

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts at....	\$3,309 90
Expenditures at.....	3,235 47
	<u>\$74 51</u>

Report on correspondence not being ready, is to be in a short time published in a separate pamphlet. Two special communications of Grand Lodge were held to lay corner stones, and one to dedicate a Masonic hall.

Statistics :—Number of lodges.....	208
“ “ Masons returned.....	6,086
Resident Masons not members.....	1,221

M. : W. : Bro. Fabius H. Busbee, Grand Master.
R. : “ “ Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA—1885.

Three emergent communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year last past, one on 25th June last at Windsor, to lay the corner-stone of the post office and custom house. M. : W. : Grand Master Laurie superintended the work, and delivered on the occasion an admirable and suitable discourse. Another on 5th July last at Truro for similar purpose, the Grand Master again presiding. The third on 29th October, 1884, to lay the corner-stone of a new Episcopal church.

The twentieth annual communication took place at Halifax on 3rd June last. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, R. : W. : Bro. W. E. Starratt presided.

Our faithful-representative, R. : W. : Bro. G. T. Smithers, as usual, answered on the call of the roll.

M. : W. : Bro. Laurie, who was absent with the troops doing duty in the North-West, thus fittingly, in his annual address, explained his absence :—

“ I deeply regret that circumstances prevent my being present with you at this communication ; but I was early taught in Masonry that a good Mason recognizes the duty he owes to his Sovereign and to his country, and I feel that this Grand Lodge meeting to-day will not consider me wanting in my duty to the craft because I am not present in the chair of Royal Solomon in the East, but am addressing you from the great prairie of the North-West, where, in common with many another brother, I am doing my share toward upholding law and order and the authority of the Queen.”

The Deputy Grand Master presented a short address detailing his official acts performed during the year.

Our esteemed R. : W. : Bro. Benjamin Curren, Grand Secretary, presented a detailed narrative of the work of his office, and the following statistical returns ;