

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

AT  
FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

Held at the City of Montreal, P.Q., on the 23rd and 24th  
days of September, A.D. 1874, A.L. 5874.

ALSO OF AN

EMERGENT MEETING,

Held at Montreal, on 6th day of January, A.D. 1874, A.L. 5874.

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WITH AN APPENDIX.

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ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED

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JAS. DUNBAR, QUEBEC, P. Q.,  
GRAND MASTER.

JOHN H. ISAACSON, MONTREAL, P. Q.,  
GRAND SECRETARY.

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# Grand Lodge of Quebec,

A. F. & A. M.

## PROCEEDINGS OF EMERGENT MEETING,

HELD JANUARY 6, A.D. 1874, A.L. 5874.

An Emergent Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., was holden in the Rooms of Royal Albert Lodge, No. 16, Phillips Square, in the City of Montreal, on the sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, the Most Worshipful Brother John Hamilton Graham, LL.D., Grand Master, on the Throne.

The following named members of Grand Lodge were present:

	M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham,	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro.	James Dunbar,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " "	J. T. McMinn,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	J. P. Martin,	" Junior Warden.
" " "	H. W. Nye,	" Chaplain.
" " "	H. M. Alexander,	" Treasurer.
" " "	Alex. Murray, as	" Registrar.
" " "	John H. Isaacson,	" Secretary.
V. " "	M. Burnie,	" Senior Deacon.
" " "	E. S. Foss,	" Junior Deacon.
" " "	Geo. F. Durey,	" Director of Ceremonies.
" " "	James Addie,	" Organist.
" " "	J. G. Cleghorn,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	H. J. Miller,	" Steward.
" " "	Geo. C. Bown,	" "
" " "	John Strothers,	" Tyler.

### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	Thomas Milton,	Montreal District.
" " "	Stevens Baker,	Bedford District.

## GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. Bro.	Alex. Murray,	P.D.D.G.M.
" " "	J. H. Stearns,	"
" " "	Frank Edgar,	"
" " "	M. R. Meigs,	"
" " "	Hon. Thomas Wood,	"
" " "	John Shaw,	P.G.S.W.
" " "	S. Baker,	P.G.J.W.
" " "	John Renshaw,	"
" " "	Edson Kemp,	P.G. Secy.
" " "	C. P. Taber.	P.G.R.
" " "	T. Leet.	P.D.D.G.M.

## PAST MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	George Thompson.	R. W. Bro.	J. H. Stearns.
V. " "	W. F. Lemesurier.	" "	C. S. Rowe.
" "	Chas. McKenzie.	R. " "	C. P. Taber.
R. " "	John Shaw.	R. " "	H. M. Alexander.
" "	G. F. Shufelt.	R. " "	E. M. Copeland.
" "	T. F. Wood.	R. " "	F. Edgar.
" "	W. C. Baker.	V. " "	H. W. Atwater.
R. " "	Thos. Wood.	V. " "	J. J. Barnard.
R. " "	Edson Kemp.	R. " "	Alex. Murray.
V. " "	E. A. Bourret.	R. " "	M. M. Tait.
V. " "	C. Judge.	R. " "	J. H. Isaacson.
V. " "	F. T. Thomas.	R. " "	J. T. McMinn.
" "	R. VanAlstyne.	V. " "	Geo. C. Bown.
V. " "	Joseph Tees.	" "	Thos. G. Farmer.
R. " "	Jas. Dunbar.	V. " "	James Addie.
" "	John Hunter.	" "	S. M. Sansum.
" "	W. H. Vanleit.	R. " "	T. Leet.
" "	T. S. Haynes.	R. " "	Danl. Boyd.
M. " "	J. H. Grabani.	" "	R. F. Hamilton.
V. " "	E. S. Foss.	R. " "	Hy. W. Nye.
R. " "	C. A. Rice.	" "	L. B. Warner.
R. " "	M. R. Meigs.	V. " "	E. A. Bourret.
R. " "	J. P. Martin.	R. " "	T. Milton.
R. " "	John Renshaw.	R. " "	G. H. Borlase.
R. " "	J. P. Peavey.		

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It having been ascertained that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented in Grand Lodge, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain having been offered, the Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was opened, in *ample form*, at High Twelve.

Pursuant to the requirement of the Constitution in that behalf, a Committee on Credentials was named, and the following Brethren were reported as being present and qualified to take part in the business of Grand Lodge at its present session :

*Albion Lodge, Quebec City.*

R. W. Bro. George Thompson, W.M.

No. 1. *St. Johns, Quebec City.*

W. Bro. H. J. Miller, W.M.

“ “ W. F. Lemesurier, P.M.

“ “ Chas. McKenzie, P.M.

R. “ “ John Shaw, P.M. & P.P.G.S.W.

No. 2. *Prevost, Dunham.*

W. Bro. J. B. Gibson, W.M.

“ “ G. F. Shufelt, P.M.

“ “ T. F. Wood, P.M.

“ “ W. C. Baker, P.M.

R. “ “ Hon. Thos. Wood, P.M.

“ “ “ Edson Kemp, P.M.

“ “ “ S. Baker, P.M.

No. 3. *Nelson Lodge, St. Armand Station.*

V. W. Bro. E. A. Bourret, W.M.

No. 4. *Golden Rule, Stanstead.*

Not represented.

No. 5. *St. Andrews, Quebec City.*

R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, P.M. & D.G.M.

V. “ “ C. Judge, P.M., Proxy.

“ “ “ F. T. Thomas, P.M.

- No. 6. *St. George, Montreal.*  
 W. Bro. H. L. Lecappellain, W.M.  
 " " Norman VanAlstyne, P.M.  
 V. " " Joseph Tees, P.M.
- No. 7. *Zetland, Montreal.*  
 V. W. Bro. J. G. Cleghorn, W.M.  
 " Saml. E. Moss, S.W.  
 " H. Dunne, J.W.
- No. 8. *Harrington, Quebec City.*  
 W. Bro. John Hunter, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 9. *Hoyle, Lacolle.*  
 W. Bro. Daniel Salt, W.M.  
 " " W. H. Vanleit, P.M.  
 " " T. S. Haynes, P.M.
- No. 10. *St. Francis, Richmond.*  
 W. Bro. M. Burnie, W.M.  
 M. " " J. H. Graham, P.M.
- No. 11. *Victoria, Sherbrooke.*  
 R. W. Bro. G. H. Borlase, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.  
 " " E. S. Foss, P.M.  
 " G. H. Presly, S.W.
- No. 12. *Stanbridge, Stanbridge.*  
 W. Bro. H. C. Blain, W.M.  
 V. " " C. A. Rice, P.M.  
 R. " " M. R. Meigs, P.M.  
 " " " J. P. Martin, P.M., G.J.W.
- No. 13. *Kilwinning, Montreal.*  
 V. W. Bro. James Gibson, W.M.  
 R. " " John Renshaw, P.M., P.G.J.W.  
 " " " J. P. Peavey, P.M.  
 " " " J. H. Stearns, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.

EMERGENT MEETING.

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- No. 14. *Clarenceville, Clarenceville.*  
W. Bro. C. S. Rowe, P.M.
- No. 15. *Browne, West Farnham.*  
R. W. Bro. C. P. Taber, P.M., Proxy, P.G.R.
- No. 16. *Royal Albert, Montreal.*  
W. Bro. Saml. Johnston, W.M.  
" John S. Ferguson, S.W.  
" C. D. Edwards, J.W.  
R. W. " H. M. Alexander, P.M., G. Treas.  
" " " E. M. Copeland, P.M.  
" " " F. Edgar, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.  
V. " " H. W. Atwater, P.M.  
" " " T. J. Barnard, P.M.
- No. 17. *Victoria, Montreal.*  
W. Bro. J. P. Butler, W.M.  
R. " " J. T. McMinn, P.M.  
" " " J. H. Isaacson, P.M., G. Secy.  
" " " Alex. Murray, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.  
" " " Geo. C. Bown, P.M.
- No. 18. *Milton, Three Rivers.*  
W. Bro. Thos. G. Farmer, P.M.
- No. 19. *Tuscan, Levis.*  
Bro. T. Edwards, J.W.
- No. 20. *Ascot, Lennoxville.*  
W. Bro. Jas. Reilly, W.M.  
R. " " J. H. Stearns, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.  
V. " " James Addie, P.M.
- No. 21. *Ashler, Coaticooke.*  
Not represented.
- No. 22. *Frelighsburg, Frelighsburg.*  
W. Bro. E. E. Spencer, W.M.  
" " S. M. Sansum, P.M.

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- No. 23. *Doric, Danville.*  
R. W. Bro. Timothy Leet, P.M., Proxy, P.D.D.G.M.
- No. 24. *Chateauguay, Huntingdon.*  
V. W. Bro. Danl. Boyd, P.M.
- No. 25. *Shawenegan, Three Rivers.*  
Not represented.
- No. 26. *Abercorn, Abercorn.*  
W. Bro. James Wiley, W.M.  
" " R. F. Hamilton, P.M.
- No. 27. *Corner Stone, Cowansville.*  
R. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 28. *Clarke, Ormstown.*  
Not represented.
- No. 29. *St. Charles, Point St Charles.*  
W. Bro. W. Young, W.M.  
R. " " Thos. Milton, P.M., D.D.G.M.
- No. 30. *Cœurs Unis, Montréal.*  
R. W. Bro. A. Boisseau, W.M.  
" Alphonse Doutre, S.W.
- No. 31. *Graham, Bolton Centre.*  
Bro. T. G. Merriman, S.W.
- No. 32. *Excelsior, Actonvale.*  
R. W. Bro. H. W. Nye, P.M., G.C.  
" " L. B. Warner, P.M.  
" A. W. McEvila, J.W.
- No. 34. *Mount Oxford, Georgeville.*  
Not represented.
- No. 35. *St. George, Quebec City.*  
Bro. E. A. Pfeiffer, S.W.

## EMERGENT MEETING.

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- No. 36. *Burland, St. Johns.*  
V. W. Bro. E. A. Bourret, Proxy.
- No. 37. *Prince Consort, Montreal.*  
W. Bro. Geo. F. Durey, W.M.
- No. 38. *St. Andrews, Montreal.*  
W. Bro. Thos. Allan, W.M.

## VISITING BROTHERS.

A. H. Gilmour,	Stanbridge, No. 12.
B. Willet,	Royal Albert, No. 16.
A. R. Fraser,	" "
Thos. Adcock,	" "
Saml. S. Grant,	Zethand, No. 7.
W. Johnson,	" "
J. Usherwood,	" "
J. T. Gladstone,	Prince Consort, No. 37.
John Lawrence,	" "
John G. Norris,	" "
H. McFarlane,	St. Charles, No. 29.
G. McNichols,	" "
A. Bourret,	Cœurs Unis, No. 30.
D. Rose,	St. Andrews, No. 38.
D. Macmaster,	
A. Coultry,	Kilwinning, No. 13.
W. Stevenson,	
Jas. Crooke,	No. 473, Enniskillen, G. R. of I.

The above report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

The visiting Brethren in attendance were, by permission of the M. W. the Grand Master, allowed to enter Grand Lodge, taking their seats apart from members of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary, by the instructions of the M. W. the Grand Master, read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the transaction of business, as follows:—

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1.—The Committee on Credentials will report Representatives and Delegates present entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.
- 2.—Rules and Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during business will be read.
- 3.—Reading of Minutes of last Annual Communication.
- 4.—Receiving representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges.
- 5.—Grand Master will deliver his Address.
- 6.—Grand Secretary's Report.
- 7.—Grand Treasurer's Report.
- 8.—Notices of Motions received.
- 9.—Reports of D. D. G. Master read.
- 10.—Grand Chaplain will deliver his discourse.
- 11.—Reports of Board of General Purposes.
- 12.—To consider notice of R. W. Bro. Meigs  
 To Amend the Constitution by striking therefrom, all the parts thereof which relates to the Board of General Purposes, and to substitute in its place other regulations for transacting the business of Grand Lodge, as shall be deemed expedient by Grand Lodge.
- 13.—Election of Officers.

The M. W. the Grand Master then addressed Grand Lodge on the gravity and importance of the special business about to be brought before it, and which he would prefer to introduce in the afternoon session.

