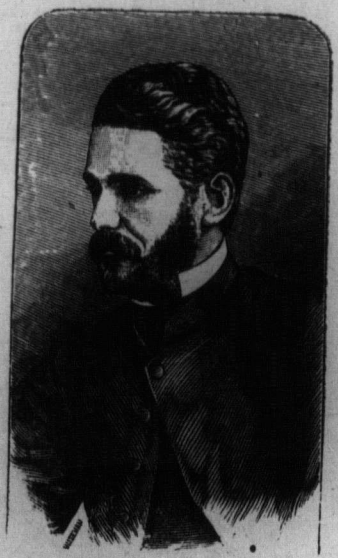

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Grand Master
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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

AT ITS

ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT THE CITY OF MONTREAL,

ON THE

22d & 23d days of September, A.D. 1880, A.L. 5880

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

JOHN H. GRAHAM, LL.D., Richmond, P.Q. Grand Master.
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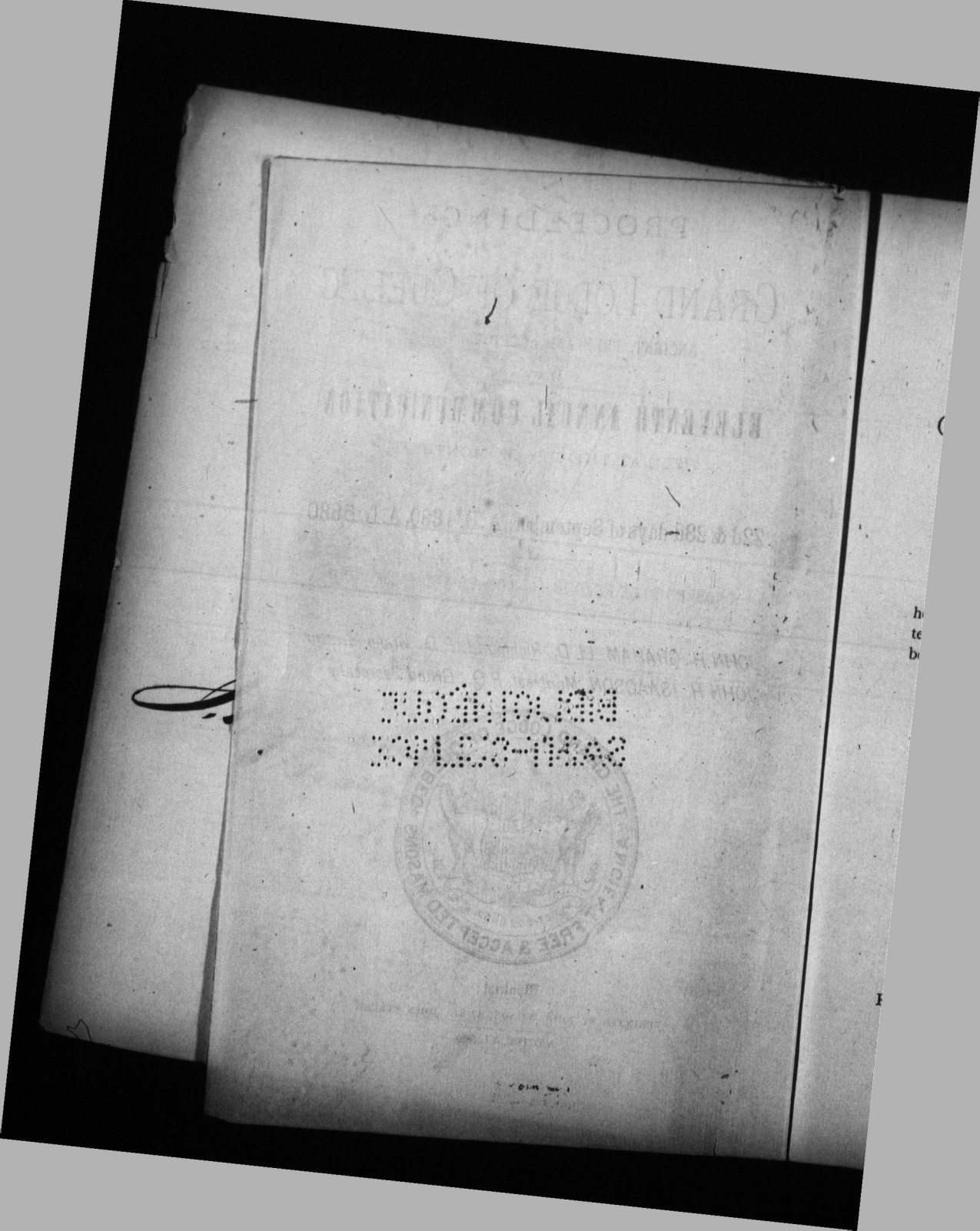


PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

A. F. & A. M.

AT ITS

ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Eleventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Montreal, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of September, A.D. 1880, A.L. 5880, and day following, at Masonic Chambers, Place d'Armes Square

The following were present thereat :—

M.·. W.·. John H. Graham, LL.D., Grand Master on the Throne.

R.·. W.·.	Bro.	Wm. Miller,	as Deputy Grand	Master.
"	"	Thomas P. Butler,	Grand	Senior Warden.
"	"	G. R. Marvin,	"	Junior Warden.
"	"	Rev. John Scrimger,	"	Chaplain.
"	"	I. H. Stearns,	"	Treasurer.
"	"	T. B. Prentiss,	"	Registrar.
"	"	J. H. Isaacson,	"	Secretary.
V.·. W.·.	"	Thomas Simpson,	as "	Senior Deacon.
"	"	E. M. Putney,	"	Junior Deacon.
"	"	George Stewart,	"	Director of Ceremonies.
"	"	Frederick Massey,	"	Organist.
"	"	L. B. Warner,	"	Pursuivant.
"	"	J. M. Glass,	"	Steward.
"	"	W. H. Learned,	"	Steward.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R.·. W.·.	Bro.	J. B. Charleson, Quebec and Three Rivers District.
"	"	Wm. Lemesurier, Montreal District.
"	"	J. P. Martin, Bedford District.
"	"	A. Lyon, M.D., Ottawa District.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Bro.	James Dunbar,	P.G.M.
" "	Melbourne M. Tait,	"
R.·. W.·. "	John S. Bowen,	P.D.G.M.
" "	Thomas Milton,	P.D.D.G.M.
" "	Frank Edgar,	"
" "	Wm. McKenzie,	"
" "	Wm. Miller,	"
" "	H. L. Robinson.	"
" "	Horatio Horskin,	"
" "	C. P. Taber,	"
" "	Arthur F. Simpson,	P.G.S.W.
" "	Edson Fitch,	"
" "	E. R. Johnson,	"
" "	H. W. Woods,	"
" "	John Renshaw,	"
" "	M. Burnie,	"
" "	H. W. Nye,	P.G. Chaplain.
" "	H. Montgomery,	"
" "	C. P. Taber,	P.G. Registrar.
" "	John McLean,	"
" "	S. R. Whitman,	"
" "	John Shaw,	"
" "	E. E. Spencer,	"
V.·. W.·. "	John Wilson,	P.G. Senior Deacon.
" "	Frederic England,	P.G. Junior Deacon.
" "	James Addie,	P.G. Organist.
" "	J. G. T. Cleghorn,	P.G. Pursuivant.
" "	H. Lecappelain,	"
" "	D. Salt,	P.G. Steward.
" "	W. R. Philbrick,	"
" "	G. C. Bown,	"
" "	S. Warner,	"
" "	M. Winn,	"
" "	John Ion,	"

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented in Grand Lodge, the R.·. W.·. the Grand Chaplain offered suitable prayer, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec was declared open in *ample form* at high twelve.

The Committee on Credentials named by the Board of General Purposes on the preceding day, and consisting of the following brethren, viz: R.·. W.·. Bros. C. P. Taber and Milton, and W.·. Bros. Kennedy, Schofield and Hobbs made their report declaring the fol-

lowing named as being present and duly qualified to take part in the proceedings and business of Grand Lodge at its present session.

No. 1—Lodge of Antiquity.

Andrew Schmidt, W.M.
C. M. Putney, P.M.
Alexander Chisholm, P.M.

No. 2—Albion.

Martin Winn, W.M.
J. B. Donaldson, P.M.
H. Griffith, P.M.
Wm. Miller, P.M.

No. 3—St. Johns.

John Shaw, P.M. and P.G.R.
John Sears, J.W.

No. 5—Golden Rule.

W. M. Pike, W.M.
E. R. Johnson, P.M.

No. 6—St. Andrew.

John S. Bowen, P.M. and P.D.G.M.
J. Bowen, Jr., P.M.
Henry Russel, M.D., S.W.
E. T. D. Chambers, J.W.

No. 8—Prevost.

Edwin Hall, W.M.
A. D. Stevens, P.M.

No. 9—Nelson.

T. H. Throop, W.M.
H. Montgomery, P.M and P.G.C.

No. 10—St. George.

W. Mackenzie, P M and P.D.D G.M.
John Street, P.M.

No. 11—St. George.

John Wilson, W.M.
James Fyfe, P.M.
H Lecappelain, P.M. and P.G.Pur.

No. 12—ZETLAND.

P. A. Crossby, W.M.
W. Brewster, P M.
Joseph Mitchell, P.M.
Wm. Percival, P.M.
J. G. T. Cleghorn, P.M.
Wm. Johnson, P.M.
John H. Isaacson, P.M. and G.S.
J. Quinn, J.W.

No. 15—ST. FRANCIS.

J. H. Graham, P.M. and P.G.M.
M. Burnie, W.M.
Thomas Hart, P.M.

No. 16—VICTORIA.

W. B. Schofield, W.M.
J. A. Baxter, S.W.
T. W. Fuller, J.W.
J. W. Wigget, P.M.

No. 18—SHEFFORD.

H. L. Robinson, W.M. and P.D.D.G.M.

No. 19—STANBRIDGE.

A. M. Stone, W. M.
J. P. Martin, P. M. and D.D.G.M.
Horatio Horskin, P.M. and P.D.D.G.M.
C. E. Blinn, P.M.
H. C. Blinn, P.M.

No. 20—MONTREAL KILWINNING.

J. Smillie, W.M.
John A. Perry, P.M.
John Renshaw, P.M. and P.G.J W.
I. H. Stearns, P.M. and G.T.

No. 21—YAMASKA.

Thomas Watson, W.M.
H. G. Frost, S.W.

No. 22—AYLMER.

T. B. Prentiss, P.M. and G.R.

No. 24—Browne

Joseph Hinerth, W.M.
C. P. Taber, P.M.

No. 25—Royal Albert.

M. M Tait, P.M. and P.G.M.
Thomas Simpson, P.M.
F. Edgar, P.M. and P.D.D.G.M.
Geo. W. Lovejoy, S.W.

No. 26—Victoria.

Andrew Baile, W.M.
Geo. C. Bown, P.M. and P.G.S.
W. M. Lemesurier, P.M. and D.D.G.M.
James Mitchell, P.M.
John Ion, P.M. and P.G.S.
Edmund E. J. S. Rothwell, S.W.
R. J. Hickey, J.W.

No. 28—Tuscan.

J. B. Charleson, Proxy, P.M. and D.D.G.M.
Edson Fitch, P.M.

No. 30—Ascot.

A. F. Simpson, P.M. and P.G.S.W.
James Addie, P.M.
I. H. Stearns, P.M.
W. H. Learned, P.M.
Alton Lindsay, S.W.

No. 32—Mount Royal.

B. Reed. W.M.
Frederick Massey, P.M.
W. S. Walker P.M. and Proxy.
George O. Stanton, S.W.
Wm. Hyde, J.W.

No. 33—Frelighsburg.

G. R. Marvin, P.M.,G.J.W. and Proxy.
E. E. Spencer, P.M. and P.G.Reg.
S. R. Whitman, P.M.

No. 34—Doric.

W. L. Page, W.M.
W. R. Philbrick, P.M.

No. 35—Brome Lake.

H. W. Wood, P.M. and P.G.J.W.
Frederick England, P.M., and P.G.J.D.

No. 37—Corner Stone.

W. Stevenson, W.M.
H. W. Wood, P.M. and P.G.J.W.

No. 38—Mount Moriah.

G. R. Dewar, W.M.
Joseph Martin, P.M.
John McLean, P.M. and P.G.Reg.
Alexander Kyle, J.W.

No. 40—Pontiac.

H. Hobbs, W.M.
A. Lyon, P.M. and D.D.G.M.

No. 41—Eddy.

R. G. Nesbitt, W.M.

No. 44—St. Charles.

A. Walker, W.M.
Thomas Milton, P.M. and P.D.D.G.M.
D. Salt, P.M.
William Pirrie, S.W.
Peter Fransdon, J.W.

No. 45—Cœurs Unis.

J. Rodrique, W.M.
A. Boisseau, P.M.
A. Felix, P.M.
A. Letange, S.W.
A. Meunier, J.W.

No. 46—Excelsior.

W. A. Crocker, W.M.
Joseph Pilon, P.M.
S. B. Warner, P.M. and G.S.
Frederick Wood, Jr., P.M.
Louis C. Wurtele, J.W.

No. 47—Graham.

A. A. Mooney, W.M.

No. 48—Mount Orford.

Robert Ramsay, P.M.

No. 49—Shawenegan.

Thomas Milton, P.M. and P.D.D.G.M.
R. S. Scott, P.M.

No. 50—Olive Branch.

C. A. Hill, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 52—Prince Consort.

James K. Whyte, W.M.
W. H. Whyte, P.M.
J. T. Wardley, J.W.

No. 53—St. Andrew.

William S. Evans, W.M.
J. M. Glass, P.M. and G.S.
David Newton, P.M.
C. Wellstead, J.W.

No. 54—Ionic.

J. E. Hersey, W.M.
John Brady, P.M.
John Stewart, S.W.

No. 57—Hochelaga.

D. Anderson, P.M.

No. 58—Montarville.

J. Frederick Walker, P.M. and Proxy.
T. P. Butler, P.M. and G.S.W.

No. 59—Bedford.

H. W. Nye, P.M P.G Chap. and Proxy.
Hobart Butler, P M.
D. W. Hatch, S.W.

No. 60—Richelieu

Jonathan Woodcock, P M. and Proxy.
Peter A Morrison, J.W.

No. 62—Corinthian.

Thomas J. Howard, W.M.
Henry Dunne, P.M.
George Weldon, S.W.

No. 63—Prince of Wales.

Arthur F. Simpson, P.M., P.G.J.W. and Proxy.
F. W. W. Bowen, S.W.

No. 64—Friendship.

W. Henry Learned, W.M.
A. A. Bailey, S. W.

By the gracious permission of the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master, all Master Masons in good standing were admitted as visitors.

The Grand Secretary, according to custom, read from the dais the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual Communication when

It was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. William Miller, seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. A. F. Simpson, and—

Resolved, That inasmuch as the minutes of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication, held at the city of Montreal on the 24th and 25th days of September, 1879, have been printed and distributed amongst the different subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, the same shall be held as read, and are hereby confirmed.

Letters of excuse for non-attendance at the present session of Grand Lodge were received and read from M.·.W.·. Bro. W. B. Simpson, Past Grand Master; R.·.W.·. Bro. C. Judge, Deputy Grand Master; R.·.W.·. Bro. W. M. Keyes, D.D.G.M.; and V.·.W.·. Bro. W. T. Rickaby, Grand Senior Deacon; and their absence was excused.

It was announced from the Throne that Representatives from Foreign Grand Lodges would be received during the adjourned afternoon session of to-day.

The M.·.W.·. the Grand Master stated he would deliver his address as first business in the afternoon.

The R.·.W.·. Grand Chaplain then delivered the following address:

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

By your kindness I am once more permitted to address Grand Lodge in the capacity of Chaplain, and I embrace the opportunity with pleasure as enabling me for a little to direct your minds to some of the higher and more vital matters which concern the Craft. Not for a moment would we undervalue the importance of those matters of detail in organization and administration which are so necessary to the efficient and harmonious working of the institution to which we belong; but we must never allow ourselves to forget the grand object for which we are organised and the noble purposes which as Masons we are called upon to keep in view. All our deliberations will amount to little unless they are subordinated to the great ends which form the only excuse for our existence as a society. We must remember that we do not exist simply for the purpose of increasing our membership and of collecting fees and disbursing them for current expenses, nor even for social intercourse alone. These are only means to an end, and that end is ever the promotion of uprightness in the individual, and of charity and brotherly love between the various members of the fraternity. We are seeking to erect a noble temple of righteousness and love, which shall be vast enough to embrace within its spacious courts all right-minded men, and ultimately, if possible, the whole human race itself. All else is but the scaffolding—useful enough in its way and place—but temporary and destined for removal as soon as the edifice shall be complete. May the great and wise Master builder further this good work, and may all Masons be fellow workers with Him in hastening it to a completion.

The importance of these general aims of Freemasonry has, however, been frequently brought before the notice of this Grand Lodge, and it is to be hoped not altogether without result. I desire therefore at this time to call attention more especially to what may be regarded as our great guide and instructor in the promotion of uprightness and charity—the volume of the Sacred Law—which, in the technical language of the craft, is known as the first great light in Masonry. The place which the volume of the sacred law holds in our system is a very prominent and important one; it lies open upon the altar of every lodge, and without its presence no proper lodge of masons can be held at all. It is the first object which meets the gaze of every newly enlightened neophyte. In so far as the ritual is historical at all, the materials are drawn from its pages. The precepts which masonry lays down for the guidance of its members are, without exception, those which find sanction in its principles, and are often in its very words. Every candidate initiated into the fraternity is recommended to study it, being solemnly charged at the same time to regard it as the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate his actions by the divine precepts which it contains. So prominent indeed is the place it receives that it could not well be placed higher without making Freemasonry a distinctively religious institution—a character which it prefers to avoid for good and sufficient reasons.

Now this prominent position is not given to the word of God simply in order that it may furnish a convenient reply to the objections that are sometimes made by earnest minded men to the institution of freemasonry—that it is an immoral or dangerous society, and ought to be discouraged. It is legitimate enough to use it in this way when such objections are made; but in reading the answers that are sometimes made to such objections by masonic writers, one can hardly fail to read between the lines their thankfulness that the organizers of the fraternity, in its modern form, were far-seeing enough to make a belief in the existence of God one of the conditions of membership, and to give the holy Bible such a prominent place in the furniture of a lodge room; while it is almost equally plain that they set no special value upon them themselves. To say the least this is scarcely worthy of them or their position in the craft.

Nor is this prominent place given to the Bible simply in order that it may quiet the scruples of possible candidates for initiation, who hesitate because they are

not clear as to the moral tendencies of an institution which has been so much decried in certain quarters by men otherwise estimable whose opinions they have been accustomed to respect. It is often enough made to do duty in this way.

But surely candour compels us to say that if these were the only practical uses of the Bible in Freemasonry it would be far better to leave out all reference to it altogether than continue to lend ourselves to such a mockery, which could not fail to destroy our own self respect and pollute the clear fountain of truthfulness within us. We must be true men at whatever cost.

But there are other and higher uses to which the volume of the sacred law may be put by Masons, and to which it ought to be put if they would preserve the true spirit of the institution and enable it to secure its best results.

In the first place it ought to be read and studied privately by every individual mason. It is probably impracticable to do this to any extent collectively in the lodge, but there is nothing to prevent the most careful and the most thoughtful perusal of it in private; and the circle of masonic duty requires that this should be done; for the very first charge which the initiate receives recommends to his serious contemplation the volume of the sacred law. How far is this practically done?

