

subject in every possible light, it is in my opinion the proper place to meet, being the capital of the Province and occupying the most central position, thereby dealing alike to Lodges in the east and west. True, a majority of the Lodges are at present situated west of Charlotte-town, but I trust the time is not far distant when our brethren in the eastern section of the province will be sufficiently strong to plant more lodges there.

I regret not having arranged before leaving for England last winter, for the visiting of the different lodges by Officers of the Grand Lodge. I have great confidence in these visitations and believe they are absolutely necessary for the well-being and prosperity of our Lodges. Masonry is I hope progressing fairly well with us, still I fear the officers of some of our Lodges require an awakening to a stronger sense of their duty in many of the minor matters.

During the past year, special dispensations have been issued for the following purposes: Two to confer degrees within the time specified in the constitution; one to instal a Master for the third time; and one to King Hiram Lodge, No. 3, to pay the last tribute of respect to our late Brother, P. M. STEPHEN McNEILL, who died at Summerside, on the 13th March last.

Brother McNeill was initiated in King Hiram Lodge, on the seventh day of March, 1859, passed 4th April, 1859, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on the 5th December, 1859. He served his lodge well and faithfully, having filled several offices with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. He was elected Master for the first time in December, 1873, and after a lapse of five years was again called upon by his brethren to preside, retiring from the East on the 27th December,

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