

NOVA SCOTIA, 1881.—A request from a subordinate lodge to walk in procession to attend a bazaar was refused in the following terms: "Permission cannot be granted to walk in procession for other than masonic purposes."

CONNECTICUT, 1882.—Grand Master Emerson says: "During the past year I received an invitation to convene the Grand Lodge, to assist at the celebration of the centennial anniversary at Groton; also an invitation to the Grand Lodge to be present at the unveiling of the Seymour monument at Hartford. Believing that the Grand Lodge should never appear in public procession, unless they have proper masonic work to perform, both invitations were respectfully declined."

VERMONT, 1882.—Grand Master Butler says: "On three occasions, and from different portions of the jurisdiction, I have been asked to grant permission to lodges to join with citizens, and other organizations, in public processions. Two of them were for memorial day, May 30, and the other memorial services upon the death of our brother, President Garfield. These occasions were the least objectionable of any, perhaps, but I have declined to grant such permission in any instance, because the uniform decisions of my predecessors, approved by the Grand Lodge, and concurred in by all the most eminent authorities in masonic jurisprudence—Chase, Mackey, Mitchell, Morris,—is that masons should join in no public procession or display, not controlled by, or for the purposes of masonry exclusively."

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1881.—D. D. G. M. of District No. 2 granted leave to Hiram and Scotia lodges to proceed in public procession on St. John's Day, Dec. 27th, to Providence church.

D. D. G. M. of District No. 3 granted dispensation to Ionic Lodge, No. 47, to walk in procession to church and wear regalia on St. John's day, and like dispensations on the 20th of December to Anapolis Royal Lodge, No. 32, and Welsford, No. 26.

CONCERTS.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1881.—In the month of July permission was granted by the M. W. Grand Master, to St. Andrew's Lodge, Halifax, to appear in masonic clothing at a concert to be given by members of that lodge.

PUBLIC DEDICATION OF HALLS.

OREGON, 1881.—Grand Master Earhart, speaking of the dedication of Wasco lodge, says: "The ceremonies of dedication being concluded, Bro. L. L. McArthur delivered an able and interesting address to those present; after which the entire audience, consisting of masons, their families and friends, to the number of about one hundred and sixty, sat down to an excellent collation."

ILLINOIS, 1881.—Grand Master Scott says: "On the 7th day of February, 1881, I had the pleasure of publicly dedicating to masonic purposes the elegant and commodious hall of Olney Lodge, No. 140, in ample form, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience."

CONNECTICUT, 1882.—Grand Master McCormick publicly dedicated the new hall of Oriental Lodge at Broad Brook.