## 340 Grand Lodge A. F. and & A. M. of Nova Scotia.

hope and trust that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless our labors and unite us into a firm band of brothers, who in our lives and conversation may exemplify the great principles of our order, Faith, Hope and Charity.

ALEXANDER KEITH,

Grand Master.

This address was most favorably received, and referred to a committee, on whose recommendation it was adopted.

The following officers were duly elected and installed:

М.	W.	Bro.	Hon. Alexander Keith, Grand Master.
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"	"	"	Allen H. Crome, Senior Grand Warden.
"	"	"	Samuel G. Rigby, Junior " ·
"	"	"	A. K. McKinlay, Grand Treasurer.
"	"	**	Benjamin Curran, D.C.L., " Secretary.
"	"	"	Newel Snow, " Lecturer.
"	"	"	Rev. J. C. Richardson.
"	•1	"	" W. T. Wilkins, Grand Chaplains,
"	"	"	Newel Snow, "Lecturer. Rev. J. C. Richardson, "W. T. Wilkins, "C. B. Pitblado, Grand Chaplains.
v.	W.	"	Robert Wylie. Senior Grand Deacon.
"	"	"	John Lawlor, Junior ""
"	"	"	H. B. Sellor, Grand, Supdt. of Works.
"	"	"	Douglas McLeod Grand D. of C.
"	"	"	George Hyde, Grand Sword Bearer.
"	u	"	J. B. Norton, Grand Organist.
"	"	"	Alexander Waddell, Grand Pursuivant.
"	"	"	James Dempster,
"	"	"	N. L. Herbert,
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"	"	"	J. B. Barron, Grand Stewards.
"	и	"	J. A. Fuller,
"	"	"	J. Fortune, P.G.J.W.
"	"	"	John M. Taylor, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge gave a banquet on the evening of the 24th, in the large refreshment room attached to the Grand Lodge room, and there were a large number of brethren present. It was served up in most creditable style by Bro. Edward Davy, and a most pleasant hour was spent. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to; the Most Worshipful Grand Mas'er presiding most pleasantly, as he always does on such occasions. The Grand Lodge resumed labor after the banquet, as the country delegates were anxious to return home as soon as possible. The Grand Master was forced, throu is press of business, to be absent, and R. W. Bro. J. R. Ritchie, Senior Grand Warden, took the throne, and R. W. Bro. W. Taylor presided at the succeeding meetings, as M. W. Bro. Keith was unable to attend again.

Among the reports submitted by the different committees, was one from the committee on foreign correspondence, which, through pressure of business, they were unable to submit until Tuesday's session, when alarge number of the members were absent. In this report they recommended the recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

THE London Freemason says that no less than sixteen Freemason lodges claim date prior to 1717, and to have continued to work in a similar way as they at present do.