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GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, at Mason Hall, in the town of Truro, on Friday the 11th day of September, 1868, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following Grand Officers and Members present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

A. C. PAGE, M. D.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
GEO. T. SMITHERS...	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
CHAS. J. MACDONALD...	R. W. Grand Secretary.
W. S. MACDONALD.....	R. W. Grand Clerk.
NEWELL SNOW.....	R. W. Grand Lecturer.
C. C. NICHOLS.....	V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.
A. R. PAYNE.....	V. W. Grand Junior Deacon.
J. A. STUART.....	V. W. Grand Architect.
JAMES FORTUNE.....	V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
RALPH PATRICK...	V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
G. J. FLUCK.....	V. W. Grand Marshall.
J. E. M. TAYLOR.....	V. W. Grand Tyler.
JAMES MACCOUSH	}
S. D. MACDONALD,	
I. J. WYLDE,	
GEO. CAMPBELL,	
DANIEL STEWART,	
	Grand Stewards.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was opened in form by the Acting Grand Master, with the assistance of the Officers and Members present.

Bro. J. K. Munnis, from Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge, and in attendance:

- BURNS No. 1.....David Pottinger, W. M.
A. Waddell, S. W.
A. Waddell, Proxy for J. W.
- ATHOLE No. 2.....W. S. Macdonald, W. M.
J. Cahill, S. W.
D. McDOUGALL, J. W.
- KEITH No. 3.....Jas. K. Munnis, W. M.
Robt. Duncan, J. W.
D. Macdonald, Proxy for S. W.
- CONCORD No. 8.....C. J. Macdonald, Proxy.
- QUEENS No. 10.....N. Snow, W. M.
J. A. Stewart, S. W.
Alex. Fisher, J. W.
- ST. MARKS No. 11...Geo. T. Smithers, W. M.
T. A. Cossmann, S. W.
J. R. Glendenning, J. W.
- ACACIA No. 14.....James King, Proxy for 3.
- ELDORADO No. 16...W. S. Macdonald, Proxy for 3.
- TRURO, No. 15.....A. C. Page, W. M.
L. J. Crow, S. W.
William Blair, J. W.
- SOLOMON No. 19...Edwin Kent, J. W.

PAST MASTERS.

JAMES KING, GEORGE T. SMITHERS,
H. McCALLUM.

On motion of Bro. T. A. Cossmann, seconded by Geo. T. Smithers, it was

Resolved, that all Master Masons in good standing be invited to attend this communication of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. Taylor having given notice at the last Quarterly Communication that he would move for alteration of Constitution in Chap. 1 Section 4.

The same was now taken up, when, on motion of Bro. N. Snow, seconded by D. McDougall, it was

Resolved, that the same be referred to Committee on Constitution to report upon at next regular Communication.

Bro. King having given notice of alteration of Constitution in Chapter 10 Section 2, asked permission to withdraw the same, which was granted, when Bro. King gave notice that at next Communication of Grand Lodge, he would move for the following alteration in Chapter 10 Section 2. That the same be made to read as follows:

Every Lodge shall annually, at its regular meeting in May or November, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary, and Treasurer by ballot, the remainder by open vote. The ballot shall be taken in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge, said officers to remain on the books for one month, to be approved at the next regular meeting, and they shall be duly installed, according to ancient usage, at any time the Lodge may deem necessary thereafter.

And also that Section 4 of Chapter 14 to have added thereto, the other two degrees not to be conferred in less than fourteen days apart, agreeable to Sec. 9 Chap. 10.

Bro. Payne now introduced the following Resolution, notice of the same having been given at last Communication.

Whereas, a considerable period has elapsed since the formation of the "Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia," during which every effort has been made, consistent with a due regard to the dignity and authority of this Grand Lodge as the supreme ruling power, to unite under one jurisdiction all the Masonic Lodges in Nova Scotia;

And whereas, up to the present time, no proposition for that purpose has been received by the Grand Lodge, except such as, for reasons previously stated, could not be entertained;

Therefore, resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia do now exercise fully the inherent right which it possesses, and notify all Lodges working under warrants from any other authority to surrender the same to the several powers by whom they have been granted, within twelve months from this date, and further informing them that from and after that date all Lodges working under authority other than that of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, will be declared clandestine and illegal, and published as such in the usual masonic manner.

After considerable discussion, said Resolution was made to read: "before the 24th day of June next," instead of "twelve months," which, upon

being put to the vote, was unanimously agreed to.

Bro. W. S. Macdonald, from the Committee on Charters, reported favorable on the following petitions:

From a number of Brethren at Hantsport, formerly working under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of England, for a Charter, under the name of Poyntz Lodge.

From a number of Brethren at River Philip, for a Charter, under the name of Widows Son Lodge.

From a number of Brethren at Richmond, for a Charter, under the name of Orient Lodge.

On motion of Bro. J. K. Munnis, seconded by Geo. J. Payne, it was

Resolved, that said Report be received and adopted, and that Charters be issued to the Lodges in the following order:

Poyntz Lodge, No. 21.

Widow's Son Lodge, No. 22.

Orient Lodge, No. 23.

A petition was presented from a number of Brethren resident at Westville, Pictou Co., for a Charter, to enable them to commence their masonic labors, under the name of Western Lodge, but not being recommended by the nearest Lodge, was sent back for recommendation of Truro Lodge, No. 15.

On motion of Bro. D. McDougall, it was

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to define the territorial jurisdiction of the several Lodges in the Province.

Committee appointed :

M. W. G. Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Substitute Grand Master.

Bro. Munnis brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge the necessity of appointing delegates to meet the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at its next regular Communication, for the purpose of placing before them the claims of this Grand Lodge to their recognition.

On motion of Bro. J. K. Munnis, it was.

Resolved, that Brothers Jas. R. Graham and Chas. J. Macdonald be appointed such delegates.

On motion of I. J. Wylde, it was

Resolved, that Diplomas be granted to members of Queens Lodge, who were made while under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

On motion of Bro. Sutherland, it was

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and hereby tendered to the Officers and Members of Truro Lodge, for the use of their Hall, &c.

On motion of Geo. J. Payne, it was

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and hereby tendered to A. Longley, Esq., Commissioner of Railroads, for his kindness in permitting members attending Grand Lodge to pass over the lines at reduced rates.

There being no further business, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in FORM.

CHARLES J. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Quarterly Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened according to the provisions of the Constitution, at Masonic Temple, Halifax, on Friday the 11th day of December, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following Grand Officers and Members present :

S. R. SIRCOM.....	M. W. Grand Master.
A. C. PAGE.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
GEO. T. SMITHERS...	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
ISAAC MELVIN.....	R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
CHAS. J. MACDONALD...	R. W. Grand Secretary.
W. S. MACDONALD.....	R. W. Grand Clerk.
C. C. NICHOLS	V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.
A. R. PAYNE.....	V. W. Grand Junior Deacon.
E. L. SPIKE.....	V. W. Grand Jeweller.
JAMES FORTUNE.....	V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
H. A. TAYLOR...	V. W. Grand Director of Music.
G. J. FLUCK.....	V. W. Grand Marshall.
J. E. M. TAYLOR.....	V. W. Grand Tyler.
S. D. MACDONALD, }	W. Grand Stewards.
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The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by the M. W. Grand Master, with the assistance of the Officers and Members present.

The Minutes of last regular Communication were read and approved.

Bro. Munnis from Committee on Credentials, reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge, and in attendance.

BURNS No. 1	D. Pottinger, W. M. Alex. Waddell, S. W. Jas. Parker, J. W.
ATHOLE No. 2.....	W. S. MacDonald, W. M. John Cahill, S. W. Duncan McDougall, J. W.
KEITH No. 3.....	Jas. K. Munnis, W. M.
SCOTIA No. 4.....	S. R. Sircom, W. M. C. F. Vose, S. W.
DAVIES No. 5.....	S. R. Sircom, Proxy for 3.
ALBERT No. 6.....	W. Taylor, Proxy for 3.
CONCORD No. 8.....	C. J. Macdonald, Proxy for three.
ST. MARKS No. 9.....	C. N. Campbell, Proxy for three.
EUREKA No. 13.....	James R. Graham, Proxy for three.
ACACIA No. 14.....	Jas. K. Munnis, Proxy for three.
TRURO No. 15.....	A. C. Page, W. M. A. C. Page, Proxy for J. and S. W.
ELDORADO No. 16.....	W. S. MacDonald, Proxy for three.

ORIENT No. 23 J. W. Ousley, W. M.
W. U. Jones, S. W.

PAST MASTERS.

W. TAYLOR, J. R. GRAHAM, H. J. MARSHALL,
W. WILLIAMS and C. N. CAMPBELL.

On motion of Bro. W. S. Macdonald, it was

Resolved, that all Master Masons in good standing be invited to attend this Communication of Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master stated that during recess of Grand Lodge he had issued a dispensation to a number of Brethren at Westville, to form a new Lodge, under the name of Western Star Lodge.

Also to a number of Brethren at Dartmouth, to form a new Lodge, under the name of Eastern Star Lodge.

And that he had forwarded a Circular to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, setting forth our claims to their recognition, and asking that M. W. Grand Lodge to appoint a delegate to investigate into the true state of Masonry in this Province.

The said Circular was then read, when, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. C. Page, it was

Resolved, that the action taken by the M. W. Grand Master during recess of Grand Lodge be confirmed.

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Bro. J. R. Graham, from the Committee on Constitution and Regulation, submitted the following Report :

HALIFAX, Dec. 11, 1868.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge :

Your Committee, to whom were referred the notices of alteration of Constitution, in

Chapter 1 Section 4,

Chapter 10 Section 2,

Chapter 14 Section 4,

beg to report that they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the proposed alteration would not be beneficial to the craft.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. R. GRAHAM,

H. J. MARSHALL,

A. S. BUSBY.

On motion of Bro. A. C. Page, it was

Resolved, that the same be received and adopted.

Bro. W. S. Macdonald, from the Committee on Charters, submitted the following report.

HALIFAX, Dec. 11, 1868.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

Your Committee on Charters beg leave to report that they have had laid before them the petitions and transcript of the proceedings of the following Lodges under dispensation, praying for Charters empowering them to meet as regular Lodges :

Western Star, Westville, Pictou Co.
 Philadelphia, Barrington, Shelburne Co.
 Eastern Star, Dartmouth, Halifax Co.

Your Committee have carefully examined these documents and find them regular and in order, and from information received, are satisfied that the Brethren of the several Lodges named have the good of Masonry at heart.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that Charters be granted the petitioners in the following order :

Western Star, No. 24.
 Philadelphia, No. 25,
 Eastern Star, No. 26.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. S. MACDONALD,
 GEO. W. HALLS,
 ROBT. BRECKIN.

On motion of Bro. G. N. Campbell, it was

Resolved, that the same be received and adopted.

A petition was read from Bro. John T. McAlpine, formerly a member of the so-called Athole Lodge, No. 361, R. S., stating that he had renounced all allegiance and connection to the said body, and was now desirous of making application to a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for membership, and now prayed that the Grand Lodge would grant the prayer of the petition, and restore him to his former Masonic Privileges.

Also a communication from the Secretary of Athole Lodge No. 2, stating that the said Brother had forwarded a petition for membership, and asking Grand Lodge to take action in the matter.

On motion of Bro. Jas. K. Munnis, it was

Resolved, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and that he be restored to his former Masonic privilege.

A Communication was read from the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, appointing R. W. Bro. W. Taylor as the representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

On motion of Brother D. Pottinger, it was

Resolved, that the same be received and confirmed.

Brother Taylor was introduced and received with customary honors.

Bro. Jas. R. Graham, from the Committee on Bye-Laws, reported favorable on Bye-Laws of Poyntz Lodge No. 21, Philadelphia Lodge No. 25, and Eastern Star Lodge No. 26.

On motion of Bro. A. Sutherland, it was

Resolved, that the same be received and adopted.

Bro. Geo. T. Smithers submitted a report from Committee on Regalia, which was received, and on motion of Bro. C. C. Nichols, it was

Resolved, that the same be taken as a notice for alteration of that part of Constitution concerning Regalia.

Permission was granted Truro Lodge to alter Bye-Law referring to fee for affiliation to two dollars.

Bro. Geo. T. Smithers brought to the notice of Grand Lodge, the removal by death, of our late lamented Brother, George J. Payne, Past Master of St. Marks Lodge No. 11, and on motion it was

Resolved, that a memorial page in the Annual Report of Proceedings be dedicated to our departed Brother.

Bro. W. Taylor brought to the notice of Grand Lodge the removal, by death, of Brother Maccouish, Grand Steward, and on motion it was

Resolved, that a memorial page in the Annual Report of Proceedings be dedicated to our departed Brother.

A vacancy having occurred in the office of Grand Steward, by the death of Brother Maccouish; it became necessary that another Brother be elected to fill that office.

Brother W. Taylor proposed and Brother Fortune seconded Brother W. Lindsay as a fit and proper person for that office. There being no other nomination, Brother Lindsay was declared

duly elected Grand Steward for the remainder of the masonic year.

On motion of Brother Pottinger, it was

Resolved, that the sum of Twenty Dollars be placed at the disposal of a committee appointed from the subordinate Lodges, for the purpose of procuring a musical instrument for the Lodge Room.

Brother C. C. Nicolls gave notice that at the next Communication of Grand Lodge he would move for the following alteration in Chapter 1 Section 3, viz.: That the office of Substitute Grand Master be abolished.

Brother W. S. Macdonald also gave notice of intention to move for alteration in Chapter 1 Section 3, viz.: That the number of Grand Stewards be restricted to eight, to be selected from any Lodge in the jurisdiction, but no Lodge to have more than one Grand Steward selected from it.

Brother James K. Munnis also gave notice that he would move for the following addition to Chapter 10 Section 9, viz.: That it shall be obligatory on all Masters of Lodges to see that the proposition of all candidates be accompanied with a petition.

Brother George T. Smithers gave notice of intention to move for the following addition to

Chapter 14, viz.: That a petition or proposition for a candidate or joining member shall be read in open Lodge at a regular Communication, and the ballot for the same only to be taken at a regular Communication. Also that the fourth section of Chapter 14 be expunged.

Brother Pottinger also gave notice of intention to move for alteration in Chapter 1 Section 4, to read as follows:

"The Grand Lodge shall consist of the officers previously mentioned, the Masters and Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges duly installed, and in their absence by proxies duly certified—three immediate Past Masters, being subscribing members of the Lodge for which they were returned; the five principal Past Grand Officers shall be entitled to a vote as such; Representatives of foreign Grand Lodges shall have a vote as such; but no member of Grand Lodge shall exercise more than three votes."

Brother I. J. Wyld gave notice of intention to move for an alteration in the place of meeting for the June Communication of Grand Lodge, and that Halifax be substituted for Sherbrooke.

Brother George T. Smithers, Chairman of Committee on Regalia, submitted the following report at length, as previously noticed:—

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HALIFAX, N. S., November 24, 1868.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Nova Scotia :

The Committee appointed at the June Quarterly Communication to define and describe the clothing, jewels and regalia of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report that, having given the subject due consideration and attention, respectfully submit the following regulations for adoption by Grand Lodge, if satisfactory.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
ARTHUR S. BUSBY, } Com. on Regalia.
JAMES R. GRAHAM, }

CHAPTER XXII.

OF REGALIA.

SECTION 1.—Per Constitution.

SECTION 2.—The Jewels of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master.—A brilliant medallion, having emblazoned in the centre the Arms of Nova Scotia in enamel and Gilt, surrounded by the words "The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,"—pendant therefrom the compasses extended and a square and a segment of a circle of 90°, the points of the compass resting thereon, in the centre a blazing sun.

The Past Grand Master.—The compasses extended with a square, the points resting on a segment of circle of 90°.

The Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united.

The Substitute Grand Master.—A Square.

The Grand Senior Warden.—A Level.

Grand Junior Warden.—A Plumb.

Grand Treasurer.—A Chased Key.

Grand Secretary.—A Key and Pen Crossed.

Grand Clerk.—Crossed Pens.

Grand Chaplain.—An Eradiated Eye within a Triangle.

Grand Lecturer.—A Book within a Triangle.

Grand Senior Deacon.—A Mallet within a Wreath.

Grand Junior Deacon.—A Trowel within a Wreath.

Grand Architect.—A Corinthian Column based on a segment of 90°.

Grand Jeweller.—A Goldsmiths' Hammer in a Wreath.

Grand Bible Bearer.—A Bible encircled with Palm Branches.

Grand Director of Ceremonies.—Cross Rods tied.

Grand Sword Bearer.—Cross Swords.

Grand Director of Music.—A Grecian Lyre in a Wreath.

Marshal.—Sword and Baton crossed.

Tyler.—A Sword.

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SECTION 3.—The Jewels of Subordinate Lodge.

Worshipful Master.—A Square.

Past Master.—A Square, with 47 Prob. Euclid.

Senior Warden.—A Level.

Junior Warden.—A Plumb.

Treasurer.—A Key.

Secretary.—Cross Pens.

Senior Deacon.—A Dove, encircled.

Junior Deacon.—A Dove, encircled.

Marshal.—Cross Rods.

Stewards.—Cornucopia in a Wreath.

Tyler.—A Sword.

All the above to be of silver.

SECTION 4.—Of Collars.

Of Lodge Officers.—To be of Royal Blue, three inches in width, with narrow silver lacing.

Of Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past.—To be of Royal Blue Satin, three inches broad, bound with $\frac{3}{8}$ inch gold trimming lace.

Grand Master.—To be a chain of gold or of silver gilt of a depth of $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch, and consist of ten (10) stars of five points each, which are connected by chain links, with interlaced monograms of the cypher. G. L. N. S. placed alternately.

All the Past Grand Officers except Past Grand Masters, may wear the collars of their late offices, but without the pendant jewel. A similar, but smaller jewel to be worn on the breast.

All Past Grand Masters to wear their jewel (provided by Section 2) suspended from their collars.

The jewels of all Grand Lodge Officers and of the Officers of Subordinate Lodges to be suspended from the collar.

SECTION 5.—Of Aprons.

E. A.'s—Vide Constitution as prescribed.

F. C.'s “ “ “ “

M. M.'s “ “ “ “

W. M.'s “ “ “ “

P. M.'s “ “ “ “

Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past.—

Apron of same dimensions, lined with Royal Blue, edged with three inches of satin or velvet, trimmed with $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch gold lace outside and 1 inch inside, with the emblems of their respective offices embroidered in gilt upon the fall or flap, which is of Royal Blue satin, and of a cir-triangular form, trimmed with 1-inch lace with $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch lace above it.

Grand Master.—The Apron of the same dimensions, trimmed with two inch feather or Masonic gold lace, with a blazing sun in the centre of the fall or semi-circular flap, in gold, embroidered. The fall to be blue satin or velvet, trimmed with bullion fringe and tassels.

SECTION 6.—Regulations.

In the Grand Lodge and upon all occasions when the Grand Officers appear in their official capacity they shall wear the following regalia:

Grand Master.—Collar and Chain, Gauntlets and Aprons bound and embroidered to match—pendant Jewels.

<i>Past Grand Master</i>	} Collars, Gauntlets, and Aprons, bound and embroidered to match with Jewels, as prescribed.
<i>Dep. Grand Master</i>	
<i>Sub. Grand Master</i>	
<i>Sr. Grand Warden</i>	
<i>Jr. Grand Warden</i>	
<i>Present and Past</i>	

All other General Officers.—Collars and Aprons to match with Jewels.

There being no further business, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in AMPLE FORM.

CHARLES J. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

AN Emergency Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Halifax, on Friday the 8th day of January, 1869, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following Grand Officers present :

S. R. SIRCOM.....	M. W. Grand Master.	
GEO. T. SMITHERS....	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.	
ISAAC MELVIN.....	R. W. Grand Junior Warden.	
C. J. MACDONALD.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.	
W. S. MACDONALD.....	R. W. Grand Clerk.	
C. C. NICHOLS.....	V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.	
A. R. PAYNE.....	V. W. Grand Junior Deacon.	
JAMES FORTUNE.....	V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.	
E. L. COLEMAN...V. W.	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.	
JOHN OVERY,	}	V. W. Grand Marshals.
GEORGE J. FLUCK,		
J. E. M. TAYLOR.....	V. W. Grand Tyler	
S. D. MACDONALD,	}	V. W. Grand Stewards.
I. J. WYLDE,		
A. SUTHERLAND,		
JAS. W. GRAHAM,		

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by the M. W. Grand Master, with the assistance of the officers and members present.

Brother James K. Munnis from Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge, and in attendance :

- BURNS No 1D. Pottinger, W. M.
 A. Waddle, S. W.
 J. Parker, J. W.
- ATHOLE No. 2.....W. S. Macdonald, W. M.
 John Cahill, S. W.
 D. McDougall, J. W.
- KEITH No. 3.....James K. Munnis, W. M.
- SCOTIA No. 4.....S. R. Sircom, W. M.
 C. F. Vose, S. W.
- DAVIES No 5.....S. R. Sircom, Proxy for three
- ALBERT No. 5.....W. Taylor, Proxy for three
- CONCORD No. 8.....C. J. Macdonald, Proxy for three.
- QUEENS No. 10.....N. Snow, W. M. and Proxy for S. and J. W.
- ST. MARKS No. 11...George T. Smithers, W. M.
 T. A. Cossmann, S. W.
 J. R. Glendenning, J. W.
- OPHIR No. 12.....J. Jacobs, Proxy for three.
- EUREKA No. 13.....J. R. Graham, Proxy for three.
- ACACIA No. 14.....J. K. Munnis, Proxy for three.
- ELDORADO No. 16..W. S. Macdonald, Proxy for three.
- ORIENT No. 23.....W. U. Jones, S. W.

The M. W. Grand Master stated that this Emergency had been called for the purpose of submitting the following proposition as a basis of Union with the District Grand Lodge of England.