The Grand Master, however, stated his readiness to at once proceed with the business if the Brethren expressed their desire that he should do so. He recommended that Grand Lodge should be "called off" for a few hours for refreshment, with the view to meet at an early hour in the afternoon for business.

R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray moved, seconded by V. W. Bro. C. Judge,

That the business of Grand Lodge be immediately proceeded with.

In amendment it was moved by R. W. Bro. M. R. Meigs, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Renshaw,

That Grand Lodge be now called from labor to refreshment, with directions to meet again for the transaction of business at 3 p.m. this day.

The amendment was carried. Grand Lodge accordingly called from labor to refreshment.

Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 p.m. precisely, the M. W. the Grand Master being on the Throne.

The M. W. the Grand Master, in explaining to Grand Lodge the special object for which the present Emergent Communication had been called, stated in substance that he was anxiously desirous to have all differences with the Grand Lodge of Canada finally and constitutionally adjusted; and as the M. W. the Grand Master and other principal officers of that Grand Lodge had in such a fraternal manner shown a like anxiety, he earnestly recommended Grand Lodge to take such action as would, at the earliest possible day, restore perfect harmony to the Craft within our own jurisdiction, and also be promotive of the best interests of our order throughout the world.

The M. W. the Grand Master concluded his remarks amidst great applause from Grand Lodge, and before resuming his seat read the official correspondence he had alluded to, and which had taken place between himself and the Grand Secretary, as representing this Grand Lodge, and M. W. Bro. Wilson, G.M., R. W. Bro. White, D.G.M., and R. W. Bro. Harris, Grand Secretary, as representing the Grand Lodge of Canada.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Renshaw, seconded by R. W. Bro. Shaw, and

*Resolved*, That the correspondence just read by the M. W. the Grand Master be forthwith referred to the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. Bro. Dunbar, Chairman of the Board, on behalf of it requested permission to retire from Grand Lodge, with the view to take the correspondence now submitted to them into immediate consideration.

Permission was granted, and Grand Lodge was again "called off" for the space of one hour, at the expiration of which time, labor being resumed, R. W. Bro. Dunbar, on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report:

The Board of General Purposes, to which has been referred the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master, and correspondence by him submitted to Grand Lodge, begs respectfully to report, that having carefully considered the various matters laid before Grand Lodge in said Address and correspondence, the Board fully recognizes with the M. W. Grand Master, the grave importance of the duty now before the delegates assembled, and the

desirability of approaching it in that spirit of calm deliberation and brotherly love which should characterize the Craft wheresoever dispersed.

The Board feels that the thanks of Grand Lodge are due to the M. W. Grand Master, and also the R. W. Grand Secretary, for the courteous manner in which the correspondence with the M. W. Grand Master and other officials of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has been conducted, and which has led to the present cheering prospect of a happy termination of the serious differences which have existed for four years past with the Grand Lodge of Canada; and having fully and carefully considered the position and duties of this Grand Lodge, the Board beg to place before Grand Lodge the following brief preamble and resolution, which they cordially and fraternally recommend for its adoption, believing that the influence, usefulness and honor of this Grand Lodge will be enhanced by such adoption, viz.:

Moved by R. W. Bro. Dunbar, seconded by R. W. Bro. Borlase,

*Whereas*,—An official correspondence has, since the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, passed between our Grand Secretary and the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in reference to the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge in September last, and which correspondence has led to a reasonable hope of now finally adjusting the differences existing between the respective Grand Lodges; therefore, be it

*Resolved*,—That the M. W. the Grand Master be requested, and is hereby authorized to appoint a Committee of seven, to take such steps as to them shall seem fit, whereby a termination may be put to the present unhappy and anomalous state of Masonry in this Province, with full powers to make a final adjustment of all differences between the Grand Lodge of Canada and this Grand Lodge; provided always that the Committee to be appointed by the Grand Lodge of Canada, or Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Canada, shall possess equally full powers with the Committee to be appointed under this resolution. And this Grand Lodge hereby authorizes the M. W. the Grand Master to ratify and give effect to any agreement such united Committee shall arrive at without further reference to this Grand Lodge.

Signed on behalf of the Board.

J. DUNBAR, D. G. M.,  
President B.G.P.

On motion of Bro. Durey, seconded by R. W. Bro. Renshaw, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes, just presented, be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Dunbar moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Borlase,

That the preamble and resolution referred to in the Report of the

Board of General Purposes, just adopted, be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

The motion was carried *nem con.*

A vote of thanks was then passed to the officers and members of Royal Albert Lodge, for the use of their rooms for the purposes of the present Communication.

R. W. Bro. Borlase moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Leet, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to convey to Mrs. Wiswell, widow of our late R. W. Bro. Wiswell, the sympathy of this Grand Lodge, on the sad bereavement she has recently sustained by the recent death of her husband, who was a highly esteemed and valued member of this Grand Lodge.

No further business being offered, the Grand Secretary read the rough minutes of the proceedings, which were approved, and the present special business of Grand Lodge having been completed, Grand Lodge was closed with solemn prayer and in ample form.

# Grand Lodge of Quebec,

A. F. & A. M.

## PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD 23 AND 24 SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1874, A.L. 5874.

At the Fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held in the Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes, in the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, on the 23rd and 24th days of the month of September, A.D., 1874, A.L., 5874.

### PRESENT:

M. W. Bro.	J. H. GRAHAM,	Grand Master, on the Throne.
R. " "	JAMES DUNBAR,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " "	C. JUDGE,	as Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	J. C. MARTIN,	" Junior "
" " "	REV. H. W. NYE,	" Chaplain.
" " "	H. M. ALEXANDER,	" Treasurer.
" " "	GEO. O. TYLER,	" Registrar.
" " "	ALEX. MURRAY,	as Secretary.
V. " "	JAS. GIBSON,	" Senior Deacon.
" " "	J. W. WIGGETT,	as Junior "
" " "	G. F. DUREY,	" Dir. Ceremonies.
" " "	CHAS. E. SMITH,	as Organist.
" " "	JAS. CLEGHORN,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	W. M. KEYES, M.D.,	" Steward.
" " "	GEO. C. BOWN,	" "

### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	C. Stavely,	Quebec and Three Rivers Districts.
" " "	Thos. Milton,	Montreal District.
" " "	Stevens Baker,	Bedford District.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Argentine Republic,	R. W. Bro.	H. M. Alexander.
Arkansas,	" " "	G. P. Rice.
Canada,	" " "	Alex Murray.
Connecticut,	M. " "	J. H. Graham.
Georgia,	R. " "	Geo. O. Tyler.
Iowa,	" " "	Samuel Johnson.
Illinois,	" " "	G. H. Borlase.
Louisiana,	" " "	Hon. Thos. Wood.
Michigan,	" " "	Alex. Murray.
Montana,	" " "	M. M. Tait.
New York,	" " "	Frank Edgar.
Nova Scotia,	" " "	Hon. Thos. Wood.
Nevada,	" " "	Thos. Milton.
Ohio,	" " "	Jas. Dunbar.
Wisconsin,	" " "	M. R. Meigs.
West Virginia,	" " "	H. W. Wood.

At High Twelve, a constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the acting Grand Secretary, by command of the M. W. the Grand Master, proceeded to call the Rolls from the Register, provided by the Board of General Purposes, as required by the Book of Constitution.

The following Lodges were duly represented by their properly qualified delegates, viz:

No. 0.	<i>Albion, Quebec.</i>
	R. W. Bro. Geo. Thompson, W. M.
	" " " William Miller, P.M.
No. 1.	<i>St. Johns Quebec.</i>
	R. W. Bro. Wm. Miller, P.M., Proxy.
	" " " John Shaw.
	" " " C. Staveley, D.D.G.M.
No. 2.	<i>Prevost, Dunham.</i>
	W. Bro. J. R. Gibson, W.M.
	" " " J. H. Shufelt, P.M.
	R. " " Thos. Wood.
	" " " W. C. Baker.
	" " " Stevens Baker, D.D.G.M.
	" " " T. F. Wood, P.M.
	" " " H. W. Wood, "
No. 3.	<i>Nelson, St. Armands.</i>
	W. Bro. E. A. Bourret, W.M.
No. 4.	<i>Golden Rule, Stanstead.</i>
	Not represented.

- No. 5. *St. Andrews, Quebec.*  
 Bro. Geo. T. Phillips, S.W.  
 R. W. " C. Judge, P.M.  
 " " " Jas. Dunbar, D.G.M.
- No. 6. *St. George's, Montreal.*  
 W. Bro. H. Le Cappellain, W.M.  
 " J. F. Raymore, S.W.  
 R. W. " Thos. Milton, P.M.
- No. 7. *Zetland, Montreal.*  
 V. W. Bro. Jas. G. Cleghorn, W.M.  
 " S. E. Moss, S. W.  
 " " " Wm. Johnson, P.M.
- No. 8. *Harrington, Quebec.*  
 Bro. Wm. Jacques, S.W.
- No. 9. *Hoyle, Lacolle.*  
 W. Bro. Richard Foster, W.M.
- No. 10. *St. Francis, Richmond.*  
 V. W. Bro. M. Burnie, W.M.  
 M. " " J. H. Graham, G.M.
- No. 11. *Victoria, Sherbrooke.*  
 W. Bro. J. W. Wiggett, W.M.  
 " G. H. Presby, S.W.  
 R. W. " G. H. Borlase, P.M.
- No. 12. *Stanbridge, Stanbridge.*  
 W. Bro. M. C. Blinn, W.M.  
 R. " " J. P. Martin, G.J.W.  
 " " " M. R. Meigs, P.M.  
 " " " C. A. Rice, "  
 " " " A. M. Stone, "
- No. 13. *Montreal Kilwinning, Montreal.*  
 V. W. Bro. Jas. Gibson, W.M.  
 " " " David Wright, P.M.  
 R. W. " John Renshaw, "
- No. 14. *Clarenceville, Clarenceville.*  
 Not represented.
- No. 15. *Browne, West Farnham.*  
 R. W. Bro. A. P. Taber, W.M.  
 " H. Y. Chillingworth, J.W.

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- No. 16. *Royal Albert, Montreal.*  
 R. W. Bro. Samuel Johnson, W.M.  
 " " Chas. D. Edwards, J.W.  
 " " " F. Edgar, P.M.  
 " " " H. M. Alexander, Grand Treasurer.  
 " " " F. H. Cushing, P.M.
- No. 17. *Victoria, Montreal.*  
 W. Bro. J. P. Butler, W.M.  
 " " A. G. Isaacson, J.W.  
 R. W. " Alex. Murray, P.M.  
 " " " M. M. Tait, "  
 V. " " Geo. C. Bown, Grand Steward.  
 " " " G. J. Bowles, P.M.
- No. 18. *Milton, Three Rivers.*  
 W. Bro. W. C. Farnum, W.M.  
 " " W. C. Pentland, S.W.  
 " " H. J. Scott, J.W.  
 R. W. " Thos. Milton, P.M.  
 " " " Geo. O. Tyler, Grand Registrar, P.M.
- No. 19. *Tuscan, Levis.*  
 R. W. Bro. Geo. Thompson, Proxy.
- No. 20. *Ascot, Lennoxville.*  
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- No. 21. *Ashlar, Coaticooke.*  
 W. Bro. E. W. Akhurst, W.M.
- No. 22. *Freligsburg, Freligsburg.*  
 W. Bro. E. E. Spencer, W.M.  
 " " G. R. Marvin, P.M.  
 " " S. R. Whitman, "
- No. 23. *Doric, Danville.*  
 W. Bro. M. Lynch, W.M.  
 R. " " Timothy Leet, P.M.
- No. 24. *Chateauguay, Huntingdon.*  
 Bro. Peter McFarlane, J.W.
- No. 25. *Shawenegan, Three Rivers.*  
 W. Bro. W. C. Farnum, Proxy.  
 R. " " Geo. O. Tyler, P.M.
- No. 26. *Abercorn, Abercorn.*  
 W. Bro. James Willey, W.M.  
 " " R. F. Hamilton, P.M.  
 " " H. L. Jaquays, "

