

occasion of the kind on which I shall address you in that capacity ; nevertheless, whatever may be the decrees of an All-wise Providence, in respect to our future, or whatever changes may occur in our present relations with each other, you may rest assured that during the rest of my days, be they few or many, you shall have my warmest sympathy and hearty co-operation in all matters affecting the welfare and prosperity of our beloved and time honored institution.

With fraternal esteem,

I have the honor to be,

Sincerely yours,

A. KEITH,

Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE, Halifax, N.S., 5th June, 1872.

On motion the address of the Grand Master was referred to a Committee consisting of R. W. Bro. William Taylor, R. W. Bro. A. C. Page, and R. W. Bro. John D. Nash.

The R. W. Grand Secretary then submitted the following

REPORT :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,—

I have the honor to submit the following report of my proceedings as Grand Secretary for the past year.

As directed by resolution of Grand Lodge, I procured from Scotland, immediately after the last Annual Communication, one thousand diplomas, amended as far as possible without materially altering the plate.

Five hundred copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the year ending June, 1871, have been printed under my direction and distributed as follows :

- 1 copy to each Grand Lodge Officer.
- 1 copy to each Past Grand Warden.
- 3 copies, each, to subordinate Lodges.
- 1 copy, each, to Representatives at other Grand Lodges.
- 2 copies, each, to sister Grand Lodges in America and Europe.

A number of copies have also been supplied to other members of our jurisdiction who are anxious to become acquainted with the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and many to applicants from abroad, who are endeavoring to complete their sets of Grand Lodge proceedings.

I have received during the year, and forwarded to the Committee