The following are the several Articles as submitted by the M. W. Grand Master:—

In order to cement the Two Masonic Bodies in this Province, viz: the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia into One Supreme Governing Body, it is necessary that certain concessions be made by both parties. With a view to the accomplishment of so desirable an object, We, the Grand Lodge, do hereby offer, in a true spirit of Brotherly Love, which we firmly believe will be met in the same spirit by the District Grand Lodge, the following propositions, and we do most heartily trust the same will result in the Union of the Two Bodies, which would so eminently tend to advance Masonry in this Province, and create those fraternal ties which should exist amongst Masons throughout the whole habitable globe.

ARTICLE 1.—That on the 24th day of June, 1869, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and the District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, meet at such place as may be agreed upon by the contracting parties, under their respective Grand Lodge banners.

ARTICLE 2.—That in order to equalize the number of votes polled at such meeting by the respective bodies, the voting shall be conducted according to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

ARTICLE 3.—Should the Union of the Two Bodies be accomplished, the first business to be taken up after the Officers and the Members of both Bodies

have taken their seats, shall be the election of Grand Lodge Officers.

ARTICLE 4.—The Grand Master shall be elected by open votes, as evidence on the part of contracting parties of their desire to see the R. W. the Hon. Alexander Keith elected; the other Officers shall be elected as provided for by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

ARTICLE 5.—The Grand Master elect will then be installed, after which he (the Grand Master) will install the remainder of the Officers.

ARTICLE 6.—The Warrants of many of the Subordinate Lodges of the District Grand Lodge, being of great antiquity, and therefore highly valued, those that shall be represented at the aforesaid Communication shall desire to retain their Warrants, shall produce them to the Grand Lodge, and the new Grand Master shall endorse them, as evidence of their having been re-issued by the Grand Lodge, and further, they shall be signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, with the Seal of the Grand Lodge. Such Charters shall at once be registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, and shall have the same legality as those previously issued. Those Lodges which desire to have Warrants of the Grand Lodge, shall apply for the same, when such shall at once be granted.

ARTICLE 7.—That the roll of the Grand Lodge shall be revised, and the numbers of Lodges shall be placed thereon according to the seniority of such Lodges, by satisfactory proof of the date of the organization of several Lodges which shall comprise the Grand Lodge at the aforesaid Communication.

ARTICLE 8.—That a Committee shall be appointed to revise the Constitution.

ARTICLE 9.—That a new Grand Lodge Seal be adopted. The words “The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Nova Scotia, organized 1866, re-organized 1869,” encircled.

ARTICLE 10.—That a Banquet be held in honor of the occasion. The Stewards of the Grand Lodge and District Grand Lodge forming a Joint Committee to make the necessary arrangement for the same.

After considerable discussion they were amended by the Grand Master, and passed and adopted by the Grand Lodge, as follows:—

In order to cement the two Masonic Bodies in this Province, viz: the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and the District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia into One Supreme Governing Body, it is necessary that certain concessions be made by both parties. With a view to the accomplishment of so desirable an object, We, the Grand Lodge, do hereby offer, in a true spirit of Brotherly Love, which we firmly believe will be met in the same spirit by the District Grand Lodge, the following propositions, and we do most heartily trust the same will result in the Union of the Two Bodies, which would, so eminently tend to advance Masonry in this Province, and create those fraternal ties that should exist amongst Masons throughout the whole habitable globe.

ARTICLE 1.—That on the 24th day of June, 1869, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and the District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, meet at such place as may be agreed upon by the contracting parties, under their respective Grand Lodge Banners.

ARTICLE 2.—In order to equalize the votes polled at such meeting by the respective bodies, the voting

shall be as follows, viz: the Grand Lodge Officers of both bodies; the Masters and Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges, duly installed, and in their absence duly certified proxies; three immediate Past Masters, being subscribing members of the Lodge for which they are returned; the five Principal Past Officers of the Grand Lodge, and the four Principal Past Officers of the Provincial and District Grand Lodge of England for three years last past, and representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges, shall each and all have a vote as such; but no member of either body shall exercise more than three votes.

ARTICLE 3.—That the first business to be taken up after the Officers and Members of both Bodies have taken their seats, shall be the election of Grand Lodge Officers.

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ARTICLE 10.—That a new Grand Lodge Seal be adopted. The words "The Grand Lodge of Ancient,

Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia," encircled.

ARTICLE 11.—That a Banquet be held in honor of the occasion. The Stewards of the Grand Lodge and District Grand Lodge forming a Joint Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the same.

On motion of Brother T. A. Cossmann it was

Resolved, that certified copies of the same be forwarded the R. W. District Grand Master and R. W. District Grand Secretary of the District Grand Lodge.

The business for which the meeting was called having been disposed of, the M. W. Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in AMPLE FORM.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Halifax, on Friday, March 12, 1869, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following Grand Officers and members present :

S. R. SIRCOM.....	M. W. Grand Master.
G. T. SMITHERS...R. W. Grand Senior Warden.	
ISAAC MELVIN...R. W. Grand Junior Warden.	
A. K. MACKINLAY.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.	
C. J. MACDONALD.....R. W. Grand Secretary.	
W. S. MACDONALD.....R. W. Grand Clerk.	
C. C. NICHOLS.....V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.	
JAMES FORTUNE...V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.	
RALPH PATRICK...V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.	
H. A. TAYLOR.....V. W. Grand Dir. of Music.	
G. J. FLUCK.....V. W. Grand Marshal.	
M. J. E. TAYLOR.....V. W. Grand Tyler.	
I. J. WYLDE,	} W. Grand Stewards.
A. SUTHERLAND,	

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by the M. W. Grand Master, with the assistance of the officers and members present.

The minutes of last Quarterly and Emergency Meetings were read and approved.

Brother Munnis from Committee on Credentials, reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge, and in attendance :—

BURNS No. 1.....	D. Pottinger, W. M. A. Waddell, S. W. J. Parker, J. W.
ATHOLE No. 2.....	W. S. Macdonald, W. M. John Cahill, S. W. D. McDougall, J. W.
KEITH No. 3.....	J. K. Munnis, W. M.
SCOTIA No. 4.....	S. R. Sircom, W. M. C. F. Vose, S. W. John Lawlor, J. W.
DAVIES No. 5.....	S. R. Sircom, Proxy for three.
ALBERT No. 6	W. Taylor, Proxy for three.
CONCORD No. 8.....	C. J. Macdonald, Proxy for three.
ST. MARKS No 11.....	Geo. T. Smithers, W. M.
ACACIA No 14.....	J. K. Munnis, Proxy for three.
ELDORADO No. 16.....	W. S. Macdonald, Proxy for three.

ROYAL ALBERT No. 18..A. K. Mackinlay, Proxy
for three.

WIDOWS SON No. 22..Jas. Fortune, Proxy for
three.

ORIENT No. 23.....W. U. Jones, S. W.

EASTERN STAR No. 25..John Allan, W. M.

J. B. Coleman, S. W.

J. A. Fuller, J. W.

On motion of Brother I. J. Wylde, it was

Resolved, that all Master Masons in good standing
be invited to attend this Communication of Grand
Lodge.

Brother C. C. Nichols having given the constitu-
tional notice, now moved and Brother George J.
Fluck seconded,

That the Office of Substitute Grand Master be
abolished.

Which, upon being put to vote, was lost.

Brother W. S. Macdonald likewise moved, and
Brother Cossmann seconded,

That the number of Grand Stewards be limited
to eight, to be selected from any of the subordinate
Lodges. No Lodge to have more than one
Steward in Grand Lodge.

Which, upon being put to vote, was lost.

Brother Munnis likewise moved and Brother
Melvin seconded that the following section be
added to Section 9 Chapter 10, viz. :

That it shall be obligatory on all Masters of Lodges to see that the proposition of all candidates be accompanied with a petition.

Which upon being put to vote was lost.

Brother George T. Smithers likewise moved, and Brother Cossmann seconded that the following take the place of Section 1 Chapter 14:

That a proposition or petition for a candidate or joining member shall be read in open Lodge at a regular Communication, and the ballot for the same only to be taken at a regular Communication.

Which, upon being put to vote, was passed.

Brother Pottinger likewise moved and Brother Wyld seconded the following alteration in Section 4 Chapter 1, which was adopted.

That the sentence "Past Grand Masters shall rank next to Grand Master," be expunged. That the next sentence be amended by expunging the words "for three successive years," and substituting "as such;" and that the following sentence be added to the section: "But no member of Grand Lodge shall exercise more than three votes.

Brother Fluck likewise moved, and Brother Nichols seconded, that Halifax be substituted in place of Sherbrooke for the Quarterly Communication in June, which was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Munnis, Busby and Waddell, who reported as follows:

HALIFAX, March 12, 1869.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

Your Committee appointed to report on the proposed change in place of meeting of Quarterly Communication in June, 1869, from Sherbrooke to Halifax, beg to report that in view of important business to be transacted at that meeting of Grand Lodge, would recommend that the same take place at Halifax, instead of Sherbrooke.

All of which is respectively submitted.

A. BUSBY,
J. K. MUNNIS,
ALEX. WADDELL.

On motion of Bro. C. J. Vose, it was

Resolved, that the same be received and adopted, Bro. Geo. T. Smithers, from Committee on Regalia, submitted the report as presented at last quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. W. Williams, seconded by Bro. G. J. Fluck, it was

Resolved, that the same be received and adopted.

Bro. A. S. Busby, from Committee on Bye-Laws, submitted the Bye-Laws of Solomon Lodge, No. 19, and Western Star Lodge, No. 24, suggesting some slight alterations in the same.

On motion of Bro. Geo. T. Smithers, it was

Resolved, that the same be received and approved.

The following Communication was received from the Committee appointed by the District Grand Lodge :

HALIFAX, N. S., 10th March, 1869.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD, ESQ., *Grand Secretary of The
Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

I have much pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Report presented by our committee to the District Grand Lodge, on Friday evening last, together with a copy of a resolution, unanimously passed, adopting the same, and empowering the committee to carry into effect the terms of union agreed upon with you. You will observe that we have had two additions made to our committee. This was done in order to secure a quorum in the city to prevent the retarding of the work by the non-attendance of our country brethren. I hope that this will meet with the approval of your body, and that nothing now will intervene to mar the prospects of a complete union of all the Masonic interests in the Province.

I shall be happy to hear from you as soon after the meeting of your Grand Lodge as possible.

I am, dear sir,

Yours fraternally,

A. H. CROWE,

*Secretary to the Committee of the District
Grand Lodge.*

To the District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, R. E.:

We, the committee appointed at a special meeting of this District Grand Lodge, held at Masonic Hall, on the 13th January, 1869, to confer with a committee from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the purpose of considering the question of a union of the Craft in this Province, beg to submit the circular

forwarded to the several Lodges in this District agreeably to the resolution passed at the above-named meeting, together with replies received from Lodges unanimously adopting the same.

ROBT. D. CLARKE,
Chairman.

A. H. CROWE,
Secretary to Committee.

Halifax, 5th March, 1869.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA,
28th January, A. L., 5869.

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER,
WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—

At a meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, held at Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., the following Resolution, moved by Bro. Past Master Robt. D. Clarke, was passed :

Whereas, since the passage of the resolution of the 4th December, under which this District Grand Lodge has been convened, certain propositions have been submitted to the R. W. the District Grand Master by the body styling themselves the "Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia," having for their object the amicable adjustment of the differences which have heretofore existed between that body and this District Grand Lodge.

And whereas, in the opinion of this District Grand Lodge, the settlement of the existing differences and misunderstandings between the several Masonic bodies in the Province, and the union of the whole in one Grand Lodge would greatly promote the best interests of the Craft, and would tend to strengthen those fraternal ties so essential to the prosperity of the Order.

And whereas, the propositions so submitted appear to be conceived in a spirit of brotherly regard, and with a sincere desire for the success of the proposed union of the Masons in Nova Scotia under one supreme jurisdiction.

Therefore Resolved, that the District Grand Lodge cordially reciprocate the anxious desire expressed in the said propositions for a sincere and fraternal union of all worthy Masonic Brethren in the Province into one body, governed by one supreme jurisdiction; and they desire to promote such union in every way consistent with the honor and interests of this Grand Lodge, and of the several subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

And Whereas, this meeting was called for the sole purpose of considering the propriety of forming an independent Grand Lodge; and no opportunity has been afforded to the Lodges of passing upon the propositions hereinbefore referred to, and it would be inexpedient to enter into negotiations on the subject until such opportunity has been afforded.

Therefore, Resolved, that a committee be now appointed to meet a committee from the said Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for the purpose of settling and agreeing, if possible, on articles of union consistent with the rights, interests, and honor of both bodies; and that such articles, when agreed upon, shall be submitted to the subordinate Lodges, who are requested to report their views thereon to the District Grand Lodge; and that this District Grand Lodge do now adjourn until the first Friday in March next, then to meet to consider and pass upon the articles of union as submitted by the said committee.

Whereupon the following were appointed for the purpose of carrying into effect the terms of the above resolution :

A. H. CROWE, P. M. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 118,
 R. D. CLARKE, P. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 161,
 BENJ. CURREN, D.C.L., P. M. Virgin Lodge, No. 396,
 DAVID D. TAPPER, W. M. Scotia Lodge, No. 961,
 JAMES HUDSON, P. M. Keith Lodge, No. 870,
 DAVID H. CLARKE, W. M. Welsford Lodge, No. 922,
 ALEX. MCKAY, P. M. Cobequid Lodge, No. 1190.

Agreeably to appointment, the above committee met at Masonic Hall on Thursday evening, the 21st instant.

Present :

P. M. ROBT. D. CLARKE,
 P. M. BENJ. CURREN; D. C. L.,
 P. M. JAMES HUDSON,
 W. M. H. CLARKE,
 P. M. A. H. CROWE,

P. M. P. S. ARCHIBALD (who was appointed by Cobequid Lodge in place of Bro. P. M. McKay, prevented from attending through illness.)

Brother P. M. Robert D. Clarke was appointed Chairman, and Bro. P. M. A. H. Crowe Secretary.

The Secretary read the propositions hereinbefore referred, comprising in all ten clauses, of which the following is a copy :

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ARTICLE 4.—The Grand Master shall be elected by open vote, as evidence on the part of the contracting parties of their desire to see the R. W. Bro. the Hon. Alex. Kejth elected. The four other principal officers, viz: The Deputy Grand Master, the Substitute Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, and the Junior Grand Warden by written ballot. The remainder, viz: Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Clerk, Grand Chaplain, Grand Lecturer, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Architect, Grand Jeweller, Grand Bible Bearer, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Director of Music, Grand Marshals, Grand Tyler and Grand Stewards by nomination and open vote.

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ARTICLE 7.—That the roll of the Grand Lodge shall be revised, and the numbers of Lodges shall be placed thereon according to the seniority of such Lodges, by satisfactory proof of the date of the original formation of the several Lodges, which shall consent to this movement, or be present at the aforesaid Communication of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE 8.—That a Committee shall be appointed to revise the Constitution.

ARTICLE 9.—That the principal Past and Present Officers of the Grand Lodge, and of the Provincial and District Grand Lodge of England, viz: Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Substitute Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden, shall be permanent members of Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE 9.—That a new Grand Lodge Seal be adopted. The words "The Grand Lodge of An-

cient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia," encircled.

After a careful consideration they were (with the exception of that portion of clause 2nd referring to the voting of Foreign Grand Lodge representatives) unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman and Secretary were then appointed a sub-committee to meet and confer with the Brethren of the Nova Scotia authority upon the result of our deliberations, and endeavour, if possible, to effect such arrangements as would insure a perfect and complete union of the whole Masonic Fraternity in the Province.

A meeting was accordingly convened on Saturday the 23rd inst. After a satisfactory explanation upon that portion of clause 2nd, before referred to, a friendly conversation ensued with reference to a more complete union of the craft in this jurisdiction. In consequence of some matters bearing upon that subject, not being fully understood, it was agreed to adjourn until Tuesday evening following, at which meeting, we are happy to report, such arrangements were completed as will, we believe, result in an amicable adjustment of those differences that have heretofore existed amongst us, and unite the whole Fraternity of Masons in this Province in one indissoluble bond, so that in all time hereafter they shall form and constitute one brotherhood. The committee, therefore, earnestly solicit the zealous support of yourself and the members of your Lodge; and with this view request that you submit the matter for their consideration, and

report their decision to the Sécretary of Committee at as early a day as possible.

We have the honor to be,

Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

ROBT. D. CLARKE, *Chairman.*

BENJ. CURREN,

DAVID D. TAPPER,

JAMES H. HUDSON,

R. D. CLARKE,

ALEX. MCKAY,

A. H. CROWE, *Sec'y to Committee.*

The following Resolution passed unanimously :

Resolved, That the report be received, and that the terms agreed upon by the Committee of this District Grand Lodge, with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, with reference to a union of the Craft in this Province be adopted by this District Grand Lodge; and that the Committee be empowered to carry the same into effect.

By request of the city portion of our Committee, Bros. P. M. Hesson, of the Virgin Lodge, and P. M. Gordon, of the Royal Sussex, were added to the Committee.

A true extract.

A. H. CROWE,

Sec'y to the Dist. Gd. Lodge Committee.

On motion of Bro. H. A. Taylor, seconded by Bro. J. Fortune, it was

Resolved, that the same be received and adopted.

On motion of Bro. W. Taylor, seconded by Bro. J. K. Munnis, it was

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Resolved, that a Committee be appointed from this Grand Lodge for the purpose of conferring with the Committee of the District Grand Lodge, and of making the necessary arrangements for carrying out the necessary articles of agreement as already adopted.

Bro. W. Taylor suggested the advisability of appointing said committee outside of the Executive Officers of Grand Lodge.

The following were appointed members of said Committee:—

Brothers W. Taylor, W. Williams, A. S. Busby, H. J. Marshall, J. W. Darragh, J. J. Clark, N. Snow, Geo. T. Smithers, and H. McCallum.

On motion of Bro. J. K. Munnis, it was

Resolved, that all action taken by this Grand Lodge with reference to Cobequid Lodge, Truro, and the members thereof be annulled.

On motion of Brother H. A. Taylor, it was

Resolved, that the Present and Past Masters of Grand Lodge be requested to have their photographs taken, and the same grouped, and a copy procured for Grand Lodge.

Committee appointed Brothers H. A. Taylor, W. Taylor, and C. C. Nichols.

On motion of Bro. W. Taylor, it was

Resolved, that a Grand Lodge Steward be elected for Orient Lodge, and also one for each of the other Lodges, duly installed since last annual Communication, when the following were elected:

- G. G. BULLY.....Orient Lodge, No. 23.
 W. WYLDE.....Solomon Lodge, No. 19.
 W. MACKAY.....Acacia Lodge, No. 22.
 C. W. SUMNER.....Poyntz Lodge, No. 21.
 O. SHARP.....Widows' Son Lodge, No. 22.
 W. U. JONES.....Western Star Lodge, No. 23.
 N. SARGENT.....Philadelphia Lodge, No. 25.
 JOHN HOLLIES...Eastern Star Lodge, No. 26.

The following bills were passed and ordered to be paid —

J. E. M. TAYLOR, for Tying.....	\$12 33
B. F. STAPLES, for Engraving.....	16 00
TRUSTEES OF HALL, for Rent.....	10 25

There being no further business, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in

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CHAS. J. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Halifax, on Friday, June 11th, 1869, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following Grand Officers and Members present :

S. R. SIRCOM.....	M. W. Grand Master.
A. C. PAGE, M. D.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
GEO. T. SMITHERS....	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
ISAAC MELVIN.....	R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
A. K. MACKINLAY.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
C. J. MACDONALD.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
W. S. MACDONALD.....	R. W. Grand Clerk.
C. C. NICHOLS.....	V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.
JAMES FORTUNE.....	V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
JOHN OVERY,	} V. W. Grand Marshals.
GEORGE J. FLUCK,	
J. E. M. TAYLOR.....	V. W. Grand Tyler.
S. D. MACDONALD,	} V. W. Grand Stewards.
I. J. WYLDE,	
A. SUTHERLAND,	

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by the M. W. Grand Master, with the assistance of the officers and members present.

The Minutes of last regular Communication were read and approved.

Brother James K. Munnis from Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge, and in attendance :

BURNS No 1D. Pottinger, W. M.
 ATHOLE No. 2.....W. S. Macdonald, W. M.
 John Cahill, S. W.
 D. McDougall, J. W.
 KEITH No. 3.....James K. Munnis, W. M.
 SCOTIA No. 4.....C. F. Vose, W. M.
 DAVIES No 5.....S. R. Sircom, Proxy for three.
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 CONCORD No. 8.....C. J. Macdonald, Proxy for
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 ST. MARKS No. 11...T. A. Cossmann, W. M.
 C. C. Nichols, S. W.
 James Montgomery, J. W.
 EUREKA No. 13.....T. Fowler, Proxy for three.
 ACACIA No. 14.....J. K. Munnis, Proxy for three.
 TRURO No. 15.....L. J. CROWE, W. M.
 ELDORADO No. 16..W. S. Macdonald, Proxy for
 three.
 POYNTZ No. 21.....J. B. Black, M. D., W. M.
 WIDOW'S SON, 23...Jas. Fortune, Proxy for three.
 ORIENT No. 23.....W. U. Jones, W. M.

On motion of Bro. J. K. Munnis, seconded by Bro. T. A. Cossmann, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing be invited to witness the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master stated that since the last Communication of Grand Lodge circumstances had occurred that for a while almost threatened to mar the prospect of a complete union of the Craft, and read a communication which he had received from Bro. A. H. Crowe, the Secretary of the District Grand Lodge Committee. The Grand Master further stated that he had consulted with several of the Executive Officers of Grand Lodge, and the following were agreed to as the terms upon which the Scottish Brethren were to be admitted into the proposed Union, viz.: The Athole, Keith, and Scotia Lodges R. S., to be on the same footing in all respects as the English Lodges.

The name of Athole Lodge R. S. to be changed.