At one stage in the candidate's progress to the degree of master mason, he is specially enjoined to study geometry as being intimately connected with the Craft. I have sometimes wondered whether any mason ever actually did study geometry because of that injunction; and I have sometimes feared that almost as little regard was practically paid to the far more important one first received. That there are many masons who read the scriptures—read them thoughtfully, reverently and profitably—I know full well. But I know too that they would do so all the same if they were not masons at all. And are there not many who aspire to be thought "bright" masons to whom the first great light in masonry is a strange and neglected book? Are there not those who stand even high in the ranks of the craft who make little secret of their contempt for that holy book from which all the best principles of the craft are taken? I make no hesitation in saying that this is striking at the very fundamental elements of freemasonry; and if the bible be practically discarded all else that is worth anything will soon follow. It rests with us all to bring masonry back to its true monitor and guide by conforming to the spirit of its instructions in this regard, and by using our influence with others to do the same. If we make it understood that he who would be held in honor among us, must be known as a diligent student of the Bible, we should soon cease to attract much of the undesirable material that now seems only too readily to find its way into the fraternity.

But still further, masons ought to use the volume of the sacred law as the rule by which they fix their creed. It is the standard of truth as well as of right. Freemasonry imposes no creed upon its members beyond the simple belief in the existence of God, and this is one of the sources of its strength whereby it is enabled to embrace within its ranks those holding creeds widely differing from each other in their articles, on the basis of charity and mutual forbearance. But it does not encourage the idea that a man may as well have no beliefs, or that it is a matter of indifference what creed he may hold. On the contrary it places in his hand a book for his study, which certainly presents a number of truths for his acceptance, and presents them with a claim to be authoritative. He cannot give that book the honor it deserves without being bound to accept its teachings; and while masonry does not prescribe to him the particular form in which he shall hold its teachings, it expects him to make up his own mind in some decided way, and give its highest regard to him who, having made up his mind, holds manfully to his views so long as he holds them charitably and with due respect to the liberty of his neighbor's conscience. To make masonic charity the excuse for religious indifferentism, as some seem disposed to do, is a perversion of the spirit of the institution which should be most carefully avoided—a perversion which has been too common indeed, but one which if allowed to go unchecked will most assuredly

sooner or later drive all earnest minded men of strong convictions from the fraternity, and leave it to become the resort of the sceptic and the agnostic. Should this ever come to pass then certainly its glory will have departed. But I am convinced that it never will come to pass if the volume of the sacred law receives that place in the thoughts of the individual members which is accorded to it in the ritual and precepts of the craft.

But a still further and even more important use which Freemasons ought to make of the Bible is to take it as the practical guide whereby they govern their daily life and conduct; and as the standard by which they test their actions as to whether they are worthy or unworthy. This is a use of it which will at once be acknowledged by every mason as legitimate and proper, so that there is no need to dwell upon it at length, save to remind ourselves of the pure and lofty morality which it enjoins, and to stimulate ourselves to increased endeavors after obedience to its precepts. The perfection of masonry will be when every brother in the craft learns and performs the duties therein enjoined in his relations to God, to his neighbor, and to himself. Let us all strive so to do, that when our day's labor as masons is over we may receive the Master's guerdon, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

It was moved by V.·.W.·. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, seconded by W. Bro. J. Bowen, and

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and they are now tendered to R.·.W.·. Bro. Reverend John Scrimger, Grand Chaplain. for the very able, fitting and eloquent discourse he has just delivered, and that the Grand Secretary, with the permission of the Grand Chaplain, be and he is hereby directed to enter the same *in extenso* in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the present year.

By direction of the M.·.W.·. the Grand Master, Grand Lodge at 2 p. m. was called from labor to refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3 p. m. this 22nd September, A.D. 1880, A.L. 5880. The M.·.W.·. the Grand Master on the Throne.

The following Grand Representatives from Foreign Grand Lodges were introduced to Grand Lodge, welcomed by the M.·.W.·. the Grand Master, received with Grand honors, and invited to take their seats in the East.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

V.·.W.·.	Bro.	D. Newton,	Representative of Grand Lodge of		Arkansas.
W.·.	"	D. Anderson,	"	"	British Columbia.
R.·.W.·.	"	W. S. Walker,	"	"	Colerado.
"	"	J. Renshaw,	"	"	Idaho.
"	"	W. Miller,	"	"	Indiana.
"	"	J. H. Isaacson,	"	"	Maine.
W.·.	"	A. G. Isaacson,	"	"	Manitoba.
R.·.W.·.	"	R. Ramsay,	"	"	Indian Territory.
W.·.	"	T. Simpson,	"	"	Minnesota.
R.·.W.·.	"	I. H. Stearns,	"	"	New Hampshire.
"	"	T. Milton,	"	"	Nevada.
"	"	T. P. Butler,	"	"	New Brunswick.
M.·.W.·.	"	M. M. Tait,	"	"	New York.
"	"	J. Dunbar,	"	"	Ohio.
W.·.	"	W. S. Evans,	"	"	Oregon.
V.·.W.·.	"	A. Boisseau,	"	"	Portugal.
"	"	F. Massey,	"	"	Rhode Island.
R.·.W.·.	"	I. B. Charleson,	"	"	Tennessee.
"	"	J. H. Isaacson,	"	"	Utah.
"	"	J. H. Isaacson,	"	"	Vermont.
"	"	H. W. Wood,	"	"	West Virginia.
"	"	W. S. Walker,	"	"	Virginia.
"	"	A. F. Simpson,	"	"	Wisconsin.
"	"	T. B. Prentiss,	"	"	Washington Ter.
"	"	W. S. Walker,	"	"	Wyoming Ter.

The Grand Master then delivered his address as follows:

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec:—

It is my pleasing duty fraternally to welcome you to the eleventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Your attendance in such large numbers, indicates your unabated zeal in the discharge of your important duties as officers and representatives of this Sovereign Grand Body, and as members of our ancient and honorable fraternity.

It now behooves us carefully to review the labors of the past year,—zealously and prudently to perform the duties of this annual assembly,—and wisely to draft the designs on the trestle-board for the continuing and perfecting, in the days to come, of our grand undertaking. May our labors having been begun in order, be continued in peace, and closed in harmony.

THE CRAFT AT HOME.

It is most gratifying to be able to announce that, in many portions of our jurisdiction there has been, during the past year, a manifest increase of interest and zeal

both among the rulers of the Craft and the workmen in all parts of the temple; that peace and harmony have generally prevailed,—and that a well-grounded and increased prosperity may justly be anticipated.

It is moreover note-worthy that very few cases of dissonance have been submitted to me for adjudication.

On the 12th day of November last, Friendship Lodge, Cookshire, was duly constituted and its hall consecrated. In these duties I had the efficient assistance of the Deputy of the St. Francis District, and a large number of other Brethren. This Lodge has begun its career auspiciously, and with good prospects of continued prosperity.

A Petition was received by me, praying for the establishment of a new Lodge in the Village of Lachute. It was duly signed, and recommended by one of the Lodges in the City of Montreal, and by the District Deputy Grand Master. A dispensation, therefore, was granted by me, and on the 31st ult. the Lodge was duly organized by the R. W., the District Deputy, assisted by other Brethren from Montreal and elsewhere. I trust that circumstances may favor the granting thereto of a Warrant of Constitution at the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

TIDINGS FROM ABROAD.

Our relations to nearly all the sister Grand Lodges of the world continue to be most pleasant and harmonious; and I beg heartily and fraternally to acknowledge our great obligation to nearly all these Grand Bodies, their Grand Masters, their Committees on Jurisprudence and Foreign Correspondence, to their Grand Secretaries, and other officers and members, for the very great and intelligent interest which they have taken in the home and foreign affairs of this Grand Lodge, and for the efficient aid which they have rendered to us, especially during the past two years, and in fact ever since the formation of this Grand Body.

RECOGNITION.

It will afford you much satisfaction to learn that during the year this Grand Lodge has been unconditionally recognized by the old and renowned Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and that Grand Representatives have been appointed and commissioned to and from the following Grand Bodies:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

At Quebec.	*Grand Lodges.*	*From Quebec.*
T. P. Prentiss	Washington Territory	J. M. Fletcher.
D. Anderson	British Columbia	J. S. Thompson.
A. G. Isaacson	Manitoba	— Bedson.
G. O. Tyler	Delaware	W. J. Stewart.
J. B. Charleson	Tennessee	G. C. Connor.
R. Ramsay, M.D.	Indian Territory	A. Welsh.
W. S. Evans	Oregon	R. R. Francis.

S. B. Newcomb, *from* Quebec, *near* New Mexico; and Geo. O. Tyler, *from* Georgia, *near* Quebec.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

I deem it my duty to say a word in well-deserved commendation of the zeal and efficiency of the District Deputy Grand Masters. They have, to a very praiseworthy extent, faithfully laboured to promote the interests of the Craft within their respective Districts, as I think their reports, about to be submitted to Grand Lodge, will very clearly show.

I beg to submit, for the consideration of the Board, and of Grand Lodge, whether the District of Bedford be not too large. It seems to me as though it must require more time and attention than is ordinarily at the disposal of any one

Brother, to visit sufficiently often all the Lodges therein, and to supervise them thoroughly.

I beg also to suggest to Grand Lodge whether it would not be well to empower the Grand Master to appoint, or to arrange otherwise for the appointment of a special Deputy, to supervise the Lodge "Coeurs Unis," in the City of Montreal, and whose work is done in the French language. A deputy cannot always be obtained for the Metropolitan District, who can speak both the English and the French languages fluently, and it seems to be necessary that the Brother supervising this Lodge should, if possible, be a proficient in both languages. This practice is happily followed in some other Grand Lodge jurisdictions on this continent, wherein are lodges working in the French, Italian and German languages, as is likely some time to be the case here.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

As you are aware, a "new departure" was taken by me the past year, in holding meetings of the officers and members also of the several Lodges in each of the five Districts of the Province. In conducting these meetings I was ably assisted by the D. D. G. M.'s, and other Grand and Past Grand Officers; by the officers of the respective Lodges, and by visiting and other Brethren. To all such, I beg to return my especial thanks, as also for the many fraternal courtesies extended to me in connection with their assemblies.

Among the objects sought to be attained was the communication of important information concerning the Craft; the awakening of a greater interest and zeal; the improvement of work and governance, and the becoming better and more intimately acquainted with the rulers and members of the Fraternity throughout our jurisdiction.

The meeting held at Sherbrooke was chiefly devoted to the exemplification of work, and it is evident that the labours and exercises at such gatherings may be of great variety and importance.

All these District Meetings were well attended, and many of the Grand Lodge, and other Officers and Brethren, have been pleased to communicate to me the opinion that they were productive of very considerable good in their respective Districts; and have also expressed the hope that the holding of such meetings annually might hereafter be the fixed policy of this Grand Lodge.

WINTER AND SUMMER FESTIVALS.

The Brethren of the City of Quebec, with "their friends" and invited guests, celebrated the St. John's Festival of last mid-winter by a magnificent Masonic ball. Famous as are the public Masonic festivities of the Brethren of the "Ancient Capital," it is thought that the last festival eclipsed its predecessors in the brilliancy of the assemblage, the admirable manner in which it had been arranged and was conducted, and the pleasant remembrances and happy associations connected therewith. I beg of the good Brethren of the famous old city to accept my hearty fraternal thanks for their many courtesies on that very interesting occasion, and in connection with the successful District Meetings held near the same time.

The energetic and zealous D. D. G. M. of the St. Francis District invited the Lodges of his District to celebrate the mid-summer Festival of St. John's, by a trip to the far-famed Lake Memphremagog, and by a dinner and ball at the Revere House. It was fairly successful, considering the other local gatherings at the time. Several Brethren from Montreal and other parts of the Province kindly attended.

Other festivals were held, of which I have no especial report, but they will doubtless be duly noted by the D. D. G. M.'s.

It seems well for Freemasons, with their families and friends, to perpetuate the celebrations of these ancient solstitial festivals, now denominated in Christian countries, and especially among Masons, St. John's Days. I deem this goodly custom to be promotive of the general welfare of the Fraternity.

WORK.

From my own observation, and from other sources of information, it appears that of late there has been a very decided improvement in the work in many Lodges. It is quite obvious to what source this is attributable (but it also appears that in some cases, the irregular use of what was intended for good is the cause of serious evil. This must be put an end to.)

In very many instances there is yet doubtless very great room for improvement. There is far too little of that generous, fraternal rivalry of *who can best work.* The Worshipful Masters and their officers should, during their term of office, seek to make their Lodge the best worked Lodge in their District, or even in the Province. This is a noble ambition, and is worthy of the best Masons in our jurisdiction. It is, moreover, intended the coming year to have the officers of such first-class working Lodges exemplify the work, or a part of it, before their respective District Assemblies, and perhaps before Grand Lodge. A Lodge reputed to be the best, or among the best working Lodges in the District or Province, would not long have to complain of the non-attendance, either of its own members, or of visitors both from home and abroad. That Brother is to be viewed with compassion, who speaks disparagingly of excellence in ritualism. Of course, to be perfect, or nearly so, in ritual, is to be in possession of one only of the prime qualifications of a thoroughly educated Master of a Lodge, or other officer; but it is one of the most important, when other requisite qualifications are added thereto. Strive earnestly, therefore, and labour zealously to attain perfectness in work, as well as to acquire all the other necessary attributes of a "perfect master" or a "model officer" in your respective rank.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

It appears to me to be exceedingly desirable that the Officers especially of some one Lodge, or those of several Lodges united, should take advantage of the provisions of the Constitution for the establishment of Lodges or schools of instruction and drill in work. This may be done in the rural parts of our jurisdiction, as well as in the cities. They have a successful existence in jurisdictions wherein Masonry is attaining its highest development, and I am of the opinion that much good would result therefrom in our Province. They are a fruitful source of benefit to the Craft, when conducted under wise rules and regulations, and with due official supervision. Four of our winter months afford the best of opportunities for holding them.

Young officers especially should have such comparatively private opportunities for the practice and exemplification of their work, under the direction of a well-skilled instructor, outside the regular Lodge meetings. It is one thing to know the work, and it is quite another, without embarrassment and hesitation, to perform it satisfactorily before an assembled Lodge. It is only the few who can, by mere self-training, do this. The timid, bashful workman would often, with such opportunities for practice, drill and instruction as these Lodges of improvement afford, become the best of Officers.

Which Lodge, Lodges or Officers will have the high honour of first successfully inaugurating this good movement, and solving this important problem?

LAYING A FOUNDATION STONE.

On the 8th of June last a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the Village of Frelighsburg, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the Bishop Stewart Memorial Church. The minutes thereof will give a tolerably full account of the ceremonies on that very interesting occasion.

The invitation to the Grand Lodge was received through the Grand Junior Warden, R. W. Brother Marvin, for himself and other members of the Church Committees; from the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Davidson, M. A.; and sanctioned by His Lordship, Bishop Bond, of the Diocese of Montreal.

The attendance of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge—of Brethren from Montreal and elsewhere throughout the Province, and especially from the District of Bedford, in which the beautiful Village of Frelighsburg is situated; and also of Royal Arch Companions, present in their distinctive regalia, by special invitation from me, was very large, considering that the place is not yet directly accessible by railway.

The day was fine; the gathering present was estimated to be about two thousand; and all the exercises of the occasion appeared to be to the acceptance of the assembled Craft, and to the public generally.

All the Officers, Brethren and Companions present—the Grand Officers, and the Past Officers and others who occupied the places and most acceptably performed the duties of those Grand Officers unavoidably absent—well deserve fraternal commendation from me, and also from Grand Lodge.

I beg also to record my especial commendation of the R. W. Grand Junior Warden, Bro. Marvin, for his zealous and successful labours which, well assisted by others, rendered the day and the occasion so memorable. It must have been a source of much gratification to him, to have the first foundation stone of a church edifice laid by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, take place in the village wherein he resides, and during his term of office.

After the completion of the Masonic ceremonies in laying the foundation stone in the north east corner of the building,—His Lordship the Bishop, assisted by a large number of his clergy, laid the superincumbent corner stone, with the solemn and impressive services of the church; after which appropriate and eloquent discourses were delivered by His Lordship, by the Rector, and by the Rural Dean, and others. The Bishop in his address most courteously referred to the services of the Grand Lodge on the occasion, as did also the Rector. The officers and members of the Grand Lodge also gratefully remember the courtesies extended to them by the brethren and friends at Frelighsburg. The saintly Bishop Stewart, whose name the church commemorates, was a zealous member of our fraternity, and the volume of the Sacred Law, borne in the procession, was presented by him to Prevost Lodge, Dunham.

PUBLIC MASONIC PROCESSIONS.

The union of Craft and Capitular Masons in the processions, at the laying of foundation stones, being a departure from the custom hitherto prevailing in most jurisdictions of the Dominion, it is fitting that I should submit to Grand Lodge, some of my reasons for the adoption of what I deemed most suitable and proper.

The occasions on which Masons may most becomingly appear in public, clothed in their distinctive regalia,—are those of funerals, the laying of foundation or cope stones, attending public Divine service, and at certain social festivals.

It is generally held that Craft and Capitular Masonry unitedly form and comprehend the substance of pure ancient Free Masonry; although for the greater convenience of governance, they are generally ruled one jurisdictionally, by separate Grand Bodies. In our constitution, as in most others, provision is now made for the union in funeral processions of Craft and Royal Arch Masons; and since their principles, traditions, and sublime symbolism are substantially alike and confessedly derived from the same source, it seems to me, therefore, most unfitting to exclude Royal Arch Masons from a participation with their fellows, in duties, privileges and ceremonies which to so great an extent comport with their symbolic labors.

Moreover, there do not appear to be good reasons why all Craftsmen governing different portions of a complete system, should not on all such public occasions, be practically, as they are deemed to be theoretically, one and inseparable; and although by almost common consent and time immemmorial custom, the superior rulers and workmen of the third degree are conceded the posts of honour and of labour, nevertheless all true and worthy Brethren of every grade of ancient Masonry

ought, in my opinion, to be held as of right entitled, on all such occasions, to be associated with their fellow-workmen.

Besides, if the becoming and successful performance of such public duties is of advantage to one portion of the Craft, why may not the other inter-related and cognate portion be made sharers of such labours and privileges, and hence better promote the general welfare?

I observed, also, that at the laying of the foundation stone of a public building in Halifax, Nova Scotia, during the past year, on the invitation of the Grand Master, the Craft and Royal Arch Masons joined in the procession, to the general acceptance of the Brethren there.

The union of Craft and Capitular Masons on all such public occasions, appears also to be the general rule in the United States of America.

It seems to me to be desirable, therefore, to follow the same practice in our jurisdiction.

MASONIC LIFE INSURANCE.

Brethren in different parts of the Province have frequently enquired of me as to the desirability of establishing within our jurisdiction a Masonic Life Insurance Association. Anent which I beg to say that it seems to me, if a sufficient number of leading Brethren, of whom we have not a few, could be induced to form themselves into such an association, mutual or other, and would give the necessary time and attention to the important and responsible affairs of such an organization, free or almost wholly free of charge, and if a thoroughly informed and efficient one of their number would act as the executive officer of the society, at a comparatively low salary; and that if the affairs of the association were conducted on strictly business principles, and in accordance with the now tolerably well known laws of risk and liability governing other like well-conducted associations, the rates of life insurance might possibly be made very considerably lower than usual, and that a Masonic Life Insurance Association might be made a permanent success within our jurisdiction, as has, I believe, been the case elsewhere.

Grand Lodge itself can have no financial or other like connection with such an organization, and can neither have nor incur any responsibility therefor. I have been informed that an association of the kind has been formed in the St. Francis District, but I am unable to give any information concerning its status and prospects.

I beg therefore to leave this important matter for the due consideration of the members of the Craft, desirous of securing the advantages anticipated to accrue therefrom.

