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W. Bro. A. J. Armstrong, as acting Grand Secretary,
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GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 20th, 1894.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Master and Members of the
 Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick.*

SIR AND BRETHREN:—

For the last few weeks I have been acting Grand Secretary
 in consequence of the death of our much respected Brother
 Barton, who was elected to this office only one year ago.

Bro. Barton attended to the duties of his office up to within
 a short time of his death, which occurred on the 8th of this
 present month. Considering the short time I have been acting
 in this position, Grand Lodge I am sure will not expect a
 report of much length.

I have only to say that I found Bro. Barton's books kept
 well and balanced up to the very day he allowed me to act
 for him.

The number of returns from Primary Lodges are larger than
 usual at this date, and the membership has increased since last
 year considerably.

New warrants have been issued during the year to ten
 Lodges, all having a larger number of applicants than usual.
 One warrant is all I know of having been returned to Grand
 Lodge, and comes from Queen County, No. 146.

Returns and correspondence will be placed before Grand
 Lodge, from which the committee on correspondence will be
 able to report the general standing of our Order to Grand Lodge.

From personal knowledge I can report our Order in the
 different communities where it is situated to be strong and
 healthy and gaining ground every year.

Annexed will be found a financial statement of the Grand
 Secretary's office, for the year just ended, balanced up to date.

With a hope that this session may be productive of much
 good to our Order,

Fraternally yours,

A. J. ARMSTRONG, P. G. M.,

Acting Secretary.