The members of Keith and Scotia Lodges to return their warrants—the members thereof to be allowed the privilege of joining the Keith and Scotia Lodges respectively under the new organization, without paying joining fees, or back dues, or submitting to the ballot, and to have the same standing in those Lodges as before the difficulty. Warrants to be returned immediately after the new Grand Lodge is installed.

On motion of Brother A. Sutherland, it was
Resolved, that the action taken by the Most Worshipful Grand Master in reference to the Scottish Brethren be sustained.

On motion of Brother C. F. Vose, it was

Resolved, that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be authorized, on the 23rd day of June next, to remove the ban of suspension from the members under Scottish authority, and to restore said members to their former Masonic privileges.

Brother Taylor, from committee appointed to procure the photographs of all the Present and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge, presented the same grouped and framed.

On motion of Brother Busby, it was

Resolved, that the same be received by the Grand Lodge, and that a place be given it in the east.

The following report was submitted by the the committee appointed to co-operate with the committee appointed by the District Grand Lodge to carry out the terms of the articles of agreement.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

Your Committee beg to report that they have had a series of interviews and consultations with the Committee of the District Grand Lodge. Our united deliberations have been regularly conducted, and have been of a very cordial and satisfactory nature and tendency.

Your Committee are very hopeful that the great and desirable object embodied in and contemplated

by the articles entrusted to them will be fully attained. The programme is principally arranged as by the accompanying circular, and has reached a point that we truly hope nothing will interfere with the same being carried out. The only point in the articles that was deemed to involve a difficulty was having all the duties and ceremonies to take place on the same day. In consultation with, and receiving the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, your Committee recommend that the election take place on the evening of the 23rd.

Your Committee have therefore respectfully to ask the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to approve of this slight recommendation to alter that part of the articles, and have the election of officers on the evening previous to the 24th inst.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. TAYLOR.
W. WILLIAMS,
A. S. BUSBY,
GEO. T. SMITHERS.
H. J. MARSHALL.

On motion of Brother H. A. Taylor it was

Resolved, that the same be received and adopted.

On motion of Brother L. J. Crowe, it was

Resolved, That the election of officers take place on the 23rd instant.

On motion of Brother C. F. Vose, it was

Resolved, that a special communication of Grand Lodge be held on the 23rd inst. at 2 o'clock p. m.

The Worshipful Master of Burns Lodge brought to the notice of Grand Lodge the fact that Brother

Lindsay, of Burns Lodge, one of the Grand Stewards, had left the Province.

Whereupon Brother W. Garrison, of Burns Lodge, was elected Grand Steward in place of said Brother.

A Communication was read from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois, appointing W. Brother John Scholfield as the representative of that Most Worshipful Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

On motion of Brother A. K. Mackinlay, it was
Resolved, that the same be received and confirmed.

Brother W. S. Macdonald, from Committee on Charters, submitted the following report :

HALIFAX, June 11, 1869.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

Your Committee on Charters beg leave to report that they have examined the petition of Harmony Lodge for a Charter, and the returns and other documents being in proper form, your committee would recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted, and that the Brethren returned for enrollment be at once registered in the books of the Grand Lodge in order that their names may appear on the Charter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. MACDONALD.
A. K. MACKINLAY.
T. A. COSSMANN.

On motion of Brother G. J. Fluck, it was
Resolved, that the report of committee be received
and adopted.

There being no further business, the Most Wor-
shipful Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies,
declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in
AMPLE FORM.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Halifax, on Tuesday, June 23, 1869, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The following Grand Officers present :

S. R. SIRCOM.....	M. W. Grand Master.
N. W. WHITE....	R. W. Substitute Grand Master.
G. T. SMITHERS...	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
A. K. MACKINLAY.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
C. J. MACDONALD.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
W. S. MACDONALD.....	R. W. Grand Clerk.
NEWELL SNOW.....	R. W. Grand Lecturer.
C. C. NICHOLS.....	V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.
A. R. PAYNE.....	V. W. Grand Junior Deacon.
J. E. M. TAYLOR.....	V. W. Grand Tyler.
I. J. WYLDE,	} W. Grand Stewards.
A. SUTHERLAND,	

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by the M. W. Grand Master, with the assistance of the Officers and Members present.

Bro. J. K. Munnis, from Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge, and in attendance:

- BURNS No. 1.....David Pottinger, W. M.
 Alex. Waddell, S. W.
- ATHOLE, No. 2.....D. McDougall, W. M.
 Thomas McAlpine, S. W.
 John E. M. Taylor, J. W.
- KEITH, No. 3.....Jas. K. Munnis, W. M.
- SCOTIA, No. 4.....Charles F. Vose, W. M.
- DAVIES, No. 5.....B. Spinney, W. M.
- CONCORD, No. 8.....C. J. Macdonald, Proxy
 for three.
- ST. MARK, No. 11.....T. A. Cossmann, W. M.
- ELDORADO, No. 16.....W. S. Macdonald, Proxy
 for three.
- SCOTIA, No. 17.....T. Short, Proxy for three.
- WIDOW'S SON, No. 22 James Fortune, Proxy
 for three.
- ORIENT, No. 23.....W. U. Jones, W. M.

The Minutes of last regular meeting was read and confirmed.

On motion of Brother Charles F. Vose, seconded by Brother T. A. Cossmann, it was

Resolved, that all Master Masons in good standing be invited to attend this communication of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, by proclamation, removed the ban of suspension from the Scottish brethren.

The Grand Master delivered the following
ADDRESS.

Brethren of Grand Lodge :

With no ordinary amount of pleasure I extend to you a cordial and fraternal greeting, upon this our Annual Communication—the most important one to the whole craft that has ever been held since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. With heartfelt gratitude let us thank the “Great Architect of the Universe” for his manifold blessings, and the prosperity he has been pleased to extend to our time-honored and beloved order.

I have had the great pleasure, with but one exception, of presiding over all your deliberations for the past Masonic year. My inability to be present at the one referred to, which was held at Truro in September, was in consequence of my absence in England. At the said Communication you will remember a most important resolution was passed, which, if carried into effect, would have materially effected all Lodges (after 24th June) not holding allegiance to this Grand Lodge. I felt after the passage of such a resolution that the time had arrived when every exertion should be made, consistent with the honor and dignity of the Grand Lodge, to effect, as speedily as possible, an amalgamation of the whole Craft in Nova Scotia into one Supreme Governing power, and thereby establish those essential elements, Peace, Harmony and Strength.

In order to accomplish so desirable an object I felt it would be necessary to consult with some of the most influential members of Grand Lodge. I therefore requested the Grand Secretary and R. W.

Brother James R. Graham to meet with me for the purpose of arranging a basis of union to be submitted to our brethren holding under English authority. It is with unfeigned pleasure I state that these distinguished brothers rendered me most cordially their valued councils and support which resulted in a proposition consisting of ten articles.

This proposition I placed in the hands of Brother A. H. Crowe, P. M. of "St. Andrew's" Lodge, R. E., who handed it to R. W. Benjamin Curren, P. S. G. W. of the District Grand Lodge, when he expressed a desire to discuss with me the subject matter therein contained. Accordingly I waited on the R. W. Brother, who received me with a fraternal welcome and evinced a great anxiety to see the whole Craft united in the bonds of brotherly love, and thereby terminate all existing difficulties. The propositions from myself, he informed me, had received his careful consideration, and he advanced some excellent suggestions which I found no difficulty in acting upon.

Having embodied the suggestions referred to, I consulted with most of the executive officers and many prominent members of the Grand Lodge upon the subject, and on the 8th day of January called an emergency meeting to consider the aforesaid propositions.

The Grand Lodge at that meeting, you are well aware, unanimously sustained the action I had taken in the premises, and accordingly these propositions were officially forwarded to the District Grand Secretary, Brother Henry C. D. Twining, who submitted them to the District Grand Lodge at a special meeting held the 13th day of January. At that meeting a committee was appointed to consult with

the Grand Lodge upon this all-important subject. I then summoned the executive officers to meet with the said Committee, when the forms of union as submitted were in whole adopted.

The difficulty which had been for some time existing between the Grand Lodge and those brethren holding under Scottish authority, was brought up by the District Grand Lodge Committee when an understanding was arrived at whereby the said Scottish brethren should participate in the contemplated union after the installation of Grand Lodge Officers.

At the Grand Lodge quarterly communication held in March, a committee was appointed similar to the one appointed by the District Grand Lodge, the two forming a combined Committee to carry out the preliminary arrangements embodied in the aforesaid resolutions.

On the 22nd May I received a letter (through the Grand Secretary.) from brother A. H. Crowe, Secty. of the District Grand Lodge Committee, stating "that the Scottish brethren through some misunderstanding or misrepresentation of their views, had become dissatisfied with the arrangements made for their admission into the contemplated union of Masons in this Province, which dissatisfaction, if not counteracted would, it was feared, materially mar the prospect of a successful completion of the object in view, and in consequence of the Grand Lodge Committee not having power to move in this matter, the work of the combined Committee was virtually at a stand still. and requested the subject to be submitted to the Grand Master," expressing a hope "that he would devise some means to help them out of the dilemma."

Upon the receipt of which I again consulted with the Grand Secretary and R. W. James R. Graham as to the best course to pursue and so heal all existing difficulties, thereby forming a complete union of all the Masonic Bodies throughout the Province. The result was a resolution allowing the Scotch Lodges to be represented on the same footing as the English Lodges, which was forwarded to brother A. H. Crowe, who duly submitted it to the Scotch brethren which they accepted.

Thus terminates all the difficulties that have existed amongst the different Masonic Bodies for so long a period, and which has to a great extent retarded the progress of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

It is with unfeigned pleasure, as well as a sense of duty, that I acknowledge my deep obligations to the Grand Secretary and R. W. James R. Graham for their wise and valued counsils, together with the great assistance they rendered in bringing about this truly happy result. I feel also much indebted to R. W. Benjamin Curren and brother A. H. Crowe for their valued assistance, untiring exertions and great advocacy for the union of the whole Masonic Fraternity into the one Supreme Grand Lodge. To be associated with such brethren is truly an honor, and I most sincerely trust they may be long spared to grace our assemblies.

It now becomes my duty to lay before you my official acts for the past year. I regret to say it has not been in my power to visit as many of the Lodges as I could have wished, my business being of such a nature that I could not spare the necessary time from the city. In some instances I found it next to impossible to delegate competent brothers to perform this important duty, owing to many of

the Lodges being so distant and difficult of access, thereby requiring more time than brothers engaged in mercantile pursuits could well spare. It, however, affords me extreme gratification to be able to inform you that considerable progress has been made, especially in the general working of Lodges, and an increased interest manifested to acquire a knowledge of Masonic law! I fear, however, some of our Lodges are not working as harmoniously as I could wish; this is much to be regretted, where dissensions exist every effort should be made to remove them, and I trust the coming year will heal all such differences.

I have granted the following dispensations for the establishment of new Lodges, these have all received Warrants from the Grand Lodge.

October 12th, 1868, "Western Star," Westville.

" 19th, " "Eastern Star," Dartmouth.

May 31st, 1869, "Harmony," Aylesford. This last had been working since the beginning of 1866 under a Dispensation from the District Grand Master, R. W. Hon. Alexander Keith.

I have issued my proxies to the following named brethren to constitute the Lodges which had been granted Warrants at the different quarterly Communications.

July 13th, 1868, to R. W. Charles J. Macdonald, to constitute "Solomon" Lodge, No. 19, Hawkesbury, and install officers. A similar proxy I had previously issued to Brother Albert Corbett, P. M., of "Royal Albert" Lodge, No. 78, but owing to the pressure of his business he was unable to perform the duties.

October 10th, 1868, to Joseph. Coye, P. M. of "Acacia" Lodge, No. 14, to constitute "Widow's Son" Lodge, No. 2, River Philip.

December 16th, 1867, to R. W. N. W. White, S. G. M., to constitute "Philadelphia" Lodge, No. 25, and install officers.

The following I have personally constituted and installed Officers:

Oct. 1st, 1868	Poyntz Lodge, No. 21,	Hantsport.
" 26 "	" Orient " "	Richmond.
Dec. 29, 1868	Western Star Lodge, No.	Westville.
Jan. 12, 1869	Eastern Star " "	Dartmouth.
June 12 "	Harmony " "	Aylesford.

I have also installed the Officers of the following Lodges:

"Keith,"	No. 3.
"Scotia,"	" 4.
"St. Mark,"	" 11.
"Orient,"	" 23.

July 8th, 1868, I appointed R. W. N. W. White to investigate the proceedings of "W. H. Davies" Lodge under Dispensation, Woods Harbor, also to visit and exemplify the three degrees of Masonry as sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, to the following Lodges:

"Albert,"	No. 6.
"Concord,"	" 8.
"Scotia,"	No. 17.
"Philadelphia,"	" 25.
"Harmony,"	U. D. Barrington.

January 18th, 1869, I received a communication from brother W. F. Raymond, W. M. of "Scotia" Lodge, No. 17, Yarmouth, informing me "that since

their last installation the two Wardens had removed from the town, and in consequence of ill health he was compelled to take a voyage to the West Indies." He therefore prayed for a Dispensation to allow the Lodge to elect and install new Wardens, which I granted.

I granted permission to the brethren of St. Mark Lodge, No. 9, Baddeck, C. B., to celebrate St. Johns day.

May 20th, 1869, I appointed R. W. George T. Smithers S. G. W. to visit Poyntz Lodge, No. 21, and inspect proceedings. His report will be duly placed before you.

June 1st, 1869, I received a letter through the Grand Secretary from brother Samuel Perry W. M. of "Harmony" U. D. North East Harbor, Barrington in answer to a communication addressed him, stating "that owing to their small numbers and the absence of some of their members, also the reduced state of their funds, consequent upon the erection of a suitable building to hold their meetings, they were unable to forward the necessary fees for a Charter, and prayed that the Dispensation granted by M. W. William H. Davies be extended.

Upon due consideration I granted the same to continue in force until the Grand Lodge Communication in 1870. The necessary fees have been duly paid the Grand Secretary.

The following applications I have received. For a Dispensation to confer the F. C. and M. M. degrees at one Communication upon the same candidate.

For a Dispensation to ballot for a candidate at an emergency meeting, and to confer the E. A. degree within the limit prescribed by the Constitution. Not being satisfied that there was any absolute

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urgency in the case, and feeling that the principal was detrimental to the best interests of Masonry, and liable to great abuse, I refused to grant both applications.

Many questions I have answered, most, however, of these have been referred to the Constitution, the following I submit.

Question.—A member having been granted a demit upon proper application changed his mind before the document was placed in his hands, what course should the Lodge take in reference to the said brother?

Answer.—A brother at once ceases to be a member upon the granting of a demit, and cannot again claim membership without petitioning a Lodge and clear ballot, as in the case of all unaffiliated Masons.

Q.—A brother who was a member of a Lodge, and during his absence the Lodge changed its Charter, what position would the brother hold in the Lodge under its new Charter, and to what extent would he be liable for his dues?

A.—A member holds his position in a Lodge until he severs his connection therefrom by demitting, suspension or expulsion, and at no time can he obtain a demit unless his dues are paid up. He would, therefore, upon payment of his dues be a member in goon standing of the Lodge under its new Charter.

And now, brethren, there is one matter of vital importance to the future welfare and vitality of the Craft, and which has been frequently touched upon here and elsewhere, viz., the too great anxiety exhibited by some Lodges to increase their numbers. I would fain implore those Lodges to halt in their course. Depend upon it, where Masons are made in-

discriminately, sooner or later dissensions will grow up which will indeed be hard to heal.

Let it not be a matter of congratulation as to the number of Masons made, or the number of degrees conferred by a master during his term of office, but rather let him point with pride to the quality of the material he has brought for the building. Use the ballot with every precaution; keep your Lodges well tyled, for far better that ten good men should be rejected than one unworthy one should gain admission to our sacred portals. To the Worshipful Masters I would particularly address myself. Do not confer the degrees upon more than one candidate at the same time, especially E. A. and M. M., and upon no consideration omit any part of our beautiful ritual, but endeavor to confer each degree with that solemnity that a deep and lasting impression may be made upon the mind of the novice.

The report of the Auditing Committee will be duly placed before you, and I am extremely gratified in being able to announce that the finances of the Grand Lodge are in so healthy a condition. The sums borrowed from the Athole and Keith Lodges, together with the interest thereon, have been paid, and the available funds will be sufficient to pay all demands, and leave a handsome surplus.

Brethren, you will in the space of a few hours meet with our brethren holding under the jurisdiction of England and Scotland for the purpose of effecting this great union. I pray you give them a cordial greeting, and convince them you have but one aim, to be happy and communicate happiness.

I cannot close this address without returning my most hearty thanks to the Grand Lodge Officers for

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the support and co-operation they have extended me in the discharge of my important duties. To R. W. Charles J. Macdonald I express my highest appreciation for his untiring zeal and great promptness with which he has performed the arduous duties of Grand Secretary. In all my official intercourse with him he has ever been courteous and attentive, and justly merits the warmest thanks of this Grand Lodge. And to the brethren I tender them my kindest thanks for the indulgence and partiality in which they have been pleased to regard my efforts in discharging the various duties of my office.

I shall with pleasure transmit the jewel of my office to my successor, who will be there is little doubt, one well known and justly esteemed by the whole Craft throughout the Province.

Your selection of the Grand Lodge Officers for the coming year I have no doubt will be made with justness and wisdom.

And now, brethren, I will call upon you to unite with me in the prayer that the G. A. O. T. U. will be pleased to extend to the Grand Lodge the same uninterrupted prosperity for the future that has blessed the past.

STEPHEN R. SIRCOM,
Grand Master.

Halifax, N. S., June 23rd, 1869.

On motion of Brother J. K. Munnis, seconded by Brother Thomas Short, it was

Resolved, that the same be referred to a committee.

Committee appointed Brothers Robert Breckin, A. K. Mackinlay, and T. A. Cossmann.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report:

HALIFAX, N. S., June 23rd, 1869.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

Your Secretary respectfully submits his annual report for the past Masonic year.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, I had the proceedings printed and copies thereof forwarded to the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, and also to our Sister Grand Lodges.

During the past year, and by the authority of the Grand Lodge, I have issued the following charters :

- Poyntz Lodge, No. 21.
- Widow's Son Lodge, No. 22.
- Orient Lodge, No. 23.
- Western Star Lodge, No. 24.
- Philadelphia Lodge, No. 25.
- Eastern Star Lodge, No. 26.
- Harmony Lodge, No. 27.

In August last, by authority of the M. W. Grand Master, I proceeded to Port Hawkesbury, C. B., and there constituted Solomon Lodge, No. 19, and installed their officers. From the interest manifested by the members of this Lodge, and the material of which it is composed, I feel confident that their future will be prosperous.

I also in August proceeded with the Deputy Grand Master to Bridgewater, and assisted in constituting Acacia Lodge and installing their officers.

Accompanying this report, I submit a statement of account for the past year, which shows the receipts to have been \$1022.69; amount on hand, 1868, \$417.47; total, \$1440.16; thus showing the

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finances of the Grand Lodge to be in a very healthy condition. At the commencement of the year we were considerably in debt, but now, I am happy to inform you, we are clear of debt, and have considerable funds in hands.

In closing this my third and last report as your Grand Secretary, and ere I lay aside my pen of office allow me to return my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred by placing me in this important position. Elected as I was at the first organization of the Grand Lodge, I felt afraid that the duties of the office were of too onerous a nature to be performed with credit to myself or with satisfaction to the Craft, I accepted the office and have done my best. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of my office to the best of my ability, and if in any particular I have failed, I trust you, my brethren, will attribute it to the head and not the heart. I also desire to express my thanks to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge for the support I have ever received from them while in the discharge of my duties. And I trust that the Brother whom you will select to fill the office will receive the same support and assistance from you that has been so freely extended to me.

CHARLES J. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR
THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1869.

Cash received.

3. Keith Lodge.....	\$75 50
4. Scotia Lodge.....	50 25
6. Albert Lodge.....	68 75
9. St. Marks Lodge.....	26 50
10. Queens Lodge	114 00
11. The Lodge of St. Mark... ..	14 70

13. Eureka Lodge	26 50
14. Acacia Lodge	44 37½
15. Truro Lodge.....	12 62
16. Eldorado Lodge	32 50
17. Scotia Lodge.....	49 75
18. Royal Albert Lodge.....	29 37
19. Solomon Lodge.....	50 00
21. Poyntz Lodge.....	74 50
22. Widow's Son Lodge.....	37 00
23. Orient Lodge.....	52 62½
24. Western Star Lodge.....	65 00
25. Pbiladelphia Lodge.....	67 75
26. Eastern Star Lodge.....	30 00
27. Harmony Lodge.....	98 00
U. D. Harmony	3 00

\$1022 68

By cash paid Grand Treasurer as per voucher
1 to 24.....\$1022 68

On motion of Brother Robert Breckin, it was

Resolved, that the same be received and referred
to Finance Committee.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following re-
port :

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA, *in acc. with*
A. K. MACKINLAY, *Grand Treasurer.*

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June 27	—To Cash paid Postages, 1867.....	\$26 50
"	" " W. Taylor.....	14 52
July 17	" " H. Hesslein.....	13 25
"	" " W. Annand.....	4 87
23	" " W. Cascoy.....	18 00
Aug. 17	" " Rent	13 25
18	" " A. & H. Creighton...	8 45
Sept. 10	" " on acct. Albert Lodge	25 00
15	" " Secretary	225 00
"	" " E. M. Macdonald.....	70 00

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	"	"	E. Macdonald.....	66 00
Nov. 11	"	"	Rent.....	8 75
Dec. 14	"	"	T. & R. White.....	3 00
18	"	"	Athole Lodge.....	300 00
1868.				
Mar. 15	"	"	B. F. Staples.....	15 00
	"	"	Rent.....	10 25
17	"	"	Tyling.....	12 33
June 6	"	"	Stenhouse...	24 00
7	"	"	Keith Lodge.....	300 00
9	"	"	Keith Lodge.....	36 00
12	"	"	Dr. Page.....	6 41
	"	"	Athole Lodge.....	54 00
16	"	"	Grand Master.....	32 00
19	"	"	Rent... ..	8 75
22			Balance to credit.....	152 83

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1868.				
June 26	—	By Cash Balance.....		\$417 47
July		Cash from Sec'y Albert.....		68 75
20	"	" " Davies		26 50
Sept. 10	"	" " Poyntz.....		30 00
Oct. 22	"	" " Truro		7 25
	"	" " Royal Albert..		4 87
	"	" " W. Star.....		30 00
	"	" " E. Star.....		10 00
	"	" " Scotia.....		19 75
Nov. 10	"	" " Peyntz		18 00
13	"	" " Philadelphia..		30 00
Dec. 9	"	" " Widows' Lon..		30 00
1869.				
Jan. 21	"	" " Solomon.....		50 00
Mar. 12	"	" " Orient.....		30 00
	"	" " Acacia.....		16 50
23	"	" "		81 12½
May 21	"	" " Harmony.....		30 00
24	"	" " Poyntz.....		26 50
June 4	"	" "		114 00
	"	" "		134 00
8	"	" " Harmony.....		68 00

9	"	"	"	49 57½
	"	"	"	24 50
	Cash overpaid Athole & returned.....				9 00
19	Cash from Sec'y Keith.....				75 50
June 22—	By Cash from Sec'y				47 62
					\$1449 16
By Cash Balance.....					\$152 83

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A. K. MACKINLAY,

Grand Treasurer.

