

on Foreign Correspondence, Proceedings from 41 Grand Lodges on this continent for 1871 and 1872, as will appear from the report to be submitted to-day. Of our Masonic Alma Mater, the venerable and beloved Grand Lodge of England, this office has had no tidings whatever, for the last two years. This is a matter of disappointment and regret, as, by her generous recognition of the independence of this united body in 1869, she has justly earned for herself the enduring love and respect of the fraternity in this Province.

Many applications have been received during the past two years from Grand Secretaries and other prominent members of the fraternity abroad, for printed copies of our Proceedings for the years 1866, '67 and '68. To all of these applications I have been compelled to give the unwilling answer that not a copy for the years mentioned could be obtained, and that even the Grand Secretary's office was not in the possession of one.

This destitution still exists, and I now call the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact, in the hope that some brother may be found generous enough to supply the deficiency, by bestowing upon this office any spare copies at his disposal.

I have received from the Grand Secretary of the newly organized Grand Lodge of British Columbia, copies of the Proceedings of the Committee to organize, and first Grand Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of British Columbia, accompanied with a circular of Dec. 27, 1871, asking for recognition by this Grand Lodge.

Also, a circular dated Feb. 1, 1872, from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Utah, with a similar request.

These documents have been placed in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who have doubtless bestowed upon them that attention which the nature of the communications demands.

Agreeably to a resolution passed by Grand Lodge, I have prepared a form of credentials for our representatives at sister Grand Lodges, and have forwarded them to those gentlemen who had not been previously provided with them.

By direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, dispensations have been issued for the establishment of new Lodges as follows:

- Sept. 27, 1871.—To Michael Brown, Samuel Johnstone, and John C. Williams, to open a new Lodge at Lockeport, Shelburne County, to be called "Taylor" Lodge.
- Oct. 26, 1871.—To John L. Peppard, Isaac J. Hingley, and David Flemming Layton, to open a new Lodge at Great Village, Londonderry, Colchester County, to be called "Corinthian" Lodge.