LODGE ROOMS.

Many Lodge rooms while comfortable as to size—well furnished—and otherwise very suitable for Masonic uses, are very imperfectly ventilated. This is a great evil and demands immediate remedy. Not a few Lodges are often in a double sense unconsciously the victims of incipient or advanced consumption in great part from the somnific and even deadly effects of breathing in their otherwise splendid halls, overheated, foul, fetid and poisonous air. This is the case not only in the sweltering heat of midsummer, but oftentimes as bad or worse in midwinter. Let there, I beseech you be at once put into all such badly ventilated rooms and halls, a sufficient number of good-sized outlets running from the ceiling up through the roof into the open air and well protected above from the storm, and have a corresponding or sufficient number of inlets for fresh air beneath, so that there will be a constant but well regulated circulation of the pure fresh air of heaven throughout the Lodge room, carrying up and out that which has become vitiated and wholly unfit to breathe. This done, what a change for the better among officers and workmen. Comfort and cheerfulness would take the place of supreme discomfort and languor, and other things being equal, drowsiness and somnolence amongst the occupants of the cushioned seats would be among the things that were. I beg of you, therefore, officers and brethren, to see to it that your Lodge rooms are well

ventilated. I speak of this important matter from personal experience and observation.

LODGE DUES.

It appears that difficulties occasionally arise anent Lodge dues, and the suspensions for non-payment seem at times somewhat numerous. Various methods have been suggested for remedying the evil. It appears to me that if Lodges were sufficiently careful in the selection of their material —if the amount required for dues were put at the lowest sum actually necessary to defray working expenses, if the utmost promptness were persistently followed in their collection before large arrears accumulate, if a few minutes at each Lodge meeting were set apart especially for payment of dues, if necessary allowances were made for members who may be poor or in temporary financial embarrassment, if a sufficient reduction were made for "country" and other non-resident members, and if the officers of Lodges labored diligently to make the Lodge meetings interesting, instructive and profitable to the members, it does seem, as there are not a few instances to show, that the evil complained of would be reduced to a minimum.

Moreover, if a brother has been suspended for non-payment of dues, it hardly seems just to require him on his restoration, to pay the dues having accrued during the period of his suspension. If such were not required, it might facilitate desirable restorations.

Two Lodges have submitted to me for confirmation, a system of life-membership but not being as yet satisfied that the system has worked well in jurisdictions wherein it has been adopted, and deeming it to be of very great importance, I have deferred action thereon, desiring to have it more fully considered by the Lodges themselves, and by the Board of General Purposes and by the Grand Lodge.

In this connection, it may be well for me to recommend each Lodge not having done so, carefully to consider the advisability of following the example of Grand Lodge, and have their Treasurer annually give a guarantee bond or other security to the Lodge, and also to require the Finance Committee duly and regularly to invest or deposit the funds of the Lodge according to the by-laws, and make report thereof monthly or quarterly to the Lodge, producing at the same time the proper vouchers or certificates of said investment or deposit of funds; and that no monies be drawn therefrom, except by due authorization of the committee or the Lodge or both. A detailed annual finance and audit report should on no account be omitted. The financial affairs of a Lodge should always be conducted on strict business principles.

ASYLUM FUND.

Many years ago several of the Lodges in this Province then under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of "Canada," paid considerable sums towards a fund for a then proposed "Masonic Asylum." These funds have never been appropriated therefor, and are now held by the Grand Lodge of "Canada," together with the interest having accrued thereon. Some time since, the Grand Lodge of "Canada" fraternally took certain action having in view the returning of said subscriptions to these several Lodges in this province. I beg therefore to suggest that without further delay, each contributory Lodge in the province be required forthwith to report to the Grand Secretary, the date and amount of its subscription to the said fund and that at this communication, the Board of General Purposes consider and report to Grand Lodge, a course of procedure to be adopted anent the application for, and return to said Lodges of the amount, principal and interest of their subscriptions to said "Asylum Fund."

DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS.

Wealthy members of our fraternity would doubtless think me remiss did I fail to remind them of the great amount of really unending good which they might do, if, out of their abundance, they would make donations or bequests to the chari-

table funds of Grand Lodge. These, according to the will of the donor, might be made permanent investments called after his own name, and the revenue therefrom be forever applied to the specific form of benevolence prescribed in the grant.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Early during the past year, an able committee was appointed by me to revise the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and to make report thereof at this annual communication; but it appears that it has not been practicable for them to perform the important duty devolved upon them. It is therefore deemed advisable to continue the committee for the coming year, with the assurance that a careful revision will be made next winter, and their report be printed, and copies thereof be distributed to the Officers of Grand Lodge, and to all the Worshipful Masters of Lodges, at least two months previous to the next Annual Communication. This will afford a full opportunity for its careful examination, and the arranging of any proposed amendments thereto, before being called upon to vote for its adoption.

I beg to suggest the advisability of retaining the general frame-work of our present Constitution, making only such changes, alterations and amendments as experience seems to have rendered desirable or necessary; and that there be added thereto a complete set of Masonic forms of all kinds, and a full, minute and well-arranged index.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

As a tolerably good beginning has been made towards the formation of a Grand Lodge Library, it seems very desirable that some systematic arrangements be made for its management and supervision. I beg, therefore, to suggest that the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary be constituted a permanent Library Committee; that the Grand Secretary be appointed Librarian; that suitable rules be adopted for the obtaining and returning of books; that the ordinary outlays for binding, purchasing of new books, periodicals, &c., be under the direction of the committee, with the sanction of the Grand Master; that all extraordinary outlays for and proposed extensive additions to the Library, shall be submitted to Grand Lodge for its approval, and that an annual report of the state of the Library be made by the Librarian to Grand Lodge.

I may also with propriety suggest to the older Brethren especially the great advantages which would accrue to Grand Lodge, and to the Craft in general, should they donate to the Grand Lodge their valuable esoteric books and manuscripts, and perhaps other precious volumes, during their life time, or arrange that it shall be done at their death. All such, and other like donations to the Grand Lodge Library, will be gratefully and fraternally received, suitably acknowledged, and duly cared for and preserved for proper use.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

It appears to be desirable that Grand Lodge should make some suitable provision for defraying the actual expenses of the Grand Master in attending District and other meetings, in different parts of our jurisdiction; and in the performance of other imperative duties requiring travelling outlays. Grand Lodge has not been neglectful of such matters hitherto, but definite provision therefore would be much more business-like and satisfactory.

It seems also that it would be much better if some system of per diem and mileage were adopted for the payment of the members of the Board of General Purposes, in attendance at the annual or other meetings of the Board.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

It also appears as though the good work of reducing the number of Lodges in the City of Montreal and in a few other parts of the Province, could be carried still further with signal benefit to the Craft. Since the transition period of our

history, there still remain certain duplicate lodges, which it is hoped may ere long become happily united. In such cases it seems to me that consolidation and union would give increased strength and prosperity, and be otherwise promotive of great good. The Brethren directly interested are entreated to give this very important matter their most serious consideration, and to use their best endeavors to secure this very desirable consummation.

LODGE SEALS.

It is a requirement of the Constitution that "every Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued," and that "an impression of the seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted." I beg, therefore, to call the attention of Worshipful Masters to their duty in respect to this, and admonish them to see to it, that if their Lodges have been hitherto remiss, the omission may be immediately supplied. District Deputy Grand Masters are also admonished to inquire into and make report of any failure on the part of Lodges to comply with these important commands of the Constitution. The Grand Secretary should also be required to submit his Book of the Copies or Impressions of Lodge Seals to the Board of General Purposes, for inspection and report.

I beg also to suggest that every Lodge be required to deposit with the Grand Secretary a copy of its By-Laws, and all amendments made thereto from time to time. These being carefully collated and preserved in the Grand Lodge Library, would make a valuable addition thereto, and would be very convenient for reference and such like.

STANDING ORDER OF GRAND LODGE.

I am informed that the standing order of Grand Lodge, which is printed annually on the first page of the cover, and on the title page of the Annual Proceedings—namely, "ordered to be read in all Lodges, and preserved"—is not so generally complied with as it ought to be.

If such things are so, it will readily account for the great lack of information among the Craft generally as to the doings of our own and other Grand Lodges throughout the world. Fifteen to thirty minutes of each Lodge meeting, occupied by the Worshipful Master in reading, until completed, the entire Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, including the report on foreign correspondence, would be of the greatest possible good, in the Masonic enlightenment of the Brethren, in the increase of their zeal, and in the promotion of the best interests of the Fraternity in general.

These proceedings are ordered not only "to be read," but also "to be preserved." It would be interesting to know how many Lodges have carefully preserved the complete file of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec from its formation, and how many have had them bound in suitably sized volumes from time to time. This very important matter should be carefully inquired into by the R. W. the D. D. G. M.'s, and reported upon to Grand Lodge. If there are Lodges which have sadly neglected this duty hitherto, it may not be too late to remedy this grave error as to the preservation of our interesting and valuable Proceedings; as the loss, if such exists, will be more and more seriously felt, and more difficult to repair, as time rolls on. I firmly rely on the Worshipful Masters, on District Deputy Grand Masters, and others, to give immediate attention to these imperative duties, which ought on no account to be neglected.

CUBA AND COLON.

The gratifying intelligence has been received that these two Bodies have adjusted their differences, and when the official documents come to hand, it appears probable that we shall be enabled to extend fraternal recognition to the now governing Grand Body of the Island of Cuba, and perchance to exchange Grand Representatives therewith.

G. L. OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

I beg to report that I have given very considerable attention to the application for fraternal recognition by the "Grand Lodge of New South Wales." A careful examination of the papers submitted, and of an official reply to a communication sent, asking for additional information, has as yet failed to satisfy me that the course pursued in its formation fully accorded with that adopted and carried out by Quebec. I therefore very much regret that I cannot at present recommend Grand Lodge to extend recognition to this Grand Body, the more especially as it has been intimated to me that some other Grand Lodges are deferring action thereanent, awaiting the decision of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I reluctantly advise still further postponement of its consideration, with the expression of the hope that circumstances may soon arise so that we may be enabled to extend thereto fraternal recognition.

EARLY RECORDS OF G. L. OF VERMONT.

A neatly-bound volume of the "Early Records of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, from 1794 to 1846," has been kindly presented to our Grand Lodge Library by that sister Grand Body. An additional copy with a suitable superscription, and accompanied with a complimentary official letter has also been received by me from the same fraternal source, for my own library. In your behalf and my own, I beg to return therefor hearty thanks.

Other like donations will doubtless be duly acknowledged in the Report of the Grand Secretary, or otherwise, in our printed Proceedings.

HISTORICAL INCIDENTS.

By the favor of the Deputy Grand Master, I was recently enabled to forward to R. W. Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Truro, who is one of the learned historians and antiquaries of the Grand Lodge of England, and of world-wide repute as a Masonic writer, a copy of the Warrant of Albion Lodge, Quebec, No. 2, on our Registry, and also a sketch of their centenary medal, and a copy of the authorization from the Grand Lodge of England, for Albion to use the same; the receipt of which has been gratefully and fraternally acknowledged by Bro. Hughan.

Albion was originally a military lodge, attached to the 4th Battalion, Royal Artillery. Its warrant was of date Dec., 1761; at first No. 9, but after the union No. 17 on the Registry of the United Grand Lodge of England. The present Warrant is a duplicate, of date London, 27 Jan., 1829—the Duke of Sussex, G.M.; Lord Dundas, D.G.M., and W. H. White and Edward Harper, Grand Secretaries. Since the latter date Albion has been permanently located in the City of Quebec, as a civil Lodge.

Through the assistance of leading Brethren in Quebec, it is anticipated that the original Warrant of Albion Lodge, and other valuable papers and documents relating to it and other Lodges, as well as to the earliest Provincial Grand Lodges, may yet be obtained.

In Bro. Hughan's Numerical and Numismatical Register of English Lodges, in a list of twenty-seven ancient Lodges under the heading, "Special Centenary Jewels," second on the list is the following record: "17, Albion Lodge Quebec, (now under Grand Lodge of Quebec)," and it is the only one in the list under the jurisdiction of a Sovereign Grand Lodge other than that of England.

In the "Early Records of the Grand Lodge of Vermont," I find that "Dorchester Lodge, Vergennes, Vt., now No. 1 on the Registry of that flourishing sister Grand Body, and the third Lodge established within the limits of the Green Mountain state, was chartered by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec in 1791. The intimate friendly relations of that Grand Body to this, are not, therefore, so much to be wondered at, since the Premier Lodge on her Registry hails from Quebec as its chartered birth-place.

Such and such like historical facts forcibly remind us that had the Lodges and Brethren of this Province been, at an early day, true to themselves and to their

bounden duties, the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Quebec, instead of having just passed the tenth year of its existence, might soon have been celebrating its Hundredth Anniversary, as one of the oldest Grand Lodges on the Continent of America; outrivalling in age the United Grand Lodge of England itself, and having a long record in imitation of her noble deeds of charity and Masonic beneficence, and having exercised its legitimate influence as a Grand Body, through these past generations, in moulding the intellectual, social and moral destiny of our people.

But thus generally has it ever been with unorganized "colonial" Free-Masonry. Its career has, in great part, been checquered, incohesive, uncontinuous—by far too dependent, dissevered, and consequently unproductive of good, as compared with the renowned sources whence it sprung.

Witness the wondrous Masonic progress in the United States of America, in our own country, and in other lands, east and west, as a consequent chiefly of the formation of separate and independent Grand Lodges, holding and exercising exclusive and undivided sovereign territorial jurisdiction, as compared with the state of the Craft in most of the "colonial" Masonic dependencies; and is it not a fact, that since the formation, a quarter of a century ago, of the Canadian Mother Grand Lodge (now *de facto* and *de jure* "Ontario") that more has been accomplished by her for the cause of Masonry during the short period of her independent, sovereign existence, than had been done by the whole of dependent "Colonial Masonry" in all of British North America for the past hundred years; and are not all the other sovereign Grand Lodges of the Dominion commencing upon a like prosperous career? and is it not far more in accordance with the genius, the traditions, and the constitutions of Freemasonry; and far better from every possible point of view (except the mercenary one of a few pounds, shillings, and pence coming annually into the treasury) for the British Mother Grand Lodges to have (instead of what has generally prevailed "colonially" and to a feeble extent still exists) a world-encircling aggregation of independent, sovereign Grand Bodies like themselves, connected with these mother Grand Lodges in a perpetual alliance of fraternal amity?

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

Various committees have been appointed by me for collecting and depositing in the archives of Grand Lodge, the ancient and other documents, papers, records, periodicals, volumes and such like, which could be procured within our jurisdiction, relating to the history of Freemasonry in this province from the earliest times; and also such as specially pertain to the history of the Lodges now on our Registry. If not pleasantly disappointed by reports thereof, this year, I fear little can be accomplished in this way. There are many such valuable documents, papers, &c., believed to exist in the Province, and they ought if possible to be in possession of Grand Lodge for future use in the preparation and publication of a general history of the Craft and of this Grand Lodge. Some are probably lost beyond recovery, others will soon disappear unless speedily procured. How to obtain them is the question.

Of course the labor connected therewith will be very considerable, and without the efficient co-operation of a large number of leading brethren, very little could be accomplished by any one brother in rescuing from oblivion these precious materials. While many lodges and brethren would doubtless take pleasure in donating to Grand Lodge certain documents and papers on being officially applied to and receiving due acknowledgment therefor, certain moderate outlays would occasionally be necessary in order to obtain others both at home and abroad, and for the procuring of copies of records and papers relating to Quebec, in the archives of other Grand Lodges.

If Grand Lodge agrees with me as to the desirability of making an early and effective effort in this direction, and will arrange for a limited outlay when required—I would suggest, with some hesitation and reluctance, for obvious reasons, that the duties suggested be, by formal resolution, devolved on the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, with power to add to this number.

GRAND LODGE HONORS.

In view of the many favors hitherto bestowed on this Grand Lodge, and of the many valuable services rendered to Quebec by eminent Brethren, both at home and abroad; and in order to show, in some slight degree at least, a due appreciation of our many obligations, and seeking in a becoming way to honour ourselves, according to goodly custom, by having, with their consent, the names of illustrious Brethren on our roll of members—I beg to propose that Grand Lodge constitute M. W. Brother T. D. Harington, of Prescott, Ontario; M. W. Brother the Hon. J. H. Drummond, of Portland, Me.; and R. W. Brother Col. J. W. B. McLeod Moore, of Laprairie, P. Q., Honorary members of this Grand Lodge; and that it confer the honorary rank of Grand Senior Warden of Quebec on R. W. Brother J. H. Neilson, of Dublin, Ireland; and on R. W. Brother W. J. Hughan, of Truro, England; and I beg also to request that Grand Lodge confer the honorary rank of Grand Junior Warden on V. W. Brother Col. William Brinsmaid, of Burlington, Vt. I am sure that it will give Grand Lodge as much satisfaction to confirm these proposals as it gives me to make them.

ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

As the Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication, adopted the report of the Board of General Purposes, to the effect that "the whole matter pertaining to our relations to the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and to other Grand Bodies, be left in the hands of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master," I beg to report that much time and attention has been given by me to this very important duty.

Shortly after the close of the last Annual Communication, an "open letter," was received by me from a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and Grand Representativ of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, *near* that Grand Body, containing a statement of his views of Quebec matters, and of the relations of Quebec and Scotland, and addressed to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

I lost no time in replying thereto by printed circular, as the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was shortly to assemble. The letter and reply will be published in our proceedings, and will soon be in your hands for perusal. Suffice it at present to say that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky so viewed matters that her action thereanent was worthy of that chivalric Grand Body, and eminently satisfactory to Quebec. This is the only American Grand Lodge with which any official communication has taken place during the past year, anent the Quebec-Scotland matter.

The voice of nearly every Grand Lodge in the Dominion, and in the United States of America, has been heard in condemnation of the action of Scotland, in the invasion by her of our jurisdiction, by the establishment therein of two private Lodges, and of a Provicial Grand Lodge. Early during the year I prepared and caused to be printed, in lieu of our foreign correspondence, two pamphlets containing extracts from the proceedings of the greater part of the Grand Lodges in the Dominion and in the United States. These were extensively circulated, both at home and abroad, and they might well, with similar extracts from subsequent proceedings, be bound along with our own proceedings for the current year. My official and other correspondence in relation to Quebec-English and Quebec-Scottish affairs, has been very extensive and various. My policy and proceedure, as well as my principal foreign communications, have generally been submitted in advance to my principal fellow-officers in Grand Lodge, and they have in every instance, I believe, given their hearty, fraternal approval thereof.

In all that I have done thus far in regard to the adjustment of inter-jurisdictional matters between us and these Grand Lodges of Great Britain, I have sincerely sought to obtain peace, harmony and unity, peacefully and with honour, and as I said in another place, a year ago, "I have too firm a faith in the intelligence and fraternal prudence and good-will of these Brethren now in dissent here, and in the wisdom and ability of the rulers and fathers of the Craft in the mother-land, to have any

present doubts as to the ultimate result. I trust, therefore, at no distant day, to be able to communicate * * * the consummation so devoutly to be desired."

The correspondence and events of the intervening months have served measurably to strengthen the *then* expectations; but should it be, that these seemingly well-grounded anticipations of a peaceful, honorable and constitutional adjustment of these unhappy international differences be not soon realized, the Grand Lodge of Quebec will be fully prepared for any other contingency which may unhappily arise; and in case it is unfortunately required (which we fervently trust may not be), there will be in readiness to submit, for the approval of Grand Lodge, at an Emergent Communication, if need be, such a course of action as, I believe, will be strictly warranted by the constitutions and ancient practice of the Fraternity; and will, in my opinion, be generally sanctioned and sustained by the Craft, as "Quebec" has hitherto been by nearly all the regular sister Grand Lodges of the world.