Halifax, June 22, 1860.

On motion of Brother Robert Brechin, it was
Resolved, that the same be received and referred
to Finance Committee.

Brother Robert Brechin presented the following
report from Committee on Address of Grand Master :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

The Committee to whom was referred the
address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master,
beg to report,

That they have read with great pleasure the
address which has been placed in their hands, and
are unanimous in recommending its adoption by
this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

R. BRECHIN, *Chairman*,

A. K. MACKINLAY,

T. A. COSSMANN.

On motion of Brother Duncan McDougall, it was
Resolved, that the same be received and adopted,

Brother George T. Smithers, from Finance Committee, submitted the following report:

HALIFAX, June 23rd, 1869.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

Your Committee appointed to audit the books of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary beg to report, that they have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary and find the same correct.

The receipts for the past year have been.....\$1031.69
Balance on hand June 16..... 417.47

\$1449.16

The payments made on account of Grand Lodge are:

Paid to Lodges for monies borrowed.....\$600.00
Interest on do. 90.00
Ordinary Expenses..... 606.33
Balance in Treasurer's hands..... 152.83

\$1449.16

Your Committee find from the Secretary's books that there is still due from Subordinate Lodges about 450 dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
CHAS. F. VOSE,
T. A. COSSMANN.

On motion of Brother George J. Fluck, it was
Resolved, that the same be received and adopted.

The Deputy Grand Master presented the following report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Province of Nova Scotia.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

During the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for a short time during the summer of Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-eight, it became my duty as his Deputy to officiate should occasion require in his place. Circumstances having required but few official acts on my part my report will consequently be brief.

Having received through the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary a request from the brethren of Acacia Lodge of Bridgewater, who had formerly worked under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of England, and since April 8th under dispensation from this Grand Lodge, that they should be consecrated, dedicated and constituted under a charter granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and confirmed and proclaimed free to exercise all the powers and privileges of a legally constituted Lodge under our constitution as Acacia Lodge, No. 20, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. I accordingly started on the 10th day of August for that place in company with the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, where we arrived on the 11th, and that officer assisted me in performing those ceremonies, and in installing the officers and dedicating the beautiful new hall in which they met for the first time that day.

The dedication of the hall was by the urgent request of the brethren of Acacia Lodge performed in

public, and your servants on that occasion were materially assisted by the very efficient exercises of a well-trained choir of young ladies, accompanied by the organ, whose rich swelling tones blending with the sweet melody of voices added much to the solemnity and beauty of those time-honored ceremonies.

A beautiful oration was pronounced by the newly-installed Master, W. H. Owen, who, with his associates, gave us a very cordial welcome, and entertained us in princely style, making us feel at parting a strong desire to cultivate closer and more intimate acquaintance with our western brethren.

We arrived home safely on the evening of the 13th after an absence of four days, feeling deep gratitude to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for all His blessings and protection during our journeyings.

The first quarterly communication for the Masonic year was held at Truro in September, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master being absent from the jurisdiction, I had the honor to preside on that occasion, and for an account of what transpired there and then, I refer you to the minutes of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Yours truly and fraternally,

A. C. PAGE,
Deputy Grand Master.

Truro, June 22nd, 1869.

On motion of Brother N. Snow, it was

Resolved, that the same be received and adopted.

On motion of Brother George T. Smithers, it was

Resolved, that the proceedings of Grand Lodge be printed and distributed to the Grand and Subordinate Lodges as usual.

The Grand Senior Warden presented the following report :

HALIFAX, N. S , May 29, 1869.

Most Worshipful Sir,--

In accordance with your instructions, I made an official visit to Poyntz Lodge, No. 21, Hantsport, on Friday evening, May 27th, and inspected and examined the proceedings of that Lodge for the year past.

I am happy to report, for your information, that Poyntz Lodge is in a good state as regards membership and funds, and appear to be as well up in their work as the circumstances in which they are placed will permit. Their Lodge Room is well suited for the required purposes, and is not appropriated to any other uses. The roll shews a membership of 54; 15 initiations; 12 passed; 11 raised, with a fund of upwards of \$200. I was most cordially welcomed by the Worshipful Master, Brother Dr. Black, and the officers and members of the Lodge, who were gratified by having an official visit with the need that exists of giving our Brethern in the country the benefit of an occasional visit of instruction, through the medium of the Grand Lecturer, or competent Brethren, that uniformity of work may be obtained throughout the jurisdiction. If this could in any way be arranged in the future, I feel assured that the aid given in this respect would prove of incalculable benefit to the interests of the Craft generally.

The Worshipful Master forwarded, through me, the various returns required, with accompanying

dues, &c., which were duly placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

Trusting, Most Worshipful Sir, that this report of the performance of duties assigned me, will be satisfactory, I am,

Yours fraternally,

GEO. T. SMITHERS,

S. G. W. G. L. N. S.

To the M. W. S. R. Sircom, Esq., Grand Master of Nova Scotia.

On motion of Brother A. K. Mackinlay, it was

Resolved, that the same be received and adopted.

The following bills were presented and ordered to be paid:

Grand Sec'y, postage, telegrams, &c., 1868...	\$27 50
R. Brennan, for photograph group.....	20 00
R. & J. Wetmore, frame.....	8 00

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 6.30 and proceed to Masonic Hall.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

WEDNESDAY EVENING,

June 28, 7 P. M.

The Grand Lodge met in the Lodge Room, Masonic Hall, where it had been previously arranged according to the Articles of Union, that the two bodies should meet for the purpose of perfect-

ing the union, and to elect Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia occupying the large Room, and the District Grand Lodge the Lodge Room up-stairs.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7 p. m., S. R. Sircom, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, with a representation of twenty Lodges.

Brother A. H. Crowe, Secretary of the District Grand Lodge Committee, was announced and received. Brother Crowe stated that the M. W. Grand Master, Past Substitute Grand Master Graham, Grand Secretary, and members of the Committee of Union were required up-stairs to meet with the Committee of the District Grand Lodge,—M. W. Brothers Bernard and Stephenson, of Canada, M. W. Brother B. Lester Peters and R. W. Brother Clinch, of New Brunswick.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, said members of Grand Lodge proceeding up-stairs for the purpose of conferring with the aforesaid brethren. After the matter had been thoroughly explained, it was suggested by a member of the District Grand Lodge Committee, that in order to effect the union, so that the two bodies meet together, it be done as follows: The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to pass a resolution to receive the officers of the District Grand Lodge and the

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representatives of their Subordinate Lodges into the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and accord to them the same rights and privileges that they themselves possess, after which the Grand Lodge resumed labor, when M. W. Bro. B. Lester Peters, Grand Master of New Brunswick, was announced, and received with Grand honors.

On motion of Brother James R. Graham, Past Substitute Grand Master, seconded by the R. W. Grand Secretary, it was

Resolved, that the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia receive the Officers of the R. W. District Grand Lodge, and Representatives of Subordinate Lodges holding under the same, and welcome them with a fraternal greeting.

Which was unanimously adopted.

M. W. B. Lester Peters expressed the pleasure it gave him at being present on such an auspicious occasion, more especially at being the bearer of such an important message to the District Grand Lodge, which he trusted would be received by them as unanimously as it had been passed by the Grand Lodge.

Brother Peters then withdrew to announce to the District Grand Lodge the Resolution now passed.

M. W. Brother Peters was again announced and admitted, when the M. W. Brother informed the

Grand Lodge that the R. W. District Grand Lodge had agreed to the same.

Which announcement was received with great enthusiasm.

M. W. Brothers A. A. Stevenson and J. Bernard, and R. W. Brother Clinch were announced and received with grand honors.

The R. W. Brother Hon. A. Keith, District Grand Master, the Officers of District Grand Lodge, and the representatives of Subordinate Lodges, holding under the same, were now announced, and received with grand honors.

Brother A. H. Crowe, on behalf of the District Grand Lodge, stated that the articles of union had been adopted by that body.

Brother W. Taylor, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, stated that the same had been agreed to by the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Grand Master Sircom invited M. W. Brother Stevenson, Grand Master of Canada, to take the Grand East.

R. W. Brother Hon. A. Keith moved and M. W. Grand Master Sircom seconded that the articles of union as received be confirmed and adopted by this Most Worshipful Grand Body.

Which, upon being put to vote was passed unanimously.

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M. W. Brother Stevenson stated that according to said articles of agreement, the first bussiness was the election of Grand Master.

M. W. S. R. Sircom, Grand Master, proposed, and R. W. James R. Forman, District Deputy Grand Master, seconded, that R. W. Brother Hon. A. Keith be elected, which passed unanimously.

The following brethren were then elected to the offices set opposite their names:—

JAMES R. FORMAN..R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 CHAS. J. MACDONALD..R. W. Sub. Grand Master.
 J. N. RITCHIE.....R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 H. J. MARSHALL...R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 A. K. MACKINLAY.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 H. C. D. TWINING.....R. W. Grand Secretary.
 W. S. MACDONALD.....R. W. Grand Clerk.
 REV. D. C. MOORE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
 NEWELL SNOW... ..R. W. Grand Lecturer.
 CHAS. WHITE...R. W. Assistant Grand Lecturer.
 JAMES GOSSIP.....V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.
 C. C. NICHOLS.....V. W. Grand Junior Deacon.
 DAVID STIRLING.....V. W. Grand Architect.
 J. CORNELIUS.....V. W. Grand Jeweller.
 ALEXANDER McKAY.V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
 DOUG. MACLEOD..V. W. Gd. Dir. of Ceremonies.
 GEORGE HYDE.....V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
 J. B. NORTON.....V. W. Grand Director of Music.
 W. WARD, }V. W. Grand Stewards.
 G. J. FLUCK, }
 J. M. TAYLOR.....V. W. Grand Tyler.

On motion of Brother Crowe, seconded by Brother Clarke, it was

Resolved, that the number of Grand Stewards be limited to eight, when the following brethren were duly elected :

W. MONTGOMERY,	} W. Grand Stewards.
I. J. WYLDE,	
W. BLAIR,	
JOHN SUTHERLAND,	
GEO. TAYLOR,	
H. F. WORRALL,	
JOHN WHITE,	
JAS. DEMPSTER,	

On motion of Brother Curren, seconded by Brother Sircom, it was

Resolved, that the committee to revise constitution consist of seven, and said committee to elect a convenor.

The following brethren were appointed : Brothers A. H. Crowe, Dr. Curren, W. Taylor, S. R. Sircom, J. N. Ritchie, and C. J. Macdonald. The hour being late, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to resume labor at 9 a. m., Thursday.

THURSDAY,

June 24, 9 o'clock A. M.

Grand Lodge resumed labor, M. W. A. A. Stevenson presiding.

The M. W. stated that the first order of business was the installation of Grand Lodge Officers.

When the following were duly installed into the offices set opposite their respective names.

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The installation ceremonies being performed by M. W. Brother Stevenson, assisted by M. W. Brothers Bernard and Peters, and R. W. Brother Clinch.

HON. A. KEITH.....	M. W. Grand Master.
JAS. R. FORMAN.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
CHAS. J. MACDONALD..	R. W. Sub. Grand Master.
J. N. RITCHIE.....	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
H. J. MARSHALL.....	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
A. K. MACKINLAY.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
H. C. D. TWINING.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
W. S. MACDONALD.....	R. W. Grand Clerk.
REV. D. C. MOORE.....	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
NEWELL SNOW.....	R. W. Grand Lecturer.
CHARLES WHITE.....	R. W. Asst. Grand Lecturer.
JAMES GOSSIP.....	V. W. Senior Grand Deacon.
C. C. NICHOLS.....	V. W. Junior Grand Deacon.
DAVID STIRLING.....	V. W. Grand Architect.
J. CORNELIUS.....	V. W. Grand Jeweller.
ALEX. McKAY.....	V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
DOUG. MACLEOD.....	V. W. Gd. Dir. of Ceremonies.
GEORGE HYDE.....	V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
J. B. NORTON.....	V. W. Grand Director of Music.
W. WARD,	} V. W. Grand Marshalls
G. J. FLUCK,	
JOHN TAYLOR.....	V. W. Grand Tyler.
W. MONTGOMERY,	} W. Grand Stewards.
I. J. WYLDE,	
W. BLAIR,	
JOHN SUTHERLAND,	
GEORGE TAYLOR,	
H. F. WORRALL,	
JOHN WHITE,	
JAMES DEMPSTER,	

On motion of R. W. Brother Forman, seconded by R. W. Brother Clarke, it was

Resolved, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and hereby tendered to M. W. Brothers Stevenson, Peters and Bernard, and R. W. Brother Clinch, for their kindness and assistance in carrying out and perfecting the act of union.

Brother A. H. Crowe then read the Articles of Agreement, and had the same duly signed.

A procession was then formed by the Grand Marshal in the following order :

Tyler with a sword,
Entered Apprentice Masons, two and two,
Fellow Craft Masons, two and two,
Master Masons, two and two,
Two Stewards,
Secretary and Treasurer,
Past Masters,
Senior and Junior Wardens,
The Lodge Banner,
The Worshipful Master,
Supported by the Deacons of the Lodge.
Band.

After the subordinate Lodges, the brethren of higher order, as follows :

Royal Arch Masons,
Knights Templars,
Band.
The Worshipful Grand Tyler with sword,
Flag.
Three Brethren with vessels of Corn, Wine and Oil,
The V. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies,

The V. W. Grand Director of Music,
 The V. W. Grand Architect and Jeweller,
 The R. W. Grand Lecturer,
 The Holy Bible, Square and Compass, borne on a
 Velvet Cushion by the Grand Bible Bearer,
 supported by three Past Masters
 with lights.

R. W. The Grand Chaplains,
 R. W. Brethren representing Foreign Grand
 Lodges,

R. W. The Grand Treasurer, Secretary and Clerk,
 R. W. Past Junior Grand Wardens,
 R. W. Past Senior Grand Wardens,

R. W. Past Substitute and Deputy Grand Masters,
 Steward] M. W. Past Grand Masters [Steward,
 in a carriage drawn by two horses.

A large number of members of Foreign Lodges and
 other distinguished brethren,

The V. W. Grand Sword Bearer,
 The Banner of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova
 Scotia, supported by two Stewards.

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Ark of the Covenant of Union, borne by two old
 Master Masons, supported by Stewards,

The R. W. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens,
 The R. W. Substitute and Deputy Grand Master,
 The Book of the Constitution, borne by the Master
 of the oldest Lodge,

The Standard of the Most Worshipful Grand Master,
 The Most Worshipful Grand Master,
 in a carriage drawn by four horses, supported
 by the V. W. Grand Deacons, with
 Golden Rods,
 Grand Tyler, with sword.

And proceeded to St. Paul's Church, where Divine Services were performed by the Rev. Bros. Moore, Breading, Almon and Richardson, and the following eloquent Sermon preached by the R. W. Grand Chaplain, from the following text :

HEBREWS XIII, 1.—“ Let Brotherly love continue.”

The place which a fraternal relationship should hold in the estimation of man, may be some extent, discovered from the fact that it is referred to in the written word of God, in more than 600 places. We have as the work of God's hands, a bond of brotherhood with every other work that he has made, animate or inanimate, since He is the Universal Father (or in terms familiar to most who worship here to-day) the Supreme Architect of the Universe. As issuing from the Divine mind and will, and act, every created thing should have our fraternal love, since “ we are also His offspring.” Who but He, to bird, and beast, and fish is the the source of life and health?—and who but He supplies us with the same? And while we know that to us is given by Him dominion over them all, yet that dominion is given, not that we may divert them from the purposes for which they were made—we may not abuse them, treat them with contumely, nor with cruelty; but remembering that He is their Father as well as ours, we shall respect and love the work of His hands. Without irreverence we may quote on this connection, words originally written of the LORD'S CHRIST: “ Every one that loveth Him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of Him.” Or who but the common Father has specked the quartz

rock with gold? Who but the all-skilled Parent has worked in upon the body colours of blue and green, with which He has so richly spread myriad tints of plants and flowers? Who but He has made the almighty ocean and the beautiful land?" As we work amongst these—or simply gaze in admiration on their marvellous adaption to their various uses—how infinitely shall we increase our estimation of and for them by always keeping in our minds the fact that they have, in common with ourselves, a share of the parental character of GOD. But, beloved, we must feel the tie of brotherhood far, far more strongly when it is not earth—nor sky—nor rock—nor sea—no towering tree—no humble plant—no bird that flies—no fish that swims—nor cattle that roam with earthward gaze, that claims our recognition; but a BROTHER MAN, walking erect in the sight of his Maker, who set him not only over all the other works of His hands, but so far above them that He made him in *His own image*—as St. Paul declares, "The image and Glory of GOD." In the common brotherhood of man there is no distinction of race nor lineage. The proudest monarch on his throne, and the humblest slave at his compelled labor—the white-skinned European—the Asiatic native of the "red earth" as father Adam—or the "swart Ethop" of the darken hue; all have the same right to claim GOD for their Father, and so comes the lovely, loving truth, "all we are brethren." "We find a brother wher'er we find a man."

This is the *theory*—this is what ought to be. What is the practice? What is?

It is only a bird or a fish—we say, as if they were of no value, the very names of brute and beast,

have come to be terms of disgust and abhorrence. While earth and rock, or sea, or sky are generally but so many of our surroundings, of whose origin we have neither care nor thought—while man treats man as an enemy—walks upward over his shoulders and then turns to kick his ladder down—distrust and hatred reign to that extent, that instead of following the Apostolic injunction to “love as brethren” the maxims of men of the world are to “trust nobody,” and to look upon every man as an enemy until he has proved himself a friend,—while pride of station or of wealth has lead the exalted to despise the less favored, and as a consequence, the less favored to envy and to hate the more exalted—’till ’tis hard indeed to trace a lineament of GOD on those made in His image, for the imprint of Satanic “pride and hate” has been deeply struck over the superscription that was about the image “God is love.” This has been at work since the days of Cain and Abel; nay—since when Satan first refused obedience to the Almighty Father of Heaven.

It is the wish of every true lover of God and man to do what in him lies, to bring back the theory of God, to improve “what is” until it becomes “what ought to be.” Amongst all the efforts towards this end so much to be desired, stands foremost (always giving precedence to the Church of Christ which is His body) the ancient and honorable fraternity of which we are so happy as to form a part. I must here allude (and I will do so in few words, only to rejoice that it is past and done with, never to trouble us more, I pray) to the fact we all deplore, that of late differences crept even into our very brotherhood itself. We cannot ignore it. It has been so. I do

not attempt to say who was to blame; but met, as I thank God we are, to celebrate not only our usual anniversary, but the reuniting of the whole Masonic body in this Province, I could not of course address you without urging every brother to whose ear these words can come, to take heed how any act or word of his shall lead to future lack of unity. Unity, which is so precious that it is an attribute of God himself, of which a Mason cannot help but be frequently and regularly reminded if he attends to his duties as he ought. Let each one bear in mind that the body is made up of lodges, and one lodge cannot break unity without affecting the whole, any more than can a link be broken without breaking the whole chain, and this thought is applicable also to individual members of every lodge. The conduct of the lodge depends upon the behavior of each member:—"Let each esteem other better than himself." St. Paul speaking of the body of Christ, teaches "that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." As far as we may, let us apply these words to ourselves, brethren, and one main object of the fraternity will be gained, we shall ever and always let "brotherly love continue." There will be no fear of trouble from within, and that from without we fear not. Our objects we know to be such as agree with the teachings of the Divine Father of the whole family of man; and if God be for us who can affect us. Fulminations from persons high in authority affect us not, for the Universal parent is higher. If our secrecy be the crime of which we are accused, we possess that attribute in

common with many societies in the church, certainly with one which has taken the name of Jesus Himself. I am not willing to acknowledge myself second to any one in my love and obedience to the Church of Christ. I stand here a minister of that Church, to preach not the praises of Masonry, but the message with which an ambassador for God I am charged to my fellow men, and part of that message is "Let Brotherly love continue," and while this message stands, let the Church or any branch of it, take heed lest she be found fighting against God instead of for God, by opposing that which he would have done; recollecting that by His Son was said "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you that ye also love one another." Let those who reason against masonry that there is no need of it, because the Church of Christ is the brotherhood—that it is universal in its invitation, as it is in its applicability to mankind, let each, I say, ask whose fault it is that human brotherhoods are needed; and mend the divisions in Christendom, so that it may be said as it was of yore, "See how those Christians love one another;" but while men who call themselves by the name of Christ, "fight and devour one another," and cheat and rob one another, let them shut their mouths and not speak against those who, imitating the good Samaritan, tend the sick and wounded, and pay for his being cared for, even if he be a Jew, against those who at any rate to some extent, imitate the early Christians in "having things common"—and care for the fatherless and the widow.