- No. 27. *Corner Stone, Cowansville.*  
Bro. Peter Cowan, Jr., S.W.  
W. " J. H. Shufelt, P.M.
- No. 28. *Clark, Ormstown.*  
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- No. 29. *St. Charles, Point St. Charles.*  
W. Bro. Wm. Young, W.M.  
" Geo. Crawford, S.W.  
R. " " Thos. Milton, D.D.G.M.
- No. 30. *La Loge des Cœurs Unis, Montreal.*  
W. Bro. A. Boisseau, W.M.  
V. " " A. Schwob, P.M.  
" " " E. A. Bourret, "
- No. 31. *Graham, Bolton Centre.*  
W. Bro. C. E. Traver, W.M.  
" A. A. Mooney, J.W.
- No. 32. *Excelsior, Acton Vale.*  
W. Bro. C. B. Warner, P.M.  
R. " " Rev. H. W. Nye, Grand Chaplain.
- No. 33. *Canadian, Granby.*  
Not represented.
- No. 34. *Mount Oxford, Georgeville.*  
W. Bro. W. M. Keyes, W.M.
- No. 35. *St. George's, Quebec.*  
W. Bro. Martin Winn, W.M.  
R. " " C. Staveley, D.D.G.M.
- No. 36. *Burland, St. Johns.*  
R. W. Bro. B. Burland, W.M.  
" N. Joubert, S.W.  
" W. M. Ryder, J.W.  
" E. A. Bourret, P.M.
- No. 37. *Prince Consort, Montreal.*  
V. W. Bro. Geo. F. Durey, W.M.  
" W. D. B. James, Jr., S.W.  
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- No. 38. *St. Andrew's, Montreal.*  
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The Delegates having answered to their names, the M. W. the Grand Master called upon the Grand Chaplain to invoke a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U., on the forthcoming proceedings of Grand Lodge, which being done,

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to open in Ample form the Fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

The M. W. the Grand Master was also pleased to direct that all Brethren, Master Masons in good standing and properly vouched for, be admitted as visitors during the Communication of Grand Lodge.

The acting Grand Secretary submitted printed forms of the Order of Business, which were distributed among the delegates, when, on motion, the report of the Committee on Credentials, appointed by the Board of General Purposes and as read by the acting Grand Secretary, was adopted.

The Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during business, were read by the acting Grand Secretary.

The acting Grand Secretary proceeding to read the Minutes of last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. Dunbar, D. G. M., seconded by R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, Grand Treasurer, and

*Resolved*—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication, held on the 24th and 25th September, 1873, having been printed and distributed amongst the Lodges, the same be considered as read, and they are now hereby confirmed."

The acting Grand Secretary announced that owing to the absence of R. W. Bro. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, the draft copy of Minutes of the Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge, held in Royal Albert Lodge Rooms, in January, 1874, were not prepared.

The M. W. Grand Master explained to Grand Lodge that the R. W. Grand Secretary had proceeded to England some two months ago. He had hoped to return in time for this Communication of Grand Lodge, but had been delayed beyond his calculations. The G. M. trusted Grand Lodge would pardon any shortcomings in the com-

pleteness of the reports to Grand Lodge, being well assured that on the Grand Secretary's return, which was expected now very shortly, all unfinished business would be promptly attended to, and the proceedings of this Session published as heretofore, with all Reports and Minutes in full, which explanation Grand Lodge received with approbation.

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to resume business at 2 o'clock. Grand Lodge was called to labor at 2 o'clock.

Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chaplain besought a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U.

The acting Grand Secretary reported that the delegates representing the Lodges in this jurisdiction, lately under the Registry of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada, were in waiting in the anti-chamber, and desired to be received into affiliation with this Grand Lodge in accordance with the terms of agreement arranged by the joint Conference Committee.

The M. W. the Grand Master directed the Committee on Credentials to retire with the Registration Book, and receive their enrollment under their respective Lodges of said delegates. The M. W. Grand Master further directed R. W. Bro. Dunbar, D. G. M., and R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, acting Grand Secretary, to retire and introduce to Grand Lodge the delegates aforesaid.

On their return to Grand Lodge R. W. Bro. Dunbar, D. G. M., introduced M. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and accompanying Brethren, as representatives of subordinate Lodges, now for the first time affiliating with the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the acting Grand Secretary read the roll of delegates thus introduced as follows, viz. :

*Antiquity Lodge, Montreal.*

- V. W. Bro. Alexander Chisholm, P.M.  
 " " Alexander McGregor, "  
 " " Geo. B. Reeve, "  
 R. " " John Urquhart, Jr., P.D.D.G.M.  
 " " Andrew Schmidt, S.W.

*Prevdet Lodge, Dunham.*

- W. Bro. G. R. Longuway, W.M.  
 " B. A. Longuway, S.W.  
 " Edwin Hall, J.W.  
 V. " " A. D. Stevens, P.M.  
 " " G. H. Kemp, "

*Dorchester Lodge St. Johns.*

- W. Bro. E. R. Smith, W.M.  
 R. " " George H. Wilkinson, D.D.G.M.  
 " " K. Douglass, P.M.

*Nelson Lodge, Phillipsburg.*

- R. W. Bro. Rev. H. Montgomery, P.G.C.

*St. George's Lodge, Montreal.*

- W. Bro. M. Lesser, W.M.  
 " H. A. Earle, S.W.  
 " A. S. Beaudry, J.W.  
 M. " " Thos White, Jr., P.M.  
 " " Rev. E. M. Myers, P.M.

*Zetland Lodge, Montreal.*

- W. Bro. David Ferguson, W.M.  
 V. " " J. H. LeBlanc, P.M.

*Browne Lodge, Brigham.*

- W. Bro. Geo. H. Kemp, P.M.  
 " " A. A. Blackwood, P.M.

*Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburg.*

- W. Bro. H. P. Newell, W.M.  
 " Chas. Kniter, S.W.  
 R. W. " Jas. O'Halloran, P.M.  
 " " H. D. Pickel, P.D.D.G.M.  
 " " C. A. Boright, P.M.

*Brome Lake Lodge, Knowlton.*

- W. Bro. John Macfarlane, W.M.  
 " " Frederick England, S.W.  
 R. " " H. D. Pickel, P.M.  
 " " W. W. Lynch, "

*Olive Branch Lodge, West Shefford.*

- W. Bro. R. E. Phelp, W.M.

*Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal.*

- W. Bro. Arthur H. Holland, W.M.  
 V. " " John McLean, P.M.  
 R. " " John Urquhart, Jr., P.M.  
 " Robert Evans, J.W.

*Mount Royal Lodge, Montreal.*

- Bro. W. Simpson Walker, J.W.

*Union of Strict Observance Lodge, Montreal.*

- V. W. Bro. J. G. A. LeBlanc, P.M.

*Shefford Lodge, Waterloo.*

W. Bro. W. A. Taylor, P.M.

*St. John's Lodge, Mansonville.*

Bro. Erastus Perkins, S.W.

*Yamaska Lodge, Granby.*

R. W. Bro. John H. Bartlett, W.M.

*Victoria Lodge, Montreal.*

Bro. M. P. Cochrane, J.W.

The M. W. the Grand Master then formally received and welcomed the brethren here enrolled as representing the several Lodges lately under Canada Registry, as affiliating Lodges under the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and intimated that at a later period of the Session an opportunity would be given for a more extended expression of congratulation at the happy termination to the differences heretofore existing between the two Grand Bodies. The several delegates were seated according to their respective ranks in the East, South and West, amidst the applause and approbation of the assembled brethren.

The acting Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, here presented his Credentials from M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as representative of that Grand Body near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and was received with all the honors and much enthusiasm by Grand Lodge.

The M. W. the Grand Master, J. H. Graham, then delivered his Fifth Annual Address to Grand Lodge, as follows :

BRETHREN,—This day becomes memorable in the annals of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec.

Seven years' discussion of constitutional principles is ended.

All differences hitherto existing between the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada, and this Grand Body, have been happily adjusted.

Jurisdiction within our territory has been formally withdrawn,—due recognition has been most fraternally extended to us ;—our Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, has been most honorably and heartily received,—the consummation of all which this day, and the honorable and perfect union now most harmoniously effected between the daughter lodges of "Canada" in this jurisdiction, and this Grand Lodge is, I am sure, a source of profound satisfaction and deep, heart-felt joy to every one of you ; and to every true Mason of whatever Registry he may, hitherto, have been ;—and I am confident that this will prove to be the beginning of a new era of prosperity to the craft throughout the entire Province, and will be a cause of unusual rejoicing throughout the Masonic World.

All thanks are due to the able and prudent Brethren in both the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec,—who officially or otherwise have so earnestly and efficiently labored to bring about this most desirable end. May they long live to see the blessed fruits of their good work. May one and all put out of sight and out of mind all past differences;—and each strive to excel in that noblest of emulation of who can best work and best agree, so that our symbolic temple may be erected, harmoniously and successfully and in the perfection of beauty, to the honor and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. So mote it be.

## VISIT TO ENGLAND.

Circumstances required me to visit England during the early part of the year. A favoring Providence afforded me the unanticipated pleasure of reaching London, (that great metropolis of the world) on the seventy-sixth anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,—one of the oldest and most noteworthy of the great Masonic charities of England, and under the Patronage of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, (than whom no better Sovereign ever graced a throne.) I accepted a most courteous invitation which was immediately extended to me, to attend the anniversary banquet in the evening, at which the Grand Master, the Most Honorable the Marquis of Ripon, presided. Some four or five hundred representative brethren from London and all parts of England were present on the occasion. Nothing could exceed the fraternal heartiness of my reception as your representative, by His Lordship and many other leading officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge, for which, personally and in your behalf, I improve this opportunity to return most grateful thanks. A noteworthy feature of the occasion was the presence of several hundred ladies at a magnificent entertainment given in the grand hall after the banquet. From this our brethren may be reminded of their own remissness in not having the ladies share in some of our annual festivities.

It was indeed pleasant and instructive to learn from actual observation of the interior working of the great Masonic beneficencies of the mother land, which we may well strive to imitate, but cannot hope to equal. At this anniversary upwards of ten thousand pounds sterling were reported as having been contributed for the support of this Institution during the current year, which large sum was, I learn, very considerably increased before closing the annual accounts.

When it is remembered that this is but one of the Masonic charities of England,—another most notably being the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,—it will be seen how extensive and substantial is the practical charity of our British brethren. Being, moreover, on this visit to England and also to Scotland, the land of my birth and early nurture (and where I received a like hearty welcome) the bearer of the "good news" of the actual adjustment of our long-standing differences with the Grand Lodge of Canada—the interest in which had become world-wide, and nowhere more deep or intense than in Great Britain—it was most gratifying to receive letters of congratulation thereon from our Most Worshipful Brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, His Lordship the Marquis of Ripon, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Rosslyn, White-Mellville, the Duke of Leinster, and others—all which most clearly indicates the anxious solicitude of our noble and worthy Brethren of the Imperial Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland, for the welfare, unity and progress of the Royal Craft in this far-off land of the setting sun.

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## THE LATE DUKE OF KENT.

You will doubtless be pleased in this connection, to have me allude to certain historic reminiscences and associations brought to mind during my recent sojourn in the Mother Country,—as relating to the Masonic History of this Grand Old Province of Quebec. It appears that no other actual Grand Master from either division of old Canada has hitherto visited the Mother Country.

This incident while not wholly devoid of interest in itself, but served to call to mind an event of far greater historical importance to the Craft in this Province, namely the departure from Quebec after a residence of about two and a half years,—just four score years previous—of the first Grand Master of the Provincial Lodge of Lower Canada, His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Duke of Kent, the illustrious father of our beloved Queen. Those of you who, in 1869, aided in the formation of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, will, I am sure, be delighted ever to remember that you were but reviving the far-seeing Masonic policy of the Mother Grand Lodge of England, when, in 1792, she established the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada; and he is indeed highly honored to whose lot it falls to be a humble successor in the Masonic Government of the same territory, of its first royal and illustrious chief.

To indicate to you the deservedly high esteem in which our noble brother was held, I cannot do better than quote to you the dedication from the "Mason's Manual, comprising Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted "Masons in Lower Canada," and published in the city of Quebec in the early part of the present century:

"To His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Duke of Kent and Strathern, Earl of Dublin, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, and of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, a Field Marshal, and Colonel of the First, or Royal Scots Regiment of Foot, Past Provincial Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in Lower Canada, &c., &c., &c.

