

Nebraska, by the Grand Lodge of the Province of Nova Scotia, and by the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Nevada.

The especial gratitude of the Grand Lodge of Quebec is due, and with your sanction, is hereby tendered to these sister Grand Lodges. Some of the reports of these and of other grand bodies in favor of this Grand Lodge, are documents of great research and marked ability. These, together with the addresses of several Grand Masters, and of other eminent brethren, and the articles and editorials of rare learning in many of the leading Masonic periodicals both in Old world and in the New, will become future standings of appeal on nearly every question pertaining to Grand Lodge organization and jurisprudence. All these brethren, will I trust be pleased to accept the hearty fraternal thanks of this Grand Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed the following distinguished Brethren as Grand Lodge, *near* their respective Grand Lodges, and I have no doubt that you will heartily ratify and confirm the same:—R. W. Bro. H. J. Martin, near the G. L. of the District of Columbia; M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummoud, near the G. L. of Maine; R. W. Bro. Wm. Barrett near the G. L. of New Hampshire; M. W. Bro. E. A. Guilbert, near the G. L. of Iowa; R. W. Bro. S. Cadwallader, near the G. L. of Wisconsin; M. W. Bro. P. W. Gray, near the G. L. of Texas; R. W. Bro. Wise, near the G. L. of Nebraska; R. W. Bro. G. T. Smithers, near the G. L. of Nova Scotia.

I have also received official information that the following able brethren have been appointed Grand Representatives *near* this Grand Lodge:—R. W. Bro. W. B. Colby, from the G. L. of the District of Columbia; R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, from the Grand Lodge of Maine; R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, from the G. L. of New Hampshire; R. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, from the G. L. of Texas; and should those or any other Grand Representatives appointed near this Grand Lodge be in attendance and present their credentials, I am sure you will give them a hearty fraternal welcome.

SEVEN ADDITIONAL LODGES WHICH HAVE ADHERED TO THIS GRAND LODGE.

Of the Lodge in this Province which were not represented at the Convention that formed this Grand Body, it is highly gratifying to announce to Grand Lodge, the voluntary adhesion thereto of the seven following worthy and worshipful Lodges, being among the oldest and most flourishing on their respective registries namely:—The Albion Lodge, late No. 17, registry of England, and the Harington Lodge, late No. 49, registry of Canada in the city of Quebec, District of Stadacona; the Hovle Lodge, Lacolle, late No. 60, registry of Canada, and the Chateauguay Lodge, Huntingdon, late No. 208, registry of Canada, in the District of Montreal; the Clarenceville Lodge, Clarenceville, late No. 152 Registry of Canada; the Nelson Lodge, Philipsburg, late No. 8 registry of Canada, and the St. John's Lodge, Mansonville, late No. 175 registry of Canada, in the District of Bedford.

Intimations of the early adhesion of other Lodges have been received by me.

FIVE LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

I have the honor also to inform the Grand Lodge that I have granted dispensations to the five following new Lodges, namely:—The Milton Lodge, Three Rivers, in the District of Stadacona; the Abercorn Lodge, Abercorn, and the Corner Stone Lodge Cowansville, in the District of Bedford; and the Clark Lodge, Ormstown, and the St. Charles Lodge, Point St. Charles, in the District of Montreal.

The petitions for these Lodges were recommended by the nearest Lodges, and by the D. D. G. M.'s of their respective Districts; and knowing the brethren named as officers, to be able men and valiant masons I could not do otherwise than grant their petitions; and I trust that Grand Lodge will be pleased to confirm these dispensations, by granting warrants of constitution.

Communications have also been received, making inquiries antecedent the establishment of other new Lodges in different parts of the Province.

THE THREE ENGLISH AND SCOTCH LODGES IN THIS PROVINCE.

Among the many favors vouchsafed by the Most High to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the fraternal union, and the voluntary adhesion thereto of three English Lodges and one Scotch, has been the cause of great satisfaction, lively gratitude and immense good.

The union with this Grand Body of the three remaining lodges, the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374, R. E., the Elgin, No. 348, R. S., and the St. Lawrence, No. 640, R. E., would be hailed with the greatest rejoicings. We know that these lodges are composed of many excellent men, and good masons, and we earnestly desire their union.