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STEPHEN ROWLAND SIRCOM.

PAST GRAND MASTER.

With the present number we present our readers with the portrait of M. W. Bro. Stephen Rowland Sircom, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, a brother who will be better known to the brethren of the Maritime Provinces. His career in Freemasonry though not to be counted by any lengthened service, has, however, been marked by a rapid elevation to the highest pinnacle in the Gift of the Brotherhood and during his occupancy of the Grand East he was instrumental in bringing about the union of the Craft in the province of Nova Scotia under one Supreme Head and for which happy consummation he is entitled to the gratitude of the Craft.

M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom was initiated in the "Scotia" Lodge, No. 411 R. S. (now No. 22 R. N. S.) on the 17th day of December 1862, passed January 9th, 1863 and raised January 21st of the same year.

On the 18th of November 1863, elected Junior Deacon, November 1864, Junior Warden; November 1865, Senior Warden; and held that office until June 17th, 1867, at that date was called to the chair and presided until June 1869.

At the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, February 20th, 1866, elected Grand Registrar; June 21st 1867, Deputy Grand Master; and June 24th, 1868, Grand Master, and effected a complete union of the Craft on the 24th of June, 1869.

On the 24th May, 1867, appointed Representative of the Grand Orient of Brazil; and September 30th, 1869, Representative of the Grand Lodge of California.

He was exalted to the Royal Arch in St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 55, R. S. (now No. 2, R. N. S.) August 30th, 1864; and elected the same date