*"Most Worshipful and Illustrious Sir and Brother:*

"Our intention is not in this dedication to resort to the usual mode of complimentary address, because it is entirely unnecessary. Your Royal Highness despises such adulation, and the public do not require to be informed of your exalted character; it lives at present in the memories of all your Brethren in Lower Canada, and posterity will find it in the annals of Masonry.

"Our design is merely to express the grateful sense the Brethren in this Province entertain of the fostering care and valuable patronage which your Royal Highness was pleased to extend towards the Masonic Institution during your residence in this part of His Majesty's dominions.

"Without those exertions, we should never have had occasion to compile the little work to which we prefix this sincere and just acknowledgment to your Royal Highness; that whatever good effect the Mason's Manual may ultimately produce, is primarily to be attributed to your Royal Highness' zeal and active perseverance during the year 1792.

"We could not, therefore, allow such an opportunity to pass without assuring your Royal Highness of our strong attachment to you as our Prince and Brother, and to express in the names of all the Brethren resident in Lower Canada, how much we must ever remain,

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"Your Royal Highness' most faithful Brethren, and most humble devoted servants,

(Signed,)

"The Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Canada."

The truth of this interesting dedication is fully verified by the history of the craft in this Province, nor can I forbear calling to your mind a memorable incident which well illustrates the excellent spirit and prudence of our Royal Provincial Grand Master, while here at that time in command of his Regiment. When in 1792, a "member" was being chosen for the county of Quebec,—and there was almost a riot—His Royal Highness delivered a notable speech to the people, in which occurs, among others, this truly Masonic sentiment—"Let me no more hear the hateful talk about French and English. You are all of you equally the well-beloved Canadian subjects of the King."

It is, moreover, a matter of very deep interest to the craft, that the illustrious grandson of our noble Brother, the Most Worshipful the Prince of Wales, is now the distinguished Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, and a zealous patron of our Order, and also the Illustrious Chief of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, &c. It is indeed a happy omen, that now as of old, Kings and Princes are promoters of the Art,—that they do not think it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel,—to patronize our mysteries, and join our assemblies.

#### HISTORY OF THE CRAFT.

I desire to call the attention of Grand Lodge to what I deem a matter of singular importance ere the Fathers of the Craft have passed away, or the records now accessible shall have gone into oblivion. The written History of Freemasonry in this Province would be of profound interest and of great importance. Every zealous Brother earnestly desires to know more of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Lower Canada, of Quebec and Three Rivers, of Montreal and William Henry, and of some of the oldest "daughter" Lodges on the American continent. I would, therefore, recommend Grand Lodge to take into consideration the advisability of appointing a Historical Committee composed of at least one eminent and devoted Brother from each District, and that Grand Lodge defray the incidental expenses connected therewith.

I improve the present memorable occasion to communicate to Grand Lodge one or two additional extracts from ancient documents, of no little interest to the Craft in this Province. They will explain themselves:—

"In the year of Masonry, 580. The most noble Prince John, Duke and Marquis of Athol, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Stratblay, Stratbairde, Viscount of Ballquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, heritable Captain and Constable of the Castle and Constabulary of Kinclaven, Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, &c., &c.

"These By-Laws printed by order of the Grand Lodge.

"Rules and orders which are to be punctually observed and kept by the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons,

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according to the old constitutions granted by His Royal Highness, Prince EDWIN, at YORK, in the year of Our Lord, Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the year of Masonry, Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Six.

"In order to prevent all feuds, controversies, illegal arguments, or debates, which might in any sort disturb or make void the true intent and meaning of this our unanimous conjunction,—We, the Master, Wardens, Deacons and Secretary, together with the rest of the members of our Lodge, No. 18, (by and with the approbation and consent of the Grand Lodge), have thought proper to subscribe and establish the following Rules:—

"1. That a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, aforesaid, shall be held at the Township of Eaton, to sit the Thursday preceding the Full Moon, of each Calendar month, &c., &c."

In the Minutes of this Lodge, I find the names of twenty-seven members recorded.

The above will probably give an unexpected intimation to many Brethren of the existence and progress of our Fraternity, even in the remote parts of the Eastern Townships of Lower Canada, in the early part of the present century, and serve to point out the propriety of rescuing from oblivion, as far as possible, so interesting a history.

#### ADJUSTMENTS OF OUR RELATIONS WITH ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

Now that our relations with the Grand Lodge of Canada are so happily and harmoniously adjusted, it is reasonably to be anticipated that our relations to the Imperial Mother Grand Lodges of England and Scotland will in like manner, be most satisfactorily arranged at a very early day, by the affiliation with this Grand Lodge of the few remaining Lodges in this jurisdiction still holding warrants from England and Scotland, and by full and complete recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as the only Sovereign Masonic authority in and for this Province, and by the establishment of fraternal communication and correspondence, and the interchange of Grand Representatives.

England, after having for more than a century aided in establishing and upbuilding our beloved Order on the continent of North America, will equally honor herself in this last great act in the historical drama, in the withdrawing of the last vestige of her Masonic jurisdiction, feeling assured that, in accordance with our ancient constitutions so clearly evolved in the entire Masonic history of Grand Lodge organization and jurisdiction on this continent, she is lawfully and fraternally committing the supreme government of the craft here, to those who as Masons or as men will not prove themselves unworthy of their origin or their destiny. So mote it be.

#### G. L. OF Q. MOVEMENT.

I deem it an act of simple justice to several eminent Brethren in other jurisdictions, who have been spoken of as inciting the Grand Lodge of Quebec movement, or by adverse advice retarding the settlement of our differences with the Grand Lodge of Canada, to state once for all that the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was a movement having its origin wholly amongst ourselves, and to us alone belongs the praise or blame. The first intimation known by me to have been given to any

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Brethren not of our jurisdiction, was a fraternal invitation to two Past Grand Masters to instal the first Grand Officers of this Grand Body. Nor am I aware that any such Brethren ever expressed a desire other than that they would be rejoiced at an early, constitutional settlement of all our differences.

We are indeed greatly indebted to many eminent Brethren abroad for their able advocacy of our cause, and for their kindly, fraternal support extended to this Grand Lodge, which we deem it a pleasure thus formally and gratefully to acknowledge.

## GONE BEFORE.

It was, I am sure, with deep sorrow and heart-felt grief that every member of this Grand Lodge learned of the death of R. W. Brother Thomas Bird Harris, of Hamilton, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada. That Grand Body, by his death, has lost a most faithful and efficient officer, and each one of us has lost an excellent Brother of a warm heart, bright intellect, and generous impulses.

St. Francis District also mourns the loss of its late Deputy Grand Master. R. W. Brother Wiswell was one of the excellent among our Brethren, devoted, faithful and true.

I have also received official notice of the death of Past Grand Master John H. Lynde, of the State of Maine. Many of you will remember with great pleasure his fraternal visit to this Grand Lodge at its annual communication three years ago. He was a Brother of marked ability, of genial spirit, and deservedly held in high esteem.

## WORK.

I deem it important that from time to time, some portions of the work in the private lodges should be exemplified in Grand Lodge, so that as far as possible a uniformity of ritual may be practised throughout the Province. I would therefore recommend that arrangements be made therefor by the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

## AFFAIRS OF THE CRAFT.

The special condition of the Fraternity and its general affairs will be fully laid before Grand Lodge by the respective Grand Officers and by the Board of General Purposes, and I have no doubt but that you will all devote yourselves to the important work of the session faithfully, zealously and harmoniously.

As most of you are aware, our venerable and efficient Grand Secretary has been absent for some time on a visit to England. He had expected to return before this communication of the Grand Lodge, but he has been disappointed. I am confident that you will cheerfully overlook any incompleteness in the reports from his office, which will be speedily perfected after his arrival. You all doubtless wish him a most pleasant sojourn in his native land, and a safe return to his family and to his host of friends here.

## NEW LODGES.

During the year I have granted dispensations for two new Lodges, the Ionic, in Montreal, and Magog, in the village of Magog. I have reason to believe that they have made such excellent progress that Grand Lodge will be pleased to grant them Warrants of Constitution.

There are a few additional subjects to which I had proposed to call the attention of Grand Lodge, but their present consideration must be omitted.

I now beg to express my hearty regrets that I have been quite unable during the year to accept the many kind invitations which I have received from Brethren to visit Lodges, attend festivals and the like, and I trust that they and all the members of Grand Lodge will bear with my shortcomings when informed that various circumstances have engrossed an unusual amount of my time and attention, and I close my very imperfect address to you on this occasion, by uniting with you in the prayer that the Great Architect of the Universe may still continue to vouchsafe His blessing to the Grand Lodge of Québec, and to our beloved Order everywhere throughout the world. So mote it be.

J. H. GRAHAM,  
Grand Master.

Montreal, September 23rd, 1874.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. M. R. Meigs, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander, and

*Resolved*,—That the address just delivered to this Grand Lodge by the M. W. the Grand Master, be referred forthwith to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to report thereon during the present session, and to print the same in whole or in part as the Board shall see fit.

The Deputy Grand Master, as President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report relating to finances of Grand Lodge :

MONTREAL, September 23rd, 1874.

*To the Chairman of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge of Quebec.*

Your Committee appointed to examine the books, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, respectfully report, that they have performed their duty, and find them correct as far as submitted.

Your Committee further recommend that the following accounts be paid, after having been certified to as being correct, by the Grand Secretary, viz :

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Your Committee further report that their attention has been called to the continuance of the practice of Lodges making their returns through

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their Delegates at the Meeting of Grand Lodge, and would urge upon the Masters of the several Lodges, the *absolute necessity of fulfilling* the requirements of the Constitution in this matter, it being otherwise impossible to render to Grand Lodge a faithful statement of its affairs by the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE O. TYLER, }  
J. P. MARTIN, } Committee.  
A. E. HAMILTON. }

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Dunbar, seconded by W. Bro. Shaw:—

“That the Report just read, be received and adopted.”

Carried.

The M. W. the Grand Master here announced to Grand Lodge, that in accordance with Article V. of the Agreement by the Joint Conference Committee, he had named R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, D.G.M., to act in concert with M. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., P.G.M.,—named by the M.W. the G.M. of G.L. of Canada, as arbitrators on the settlement of all questions as to property and funds in dispute between subordinate Lodges, and that an early day would be selected for the hearing of all evidence pertaining thereto.

The acting Grand Secretary, as Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, presented their report to Grand Lodge, which, on motion of R. W. Bro. M. R. Meigs, seconded by R. W. Bro. Stevens Baker, was received and adopted and ordered to be printed as an addenda to the proceedings of Grand Lodge. (See Appendix.)

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Miller, P. D. D. G. M., gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move

“That Article III., ‘Of Proposing Members,’ page 49 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be erased from the said Book of Constitution.”

Also,

“That all words after ‘Mason’ in the first line of Article II. ‘Of Proposing Members,’ page 48 of Constitution of Grand Lodge of Quebec, to the word ‘until’ in the fifth line of said Article, be struck out.”

V. W. Bro. C. Judge gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move

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"That Article XVII. 'Of the Grand Lodge,' page 17, be amended by substituting for the words 'fourth Wednesday in September,' the words, 'second Wednesday in January.'"

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. C. Staveley, D. D. G. M. for the District of Quebec and Three Rivers, read the following report for the

DISTRICT OF QUEBEC AND THREE RIVERS.

QUEBEC, 21st September, 1874.

J. H. ISAACSON, Esq.,  
*Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Quebec.*

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO.,

In conformity with the Constitution, I beg to submit my Annual Report. Since I had this pleasure last year, there has not been any change in the number of Lodges under my jurisdiction (Quebec and Three Rivers), there being now as then eight Lodges, all under the Grand Lodge of Quebec; five in Quebec City: Albion, St. John's, No. 1; St. Andrew's, No. 5; Harington, No. 8; St. George's, No. 35; in South Quebec, The Tuscan, No. 19; in Three Rivers: Milton, No. 18; Shawencgan, No. 25, all of which are working according to our Constitution. I am happy to say I have not had any serious complaints, merely some small matters on which my opinion has been asked, and which, I am pleased to say, I have answered satisfactorily to the brethren.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I remain, R. W. Sir and Bro.,

Yours, fraternally,

CHRISTOPHER STAVELEY, D.D.G.M.

