

The Board beg to report that this proceeding of Great Western Lodge was irregular; but the irregularity was due to a misapprehension on the part of the Lodge, their action being prompted by good motives, and influenced by an unauthorized letter from the Secretary of Strict Observance Lodge, bearing the seal of the Lodge.

Under the circumstances, they recommend that Bro. Stonier be considered an unaffiliated Mason, and that Great Western Lodge be permitted, if it so desire, to admit him as a member in the usual way, and confer upon him the other degrees previously thereto.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

A. A. STEVENSON,  
*President B. of G. P.*

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Board beg to report the following memorial from the recently established Grand Lodge in and for the Province of New Brunswick.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada:*

The Memorial of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick, SHEWETH:—

“That at a convention of duly Warranted Lodges, held at the city of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, in British North America, in the month of October last, the Grand Lodge in and for the Province of New Brunswick was, by the unanimous action of sixteen Lodges, erected upon the Ancient Charges and Constitutions of Freemasonry:—

“That the circumstances which prompted this action are set forth in the published proceedings of convention, and of the First Communication of this Grand Lodge, transmitted for your information.”

“That this Grand Lodge hath been duly erected by the united action of a large majority of the Lodges established in the Province, and embracing the different jurisdictions heretofore represented in New Brunswick.”

“That this Grand Lodge, so legally erected, according to the ancient constitutions of the craft, claims, and has sole and exclusive masonic jurisdiction over ancient craft masonry within this Province of New Brunswick.”

“This Grand Lodge, therefore, desires that fraternal communication may be established between your Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.”

“This memorial, by resolution of the Grand Lodge, is issued under the hand of the M. W. Grand Master and the Seal of Grand Lodge, this sixth day of April, A. D. 1868, A. L. 5868.”

B. LESTER PETERS,  
*Grand Master for New Brunswick.*

W. F. BUNTING,  
*Grand Secretary.*

The foregoing having received the careful consideration of the Board, it has much pleasure in recommending that this Grand Lodge cordially recognize the establishment of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and cheerfully extends to it the right hand of fellowship, as a sister Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. A. STEVENSON,  
*Pres. B. G. P.*

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The scrutineers reported that the following brethren had received the highest number of votes as members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz: M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, Kingston; M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, Ottawa; V. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, Preston; V. W. Bro. James Bain, Toronto; R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, Lennoxville.

INSTALLATION OF M. W. GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master Mason elect, of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was then presented for installation by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M., and was duly installed and invested by the retiring G. M., M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, who placed him in the Grand East. M. W. Bro. Stevenson was then proclaimed three times, and saluted with full Masonic honors.

M. W. Bro. WILSON, in retiring from the oriental chair, expressed the gratitude he felt for the repeated honors and the many acts of kindness which he had received from his masonic brethren of Grand Lodge. Although retiring from the more active duties of Freemasonry, he should always be pleased to place whatever experience he had acquired at the command of his successor, or of other brethren who might stand in need of it, when called upon to do so. He congratulated, in a few well-chosen words, M. W. Bro. Stevenson upon his elevation to the position of honor which he now so worthily filled.

ASYLUM TRUST.

Moved by R. W. Bro. KIVAS TULLY, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. DEGRASSI, That V. W. Bro. Jas. Bain be appointed to fill the vacancy, caused by the lamented death of the R. W. the Hon. Robert Spence, in the Masonic Trust.—*Adopted.*

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at half-past one o'clock, p. m., to meet at three.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

BARTON LODGE.

On motion for the adoption of the report of the Board of General Purposes on constitutions and regulations,

M. W. Bro. BERNARD moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. GRAHAM, in amendment, That so much of the report as refers to the application of Barton Lodge, No. 6, to be permitted to wear gold jewels and lace instead of silver, be amended by striking out the word “cannot,” thus granting the prayer of the petitioners.

This amendment, after some discussion, was carried, and the report, as so amended, adopted.

THE ASYLUM TRUST.

On motion for the adoption of the report of the Board on the Masonic Asylum Trust,

M. W. Bro. BERNARD moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. WESTLAKE, in amendment, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the Asylum Trust should be abolished, and that the Board of General Purposes be directed to consider and report upon the proper disposition to be made of such portion of the Asylum Fund as has been contributed by