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FOREWORD.

At the meeting called for Jan 31, 1916, R. W. Bro. James H. Winfield presided, and a large number of brethren were present. Owing to the absence of the W.M., S.W., & J.W., who were all out of the city, the meeting was of an informal character. The following papers were read, and in the discussion which followed a number of brethren took part.

THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN NOVA SCOTIA.

(An Outline Sketch).

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It gives me much pleasure to have the privilege of having an informal talk with you tonight on the subject of the early history of Freemasonry in this province; and I trust that you will regard it as I do, viz: as its being merely a base on which may eventually be built, through the collective efforts of the members of this lodge and jurisdiction, a complete and authoritative history of the Craft in Nova Scotia. It is surprising that so little has been published or even written—so far as I know—on this interesting subject, especially when we consider that not only did the Masonry of Canada originate in this province, and work actively under most distinguished social auspices for many years before its establishment in any other portion of the Dominion—but that we have in our possession a singular wealth of early records, minutes, papers and written memoranda available to any aspirant for historic work. Undoubtedly lectures and essays on the subject have been at times read; but the only works which to my knowledge have appeared in print and faced the cold critical eye of the