Quebec and Three Rivers District.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, D.D.G.M., for the District of Montreal, read the following report for the

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

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

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, I submit herewith my Report on the condition of Masonry in the Montreal District.

There are in this District twelve Lodges, working under warrants from this Grand Lodge, and one under dispensation. There are also seven Lodges working under warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada, now happily immediately about to be enrolled under the banner of this Grand Lodge. Three under the Grand Lodge of England, and one under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. These latter, I trust, will soon see the desirability of placing themselves under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

By the favor of the Great Architect of the Universe, I am enabled to report that I have visited all the Lodges under my care, some of them

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several times, and it affords me much pleasure to inform you that they are all in good working order, and, with two exceptions, are enjoying a large degree of prosperity. The two Lodges that are not prospering so well as I would wish, are the Hoyle Lodge, No. 9, and the Clarke Lodge, No. 28. These Lodges are situated in the country, and are composed principally of agriculturalists, whose labors prevent them from attending regularly during the summer months; but from the knowledge I have of the zeal and ability of the W. Masters and officers of these Lodges, and believing that they have the welfare and prosperity of the Order at heart, I entertain no doubt but that they will, in a short time, resume their former prosperous and successful career.

On the 28th of November last, I had the honor to constitute St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 38, the warrant having been granted by this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication. This Lodge is progressing very favorably.

On the 16th of February last, I had the pleasure of forwarding to the M. W. Grand Master, a petition from certain brethren, requesting permission to open a new Lodge in the western part of this city, to be called Ionic Lodge. The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation to these Brethren, and Ionic Lodge was formally opened by me, V. W. Bro. Joseph Tees being the first W. Master, Bro. Alexander Coutry, Senior Warden, and Bro. W. C. Woodford, Junior Warden. Under the able management of these brethren, this Lodge has made great progress, and I have much pleasure in recommending that a Warrant of Constitution be granted by this Grand Lodge.

I granted dispensations to several Lodges of this city to wear masonic clothing on the occasion of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and also a dispensation to Royal Albert Lodge, No. 16, to wear regalia at their annual ball on the 27th of January last. I likewise gave permission to Chateauguay Lodge, No. 24, to wear masonic clothing at their annual picnic on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, and I have much pleasure in reporting, that I have had no occasion to regret having granted these privileges.

On the 12th of December last, I received instructions from the M. W. Grand Master to enquire into the nature of a complaint made by Bro. Daniel Rose, of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 38, against the decision of the W. Master in the election of Senior Warden. A similar complaint had been made to me by Bro. George Martin, of the same Lodge. On investigating the circumstances of the case, I discovered that this Lodge had adopted the system of nominating their candidates for office. Bros. Daniel Rose and J. T. Finnie were nominated for the office of Senior Warden on this occasion. On the ballot being passed, it was found that 32 ballots were cast, 16 for Bro. Rose, 15 for Bro. Finnie, and one blank. The W. Master declared there was no election, and directed the ballot to be passed again, when the result was, 18 for Bro. Finnie, and 13 for Bro. Rose, and Bro. Finnie was declared duly elected. Hence the complaint, Bro. Rose believing that he should have been declared elected on the first ballot. After due deliberation, I decided to sustain the W. Master in his ruling, and by instructions from the M. W. Grand Master, advised Bros. Rose and Martin, if they still felt aggrieved, to appeal to Grand Lodge, which appeal is now before the Board of General Purposes.

This is a question of order, and should be immediately settled by Grand Lodge, as similar difficulties may again occur, where candidates for office are nominated previous to election. The question is, is the system of nominating candidates for office in private Lodges advisable? and if

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allowed, when a brother does not choose to vote for either of those nominated, can he vote blank, and will the blank count as a vote?

It is my painful duty to report that death has visited four Lodges in this District during the past year, and taken away, let us trust to the Grand Lodge above :—

Bro. Thomas Wells,.....	Prince Consort Lodge.
“ John Williams,.....	Kilwinning “
“ George Holmes,.....	“ “
“ George Etherington.....	Hoyle “
“ Humphrey McFarlane,....	St. Charles “

In conclusion, I beg to thank the brethren of Montreal District for the kindness and attention shown to me during the past year. I also return my sincere thanks to R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, V. W. Bro. Joseph Tees, and W. Bro. Wm. Young, for valuable services rendered to me during the performance of my official duties.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

THOMAS MILTON, D.D.G.M.,  
Montreal District.

R. W. Bro. Stevens Baker, D.D.G.M., District of Bedford, read the following report for the

#### BEDFORD DISTRICT.

*To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec.*

**MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN :**

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Bedford District.

During the past year I have visited all the Lodges in the District, except Burland Lodge, St. Johns, and Clarenceville, Lodges, Clarenceville. I wrote the W. M. of Clarenceville, and received no reply ; and I am credibly informed that said Lodge has ceased to meet.

I have very great pleasure in reporting, that the several Lodges in the District which I have had the pleasure of visiting, are steadily increasing in numbers, material, and finance, and for the most part, the Brethren are taking a wide interest in the prosperity of our time-honored institution.

During the past year I have granted but one dispensation, and that to Stanbridge Lodge, Stanbridge, for the installation of the officers of the various Lodges of the District, on the 27th of December last, at which, I am sorry to add, only four or five Lodges were represented. This custom of general installation of the officers in the district at one place, I fear, will not prove successful, owing to the season of the year, and the great distance most of the Brethren have to drive.

It is my melancholy duty to report the death, on the 14th of August last, of W. Bro. Major Robert Manson, of St. Johns' Lodge, Mansonville, who died from injuries received by the railway accident on the S.E.C. Railway, on the 13th of August. He was buried with Masonic honors on the 17th of August. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of townspeople, as well as by the representatives and the Brethren of many of the Lodges

in the district, numbering over three hundred Masons, from different parts of the district, and the adjacent parts of the State of Vermont. It was one of the largest Masonic funerals ever attended in the Eastern Townships.

By the death of W. Bro Major Robert Manson, the Bedford District has lost one of its best, ablest, and brightest Masons. Few men have been more generally and deservedly beloved by all who knew him than our late brother. His loss is exceedingly painful to the members of St. John's Lodge, Mansonville, and will be extensively felt by the entire Masonic community of this District. I would, therefore, suggest that in memory of so good and so excellent a Mason, a memorial page of the printed proceedings be set apart.

In concluding my Report, I beg to tender to the Brethren of the District my sincere thanks for their hearty and unanimous kindness extended to me on all occasions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

STEVENS BAKER, D.D.G.M.

Bedford District.

The Acting Grand Secretary, in the absence of R. W. Bro. James Addie, D.D.G.M., District of St. Francis, read the following Report for the

#### ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec.*

Having been appointed D.D.G.M., for the St. Francis District, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, owing to the death of our late lamented Brother Wiswell, D.D.G.M., I beg to lay before you my Report on the state of Masonry in the St. Francis District.

It now contains eight Regular Lodges, and one Lodge (Lake Magog Lodge) under dispensation. The Lodges are so scattered, that without serious inconvenience I could not visit them all; but I have reason to believe that they are all prospering. On the 28th of May, I installed the Officers of Lake Magog Lodge. I visited them on the 27th of August, when I had the pleasure of seeing work in the three degrees, and I have much pleasure in stating, that I have rarely seen the work so well done. Every Officer is thoroughly competent to discharge his duties. They have thoroughly fitted up and furnished a very nice Lodge Room, at a good deal of expense, and should you be pleased to grant them a Warrant (which I most warmly recommend), I am confident that Lake Magog Lodge will be an honor to the Craft. The Lodge books are well and carefully kept. I received an application from Excelsior Lodge, at Acton Vale, for a dispensation to remove their Lodge from Acton Vale to Upton, accompanied by an extract from the minutes of the Lodge, signed by the acting Master and Secretary, showing that their proceedings in the matter were regular. I, therefore, granted a dispensation to that effect on the 31st day of July. I received a communication from R. W. Bro. Grand Secretary, suggesting that the Masons of this District erect a monument to the memory of our late Bro. Wiswell. I immediately communicated with all the Lodges, asking their assistance in the matter; but have only heard from three of them, Victoria, Ascot and Lake Magog Lodges. They have raised about thirty-five dollars for that purpose. I am happy to be able to state, that through the efforts of several of the Brethren of Victoria and Ascot Lodges, an excellent D.D.G., Master's Regalia, for the St. Francis

District, has been procured at a cost of \$120, \$95 of which was contributed by the different Lodges, leaving a balance of twenty-five dollars due.

I received a letter from Rev. Bro. Wurtell, of Acton Vale, requesting me to lay before you an application for assistance to the widow and children of our late Bro. Henderson, of Acton Vale, who died about a year ago, leaving them almost penniless. Brother Wurtell was appointed by Excelsior Lodge to endeavor to raise the sum of about \$700, to enable them to discharge the debt now resting on their homestead.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES ADDIE,  
Acting D.D.G.M.  
St.-Francis District.

SHERBROOKE, September 4th, 1874.

These several Reports were, on motion, received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. Bro. M. R. Meigs, referring to the notice of motion given by him at last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and printed on the Order of Business as No. 12, asked permission of Grand Lodge to withdraw the same, explaining as his reason that as the present session would be fully occupied by the business now before Grand Lodge, and there being still some details of the arrangements between subordinate lodges to settle, he considered that a question of such great importance as the introduction of a new system of transacting the business of Grand Lodge, would require more time to mature the scheme than was at present at their disposal; and, further, that at a subsequent Communication all differences among lodges and other kindred subjects arising out of the recent difficulty having disappeared, the brethren would be better prepared to consider fully some plan whereby the general business of Grand Lodge could be efficiently performed without the present cumbersome routine of the Board of General Purposes. He desired to let the matter drop for the present, until further experience had indicated what would be the best substitute for the present system.

Permission was granted him to withdraw his notice of motion.

The acting Grand Secretary read a communication from the M. W. the Grand Master of Vermont, expressing his regret that he would be unable to be present.

R. W. Bro. Tyler also announced, on behalf of P. G. M. Englesby of the same jurisdiction, and Grand Representative of this Grand

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Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Vermont, that he would be unable to visit us this session as was his intention up to a very recent hour.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at five o'clock, to resume work at seven P.M., precisely. The Grand Chaplain offered up prayer, and Grand Lodge dispersed.

### EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7.30 P.M., when the Grand Chaplain besought a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U.

The R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. H. W. Nye, then proceeded to deliver his Annual Address, as follows:

*M. W. Grand Master and Brethren :*

It is with profound satisfaction that I address myself to-day to a Grand Lodge which represents the re-united Masonic fraternity of this Province. After five years of unfortunate misunderstanding and alienation, we are met together, animated, I trust, by one spirit, and possessed by one desire and purpose, viz., to forget all past differences in an earnest and hearty endeavor to promote the interests of our beloved craft, and especially of the Grand Lodge to which it is our honor and happiness to belong. Let us not forget on this auspicious occasion to renew our humble and hearty thanks to Him who is "the author of peace, and lover of concord," who alone can "make men to be of one mind in a house." "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name, give the praise."

I appear before you to-day, brethren, to speak to you a word on the appointed mission of every sincere and earnest Mason. I know of no other purpose for which any of us have been admitted into our ancient and world-wide fraternity than that we should seek, first, to improve ourselves by the careful cultivation of every virtue, and, next, to do good to all the members of the great Brotherhood of Man, and especially to those who are bound to us by the most solemn reciprocal vows of fellowship. If we do not strive thus to exemplify in our lives the great principles of our Order, we may be called Masons, but the name will be no title of honor, but rather a reproach and condemnation.

The faithful Mason will keep steadily before him, first of all, his *individual accountability to God*, the Great Architect and Grand Geometrician of the universe. Wherever his business or his inclination may lead him, in the busy marts of commerce or the halls of legislation, amid the keen excitement of public business, or in the sacred quietness and calm of his own fireside, he will never fail to realize the presence of that All-seeing Eye which surveys the planets in their courses, and yet condescends to watch over the faltering footsteps of the humblest child of man. He will not forget that he is responsible, in his individual capacity, for every talent that has been entrusted to his care. "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." He cannot escape from this personal obligation by sheltering himself under the broad wing of the Order to which he belongs. He is not lost sight of as a unit is lost sight of in the aggregate that contain it, nor can he plead exemption from any duty because the body of which he is a member undertakes and performs it. He must share with that body in an exertion of his own power.

