

M. W. Sir and Brethren, however near this subject may be to you,—and it is an important one,—long after Grand and Subordinate Lodges shall have passed out of existence, and the parchment warrants of authority shall have yielded to the influences of time, the principles which Masonry teaches and which we should practice will remain; no matter where or when Masonry had its origin, those principles were recognized in heaven before the morning stars sang together, and after the heavens shall roll away as a scroll, they will meet with Divine approval.

Masonry, virtue, benevolence, truth, justice and morality are from everlasting to everlasting and shall not pass away.

Masonry rests upon the broad foundation of universality laid deep and firm. This universal principle draws us together, no matter whence we hail, and I come to-day as an humble Mason of Vermont, to assure you of its hearty support and unbounded good-will.

For all the honors I have received at your hands I most sincerely thank you."

Letters from the following named Grand Officers and brethren were received and read by the Grand Secretary, offering their several reasons for absence from the present meeting of Grand Lodge, and were all ordered to be placed on file, viz :—From Revd. R. Wor. Bro. Robert Ker, Grand Chaplain; R. Wor. Bro. W. H. O'Regan, Dis. Dep. Grand Master, Shefford and Brome district; M. Wor. Bro. J. H. Graham; Revd. R. Wor. Bro. Jervois Newnham; V. Wor. Bro. Cooper, Grand Steward; Wor. Bro. Baxter, of Highgate, Vermont.

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

Wor. Bro. James Fyfe and V. Wor. Bro. H. E. Channell presented their Credentials as Representatives near this Grand Lodge, the former from New Mexico, the latter from Iowa. They were received with Grand Honors.

The following Grand Lodges were represented by their duly accredited representatives :—

Arkansas	By V.	W.	B. P. M. McTavish.
British Columbia	" R.	"	Bro. Dickson Anderson.
California	" "	"	Edson Fitch.
Colorado	" V.	"	D. Seath.
Delaware	" R.	"	W. B. Smith.
Georgia	" "	"	James Addie,

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