We have not by any means, as some brethren timidly suppose, exhausted all the constitutional measures at our command, in defence of the exclusive undivided sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and of the numerous sister Grand Lodges in fraternal accord and alliance with her and whose international sovereign rights and prerogatives, we are bound to sustain and defend as sacredly as our own.

But as the correspondence relating to these international matters of imminent importance is still being carried on, and is therefore necessarily incomplete, and as events of more or less importance are now transpiring, which to a greater or less extent, may materially affect the final adjustment of these interjurisdictional matters as well as affect the peace, unity and welfare of the Craft both at home and abroad, I do not deem it wise or prudent to submit the correspondence to Grand Lodge at its present communication, and I therefore beg most respectfully to suggest the sanctioning by Grand Lodge of a course similar to that occasionally pursued in Parliament, when a motion is made asking for the production by the Government of papers relating to important pending negotiations and transpiring events, the Premier in reply thereto, feels justified in affirming that the interests of the State would not be subserved by the production of said papers and correspondence at the present time, but that they will be submitted in full to the House on some future day; and in general every well disposed member on either side readily acquiesces in the decision of the Government, as announced by its chief.

I therefore fraternally request Grand Lodge to exercise and extend a like confidence, and for the reasons assigned and for others which must be quite obvious, to acquiesce in the above proposal, the more especially as at no very distant day, the whole of the correspondence will be submitted to Grand Lodge, and if deemed best, published in full in our proceedings; and hence I now submit to Grand Lodge the advisability of re-affirming the resolution of last year, leaving the whole matter of our interjurisdictional and other relations to these and other Grand Lodges in the hands of the Grand Master for the coming year, or until the holding of an Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge, should such be deemed necessary or advisable.

FROM LABOR TO REST.

No instances of death within our jurisdiction have been reported to me during the past year. Should such losses have been suffered, they will doubtless be duly noted by the R. W. the District Deputy Grand Masters. Not a few eminent brethren in other jurisdictions have been called "from labor to rest," since we last met, chief amongst whom, as a worthy Brother, as a courteous and efficient Officer, and as a warm personal friend, was the late distinguished Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England, R. W. Brother JOHN HERVEY. He was born April, 1807, and died July, 1880. He was for thirteen years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England. His name had become "familiar as an household word" throughout the Masonic world. His loss will be univer-

sally mourned, and his memory will be fondly cherished by many generations of Craftsmen.

I suggest that a memorial page of our proceedings be dedicated to his memory.

CLOSING WORDS.

Brethren, let me in closing, fraternally remind you all of your supreme duty of unswerving loyalty to this grand old Fraternity, of which you have the honor to be members. Loyalty is the crowning attribute of a true and genuine Freemason. Devoted loyalty to the craft, to their solemn obligations, to their Grand Lodge, to their private Lodges, to the great principles of the order; loyalty to themselves, their Brethren, their families, their fellow-men, their country, and to the Most High, will ever distinguish all worthy Craftsmen. The loyal Freemason is an exemplar of brotherly love, relief and truth; of prudence, temperance, fortitude and justice; of secrecy, fidelity and obedience; of faith, hope and charity, and of every social and moral virtue. Freemasonry is a veritable gospel of peace, charity, loyalty and good-will. Its foundation and cope stones are the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. The reasons of its being, are the amelioration of humanity, and the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. The Freemason who is drawing near to perfectness in loyalty, is rapidly approaching the summit of his profession, and is acquiring due preparedness for his departure to the "Land of the *Leal*."

And may the favor of the Most High rest upon us in all the purposes of our present assembly, and may He vouchsafe His rich blessing to all true and loyal Craftsmen throughout the universe.

JOHN H. GRAHAM,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

MONTREAL, P.Q., September 22, 1880.

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Tait, seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Charleson, and

Resolved,—That the address of the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master, just delivered, be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

The Grand Secretary read his report.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, R.·. W.·. Grand Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

M.·. WOR.·. BRO. & R.·. WOR.·. & WOR.·. BRETHREN.

For your information I have the honor to make the following report:

PROCEEDINGS OF 1879.

Within twenty days after the close of our last annual communication I had its proceedings, with other matters, in all comprising 63 pages, out from the hands of the printer, and shortly thereafter distributed to subordinate lodges of the jurisdiction, sister Grand Lodges, Grand Officers and others entitled thereto; it is possible a few may have been overlooked; if such be the case, I shall be glad to rectify the omission if the opportunity is afforded me. I hope there will be no less expedition shewn this year.

BUSINESS OF THE PAST YEAR.

Although no matter of a very unusual nature has transpired in connection with the duties of my office during the last past twelve months, yet in that time much necessary and routine business has been transacted requiring time and attention. I have endeavored to discharge these duties promptly, faithfully and I hope to the satisfaction of all with whom they have brought me into contact.

FINANCIAL.

The books of account of Grand Lodge in my keeping were, by permission of the M. ∴ W. ∴ the Grand Master, left open until the 21st instant, instead of being closed for the year on 31st August last, as directed by the constitution The delay was granted on my suggestion, at the request of some lodges desirous to include the operations of the present month in their returns.

I would urge that in future all Secretaries of lodges make their returns at the time prescribed by the constitution. Some there are who yet defer to the last moment, sending them with the dues by the delegates; consequently they only reach this office during the business and bustle of Grand Lodge, and then cannot be carefully or properly checked.

And here it may not be amiss to give a statement of moneys received in this office each year since the establishment of Grand Lodge :—

1870	1747 71
1871	1008 67
1872	1691 00
1873	1393 64
1874	2065 50
1875	1759 00
1876	2338 00
1877	2124 50
1878	1839 50
1879	2048 50
1880	1826 95
Making a total or aggregate sum of	$19842 97

RETURNS.

The returns to Grand Lodge from subordinate lodges are not as carefully prepared, in some instances, as they ought to be. It has been my duty, to make a similar remark in a former report; I did so then, as now, in the hope that Secretaries would "take the hint and act accordingly."

I bear willing testimony that some of the returns sent this year are models of neatness, exactness, and precision, but in others I find blanks left unfilled, dates omitted, even pencil entries, and general evidence of haste and carelessness.

LIBRARY.

I am much gratified to be able to state that our Library is now fairly established, and if in the future it be carefully nurtured it will soon, at little expense, be both valuable and useful. I venture to ask for it from Grand Lodge as liberal a grant as the state of the finances will admit.

We have now nearly 200 volumes on the shelves, besides unbound periodicals; these ought to be considerably increased by donations of books, or money to purchase them, from the many members of our craft in this province.

I am desirous to see the Library a success and hope these my imperfect remarks will have a tendency to make it so.

The proceedings of sister Grand Lodges are valuable acquisitions, being replete with masonic information on almost every conceivable point of interest to the craft; they come regularly and are heartily welcomed. I am endeavoring, as far as possible, to get all the sets complete.

The following publications are being received regularly :—

The Canadian Craftsman....	published at	Port Hope, Ont.
The Masonic Monthly.....	"	San Francisco, Cal.
The Masonic Magazine.....	"	London, England.
The Corner Stone.....	"	New York.
The Freemason.....	"	Sydney, New South Wales.
The Masonic Token.....	"	Portland, Maine.

"The Warden," of Providence, Rhode Island; "Our Home," of Louisville, Kentucky, have put in an occasional appearance. "The Masonic Newspaper" has not of late presented itself; whilst "The Voice of Masonry," from Chicago, has altogether ceased to be heard.

I regret to have to notice that several volumes have been taken from the shelves without permission, some borrowed and not yet returned.

The possession of an extensive Library is now a desideratum of almost every Grand Lodge. I trust Quebec will not be behind in the matter, and to this aspiration I ask a hearty "so mote it be."

I venture to suggest the following plan to obtain means for the purchase of masonic books, viz: let the lodges in the cities and larger towns raise funds by lectures, or concerts, or readings, or other intellectual modes, charging a moderate admission price; the proceeds to be applied in aid of the Masonic Library. In places where the lodges are isolated, let there be a tax levied, if ever so small, on each member for the same purpose. I think if this idea is carried out quite a respectable sum in the aggregate will be raised.

NEW LODGE.

During last month, on the petition of brethren residing in the county of Argenteuil, a dispensation was issued to establish at Lachute a new lodge there.

WARRANTS RETURNED.

I am pained to report that in the course of the past year the warrant, books, and papers of Chateauguay Lodge, No. 36, have been sent in to this office; and this in face of the fact that at the time of their return the lodge, as I have been informed, was in a good financial position, and had a fair roster of membership. I fear inactivity of the members was the cause.

The warrants, books and papers of Harrington, No. 17, and St. George, No. 23, now amalgamated with Albion, No. 2, have not yet reached me.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Under instructions received from the M. W. the Grand Master, the Committee to revise the constitution of our Grand Lodge, was during the year organized. It was hoped that a report from it would have been before Grand Lodge at this present meeting; but from unavoidable circumstances the members could not be got together until at a time too late to enter upon the very important business to be considered.

LODGE SEAL.

This office is without the impression of Lodge Seals from nearly all the lodges. Our constitution requires "that an impression of the seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and, whenever changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted." I should like to have this remedied.

REMITTANCES OF MONEY.

Every remittance of money for Grand Lodge dues, or otherwise, should be by Post Office Order. Any sum so sent cannot miscarry without its being ultimately traced.

The whole respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

GRAND SECRETARY.

It was moved by W.·. Bro. Thomas Simpson, seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Charleson, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Grand Secretary be now received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Treasurer made the following report :—

To the M.·.W.·. the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

I beg to submit the following report :—

I. H. STEARNS, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

DR.

1879.	GENERAL FUND.			
September 24.	To Balance on hand.....		$753 07	
1880.				
March 16.	" Cash from Grand Secretary,	$621 75		
September 20.	" " "	1205 20	1826 95	2580 02

CR.

By Expenditures as per Accounts and Vouchers fyled.....	$2041 80
Balance.....	$538 22

1879.	BENEVOLENT FUND.		
	DR.		
September 24.	To Balance on hand.....	$154 70	
November 5.	" Interest on 40 Shares ($4000) Corporation Bonds 6 mos. to 1st Nov. 1879.	120 00	
1880.			
May 26.	" Interest on 40 Shares Corporation Bonds 6 months to 1st May, 1880...	120 00	
			$394 70
	CR.		
	By expenditures as per Vouchers fyled.....		203 00
	Balance.....		$191 70

RECAPITULATION.

ASSETS.

1880.	BENEVOLENT FUND.	
September 20.	Invested in Corporation Bonds 6 per cent.....	$4000 00
"	Cash on hand.....	191 70
1880.	GENERAL FUND.	
September 20.	Cash on hand.....	$538 22
"	Cash in hands of R.·.W.·. Bro. H. M. Alexander, late Treasurer.....	573 34

Respectfully submitted,

I. H. STEARNS,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. Stearns, seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. T. B. Prentiss, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

QUEBEC AND THREE RIVERS DISTRICT.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Charleson, D.D.G.M. for this district, submitted the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

In accordance with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the district of Quebec and Three Rivers.

This district, over which I have had the honor to preside for the past two years, now contains within its limits five good working Lodges, viz., Albion, St John, St. Andrew, Tuscan and Shawenegan Lodges, the last named at the city of Three Rivers, the whole in first class working order.

I have frequently visited all the Lodges in my district, with the single exception of Shawenegan Lodge. I regret I was compelled to deny myself that pleasure. I had made arrangements to visit that Lodge on two occasions, on the first I received a letter from W.·. Bro. Rickaby, requesting me to postpone my visit; on the second, I received a telegram of like nature, stating the Lodge had just lost the Senior Warden by death. I am, therefore, reluctantly compelled to make my report without visiting the brethren of Three Rivers.

I have no hesitation, however in stating that Shawenegan Lodge is in good working order as the W.·. M.·. is R.·.W.·. Bro. Tyler, this fact is a guarantee that the Lodge is worked *well*. In December last, the Brethren of my District celebrated the anniversary of St. Johns by a *ball*, for which the dispensation of the M.·. W.·. G.·.M.·. was granted to the Brethren to appear in Masonic Regalia. It affords me pleasure to say that on that occasion the ball was a success. I am also happy to state that we had the pleasure of the M.·.W.·. Grand Master's company, as well as R.·. W.·. Bro. Isaacson. Grand Secretary, *and Ladies*. On the following day, the Masons of the District assembled under the Warrant of Albion Lodge, and the M.·. W.·. Grand Master delivered a very able and as usual eloquent address, which was listened to by a very large number of Masons, I am glad to report that it was the means of doing Masonry a great deal of good, particularly as in the course of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master's address, he gave the Brethren to hope that at no distant day the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge would visit the *Ancient Capital*, and hold its meeting there, which I hope will be the case, as I am led to think that it would cause a number of the non-affiliated Brethren to again join the several Lodges.

In accordance with my last annual report recommending the amalgamation of two or more Lodges, the following have surrendered their warrants to me, viz., Harington granted by the M.·. W.·. Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Canada in 1859, and endorsed by M.·. W.·. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in 1872; St. George's Lodge, late Garrison, granted in 1864, and endorsed in 1872, and have amalgamated under the warrant of Albion Lodge.

I am much gratified to observe that there have been no questions brought before me in my capacity of D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·. during the year, and I know of nothing in my District to disturb the peace and harmony of the Craft.

I regret to call the attention of this Grand Lodge to a recent invasion of our jurisdiction by *Campbellton* Lodge in the Province of New Brunswick in initiating a candidate from within the jurisdiction of *Tuscan* Lodge.

AT REST.

W. Bro. Moffatt, P. M. St. George's Lodge, Quebec: Bro. Black, Senior Warden Shawenegan Lodge, Three Rivers.

The whole respectfully submitted,

J. B. CHARLESON,
D.D.G.M. Quebec and Three Rivers District.

Quebec, 20th Sept., 1880.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

R.·.W.·. Bro. Lemesurier, D.D.G.M. for this District, read and submitted the following report :—

Montreal, 20th Sept. 1880.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

In accordance with usual custom, I beg respectfully to submit my report on the state of Masonry in Montreal District.

There are twenty lodges holding warrants from this Grand Lodge, and one, (Argenteuil Lodge, at Lachute) working under dispensation.

I am pleased to be able to record that the lodges now working are doing so with regularity and precision, and in accordance with ancient custom and the laws of our grand body ; and that peace and harmony exist amongst their members. A fair share of prosperity has attended them as a whole, though good fortune has smiled with unequal favors. From enquiries so far made, the additions to our numbers will show a very small increase, the losses arising principally from suspensions for non-payment of dues, offsetting in a great measure the fair gain from affiliations and initiations.

It is with regret I call attention to the fact, which has before been referred to in reports submitted to Grand Lodge, that we have too many lodges in this city, and I would recommend that efforts be made to bring about amalgamation between some of them, especially those now in poor financial condition. Some steps were taken in this direction during my term of office, but without success.

When we consider the limited material apparently available from which to recruit our ranks, it must be evident we have too many city lodges, and it is only natural to expect to find that only a few favored ones are really strong in regard to finances and numbers, whilst many are barely able to meet their liabilities, and some far behind in that respect ; and at least two or three of our city lodges, from present appearances, will have to succumb, unless means are devised to bring about amalgamation ; or some special and extraordinary good fortune helps them out of their difficulties. To aggravate the position, we have too many lodge rooms, making the average working expenses of our lodges higher than there is really any necessity for. At least one place of meeting for those lodges at present occupying the Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes, and the British Masonic Chambers, Notre Dame street, would be ample ; and I earnestly recommend to those concerned a consideration of this matter, with a view to affording relief to those lodges now in difficulties, or barely able to meet their engagements, by giving up one of these halls, and thus enabling the lodges to reduce expenses. Such a course must recommend itself to all thinking brethren, and might even enable all the lodges at present working, to continue, though the benefits of amalgamation could not be secured.

I have been enabled, during my term of office, to visit all the lodges at work in this District, and as a rule have been highly gratified at the ability and care manifested by zealous and well-posted officers, in working in accordance with the ritual of this Grand Lodge, and the satisfactory manner in which records and books are kept, and the general business of the lodges are conducted. I am convinced that the visits of grand lodge officers are highly appreciated by the craft, and calculated to do much good, and I hope the favor of such visits may be more frequently extended to the brethren of our private lodges, and encouragement given to them in their work.

As has been the usual custom, I have granted dispensations to various lodges, to wear masonic clothing upon the occasion of our annual festival, and in several instances permitted lodges to wear regalia at social meetings held under masonic auspices. I also granted a dispensation to Richelieu Lodge, No. 60, to make a

serving brother. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of the majority of our city lodges on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

By request of the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master, a District meeting was called on the 17th March last, and was a marked success in drawing a large attendance. A most able and instructive address was given by the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master, and matters of general interest to the craft referred to in short addresses from Grand Lodge officers and other brethren. It would be well to continue holding such meetings from time to time; we need a little awakening into a more vigorous life, and I believe these meetings are calculated to give the required impulse.

A number of our brethren are very desirous of forming a general lodge of instruction for this district; so far they have failed to secure sufficient support to insure success, as I believe the formation of such a lodge would be of great benefit to the craft. I would recommend them still to persevere in their good intentions. The attempt has been made in the neighboring jurisdiction of Canada with the happiest results.

I regret to state that owing probably to lack of interest, I have had no response to my request to the several lodges in this district, for old papers, documents, &c. relating to the history of masonry in this province.

In several minor matters of difference of opinion, the brethren have accepted my intervention, and any serious rupture to the peace and harmony existing has been happily avoided. Matters of more importance alluding to disputed questions &c., have been forwarded to the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master.

It is a matter of regret that the Masonic Board of Relief in this city has been almost inoperative for some time past, due greatly to the inability of our lodges to give it proper support. It would be far from creditable to the Masons of this, the principal city in Canada, if they fail to meet the obligations, so fully recognized in the history of our order, of extending succor and relief to decayed brethren of the craft. Our private lodges as a rule meet, to the best of their ability, demands made on their charity, but it is well to have an organized system of affording casual assistance to brethren needing it, and hailing from foreign jurisdictions. Steps I trust will be taken to resuscitate the Board in a strong form.

It is satisfactory to note that through the possession of an authorized ritual the lodges in this district are working with an unprecedented uniformity pleasing to witness, and due care is taken that the very instructive and well-chosen lectures are regularly given for the benefit of candidates. In this connection I cannot but deprecate the misplaced zeal with which certain members of the craft take exception to parts of the ritual, which I believe faithfully retains the ancient landmarks, though in a few minor points a difference of opinion may be allowed.

The subject of Life Membership has been receiving considerable attention among the lodges, no doubt induced by a desire to obviate in part the serious losses sustained by suspensions for non-payment of dues. I consider it a step in the right direction.

St. John's Lodge No. 56, Montreal, and Chateauguay Lodge, No 26, Huntingdon, have been dormant for some time. In case of St. John's Lodge, they are in default as to dues and returns to Grand Lodge, for over the period allowed by our constitution, and as there appears no probability of work being resumed, and in view of the fact that the field is already so fully occupied it would not be advisable to attempt to resuscitate it, and have to recommend that the constitutional steps be taken to cancel the warrant. In regard to Chateauguay Lodge, Huntingdon, it would be a pity to let it drop, as there is ample room to carry on and support a good lodge in that section of our jurisdiction. The circumstances attending the cessation of work are peculiar, the result of enquiry in the matter is, that the lodge was at the time of stopping, in a sound financial position with a fair number on its roll of membership, unfortunately it was found impossible to secure a brother with sufficient ambition to accept the master's chair, the W.·. Brother elected to that position in June, 79, refusing installation, and several of their officers leaving for the United States, besides other minor causes

of complaint, brought about a dissatisfaction, resulting in the withdrawal by dimit of most of their members, and work had to be stopped. Hopes were held out of being able to resume work during this fall or winter, and I trust these anticipations will be realized.