And yet, as individuality of effort, when left to itself, amounts to very little, it becomes a second duty of the Mason to remember his corporate life—his participation in a fraternal bond. The raindrop which falls from the clouds finds its way back to the ocean which gave it birth. It is a child of the sea, caught up by exhalation, out of the arms of its mother, to which it hurriedly returns by direct descent from the sky, or by a circuitous percolation through the soil. As a globule, it is nothing; but as a part of the mighty waters which are made up of single drops, it helps to float navies and encompass continents. We are children, in like manner, of a common humanity. We are born into the world as the outgrowth of a stock which existed before us. We inherit by birth and providential surroundings all the benefit to be derived from the comparative advance in civilization, of the society into which we have been cast. No one of us began life without the advantage of helpers preceding us, who gained for us something. And so we continue, every day, to enter into the labors of others. The ablest statesman and the most learned scholar are indebted, each in his turn, to generations that have passed; and any man who hopes to accomplish in his time any marked result, must enter upon ground which has been providentially prepared for him by earlier efforts than his own. Like the raindrop, we find our element in society, and our power to do, in combination with our kind.

Hence the origin, my brethren, of the Order of Freemasons. Every child of Adam is truly related to every other member of the great human family, and his duties are as wide as his relationship. But, because in so vast a body both the duty and the relationship are apt to be lost sight of, the aspirant after fraternity is inducted into a fellowship, composed of others like-minded with himself, who are banded together for this very purpose, viz., to instil fraternal charity, to cultivate and expand its reign, to elevate the aims, assist the endeavors and guide the labor of its members, to lead them to seize the opportunities of good which they are privileged to enjoy, and help them to a manly and holy development.

The historian Gibbon, among the celebrated five causes to which he attributes the rapid growth of Christianity, mentions this as one, "The union and discipline of the Christian Republic, which gradually formed an independent and increasing state in the heart of the Roman Empire." A great and important truth underlies this statement, which is equally applicable to the history of the Masonic Order. Our Order is a republic, a commonwealth, an independent and increasing State, with its officers, laws and discipline. As such it makes itself felt, a regularly organized power in the midst of other powers. Its rule is a moral rule, but it is nevertheless visible in the chastened lives and beneficent charities of its loyal and obedient subjects. It seeks not a place among political fabrics, of which, notwithstanding it is one of the main upholders, but no secular policy can compare with it in the extent of its influence. Among the polished nations of Europe and America, and the swarthy children of the desert, mid the snow capped mountains of the Arctic regions and on the burning sands of Arabia, wherever human forms have covered human hearts, there the symbols of our Order have taught their lessons and displayed their unconquerable power.

You are aware, my brethren, that this vast organization originated in associations which at first were mere fraternities of commerce, having for their object the protection of trade, and the development of mechanical skill and industry. Men of the same calling combined together to elevate that calling or protect it from oppression. The earlier forms and uses of the Masonic Fraternity seem to have been devoted to architecture and

building, keeping pace with and doubtless aiding the progress of architecture, by training and organizing the forces necessary to the erection of costly palaces and temples. The initiates and fellow-crafts were trained in operative masonry and the sciences essential to its success, and the master builders' art was thus perfected, and protected by the pledge of secrecy, as inventions are now patented under the broad seal of Governments. The members of Masonic Lodges soon profited by their associated action. They rose to influence. They attained to an important place in society. They called into service many a wasted talent, and gave encouragement and strength to honest, individual labor that had been paralysed for want of fraternity. Gradually the sphere of the aims and objects of these associations was enlarged. As the range of knowledge increased, and the skill in architecture became more general, the range of instruction became more and more speculative and philosophic, till at length the Lodges became almost, and then altogether, devoted to the scientific and moral, instead of the operative character. Thus by degrees the Order of Freemasons grew into its present form as a grand organization for mutual aid and charity, for joint labor in the accomplishment of moral and social results to which no single hand was equal, for gathering up into shape the unsystematized and unorganized activities of individuals, and welding them into a powerful and harmonious whole.

Such an organization is both a blessing and an ornament to the world. Such also, in its sphere, is every Grand and Subordinate Lodge that is conducted on the ancient principles of our Craft. See here then, my brethren, both your glory and your responsibility. In connection with the Grand Lodge of Quebec there are now over fifty working lodges, comprising a membership of nearly two thousand craftsmen, who have knelt at the Altar of Masonry, and pledged themselves to be true to its teachings. What power their combination? They are working under their respective Masters, in their different lodges, but for certain objects in common; how impressive the many stranded cord which binds them together! But, forget not, my brethren, that the strength and power of that cord depend on the single strands of which it is composed. It rests with you, as individual Masons, to make the Order to which you belong, as far as your influence extends, an object of glory and praise, or of shame and scorn on the earth. If, while professing the most unbounded charity, you exhibit in your daily lives a niggardly selfishness; if you take the shield with which you have sworn to protect your brother, and use it only to cover up your own errors and short comings,—then may you write over the doors of the Masonic Temple, "Ichabod! the glory has departed!"

But, brethren, I am persuaded better things of you; and therefore, with all confidence, I bid you go forward in the great life-work which has been assigned to you, relying for protection and assistance on that Almighty Arm in which you profess to trust, and which will never fail those who lean thereon.

And may the Supreme Grand Master vouchsafe you His richest blessings, and receive you at last, into His own Temple of Light and Glory, to dwell with Him in bliss ineffable for evermore—Amen.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Miller, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. H. Montgomery, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada:

"That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. Nye for his able, eloquent and instructive address just delivered." Carried unanimously.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Judge, seconded by V. W. Bro. James Gibson:

"That the address just delivered be transcribed in the Minutes and published with the proceedings of this Communication of Grand Lodge." Carried unanimously.

Pending the presentation of Reports from the Board of General Purposes, the M. W. the Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge, announcing his retirement from the Grand East, and desiring the Brethren to consider well their choice of officers for the coming twelve months. The Grand Master reviewed briefly the history of Grand Lodge, its present happy position, and its prospects of usefulness for the future. His remarks were received most cordially by Grand Lodge, excepting where he announced his retirement from office, the brethren generally being evidently wholly unprepared for such a determination.

On motion of V. W. Bro. C. Judge, seconded by W. Bro. Kemp, it was

*Resolved*,—That the Order of Business, No. 13, on the printed form, "The Election of Officers," be proceeded with at 11 o'clock, a.m., to-morrow.

The M. W. Grand Master, again addressing Grand Lodge, alluded in a very feeling manner to the great loss the Craft in Vermont had sustained, by the death of P. G. M. Hall, information of which he had only received subsequent to the preparation of his Annual Address.

R. W. Bro. Rev. H. Montgomery, P.G.C., Grand Lodge of Canada, briefly addressed Grand Lodge, as also did R. W. Bro. Rev. M. Meyers, P. Pro. Grand Master G.L. of Scotland.

The Board of General Purposes here entered Grand Lodge, and on behalf of which the President submitted the following Report on

#### WARRANTS.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.*

We, the Committee on Warrants, having had laid before us the application for Warrants for Ionic Lodge of Montreal, and Lake Magog Lodge of Magog, beg to report.

Having seen the Minute Books, and, with the exception of the form used by the Lake Magog Lodge, which is not altogether in accordance with the form prescribed by our Constitution, to which we would recommend they be instructed by their D.D.G.M., as well as to keeping of proper

dues and proposition books, we do recommend a Warrant be granted each Lodge.

CHRISTOPHER STAVELEY,  
GEORGE O. TYLER,  
J. P. MARTIN.

Montreal, 23rd September, 1874.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Dunbar, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander, the Report was received and adopted.

The President of the Board also reported that they had had under their consideration a petition for relief from a brother now under arrest in this city. The circumstances of the case were peculiarly hard, and the Board regretted that they could not, as a Board, entertain the petition, the petitioner not belonging to this jurisdiction, and, therefore, was only entitled to apply to private Lodges for assistance. But as the case was one of urgent necessity, and delay would probably prove fatal to the petitioner's cause, the Board strongly recommended the application to the individual sympathies of the Brethren, and an opportunity would be given before separating for contributing for this purpose.

On motion, and after a few further explanatory remarks, the Report was received and adopted.

#### REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The President of the Board also reported on the appeal of Bro. Martin, of St. Andrew's Lodge, Montreal, the finding of the Board, as follows, viz:—

"That the ruling of the W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 38, be not confirmed; and the Board declare—after due consideration and examination—Bro. Rose duly elected Senior Warden of that Lodge."

The following is the appeal of Bro. Martin:—

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

I beg leave to appeal from the decision of W. M. Thomas Allan, of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 38, and also from the decision of the D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Milton, on the question of the election of S.W. of the St. Andrew's Lodge, at the Communication held on the 9th December, 1873.

The question is as follows, namely:—

The W.M. asked the Brothers to nominate candidates for the office of S.W., whereupon Bros. Rose and Finnie were nominated for said office, and there being no other nominations, the W.M. declared the nomination closed, and ordered the ballot to be taken. On the ballot being opened by the Scrutineers, the vote stood as follows: Bro. Rose, 16 votes; Bro.

Finnie, 15 votes, and one blank. W. Bro. Allan then declared that there was no election, as the blank must be counted as a vote, and it required a majority of votes cast, 17 being necessary to an election. I thereupon protested, and gave notice of appeal against his decision, my grounds being, that a blank was not a vote; and as Bro. Rose had 16 votes, and Bro. Finnie only 15, he was therefore elected.

My appeal having been submitted to R. W. Bro. Milton, D.D.G.M., and he having signified his decision on St. John's Day, by saying in open Lodge, that he sustained the ruling of the W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge "for the present;" I therefore appeal now against their decision to your M. W. Body. I base this appeal on the following grounds:

1st. That in all parliamentary usage a blank is never reckoned as a vote.

2nd. That in my experience of 30 years in other organizations, secret and open, both those incorporated by Act of Parliament, and those not incorporated, blanks are always considered as nothing.

3rd. That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec contains nothing at variance with the general practice.

4th. That the St. Andrew's Lodge being chiefly composed of those who have been members of Elgin Lodge, 348, R.S., and not yet having adopted any By-Laws, and as the practice in the Elgin Lodge has always been, that those having the largest vote (not the majority cast,) were elected; therefore, in the absence of anything in the Constitution to the contrary, I claim that Bro. Rose was duly elected, he having received the largest vote.

5th. Prior to the ballot being taken, there was no rule laid down by the W.M., that the majority of votes cast was necessary to an election; nor that it was imperative that every Brother should vote; neither was the number of members in the Lodge counted, either before or after taking the vote.

6th. Therefore, even supposing that the blank was to be considered as a vote, Bro. Rose was duly elected according to our former usage.

In conclusion, as the Election of Officers does not involve any Masonic principle as such, and as all other organizations, as well as the Craft, so far as I can ascertain, treat blanks as nonentities; and as there is nothing laid down in our own Constitution contrary to general usage; I humbly anticipate that your Most Worshipful Body will not establish a precedent which I believe would be in conflict with common sense and universal practice; but that you will reverse the decision herein appealed from.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

GEORGE MARTIN, M.M.,  
St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 38.

R. W. Bro. Jas. Dunbar, D.G.M., moved the adoption of the Report, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. George Thompson.

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, seconded by V. W. Bro. Durey,

"That as it appears that the W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, in permitting nominations for office during the Annual Election, and in requesting every Brother to vote in said election, and in counting all ballots cast, whether blanks or otherwise, as of the aggregate number of votes, did not therein violate any of the provisions of the Constitution, but did, on the contrary, act in good faith towards his Lodge, and to the respective candidates,

according to the usages of the Lodge from which he formerly hailed, and as it appears, that on the second ballot being taken, there was an unmistakable majority in favor of the candidate declared elected, and subsequently installed; therefore, Grand Lodge now confirms and sustains the ruling and decision of the W.M. and the D.D.G.M., and dismisses the appeal."