If the Church had done her duty in these matters, it would be a different thing; but we are obliged to acknowledge with shame, that she has not, therefore,

she should hail as a fellow-helper, any society that practices the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity, and who might take for a motto the words of my text to-day, "Let brotherly love continue." But brethren, we may not be unmindful that while a disciple of Confucius or of Brahma—a Jew or a Mahomedan, may be a Mason; and here we adduce again the example of the good Samaritan, and plead the common brotherhood, the common Fatherhood of God, yet that we in these countries, wherever the Word of God is known and read, and Christ is preached, have that word used in every Lodge, and "Faith in the merits of the Lion of the tribe of Judah," as ever symbolized. We are here assembled in a Christian place of Worship, to celebrate the festival of St. John the Baptist, the great forerunner of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. While we glory in the fact that we hail a brother even if he be of a faith that has no more dealing with us than had the Jews with the Samaritan, yet can we join with all our hearts in the spirit of Milton's glorious hymn on Christ's nativity.

"The oracles are dumb,
No voice or hideous hum,
Runs through the arched roof in words deceiving.
Apollo from his shrine,
Can no more divine,
With hollow shrieking, the steep of Delphos leaving.

Peer and Baalim,
Forsake their temples dim,
With that twice battered God of Palestine;
And mooned Ashtaroh—
Heaven's Queen and mother both,
Now sits not, girt with holy tapers shine.

Nor is Osiris seen,
In Memphian grove, or green,
Trampling the unshowered grass with lowings loud.

Nor can he be at rest
 Within his sacred chest,
 Nought but profoundest hell can be his shroud.

He feels from Juda's land
 The dreaded infant's hand,
 The days of Bethlehem blind his dusky eyne,
 Nor all the gods beside
 Longer dare abide.
 Not Typhon huge ending in snaky twine,
Our Babe to show his Godhead true,
 Can in his swaddling hands control the damned crew.

Beloved brethren, do not let us make the grave error as some have, of putting masonry in the place of true religion. It is true that we are taught "Faith, Hope and Charity:" these three, but the greatest of these is "Charity." But we may not put the part for the whole—we may not rest entirely on the greatest of these virtues, though it be the "chief among the blessed three." Though charity be love, we may not think that to let brotherly love continue, is to do all. If we have charity, we must also have hope—hope of a glorious resurrection at the last day. No deciduous plant is it that we use at a brother's grave, but that which ever liveth; but the hope there symbolized we cannot have without Faith—belief, trust, reliance—on Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, by whom and by none other, we can and shall be raised by his almighty power.

We have faith in Him, and thus he will do. Why? Because God though he is, He became like unto us. He enables us to become His brethren, that where He is there we may be also. He laid down his glory that He had with the Father—King of Kings and Lord, of Lords as He was—He came as a weak and poor infant—lived a poor and despised

man—went about doing good to men—though He Himself had not where to lay his weary head—suffered unutterable shame, agony and despite—at last yielding up the ghost on the Cross, that we through Him might be saved—saved from ourselves—our own weakness—our own sins, and from eternal death, the otherwise inevitable consequence of those sins. These were the deeds of our brother—if we are Christians. This is the chief—the great master of all who belong to the brotherhood to which our text primarily applies “Love the brotherhood.” When the apostle wrote this he meant the christian brotherhood, formed by that friend of us men “Who sticketh closer than a brother.” It is true as I have stated, that we claim to be sons of God in common with all created things. It is true also that we have a right to be called more particularly sons of God as men “created in the image of God.” It is also true, alas, that the image and superscription has been so marred by sin, so defaced by the designs of Satan, that it is often hard to discover the original likeness. Therefore it is that we need to be moulded, born anew in the matrix of our second birth, that the image may be restored, and we receive again the spirit of adoption whereby we are enabled to cry Abba Father. This is the nearest, dearest claim we can have, because it gives us brotherhood with Christ himself, this is the brotherhood to which all others must be inferior, it gives us back the sonship to God which by sin we had lost, a sonship second only to that of the “only begotten of the Father.” I have thus in few words in connection with our subject, beloved brethren, preached to you Jesus Christ, and Him crucified—Jesus and the resurrection. I dare not let the opportunity escape,

as a servant of the Lord, "For though I preach the Gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is me if I preach not the gospel." And now, brethren, still suffer the word of exhortation, whether you be professing Christians or no; on us is laid the duty of holiness of life; you know our obligations; you know how they include temperance in all things "the due restraint upon our affections and passions, which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice." You know how we are taught "to avoid excess or contracting licentious or vicious habits" and we know alas! brethren, that as we are but human, we often fail in these our obligations and do not learn the lessons we are taught. If we "love the brotherhood" we shall be stricter with ourselves in these matters, stricter as to who is admitted amongst us, and above all stricter in our conduct lest we bring disgrace upon the brotherhood we love. The example of the holy man whose day we celebrate is before us in this matter, we know how abstemiously he lived—how holy!—his food but locusts and wild honey, his dress but camel's hair and a leathern girdle; he drank neither wine nor strong drink, and he dwelt in the wilderness. He, it is true, had a special office as forerunner of our blessed Lord, and we know also that when the great exemplary of all came himself, who did no sin, he was accused of being a gluttonous man and a wine-bibber, while the Baptist was said to have a devil. As Christ himself said "wisdom is justified of all her children" all things come from God and are for the use of man; and since man is sinful, are liable to abuse. If we are not able to imitate the highest example and sit at table, or enjoy

any other of God's good gifts without abuse, far better for us to take the course of the forerunner, and even though we be accused of having a devil—deny ourselves altogether of that which we cannot use properly. St. John set us other examples. He not only was abstemious in himself, but boldly rebuked vice in others, even the ruler on his throne. He moreover patiently suffered for the truth's sake; see his head upon the charger, at the bidding of the licentious Herodias. To such of you as have put on Christ, of course there are further inducements. You know how it is your bounden duty to renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil; you know how that without holiness no man shall see the Lord; you know that to be shut out from the presence of God forever is the direst, bitterest punishment, and you have learned too that even were it possible for an unholy man to reach the Divine presence, he could not be happy there in the presence of infinite holiness. You will therefore strive for your own sake and for the love of Christ and the Father, and lest you do despite to the Holy Spirit, to live as holy, as poor, weak and failing man may do in connection with our brotherhood, you will thus bring honor to it and show that in loving the Savior and obeying his Holy commands, you love it also and promote its highest usefulness. And now, brethren, in conclusion, while we rejoice in our festival of re-union, let us do it with moderation and temperance, while we feel and sing, "behold how joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Let us also remember that the cause is, "there the Lord promised His blessing and life for ever more." When we hear the prayers in the lodge, or when we join the public worship of the Almighty, let this blessing be earnestly sought

for, wrestling ever in prayer, and like Jacob of old refusing to let him go, as it were, before he bless us. And while we pray, if we love the brotherhood as we should love it, we shall include it in our petitions, that it too may receive a blessing, and may become more and more useful in doing good to men, and promoting the honor and glory of God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

After which the procession was reformed on the Grand Parade and marched through the principal streets of the city, returning to the Lodge Room, Mason Hall, when the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until Tuesday evening next, 29th inst., at 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING.

June 29, 1869.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at eight o'clock.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following standing Committees :

On Credentials.—Brothers Allen H. Crowe, Angus McLeod, and T. A. Cossmann.

On Constitution and Regulations.—Brothers Stephen R. Sircom, Jas. R. Graham, and James Gossip.

On Grievances and Appeal.—Brothers H. C. D. Twining, J. N. Ritchie, and William Taylor.

On Finance and Audit.—Brothers George Fraser, William Murray, William Macdonald.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Brothers Charles J. Macdonald, Henry S. Muir, and George T. Smithers.

On Charters.—Brothers Charles J. Macdonald, William A. Hesson, and John D. Nash.

The following Brethren were also appointed a Committee to revise the roll of Lodges, viz.: Brothers Benjamin Curren, William Taylor, Robert D. Clarke.

On motion of Brother Curren, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to dispense the Benevolent Funds of the Grand Lodge, and that applications for Masonic relief be made to such Committee.

Committee.—Brothers Allen H. Crowe, Henry C. D. Twining, William A. Hesson, Philip G. Valot, J. R. B. Fidler, George Fraser, W. S. Macdonald, A. S. Busby, Robert R. Morris, Stephen R. Sircom, George T. Smithers, W. U. Jones, and John Allen.

On motion of Brother Nash it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report on the system of work adopted by the various Lodges, with the view of establishing uniformity therein.

Committee—Brothers Benjamin Curren, Allen H. Crowe, N. W. White, Stephen R. Sircom, John D. Nash, James King, and D. Pottinger.

Ordered that the above committee report as soon as practicable.

Brother Stephen R. Sircom then moved the following resolutions :

Whereas it may expedient for their safe custody and preservation that sundry valuable and important property of this Grand Lodge, to which frequent reference is not absolutely necessary, should be deposited in an Ark or receptacle, where in the absence of any regular rule for its periodical examination, it might remain unseen for a very lengthened period, during which damage from various causes might accrue, and the articles or documents be partially or wholly destroyed ;

Be it therefore Resolved, 1. That a substantial wooden box be procured, furnished with three different locks and keys, one each of which keys shall be in the custody of the Grand Senior Warden, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the time being respectively. And that the said box be enclosed in an iron safe, of the key of which the Grand Master shall have charge.

2. That said keys shall be transferred by said officers, with other property of the Grand Lodge, to their successors.

3. That, at or previous to the regular Communication of the Grand Lodge in Bissextile or Leap Year, a careful examination of the contents of the Ark be made, and an inventory of the same,

together with a report of their condition, be submitted to the Grand Lodge.

Which being seconded and put was adopted.

On motion of Brother Sircom, it was

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred Dollars be paid to Brother Charles J. Macdonald for his valuable services as Grand Secretary during the past year.

On motion of Brother George Fraser, the thanks of Grand Lodge were tendered to the combined Committee for their services in bringing to a successful termination the important and delicate duties with which they had been entrusted.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rector and Church Wardens of St. Paul's for their kindness in placing the parish Church at the disposal of the Craft on St. John's Day.

The Grand Treasurer was authorized to defray all necessary expenses connected with carrying into effect the union of the Craft in Nova Scotia.

On motion of Brother Sircom, it was

Resolved, That The Lodge of St. Mark, Halifax, be empowered to change the regular night of meeting.

On motion of Brother Nash, it was

Resolved, That a Committee, to consist of seven members, be appointed to make enquiries and report as to the feasibility of erecting a suitable Masonic Temple for the accommodation of the Craft.

Committee.—Brothers John D. Nash, Robert D. Clarke, James Gossip, Stephen R. Sircom, J. N. Ritchie, Benjamin Curren, and George Fraser.

The Proclamation of the Act of Union between the several Masonic Bodies of Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was then duly made, accompanied with the usual ceremonies.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was then closed by the M. W. the Grand Master, in AMPLE FORM.

H. C. D. TWINING,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX No. 1.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

Since our last Annual Communication we have received the proceedings of the following Grand Lodges :

Arkansas,	New Brunswick,
Delaware,	New Hampshire,
District Columbia,	New York,
Florida,	Nevada,
Iowa,	Ohio,
Idaho,	Tennessee,
Indiana,	Texas,
Kentucky,	Vermont,
Louisiana,	West Virginia,
Maine,	Washington Territory.
Minnesota,	

The perusal of the various reports has afforded us great pleasure as well as instruction, and we only regret that our limited space will not permit of entering more fully into the doings of our sister Grand Lodges.

We have therefore confined ourselves to brief extracts only from the many thousand pages which have been examined in preparing this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,
DAVID POTTINGER,
W. ROBERTSON.

ARKANSAS.

The 30th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was held in the city of Little Rock on November 16, 1868, M. W. E. H. English, Grand Master, presiding.

R. W. Wm. D. Blocher, Grand Secretary.

Ninety-eight Lodges represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is both entertaining and instructive, and for a preamble, takes, as it were, his text from Job XII, 7, 8: "Ask now the beasts and they shall teach thee, and the fowls of the air and they shall tell thee; or speak to the earth and it shall teach thee, and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

He shows to such of his brethren as may not have had the advantage of schools, the means to purchase books, or the time to read them, that Masonry points her sons to the Great Book of Nature, which is ever open to them, and from which they may learn lessons of wisdom whilst in the pursuit of their ordinary avocations.

There are some mysteries, however, which neither the beasts of field or forest, the fowls of the air, the fishes of the sea, nor earth, with her ten thousand tongues, can solve. But as much of them as man need know is unfolded by the Great Light which lies upon every Masonic altar, and whilst Masons are to be students of the Book of Nature, the Book of the Law is not to be neglected. There is a tendency in this age to follow the dim light of reason into forbidden paths, and build up theories by a system of inductive philosophy which leads to shake the path of men in the truth of the simple enunciations of the Bible. Far along these paths which lead to a shoreless and unfathomless sea. Hugh Miller strided and struggled in his masterly efforts to reconcile the simple Mosaic account of Creation with a geological theory until his brain was fevered, frenzied, and gave way, and he died just as he made the finishing strokes upon his great work called the "Testimony of the Rocks."

There are some mysteries which neither the Bible nor the Rocks unfold to man, but there are mysteries enough within his reach to employ all the years allotted to him here. In that life beyond the grave, symbolized by the ever blooming Acacia, he may obtain more light upon the hidden mysteries.

He reports having granted 17 dispensations to form new Lodges.

He strongly urges upon the brethren to collect together as much information as possible, with a view of preparing a history of Freemasonry in that State.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the receipts of Grand Lodge for the year to be \$4,588.

The following question amongst others, was

submitted to the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage.

A. B., a Master Mason, committed such crimes as would have caused his expulsion, but was killed for the offence. The Lodge refuses to give his widow a certificate of good Masonic standing. What relation does the widow and orphan sustain to the fraternity? They answer that they are of opinion that the widow and orphans are those of a Master Mason, and therefore entitled to all the benefits and charities of the Order.

According to the report of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of St. John's College, we find that this Institution closed the Academic year on 25th June with 74 students, and was re-opened on the first Tuesday of October with an increased number and a growing reputation. The Board announce that they have the pleasing assurance, that with the flattering care and aid of the Grand Lodge, together with the energy, high moral standing, and superior scholastic accomplishments of the President and Professors in charge, this Institution will soon attain that success so much desired by the Fraternity.

During the session of Grand Lodge Bro. O. C. Gray, Professor of Mathematics in St. John's College, delivered a very interesting and instructive address on the subject of Education.

Bro. C. B. Moore, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a report of 35 Grand Lodges. He notices the proceedings of our Grand Lodge for 1867 in a kindly and complimentary manner.

M. W. Bro. E. H. English was re-elected Grand Master and Bro. William D. Blocher Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The fifty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was held in the city of Washington, in November, 1868.

M. W. B. B. French, Grand Master, presiding.

Sixteen Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is a short and business-like document, and refers principally to his official acts.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was duly recognized by suitable resolution.

M. W. R. B. Donaldson was elected Grand Master, who upon being installed delivered a very able and eloquent address.

The following Installation Hymn, written for the installation of the Grand Master, December 28, 1868, by M. W. Grand Master B. B. French, was sung :

Look to the East—the source of light—
 Where like the god of day,
 Rises the Master of your choice
 To bear his gentle sway.
 O'er all your acts he shall preside,
 The ruling gavel hold,
 Poising the scales with even hand
 Like Solomon of old.
 Salute him then with three times three,
 Ask blessings from above ;
 Give him, to cheer him on his way,
 Your confidence and love.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Bro. M. C. Baxter, and is a brief review of the proceedings of 38 Grand Lodges, our own for 1867 included.

M. W. R. B. Donaldson elected Grand Master, and R. W. Noble D. Larner Grand Secretary.

DELEWARE.

The sixty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was held in the city of Wilmington on June 27, 1868.

M. W. Bro. Daniel McClintock, Grand Master, presiding, with a representation of 17 Lodges.

The Grand Master delivered an interesting address.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. J. P. Allmond, the Grand Secretary, wherein he reviews the proceedings of many Grand Lodges, our own for 1867 among the number.

The receipts of Grand Lodge for the year was \$408.12.

The roll of the Grand Lodge number 24.

M. W. Bro. E. J. Horner was elected Grand Master, and J. P. Allmond Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Tallahassee, on the 13th January, 1868, the M. W. Henry J. Stewart, Grand Master, presiding.

The number of Lodges represented not stated.

The Address of the Grand Master is full of counsel and brotherly advice. Referring to the past unhappy war, he says: The condition of our once happy country is deplorable indeed. We have passed through a severe and trying ordeal. But the din of musketry is no longer heard on the tented field; the clash of arms has ceased, and although there may still be strife in the political arena, yet our Northern Brethren have reached forth their hands for fraternal fellowship, saying, "Peace be unto you!" Not doubting, as Thomas did the Saviour, we eagerly

grasped those hands thus extended, and bid them welcome into our old temples and around our sacred altars. Thus has the wound been healed, the widow's heart made to rejoice, and the orphan's tear wiped away. How pleasing, then, and delightful the thought to him who can claim to belong to an Order fraught with so much influence, and so wonderful in its character." He also quotes a portion of a very able address delivered before the Grand Lodge of Michigan at its last annual communication by Grand Master S. C. Coffinburg. He speaks of the great power of Masonry in being able to heal the wounds that have been created by the late war, quoting his own words, "But you may ask, what can Masonry do?" It can, in the true spirit of its original design and its sublime lessons, forgive the past where it was a fault; it can, in the superabundance of its charity, sympathize with our unfortunate brethren of the South, it can mourn with them over their bloody battle fields, and the graves of their sires, their sons and their brethren, albeit they fall in arms against the North. This last it is human to remember, but not to cherish is Masonic. To forget it, is noble; to forgive it is sublime. It is good to meet with such expressions of affection which may well serve as a lesson for many of us in our own local affairs to put forth every exertion to maintain that harmony and brotherly love which is the strength of our beloved order.

He briefly alludes to intemperance, profane swearing, the violation of the Sabbath, and gaming, and exhorts the brethren to make every effort to purge the fraternity of these vices. During the Masonic year he granted four dispensations to form new Lodges. Three Lodges surrendered their warrants.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

In the abstract of returns from Lodges we find forty-four Lodges, giving a total membership of 1783, the number of initiated is 234, and the amount contributed to Grand Lodge, \$2,530.90, of which \$2,269 is for Grand Lodge dues.

M. W. DeWitt C. Dawkins was elected Grand Master, and Hugh A. Corley, re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was held in the city of Des Moines, on June 2, 1868.

M. W. Reuben Mickel, Grand Master, presiding.

One hundred and thirty-one Lodges represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is an able document, and a large amount of business is brought to the consideration of the Grand Lodge. He reports having granted dispensation for the formation of twenty-one new Lodges, and states that the rapid increase of Lodges is not of a hasty growth caused by a depletion or dividing up of older Lodges to their injury, but the natural result of the permanent and healthy advancement of the State in population, wealth and general prosperity. The Grand Master congratulates the Grand Lodge upon the universal peace and prosperity prevailing throughout the jurisdiction, and the trowel seems generally to have been put to its proper Masonic use in "spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection," promoting kindness, toleration, forbearance and charity among the Craft.

Among the decisions made by the Grand Master we find the following, viz. :

Query.—There is a brother here who received the Entered Apprentice degree in a subordinate Lodge under another jurisdiction. He wishes to receive the other degrees in our Lodge. Is it necessary for us to have the permission of such Foreign Lodge before conferring on him said degrees.

Ans.—No request or permission is necessary. All that is required in such cases is, that the brother applying shall produce a recommendation or certificate of good standing from the Lodge in which he was admitted.

Query.—Can a Lodge be legally opened and work done in the absence of the Worshipful Master and both Wardens?

Ans.—A Lodge opened in the absence of the W. M. and both Wardens, would be clandestine, and all work done therein be illegal and absolutely void.

The Grand Secretary submitted an elaborate report, from which we find the total number of enrolled Lodges to be two hundred and thirty-two. Receipts for the year, \$7509.25.

We find the following query presented:

What Past Grand officers are entitled to seats in the East?

Answer.—The M. W. the Grand Master and his Deputy, all Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, the representatives of Grand Lodges with which we are in correspondence, and such other Past Elective officers as the Grand Master may elect to invite them.

During the session of Grand Lodge we find that Bro. Parvin, P. G. Master, presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and was received in due form by the Grand Master.

With reference to the Grand Lodge of New

Brunswick we find the following report submitted from the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence having given the subject matter of the organization of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick due consideration, and finding the proceedings to have been regular, do cordially recommend that the Grand Lodge of Iowa welcome her to the Republic of American Grand Lodges.

The report of committee on Foreign Correspondence appears to have been submitted to Grand Lodge, and ordered to be printed, but we regret that the same has not yet come to hand.

M. W. Reuben Mickel was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

We have the proceedings of the formation and first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge of December, 1867, and June, 1868.

A convention of Masons, consisting of the delegates from four Lodges, viz.: Three from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and one under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, assembled in Idaho City on Dec. 16, 1867, for the purpose of establishing a Grand Lodge.

The convention was duly organized by the appointment of W. Brother George H. Coe as Chairman, and W. P. E. Edmondson, as Secretary.

A Committee on Credentials having been appointed, reported in favor of allowing the Worshipful Master of a Lodge under dispensation to cast one vote in the preliminary organization of the Grand Lodge, after which the following Resolution was offered :

Resolved, That in the judgement of this Convention, Idaho Lodge No. 35, Boise Lodge, No. 37, and Pioneer Lodge, No. 12, are legally constituted and chartered Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, and that the representatives of said Lodges are authorized and fully empowered to organize a Grand Lodge in Idaho.

