

From 1869 to 1889, no retiring W. M. was presented with a Jewel. In 1890, the Lodge honored W. Bro. E. T. Mahon, and the Jewel was never more worthily bestowed.

In more recent years no more than a half dozen P. M.'s Jewels have been bestowed, the Lodge being very conservative in such matters.

Lodge Charity. While the Lodge has been ever ready to relieve the needy during the past half century, it must be said that few calls have been made upon it. Lodge Charity and generosity has taken other forms, though in some years a fair amount was spent directly. A vote to the St. John, N. B. Fire Fund is noted in 1877.

The purchase of a lot in Camphill cemetery is recorded in June 1873. In 1879, the donation of \$5.00 by W. Bro. Fred T. Thomas of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 5 Quebec, for a cemetery monument led the Lodge to provide for the erection of a fine granite column, the work of Bro. Geo. A. Sanford in 1880. The late Bro. Herbert Harris planted the eight trees on the lot in July 1887, and the Lodge has always since given the lot and graves there constant care and attention.

In 1888, we notice the origin of the movement in this province for a Home for aged and unfortunate Brethren. The late W. Bro. Abner Hart, delivered an address before the Lodge on Jan. 3, on the subject of Masonic Charity and the W. M. Bro. E. T. Mahon suggested that the Craft should erect such a Home. Bro. Hart was named as a representative to visit other Lodges and secure their cooperation. Two months later a meeting of these representatives was held, and a scheme of Benevolence worked out. W. Bros. Wm. Crowe, Thos. Trenaman and E. T. Mahon representing the Lodge were appointed a Committee to promote the proposal, and although a Home was not then established, Grand Lodge was induced to start a fund for the purpose. Later in 1906 the Lodge entered heartily into the plans for the Masonic Fair held by the City Lodges, through whose efforts some \$17000 was raised which made possible the purchase of the property at Windsor and the opening of the Home in 1909, the first and only one of its kind today in Canada. The Lodge however, it must be admitted has not yet done its fair share of raising the money asked for, for the endowment of the Home, though at the moment it has a larger sum to its credit, from a larger number of Brethren,