In speaking to his amendment, R. W. Bro. Murray called the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact, that the principle of compulsory ballot was involved in this question. It had been established, that there were 32 Brethren present, eligible to vote; these 32 had been supplied with voting papers; these 32 had exercised their privileges in casting their ballots, and as the Constitution required a majority of all votes present to determine an election, therefore, it followed that one of the candidates should receive 17 or more votes to entitle him to be declared elected. As this was not the result on the declaration of the first ballot, the W.M. was justified in ordering the ballot to pass again.

It was contended on the other hand by R. W. Bro. Dunbar, and others, that the common-sense view of a paper without a name on it, must be, that it went for nothing; that the number of votes present, as required by the Constitution, meant the number of ballots cast naming a candidate, and that as 31 such had been cast, therefore, 16 determined the choice of the Lodge, and Bro. Rose having had that number, he ought to be declared elected.

A long and very interesting discussion ensued, as to the merits of the case in counting a blank vote, and in determining what was meant by the Constitutional requirement of "votes present," in which R. W. Bros. Thompson, Meigs, Edgar, Milton, Urquhart, Alexander, and V. W. Bro. Durey, and W. Bros. LeCappellain, Schwob, Judge, Chisholm, &c., &c., took part, and during which some very important bearings of the whole case were enunciated. Finally, the question was pressed to a vote, when there appeared 24 in favor of the amendment, and 25 against. On this result being declared, W. Bro. LeCappellain demanded a vote by ballot, which resulted as follows: 40 for the amendment, and 58 against, and the amendment was declared lost.

The main motion was then carried by consent on the same division.

## REGALIA.

The D.G.M., on behalf of the Special Committee, submitted the following report on

## GRAND LODGE REGALIA.

The Committee appointed at the late Annual Communication, "to purchase the necessary and proper regalia for Grand Lodge," beg leave to report: That they have not as yet availed themselves of the sum placed at their disposal, for the object in view, believing that due enquiry will be made by the R. W. the Grand Secretary, one of the members of the Committee, now in England, as to where the best articles can be purchased at the lowest price. Your Committee regarding their appointment, and the sum appropriated for the purpose, as the well understood wish of Grand Lodge, that suitable regalia should be provided for the Grand Officers, will carry out that wish as soon as possible, after the return of the Grand Secretary from Europe, when they hope to be enabled to profit by his enquiries in the matter. Your Committee cannot but feel that the means of Grand Lodge now admitting, the time has arrived when the Article of the Constitution which directs, that "no member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper Jewel and clothing," should be carried out.

Your Committee are of opinion, that to have due care taken of the regalia, &c., of Grand Lodge, the Grand Banner, and other paraphernalia, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, who, by the Constitution, during the session of Grand Lodge, has charge of them, should produce an inventory thereof to the Board of General Purposes, at every meeting before the Grand Lodge, shewing the state of the same, and that all articles are sufficiently insured.

Your Committee hope that at the next regular Annual Communication all Officers of Grand Lodge will be able to appear in proper regalia, and that the Grand Lodge Banner will be exhibited at all meetings of Grand Lodge, so that the Brethren may array themselves thereunder.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. DUNBAR,  
*Chairman.*

The Report on motion was received and adopted.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U., and Grand Lodge was called from labor at 11 o'clock p.m., to resume again at 9.30 a.m. on the morrow.

## MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 24th September, 1874.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10 A.M., M. W. Bro. Graham, Grand Master, on the Throne. Officers and members as before.

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The Grand Chaplain supplicated the blessing of T. G. A. O. T. U.

The Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted their report on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master, as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board to whom was referred the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master, beg to report as follows:

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to the M. W. the Grand Master for his able and interesting Address.

That this day is, indeed, a memorable one, in that all differences hitherto existing between the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada and this Grand Lodge have been so happily adjusted, and that we are now enabled to welcome, as we do most heartily, to fraternal intercourse on the floor of this Grand Lodge the brethren who lately hailed under the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and to join hand to hand with them in promoting the best interest of our beloved Craft. We rejoice to think that you, Most Worshipful Sir, have been spared to see this happy consummation, and earnestly hope that you may still be spared to see blessed results flow therefrom, in the vastly extended influence and usefulness of our noble institution.

The Board is pleased to notice that your recent visit to England was attended with so much pleasure to yourself and that in the kind attentions shown to you, the Grand Lodge of England testified so much fraternal interest in the welfare of this Grand Lodge.

The Board considers the allusions made to the history of the Craft in this Province, and the extracts given from its ancient records, of very great interest to the Craft, and most heartily join in the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master that a Committee be appointed to obtain possession, if possible, of all the ancient records relating to the history of Masonry in this Province, in order that they be preserved among the archives of this Grand Lodge.

The Board sincerely trust that at no distant day the Lodges in this Province, which are still unaffiliated with this Grand Lodge, may unite with us, believing that such action would have the most beneficial effects.

The Board consider that the time has now arrived when the most energetic steps should be taken to establish a uniform ritual for the observance of the private Lodges throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and trust that the Grand Lodge will lose no time in taking this important matter into consideration.

The Board, in conclusion, congratulate this Grand Lodge upon the prosperity which the Craft now enjoys in this Province, and now looks forward with the brightest anticipations to its future extended influence and usefulness.

The whole respectfully submitted.

JAS. DUNBAR, D. G. M.

The President of the Board submitted the following recommendation, viz:

"That in token of our appreciation of the services rendered this Grand Lodge by R. W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye, the sum of one hundred dollars be presented to him."

On motion of R. W. Bro. Dunbar, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, the recommendation of the Board was received and unanimously adopted.

The President of the Board further submitted the following recommendation:

"That the sum of one hundred dollars be presented to M. W. Bro. Graham to cover incidental expenses in postages, travelling expenses, &c., &c."

On motion of R. W. Bro. Stavely, seconded by R. W. Bro. Baker, the recommendation of the Board was received and unanimously adopted.

The President of the Board also submitted the following report on

#### RELIEF.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that they have received an application for relief from Bro. Calnek, which they have carefully considered, but regret that the circumstances disclosed are not such as would justify the Board in granting the prayer of the petition. As, however, the case is a somewhat peculiar one, and one of undoubted hardship to the Brother, they strongly recommend it to the individual consideration of the members of Grand Lodge.

They have also considered an application from Mrs. Galer, of Sweetsburg, for assistance, and do recommend that the same be referred to the D. D. G. M. of Bedford District to enquire into, and if found that the circumstances of the case require it, he be authorized to grant the same relief to the applicant as had formerly been extended to her by the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada, provided the same do not exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars.

The whole respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

JAMES DUNBAR, D. G. M.,

*President.*

The Deputy Grand Master moved the adoption of the report, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. Thompson,

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. M. R. Meigs, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Leet,

"That in the case of Bro. Calnek, the sum of fifty dollars be placed in the hands of R. W. Bros. Alexander and Tait, to be donated to him if, on further enquiry, he be found worthy."

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and lost on a division, and the report of the Board as read was declared adopted.

R. W. Bro. Samuel Johnson here presented his Credentials as

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Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and was received with the usual Grand Honors.

The M. W. the Grand Master now alluded to the happy settlement of all differences between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada, and intimated that as a very general desire had been expressed to hear from some of the distinguished brethren who now for the first time participated with us in the business of this Grand Lodge, an opportunity would now be accorded them, and introduced M. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Bro. White then addressing Grand Lodge said :

*Most Worshipful Grand Master:—*

Permit me, Sir, to thank you very cordially for the opportunity which you have given me of expressing to Grand Lodge my satisfaction at being present with them, and to join my most hearty congratulations with yours at the settlement of the disputes which have for the last four years separated Freemasons in the Province of Quebec. While I have not in any way changed my opinions as to the policy which dictated your withdrawal from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and while I sever my connection with that Grand Lodge with very sincere regret, I have never since the formation of this Most Worshipful body, in 1869, wavered for one moment in an earnest desire to see the dispute settled and harmony restored among the members of the Craft. I can honestly say, that to that end I have labored, according to my judgment, in such a way as to promote a permanent settlement. To that end it was of the utmost importance that neither party to the dispute should be required to terminate it on other than fair and equitable terms, terms which would leave the self respect of each unimpaired, and which would give no just opportunity for a sense of triumph on the part of either over the other. (Cheers.) I have thought, and I still think, that greatly to be deplored as was the condition of a Freemasonry divided into hostile camps, and refusing the boon of a mutual recognition, even that was to be endured for a time in preference to an over hasty and ill-considered settlement, which would leave one party or the other under a sense of humiliation in its submission. (Hear, hear.) The settlement on which we are now congratulating ourselves, is one in which this evil has been avoided, one of mutual concession in matters unimportant, one which enables us, who enter the portals of your Grand Lodge for the first time, and you who have worked here for four years, to feel that we have a mutual and common interest in its future prosperity. (Cheers.) And now, Most Worshipful Sir, let me say to Grand Lodge, that in order that we may realize what we have all looked forward to as the prompting motive in this settlement, we should unite in letting the dead past bury its dead, and think only of the future. (Cheers.) I hope that with this discussion we shall all endeavor to forget that we were ever separated, and that an earnest and united effort will be made to make this Grand Body worthy of that from which it has sprung, the Grand Lodge of Canada, to our association with which, whatever may have been our differ-

ences, we all look back with the warm affection and kind remembrance due by the offspring to an ancient and exalted mother Grand Lodge. (Loud cheers.)

R. W. Bro. Jas. O'Halloran then addressed Grand Lodge. He expressed the pleasure and gratification he experienced this day in witnessing the consummation of that which all good Masons have so long looked forward to and longed for, and was well assured that the honor of both parties had, in the final arrangements so happily and so amicably arrived at, been well preserved. The evidence before them this day shewed that the union just consummated was a real union, that party lines and strifes had already been buried never again to be resuscitated, and that the only strife now amongst us would be who could best work and best agree, so that the brethren in this jurisdiction should for ever continue to dwell together in unity.

R. W. Bro. J. O'Halloran's remarks were most cordially received by Grand Lodge, and he resumed his seat amidst much applause.

The Election of Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, the M. W. Grand Master appointed as scrutineers of the Ballot the following Brethren, viz :

R. W. Bros. M. M. Tait, Timothy Leet and W. Bro. Shaw.

The following were severally declared elected to the respective offices, viz :

R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. James O'Halloran, Deputy Grand Master.

During the election of the foregoing officers, and whilst the ballots were being counted by the Scrutineers, the following

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

were received by Grand Lodge, viz :

W. Bro. Smith, gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he would move

"That an amendment to the note to the 4th Clause of the Constitution relating to the election of officers, to the effect that hereafter every Past Master shall be entitled to a vote independent of any other position he may hold in his Lodge."

R. W. Bro. Myers, gave notice

That paragraph 10 on page 16 of the Constitution, under the heading of Grand Lodge, be amended as follows :

That the words "all the votes present" be struck out, and the words "votes of all brethren present, qualified to vote" be inserted in their stead.

R. W. Bro. Nye, gave notice

"That article 10, page 16, of the constitution be amended by striking out the word 'present' and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'cast'."

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 1 p.m., to resume labor again at 2.30 p.m.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing and Grand Lodge stood adjourned.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 p.m.

M. W. Bro. Graham, Grand Master on the Throne, officers and members as before.

The Grand Chaplain supplicated the blessing of T. G. A. O. T. U.

M. W. Bro. White then announced that he had a most pleasing duty to perform on behalf of those Lodges lately under the registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, but now a component part of this Grand Lodge. He stated that on severing their connection with the parent Grand Lodge agreeably to the terms of the joint Conference Committee, the Grand Lodge of Canada had donated to them the sum of Four Thousand Dollars to be devoted to benevolent purposes, and he had the very great pleasure to announce that the several Lodges had unanimously resolved to present the same to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to form the nucleus of a Benevolent Fund, and he desired its acceptance by this Grand Lodge in accordance with this unanimous desire.

The announcement was received with many manifestations of pleasure by Grand Lodge.

It was then moved by R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Leet, and unanimously

*Resolved*,—"That the donation just announced from the Lodges lately under the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada be most gratefully accepted by this Grand Lodge, which hereby pledges itself to receive the same as a nucleus of a fund to be used for benevolent purposes only, under regulations to be hereafter established."

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## HONORARY RANK.