A Lodge of Master Masons was then opened in due form for the purpose of organizing and opening the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho Territory. The following named Brethren acting as officers:—

P. E. Edmonston, W. M.
George S. Innes, S. W.
J. B. Curry, J. W.
John Connolly, S. D.
S. B. Connelly, J. D.
George H. Coe, Secretary.
J. D. Galbraith, Tyler.

When the election of Grand Lodge officers was proceeded with, which resulted in the election of M. W. Geo. H. Coe as Grand Master, and R. W. P. E. Edmondston as Grand Secretary.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was adopted with but few alterations.

The Grand Master elect was Installed by W. P. E. Edmondson, the W. Master of the oldest Lodge in the jurisdiction.

After which he, the Grand Master, Installed the remainder of the officers.

With reference to working under the original Warrant, we find the following Resolution adopted:

Resolved, that the following order be endorsed on the back of Charter. "This Charter having been

submitted to the Grand Lodge of Idaho territory, it is hereby ordered that the Lodge be recognized as a legally constituted Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge aforesaid, and that this Lodge shall be known under its original name and number until the Grand Officer signing this order shall issue a new Charter, and that this endorsement shall be signed by the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Grand Wardens and countersigned by the R. W. Grand Secretary.

A Charter was granted to Owhee Lodge.

The Grand Secretary was ordered to correspond with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and inform them of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, and that the Charters of the subordinate Lodges would be returned to their Grand Lodge as soon as they could be replaced by Charters from the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

The first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Idaho city June 22, 1868.

M. W. George H. Coe, Grand Master, presiding.

Five Lodges represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is brief, and refers principally to local subjects.

The Grand Secretary reports having levied an assessment (in accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge) of two dollars on each member of the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction, and that the sum of four hundred and fourteen dollars was realized thereby.

Number of Lodges on the roll five, with a membership of 225.

M. W. George H. Coe, was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. P. E. Edmonston re-elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANNA.

The fifty-first Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, convened in the city of Indianapolis, on Tuesday, the 24th day of May, 1868, M. W. Grand Master Harvey G. Hazelrigg, presiding.

The Grand Master's Address is an excellent one, and evinces much zeal for the genuine principles of the order. We cannot refrain from giving the opening paragraph of the Address.

How pleasant it is to assemble together at our Annual Communication, and extend to each other a cordial and friendly greeting that keeps bright the chain of fraternal kindness that unites us in one indissoluble band of brothers, to promote the welfare of the household of the faithful and ameliorate as far as in us lies, the condition of universal humanity to bow at our sacred altar, and give thanks to the Great I Am for His kind Providence vouchsafed to us since last we met, and to implore his guidance in the discharge of every duty incumbent upon us while sojourning in this vale of sorrow, afflictions, and disappointments, that when our race is ended we may be admitted to the society of that better world where we shall no more "take the parting hand."

He acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of 36 Grand Lodges, and recommends that the Grand Lodge extend to the new Grand Lodge of Idaho and New Brunswick a cordial greeting, the right hand of fellowship, and a hearty welcome to the family of Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master is decidedly opposed to what some Grand Masters assume as their prerogative,

viz.: The making of Masons at sight, which decision seems to be sustained by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who report that they would look upon the same as contrary to the fifteenth point of the obligation which every master must promise to support on assuming the duties of Worshipful Master, viz.: We agree that no visitor shall be received into your Lodge without due examination and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular Lodge.

The Grand Master reports having granted 22 dispensations during recess of Grand Lodge; and also having appointed M. W. William H. Davies representative of the Grand Lodge of Indiana at the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

R. W. Brother Hacker offered his thanks to the Grand Lodge for the honors conferred upon him during the last twenty-five years, and requested to be relieved from the position of Grand Secretary,

No. of Lodges on Grand Lodge roll, three hundred and sixty-three—receipts, \$14,482.04.

M. W. Martin H. Rice was elected Grand Master, and R. W. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was held in the city of Louisville on Monday October 19th, 1868.

M. W. Elisha S. Fetch, Grand Master, presiding. Three hundred and ten Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is a document covering some twenty pages of closely printed matter, and is as able and eloquent as it is lengthy. We only regret that space will not allow of our

copying the whole of it, for that reason we will have to content ourselves with a few extracts only.

The Grand Master first congratulated the Brethren on the large and enthusiastic assemblage. He says, in renewing our labors in Grand Lodge capacity, we have much to encourage us, not only in our own jurisdiction, and in our own country, but also in foreign jurisdictions, and indeed, generally, among all the nations of the earth, as well as the isles of the sea. An almost universal peace so conducive to the humane mission of our order prevails throughout the world. And under its mild and benignant reign the moral enterprize of the age is bounding forward on its high and glorious career with a quickened energy and a gathering impetus which betoken the most triumphant success. The manifest decline of absolutism both in Church and State, the general wane of despotic power and prostration, the diffusion of civil and religious liberty, the practical recognition of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, resulting from the extended dominion of a genuine, an elevation, a Bible civilization, may all be justly hailed as the sure precursors of Masonic prosperity and progress. Turning from this general view to contemplate our own immediate jurisdiction, we are happy to announce a steadily increasing prosperity of the Craft within our borders.

With regard to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, he reports that, notwithstanding the general financial embarrasses of the County, the charitable enterprize has not been neglected or abandoned, but on the contrary their claims have been responded to in a spirit of commendable liberality. He reports having granted fourteen Dispensations to open new Lodges.

With respect to the granting of Dispensations he says, Applications almost innumerable have been made to me for dispensations to confer degrees out of time, to establish a sort of "Lightning Express" over the old Masonic track. Believing that the Grand Lodge by its decision some years ago, very wisely abridged the authority of the Grand Master in this particular, I have uniformly and persistently refused all those applications.

We find that even the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has her troubles also, as will be seen by the following circular issued from one of the subordinate Lodges, and the proclamation of the M. W. Grand Master, which seems to have settled the whole matter :

To the M. W. Wardens, and Brethren of Fleming Lodge, No. 112 :

BRETHREN,—At a meeting of Lodge No. 1, held in this city on the evening of the 4th of September, 1868, the following resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of the Worshipful Master, and two Brethren he may appoint to act with him as delegates from Lexington Lodge, No. 1, and to invite Daviess Lodge, No. 22, and other sister Lodges in Lexington, and Fayette county, and elsewhere, to send not more than three delegates to meet with the same number from this, No. 1, Lodge, on Thursday evening, September 17th in the Lodge room in the Court House, in this city' for the purpose of conferring together upon questions exceedingly important to this Lodge, to Daviess Lodge, No. 22, Lexington R. A. Chapter, and Webb Commandery, No. 2, and for the welfare of the Masonic Fraternity in Eastern Kentucky."

Brethren J. M. Tipton and W. S. Chipley were appointed as delegates to act with the W. M., from this, No. 1. Lodge.

In accordance with this resolution a convention of Masons assembled in the Lodge room designated, on the evening of the 17th inst; six Lodges were represented; the delegates from Paris and Mount Sterling came too late, thinking that the meeting would be at night. After mature deliberation that convention adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of four be appointed to prepare a suitable Address (relating to the interests of Masonry in Central and Eastern Kentucky) to the Subordinate Lodges in said sections of the State, requesting them to send not more than three Delegates to meet us in Convention in the room of Lodge No. 1, in the city of Lexington, on the 8th day of October, 1868, and that the Secretary be authorized to have printed 200 copies of that address, and that we do now adjourn to meet again on that day at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The undersigned were appointed the Committee in accordance with that resolution.

"The vast increase in the number of the Subordinate Lodges and Members within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky as now constituted, meeting in Louisville, and the consequent increase of Representatives, making that body so immensely unwieldy, in the ordinary business coming before it, that an efficient, satisfactory, and prompt action cannot be reached in matters of business which should legitimately be transacted."

And the further well known fact that a large number of Subordinate Lodges in South Eastern, North Eastern and Central Kentucky, are located at

so great a distance from Louisville, that large sums of money are annually expended in defraying the traveling and subsistence expenses of their Delegates to the Grand Lodge at Louisville, which would not be required in attending a Grand Lodge at Lexington, but which sums, in large part, could be more usefully devoted to the support of the widows and orphans of Masons and distressed worthy Brothers, in said sections of the State.

For these and many other grave and substantial reasons, affecting the welfare of the Craft, we deem it truly expedient for the welfare of the Order, that another Grand Lodge should be formed to meet in Lexington. In seeking to form another Grand Lodge, we desire that it shall be done in accordance with the Ancient Rules and Precedents of the Order, and in harmony with that spirit which should ever fill the hearts of all true Masons. The object of the Convention is to ascertain the sentiments of your Lodge and obtain its co-operation in the formation of said Grand Lodge, should the Convention decide to take the steps necessary for that great work, which we deem so vital to the interests of Masonry. We therefore most respectfully, but earnestly, request you to send your delegates. Should this Circular reach you too late for presentation at your regular meeting, next preceding the day on which the day on which the Convention is called, then we hope you will immediately call your Lodge for the purpose herein expressed. We deem it best that your Delegates should come untrammelled with instructions, but with full discretionary power to act

in convention as they deem best at the time, and that their action be binding.

Fraternally,

WILLARD DAVIS,
Lexington Lodge, No. 1.

B. T. MILTON,
Davies Lodge, No. 22.

JOHN L. GILMORE,
Devotion Lodge, No. 160.

CHARLES H. WICKLIFFE,
Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 170.

Upon the receipt of this letter, believing the whole proceedings to be illegal and unauthorized, *ab initio*, and leading to a palpable and unwarrantable infringement of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and rebellious against her sovereignty, the Grand Master immediately issued the following prohibitory order :

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF
THE GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY.

OFFICE OF G. M. OF THE G. L. OF KY., }
FLEMINGSBURG, October 2, 1868. }

Whereas, It appears to the undersigned, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, that a convention of delegates from Lexington Lodge, No. 1, Davies Lodge, No. 22, Devotion Lodge, No. 160, and Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 174, and two other Lodges, under the jurisdiction of, and owing allegiance to, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, upon a call from Lexington Lodge, No. 1, held a convention on the 17th day of September last, in the city of Lexington, at which the question was mooted of separating said Lodges and others from the Grand

Lodge of Kentucky, and forming another Grand Lodge to hold its meetings in Lexington, within the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge of Kentucky; and

Whereas, The undersigned has been put in possession of a printed circular, addressed to the W. M., Wardens and Brethren of Fleming Lodge, No. 112, a Lodge in the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge of Kentucky, signed by Willard Davis, Lexington Lodge, No. 1, B. T. Milton, Daviess, Lodge, No. 22, John L. Gilmore, of Devotion Lodge, No. 160, and Charles H. Wickliffe, of Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 174, as a committee appointed by said convention, and stating therein that said convention, after meeting and mature deliberation, was adjourned until the 8th day of October, 1868, at which time it would assemble at the room of Lexington Lodge, No. 1, in the city of Lexington, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and inviting the Lodges in Central and Eastern Kentucky to send delegates to represent them in said convention for the purpose aforesaid; and

Whereas, The undersigned has good reasons to believe that copies of said printed circular have been sent to many other Lodges in Eastern and Central Kentucky, in furtherance of the design aforesaid; and

Whereas, The said convention, held on the 17th day of September last, and the proposed convention called to meet at Lexington on the 8th day of October instant, are without the authority of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, or the sanction of the Grand Master of said Grand Lodge, and the purposes avowed in said circular are in direct violation of the allegiance owing by said Lodges and the members thereof, individually and collectively, to said Grand Lodge, and contemplates an invasion of the jurisdic-

tion, rights powers, and privileges of said Grand Lodge; therefore,

By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, I do hereby pronounce and declare said convention held on the 17th of September last, and the one designed to be held on the 8th day of October instant, to be illegal and unmasonic assemblages, and their acts done, and proposed to be done, illegal and wholly void. And I do hereby FORBID said Lexington Lodge, No. 1, Daviess Lodge, No. 22, Devotion Lodge, No. 160, and Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 174, and the officers and members thereof, and in particular the said Willard Davis, B. T. Milton, John L. Gilmore, and Charles H. Wickliffe, from holding said or any other convention; and in like manner I do forbid all other Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and each and every member thereof, from attending and taking part in said proposed convention, unless expressly authorized to do so by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, or sanctioned by the Grand Master thereof; and I do further enjoin upon them, and each of them, and all masons under the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge, to pay due respect and obedience to this Edict.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the same to be attested by the Grand Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky affixed thereto.

E. S. FITCH,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

[SEAL.]

By order of the Grand Master.

J. M. S. McCORKLE, Grand Secretary.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Lodges, in an able and impartial manner.

We find the receipts of Grand Lodge for the past year was \$28,780.34, and the resources were put down at \$78,006.92.

M. W. Elisha S. Fitch was re-elected Grand Master and R. W. John S. McCorkle, re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The fifty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, was held at the City of New Orleans, on the 10th day of February, 1868. Abel J. Norwood, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, with a representation of fifty Lodges.

The principle part of the business of Grand Lodge during the recess, seems to have been performed by the Deputy Grand Master, Brother H. R. Sevasey, on account of the absence of the Grand Master.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. James Scott, wherein he reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, our own for 1867 among the number.

Total number of Lodges, one hundred and ninety-seven. Receipts of Grand Lodge, 1868, \$35,804.65.

M. W. Henry R. Sevasey was elected Grand Master and R. W. J. C. Balchelor re-elected Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was held at Portland, May 5th, 1868. Timothy J. Murray, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, The address of the Grand Master is a very interesting document, and shows that his duties have been both

onerous and well performed. He recommends that the Grand Lodge at once extend a cordial greeting to our young and most worthy sister, the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and also makes mention of the appointment of R. W. Brother Newell Snow, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Amongst the decisions of the Grand Master, we notice the following: A candidate is rejected by a Lodge having jurisdiction, although he lived in a town where there is no Lodge. Subsequently a Lodge is erected in the town where he lives, and he desires to be initiated. The new Lodge must have the consent of the old Lodge on account of the law of jurisdiction. In other words neither Lodge can act upon his case without the consent of the other.

The Grand Master recommends that some action be taken in regard to non-affiliated Masons, and suggests that a tax be placed upon them in order that they may more fully appreciate our privileges, and induce them to affiliate. With reference to the incorporation of Lodges we see that the Grand Lodge of Maine refuse to permit the subordinate Lodges accepting acts of Incorporation.

The report of Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of M. W. Josiah H. Drummond, is a fair and candid review of the proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges, our own, for 1867, included.

He says, over thirty of the American Grand Lodges have recognized this Grand Lodge. A few have declined to do so, but scarcely any two of them agree in the reason. Massachusetts declines because it does not appear that a majority of the subordinate Lodges joined in the movement. Connecticut because the consent of the parent Grand Lodge was

not obtained, and Pennsylvania because the new Grand Lodge does not claim and exercise exclusive jurisdiction in the Province. The fact of this diversity of reasoning is against the correctness of the conclusion, and Canada is a precedent against every point raised, and every new Grand Lodge in the United States is a precedent against the objection of Connecticut.

During the session we notice M. W. Josiah H. Drummond presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Maine, and was cordially welcomed as such by the Grand Master.

Whole number of working Lodges, 147. Members 13000. Initiated, 1672.

M. W. Timothy J. Murray was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held in the city of St. John, on Wednesday, September 3rd, 1868.

M. W. B. Lester Peters, Grand Master, presiding, with a representation of twenty-four Lodges.

The Grand Master congratulates the Grand Lodge upon the success which has attended the organization—and reports that all the Lodges in the province, with but two exceptions, have gone into the movement, and that many of Grand Lodges in the United States have extended the right hand of fellowship.

The brethren of our Sister Province seem to take a lively interest in the working of their Grand Lodge, as we perceive by the report of the Committee on Credentials that one hundred and seventy-seven

representatives were present, and entitled to seats and voices in Grand Lodge.

The credentials of M. W. B. Lester Peters as the representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia were presented—and R. W. Bro. W. Taylor was appointed as the representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

M. W. B. Lester Peters was re-elected Grand Master and Wm. F. Bunty *ing* Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, was held in the City of Concord, on June 11th, 1868.

M. W. John H. Rowell, Grand Master, presiding, with a representation of sixty Lodges.

The Grand Master in his annual address, reports having laid the corner stone of two churches with Masonic Honors, and also announces the death of M. W. P. G. Master Weare Tappan.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. John. J. Bell, in which the proceedings of some forty Grand Lodges are reviewed, our own among the number.

M. W. Alexander M. Winn was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Horace Chase Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York commenced its session on the 2nd day of June, 1869, in the City of New York.

M. W. Stephen H. Johnson Grand Master presiding, with a representation of six hundred Lodges.

The Grand Master in his annual address announced the death of R. W. James Henny, P. G. Secretary,

M. W. R. H. Walrowth, F. D. King, P. G. Master,
and R. W. R. Parker, P. D. G. M.

The following questions was submitted by the
Grand Master, for the decision of Grand Lodge,
viz.:

1st. Can a Lodge after having (at a communica-
tion summoned for the purpose) given its consent to
the formation of a new Lodge revoke that consent
at a subsequent communication?

2nd.—Can one or more of the petitioners for a
Dispensation, after a warrant has been granted,
separate from the newly warranted Lodge by simply
signifying a desire to remain with the old one?

The above questions having been referred to Com-
mittee on Jurisprudence, were submitted and
amended by Grand Lodge and adopted as follows:

1st. "Your Committee are not aware of any law
governing this question, except such as might be
deduced from the usual practice in analogous cases.
Thus a Lodge having adopted a Bye-Law in the
usual way, could not, by a mere vote, without the
legal notice, revoke that law; or a Lodge having
on application granted a demit, could not by merely
rescinding the resolution, reinstate the brother; or
the Grand Lodge having adopted an amendment to
its Constitution, could not, by a subsequent resolu-
tion, rescind that amendment, but only in the legal
way pointed out in the instrument itself.

"So it appears to us, that the Lodge, by formal
vote, having given up its lawful jurisdiction over a
certain territory, and allowed that jurisdiction to
vest in the proposed new Lodge, is not at liberty to
revoke that consent at pleasure; or, perhaps, to

speaking more precisely, the Lodge by rescinding its first vote, can not recall a jurisdiction over which it no longer has control."

2nd. "The practice has been to allow a member to elect whether to remain with the new Lodge, or return to the old one, at any time before the new Lodge is duly constituted, but it is deemed not prudent to enforce the law in this respect, as it stands in the Constitution, and it is therefore decided that a member of a Lodge under dispensation, remaining with it until the warrant is granted, thereby becomes permanently affiliated in the new Lodge, and can only withdraw by regular application for a demit."

The following questions were also submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

After a candidate has been elected for initiation and advancement, can a brother at a subsequent communication, call for a ballot, and if such ballot result in a rejection, does not the candidate stand in the same position as if originally rejected ?

The Committee answered both in the affirmative.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Brother J. L. Lewis. The transactions of 56 Grand Lodges, our own among the number, are reviewed in a lengthy and able manner.

The Grand Secretary presented his report shewing the total amount received by him during the year to be \$67,123.35, from the following sources.

From dues of Lodges.....	\$63,272.30
Dispensations & Warrants for new Lodges..	2,640.00
" to confer degrer.....	505.00
Certificates and Diplomas.....	805.00
Sale of Proceedings.....	90.05

\$67,312.35

By the Report we see that our Brethren in New York do not confine their work to the English tongue alone, but have Lodges working in the German, French, Spanish and Italian tongues.

M. W. James Gibson was elected Grand Master, and R. W. James M. Austin was re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

The fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was held in Virginia city on September 15th, 1868.

M. W. John C. Currie, Grand Master, presiding.

Ten Lodges represented.

The Grand Master congratulates the Grand Lodge on the harmony and prosperity existing throughout the jurisdiction, and says: We meet with unbroken ranks. The "Dread Archer—Death—whose shafts our Brethren in other jurisdictions have been called upon to deplore, has not during the year visited this Grand Lodge. I have to congratulate you also upon the fact that although our numbers have increased slowly, yet the material worked into the building has been of excellent quality. The Brethren have made a judicious use of that potent safe-guard—the black ball—and unworthy blocks have been with a firm hand thrown over among the rubbish.

The Grand Master decides that the loss of the index finger of the right hand does not disqualify a man for receiving the degrees of Masonry.

We notice that this Grand Lodge has abolished the fee for Affiliation, and the Grand Master reports that it works beneficially, and beyond his most sanguine expectations.

The Grand Lodge receipts for the year amounted to \$2,849.00.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a well written review of the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Lodges, our own for 1866 and 1867 included.

The new Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was duly recognized and placed on the roll of corresponding Grand Grand Lodges.

M. W. George W. Hopkins was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Wm. A. M. VanBokkelen, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The fifty-ninth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Dayton, and commenced October 20, 1868, M. W. Howard Matthews presiding.

The Address of Grand Master Matthews is an able and lengthy document, containing much valuable information regarding the working of the Craft in that jurisdiction. By it we see that conventions have been held in the various lecture districts for the purpose of exemplifying the work—and have proved quite a success. The Grand Master in speaking of the appointment of R. W. Brother J. D. Caldwell as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, says: "Having at your last session recognized the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and received and welcomed our R. W. Bro. J. D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary, as the accredited representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Ohio, I acknowledged the courtesy extended to our distinguished Brother by appointing R. W. Brother Charles J. Macdonald, Grand Secretary of that

Grand Lodge, as our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Grand Master Matthews is decidedly opposed to granting dispensations for conferring degrees upon candidates in less than the constitutional time, and wisely remarks, that "it would be well if candidates could understand that Masonry does not accommodate itself to suit their whims and caprices. They should come with a willingness to submit to her rules."

During the session of Grand Lodge the Brethren marched in procession in public to the Opera House, where exercises were conducted with appropriate singing and instrumental music, when the Ancient Charges of a Free Mason were read by R. W. Brother John D. Caldwell, and an oration delivered by the R. W. Grand Orator, Rev. B. Wyllys Hall.

The new Grand Lodges of Idaho and New Brunswick were duly recognized, and placed on the roll of corresponding Grand Lodges.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Brother William M. Cunningham, in which he ably reviews the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Lodges, our own of 1867 included.

