

The usual press of private business necessitating frequent absences from home prevented my visiting the several Lodges to the extent I would have wished for.

I examined the books of the above named Lodges and found them well kept and in good order.

There is a great diversity of work in the Lodges in this District which creates confusion, and is also detrimental to the proper instruction of the Brethren.

I most respectfully recommend this Grand Lodge to obtain with as little delay as practicable, a regularly authorized and established Ritual in order to secure uniformity in the several Private Lodges, all of which differ in this respect for the want of it.

I am sorry to report that the Messenger of Death visited our District and called from our midst after a lingering illness at Hull, on the 19th day of March last, Bro. THOMAS GEORGE BUCK, thereby adding another worker to that Grand Lodge above, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest, therein to receive the rewards of their labor. He was buried with Masonic honors by the brethren of Eddy Lodge, No. 41, of which he was a charter member.

His presence is missed by a large circle of friends and Brethren who mourn his loss.

Respectfully submitted,

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D. D. G. M. Ottawa District.

R. W. Bro. Jas. Addie, D. D. G. M., for the District of St. Francis, made his report verbally, stating that he had accidentally left his home without it, and promising to submit it, in the course of a few days, to the Board of General Purposes.

The above reports were received, and those of R. W. Bros, Judge, McMinn, Newell and Eddy, were referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon, the President of the Board was directed to report on the written report of R. W. Bro. Addie after the same shall have been received.

The report of R. W. Bro. Addie has since been received, and is as follows:

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec:*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honour to lay before you my report upon the state of Masonry in the St. Francis District for the year 1876. There are nine Lodges in this District, six of which I have visited during the year, three—viz., Mount Orford Lodge, at Georgeville; Doric Lodge, at Danville; and Excelsior Lodge, at Upton—I have been unable to visit. I granted dispensations to Golden Rule Lodge, at Stanstead, and St. Francis Lodge, at Richmond, to