

GRAND LODGE

A. F. AND A. M.

Assembled in Annual Session in St. John Yesterday.

The Address of Grand Master Truman and the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE, A. F. AND A. M. The Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick met in annual session Tuesday at Free Masons' hall.

The grand officers entered in procession, and the Most Worshipful Arthur I. Truman, Grand Master, having assumed his seat on the throne, opened Grand Lodge in ample form. The Rev. Mr. Sampson led in prayer, and the brethren recited together the twenty-fourth psalm.

The Deputy Grand Master, Dugald C. Frith, of Campbellton, stated that the credential committee was composed of Thomas Finlay, David Dearness and LeBaron Wilson, and this committee had announced a constitutional number in attendance.

Other preliminaries having been disposed of, the Grand Master delivered his annual address, which occupied quite an hour in its reading, was quite an interesting document and was loudly applauded.

THE GRAND MASTER Began his address by welcoming the members to the thirty-fifth annual communication of Grand Lodge; and in a few terse sentences he bore testimony to the value and the excellence of the Masonic institution. He had accepted last year cheerfully and gratefully the duties and responsibility of Grand Master. It was for them to determine as to the manner in which the duties had been discharged. Harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and nothing had occurred during the year to impair in the slightest degree the perfect accord which should ever exist among Masons. The statistics to be submitted would show that there had been a steady ripening. As the tower grows, blooms and scatters its fragrance, so the Order, founded on its noble morality and the happiness of mankind, grows and ripens in the widening influence. But while there is much to rejoice over, there are regrets for familiar greetings which we shall hear no more and for handshakes which we can no longer exchange, with those who have long since passed to the immortal realm. Among the departed whom the Grand Master mentioned as belonging to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Moses were Silas C. Charters and John F. Teed of Sussex Lodge, Dorchester; Dr. Joseph H. Morrison of Saint John's Lodge, St. John; H. Lawrence, Burdick of the Union Lodge of Portland; Elisha H. Robinson of Albert Lodge, Albert; W. C. Robertson of Albion Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, James McCowan of Sussex Lodge, St. Stephen, for fifty years a member of the same lodge; P. D. G. M., of all of whom kindly and appropriate words were spoken. He also referred to many eminent Masons who had died in other jurisdictions, the Canadians being R. B. Hunnerford, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario; Archdeacon James D. O'Meara, P. G. M. of the G. L. of Manitoba, and Lieut. Col. J. Holder, Grand Master of the G. Sec. of the G. L. of Quebec. Reference was also made to the death of the late president of the United States, a member of the Fraternity, to whose public and private life the Grand Master made eloquent reference. At the instance of the Grand Master, Daniel Horcan, K. C., of Lebanon Lodge, Sacville, had been appointed to represent the Grand Lodge of Western Australia in this province; W. Alder Truman of Albert Lodge, Albert, that of Costa Rica; Heald S. Bridges of St. John's Lodge, St. John, that of Oklahoma, and Hon. James Gordon Forbes of St. John's Lodge to represent the G. L. of Scotland; Fred St. John of Hiram Lodge, Fredericton; Einar of Norway, and Edward G. Evans of Conthian Lodge, Hampton, that of Sweden. Commissions had issued to Henry C. Yawn to represent the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in the State of Mississippi; to James Gunn of Glasgow, as representative in Scotland; Robert F. Thoroughgood of Chicago, as representative in Illinois; Dr. Francis I. Rucavado as representative in Costa Rica, and to Matthias Godson of Brooklyn as representative in New York. The Grand Master detailed a number of his official decisions and acts. He had decided that the constitution required the initiation fee must be paid on admission and not by instalment as decrees are taken; that it was not wise for private lodges to seek incorporation; and that if not obligatory it was at least advisable to transact business on the third degree. The new lodge at Petticoack had been warranted with the name of Steven Lodge, and the Grand Master described its constitution, and predicted for its very successful career. Grand Master Truman also interestingly detailed the large number of visitations which he had made during the year, and told how far as the northern boundary of the province was taken in all directions. In the midst of proceedings in this jurisdiction, he said graciously: "The most pleasant privilege of the Grand Master is the visitation of lodges. I will never bear in sweet remembrance the warm and kindly greetings and the unbounded hospitality which have been extended to myself and the Grand Officers who accompanied me on my official visits. Although I have been unable to meet with all the lodges, I have endeavored to do what I could in the direction. In the midst of professional duties the visitation of all the lodges in this jurisdiction cannot be undertaken in one year. But every lodge in this province can easily be visited by the Grand Master within two years. Apart from the great pleasure the Grand Officers, these visitations