The M.·. W.·. the Grand Master was pleased to issue a letter of dispensation to W.·. Bro. Hay and others, to open a new lodge, at Lachute to be called "Argenteuil Lodge," and I had the privilege of instituting the new lodge and investing officers on the 31st ult., under favorable auspices. I have to thank several brethren from Montreal, amongst them W.·. Bro. W. H. Whyte and J. K. Whyte, who went up with me and lent their assistance to the opening ceremonies. Nine candidates were proposed on opening night, five of whom have since been initiated at a regular meeting held on 13th July, on which occasion four other petitions were presented. Considering that Lachute is a growing place, and the establishment of new industries there lately, likely to attract a still greater population, and the field being open, I am satisfied this youngest daughter of our Grand Body, has a bright future. The W.·. M.·. and officers are, I am persuaded, competent to discharge their respective duties, and very earnest for the welfare of the lodge, and the material offered is of good quality. I have very much pleasure therefore in recommending that a warrant of constitution be granted Argentueuil Lodge at present session of G.·. Lodge.

It still remains a matter of deep anxiety to the craft in this section, that our foreign lodge relations continue in a very unsatisfactory state, that our supremacy as a Grand Lodge is still defied and set at naught, but a quiet assurance that no surrender will be made by this Grand Lodge of our rights appears to be the conviction of thinking masons, backed up by a determination to fight the matter out to the bitter end, though at some time the wish exists that no steps be left untried to restore international harmony.

In conclusion I beg to extend my thanks to the Brethren of Montreal district for the honor confered upon me, and for the kind courteous treatment experienced at their hands, on all occasions that official duties brought me into contact with them.

I trust my successor will be able to devote more time to the office than I have done, and hope he may reap as much satisfaction and pleasure in the discharge of his official duties, as has been the case with me.

All respectfully submitted.

W. M. LeMESSURIER,
D.D.G.M. Montreal District.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. Bro. J. P. Martin, D.D.G.M. for this District, submitted the following report :—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR & BRETHREN,

In making this my annual report to Grand Lodge, it is my sad duty to record the removal by death of R.·. W.·. Brother Percival L. Cowan, P.·. G.·. S.·. W.·. of this Grand Lodge. He was buried with masonic honors.

And also to report that there are several lodges in this district who should either place themselves on a better masonic footing, by paying more attention to their masonic duties, or at once surrender to Grand Lodge their warrants.

I had at one time strong hopes of being able to resuscitate Clarenceville Lodge, but from a lack of good working material I am forced to abandon it, and would recommend to Grand Lodge that their warrant, books, &c., be recalled. I would add Abercorn and Sutton Lodges to the same list. And if Grand Lodge has

not received more information concerning the better working of Rouville Lodge than I have been able to get, I would recommend some action of Grand Lodge in the matter.

There are in Dunham two Prevost Lodges, Nos. 7 and 8, which in my opinion would greatly benefit themselves, and in the near future be a benefit to masonry in general in that locality, could there be an amalgamation of the two, as no small village can support two lodges in a good healthy manner. I would therefore recommend that Grand Lodge appoint a special committee or court of enquiry from outside of this district, with full power to enable said committee to collect all information necessary for the making a full and just report of how, with justice to both lodges, said amalgamation should be made; and that Grand Lodge should, at its next annual session, act upon said report and have said amalgamation effected.

Aside from the lodges above mentioned, I find the others in this district in a very fair condition, and would say that many of them are in a very efficient and healthy state.

Within the past year I have granted dispensations as follows:—One to Bedford Lodge, Bedford, for their annual masonic festival held on the twenty-ninth day of January, 1880, at R.·. W.· Bro. Rice's hall; and one to Shefford Lodge, Waterloo, on the evening of their installation, December 30th, 1879, for the brethren to appear in regalia.

Our first district meeting, under the auspices of Royal Canadian Lodge, was held at Sweetsburgh, March 4th, and was very well attended by members of Grand Lodge, visiting brethren, and brethren of our own district. I would recommend most strongly that such meetings be held annually in the district, as I believe much good is done by such gatherings. I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing my thanks, and the thanks of the brethren of this district, to Royal Canadian Lodge for the prompt response to the call, and the able and hospitable manner in which the meeting was conducted.

I regret to say that during the year I have received notice of several suspensions, chiefly for non-payment of dues, which will no doubt be reported to Grand Lodge. I am led to believe that as the times are becoming more prosperous such suspensions will be materially lessened. I have sometimes thought that the older and more able masons were not doing their duty to their own lodges owing to the greater interest taken in the higher degrees, and too often been content to leave the working of their lodges in the hands of apprentices and masons who would not be acceptable in the higher degrees, greatly to the detriment of ancient craft masonry.

Before closing I have to express my many thanks to the brethren of the district for their confidence and kind support while performing the duties of my office.

The whole is respectfully submitted.

J. P. MARTIN,
D.D.G.M. Bedford District.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Lyon, D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·. for this District, submitted the following Report:—

To the M.·. W.·. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Quebec.

In conformity to the requirements of the constitution, I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of masonry in the Ottawa District.

I have much pleasure in reporting that peace and harmony prevail in the Pontiac and Eddy Lodges, each of which is still enjoying a fair share of prosperity, and working with credit to the craft. Whereas, the Aylmer and Onslow Lodges are still in a most unsatisfactory state. The W.·. M.·. of Aylmer Lodge having obtained from the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, when on his visit to this district in May last, an extension of time for three months, in order that they might do something

in regard to re-establishing their lodge to its former standing; they were also promised assistance from the brethren of Eddy Lodge. But having failed in their attempt to do anything, as I am led to believe from the fact of the W.·. M.·. not having answered my letter with regard to it before making out my report, I would recommend that Grand Lodge recall their warrant.

As regards Onslow Lodge, I have made every effort to have it re-established; having obtained the promise of the Rev. Bro. J. A. Newnham to act as W.·. M.·. with some assistance from Pontiac Lodge, but the members seem perfectly indifferent, and I think it impossible to keep it up, as the material is not there to work in.

I have to report having granted a dispensation to the brethren of this district, permitting them to wear masonic regalia to attend a Supper in Hull on the 19th of May, 1880, under the auspices of Eddy Lodge, after the district meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

ARTHUR LYON, M.D.
D.D.G.M. Ottawa District.

ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT.

In the unavoidable absence of R.·. W.·. Bro. Keyes, the D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·. of this District, the Grand Secretary, for him, read and submitted the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR & BRETHREN,

In accordance with the constitution, I beg to submit to you this, my report of the state of Freemasonry in St. Francis District. It affords me great pleasure to report peace and harmony throughout the District. During the two years that I have had the honor of being your D.·. D.·. G.·. M.·. I have not had a complaint brought before me. November last I had the honor of assisting the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master in constituting and consecrating Friendship Lodge, Cookshire, P.Q. The lodge started under very favorable auspices. they have a nice Lodge room and are doing a large amount of work. We now have eleven lodges in the district most of them doing a fair amount of work and meeting regularly, with the exception of Ashler Lodge, Coaticook. I trust the brethren throughout the district will do everything in their power to see Ashler Lodge once more in a flourishing condition.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

I trust that the district meetings so favorably inaugurated the present year by the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master will be continued, as our district meeting in the city of Sherbrooke July 21, was a great success; we had masons there present from all parts of the province as well as a number from the United States. I am happy to say that ten out of our eleven lodges were fully represented, it enabled me to meet the officers and members of the different lodges, and obtain such information as I required in regard to their work, etc. It afforded me much pleasure to witness the work of Victoria, Golden Rule and Prince of Wales Lodges at our district meetings. Dispensations have been granted to several lodges in this district to appear in regalia at festivals on St. John's days in June and December. I also granted dispensations to Mount Orford to install on the 26th of December and to the Prince of Wales to install June 23d.

Death has again entered our ranks. Bro. C. Pike of Golden Rule Lodge was buried at St. Johnsbury, Vt., he had the largest masonic funeral ever held in the Province of Quebec or Northern Vermont; also Bros. J. H. Stoddard and J. C. Tuck, V.W. Bro. Loomis, of Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke, Bro. G. E. Traver, of Mount Orford Lodge. Bro. Traver held the office of Tyler or Treasurer in

Mount Orford Lodge for the past eight years, never missed a communication until stricken down with his last illness.

The whole respectfully submitted.

W. M. KEYES, M.D.
D.D.G.M. St. Francis District.

It was moved by V.·. W.·. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, seconded by W.·. Bro. Chambers, and

Resolved,—That the several reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon as soon as practicable.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. Miller arose and with appropriate remarks presented to Grand Lodge the original warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of England to Albion Lodge, now No. 2 under this jurisdiction; copy of which is as follows:—

GRAND MASTER (Signed,) ANTRIM.
(Signed,) THOMAS HARPER, S.G.W. (Signed,) LAW DERMOTT, D.G.M.
(Signed,) JA. PERRY, J.G.W.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

WE, THE GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN at York Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand nine hundred twenty and six) in ample Form assembled, viz: THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL Most Potent and Puissant Lord the Right Honorable Randall William McDonnell, Earl and Baron of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunluce, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Antrim in the Province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the Most honorable Military Order of the Bath, and one of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, and in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Lawrence Dermott, Esq. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, The Right Worshipful THOMAS HARPER, Esq., SENIOR GRAND WARDEN and the Right Worshipful JAMES PERRY, Esq., JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, (with the approbation and consent of the WARRANTED LODGES held within the Cities and Suburbs of LONDON and WESTMINSTER), do hereby authorise and impower our trusty and well beloved Brethren, viz., The
No. IX Worshipful ROBERT MOORHEAD, one of our MASTER MASONS, the Worshipful PETER GEDDES, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful DAVID DARLING, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a LODGE of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS aforesaid at or in the FOURTH BATTALION ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY, on all seasonable times and lawful occasions; and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make FREE MASONS, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And We do hereby further authorise and impower our said trusty and well beloved Brethren Robert Moorhead, Peter Geddes, and David Darling, (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse and install their successors, to whom they shall deliver this WARRANT, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And which successors shall in like manner, nominate, chuse, and install their successors, &c., &c., &c., such installations to be

upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge otherwise this WARRANT to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the SEAL of our GRAND LODGE in LONDON, this twentieth day of December in the year of our LORD, one thousand seven hundred eighty and seven, and in the year of MASONRY, five thousand seven hundred eighty and seven.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 1 and 2, &c. Letter A. B., &c., and bears date June 12, 1752.
Renewed Dec. 20, 5787. Vide Vol. 8, Letter A.

(L.S.)
(Signed) JOHN McCORMICK,
Grand Secretary.

It was moved by W.·. Bro. Griffith, seconded by W.·. Bro. Wynn—

"That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. Miller, for his energy and perseverance in securing the old warrant of Albion Lodge; and for his thoughtful presentation of the same (being a most interesting relic of the past) to Grand Lodge.

In amendment it was moved by W.·. Bro. J. R. Donaldson, and seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Stewart,

"That the warrant of Albion Lodge, just presented to Grand Lodge, be placed in the custody of the W.·. M.·. of that lodge; and further, that R.·. W.·. Bro. Miller be directed to deliver the minute book of that lodge, now in his possession, to the keeping of said lodge."

The amendment was lost and the main motion carried.

It was announced from the throne that the election of Grand Officers for this Grand Lodge would take place at 10 o'clock a. m. of the morrow.

Grand Lodge at 6 p. m. called off from labor to refreshment.

EVENING SESSION.

At 8 o'clock p. m. this 22nd day of September, A. D. 1880, A. L. 5880, Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master on the Throne.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler gave notice that he would, at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, make the following motion:—

"That for the future, the election of Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be held immediately after the Grand Master's address."

R.·. W.·. Bro. J. P. Martin gave notice that he would, at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, make the following motion :—

"That the Constitution of Grand Lodge be so amended that the District of Bedford, as now comprised and being, be divided into two Masonic Districts."

W.·. Bro. Rodrique gave notice that he would, at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, make the following motion :—

"That this Grand Lodge, on the suggestion of the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master, in his address, now hereby empowers the Grand Master to appoint, or to arrange otherwise for the appointment of, a special deputy to supervise the Lodge Cœurs Unis, whose work is in the French language; such deputy to be a well skilled brother speaking both the French and English languages fluently."

W. Bro. Donaldson gave notice that he would, at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, make the following motion :—

"That taking into consideration the fact that Albion Lodge, No. 2, under this jurisdiction, now sitting at Quebec, has existed for a period of 128 years, the members of that lodge shall be permitted for the future to wear gold instead of silver jewels on their collars and aprons."

R.·. W.·. Bro. Charleson gave notice that he would, at the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, move the following motion :—

"That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out, in the 17th section in page 17, the word "Montreal," and substituting therefor the following words, "such place in each year as may be determined on at the preceding annual communication."

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE FOR MARCH, 1880

V.·. W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, for the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following report on Benevolence :—

The Board begs respectfully to report :

The Board recommends an appropriation of $10.00 to be made for the relief of the widow and two children of Bro. W. B., lately deceased in destitute circumstances in a foreign country, the deceased Brother having been a member of St. Francis Lodge, Richmond.

The Board is of opinion that Bro. Gutman of New York, ought to apply to his mother Grand Lodge for such help as he requires.

It was moved by V.·. W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. J. P. Martin, and

Resolved,—That the report just read be received and adopted."

REPORT ON LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, Vice President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following report :—

The Board begs to report that in their opinion it is not in the power of any lodge to create Life Members, as the constitution only provides for ordinary or Honorary Members, and it would be injudicious to alter or amend it so as to grant the petition of Mount Moriah No. 38, or Mount Royal No. 32. The Board deems the point would be gained by lodges making any of their Members "Honorary Members" on any terms they might deem proper.

It was moved by V.·. W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Marvin—

"That the report on life membership be received and adopted."

It was moved in amendment by W.·. Bro. J. B. Donaldson, seconded by W.·. Bro. Renshaw—

"That the report on life membership be referred to the committee appointed to revise the constitution, with the view to its being embodied in the proposed revision."

The amendment was carried.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS FOR MARCH.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, read and made the following report:—

The Board is happy to be able to report that there is nothing of the above requiring consideration before it at its present meeting.

The report was received and adopted.

REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Tait, for the Board of General Purposes, made the following report:—

The Board has taken into consideration the very able and exhaustive address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and is glad to observe that the Craft at home and abroad is in such a flourishing condition, and that further recognition has been accorded to this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The address is pregnant with most valuable suggestions on various subjects connected with the internal economy and affairs of the subordinate lodges, all of which are deserving of careful consideration by Grand Lodge.

Several of the matters referred to by the Grand Master will form the subject of special reports to be made by the Board during this communication.

The Board heartily concurs in the suggestion of the Grand Master, to elect as Honorary Members of our Grand Lodge the Brethren named by him, as a mark of our appreciation of the valuable services rendered by them to our body.

With reference to the difficulties between the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, the Board recommends that the matter be left in the hands of a special committee to be named by the Grand Lodge at this communication, in order, if possible, to obtain a speedy and final settlement of all existing difficulties.

The Board concurs in the recommendation of the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master, to withhold for the present the recognition asked for by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

The Board is convinced that it gives utterance to the general feeling of Grand Lodge in expressing its high appreciation of the great care and attention which the Grand Master has given to the discharge of the duties of his high office during the past year, and the zeal he has displayed to advance the interests of the craft by all means in his power, and in tendering its heartfelt thanks to him for the same.

It was moved by M.·. W.·. Bro. Tait, seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Mackenzie, and

Resolved,—That the report on Grand Master's address, just read, be received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

V.·. W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, read and presented the following report :—

The Board of General Purposes to whom have been referred, in connection with this subject, the reports of the different D.D.G.M.'s and the Grand Secretary, beg to make the following report :—

The Report of the Grand Secretary seems to call for remark in several particulars.

1. As to the delay by some of the lodges and the carelessness of others in preparing and forwarding their returns to Grand Lodge. The constitution orders that it shall be the duty of the D.D.G.M. to see that "returns have been regularly forwarded, with all fees and dues that may have accrued," and provides that on refusal or neglect on the part of any lodge, he may suspend such lodge, and further speaking of private lodges, ordains that, "each lodge shall make its returns and payments semi-annually to the Grand Secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year to make such returns or payments, or if the lodge does not meet during that period, it is liable to be erased."

The Board would suggest that if the Grand Secretary were to advise the D.D.G.M. of each default by any lodge within their respective districts, and at each communication of Grand Lodge report the lodges liable to erasure from default to comply with the constitution in this particular, the D.D.G.M. would see to it that the constitution was obeyed, and in case of failure of the lodges to comply after the warning thus given, they would have no cause to complain were the penalty of erasure inflicted for the offence.

2. As to the remarks by the Grand Secretary with reference to that great disideratum a Grand Lodge library. In this connection the Board would suggest that it is probable, were the different lodges called upon to give their aid in this direction, a large sum of money might be raised with little trouble or expense. The suggestion of concerts is a good one, and may well be extended to country lodges, whose advantages in this respect are in fact superior to those of their city brethren. A lodge in a country village, assisted by the lady friends of the brethren, can furnish an entertainment much more enjoyable and less expensive, while at the same time, producing more "net profits" than a town lodge can accomplish; and we would much like to see the efforts of each lodge under this jurisdiction put forth in such manner as they see fit to the obtaining of a substantial addition to our library.

3. The Board regrets much that Chateauguay Lodge No. 36, should have seen fit to return its warrant, and trusts that ere long the brethren in that locality will again see the need of a lodge in their midst and will apply for another charter.

4. The tabular statement of receipts by the Grand Secretary since the establishment of this Grand Lodge is not so satisfactory as might reasonably be expected, especially when we turn to the expenditure, from which it appears that only a small balance remains in the hands of the Treasurer.

5. The Grand Secretary reports that the warrants, books and papers of Harington Lodge No. 17, and St. George No. 23, now amalgamated with Albion Lodge No. 2, have not yet reached him. We trust this will be attended to without delay.

6. The Board regrets that the Committee appointed to revise the constitution of this Grand Lodge has not yet been able to report any progress and recommends that in view of the great importance of the matter this Committee be re-appointed.

7. The Grand Secretary reports that contrary to the provisions of the constitution several of the Lodges have omitted to transmit to him impressions of their several lodge-seals, and recommends that he notify the Lodges in default to comply at once with the constitution, in this particular; it is very important that the Grand Secretary be in possession of impressions of the seals of every lodge.

The Board remarks with pleasure that the Brethren of Quebec and Three Rivers District, have received so kindly the suggestion (as kindly meant) of last year, and by amalgamation have consolidated their strength, and hope that increased prosperity may be their reward.

R.W. Bro. Charleson, D.D.G.M. of this District, complains that our territory has been invaded by Campbelltown Lodge of the G.R. of New Brunswick; the Board recommends that the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate with the G.L. of New Brunswick upon the matter, and that further action be left in the hands of the M.W. the G.M.

The Board regrets that the efforts of R.W. Bro. Martin, D.D.G.M. Bedford District, to revive the Clarenceville Lodge, which has been in a moribund state for several years, has proved unsuccessful, and recommends that the course suggested by the R.W. Bro. with regard to this lodge, and the Sutton, Abercorn and Rouville Lodges be adopted. The latter lodge has never had a charter and has never made any formal application for one, though it was U.D. before the last communication of G.L.

With regard to the two Prevost Lodges, Nos. 7 and 8, the Board recommends that these lodges be invited to name a joint committee in order, if possible, to effect the amalgamation so much to be desired.

