

ren in Halifax, and numbered it 65; although probably it was the first document of the kind he ever issued—full particulars of which and copy of this warrant may be found in the work aforesaid; and he also, and at the same time, granted the same brethren, or some of them and some other Halifax brethren, a Lodge warrant, which he numbered 66; full particulars and copy of which also may be found in the same place. But although these warrants duly arrived in Halifax in that year, (1757, old style,) there is no evidence that either body was organized at that time or subsequently, and not until ten years afterward was a Lodge constituted under an Ancients' warrant in Halifax, when St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 155, and which celebrated its Centennial in 1867, was constituted under a warrant, having Lawrence Dermott's signature thereon, and which warrant is given to a great extent in *fac simile* in the book mentioned. A few years afterward St. John's Lodge, No. 211, was also organized under similar authority. Both of these Lodges have, under other numbers taken after 1813, and under yet other, their latest and last numbers taken when the present Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was constituted in 1868, for nearly all the intervening years enjoyed a thriving existence.

I would advise any person desirous of learning the real history of Freemasonry in British America, to purchase a copy of this really valuable book, (I mean valuable to Freemasons), as I have, and read it. As we are informed by its writer, this history of Freemasonry in British America was written in Halifax in 1872, by one who had access to all the archives of the Fraternity there, and also at Annapolis Royal, the seat of the first Lodge, and handed and copied and described very minutely those very old parchment warrants mentioned as being made in 1757; and I can assure your readers there is nothing fanciful whatever about this history, but, while to a Freemason it is very interesting reading, it is as sober and unimaginative as can possibly be desired.

ANCIENT YORK MASON.

May 21st, 1880.

We had the pleasure, in company with several prominent members of the craft, of meeting M. W. Bro. Hon. Robert Marshall, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, in Toronto on the 3rd inst., on his way home from the transaction of private business in New York. The M. W. Brother was looking well, and was much pleased with his trip.

It is our painful duty to announce the demise of W. Bro. George William Lambert, W. M. of Ontario Lodge, No. 26, G. R. C., Port Hope. The event was not unlooked-for; in fact, it had for days previous been hourly expected. His medical attendants were some time previous convinced that their art was powerless to save him, and though he repeatedly rallied sufficiently to encourage the hope among friends who did not know the nature of the malady that he might recover, he was himself fully convinced that such hopes were delusive. Shortly before nine o'clock on the night of the 27th of May, he passed peacefully and painlessly to eternal rest. It is a pleasure to review so good and useful a life as that whose close we are recording. Deceased, who was only 31 years old, goes down to his grave amid the regrets of the community, who held him in the highest regard for his integrity, his generosity, his perseverance, and the lively interest he always took in public movements.

An interesting presentation to R. W. Bro. G. M. Wilkinson took place on the evening of the 21st of May at Kingston. For the past nine years Bro. Wilkinson has acted as President of the Kingston Masonic Benefit Association, and has done his work well. For some time he also acted as Secretary. The Directors, to mark their appreciation of his services, and also to testify their regard for him, resolved to present him with a substantial token of their esteem. The presentation was made at the office of the present Secretary, Bro. G. W. Andrews, and took the form of a silver-mounted ice picher and silver tilter and goblets, suitably inscribed, which were procured at Gage Bros.' establishment. The presentation was made by R. W. Bro. R. Hendry, Jr., on behalf of his brother directors in an appropriate address. Brother Wilkinson replied in a very feeling manner, thanking his brethren for their kindly acknowledgment of his services. He promised to work faithfully for the interests of the Association. The brethren present were W. Bro. G. Durnford, of St. John's Lodge; R. W. Bro. Hendry, Catarqui Lodge; and Bros. R. W. Barker, J. Shannon, G. W. Andrews, L. Clements, and E. Rose. After the presentation, Bro. Wilkinson entertained the brethren at his residence, where a couple of hours were pleasantly spent. The following is the inscription:—

To
R. W. Bro. G. W. WILKINSON,
President
Kingston Masonic Benefit Association,
For special services rendered,
Kingston, Ontario,
21st May, A. L., 5880.