are fully appreciated by and unmeasurably profitable to those visited. In noting his visit to St. Martins Lodge, St. Martins, the Grand Master, inter alia, spoke of the pleasure he derived from meeting Andrew Skilton, Past Master, who for over sixty years has regularly attended to his Masonic duties, and who can proudly point to his five sons, all of whom are active members of his lodge. He spoke in a highly complimentary way of the celebration in April last of the centennial anniversary of St. John's Lodge, and congratulated Dr. E. A. Preston, and the officers of the lodge, inasmuch as in which the proceedings were carried out. The Grand Master explained why he had not appointed a lecturer as empowered to do at the last annual meeting, but asked that the unexpended portion of the grant of last year be renewed as well as a similar grant for the current year for the purpose of carrying out the idea. In submitting the reports of the district deputies, he said that some of these officers had done excellent work, although he had not come up to his anticipations; and he sharply criticized practices which prevailed in a few places in regard to "papers not warranted by ancient customs." There was courteous appreciation of the services rendered by J. Twining Hartt, the Grand Secretary, and there were pleasant references to P. Masters Walker, Forbes and other who had assisted the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties. The address concluded as follows: "Assembled as we are, it is, I think, most fitting that we should review the two greatest occurrences during the past year affecting the Empire to which we belong. "As British subjects we rejoice in the termination of the war between Africa by an honorable peace, vindicating our arms, establishing the unity of our Empire, sustaining its world-wide policy, and restoring to Africa the question of the controlling power from Zambesi to the Cape. The war has brought under our flag a great and wealthy territory and joined to us as fellow subjects a race of devoted and brave men who will not be losers in their defeat. Their liberties will be increased, and their property and civil and religious rights forever secured. The protecting arms of British institutions. "The 8th of August witnessed at Westminster Abbey the greatest occasion in the history of our nation. The ceremonies were solemn and their intended grandeur by the postponement caused by the illness of our King and Emperor. But that very delay afforded opportunity for such an expression of sympathy and affection for our monarch as must go far to convince all nations that Edward VII. unites the hearts of his subjects as his revered mother did before him. To us as Masons the crowning of Britain's King was noted with special feelings. On ascending the throne he assumed the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, which for many years he had filled with such eminent distinction, and accepted the position of Patron, No. 1, of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He succeeded in his high office by the Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who has rendered distinguished services. "To the officers and brethren of Grand Lodge I desire to express my gratitude for their loyal support. I have fallen short of what I would have liked to accomplish, but my every desire has been to do what was best for the welfare and dignity of the craft."

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following officers were elected: A. I. Truman, St. John, M. W. G. M. James Vroom, St. Stephen, D. G. M. Robt. Murray, Chatham, S. G. W. Wm. Smith, St. John, J. G. W. Rev. A. W. Smithers, Albert Co. G. Chap. A. E. J. Everett, St. John, G. Treasurer. R. Clerk, St. John, G. Tyler.

Tuesday afternoon the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick concluded its annual session. The organization of Grand Lodge for the ensuing year is as follows: A. I. Truman, Grand Master; James Vroom, Deputy Grand Master; St. Stephen.

R. Murray, Senior Grand Warden, Chatham; Wm. Smith, Junior Grand Warden, St. John; Rev. A. H. Smithers, Grand Chaplain, Albert; E. J. Everett, Grand Treasurer, St. John.

J. Twining Hartt, Grand Secretary, St. John; D. G. Ferguson, Senior Grand Deacon, Dalhousie; LeBaron Wilson, Junior Grand Deacon, St. John.

Dr. Henry S. Bridges, Grand Director of Ceremonies, St. John; Dr. Frank A. Godsoe, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, St. John; Demore W. Ross, Grand Sword Bearer; W. Alder Truman, Grand Standard Bearer, Albert.

