the late Thomas Montgomery for Midway Lodge No. 185, A. F. & A. M., delivered November 18, 1909.

**Worshipful Master Wardens and Brethren:** Your Committee has secured an enlargement of a picture of our departed Brother, Thomas Montgomery, which was the last one he had taken.

The lineaments of the face are well preserved in this portrait, and clearly set forth the intellectual and moral character of the man. The expression shows control and care of the individual, as well as the long development, the race has passed through. It will not only be an ornament to our Lodge room, but in the years to come this outline of light and shade together with the memory of the life and works of the man will be an incentive, for the ingenuous youth, who will, here on bended knees pledge themselves to God and the high ideals of the Order.

For the purpose of saving something of the history that he lived we herewith submit, as part of our report an outline of his busy years, for every day thereof to his friends and brethren is like a candle on a candle stick:—"It giveth light unto all that are in the house."

### Thomas Montgomery.

June 4th, 1841, Mountcharles, Ireland  
—June 7th, 1907, St. Paul.

Thomas Montgomery, was the eldest son of Alexander Montgomery, a Wesleyan Methodist preacher and a teacher. The family moved from Ireland to Montreal, Canada, in September, 1845. The trip across the Atlantic was made in the sailing vessel, "Victoria," and required six weeks. For eleven years they resided at various places in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario: frequently moving from place to place on account of the calls of the father, as clergyman and teacher.

July 20th, 1856, Rev. Montgomery came to St. Paul, with his wife and children in search of a home in the United States, where cheap lands and political and social surroundings offered new and rare opportunities for his growing family.

The mother and children lived in a rented house on 3rd Street in St. Paul, for several weeks in July and August, while the father was searching for a home in the Public Domain. He selected a timber claim, the southeast ¼ of Section 4 Tp. 110 Range 25, Cleveland

Here Thomas Montgomery worked hard, early and late assisting in making and improving the farm, until August 15th, 1862, when he, having reached his

patriotic spirit, his devotion to duty, and his love of law and order, he rushed to the ranks, of the Union Army and enlisted in Co. K. 7th Reg. Minn. Vol. Inf.

At the time of his enlistment the great conflict was thickening; Gen. McClellan had been recalled, to the defense of the Capital, after his battles on the Peninsula; Gen. Lee was with his army pushing North to meet

defeat at Antietam; "Father Abraham," had twice during that summer called for "Three Hundred Thousand More." Minnesota had responded to these calls by sending men from every family. The women and children were helping in the harvest fields and praying for the absent ones at the front. Grant, Sherman and Sheridan were proving themselves on many hard fought fields. The whole North was learning to endure hardness like good soldiers, for the decisive encounters of '63 and '64.

In less than a week after his enlistment, on August 18th, the Sioux Uprising occurred; in a brief time hundreds of our citizens were slain; hundreds of the best women in the State were made helpless prisoners and became subject to the concupiscence of the Savage. Instantly the whole State was a moving camp; neither delay nor timidity were known in that hour of dreadful crisis. At such time, Montgomery, the boy from Canada, passed from the quiet ways of home, into the tumult and perils of war. The summer and autumn of 1862 were days in Minnesota history that tried the souls of the brave.

During the campaign of 1862 against the Sioux, the Seventh Regiment was continually engaged, in battle, or in the toil of long marches and constant guard duty, until the execution of the thirty-eight marauders at Mankato, December 26th, which was under the sanction of President Lincoln and carried out by Col. Miller, who was then commander of the post at Mankato. Young Montgomery, being present with his Regiment was detailed to assist at the scaffold and in the burial of the malefactors, an occasion that created a profound impression on him, as being a swift punishment for the awful crimes of the revolt.

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tion of great institutions is possible.

Perhaps nothing would be more suggestive of Thomas Montgomery's real character than a reference to his likeness to Gen. U. S. Grant.

It was frequently remarked, that he bore a resemblance to the General, especially was this observation made, when he was traveling in the British Isles, at public places, where Grant had stopped in his tour around the world. Indeed there was, not only a physical resemblance, in features, statue, dress, cut of hair and beard, but there was most of all a remarkable resemblance in mental and moral nature.

Both Grant and Montgomery were absolutely honest, both were careful in their language, always refraining from profanity or coarseness, both were equitable in their natures, both were devoted to duty. They were both slow to form judgments, but when formed the conclusions could be depended upon. Both engaged in war, as a duty to their country and the race: but neither of them had any love for its brutality, other than that of the victory of right. Each within the limits of their respective opportunities, devoted soul, mind and strength to the tactics and strategy of war and both were successful within the limits of their sphere or action.

The resemblance was mental rather than physical, but the physical had received the soul-stamp, hence its similitude.

