

On the 25th of March last, at the request of the M. W. Grand Master, I forwarded to V. W. Bro. Brackstone Baker, of London, our Representative at the Grand Lodge of England, for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, addresses of congratulation on the recovery of His Royal Highness from the very dangerous illness which threatened the life of our illustrious brother. As the calling of Grand Lodge together at that season—during the famous snow blockade—would, even if possible, have been attended with great inconvenience and expense to the brethren from different parts of this Province, I am quite sure that Grand Lodge will fully endorse the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master on that occasion.

During the month of March I forwarded to the Secretaries of subordinate Lodges full sets of blank returns, with an urgent request to have them filled in and returned to this office, immediately after the installation of their officers, and before the 20th May, as provided for by sections 26 and 28, Chap. 14, of the Constitution. It gives me great pleasure to report that the action of the Secretaries has been in this particular, with but *three exceptions*, most prompt and commendable.

It is customary, I observe, in some jurisdictions, for the Grand Secretary to publish the names of Lodges failing to make their returns at the proper time. I forbear, however, mentioning our three, in the hope that next year they will follow the example of the worthy Secretary of old St. George's, No. 20, Wolfville, who was the first this year to forward his returns with payments—April 23—and regretted in the bargain that *he could not get them in sooner*, supposing that some others were before him. Who will undertake to beat St. George's next year?

The returns received exhibit the following results:—

Of the 59 chartered Lodges in the jurisdiction at the Annual Communication of 1871, all have made returns and payments to that date; and of the 59 now on the roll of Grand Lodge, 56 have made returns with payments to the present date, June, 1872.

Number initiated during the year .....	417
“ passed “ “ “ .....	364
“ raised “ “ “ .....	377
“ dimitted “ “ “ .....	163
“ affiliated “ “ “ .....	65
“ suspended for unmasonic conduct.....	1
“ “ “ non-payment of dues ....	55
“ reinstated during the year.....	5
“ rejected “ “ “ .....	89
“ Died “ “ “ .....	83
Whole number of Master Masons.....	2478