

R. W. Charles A. Welch was unanimously elected Grand Master and R. W. Charles H. Titus Grand Secretary.

A stated Communication was held at Masonic Temple, Boston, Dec. 27, for the purpose of duly celebrating the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist, and of installing the Grand officers elect, which in Massachusetts is always done on that day.

We are pleased to see from the Report before us that the Installation was surrounded by an air of decorum, propriety and solemnity becoming so important an occasion; and that the ceremonies were not performed in that hurried and slipshod manner sometimes witnessed in other places.

The Golden Urn containing a lock of Washington's hair was then presented to the newly installed Grand Master (a custom observed at every installation since 1801)—with the following charge:

"This sacred relic, which I received from my predecessor in 1874, I now place in your hands, and I charge you to religiously preserve it, and, when your Grand-Mastership terminates, to deliver it to your successor with a charge similar to that with which you now receive it."

The Recording Secretary acknowledges the receipt of the Proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges, Nova Scotia among the number.

There is no committee on Foreign Correspondence, and consequently no review.

The committee on charity present the following gratifying statement of receipts and payments:

"The receipts for the year have been as follows:—

Cash received from the Grand Treasurer.....	\$1,500 00
Cash received to expend on account of Lodges.....	47 50
Balance from old account.....	150 00

Total receipts.....\$1,697 50

"The payments have been as follows:—

Funeral expenses.....	\$ 152 00
Telegrams.....	15 00
Railroad and steamboat fares.....	72 55
Cash paid 208 persons for relief.....	1,457 95

Total expenses.....\$1,697 50