

NOVA SCOTIA.

The regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held in the Masonic Temple, Hollis Street, on Friday evening the 13th December, at 8 o'clock, when nearly every subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction was represented. A large amount of important business was transacted, and it is gratifying to learn that the affairs of the Grand Lodge are in a most flourishing condition.

W. H. Davies, Esq. M. D., the Grand Master, informed the Lodge that owing to ill health, he contemplated leaving the Province, and was about to proceed to California, where the climate, he hoped, would agree better with his constitution.

This announcement, although not unexpected, caused deep and universal regret. The brethren of the various Lodges in the Province determined to testify their esteem for his character, and gratitude for his services to the craft, and accordingly presented him with an address, accompanied by a handsome piece of plate, previous to his departure.

The address, which was couched in the most friendly terms, was signed by the Worshipful Masters of a number of the Lodges, and was appropriately and feelingly replied to by the Grand Master. The cup was manufactured in Providence, R. I., under the superintendence of, and from a design by, Brother E. L. Spike, Grand Jeweler of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and reflects credit both on the taste of Brother Spike and the skill of the manufacturers. It stands some twenty-one inches high, is of pure silver, and costs about \$500 in gold.

The design is highly appropriate, the stand being composed of a globe covered with emblems of the different degrees of Masonry, surmounted by the figure of a woman representing Charity, which supports the vase on the top. On the cover were figures representing other emblems of the craft, known only to the initiated. It bore the following inscription:—

PRESENTED TO  
WILLIAM H. DAVIES, ESQ., M. D.,  
BY THE FREEMASONS OF NOVA SCOTIA,  
AS A TOKEN OF THEIR RESPECT AND ESTEEM TOWARDS HIM, AS THE FIRST  
AND ONLY  
GRAND MASTER OF THE JURISDICTION.  
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.  
December 13th, A. L. 5867, A. P. 1867.

The address was a masterpiece of penmanship by Brother B. F. Staples.

The District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, working under English jurisdiction, assembled at HIGH TWELVE on St. John's Day, when the Right Wor. Hon. Alexander Keith installed the following Grand Lodge officers for the ensuing year with the ceremonies usual on such occasions:—

R W James Forman, D D G M; R W Hon R A McHefsey, S G. W., R W George M Johnston, J G W; V W Rev David C Moore, G Chaplain, V W John Woodill, G Treas., V W Henry C D Twining, G Sec., W James Gossip, S G D, W Thomas R Fraser, J G D; W William Hillier, G D of C. W David Stirling, G S of W; W Robert R Morris, G O; W James Kilby, G Sword B; W James McIntosh, G Standard B; W Thomas Woods, G P; W John M Taylor, G T, Thomas Allan, Cornelius Godfrey, William Dakin, Isaac Payne, Edward Shears, John R Thomas, G Stewards, P M Allan H Crowe, P M Henry C D Twining, P M William A Hesson, P M Thomas Micklewright, P M George Gordon, P M Charles R Morris, Committee of Charity.

Among the number of visiting brethren, which was large, were the Commander and several

officers of the French Monitor *Onondago*, at the time lying in Halifax harbor, and also a number of the officers of H. M.S. *Cadmus*.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

An assembly of the Godfrey De Bouillon Encampment and Priory of the Royal, Exalted, Religious and Military Order of Masonic Knights Templar, Malta, &c., &c., under England and Wales, was held at Head-quarters, on Friday evening, the 20th inst. After the usual routine business had been disposed of the following Fratres were installed and invested as officers for the ensuing year:—

V.E. †	Fratre Sir Kt.	Thos Bird Harris, Eminent Commander.
E. †	" "	John W. Murton, Past Eminent Commander.
†	" "	Alex. Mitchell, Prelate.
†	" "	M. F. Shaler, 1st Captain C. C.
†	" "	William Edgar, 2nd Captain C. C.
E. †	" "	John Murton, Treasurer.
†	" "	F. C Bruce, Registrar.
†	" "	Hugh A. McKay, Expert,
†	" "	H. Robertson, 1st Standard Bearer.
†	" "	Augustus T. Houel, 2nd Standard Bearer.
†	" "	Thos. White, Captain of Lines.
†	" "	Jos. C. Brown, 1st Herald.
†	" "	Jas. McKay, 2nd Herald.
†	" "	W. W. Summers, Equerry.

LODGE CONSECRATION.

The interesting and imposing ceremony of consecrating the "Ascot Lodge," No. 188, C. R., A. F. and A. M., took place on Monday evening, Dec. 9th, at Lennoxville, P. Q., by R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada. After the consecration had taken place according to antient usages, the officers for the ensuing year were formally installed and invested in due and ancient form by the Right Worshipful Brother, ably assisted by R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, District Deputy Grand Master, Eastern Townships District; R. W. Bro. A. Murray, Grand Registrar, and other distinguished members of the Order.

The following is a list of the officers elected:—  
R W Bro. I H Stearns, G S W, W M; Bros. Jas. Addie, S W; J B Hyndman, J W, Otis T Stanley, Treas., Francis Bennet, Sec., Rev. CP Mallory, Chap.; Thos. Bolton Harrs, S D; D T Robertson, M D, J D, Jas. Churchill, I G; John Wilson, D of C; Chas. P Mallory and Talbot G Stuart, Stewards; J W Leslie, Tyler.

The business of the meeting being ended, the brethren adjourned to Bro. Stephen Clark's Hotel, where an excellent supper awaited them. The whole affair was most successful in every respect, and reflected great credit on all parties concerned. During the entertainment several brethren added to the pleasure of the occasion by singing. A few short speeches were given by the leading members of the Order present, and at a late hour the brethren were forced to separate after spending a most enjoyable evening. We have much pleasure in stating that the "Ascot Lodge" is in a prosperous condition and bids fair to become one of the most flourishing Lodges in the Province. We noticed among the visiting Bros. present R. W. Bro. Borlase; V. W. Bro. Foss; W. Bro. Thomas; W. Bros. Holywell and Stanley, of Victoria Lodge; W. Bro. Geo. Wood, Ashler Lodge; Bros. McKenzie, St. George's Lodge, and Leet, of St. Francis Lodge.