From the Report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, we see that the duties of the Grand Master, when faithfully discharged, are laborious.

The Committee report that they have examined the correspondence of the Grand Master, covering eight hundred and sixty-nine pages, and find in it a large number of decisions of Masonic Usages, and recommend that several be published. We regret that space will not allow us to publish them all, but have selected the following :

The petitioners for a new Lodge who are members of a consenting or recommending Lodge cannot, while such new Lodge is working under dispensation, vote or hold office in such consenting or recommending Lodge.

If a Lodge of E. A. and F, C. is opened for any purpose, such Lodge must be duly closed. If while either of said Lodges is at refreshment a M. M. Lodge is opened, the closing of the latter will not close the former.

A Master Mason holding a dimit from a Lodge in the jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge is not required to reside in the jurisdiction of a Lodge in this State for the period of one year, before presenting his petition for membership, but may present it at any stated meeting. The rule adopted by the Grand Lodge requiring a residence of one year in the jurisdiction of a Lodge before presenting a petition relates only to petitions for initiations and not to petitions of Master Masons for membership.

The number of Lodges on the roll is four hundred and twenty-two. Number of Lodges represented two hundred and sixty-five. Number of new Charters granted twenty-five. Receipts for the year \$12,340.15.

M. W. Howard Matthews was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. John D. Caldwell Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The fifty-fifth Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Nashville, October the 5th, 1868. M. W. Joseph M. Anderson, Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master in his Annual Address earnestly urges upon the Brethren the necessity of being extremely cautious in the formation of New Lodges.

He says "our numbers and resources are vast, our banners swell in every breeze that sweeps the continent, and the army of self-sacrificing and zealous men engaged in doing the deeds of Charity and benevolence, excite our admiration, and suggest that as a part of that host, we all individually and collectively have committed to us a sacred trust.

But the magnitude of that army is well calculated to excite our apprehension. May not our numbers be too great? Are not our Lodges too numerous and our membership too great? I think I have placed an average estimate upon the goodness and virtue of mankind, and am of opinion that a very small proportion of men are fit to become Masons or have the ability to live up to its requirements."

We entirely agree with Grand Master Anderson, and feel confident that if a little more discrimination was exercised in granting Dispensations and Warrants for new Lodges, an incalculable amount of good would thereby be done the Craft. One good Lodge is far better than two poor ones, and it is better that a few brethren should be inconvenienced by perhaps having a little farther to travel to their Lodges, than that the whole Craft should suffer, for it too often happens that Dispensations are granted to open a Lodge in a locality where there is not sufficient material to make a good Lodge, and the consequence is that candidates are suffered to pass in, out of the necessity as it were. We find nearly all the Grand Lodges cautioning their subordinates to guard well the outer door. Whereas if they would not place so many doors, by granting so many dispensations, a better guard could be kept, for it is well known that a bad man very seldom gets into a good Lodge.

The Grand Master paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the late Chas. A. Fuller, Past Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is prepared by Bro. George S. Blackie, M. D., in which he ably reviews the proceedings of forty Grand Lodges, our own for 1867 included. Of Nova Scotia, with reference to the then existing difficulties with the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, he says, "It is interesting to watch this matter. It is a straw which marks the current of republican sentiment and freedom of election in the British Colonies. As far as we have seen, all the Grand Lodges have recognized Nova Scotia, except Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, which seem to lie back in kingly dignity.

Number of Chartered Lodges two-hundred and ninety-eight. Number of Master Masons, fifteen thousand seven hundred and ninety. Receipts of Grand Lodge, \$10,076.45.

M. W. Jonathan S. Dunson was elected Grand Master, and R. W. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The 32nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was held in the city of Houston, June 8, 1868, M. W. John R. Fretwell, Grand Master, presiding.

Seventy-three Lodges represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is a well written document, and shows him to be a prudent and strictly constitutional Mason.

The Grand Master did not issue a single dispensation for a new Lodge during the whole year,

although quite a number of petitions were presented him, but not fulfilling the constitutional requirements of Grand Lodge, were rejected and returned with proper instructions and advice.

The Grand Master says: "Lessons taught me in earlier life induced me to become a strict constructionist of our fundamental written law. The Grand Master, under the Constitution, is the Executive Officer of the Grand Lodge. He does not make the law, he only executes it. The power of issuing Dispensations is derived from the Constitution, and is only an enabling Act. Certain requirements being fully complied with, the Grand Master may not still issue the proper papers. The question is then left with him; using a sound discretion and having the good of the Craft at heart, he may act to the best of his judgment.

Neither did the Grand Master grant a single Dispensation for the conferring of degrees, and in reference thereto wisely remarks: "To well-informed Masons it is not necessary to adduce a single argument to support the course here pursued. I cannot here call to mind a case in which the interests of Masonry have been subserved by conferring its degrees out of the legal time, but many in which the convenience and desires of the applicant are brought to mind."

By the Grand Secretary's report we see that the receipts of Grand Lodge for the year were \$5,427.10.

With reference to the appointment of R. W. Bro. George H. Bringhurst as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, we find the following letter appended to the record of Proceedings, by order of the Grand Master:

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS, }
HOUSTON, June 13, 1868. }

R. W. GRAND SECRETARY,—

It is with pleasure that the Grand Master and Grand Lodge recognize and welcome your R. W. Brother George H. Bringhurst as the duly accredited Representative of our sister Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. You will be respected and honored by the Fraternity. The Grand Master cheerfully responds to the action of Nova Scotia, by appointing R. W. Brother James W. Darragh, Worshipful Master of Davis Lodge, in that jurisdiction to be the Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Fraternally, &c.

PETER W. GRAY,
Grand Master.

R. W. Brother W. B. Botts, Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, submitted his report, ably reviewing the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Lodges, giving a lengthy and courteous review of our proceedings for 1866 and 1867.

M. W. Peter W. Gray was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. George H. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, was held in the City of St. Johnsbury on the 10th day of June 1868.

M. W. Leverett B. Engleshy, Grand Master, presiding.

Seven hundred and sixty-eight Lodges represented.

The Grand Master submitted with the address his official decisions for the year from among which we quote

1.—The effect of a refusal to ballot would be the same as a black ball. The ballot cannot be said to be unanimous unless all vote. A brother refusing to obey any proper requirement of the Master or the Bye-Laws in this behalf, is amenable to charges, trial, and if found guilty, punishment.

9.—A majority vote is sufficient on an application for leave to form a new Lodge, and the petitioners are voters if they choose to exercise the right.

The Grand Master reports having granted ten Dispensations to open new Lodges.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by Brother Henry Clark, and reviews the proceedings of many of the Grand Lodges of Europe as well as of America.

Receipts of Grand Lodge for the year ending June, 1868, \$1878. Number of Lodges on the roll, 87.

M. W. George M. Hall was elected Grand Master, and Henry Clark re-elected Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia was held in the city of Wheeling, November 10, 1868.

M. W. Wm. J. Bates, Grand Master, presiding.

Twenty-four Lodges represented.

The Grand Master in his annual Address, says:

I beg leave to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to a circular, received by us, issued from the office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, under date of February 3, 1868. This circular is the Report of the special committee of the Grand Lodge of Virginia appointed to consider the matter of this Grand Lodge. This report will

also be found in the printed proceedings of the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia held in December last. It recites, among other things, the conditions which the Grand Lodge of Virginia declares to be necessary to be observed by us, before she can recognize or acknowledge us as a legal and regular Grand Lodge.

These conditions are: 1st.—That a majority of the Lodges which were in existence in 1861 within the bounds of the now State of West Virginia, shall give their allegiance to this Grand Lodge. 2nd.—That the charters held by these Lodges shall be returned to the Grand Lodge of Virginia. 3rd.—That the dues of these Lodges to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which accrued from 1861 to December, 1865, shall be paid.

I have more than once brought the matter of our relations with the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to the notice of this Grand Lodge; and the receiving of this circular demands that I should again ask for this subject your most serious consideration. I say *serious* consideration, because, however opinions may differ, as to the necessity or propriety of some of the conditions fixed by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, yet, there is danger, that the matter, if allowed to remain as it now stands, may become a cause of very serious, and perhaps lasting difficulty between the Grand Lodges.

That this is a "legal and regular" Grand Lodge, is now conceded by a large majority of the best Masonic authorities in the country. And we have also, either the express or tacit acknowledgement and recognition of almost all the Grand Lodges in the United States. Three or four, however, besides

the Grand Lodge of Virginia, continue to withhold from us the hand of fraternal recognition and fellowship. Now, while this position towards us, by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and the three or four other Lodges to which I have referred—unpleasant though it be—cannot effect the stability of this Grand Lodge, or in any material degree injure its prosperity, or that of its subordinates, yet, it must be admitted, that under all the circumstances of the case, the formal acknowledgement of us, as a legal and regular Grand Lodge, by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, is much to be desired. We are the offspring of that Grand Lodge. From her the greater number of our Lodges received their charters—and from her we obtained the knowledge we possess of the sublime mysteries of the Craft. That the members of this Grand Lodge retain feelings of strong attachment to the Grand Lodge of Virginia is shown by the fact, that, with but few exceptions, we have adopted her Constitution and Laws, and have made the Text Book written by her venerable and most estimable Grand Secretary, the manual, for the guidance of our subordinate officers and members. Towards her, many of us entertain feelings like those with which men are wont to recall the fond memories of home, and the scenes, and incidents and companions of childhood. I am well assured, brethren, that to every one of us, the knowledge that we were fully recognized by our old mother, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, would bring feelings of the most sincere gratification.

I maintain the legality and regularity of the various steps by which this Grand Lodge was organized; and in this position, I am fortified and

sustained by many Masons whose authority in questions of this character is not to be disputed. And if this be true, then is the Grand Lodge of West Virginia the *peer* of any other Grand Lodge in existence. Such is my position; and, therefore, I am very far from desiring that she should assume the posture or the the tone of a *suppliant*, for acknowledgment and recognition, towards *any* Grand Lodge whatever. But the ties which bind us in feelings of fraternal affection to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, are different—stronger and more tender—than are those which attach us to any other Grand Lodge. If then these be our feelings—and I cannot doubt that we all entertain them alike—does it not become us to do everything which in honor we may do, to secure her firm friendship and good will?

The Grand Lodge of Virginia pledges herself, in effect, in the circular before mentioned, to recognize and acknowledge this Grand Lodge, upon the performance of certain specified conditions.

The *first* of these conditions is, that a majority of the Lodges existing within our limits in 1861, shall give us their allegiance. This *they have already done*. The evidence of it is in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and was presented in my report last year. The *second* condition is, that the charters held by Lodges in our jurisdiction, issued by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, shall be returned to that Grand Lodge. In reference to that condition, I repeat the opinion expressed by me on a former occasion—and since that time abundantly sustained by the opinions of Masonic writers of high authority and position, in various parts of the country—that the return of the charters *is not a necessary preliminary to give legality to our Grand Lodge*. But, while I believe

this, and while I am assured, that the Lodges holding these charters are anxious to retain them, because they form an important part of their history, and are valued mementoes of their former connection with the Grand Lodge of Virginia; yet, influenced by an ardent wish to maintain harmony with that Grand Lodge, and a sincere anxiety that nothing consistent with the preservation of our self-respect and dignity shall be wanting, to testify our desire for peace and fraternal fellowship with our brethren of Virginia, I respectfully, but very earnestly suggest the adoption of a resolution, directing the subordinate Lodges holding charters derived from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to send them, without delay, to our Grand Secretary, in order that they may be delivered to that Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge has already given its opinion as to the justice of the *third* condition—the payment of dues—by a resolution passed at your last meeting, directing the Lodges to settle their dues with the Grand Lodge of Virginia. And I must express my very great regret, that any of them should have failed (if there *be* any) promptly to act in obedience to this resolution. I advise, therefore, the passage of a resolution, by which this Grand Lodge shall assume, on behalf of any such Lodges, the payment of their dues to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, for the time during which they were working, between the year 1861 and the organization of this Grand Lodge.

By the adoption of this course, we shall give undoubted evidence of our desire faithfully to observe every obligation which can devolve upon us in the premises. We shall do full and entire justice to the

Grand Lodge of Virginia. And we shall put an end, so far as there is any power to do so, in this Grand Lodge, to all difficulty with the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is a full and carefully prepared paper, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Lodges.

The Grand Secretary announced the receipts of Grand Lodge for the past year to have been \$952.

M. W. William J. Bates was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Thomas H. Logan Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The Eleventh Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Territory of Washington, was held in the City of Olympia on September 17th 1868.

R. W. E. A. Light, D. G. Master presiding as Grand Master, with a representation of six Lodges.

The Grand Master reports having granted dispensations to form two Lodges--one situated in Alaska Territory.

The Grand Secretary reports the receipts of Grand Lodge as \$958.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported the formation of a Grand Lodge in New Brunswick, and also a Provincial Grand Lodge in British Columbia, when the following resolution was passed:

Resolved.—That we hail with pleasure the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick and the Provincial Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and extend to each the right hand of fellowship and our warmest congratulation.

M. W. Benjamin E. Limbard was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Thomas M. Reed elected Grand Secretary.

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BURNS LODGE, No. 1.

HALIFAX CITY.

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS :

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ALEXANDER WADDELL, *Senior Warden.*
JAMES PARKER, *Junior Warden.*
JAMES FORTUNE, *Treasurer.*
WM. TAYLOR, P. M., *Secretary*
G. G. BULLEY, *Senior Deacon.*
DANIEL WHEATLEY, *Junior Deacon.*
JOHN OVERY, *Marshall.*
JOHN CAWSEY, }
EDWARD CARR, } *Stewards.*
THOMAS VESEY, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS :

Jas. Fidler, P. M.	A. Rood,
R. Brechen, P. M.	John Kennedy,
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D. Waddell,	T. McDonald,
J. Griffin,	J. F. McDonald,
C. McKay,	C. H. Palmeter,
J. Carr,	J. C. McPhee,
J. Rood,	S. D. Kelly,

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W. H. Fredrick,	C. E. Parsons,
D. Scott,	D. Crocket,
W. Moir,	J. M. Binning,
G. McAllister,	James G. Rayne,
A. McKay,	G. P. Thompson,
J. T. Chatwin,	L. Colburn,
W. Stevens,	W. Allen,
A. M. Campbell,	G. A. Steel,
S. Mosher,	H. Meyer,
D. H. Green,	A. Matheson,
C. Essex,	D. A. Macdonald,
P. McFarlane,	J. Johnson,
W. Clements,	P. Monteith,
J. Forristall,	P. Griffin,
R. Lewis,	W. Latty,
R. Waddell,	Robert Geddes,
W. A. Macomber,	James Nickerson,
J. C. Williams,	Leonard Nickerson,
James Ryan,	Joseph Purdy,
John Maccoush,	George Garrison, Junr.,
J. Kenney,	John McPhee,
R. Nicholson,	W. A. Garrison,
J. N. Banks,	M. J. O'Brien,
T. Blagdon,	J. E. Canfield,
J. LeGrandais,	D. C. Grant,

ATHOLE LODGE, No. 2.

HALIFAX CITY.

Meets on the second Monday of each month.

OFFICERS :

DUNCAN McDOUGALL, *Worshipful Master,*
JOHN T. McALPINE, *Senior Warden,*
JOHN E. M. TAYLOR, *Junior Warden,*

GEORGE J. FLUCK, *Treasurer*,
 W. S. MACDONALD, *Secretary*,
 ROBERT G. FRASER, *Senior Deacon*,
 WILLIAM RHIND, *Junior Deacon*,
 ALANTHUS ROCKWELL, *Marshall*,
 WILLIAM CUNNABELL }
 JEREMIAH BARNSTEAD } *Stewards*,
 JOHN M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS.

Robert Savage,	G. S. Brown,
Alexander Matheson,	J. Ceconi,
Isaac B. Hubley,	Thomas Ceconi,
John Forbes,	W. Brush,
Henry McEwan,	J. Barnstead,
Charles Marmaude,	J. E. Keating,
John T. Woods,	E. Mosely,
Solomon Walters,	Duncan McDougall,
H. A. Taylor,	R. E. Noble,
Louis Petitmaitre,	W. Nisbet,
C. J. Macdonald, P. M.	G. Porter,
John C. Potts,	John Rhind,
E. W. Davis,	James Shand, Jr.
J. D. Smith,	Alexander Rockwell,
Jas. R. Graham, P. M.	Joseph S. Shaw,
J. Allan, P. M.	James A. Wilson,
E. J. Lordly, P. M.	Patrick Walsh,
John McCulloch,	J. R. Willis,
Thomas Short, P. M.	Elisha Perry,
James Smith,	John Cahill,
James Graham,	J. Jannawick,
Alexander Macdonald,	Charles J. Clements,
Frederick Major,	Welcome L. Gardner,
W. Williams, P. M.	Alexander Perry,
Charles Brown,	Alexander Kennedy,
Ralph Patrick,	John C. Young,
John Allen,	G. B. Orechia,
John Croucher.	

KEITH LODGE, No. 3.
HALIFAX CITY.

Meets on the second Wednesday of each Month.

OFFICERS :

JAMES K. MUNNIS, *Worshipful Master*,
D. McDONALD, *Senior Warden*,
ALFRED MAJOR, *Junior Warden*,
E. L. COLEMAN, *Treasurer*,
G. N. McMANN, *Secretary*,
J. B. NORTON, *Senior Deacon*,
WILLIAM LOWE, *Junior Deacon*,
WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Marshall*,
THOMAS WHITE, } *Stewards*,
EDWARD SMITH, }
J. E. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*,

MASTER MASONS.

Arthur Busby, P. M.	W. W. Jones,
McC. Y. Barry,	Joseph Jacobs,
J. M. Canning,	James Kearney,
Alexander Cameron,	W. L. Lowell,
R. G. Duncan,	David Lawson,
Joseph Dysark,	David Mitchell,
Alexander Demmings,	William M. Murray,
W. D. Davies, (hon mem)	William McLeod,
Fredrick W. Fishwick,	Henry J. Marshall,
P. Fredericks,	R. P. Mitchell,
John F. Forrest,	William Moody,
Benjamin Godkin,	S. Nichols,
John M. Hay,	R. Prendergast,
Alexander Hesslein,	George F. L. Piers,
George W. Halls,	John Stewart,
J. W. Hadley,	Henry Sibley,
F. L. Hoge,	John W. Watt,
R. C. Hamilton,	Isaac J. Wylde,
D. Hazel,	R. F. Watt.

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 4.

HALIFAX CITY.

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS :

CHARLES F. VOSE, *Worshipful Master*,
 J. E. LAWLOR, *Senior Warden*,
 W. ROBINSON, *Junior Warden*,
 H. J. MARSHALL, P. M., *Treasurer*,
 H. F. WORRALL, *Secretary*,
 JOHN LAWLOR, *Senior Deacon*,
 THOS. E. COOK, *Junior Deacon*,
 JAMES E. RICHARDSON, *Steward*,
 J. E. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS :

A. Sutherland, Marshall,	John Laidlaw,
J. L. MacKay,	A K Mackinlay, P.M, G.T,
W. M. Allan, jr.,	John Messervey,
Augustus Allison,	John McDonald,
H. P. Burton,	Wakefield Moren,
Arthur Cowie,	Alexander McDonald,
M. F. Eagar,	T. H. Pryor,
Thomas Fowler,	A. R. Payne,
William Fraser,	J. H. Parker,
Arthur Fordham,	R. Stather,
George Guy,	L. E. Tremain,
George J. B. Garvie,	A. H. Woodill,
James Jackson,	William Ward.
Honorary Member, M. W. W. H. Davies, P. G. M.	

DAVIES LODGE, No. 5.
WILMOT, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS :

BENIAH SPINNEY, *Worshipful Master,*
 T. R. FULLERTON, *Senior Warden,*
 ALBERT MORTON, *Junior Warden,*
 NELSON PIERCE, *Treasurer,*
 HENRY MUNRO, *Secretary,*
 BENIOR BAKER, *Senior Deacon,*
 DAVID BENT, *Junior Deacon,*
 A. D. MUNRO, *Senior Steward,*
 ALEXANDER ROBERTS, *Junior Steward,*
 JOHNATHAN WOODBURY, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS :

J. W. Darragh, Marshall,	William A. Calneck,
James Gates,	Egbert Woodbury.
James Roy,	William P. Strowaet,
Joseph Harris,	Amos Burns,
John Anderson,	Samuel Slocombe,
George Harris,	Samuel Patterson,
Alfred Marshall,	James Ward,
George Robertson,	David Landers,
N. B. Spinney,	Ingraham Bowlby,
Henry N. Buskirk,	Simeon Harris,
William J. McNeily,	Outhet Douglas.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 6.

SHELBURNE, SHELBURNE COUNTY.

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS :

W. B. STEVENSON, *Worshipful Master,*
 JOHN BOWER, *Senior Warden,*

ABRAHAM McLEAN, *Junior Warden*,
 GEORGE A. COX, *Treasurer*,
 JOHN A. PURNEY, *Secretary*,
 SAMUEL H. COX, *Senior Deacon*,
 JAMES DEXTER, *Junior Deacon*,
 JACOB ROOD, *Marshall*,
 JOHN A. McGOWAN, JR., } *Stewards*,
 RUFUS UTLEY, }
 JOHN ETHERINGTON, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS :

N. W. White,	John McPherson,
James Hogg,	Wilmot Huey,
John Boyd,	William Williams,
P. G. Fraser,	John Picket,
C. B. Bingay,	John S. Smith,
William Forth,	Samuel W. Burns,
John A. B. Johnston,	Edward A. Dunn,
John H. West,	Joseph Collie,
Caleb Allan,	Edward Copstick,
William McLean,	Joshua Nickerson,
Israel K. Bruce,	Joseph Elliott,
Robert G. Irwin,	Arthur Hood,
John McLean,	Charles Newbury,
J. A. McGowan, sr.,	Thomas D. McLean,
Samuel Muir, 2nd,	Peter Young,
Charles Bower,	Robert S. Owen,
Rufus P. McKinney,	Winthrop Sargent,
J. S. Hawkesworth,	Joseph Wilson,
Israel Hersey,	Rev. George M. Clarke.
Michael Collins,	

CONCORD LODGE, No. 8.

