

NEW CARLISLE, Que., 7th January, 1886.

REV. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER,—

I beg to enclose the present proxy sheet, appointing you as our delegate to represent Good Samaritan Lodge No. 68, A. F. & A. M., at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, to be held at Montreal on the 27th January instant.

I would wish to draw your attention to our isolated position, 82 miles from the nearest railroad, and about 400 to the nearest lodge, viz.: Tuscan, of Point Levis, Quebec. Gaspé Basin is over 100 miles from this place, and parties would join from there, if it were possible for them to get two degrees in one night, and it is very much the wish of this lodge that Grand Lodge would specially grant us that dispensation.

Our lodge now numbers seventeen members, and will grow very slowly; still, I have every reason to believe that it will grow surely.

I remain fraternally yours,

Reverend Sir and Dear Brother,

W. M. SHEPPARD,

Acting-Secretary.

Rev. ROBERT KERR, Quebec, P.Q.

It was moved by M.: W.: P. G. M. J. H. Graham, seconded by W.: Bro. Williams,—

“That the communication from Good Samaritan Lodge, just read, be received, and the Grand Secretary be instructed to acknowledge the receipt thereof, and to convey to the officers of that lodge, as speedily as possible, such information and suggestions, in regard to their application, as the Grand Master to be elected shall in his wisdom direct.”

The motion was carried.

REPORT ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Committee on the State of Masonry made the following report:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Your Committee are convinced that no dissentient voice will be found in Grand Lodge from the patriotic remarks so eloquently made by the M.: W.: Grand Master in alluding to our citizen soldiers during the late trouble in the Dominion, nor to the feeling of thanksgiving that the unwelcome guest who has visited Montreal is now bidding us a farewell.

Your Committee note with sorrow the distinguished names mentioned by the M.: W.: Grand Master as “Not lost but gone before” and are sure that the members of Grand Lodge will endorse the suggestion “that memorial pages be set apart in memory of these brethren.”

Your Committee note with pleasure that dispensations have been issued for the formation of two new lodges in the Ottawa District; that the Grand Treasurer has been appointed to represent this Grand Lodge on the Montreal Board of