R.W. Bro. Lemesurier, D.D.G.M. Montreal District, has submitted a most exhaustive report upon the state of masonry in his district. He recommends strongly the amalgamation of several of the lodges in the city of Montreal, many of which, he says, are languishing, and even on the verge of dissolution, from lack of funds. It would be well if the lodges in Montreal would follow the wise example set by their Quebec Brethren, and by union reduce their numbers and consolidate their funds. It would be well also if the Montreal lodges would follow their D.D.G.M.'s advice in the matter of lodge rooms; the masonic population of Montreal cannot well afford so many rentals as now have to be paid for lodge-rooms, and the rooms under rental are more than sufficient for the need of the lodges.

The Masonic Board of Relief seems from this and previous reports to need revision and reconstruction, we might almost say resuscitation.

St. Johns Lodge No. 26, it seems has again failed to make its return. The Board would recommend that the Grand Seeretary notify this and all other lodges liable to erasure for the like violation of the constitution, to forward the proper dues and returns without further delay, and in default of their complying with such notice, the penalty stated by the constitution be inflicted.

The Board recommends that the charter applied for by Argenteuil Lodge, Lachute, be granted by this Grand Lodge.

The report of R.W. Bro. Keyes, D.D.G.M., St. Francis district, is most satisfactory; all appears to be going on well in his district, which is to be congratulated upon the efficiency of its lodge officers and the general prosperity of its lodges.

The Board recommends that all attempts to revive the Aylmer and Onslow Lodges having failed, the warrants of these lodges be recalled without further delay.

The Board desires to express its hope that the district meetings so successfully inaugurated during the past year will be continued in the future at regular intervals; while at the same time it is hoped that expenses in connection therewith will, in view of the state of our finances, be made as light as possible.

Representations have been made to the Board, though not in such a form that any direct action can be taken, that some of the lodges within the jurisdiction, have permitted suspended masons to visit them, and have also admitted unaffiliated masons as visitors, oftener than permitted by the constitution.

It is the duty of all masons to become affiliated with some lodge in the locality where they have their permanent residence; and in consequence, lodges are instructed not to permit unaffiliated brethren to visit them oftener than once in the year, after they were to be affiliated with a lodge; while all masonic intercourse with suspended masons is prohibited. The Board trust therefore that Masters of lodges within this jurisdiction will see to it that the constitution is strictly obeyed in this particular.

It was moved by V.·. W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. A. F. Simpson, and

Resolved,—That the report on the state of Masonry, just read, be received and adopted, on being amended by striking therefrom the word "books."

Grand Lodge at 10 p. m. was called from labor to refreshment.

MORNING SESSION.

23rd Sept. A.D. 1880, A.L. 5880.

Grand Lodge resumed labor this day at 9.30 a. m., the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master on the throne.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE FOR MARCH, 1880

V.·. W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following report:—

The Board begs to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, with accompanying vouchers, and ascertain that there is now to the credit of the Benevolent Fund $105.70, and to the credit of the General Fund $152.22, which is certified as correct.

The Board directs attention to the amount of $37.00 paid for tyling Grand Lodge for two days, and would recommend that a stated appropriation be set apart for that purpose.

In view of the depressed state of the finances, the Board would suggest that the expenses in all branches, with the exception of the Grand Secretary's salary, be curtailed as much as possible. The Board has much pleasure in noticing the great saving in printing as compared with former years, and notice with satisfaction that the outstanding account of the Burland-Desbarats Co. of $500.00 has been finally settled, and that the steel plate is now the property of Grand Lodge.

There are at present sundry outstanding accounts to the amount of $227 80, which the Board recommends to be paid.

Considering the heavy expense thrown upon Grand Lodge by the semi-annual meeting of the Board of General Purposes, the Board would recommend that the constitution be so amended as to abolish the semi-annual meeting.

The letter of the late Grand Treasurer having been referred to the Board, we recommend that it lie over till the next meeting of the Board.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Charleson, and

Resolved.—That the report on audit and finance for March last, just read, be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE FOR SEPT. 1880

V.·. W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following report :—

The Board begs to report that they have examined and audited the books of the Grand Treasurer for the past year, and find them properly kept and correct. There appears a balance of $538 22 to the credit of the general fund. To be added to this is the claim of $573 34 in hands of the late Grand Treasurer. As an offset there are outstanding accounts to the amount of $306 55, leaving an actual balance of only $231 67. It is worthy of remark, that while the receipts for the past year have been only $1826 95, the disbursements have been disproportionately large, which, including the outstanding debts, amount to the sum of $2348 38. This is to be in part accounted for by the cost of holding district meetings, and in the payment of $50 towards the funeral expenses of M.·. W.·. Bro. Bernard.

The Board would respectfully call attention to the printing and stationery bills for the past year, which have amounted to no less than $455 90, and respectfully suggest a reduction in this direction, if possible.

Referring to the Benevolent fund, there is a balance to the good of $191 70

In accordance with a resolution passed, the Board begs to report the following statement of receipts and expenditure of Grand Lodge since its organization :—

	Receipts.	*Disbursements.*
1870	$847 50	$691 99
1871	1744 21	1014 17
1872	1827 20	1724 25
1873	1402 39	1603 74
1874	1813 78	1653 09
1875	1769 00	957 51
1876	2200 50	2865 44
1877	2124 50	2224 19
1878	1790 23	1900 69
1879	2073 50	1696 83
1880	1826 95	2041 80
	$19419 76	$18373 70

In reference to the application of R.·. W.·. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, W. M. of Shawenegan Lodge, No. 49, city of Three Rivers, the Board would suggest that his request be granted, (especially after hearing the statements and recommendations of the R.·. W.·. D. D. G. M. of Quebec and Three Rivers,) and that the sum of $24 be deducted from the amount due by the said lodge to this Grand Lodge.

It was explained to Grand Lodge that the item alluded to for "printing and stationery," included a charge for the issuing of 150 Grand Lodge Certificates on parchment during the past year, which ought not properly to be classed under that head, the cost of each sheet being about seventy cents exclusive of the printing.

Also, that the disbursements for the past year had been increased by the necessary actual expenses of Grand Officers attending to organize district meetings, and the holding of conferences in the interests of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Whitman, and

Resolved,—That the report on Audit and Finance for September, just read be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.

V.·.W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, for the Board of General Purposes made the following report:--

The Board of General Purposes begs to report that having examined the documents, papers and minute books submitted, regarding the matter of Honorary Membership in the Lodge of Cœurs-Unis, it is of opinion that the action and procedure of said Lodge in its manner of election of honorary members by open vote is wholly irregular, illegal and dangerous to the welfare of the Craft in this Province. The Board would therefore recommend that the said Lodge Cœurs-Unis should propose, ballot for and elect these members who now appear to be honorary members, in a regular way, and in conformity with the conditions of the By-Laws of said Lodge The Board cannot advise the healing of the irregularities and procedure in said Lodge. The Board would recommend Grand Lodge to define in a more definite manner the way in which honorary members should be elected than is set forth in the article of our Constitution regarding honorary members.

It was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler, seconded by V.·.W.·. Bro. W. Simpson Walker:

That the report just read be received and adopted.

In amendment, it was moved by R.·.W.·. Bro. Lemesurier, seconded by R.·.W.·. Bro. Robert Ramsay:

That the report be amended in such a manner as to heal the irregularity of the election of the Honorary Members named, and that the same be now deemed Honorary Members of Lodge Cœurs-Unis.

The motion as amended was carried.

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTER.

On enquiry by members of Grand Lodge, the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master gave the following rulings, viz:

That honorary members of Subordinate Lodges are eligible for office in Grand Lodge, provided that they be of the proper rank.

That the jewels of a Royal Arch Mason may be worn in private Lodges and in Grand Lodge.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following named Brethren were appointed by the Grand Master as scrutineers of the ballot, viz: R.·. W.·. Bros. John S. Bowen, H. L. Robinson, and R. Ramsay, and having been duly obligated, the election was proceeded with and the following declared duly elected.

M.·.W.·. Bro. John H. Graham, LL.D., re-elected..Richmond..Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Page Butler.....Montreal...Dep. Gr. Master.

Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two o'clock P.M. this 23d day of September, A. D. 1880, A. L. 5880, Grand Lodge resumed labor. The M.·. W.·. the Grand Master on the Throne.

R.·. W.·. Bro. John S. Bowen, being unable to resume his duties as Scrutineer, W.·. Bro. John Shaw was appointed in his place, and he having been duly obligated, the election of Grand officers was proceeded with, and the following declared elected.

R.·. W.·. Bro.	Hobart Butler	Bedford	Grand	Senior Warden.
" "	John Shaw	Quebec city	"	Junior Warden.
" "	Rev. J. Scrimger, re-elected	Montreal	"	Chaplain.
" "	I. H. Stearns, re-elected	Montreal	"	Treasurer.
" "	John Massie, Jr	Cowansville	"	Registrar.
" "	J. H. Isaacson, re-elected	Montreal	"	Secretary.
	(And by an open vote of Grand Lodge,)			
"	Isaac Richardson	Montreal	"	Tyler.

The following named brethren were nominated by the delegates from the several districts as District Deputy Grand Masters, and were approved and confirmed by the Grand Master, viz:

R.·. W.·. Bro.	Edson Fitch	Quebec	for Quebec and Three Rivers District.
" "	Joseph Mitchell	Montreal	Montreal District.
" "	E. R. Johnson	Stanstead	St. Francis "
" "	C. A. Hill	W. Shefford	Bedford "
" "	A. Lyon, M.D.	Shawville	Ottawa "

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared elected on the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz:

M.·. W.·. Bro. M. M. Tait,
R.·. W.·. " J. B. Charleson,
" " J. P. Martin,
" " Frank Edgar.

APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

The following named Brethren have been appointed members of the Board by the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master under the provision of the constitution of this Grand Lodge, viz:

R.·. W.·. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler,
" " " Geo. C. Bown,
" " " H. C. Blinn,
" " " Geo. H. Presby.

It having been communicated to Grand Lodge that the Brethren of Montreal, in obedience to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, were desirous of having a further conference with representatives of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, with a view to the final adjustment of all matters of difference with the said Grand Lodge of Scotland and its subordinates within our jurisdiction, Grand Lodge was pleased to appoint the following committee to confer with duly appointed representatives of the same; and that said committee report to the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge the results of said conference:—

M.·. W.·. Bro. Thos. White,
" " " James Dunbar,
" " " M. M. Tait,
R.·. " " J. H. Isaacson,
" " " T. P. Butler.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The M.·. W.·. the Grand Master being assisted by M.·. W.·. Bros. Dunbar and Tait proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected Grand Officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the usual honors.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Hobart Butler moved, seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. E. R. Johnson, and it was

Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation of the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master in his address that the Committee heretofore appointed to revise the constitution of this Grand Lodge be continued, it is hereby ordered that said Committee be continued for the coming year.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert Ramsay, the representative at this Grand Lodge, of the Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and New Mexico

for the information of this Grand Lodge in respect of his constituents, made the following reports:—

Most Worshipful Master & Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

As Grand representative of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I have the honor to tender the following report of the proceedings of the youngest Grand Lodge on the Continent.

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico was only organized, August 6th, 1877, at Sante Fe, N. M., by a convention of the representatives of the several lodges within the territory, "each of which lodges had previously voted to join in the organization and establishment of said Grand Lodge." Only three, viz. Aztec, Chapman and Montgomery Lodges out of the seven (7) were represented, although Union Lodge had elected delegates to attend, thus a majority of the lodges in the territory signified their desire for the formation of a Sovereign Grand Body for the same.

This convention unanimously formed itself into a Grand Lodge, and elected W.·. Bro. Wm. M. Griffin, Grand Master, and Bro. David S. Miller, Grand Secretary, which office he has efficiently held up to the present time.

The first annual communication was held at Sante Fe, January 6th, 1879, and continued five days. M.·. W.·. Bro. Griffin, in the Great East. Four lodges were represented including Union Lodge.

The Grand Master's address was an able and logical document. Eighteen sister Grand Lodges had extended recognition, including Missouri, although she claimed jurisdiction over the remaining three lodges in the territory. This conditional recognition was foolishly accepted. This the Grand Master protested against and pertinently asked, "can this Grand Lodge accept this qualified independence?" which he follows up by an erudite argument on exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty, in which he frequently alludes to the Scottish-Quebec embroglio. He decided that the absence of a charter from the lodge room, so long as it is under the control of the Master, does not vitiate the proceedings. Grand Master Griffin and Grand Secretary Miller were re-elected to their respective offices.

An interesting report on foreign correspondence, consisting of 42 pages from the pen of R.·. W.·. Bro. S. D. Miller, is appended to the proceedings, also tables of statistics, etc. Proceedings of Quebec were not received in time for the review. The membership was 169.

From an examination of the constitution we learn that Past Masters and Past Wardens, are members of Grand Lodge, but the W.·. M.·.'s and Wardens alone with P.·. Grand Masters and P.·. Grand Wardens can appoint proxies and vote for the election of Grand Officers.

Every non-affiliate is declared as being "under the supervision and authority of the lodge nearest his residence, and shall pay the same dues as are paid by its members, unless he has made application for membership and been rejected within twelve months" of the same.

The second annual communication was held at Sante Fe, January 5th, 1880, and continued in session four days. Grand Master Griffin in the Grand East. The four lodges were represented and eighteen Past Masters and twenty-seven Past Wardens were also present. The Grand Master's address was terse, able, and logical. He reported the condition of Masonry "unexceptionably good," with the exception of the fact that Silver City Lodge, still declined to enrol herself under the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and he maintained the "Grand Lodge of New Mexico must uphold her Supreme Masonic authority, as said Lodge has had more than two years to consider its condition and must now abide the consequences." This view the Grand Lodge unanimously adopted and on last August 22d, in accordance with a resolution to that effect, the Grand Master issued his edict, which is hereto annexed, declaring the charter of Silver City Lodge arrested. The Grand Master in his address adds: "It is a most serious and remarkable fact that the M.·. W.·. Grand Lodge of Missouri, at her last annual communication, formally and solemnly upheld Silver City Lodge in

her disobedient and rebellious course." He reports recognition of 19 more Grand Lodges, including Quebec and New Brunswick, making in all thirty-nine recognitions. He reports that Cimarron Lodge had surrendered its charter to the Grand Lodge of Mo., and as that of Kit Carson, had been arrested by the same Grand Lodge, Silver Creek was now the only foreign lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico. He argues ably and at great length of the question of exclusive Grand Lodge Sovereignty, freely quoting decisions of sister Grand Lodges regarding Quebec, and says Missouri "seems to stand alone, and to be the only Grand Lodge which contends that superior jurisdiction is not exclusive jurisdiction." He enters most fully into the differences between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, contending strongly for the rights of our Grand Lodge, which views were fully endorsed by the Committee on the Grand Master's address as proved by the following resolution which was unanimously adopted,

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Quebec is the Supreme Masonic authority within the Province of Quebec. and entitled in virtue of such supremacy to the exercise of exclusive Masonic jurisdiction therein and that the course of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in continuing old charters or the granting of new ones to lodges within the Province is subversive to the true principle of Masonic government and a usurpation of power that should be condemned by all Masonic Grand Bodies throughout the world, and if persisted in, ought to place her beyond the pale of Masonic recognition."

The Grand Secretary's report is clear and concise and that of foreign correspondence by W.·. Bro. A. Z. Higgins, consisting of 97 pp. in which he reviews the proceedings of forty-eight Grand Lodges, is well worthy of perusal. Quebec is favorably mentioned for 1878-79. The statistics show four lodges on the roll with an aggregate of 174 members. The printed proceeding as before are beautifully gotten up and deserving of the highest encomiums. R.·. W.·. Bro. Wm. L. Rynerson was elected Grand Master, and D. J. Miller re-elected Grand Secretary.

I have thus M.·.W.·. Master and Brethren reviewed at considerable length, the position and status of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico and believing that her exclusive sovereignty should be upheld, especially by our Grand Lodge that has suffered so severely through the infringement of her jurisdiction by a Foreign Grand Lodge.

And

As Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I herewith respectfully submit the following report:

The Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory was duly organized by a convention of the representatives of a majority of the lodges, all hailing from the Grand Lodges of Arkansas and Kansas, October 8, 1874, since which time all the lodges within this immense section of country have enrolled themselves under her banner.

There are now twelve lodges within her jurisdiction, with a membership of three hundred and seventeen, twenty-eight being raised during the past masonic year. It is worthy of note in this connection, that under the influence and through the untiring energy of Past Grand Master, the M.·. W.·. and Rev. Brother J. S. Murras, Baptist Missionary, and other leading Masons throughout that country, many of the more intelligent aborogines have allied themselves with our fraternity, and from private correspondence I learn that these wild children of the forest take a deep interest in our order. All is peace, love and unity within the jurisdiction of our younger sister of the Indian Territory.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,
ROBERT RAMSAY,
Gr. Rep. G. L. Indian Territory.

It was moved by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thos. P. Butler seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. . Butler, and

Resolved, That the very interesting reports of R.·. W.·. Bro. Ramsay, on Indian Territory and New Mexico be received, and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to R.·. W.·. Bro. Ramsay, for the same.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION.

In the unavoidable absence of V.·. W.·. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, at his request, R.·. W.·. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, in pursuance of notice of motion given at the last annual communication moved, seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Thos. P. Butler,

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended and changed by striking out therefrom at page 31, under heading of "Board of General Purposes," all the words now contained in Section 6, and substituting therefor the following:

"There shall be one yearly meeting of the Board to be held at least one day before the annual Communication of Grand Lodge, at the place appointed for holding the meeting of Grand Lodge. It may be adjourned for further consideration of the business before it."

"The Grand Master or the President, however, may call at any time an Emergent Meeting of the Board, if need be, to consider any business to be brought before the Board."

The motion was carried.

The following motions of which notices were given at the last communication of Grand Lodge, were withdrawn, viz:

Of V.·. W.·. Bro. W. Simpson Walker:

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be changed and amended by striking therefrom at page 29 of the present edition, under heading of "Board of General Purposes," the word "sixteen" in the second line reckoning from the bottom of the page, and substituting therefor the word "eight."

Also, by striking therefrom the word "eight" on the first line reckoning from the top of page 30, and substituting therefor the word "four."

Also, by striking therefrom the word "sixteen" in the second line reckoning from the top of page 30, and substituting therefor the word "eight."

Of V.·. W.·. Bro. W. Simpson Walker:

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out from Section 24, on page 40, the words "and of the Regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended."

It was moved by the Grand Secretary, seconded by V.·. W.·. Bro. Glass, and

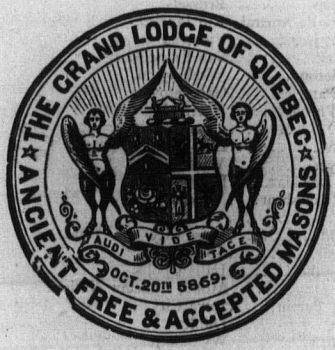
Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to R.·. W.·. Bro. Lemesurier, Chairman, and the Room Committee of Masonic Hall for the use of their premises for the purposes of the present communication of Grand Lodge.

A vote of thanks was passed to the different Railroad and Steamboat Companies who had consented to carry delegates and visitors attending Grand Lodge at reduced fare.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED,

At 6 P.M., there being no other business before Grand Lodge, it was closed in AMPLE FORM.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary.



LIST OF GRAND LODGES

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, WITH THE NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF THEIR GRAND SECRETARIES.

