

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island,
A. F. & A. M.*

As the appointed and recognized Representative of the Grand Lodges of the Territory of Utah and the State of Maine, I herewith present my Report, and in doing so, wish to fulfill, in part, the duties of that office. I know that the office of Grand Representative is considered by some as a position of honor, rather than one of usefulness, but, in my opinion, it can be worked in such a manner as to be the means of great good in strengthening the ties of brotherly affection, which should ever exist between the respective Grand Lodges.

MAINE, 1880.

This Grand Lodge met in annual communication on the 4th day of May, 1880. The Grand Master in his address refers to the death in July, 1879, of Rev. Bro. Charles A. Curtis, Grand Chaplain, who was accidentally drowned in Moosehead Lake, whither he had gone in hope of regaining his impaired health. He also refers, in appropriate terms, to the decease of Brother Moses Dodge, as follows:—"Brother Dodge occupied a prominent position in the craft for many years. For twenty-five years past he held the responsible office of Treasurer to this Grand Lodge. An eminent physician, kind to the poor, gentle to the suffering, a good husband, a kind father; but he was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief."

One of their Lodge rooms was destroyed by fire, and the charter with all the furniture consumed. The Grand Master caused a copy of their charter to be issued them continuing in force until the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. By the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, a Lodge has to pay for a duplicate Charter (if consumed by fire.) This I think is absurd, as a Lodge cannot be held accountable for the loss of that instrument by conflagration, unless it is stipulated in the agreement with Grand Lodge that the Master must keep the Charter in his personal possession. Again, if a Lodge does not forfeit its warrant and evidence is produced that that instrument has succumbed to the devouring element, why not replace same and say nothing further respecting a charge. I cannot find in any Grand Lodge Constitution, where a Lodge, whose Charter has been suspended, has to pay anything if same is restored, and if the delinquent or refractory Lodge is allowed to go free, why not