

hailing indiscriminately from other jurisdictions than the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Master would not have had the slightest hesitation in at once extending to them the right hand of fellowship, but he feared the simple fact of the English and Irish Lodges not having been formally invited or solicited to co-operate in the movement, although possessing equal rights with the Scottish Lodge, must prove fatal to the speedy acknowledgement of the proposed Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The address urges very strongly the importance of uniformity and correctness of work in all the lodges, and recommends the appointment of a Grand Lecturer for that purpose.

So much of the address as related to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was referred to a special committee, composed of M. W. Bros. T. Douglas Harington, A. Bernard, W. M. Wilson; R. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, S. D. Fowler, W. H. Weller, and Henry Macpherson. The other portions of the address were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

At the election of Officers for the current Masonic year, the following brethren were declared duly elected:

M. W. Bro. William M. Wilson, Simcoe, Grand Master.
R. " " A. A. Stevenson, Montreal, D. G. Master, re-elected.
V. " " John Kerr, Toronto, Grand Senior Warden.
" " Isaac H. Stearns, Montreal, Grand Junior Warden.
R. " " Rev. V. Clementi, Peterboro', G. Chaplain, re-elected.
" " Henry Groff, Simcoe, Grand Treasurer, re-elected.
V. " " Frank C. Draper, Toronto, Grand Registrar.
R. " " Thos. Bird Harris, Hamilton, G. Secretary, re-elected.
Bro. Thomas F. McMullen, Grand Tyler.

Nominated by the Representatives of Lodges of the various Masonic Districts as District Deputy Grand Masters, and which were subsequently approved by the M. W. Grand Master.

V. W. Bro. Francis Westlake, London	District.
R. " " David Curtis, re-elected, Wilson	"
" " Charles Kahn, re-elected, Huron	"
" " James Seymour, Hamilton	"
" " A. DeGrassi, re-elected, Toronto	"
" " W. H. Weller, Ontario	"
" " Donald Fraser, Prince Edward	"
" " Macneil Clarke, Central	"
R. " " Richard Bull, re-elected, Montreal	"
" " John H. Graham, Eastern Townships	"
" " John Turner, Quebec	"

The special Committee on that part of the Grand Master's address, referring to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, through their chairman, M. W. Bro. Harington, reported: "That having examined the several documents relating to the matter, together with the correspondence entered into by the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and having had the advantage of the oral evidence of M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, P. G. M., who had made full enquiry at Halifax, it is the opinion of the said Committee that the new Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is entitled to a prompt and heart recognition by this Grand Lodge." Subsequently the following resolution was adopted unanimously. "RESOLVED—That the report of the Special Committee on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia be adopted, and that the Grand Secretary be hereby instructed to announce to the M. W. the Grand Master of the said Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of Canada cordially recognizes the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and welcomes her as a sister amongst the family of the Grand Lodges of the world."

The Board of general purposes in their report in relation to the Grand Masters address, say:—

"The prospect of a political confederation of the British American Provinces opens up to this Grand Lodge a pleasing hope that the vital interests of Masonry may be advanced thereby, and that it may look forward to a Masonic as well as a National Union, that the Board believe that there is no special action necessary to be taken at this time beyond what has already been done, and the matter may safely be left in the hands of the M. W. Grand Master until the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

In the "In Memoriam" part of their report, the Board embody the following beautiful stanzas, by a writer in the *Freemason's Magazine*, on the death of our late lamented R. W. Bro. William Henry White, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, whose demise took place on the 5th April last, at the ripe old age of 89 years:

At last the subtle thread of life is broken—
The venerable Mason sleeps at last—
Death came and signalled him with mystic token,
To join the phantom brethren of the past
Bowed with the weight of nearly ninety years,
Our patriarch passes from this vale of tears.

Born when Columbia's flag was first unfurled,
When Washington's was yet an unknown name,
And long before Napoleon shook the world,
Or Nelson soared upon the wings of fame,
Through the long vista of his life we gaze,
O'ercome with visions of those bygone days.

Empires and States have had their rise and fall
Since he appeared upon this stage of time;
But Masonry—his pride—survives them all,
Fixed on foundations heavenly and sublime
Age has not dimmed its lustre, nor effaced
The principles on which its power is based.

Peace to the dead—his pilgrimage is done
And requiems at his sepulchre we sing,
For him the fight is fought, the battle won,
Yet this last tribute to his tomb we bring
That Masonry he long and ably served,
And never from the path of duty swerved.

Then may the Acacia o'er his ashes bloom
His memory still be cherished warm and bright,
Till the last trump shall call him from the tomb,
Again to mingle with the sons of light,
In that divine, celestial lodge above,
Where the world's Architect presides in love.

The following is a recapitulation of the returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1866, as far as heard from:

Lodges working under Warrants	170
" " Dispensation	2
" represented in Grand Lodge, July, 1866	136
" organized	183
" extinct	11
" working	172
Initiations reported	833
Passings	727
Raisings	683
Joinings	266
Resignations	452
Deaths	68
Suspensions for non-payment of dues	218
" " unmasonic conduct	12
Expulsions	3
Restorations	54
Members in good standing	6263

Receipts from Lodges for the fiscal year ending 31st December, 1865, for Fees, Dues, &c. \$6,650 24

Cash balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands on the 30th June, 1866. \$18,225 75

Masonic Asylum Fund, as reported the 30th June, 1866. \$3,785 25

A number of very important notices of motion were given for the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, which will be held at the city of Kingston, on the second Wednesday in July, A. L. 5867,