

PREFATORY NOTE.

Every effort has been made to make this history of St. Andrew's Lodge a complete record of the Lodge's development, since its original establishment. The minute books of the Lodge previous to 1802, are not now in possession of the Lodge, and this has rendered the task of compilation very much more difficult. Access to the minute books and old records of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia, England and Massachusetts, other Local Lodges, various histories and biographies, Masonic and otherwise, newspapers and many other sources of information has been necessary.

In writing the story we have had two objects; first, to record the history of this ancient Lodge; secondly to provide a brief which placed in the hands of our members might enable them to defend the claims made on behalf of old St. Andrew's. We realize that in both respects we have partially failed. Professional duties, military service and the demands upon our time as an officer of the Lodge have all interfered with the work, which has taken more than five years of research and study. Knowing its defects and deficiencies, we close the record, confident that at least the Lodge's members will overlook its imperfections. What is written, is written.—R. V. H.