BARRINGTON, SHELburnE COUNTY.

OFFICERS :

WILLIAM B. SMITH, *Worshipful Master*,
 DAVID POWELL, *Senior Warden*,

WM. D. NICKERSON, *Junior Warden*,
 ASA McGRAY, *Treasurer*,
 BARTLETT G. COVELL, *Secretary*,
 JOHN L. NICKERSON, *Senior Deacon*,
 JAMES L. NICKERSON, *Junior Deacon*,
 JAMES R. KENNEY, } *Stewards*,
 CYRUS NICKERSON, }
 D. VINCENT KENNEY, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS :

John Cameron,	John Cunningham,
Freeman Nickerson,	Randal McKinnon,
McCallum Nickerson,	James McKinnon,
John Kenney,	John J. Kenney,
Reuben Smith,	Jas. P. Clark,
Peter Kenney,	Bartlett F. Covell,
Henry Kenney,	Crowell Smith,
Levi Kenney,	Amaziah Smith,
Jeremiah Brennan,	Thomas R. Smith,
Alfred Kenney,	Judah C. Smith,
Ephraim Nickerson,	James R. Kenney,
William Nickerson,	Leonard Smith, (F. C.)
David Daley,	W. Z. Crowell, (F. C.)
Wm. Morrissey,	Joshua P. Trafry,
Smith Messenger, E. P.	Luther Smith,
David Duncan,	Nehemiah Kenney,
Reuben G. Smith,	John W. Homer,
Alfred K. Smith,	Samuel O. Crowell,
Isaac D. Newell,	George Keefe,
Theodore Newell,	John G. Nickerson,
James Crowell,	Thomas Smith, E. P.,
Thomas Newell,	Rodney Cunningham,
Zephaniah Newell.	

ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 9.

BADDECK, CAPE BRETON.

Meets on the third Thursday in each month.

J. T. CAMERON, M. D., *Worshipful Master.*
 WM. KIDSTON, SENR., *Senior Warden,*
 DONALD McRAE, *Junior Warden,*
 R. ELMSLY, *Treasurer,*
 S. G. A. McKEEN, M. D., *Secretary,*
 S. ATWATER, *Senior Deacon,*
 N. W. McKENZIE, *Junior Deacon,*
 A. J. McKAY, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS:

Wm Kidston, junr, P.M.	Allan McIntosh,
H. A. Fayle, P. M.,	A. Doggert,
R. McIver,	P. McDonald,
D. Dunlop,	A. S. Kidston,
R. McRae,	Jacob S. Hart,
B. E. Tremain,	Dow Smith,
D. J. McKenzie,	S. A. Pirt.
George M. Bishop,	

QUEENS LODGE, No. 10.

SHERBROOKE, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Meets every Tuesday.

OFFICERS:

NEWELL SNOW, *Worshipful Master,*
 JOHN A. STEWART, *Senior Warden,*
 ALEXANDER FISHER, *Junior Warden.*
 ZEBAH H. HEWITT, *Secretary,*
 WILLIAM E. IRISH, *Secretary,*
 NEIL McEACHREN, *Senior Deacon,*
 WILLIAM MAY, *Junior Deacon,*

WILLIAM MITCHELL, } *Stewards,*
 JOHN McLEAN, }
 REV. C. B. PITBLADO, *Chaplain,*
 JOHN C. ARCHIBALD, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS :

Alfred K. White, P. M.	Thomas Hollis,
Soloman Johnston,	James A. Fraser,
David Grant,	John Cameron,
Alexander Fraser,	Samuel Phillips,
Neil Leslie,	James Dickson,
John McNab,	Donald Cameron,
John Power,	Simon H. Fraser,
Charles S. McIntosh,	Norman Logan,
Wm. H. McDaniel,	William T. Bollong,
Daniel McDonald,	Charles R. King,
Joseph McKeen,	John D. Fraser,
Daniel McDonald,	James L. Hattie,
Donald Murdoch,	Robert McNaughton,
William Murdoch,	Alexander Ireland,
Angus Sutherland,	John McMillan, M. D.
Alex. Falconer, M. D.	John R. Fraser,
Hugh McDougald,	Neil McQuarrie,
Robert W. McDonald,	George McQuarrie,
Robert Wright,	William Graham,
Ephraim Archibald,	John H. Braiden,
Henry Archibald,	James Pitblado,
Robert T. H. Wier,	John May,
William Kirk,	Archibald Doherty,
John Pitblado,	William McPherson,
James McKenzie,	Thomas M. King,
Daniel McDonald,	John Hewitt,
Neil McLean,	John McKenzie,
William Clark,	James Tate,
George Purdy,	William B. Dewar,
Rev. Chas. Burn,	Alexander J. Archibald,
Alfred McDonald,	

THE LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. II.
HALIFAX CITY.

Meets the third Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS :

T. A. COSSMANN, *Worshipful Master,*
 C. C. NICHOLS, *Senior Warden,*
 JAMES MONTGOMERY, *Junior Warden,*
 GEORGE T. SMITHERS, *Treasurer.*
 W. S. MACDONALD, *Secretary,*
 E. W. HOWELL, *Senior Deacon,*
 J. H. HARRIS, *Junior Deacon,*
 W. O. SMITH, *Marshall,*
 W. F. CHASE, } *Stewards,*
 W. A. McLEOD, }
 JOHN M. TAYLOR, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS :

William Garvie, P. M.	E. M. Macdonald,
Charles J. Macdonald,	James W. Graham,
B. F. Staples,	J. R. Glendinning,
C. F. Brown,	James A. Bayers,
George A. Sanford,	John L. McIntosh,
George Anderson, junr.	John B. Coleman,
E. L. Spike,	H. J. Horne,
A. Faulkner,	James Cordwell,
D. J. Nickerson,	John Moran,
W. DeW. Hall,	F. D. Johnston,
John G. Allison,	R. C. Capel.
John Scholfield,	

OPHIR LODGE, No. 12.
TANGIER, HALIFAX COUNTY.

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS :

CHARLES CUMMINGS, *Worshipful Master*,
D. Y. ESTEY, *Senior Warden*,
S. L. JOHNSON, *Junior Warden*,
ALFRED FROUD, *Treasurer*,
DANIEL W. MCKAY, *Secretary*,
R. W. EMMETT, *Senior Deacon*,
HENRY McLAUGHLIN, *Junior Deacon*,
J. D. VANBUSKIRK, }
ROBERT JAMIESON, } *Stewards*,
JAMES CRAIG, *Tyler*,

MASTER MASONS.

A. P. Penery, P. M. James Miller,
 M. L. Heroll.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 13.
SHEET HARBOUR, HALIFAX COUNTY:

Meets on the first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS :

DAVID FRASER, *Worshipful Master*,
JOHN H. BALCAM, *Senior Warden*,
D. W. ARCHIBALD, *Junior Warden*,
WILLIAM HALL, *Treasurer*,
JOHN TUPPER, *Secretary*,
JOHN P. HOGAN, *Senior Deacon*,
GEORGE SMITH, *Junior Deacon*,
CHARLES FARRELL, }
ARCHIBALD HALL, } *Stewards*,
CRAWFORD L. ROSS, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASON S :

Alexander Fraser,	William Pearson,
M. McFarlane,	John A. Farnell,
John McPhee,	James A. Lindsay,
William Smith,	Edward Belmore,
Sidney Smith,	Henry McDonald,
Frederick Trott,	Alexander T. Parker,
Matthew Henley,	William H. Guild,
James McLeod,	Robert W. Heath,
Henry Dixon,	William G. Leslie,
Alexander Watt,	George Hamilton,
Thomas Reynolds,	Thomas A. Baker,
William Wittneber,	John Gault,
David Little,	Hugh Lindsay,

ACACIA LODGE, No. 14.

AMHERST, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

OFFICERS :

ISAAC WINCHESTER, *Worshipful Master*,
 DAVID SPENCER, *Senior Warden*,
 DAVID DOUGLAS, *Junior Warden*,
 GEORGE DIMOCK, P. M., *Treasurer*,
 DR. JOSEPH MOORE, *Secretary*,
 DR. NATHAN TUPPER, *Senior Deacon*,
 CHARLES S. DELANEY, *Junior Deacon*,
 ANGUS McLEOD, *Marshall*,
 ALEXANDER WILSON, } *Stewards*,
 DR. CLINTON J. MORSE, }
 JOSEPH COVE, *Tyler*.
 JOHN C. ROACH, *Inner Guard*,
 THOMAS DUNLAP, *Chaplain*.

MASTER MASON S.

James King, P. M.,	Frederick Seaman,
O. A. Sharp.	John C. Philips,
John W. Cove, M. D.	Jacob Perrin,

Dawson Hayward,	*Alf. Davidson Goodwin,
John Powers, P. M.,	George Moir,
John White,	James C. Mills,
Sampson Moore,	David McAndrews,
W. H. Burton,	Gilbert Seaman,
James Stevenson,	James A. Stever.

TRURO LODGE, No. 15.

TRURO, COLCHESTER COUNTY.

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month

OFFICERS :

ALEX. C. PAGE, M. D., *Worshipful Master,*
 LEANDER J. CROW, *Senior Warden,*
 WILLIAM BLAIR, *Junior Warden,*
 GEORGE CAMPBELL, *Treasurer,*
 JAS. J. DICKSON, *Senior Deacon,*
 DAVID NELSON, } *Stewards,*
 DONALD FRASER, }
 DANIEL HOLMES, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS :

Hugh McCallum, P. M.	James Caffery,
Robert Duncan,	William McLeod,
James K. Blair,	James J. Hamilton,
George Donkin,	Walter Lawson,
Gardner Clish,	John B. Brown,
Henry B. Prince,	Ralph Patrick,
James Archibald,	

ELDORADO LODGE, No. 16.

WINE HARBOR, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Meets on first Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS :

JOHN J. LOGAN, *Worshipful Master,*
 ALEX. E. CAMERON, *Senior Warden,*
 GEORGE W. CLARK, *Junior Warden,*
 WILLIAM G. JOHNSON, *Treasurer,*
 DANIEL STEWART, *Secretary,*
 DAVID MURRAY, *Senior Deacon,*
 F. W. McEWAN, *Junior Deacon,*
 JOHN ROOD,
 ALEXANDER C. STEWART, } *Stewards,*
 DANIEL McKAY, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS :

Daniel McQuarrie,	Alexander Anderson,
Alex. D. McPherson,	William McLean,
Robert Rood,	George Keizer,
Isaac McLean,	Kenneth McKenzie,
Jacob Anderson,	Duncan Stewart,
James Rood,	Walter J. Darrill,
George H. Nissen,	William Harkness,
George W. Gillespie,	Alexander McDonald,
John Dickson,	Gerald Culmer Brown,
George Thompson,	Peter Gunn, P. M.

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 17.

YARMOUTH, YARMOUTH COUNTY.

Meets on first Thursday of each month.

OFFICERS :

SAMUEL F. RAYMOND, *Worshipful Master,*
 FRANCIS A. BAILEY, *Senior Warden,*

CALEB R. BILL, *Junior Warden*,
 GEORGE B. DOANE, *Treasurer*,
 GEORGE W. TOOKER, *Secretary*,
 SANDFORD H. PELTON, *Senior Deacon*,
 GEORGE S. TAYLOR, *Junior Deacon*,
 JOHN R. CORNING, *Marshall*,
 WALTER A. BEALE, *Steward*,
 HENRY PHIPPS, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

John Roy Campbell,	William Pendrick,
George W. Johnson,	Frederick S. Johnson,
Reben Scovill,	Prince H. Durkee,
Nathan McConnell,	Charles W. Durkee,
Jacob Smith,	Oliver McGill,
Charles Dodds,	Robert Patterson,
Robert Hunter,	Thomas R. Jolly,
Michael Normandy,	William J. Wyman,
William G. Cook,	John W. Fielder.

ROYAL ALBERT LODGE, No. 18.

NORTH SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON.

OFFICERS:

WILLIAM PURVES, *Worshipful Master*,
 GEORGE B. MOFFAT, *Senior Warden*,
 DANIEL LAWLER, *Junior Warden*,
 JOHN B. MOORE, *Treasurer*,
 CHARLES A. ROBERTSON, *Secretary*,
 WALLACE ROBERTSON, *Senior Deacon*,
 GEORGE F. M. FORBES, *Junior Deacon*,
 JOHN H. CHRISTIE, *Marshall*,
 GEORGE S. BROWN, } *Stewards*,
 ALBERT CORBETT, }
 DAVID B. NEWINS, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

David Scott,	M. A. Tracey,
William H. Moore,	Andrew Nesbit,
John Forbes,	D. McLarty,

Andro
James

William Nesbitt,	William Proctor,
William Hackett,	James W. Brown,
William Bonnell,	W. D. Dimock,
John Vooght,	Caleb Langill,
William J. Peppett,	Murdock McLean.
Joseph W. Peppett,	

SOLOMON LODGE, No. 19.

PORT HAWKESBURY, STRAIT OF CANSO.

OFFICERS :

LEVI HART, *Worshipful Master*,
 J. W. INGRAHAM, *Senior Warden*,
 EDWIN KENT, *Junior Warden*,
 GEORGE GALLOP, *Treasurer*,
 ALEXANDER BAIN, *Secretary*,
 ANGUS GRANT, *Senior Deacon*,
 JAMES G. McKEEN, *Junior Deacon*,
 A. BAIN, *Tyler*.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 20.

BRIDGEWATER, LUNENBURG COUNTY.

OFFICERS :

W. H. OWEN, *Worshipful Master*,
 J. W. ANDREW, *Senior Warden*,
 J. S. CALDER, *Junior Warden*,
 R. DAWSON, *Treasurer*,
 DAVID MACKAY, *Secretary*,
 CHARLES H. CHASE, *Senior Deacon*,
 C. HENRY DAVISON, *Junior Deacon*,
 DUNCAN McMILLAN, *Marshall*,
 ALEX. STUART, } *Stewards*,
 J. H. WADE, }
 ANDREW SAGGART, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS :

Andrew Gow,	George McKean,
James Fraser,	Josiah Rudolf,

John Batty,	Frederick Burgess,
John McMillan,	Charles Leman,
Abram B. Rhodenbeieezr,	James D. Dunn,
Joseph Batty,	Joseph R. Wyman,
James Ross,	Stephen March,
Stephen P. Benjamin,	George H. Burkett,
Emanuel Hebb,	George E. Starratt,
James Buckmaster,	John McLane,
James McKean,	W. Rueben Wenzell,
James Bailly,	James Bell,
J. M. Shand,	Lewis Knaut,
James A. McKean,	Hiram Morgan,
Augustus Freeman,	Stephen McKean,
William H. E. Bullock,	Caleb Mckean,
Eldridge Foster,	Peter Morrison.

POYNTZ LODGE, No. 21.

WINDSOR, HANTS COUNTY.

OFFICERS :

J. B. BLACK, M. D., *Worshipful Master*,
 W. J. FLINN, *Senior Warden*,
 L. H. HARDINGS, *Junior Warden*,
 C. W. SUMMER, *Treasurer*,
 N. T. HARRIS, *Secretary*,
 JOHN C. BURTON, *Senior Deacon*,
 ALBERT DAVISON, *Junior Deacon*,
 JOHN CAMPBELL, *Marshall*,
 PETER SHEY, } *Stewards*,
 A. R. McLELLAN, }
 WALTER DAVISON, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS :

John W. Cochran,	James D. Donaldson,
C. B. Pitblado,	George W. Churchill,
Harris Shaw,	John Graham,
Charles Shaw,	Delancy T. Faulkner,
John Andrews,	William Sutherland,
Roderick McKenzie,	James N. Layton,
George S. Cutten,	J. G. Carmichael.
Roderick Innes,	

WIDOW'S SON LODGE, No. 22.

RIVER PHILIP, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

JOHN POWERS, *Worshipful Master*,
 WILLIAM ORLEY, *Senior Warden*.
 JOHN W. COVE, *Junior Warden*,
 JOHN ROBB, *Treasurer*,
 JOHN C. PHILIPS, *Secretary*,
 GEORGE BAXTER, *Senior Deacon*,
 JOHN C. MICKLE, *Junior Deacon*,
 RICHARD S. BLACK, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS :

O. A. Sharp, Thomas H. Patton,
 James King, P. M., Hon. Member.

ORIENT LODGE, No. 23.

RICHMOND, COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

J. W. OUSLEY, *Worshipful Master*,
 WALTER U. JONES, *Senior Warden*,
 DANIEL WARD, *Junior Warden*,
 WM. M. DIMOCK, *Treasurer*,
 JOHN ECKERSLEY, *Secretary*,
 JAMES W. PORTEOUS, *Senior Deacon*,
 JOHN RHIND, *Junior Warden*,
 ARTHUR S. BUSBY, } *Stewards*,
 DAVID POTTINGER, }
 JOHN E. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*,

MASTER MASONS :

Robert G. Duncan, Elisha Loasbey,
 F. W. Fishwick, Edward Allen,
 G. Grant Bulley, William James Bowen.

WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 24.
WESTVILLE, COUNTY OF PICTOU.

OFFICERS :

JAMES ROY, *Worshipful Master*,
 JAMES JOHNSTON, *Senior Warden*,
 ROBERT GRAY, *Junior Warden*,
 JOSIAH E. JONES, *Treasurer*,
 THOMAS JOHNSTON, *Secretary*,
 NEIL MORRISON, *Senior Deacon*,
 WILLIAM HENDERSON, *Junior Deacon*,
 JOHN J. McLELAN, } *Stewards*,
 JAMES PATTERSON, }
 ROBERT WHITE, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS :

William Lorimer,	Joseph McLellan.
Alexander Lorimer,	Robert Wilson,
John Wilson,	James Wilsor,
Thomas Johnson, junr.,	James Whyte,
Norman McDonald,	James Wilkes,
Archibald Maxwell,	Daniel Munro,

PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 25.
BARRINGTON, SHELburnE COUNTY.

WM. M. McKAY, M. D., *Worshipful Master*,
 JAMES BRITTLE, *Senior Warden*,
 OSCAR DAVISON, *Junior Warden*,
 J. K. WILSON, M. D., *Treasurer*,
 WINTHROP, SARGENT, *Secretary*,
 NEHEMIAH BANKS, *Senior Deacon*,
 WILL H. COFFIN, *Junior Deacon*,
 PRINCE McLARREN, *Marshall*,
 JOSEPH WILSON, } *Stewards*,
 JOHN HOMER, }
 ALEX. HOGG, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS :

Michael Wilson,	John Linkum,
Robert Sutherland,	Robert R. Hogg,
Henry Sutherland,	T. C. Crowell,
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Arthur James Parker,	Alfred S. Shaw,
George E. Lydiard,	George E. Barnaby,
John O. West,	George C. Robinson,
George Robinson,	George J. Smith,
Thomas Rees Harris,	Samuel R. Osborne,
Samuel McBride,	Robert Farnsworth,
George F. Dixon,	Richard Avery,
George W. Eaton,	John H. Mills,
Mason Sheffield,	John Rendress,
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"	2, Saint John.....	Halifax.
"	3, Virgin.....	Halifax.
"	4, Unity.....	Lunenburg.
"	5, Albion.....	New Glasgow.
"	6, Royal Sussex.....	Halifax.
"	7, Saint Andrew.....	Sydney, C. B.
"	8, Acacia.....	Amherst.
"	9, Zetland.....	Liverpool.
"	10, Burns.....	Halifax.
"	11, New Caledonia.....	Pictou.
"	12, Hiram.....	Yarmouth.
"	13, Acadia.....	Pugwash.
"	14, Acadia.....	Halifax.
"	15, Athole.....	Halifax.
"	16, Keith.....	Hillsborough.
"	17, Keith.....	Halifax.
"	18, Union.....	Halifax.
"	19, Royal Albert.....	Sydney, C. B.
"	20, Saint George.....	Wolfville.
"	21, Davies.....	Wilmot.
"	22, Scotia.....	Halifax.
"	23, Keith.....	Albion Mines.
"	24, Concord.....	Barrington.
"	25, Westport.....	Westport.
"	26, Welsford.....	Windsor.
"	27, Widow's Friend.....	Weymouth.
"	28, Scotia.....	Canning.
"	29, Prince of Wales.....	Milton.
"	30, Albert.....	Shelburne.
"	31, Scotia.....	Yarmouth.
"	32, Eldorado.....	Wine Harbor.
"	33, Annapolis Royal.....	Annapolis.

No. 34, Queens.....	Sherbrooke.
" 35, Saint Mark.....	Baddeck, C. B.
" 36, Thistle.....	Cow Bay, C. B.
" 37, Cobequid.....	Truro.
" 38, The Lodge of Saint Mark.....	Halifax.
" 39, Acacia.....	Bridgewater.
" 40, Op'ni.....	Tangier.
" 41, Rothsay.....	Bridgetown.
" 42, Eu cka.....	Sheet Harbor.
" 43, Truro.....	Truro.
" 44, Poyntz.....	Hantsport.
" 45, Tyrian Youth.....	Little Glace Bay.
" 46, Solomon.....	Port Hawkesbury.
" 47, Philadelphia.....	Barrington.
" 48, Widow's Son.....	River Philip.
" 49, Oriean.....	Richmond.
" 50, Western Star.....	Westville.
" 51, Eastern Star.....	Dartmouth.
" 52, Harmony.....	Aylesford.

H. C. D. TWINING,
Grand Secretary.

In memoriam.

GEORGE J. PAYNE,

PAST MASTER,

OF

The Lodge of St. Mark.

DIED NOVEMBER 6th, 1868.

In memoriam.

JAMES MACCOUSH

GRAND STEWARD.

DIED, AUGUST 16th, 1868.