Alabama	D. Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Luke E. Barber	Little Rock.
Argentine Republic	Carlos Urien	Buenos Ayres.
Belgium	Gustav Washer	Brussels.
Brazil	Dr. A. Freire de Amaral	Rio Janeiro.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison, jr.	Victoria.
California	Alex. G. Abel	San Francisco.
Columbia, District of	W. R. Singleton	Washington.
Colorado	Edward C. Pamelee	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Canada	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Dakota	W. E. Caton	Elk Point.
Delaware	Wm. S. Hayes	Wilmington.
Florida	De Witt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	J. Emmett Blackshear	Macon.
Hungary	Henri Iby	
Idaho Territory	Chas. Himrod	Boise City.
Illinois	John F. Burril	Springfield.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	W. A. McBride	Atoka, Choctaw Nation.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Iowa City.
Ireland	S. B. Oldham	Dublin.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Millersburg.
Louisiana	Jas. C. Batchelor	New Orleans.
Manitoba	John H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Tracey P. Cheever	Boston.
Michigan	Wm. P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Montana Territory	C. Hedge	Helena.
Nebraska	W. R. Bowen	Omaha.
New Brunswick	W. F. Bunting	St. John.
New Hampshire	Geo. P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico Territory	David J. Miller	Santa Fe.
New York	James M. Austin, M.D.	New York.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.
Nova Scotia	Benj. Curren, B.C.L.	Halifax.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	I. W. Pratt	Portland.
Pennsylvania	John Thompson	Philadelphia.
Portugal	Jayme Larche	Lisbon.
Prince Edward Island	B. Wilson Higgs	Charlottetown.

Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Spain	Pedro Pablo Castanera	Madrid.
Texas	Geo. H. Bringhurst	Houston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Utah Territory	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry Clarke	Rutland.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	O. S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee.
Wyoming Territory	W. G. Tonn	Evanstown.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

1. Alabama—R. W. Bro. D. Sayer, Montgomery, Ala.
   R. W. Bro. D. Thomas, Sherbrooke, Que.
2. Arkansas—R. W. Bro. W. H. Howes.
   V. W. Bro. David Newton, Montreal, Que.
3. Belgium—R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, Sherbrooke, Que.
4. British Columbia—R. W. Bro. J. Spencer Thompson,
   W. Bro. D. Anderson, Montreal, Que.
5. California—R. W. Bro. A. G. Abell, San Francisco, Cal.
   R. W. Bro. C. Stavely, Quebec, Que.
6. Canada—M. W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, Prescott, Ont.
   R. W. Bro. A. Murray, Montreal, Que.
7. Colorado—W. Bro. Andrew Sacendorf,
   V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, Montreal, Que.
8. Columbia, District of—R. W. Bro. Geo. B. Clarke, Washington, D. of C.
   W. Bro. Edward Holton, Montreal, Que.
9. Connecticut—R. W. Bro. J. K. Wheeler, Hartford, Conn.
   R. W. Bro. E. M. Copeland, Berthier (en haut), Que.
10. Dakota—R. W. Bro. Calvin G. Shaw,
    R. W. Bro. F. Montague Sowden,
11. Delaware—R. W. Bro. W. J. Stewart,
    R. W. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, Yamachiche, Que.
12. Florida—R. W. Bro. Wm. Taylor,
    V. W. Bro. Thos. Allan,
13. Georgia—R. W. Bro. J. E. Blackshear, Macon, Ga.
    R. W. Bro. George O. Tyler, Three Rivers, Que.
14. Hungary—R. W. Bro. Jules Kleinrath,
    Rev. Bro. R. W. Norman, Montreal, Que.
15. Idaho—R. W. Bro. H. E. Puckett, Boise City, Id.
    R. W. Bro. John Renshaw, Montreal, Que.
16. Illinois—R. W. Bro. D. C. Cregier, Chicago, Ill.
    R. W. Bro. G. H. Borlase, Montreal, Que.
17. Indiana—M. W. Bro. C. Fetta, Indianapolis, Ind.
    R. W. Bro. William Miller, Quebec, Que.
18. Indian Territory—R. W. Bro. Wm. A. Welsh, Caddo.
    R. W. Bro. Robert Ramsay, Orillia, Ont.
19. Iowa—M. W. Bro. E. A. Guilbert, Dubuque, Iowa.
    R. W. Bro. Samuel Johnson, Montreal, Que.
20. Ireland—R. W. Bro. George Hill Major, Dublin.
    R. W. Bro. B. Burland, Stottville, Que.

21. Kansas—M. W. Bro. J. H. Brown, Leavenworth, Kan.
R. W. Bro. C. Judge, Quebec, Que.
22. Kentucky—R. W. Bro. A. J. Turpin,
R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn, Montreal, Que.
23. Louisiana—R. W. Bro. Joseph P. Hornor, New Orleans, La.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Wood, Dunham, Que.
24. Maine—M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummond, Portland, Me.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, Montreal, Que.
25. Manitoba—W. Bro. Samuel L. Bedson, Winnipeg, Man.
W. Bro. Alfred G. Isaacson, Montreal, Que.
26. Maryland—R. W. Bro. John S. Tyson, Baltimore.
R. W. Bro. E. M. Copeland, Berthier (en haut), Que.
27. Michigan—R. W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, Detroit, Michigan.
R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray, Montreal, Que.
28. Minnesota—R. W. Bro. James N. Castle, St. Paul, Minn.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Simpson, Montreal, Que.
29. Mississippi—R. W. Bro. T. L. Power, Jackson, Miss.
R. W. Bro. S. J. Foss, Sherbrooke, Que.
30. Nebraska—R. W. Bro. J. N. Wise, Omaha, Neb.
R. W. Bro. H. P. Leggatt, Quebec, Que.
31. Nevada—R. W. Bro. R. H. Taylor, Virginia City, Nev.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, Montreal, Que.
32. New Brunswick—R. W. Bro. E. Willis, St. John, N. B.
R. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, Montreal, Que.
33. New Hampshire—R. W. Bro. Alpheus Gay, Manchester, N. H.
R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, Montreal, Que.
34. New Jersey—R. W. Bro. George B. Edwards, Jersey City Heights.
R. W. Bro. Hobart Butler, Bedford, Que.
35. New Mexico—R. W. Bro. Simon B. Newcomb,
R. W. Bro. Robert Ramsay, Orillia, Ont.
36. New York—R. W. Bro. D. W. Tallcott, West Troy, N.Y.
M. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, Montreal, Que.
37. North Carolina—R. W. Bro. D. W. Bain, Raleigh, N. C.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Pratten, Quebec, Que.
38. Nova Scotia—R. W. Bro. George T. Smithers, Halifax, N. S.
R. W. Thomas Wood, Dunham, Que.
39. Ohio—R. W. Bro. C. A. Woodward, Cleveland, O.
M. W. Bro. James Dunbar, Quebec, Que.
40. Oregon—W. Bro. W. W. Frances,
V. W. Bro. W. T. Evans, Montreal.
41. Peru—R. W. Bro. ———, Lima, Peru.
R. W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye, Iron Hill, Que.
42. Portugal—V. W. Bro. A. Boisseau, Montreal, Que.
43. Prince Edward Island—R. W. Bro. Neil McKelvie.
V. W. Bro. David A. Manson, Mansonville, Que.
44. Rhode Island—R. W. Bro. C. D. Green, Providence, R. I.
V. W. Bro. Frederic Massey, Montreal, Que.
45. South Carolina—R. W. Bro. Charles Inglesby, Laurens, S. C.
V. W. Bro. Charles Knowles, Quebec, Que.
46. Tennessee—M. W. Bro. G. C. Connor,
R. W. Bro. I. C. Charleson, Quebec, Que.
47. Texas—M. W. Bro. Peter W. Gray, Houston, Texas.
R. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, Montreal, Que.
48. Utah—R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.
R. W. Bro. John H. Isaacson, Montreal, Que.
49. Vermont—M. W. Bro. L. Englesby, Burlington, Vt.
R. W. Bro. John H. Isaacson, Montreal, Que.

50. Virginia—R. W. Bro. James G. Bain,
V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, Montreal, Que.
51. Washington Territory—R. W. Bro. J. M. Fletcher,
R. W. Bro. T. P. Prentiss, Aylmer, Que.
52. West Virginia—R. W. Bro. O. S. Long, Wheeling, W. V.
R. W. Bro. H. W. Wood, Knowlton, Que.
53. Wisconsin—R. W. Bro. S. Cadwallader, Milwaukee, Wis.
R. W. Bro. Arthur F. Simpson, Lennoxville, Que.
54. Wyoming—R. W. Bro. James H. Hayfield,
V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, Montreal, Que.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

President—R.·. W.·. Bro. THOMAS P. BUTLER, Deputy Grand Master, Montreal.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE BEING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD BY VIRTUE OF THEIR OFFICE.

M.·. W.·. Bro. JOHN H. GRAHAM.....Richmond.....Grand Master.
R.·. W.·. " HOBART BUTLER.....Bedford.....Senior Warden.
" " JOHN SHAW.....Quebec.....Junior "
" " I. H. STEARNS.....Montreal.....Treasurer.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS AS SUCH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

R.·. W.·. Bro. EDSON FITCH.....Quebec.....Quebec & Three Rivers Dis.
" " JOSEPH MITCHELL..Montreal.....Montreal District.
" " E. R. JOHNSON.....Stanstead.....St. Francis District.
" " C. A. HILL.....West Shefford.Bedford District.
" " ARTHUR LYON, M.D.Shawville.....Ottawa District.

MEMBERS ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

M.·. W.·. Bro. M. M. TAIT.....Montreal.
R.·. W.·. " J. B. CHARLESON.....Quebec.
" " J. B. MARTIN.....Bedford.
" " FRANK EDGAR.....Montreal.

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY GRAND MASTER.

R.·. W.·. Bro. GEORGE O. TYLER.....Yamachiche.
V.·. W.·. " GEORGE C. BOWN.....Montreal.
" " H. C. BLINN.....Stanbridge.
" " GEORGE H. PRESSBY.....Sherbrooke.

MEMBERS OF BOARD RETAINING OFFICE FOR THE YEAR.

R.·. W.·. Bro. C. P. TABER.....Dunham.
" " ARTHUR F. SIMPSON.....Lennoxville.
" " JAMES BOWEN, Jr.....Quebec.
" " W. SIMPSON WALKER.....Montreal.
" " THOMAS MILTON.....Montreal.
" " CHARLES KNOWLES.....Quebec.
" " J. FRED. WALKER.....Montreal.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE FOR 1880-81.

M.·. W.·.	Bro.	JOHN H. GRAHAM, LL.D.	Richmond	Grand Master.
R.·. W.·.	"	THOMAS P. BUTLER	Montreal	Deputy Grand Master.
"	"	EDSON FITCH	Quebec	D. D. G. M. Quebec and Three Rivers Dis.
"	"	JOSEPH MITCHELL	Montreal	" Montreal District.
"	"	E. R. JOHNSON	Stanstead	" St. Francis "
"	"	C. A. HILL	W. Shefford	" Bedford "
"	"	ARTHUR LYON, M.D.	Shawville	" Ottawa "
"	"	HOBART BUTLER	Bedford	Grand Senior Warden.
"	"	JOHN SHAW	Quebec	" Junior Warden.
"	"	Rev. JOHN SCRIMGER	Montreal	" Chaplain.
"	"	I. H. STEARNS	Montreal	" Treasurer.
"	"	J. MASSIE, Jr.	Cowansville	" Registrar.
"	"	JOHN H. ISAACSON	Montreal	" Secretary.
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"	"	H. GRIFFITH	Quebec	" Junior Deacon.
"	"	J. PILON	Upton	" Director of Cer.
"	"	R. G. NESBITT	Hull	" Organist.
"	"	WM. JOHNSON	Montreal	" Pursuivant.
"	"	J. B. DONALDSON	Quebec	" Steward.
"	"	JOSEPH RODRIGUE	Montreal	" "
"	"	G. LUCKE	Sherbrooke	" "
"	"	THOS. WATSON	Granby	" "
	"	ISAAC RICHARDSON	Montreal	" Tyler.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Statement of Monies received by Grand Secretary during the year ending 21st September, 1879.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Amount.
1	Antiquity	$ 6 75
2	Albion	66 00
3	St. John	25 75
4	Dorchester	33 25
5	Golden Rule	78 00
6	St. Andrew	50 00
8	Prevost	34 00
9	Nelson	17 75
10	St. George	12 25
11	St. George	65 75
12	Zetland	15 75
15	St. Francis	50 50
16	Victoria	110 25
17	Harington	11 50
18	Shefford	43 75
19	Stanbridge	23 00
20	Montreal Kilwinning	65 75
21	Yamaska	33 00
24	Browne	14 00
25	Royal Albert	57 50
26	Victoria	11 50
28	Tuscan	43 00
29	Royal Canadian	7 50
30	Ascot	29 50
32	Mount Royal	53 75
33	Frelighsburg	28 50
34	Doric	44 00
35	Brome Lake	38 00
36	Chateauguay	22 50
37	Corner Stone	24 50
38	Mount Moriah	32 50
40	Pontiac	25 50
41	Eddy	34 75
44	St. Charles	73 75
45	Cœurs Unis	26 00
46	Excelsior	8 00
48	Mount Orford	117 25
49	Shawenegan	1 00
52	Prince Consort	43 50
53	St. Andrew	45 50
54	Ionic	47 25
55	Lake Magog	34 25
57	Hochelaga	21 75
58	Montarville	27 50
59	Bedford	48 00
60	Richelieu	11 75
62	Corinthian	21 00
64	Friendship	78 50
65	Argenteuil	10 00
		$1826 95

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1880.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Suspensions.	Reinstated.	Members.
1	Antiquity	Montreal	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	26
2	Albion	Quebec	5	5	5	1	3	1	8	0	73
3	St. John	do	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	35
4	Dorchester	St. Johns	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	52
5	Golden Rule	Stanstead	5	9	9	2	4	3	12	1	134
6	St. Andrew	Quebec	4	5	6	1	6	0	0	0	74
7	Prevost	Dunham	No	Ret	urns						
8	Prevost	Dunham	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	36
9	Nelson	St. Armand Stat	1	1	1	4	1	0	1	0	31
10	St. George	Montreal	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	33
11	St. George	do	4	4	4	2	4	1	5	3	64
12	Zetland	do	4	4	2	0	3	1	19	3	58
15	St. Francis	Richmond	6	6	9	0	3	1	0	0	54
16	Victoria	Sherbrooke	2	5	6	1	2	1	2	1	108
17	*Harington	Quebec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18	Shefford	Waterloo	2	4	4	0	3	0	12	0	75
19	Stanbridge	Stanbridge	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	46
20	Montreal Kilwinning	Montreal	3	2	2	0	6	1	15	2	119
21	Yamaska	Granby	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	23
22	Aylmer	Aylmer	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	17
24	Browne	West Farnham	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	18
25	Royal Albert	Montreal	3	3	2	5	20	0	6	1	103
26	Victoria	do	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	39
27	St. John	Mansonville	No	Ret	urns						
28	Tuscan	Levis	2	3	1	1	3	0	0	0	26
29	Royal Canadian	Sweetsburg	No	Ret	urns						
30	Ascot	Lennoxville	1	1	1	2	13	0	0	0	53
31	Ashlar	Coaticooke	No	Ret	urns						
32	Mount Royal	Montreal	6	7	7	1	2	1	0	0	70
33	Frelighsburg	Frelighsburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
34	Doric	Danville	3	4	3	0	2	1	0	0	68
35	Brome Lake	Knowlton	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	30
36	Chateauguay	Huntingdon	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	11
37	Corner Stone	Cowansville	5	5	5	2	0	1	0	0	28
38	Mount Moriah	Montreal	4	4	4	0	5	0	1	2	48
39	Sutton	Sutton Flats	No	Ret	urns						
40	Pontiac	Shawville	3	3	3	2	4	0	0	1	26
41	Eddy	Hull	4	2	2	0	5	1	7	0	51
44	St. Charles	Montreal	4	3	3	0	2	1	5	0	58
45	Cœurs Unis	do	3	2	1	0	2	0	9	0	34
46	Excelsior	Upton	5	3	2	0	2	1	3	0	31
47	Graham	Bolton Centre	No	Ret	urns						
48	Mount Orford	Georgeville	5	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	56
			98	100	93	28	134	16	112	15	1831

* Amalgamated with Albion Lodge.

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES—*Continued.*

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Suspensions.	Reinstated.	Members.
	Brought forward		98	100	93	28	134	16	112	15	1831
49	Shawenegan	Three Rivers	3	1	9	2	5	0	1	5	43
50	Olive Branch	West Shefford	1	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	13
52	Prince Consort	Montreal	2	1	2	2	5	1	0	0	73
53	St. Andrew	do	4	4	2	2	15	1	1	2	72
54	Ionic	do	4	6	6	0	3	1	2	0	62
55	Lake Magog	Magog	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	32
57	Hochelaga	Hochelaga	5	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	18
58	Montarville	Longueuil	6	4	4	1	6	0	0	0	23
59	Bedford	Bedford	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	52
60	Richelieu	Sorel	5	3	3	0	2	1	0	0	29
61	Onslow	Onslow	No	Ret	urns						
62	Corinthian	Montreal	1	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	32
63	Prince of Wales	Sherbrooke	3	3	3	0	2	1	0	0	28
64	Friendship	Cookshire	12	12	11	3	1	0	0	0	27
	Argenteuil	Lachute	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
			148	141	128	42	174	21	126	22	2343

Recapitulation of Returns of Lodges for the Year ending 24th September, 1880.

Lodges working under Warrants	57
Lodges working under Dispensation	1
Initiations reported	148
Passings "	141
Raisings "	128
Joinings "	42
Resignations "	174
Deaths "	21
Suspensions "	126
Reinstated "	22
Members in good standing	2343

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

ALBION, No. 2.

Alexander Fraser, Charles Heavens, Malcolm Ross, P. Daigneau, W. I. Carson, James Edwards, W. H. Walters, C. T. Hermensen.

GOLDEN RULE, No. 5.

F. R. Andrews, F. C. Clifford, Wm. Evans, E. G. Gustin, H. Hetherington, James Monroe, O. F. Smith, Edson York, L. V. Smith, C. O. Gibson, Wm. Judd, E. W. Green.

PREVOST, No. 8.

H. Alvin.

ST. GEORGE, No. 11.

David Grant, Wm. Geen, Robert Hall, Joseph Seymour, John Simon.

ZETLAND, No. 12.

James Cochrane, Zelic Davis, Joseph H. Stuart, James Sweeney, John Callaghan Wm. Caldwell, John Ferguson, Thomas Goodwin, George E. Howell, R. W. Oliver, P. Burks, J. J. Daley, I. W. Anderson, E. Beaupré, Henry Fuller, W. J. Jobbert. W. J. Kent, J. C. Thurson, F. G. Phelan.

VICTORIA, No. 16.

Allen Magee, Stephen C. Rhodes, Jr.

SHEFFORD, No. 18.

Wilson Armstrong, John Bartlett, John Blackwood, A. N. Dixon, Michael Mitchell, Wm. Lay, Alfred F. Lay, Charles W. Wells, Daniel E. Derry, Orange W. Ellis, Joseph M. Porter, George Young,

STANBRIDGE, No. 19.

E. D. Scagel, Thomas Rix, Milo Clow, John A. Odell.

MONTREAL KILWINNING, No. 20.

G. H. Allo, W. A. Black, W. C. Bruce, James Campbell, Peter Conley, James Currie, J. Duckett, C. Gardner, David Hill, Thomas Hasling, Samuel Jackson, J. McRae, J. D. Newton, James Sutherland, James Wilson.

YAMASKA, No. 21.

Clark Loughrey.

ROYAL ALBERT, No. 25.

Thomas Blackmore, James Renwick, Charles E. Smith, James L. Hardman, Frederic Workman, Donald McLean.

MOUNT MORIAH, No. 38.

William Rodgers.