Our brother and neighbor was successful in all that constituted the glory of living.

Success depends on the motive of the person, that impulse which guides the conduct in the use made of life, the force and power for good. These things determine life's value. A man may acquire great possession in the marts of commerce and trade and become known in the Public Press as one of financial success but for all that, he may be only a creature of greed, whose life is a curse and a clog to the advancement of society. The truly successful men are the men of character.

The character of Montgomery is that which lives to-day in our memory, by its high standard he is exalted and will live on, with the great and good who have gone before. He has passed into that mysterious sleep of the grave! Such is the destiny of all earthly things! but:—

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# Good Morning To You!

Historians interested in United States history would give their eye teeth to possess the 157 letters written to a family at Cleveland, Minn., six miles east of St. Peter, the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Montgomery, by their son Thomas while he was in the Union Army from 1862 to 1867, when he was mustered out as a major.

The letters are in the possession of Thomas Montgomery's son, Dr. C. P. Montgomery, 1299 Grand, a retired dentist, and didn't come to light as far as he was concerned until his mother died in 1940 at the age of 92. Thomas Montgomery died in 1907 at 66 and is buried in Oakland cemetery.

Letters in a fine handwriting on paper that has mellowed with age were addressed to Mr. Montgomery's parents and also to his brothers.

TO PRESERVE THE INFORMATION in the letters, several years ago Dr. Montgomery set about to type them. They begin with the Indian uprisings soon after young Montgomery enlisted in 1862, serving with Gen. Sibley in the Minnesota infantry during the Indian uprisings and below the Mason-Dixon line until the end of the Civil War. Montgomery was mustered out at Baton Rouge, La., in January 1867 as a major in the 67th regiment of the U. S. Colored Infantry.

Dr. Montgomery made three carbon copies of the letters, presenting them to his sister, Mrs. Edith Catlin, Carmel-by-



Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Montgomery, 1299 Grand, are glancing over letters written by Dr. Montgomery's father, Thomas Montgomery, while he was serving in the Union Army in the Civil War.—Staff Photo.

Dr. CHARLES  
PURNELL  
MONTGOMERY

son of Thomas  
Montgomery +  
Sarah Purnell

brother of  
Edmund Alexander  
Montgomery

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the-Sea, Calif., and his brothers, the late Judge E. A. Montgomery of Minneapolis and Grant Montgomery of San Carlos, Calif. Interested in the historical value of the letters, the Minnesota Historical society was given permission to copy them.

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**MAJ. MONTGOMERY KEPT** a diary during his service and the information is priceless as far as the Montgomery family is concerned and most interesting to others who have only a passing fancy. He was 21 when he enlisted.

His letters are full of the suffering he saw in the South and also of many interesting incidents. While many of his personal friends and companions were killed or died of disease, Maj. Montgomery in every letter home stressed his view that his life was in the hands of God. In the opening paragraph in each letter he tried to ease the worries of his family by telling them he was well and happy.

Letters went back and forth several times a month and evidently, in spite of war, reached their destination. He came out of the Army well-fixed financially, holding many government bonds, which were popular even then.

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**MANY OF HIS LETTERS** tell of trips on boats on the Mississippi river and visits to various parts of the country, especially towns along the river.

When serving with Gen. Sibley here against the Indians he tells of a Lord Beever, an Oxford graduate who was serving with them and who was killed shortly by the Indians.

Several times in his letters he mentions receiving newspapers, among them the St. Paul Pioneer Press. He tells his parents in one place, after telling of all the sickness that surrounds him, that they are lucky to live in such a healthy place as Minnesota. He kept in close touch with Minnesotans he served with at one time or another and in many letters tells of visiting various persons in the hospital. One friend he visited was almost gone and secretly, he writes, he applied a "blister of lard and fine-cut tobacco mixed and applied very hot." The man recovered, and who knows, it might have been his application that cured him.

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**A RELIGIOUS MAN, MAJ**

Montgomery attended many religious meetings in the towns where he was stationed and read many religious books during his service. He learned to love the South with its balmy climate and in one letter mentions the handsome trees and one especially near where his tent was located that spread its shade for 50 yards.

In only one letter he tells of being slightly ill with chills and ague which was soon broken up "because of the cayenne pepper applied to the soles of his feet for a few days."

While he was in the South, Gen. Tom Thumb came to the town in a little carriage drawn by two Shetland ponies. Other excerpts from his letters tell of guarding Little Crow, who had been captured when his father was killed. In another place he tells of meeting Frank Leslie, who was writing a history of the war for Harper's Weekly. Another incident which made an impression on him was the fact that he had seen with his own eyes a Chippewa half-breed squaw who professed to be 119 years old.