

	Ldg's.	Mbr's.
May, 1868, (first return)....	24	1,312
December, 1868.....	25	1,419
" 1869.....	26	1,593
" 1870.....	26	1,751
" 1871.....	28	1,926
" 1872.....	30	2,080
" 1873.....	30	2,148
" 1874.....	30	2,209
" 1875.....	30	2,246
" 1876.....	33	2,236
" 1877.....	33	2,282
" 1878.....	34	2,317
" 1879.....	34	2,176
" 1880.....	33	2,056
" 1881.....	32	1,960
" 1882.....	32	1,961
" 1883.....	32	1,910
" 1884.....	32	1,923
" 1885.....	32	1,881
" 1886.....	32	1,838
" 1887.....	32	1,833
" 1888.....	32	1,880

It will be seen in the above statement that there has been a falling off in the membership since 1878. During the years of 1886 and 1887 there was a large decrease in the membership, caused chiefly by lodges not wishing to carry over members who had not been punctual in paying their annual dues, thereby making a saving in Grand Lodge dues. The suspensions were much smaller during the past year. One of the lodges, No. 16, through the exertions largely of their late worthy secretary, restored twelve members; and Lodge No. 26 added eighteen new members to its roll.

Among the business brought before Grand Lodge, was a suggestion that it change its time of meeting from April to September. The Board of General Purposes will deliberate on the matter. Past Master George Todd, of Hiram Lodge, Fredericton, was unanimously elected a permanent member of Grand Lodge, with the honorary rank of Past Junior Grand Warden.

Among the officers elected and installed were the following:—

Grand Master—Thomas Walker, M. D., St. John.

Deputy Grand Master—George M. Jarvis, Moncton.

Senior Grand Warden—John D. Short, St. John.

Junior Grand Warden—Alexander Eurchill, Fredericton.

District Deputy Grand Master No. 1—H. G. Hudson Flewwelling, Clifton, King's county.

District Deputy Grand Master No. 3—John Benson, M. D., Chatham, Northumberland county.

District Deputy Grand Master No. 4—George T. Baird, M. P. P., Perth, Victoria county.

District Deputy Grand Master No. 5—George F. Pinder, St. Stephen, Charlotte county.

Grand Chaplain—Rev. A. MacDougall, St. John.

Grand Treasurer—Henry J. Thorne, St. John.

Grand Secretary—Edwin J. Wetmore, Carleton, St. John.

Grand Chapter of A. B.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

First Grand Principal Peters opened the second annual convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, in St. John, on April 24th, with a fair attendance of representatives.

In his address Comp. Peters said:—"Since our last annual communication we have received official recognition from the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of England, welcoming us into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters. From the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia warm words of heartiest congratulations. Month by month the records come from Grand Chapters in the United States with resolutions of approval, greeting and encouragement." After speaking of the deaths Comp. Peters said: "The prosperity of our Chapters, the unanimity of our councils, the absence of any questions calling for constitutional discussion or decision, are subjects for congratulation."