EDDY, No. 41.

J. W. McRae, A. S. Washburn, C. A. McCallum, A. G. Warren, Thomas Hannum, S. J. Tunstall, W. J. Black.

ST. CHARLES, No. 44.

James Moir, George Harland, Hugh Cameron, W. J. Bostridge, Henry Hawkins.

CŒURS UNIS, No. 45.

Arthur Gauthier, Bazile Ladouceur, Alphonse Lavigne, R. E. Letang, F. Evariste Renaud, Joseph Lafrance, Frank Smith, Vincent Lafond, Samuel Brabant.

EXCELSIOR, No. 46.

James Watkins, Alfred L. Fortin, Frank Alexis Cutting.

SHAWENEGAN, No. 49.

G. B. Vanasse.

OLIVE BRANCH, No. 50.

Duke Roberts, A. A. Gilmour, Frank England, Josephus Kathan, John McWilliams.

ST. ANDREWS, No. 53.

George W. Osler.

IONIC, No. 54.

John E. McMurtrie.

LAKE MAGOG, No. 55.

E. D. Geddinge.

HOCHELAGA, No. 57.

W. H. D. Frigon.

CORINTHIAN, No. 62.

Richard Handsley, S. W. Rodgers, J. B. Phillipstall.

FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT.

NELSON, No. 9.

Theodore C. Loyne.

YAMASKA, No. 21.

E. C. Spaulding.

IONIC, No. 54.

Moses Herey.

RE-INSTATED.

GOLDEN RULE, No. 5—James Monroe.

ST. GEORGE, No. 11—John C. Ford, I. D. Borthwick, H. Lecappelain.

ZETLAND, No. 12—J. H. Jones, S. S. Grant, I. L. Palmer.

VICTORIA, No. 16—Charles H. Wakefield.

MONTREAL KILWINNING, No. 20—R. T. Robertson, W. C. Whyte.

ROYAL ALBERT, No. 25—Colin Russell.

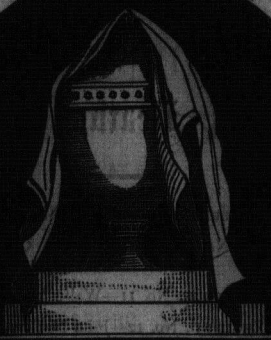
VICTORIA, No. 26—Thomas C. Drake.

MOUNT MORIAH, No. 38—John Gouldthorpe, Arthur H. Holland.

PONTIAC, No. 40—Frank D. Astley.

SHAWENEGAN, No. 49—Robert Scott, James Montgomery, Louis T. Dorais, Charles Cumberworth, R. I. Scott.

ST. ANDREW, No. 53—James E. Pierce, Donald Weir.



IN MEMORIAM.

R. W. BROTHER

John Hervey

Past Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of England.

BORN APRIL, A.D. 1807.

DIED

July, A.D. 1880. Beloved and universally respected.

AT REST.

Deaths.

Albion, No. 2—R. H. Moffatt.

Golden Rule, No. 5—E. H. Studdert, Charles B. Pike, L. I. Stone.

St. George, No. 11—Walter S. Wilson.

Zetland, No. 12—John Mackay, Jr.

St. Francis, No. 15—Harris Cohen.

Victoria, No. 16—Wm. Hannah.

Montreal Kilwinning, No. 20—James J. Russell.

Mount Royal, No. 32—Henry B. Glass.

Doric, No, 34—A. P. Caron.

Corner Stone, No. 37—Percival C. Cowan.

Eddy, No. 41—R. G. Barclay.

St. Charles, No. 44—John Forrester.

Excelsior, No. 46—Francis Swan.

Mount Orford, No. 48—George O. Traver.

Prince Consort, No. 52—David McQuade.

St. Andrew, No. 53—N. R. Allen.

Ionic, No. 54—Hubert Gerard.

Richelieu, No. 60—Francis Swan.

Prince of Wales, No. 63—Michael McCarthy.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

AT A

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

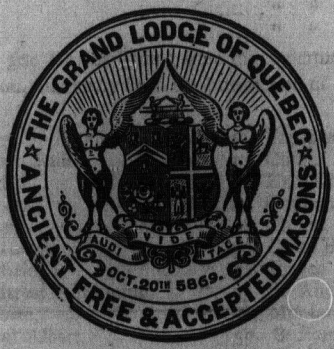
HELD AT THE

VILLAGE OF FRELIGHSBURG, COUNTY OF MISSISQUOI,

On the 8th day of June, A.L. 5880, A.D. 1880.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

JOHN H. GRAHAM, LL.D., Richmond, P.Q., Grand Master.
JOHN H. ISAACSON, Montreal, P.Q., Grand Secretary.




THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC
FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., held in the incorporated Village of Frelighsburg, in the County of Missisquoi, on the 8th day of June, A. L. 5880, A.D. 1880.

PRESENT:

M.·. W.·.	Bro.	J. H. Graham, LL. D.	.....	Grand Master.
R.·. "	"	Jas. O'Halloran, Q. C	..... as	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	"	E. R. Johnston, B. C. L.	..... "	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	"	G. R. Marvin, Esq.	..... "	Junior Warden.
" "	"	W. M. Keyes, M.D.	...Dis. Dep. G. M.	St. Francis Dis.
" "	"	J. P. Martin, Esq.	..... " " "	Bedford Dist.
" "	"	Rev. H. W. Nye, M.A.	..... as	Grand Chaplain.
V.·. "	"	Col. C. S. Rowe	..... " "	Treasurer.
R.·. "	"	E. E. Spencer, Esq	..... " "	Registrar.
" "	"	John H. Isaacson	..... "	Secretary.
V.·. "	"	Hobart Butler, M.A	..... as "	Senior Deacon.
R.·. "	"	C. J. Taber, Esq	.... " "	Junior Deacon.
" "	"	S. R. Whitman, J. P.	.... " "	Dir. of Cer.
V.·. "	"	F. Massey, Jr., Esq	..... "	Organist.
" "	"	L. B. Warner, Esq	..... as "	Pursuivant.
" "	"	John Wilson	..... " "	Steward.
" "	"	A. F. Walker	..... " "	"
" "	"		..... " "	"
" "	"		..... " "	"

And about 300 Masons hailing from the undermentioned lodges of this jurisdiction, and many from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

No. 1,	Lodge of Antiquity,	No. 33,	Frelighsburg,
" 5,	Golden Rule,	" 37,	Corner Stone,
" 7,	Prevost,	" 46,	Excelsior,
" 8,	Prevost,	" 47,	Graham,
" 9,	Nelson,	" 48,	Mount Orford,
" 11,	St. George,	" 50,	Olive Branch,
" 19,	Stanbridge,	" 52,	Prince Consort,
" 20,	Montreal Kilwinning,	" 53,	St. Andrew,
" 24,	Browne,	" 58,	Montarville,
" 25,	Royal Albert,	" 59,	Bedford,
" 26,	Victoria,	" 62,	Corinthian,
" 29,	Royal Canadian,		

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE form.

The M.·. W.·. the Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge, stating the object of this special communication, viz: to lay with masonic honors and ceremonies the corner stone of the Stewart Memorial church in the town of Freligsburg.

A procession was formed in the usual masonic order, under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched in procession to the site of the intended building, where the fraternity were joined by the Lord Bishop of Montreal (anglican) and clergy in their robes.

The Rector, the Rev. J. B. Davidson, delivered the following address:—

I have, for myself as Rector, for the Wardens and Building Committee, and for our parishioners in general, a cordial welcome to extend to the M.·. W.·. the Grand Master and your attending members of your ancient and honorable fraternity. We learn that it is a principle of your order to recognize the Volume of the Sacred Law, in which we find terms which seem intimately bound up with the claims of the Christian religion. "Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious stone," a sure foundation, cried the Prophet of that Ancient Word. And further, he expresses the mind of the Great Architect and Creator—"Judgment will I lay to the line and Righteousness to the plummet"—references which, no doubt, are applied by you in your speculative labors. We believe that Solomon's temple, with all its marvelous features and pristine glory, foreshadowed realities which we possess, and which by incidents such as that to which you this day extend your countenance and labors—these vital influences to society and the world at large—are more and more diffused. We are, therefore, pleased to have your cordial co-operation in the laying firmly the foundations of this house of prayer, believing the law and the gospel intimately combined, the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets being one, and Jesus Christ himself, to us who believe, being the head corner stone. Will you, therefore, in due order, extend your impressive rites to the great work which we have in hand, and in accordance with the ancient customs and usages of your honorable Fraternity, lay the under foundation stone for the reception of our historical records and those of your honorable Craft. We think that it is no slight bond of sympathy between us, that if we venerate the memory of a Bishop of the church of God, you have been the recipients from him of a volume of the Sacred Law, which, in your careful preservation, is becoming a remembrance of historical interest and of the large sympathies of that laborer in every field of philanthropy, whom we regard as among the best of men.

The Grand Master replied:—

Reverend and Dear Sir,—We are grateful for your cordial welcome, and we will now proceed cheerfully to comply with your kind request.

The Grand Master then addressed His Lordship the Bishop, the Clergy, and the large concourse of spectators as follows:—

My Lord Bishop, Reverend Sirs,—Men, Women, and Children, here assembled,—Be it known unto you all, that we be true and lawful Freemasons, bound by solemn obligations to be loyal to our Sovereign, to be obedient to the laws of our country, to assist in the erection of stately, superb, and sacred edifices, to be ser-

viceable to our brethren, to practice universal benevolence, and to love and serve our Heavenly Father, who is the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe.

We have amongst us secrets faithfully transmitted from time immemorial, and which may not be improperly revealed, but they are lawful and honorable, and they are placed in the custody of Freemasons, who have the keeping of them to the end of time.

Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honorable, we would not have existed in so many countries for so many ages, nor would we have had out of every order and rank in Church and State so many illustrious brothers in our fraternity, ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity.

We are assembled here this day to assist in building a house for the worship of Almighty God, and our humble and hearty prayer is, that having been completed and dedicated to His service, it may long be the abiding place of His Divine presence, and that therein His chosen servants may faithfully proclaim His holy word, and dispense His holy mysteries to many generations of devout worshippers. So mote it be.

G. M.—Our R.·. W.·. Grand Chaplain will now implore the blessing of Heaven on our undertaking.

R.·. W.·. Grand Chaplain.—

Almighty and Eternal God, the glorious Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we, the frail creatures of Thy Providence, humbly implore Thee to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly.

Grant, we beseech thee, a blessing on this foundation stone. May the work which has this day been begun, according to the usages of our ancient Fraternity, be carried on and completed for the promotion of Thy glory, and the good of our fellow-men.

Vouchsafe unto us, Oh! God, at this and at all times, wisdom in all our doings —strength of mind in all our difficulties,—and the beauty of harmony in all our communications.

And Oh! Merciful Father! do Thou guide us through all the intricate windings of this our mortal existence,—pass us safely under thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, and give unto us an abundant entrance into that temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, where Thou reignest, one God blessed forever. Amen.

Brethren—So mote it be.

The Architect then handed the plan of the building to the Grand Master for his inspection and approval.

The Grand Master then spread the cement with the Trowel, and solemn music was discoursed by the Band, while the stone was lowered to its place by three regular stops.

G. M.—R. W. Brethren, you will now assist me to lay this Corner Stone in its bed according to the rules of architecture.

G. M.—Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, what is the proper Jewel of your office?

G. J. W.—The Plumb, M. W. Sir.

G. M.—What are its moral and masonic uses?

G. J. W.—Morally, it teaches rectitude of conduct, and we use it to try perpendiculars.

G. M.—Apply the implement of your office to the foundation stone, and make report.

G. J. W.—M. W. Sir, I find the stone is plumb. The craftsmen have performed their duty.

G. M.—Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, what is the Jewel of your office?

G. S. W.—The Level, M. W. Sir.

G. M.—What are its moral and masonic uses?

G. S. W.—Morally, it teaches "equality," and we use it to lay horizontals.

G. M.—Apply the implement of your office to this foundation stone, and make report.

G. S. W.—M. W. Sir, I find the stone to be level. The craftsmen have done their duty.

G. M.—Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, what is the proper Jewel of your office?

D. G. M.—The Square, M. W. Sir.

G. M.—What are its moral and masonic uses?

D. G. M.—To square our actions by the square of virtue, and to prove our work.

G. M.—Apply the implement of your office to that portion of the foundation stone that needs to be proved, and make report.

D. G. M.—M. W. Sir, I find the stone to be square. The craftsmen have done their duty.

G. M.—This corner stone having been tested by the proper implements of Masonry, and the craftsmen having skilfully and faithfully performed their duty, it now remains with me to finish the work.

The G. M. gave the stone three blows with his mallet, and said:—

I declare this corner stone to be well made, and truly laid according to the rules of our ancient and Royal Art. It is well formed, true and trusty, and may T. G. A. O. T. U. grant His blessing upon it, and enable the craftsmen in safety to conduct and complete this undertaking, according to the grand plan, in peace, harmony, and brotherly love; and by His benign Providence may He cause that this and every other work which may be undertaken for the embellishment and advantage of this goodly town and village, shall be finished and long used for the promotion of the great ends contemplated by their founders, and for the highest good of this people, and of the entire country.

Brethren—So mote it be.

CONSECRATION.

G. M.—Let the elements of consecration be now applied.

D. G. M.—I scatter the Corn as an emblem of Plenty. May the blessings of bounteous Heaven be showered upon us, and upon this and all like noble undertakings, and may the G. A. O. T. U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom, and gratitude.

Brethren—So mote it be.

G. S. W.—I pour this Wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless this country and all who are in lawful authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress and prosperity may perpetually prevail, and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land.

Brethren—So mote it be.

G. J. W.—I pour this Oil as an emblem of peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth, and good will among men,—give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved, provide and protect the widow, the fatherless, and the suffering poor; and bestow upon us all the consolation of His grace in the trials and vicissitudes of life.

Brethren—So mote it be.

G. M.—May the All-bounteous Author of Nature bless the people of this place with an abundance of the necessaries, conveniences, and comforts of life. May He assist in the erection and completion of this building, protect the workmen

from accident, long preserve the structure from decay and ruin, and grant unto us and to all men an abundant supply of the Corn of nourishment, the Wine of refreshment, and the Oil of joy.

Brethren—So mote it be.

The public grand honors were given.

G. M.—Brother Architect : The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I return to you, with my approval, the plan of the superstructure. I also present to you the implements of your profession, in full confidence that, as a skilful and faithful workman, you will use them in such a manner that this edifice may rise in order and harmony, and being perfected in strength and beauty may answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit and to the honor of those who have selected you.

Grand Sec.—I now declare this corner stone duly laid according to our ancient customs, by Most Worshipful Bro. John Hamilton Graham, Doctor of Laws, &c. &c., Grand Master of Masons of the Province of Quebec, assisted by other Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec, on this 8th day of June, A.L. 5880, A.D. 1880.

Music by the Band.

R. W. Brother G. R. Marvin, G. J. W., on behalf of the members of Frelighsburg Lodge, No. 33, Q. R., presented the trowel to the M. W. the Grand Master, with an appropriate address.

INSCRIPTION ON TROWEL.

Presented to
John Hamilton Graham, LL.D., &c. &c.
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.
By the Members of Frelighsburg Lodge, No. 33, Q. R.
On the occasion of
Laying the Foundation Stone of the
Stewart Memorial Church,
Frelighsburg, P. Q., June 8, 1880.

G. M.—R. W. Sir : You have kindly presented me with one of the most important instruments of our craft, which I gratefully accept and will immensely prize. I shall take it to my place of residence and will deposit it in a conspicuous place, and I will direct that it be handed down from me to my son, and to my son's son, in a perpetual generation, as a valuable ornament and as an excellent token, an ornament for its surpassing workmanship, which does honor to the silversmith, and an excellent token because, as in operative masonry, its use is to spread the cement which binds all the parts of the building into one common mass, so we are taught by it to spread the well-tempered cement of kindness and affection which tends to unite all men in one common bond of brotherhood, worshipping and serving the one God and Father of all.

The Grand Master then addressed the officers and brethren as follows :—

Officers and Brethren,—Be pleased to accept, as you so well deserve, my fraternal commendation for your alacrity in responding in such large numbers to the summons to assemble here on this interesting occasion.

Your presence indicates your zeal and fidelity as officers and members of our most ancient fraternity of craftsmen and as companions of the Holy Royal Arch with us by special invitation.

It affords me extreme pleasure also to welcome the Brethren here present from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont.

Brethren,—This auspicious day becomes historic in the annals of our young, but not unrenowned Grand Lodge, which the Most High has greatly prospered.

Let the important lessons of this day be deeply impressed on your minds, and while you continue as craftsmen faithfully to discharge your duties to your fellow-men—to one another and to yourselves—do not forget to love, serve and obey Him, who is the God and Father of us all.

Brethren—So mote it be.

The Grand Master next addressed the Bishop and clergy as follows:

Right Reverend Lord Bishop, Reverend Rector, and Reverend Sirs,—Permit me to assure you that it has afforded myself and fellow officers and members of our Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, the greatest satisfaction to accept the invitation so kindly extended to participate in these solemn ceremonies, and thereby to perpetuate, as recorded in the volume of the Sacred Law (Ezra 3, 10–11), the goodly customs of the fathers of the olden time, and of the masonic, civil, and spiritual rulers of the mother land and other enlightened countries, by the laying, according to the immemorial usages of our ancient and honorable fraternity, the foundation corner stones of stately and superb edifices, and more especially of sacred superstructures, such as this which is to be set apart and dedicated to the service of Almighty God, and for the erection and beautifying of useful public buildings, and of Temples, Cathedrals and Churches, our ancient Brethren for so many ages, almost wholly devoted themselves; and whose skilful and pious labors in many lands remain to this day the wonder and admiration of the world.

It now remains with you, Right Reverend Sir, to finish the important public services of this day, and our humble prayer is that the Most High may prosper our united endeavors, and that He may cause the good work thus begun to be successfully carried on and completed to His honor and glory.

And it is our fervent hope that this sacred edifice, having been finished and dedicated to His service, may long continue to be an ornament to this goodly village and township—may long remain a monument of the wisdom, liberality and piety of this people—be a lasting memorial of the saintly servant of God, whose honored name it bears, and be a hallowed sanctuary wherein godly men may proclaim the truth to many succeeding generations of those who shall assemble herein to pay sincere and acceptable adorations to the only living and true God, who alone is good, and whose mercy endureth for ever.

Brethren—So mote it be.

The R.·. W.·. Grand Chaplain then pronounced the Patriarchal Benediction:—

May the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob,—the God of our Fathers,—graciously command His blessing upon the labors of this day, and enable us all so to dedicate and devote our lives to His service, that we may display the beauty of true godliness to the honor and glory of His great and holy name.

Brethren—So mote it be.

The Bishop and clergy then laid the super-incumbent corner stone with the impressive rites of the church.

The procession then re-formed and Grand Lodge returned to the lodge room.

There, on motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. G. R. Marvin, seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Lemesurier, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Lands-

burg, for his kindness in providing Grand Lodge with a suitable place wherein to meet to transact its business.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Lemesurier, seconded by R.·. W.·. Bro. Keyes,

A vote of thanks was passed to Frelighsburg Lodge No. 33, for the excellent arrangements made to assist Grand Lodge in the special duties of the day, and also for the sumptuous entertainment provided.

By a unanimous expression of Grand Lodge it was admitted that for the perfectness of all the local and general arrangements for the occasion, and also for their successful execution, Grand Lodge was especially indebted to R.·. W.·. Bro. G. R. Marvin of Frelighsburg, G. J. W.

Prayer was offered by the acting Grand Chaplain, and Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE form.

John B. Isaacson
Grand Secy