William A. Ewing, Grand Organist, St. John; Wm. J. Cornfield, Grand Pursuivant, Carleton; William E. Raymond, Grand Steward, St. John.

Dr. H. A. March, Grand Steward, Hampton; Joseph Small, Grand Steward, Fredericton; Joseph Webster, Grand Steward, Petticoack; John Montgomery, Grand Steward, Campbellton.

Robert Morrison, Grand Steward, Hillaboro; C. Allison Peck, Grand Steward, Hillaboro; Austin Dunphy, Grand Steward, St. John's; Robert Clerk, Grand Tyler, St. John.

R. W. George S. Dodge, District Deputy Grand Master, No. 1; R. W. John W. Carter, District Deputy Grand Master, No. 2; W. William D. Carter, District Deputy Grand Master, No. 3.

W. Emerson L. Hagerman, District Deputy Grand Master, No. 4; Board of General Purposes, Ed. Frith; Arthur I. Truman, Grand Officer; His Honor Judge Wedderburn; Hon. John V. Ellis, Robert Marshall, Porter, Dugald C. Frith, A. R. Campbell.

Ritual Committee—John V. Ellis, Thomas Walker, M. D., John A. Watson, Alexander Burchill, George Cogswell, Benjamin S. Black, George S. Dodge, James Vroom, J. Twining Hartt, Arthur W. Sharp, Thomas Finlay, Matthew E. Edwards, A. Fred St. John.

Committee of Relations with Foreign Grand Bodies—John V. Ellis, Alexander R. Campbell, Judge Forbes. Committee on Warrants to New Lodges—Thomas Walker, M. D., Thomas A. Godsoe, Julius T. Whitlock, Library Committee—J. Twining Hartt, Wm. A. Ewing, Alfred A. Dodge.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick met in annual session at Freemasons' Hall yesterday morning and was opened in ample form by the Rev. Alexander Burchill of Fredericton, G. H. P.

In the course of his annual address, Mr. Burchill referred, among other things, to members who had died during the year both in this and in other jurisdictions, and fraternal sympathy extended to their families. The G. H. P. announced that Dr. Thos. Walker had been appointed representative here of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, Wm. A. Dougherty, that of New Jersey, LeBaron Wilson that of Kentucky, and W. A. D. Steven of Dorchester, that of Montana. Representatives to their jurisdiction, the Grand Chapter of Ireland and that of New Jersey. He suggested the examination of candidates seeking advancement to their jurisdiction in degrees already taken, and gave much advice as to the interior government and practices of subordinates. He advised that revision of the ritual, which had been in hand some time, should be finished, and concluded with an expression of courteous recognition of the services rendered by the Grand Officers who assisted him in his work.

A pleasant incident of the morning proceedings was the presentation of a set of official jewels for the use of Grand Chapter by Edwin J. Everett, the Grand Treasurer, for which a hearty vote of thanks was passed.

In a witty speech J. T. Whitlock moved a vote of thanks, and W. G. Vroom seconded it, to E. J. Everett for his handsome present, and the jewels given by him were adopted as the official jewels of Grand Chapter. Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers, and G. H. P. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were unanimously elected.

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G. C. of H.—James Vroom of St. Stephen; G. R. A. C.—E. A. Preston, M. D., St. John; G. Organist—Fred Sandall, St. John; G. Pursuivant—L. L. Morrison, Fredericton; Grand Tyler—G. Gordon Boyne, St. John.

WANTED—A case of Headache that KUMFORY Powders will not cure in from ten to twenty minutes.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

(To Correspondents—Write on one side of the paper only. Send your name, not necessarily for publication, with full communication. The Sun does not undertake to return selected manuscripts. All unassigned communications will be promptly returned to the waste basket.)

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A St. John man who formed one of a party that went in a special car with G. W. Brill over the Halifax and Yarmouth railway, from Yarmouth to Barrington, is enthusiastic over the beauties of that route. The line is completed to Barrington, but owing to some dispute about the subsidy the trains, two each day, only run over the thirty miles from Yarmouth to Barrington. An engine carries the mails on to Barrington.

Mr. Brill, who is the chief owner of the road, and who is a millionaire contractor in Philadelphia, took a party of friends over the whole line recently, and the St. John man was one of them. The line runs