R. W. Bro. Murray then alluding to the eminent services to the Craft generally, and especially to this Grand Lodge, rendered by R. W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, 33°, and Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Michigan, moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, Grand Registrar,

"That in consideration of the eminent services rendered to the Craft at large, and as a token of our appreciation of the warm interest and zeal so long manifested in the welfare of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by R. W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, 33°, Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Michigan, the rank of Honorary Past Grand Junior Warden of this Grand Lodge be conferred on him." Carried unanimously.

R. W. Bro. Tracy being announced as in waiting, was admitted, and the M. W. Grand Master announced to him the distinction just conferred, and directed Grand Lodge to receive Bro. Tracy with the Grand Honors, which on being given, R. W. Bro. Tracy responded, thanking the Grand Lodge of Quebec for the distinguished honor conferred, which to him, was one of the most pleasing and gratifying rewards it had ever been his lot to acknowledge during his Masonic career. He trusted that there was now a long era of prosperity before the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and hoped on many subsequent Annual Communications to enjoy the pleasure of fraternal intercourse with its members.

The election of officers was then continued, the following brethren being nominated by the delegates of the several districts as District Deputy Grand Masters, which nominations the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to confirm, viz :

- R. W. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, for Quebec and Three Rivers.
- " " " Thos. Milton, for Montreal District.
- " " " W. W. Lynch, for Bedford District.
- " " " Wright Sleeper, for St. Francis District.

The scrutineers then announced in succession the result of the ballot for the following offices:

- R. W. Bro. D. Thomas, Sherbrooke, G. S. W.
- " " " S. Johnson, Montreal, G. J. W.
- " " " Rev. H. W. Nye, Iron Hill, G. Chaplain.
- " " " John McLean, Montreal, G. Registrar.
- " " " J. H. Isaacson, Montreal, G. Secretary.
- " " " John Strothers, Montreal, G. Tyler.

And the following brethren as members of the Board of General Purposes, elected by Grand Lodge, viz.:

M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, P. G. M.  
 M. W. Bro. Thomas White, Jr., P. G. M.  
 R. W. Bro. Charleston, Quebec.  
 R. W. Bro. Whitman, Freligsburg.

The president of the Board of General Purposes then presented on behalf of the Board, their report on

#### THE STATE OF MASONRY.

Montreal, September, 24th, 1874.

1st. We are pleased to be able to report that the state of Masonry in this Province, as shown by the reports of the D. D. G. M's, is most satisfactory. Nearly all the Subordinate Lodges have been visited this year, and found without exception to be working with zeal and harmony.

2nd. The Board learn from the report of the Grand Treasurer, that the finances of Grand Lodge continue in a satisfactory condition; that there are no claims remaining unpaid, and a substantial balance in his hands sufficient to meet all reasonable requirements of the Grand Lodge for some time.

We are also pleased to see that the Subordinate Lodges continue to meet their financial obligations to Grand Lodge; but recommend that strict punctuality be observed.

3rd. From the report of Committee on Warrants, the Board learn that a dispensation was granted during the year for the formation of "Ionic" Lodge, Montreal, and "Lake Magog" at Magog, and they recommend that a Warrant be granted to each of these Lodges in accordance with the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master and D. D. G. M's.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

THOS. MILTON,  
 HENRY M. ALEXANDER.

Which on motion was received and adopted.

#### FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Deputy Grand Master also presented from the Board of General Purposes, the following report on the Benevolent Fund, which on motion duly seconded was unanimously received and adopted, viz:

"That until Grand Lodge shall have provided for the establishment of a Board of Benevolence, the fund for benevolent purposes at the disposal of Grand Lodge be deposited in some chartered Bank, in name of 'Grand Lodge of Quebec Benevolent Fund,' and be held there subject to withdrawal only on the joint cheque of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand-Treasurer."

The Deputy Grand Master further reported that the Board

had under consideration an application for relief from Mrs. Henderson, of Upton, but finding that there was not an immediate necessity for assistance, and the evidence before the Board shewing that the affairs of the applicant were not in that hopeless condition which would justify the Board in recommending any assistance, but on the contrary shewed a most healthy condition if vigorously managed, they do recommend that the whole case be referred to the District Deputy Grand Master of St. Francis District, to enquire into more fully and if it shall to him seem necessary to report thereon to the Board at its next Annual Meeting in March.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. John Urquhart, Jr., gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he would move

"That Clause I. of Board of General Purposes, page 29, be amended by the insertion after the words 'Grand Master,' of 'All Past Masters.'"

M. W. Bro. White moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Dunbar,

"That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to name a Committee on the re-numbering of Lodges in accordance with Section III. of the Articles of Agreement adopted by the Joint Conference Committee." Carried unanimously."

A vote of thanks to the Scrutineers for the diligence and zeal displayed by them in the discharge of their onerous duties, was passed unanimously, after which the

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

was proceeded with, M. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., and R. W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, P. G. J. W., presenting to M. W. Bro. Graham the several brethren elected to the respective offices in Grand Lodge. And the following were duly invested and installed for the ensuing twelve months, and until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed in their stead, viz.:

M. W. Bro. James Dunbar,	Grand Master.	
R. " " James O'Halloran,	Deputy Grand Master.	
" " " Geo. O. Tyler,	} District Deputy Grand Masters.	
" " " Thos. Milton,		
" " " W. W. Lynch,		
" " " Wright Sleeper,		
" " " D. Thomas,	Grand Senior Warden.	

- “ “ “ S. Johnston, Grand Junior Warden.  
 “ “ “ Rev. H. W. Nye, Grand Chaplain.  
 “ “ “ H. M. Alexander, Grand Treasurer.  
 “ “ “ John McLean, Grand Registrar.  
 “ “ “ John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary.  
 “ Strothers, Grand Tyler.

M. W. Bro. Dunbar briefly addressed Grand Lodge, thanking the brethren for the honor conferred upon him and the confidence reposed in him by the representatives of the Lodges present.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. McKenzie,

“ That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Mr. James Tasker for the gratuitous use of his rooms adjoining, for the meetings of the Board of General Purposes.” Carried unanimously.

It was also moved by R. W. Bro. Urquhart, seconded by V. W. Bro. LeBlanc,

“ That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the several Railway and Steamboat Lines who had allowed to delegates the usual reduction in fares.” Carried.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. LeBlanc, seconded R. W. Bro. Meyers,

“ The thanks of Grand Lodge are due and hereby tendered to the Acting Grand Secretary for his services during the session.” Carried.

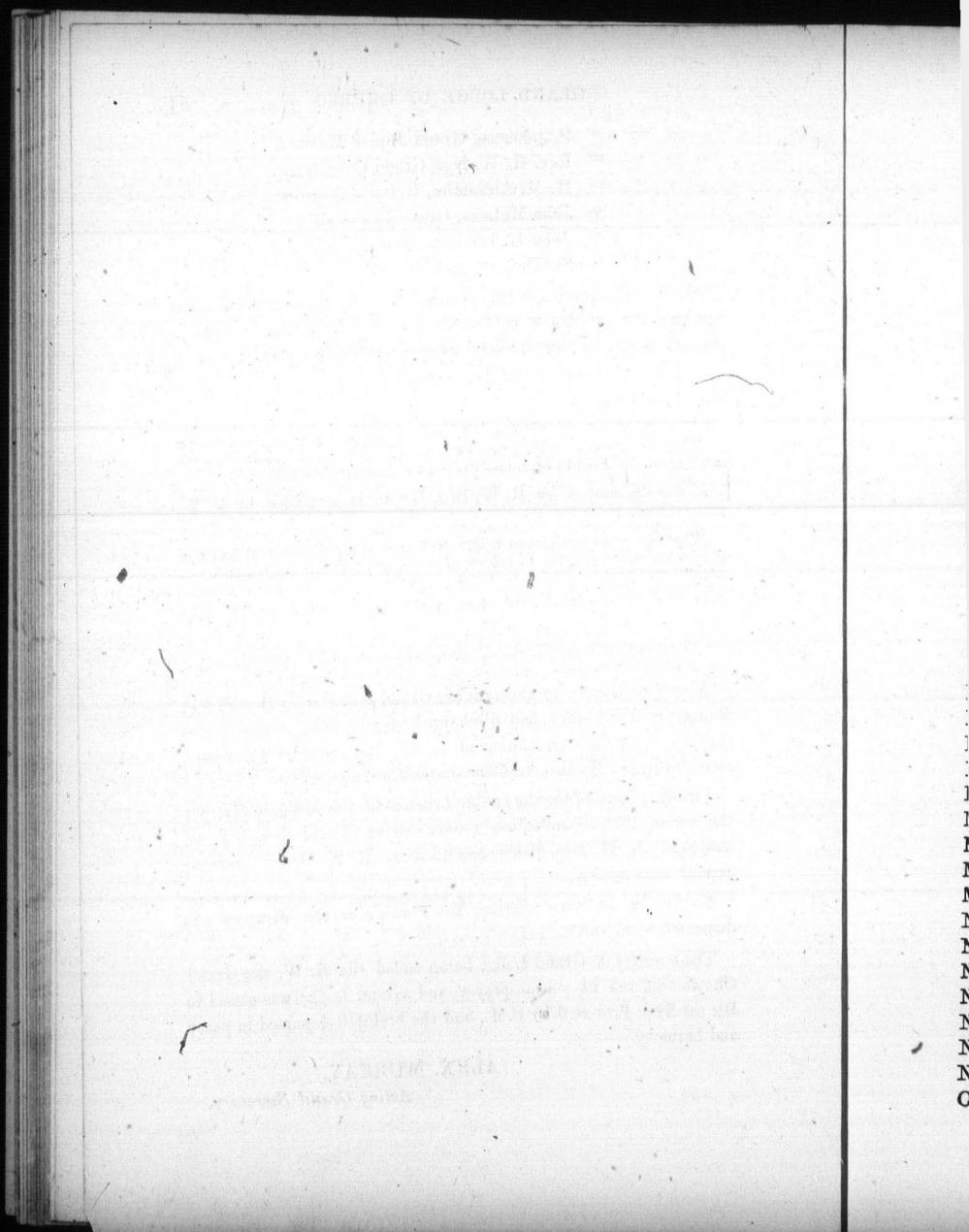
A vote of thanks to the retiring Grand Officers for the efficient manner in which they had discharged their several duties during the year was, also, on motion of R. W. Bro. George Thompson, seconded by V. W. Bro. LeBlanc, carried unanimously.

Finally, a vote of thanks to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall for the use of their commodious rooms during the session, was, on motion of R. W. Bro. Baker, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thompson, carried unanimously.

No further business offering, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with, and

The business of Grand Lodge being ended the R. W. the Grand Chaplain offered up solemn prayer, and Grand Lodge was closed in Due and Ample form at 6.15 P.M., and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

ALEX. MURRAY,  
*Acting Grand Secretary.*



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## LIST OF GRAND LODGES

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

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Alabama .....	D. Sayre.....	Montgomery.
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Argentine Republic.....		
Belgium .....	Gustav Washer.....	Brussels.
Brazil.....	Dr. A. Freire de Amaral.....	Rio Janeiro.
British Columbia.....	H. F. Heisterman.....	Victoria.
California .....	Leonidas E. Pratt.....	San Francisco.
Columbia, District of.....	Noble R. Larner.....	Washington.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Canada .....	J. J. Mason .....	Hamilton.
Georgia .....	J. Emmett Blackshear .....	Macon.
Hungary .....	Antoine Richter.....	Pesth.
Idaho .....	L. F. Cartee.....	Boise City.
Illinois .....	Orlin H. Miner .....	Springfield.
Indiana .....	John M. Bramwell .....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Theodore S. Parvin .....	Iowa City.
Ireland .....	S. B. Oldham.....	Dublin.
Kansas .....	E. T. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
Louisiana.....	James C. Batchelor.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Michigan.....	James Fenton .....	Detroit.
Mississippi .....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Montana.....	Hez. L. Hosmer.....	Virginia City.
Nebraska .....	R. W. Furness.....	Brownsville.
New Brunswick.....	W. F. Bunting.....	St. Johns.
New Hampshire.....	Abel Hutchins.....	Concord.
New York .....	James M. Austin, M.D.....	New York.
Nevada .....	W. A. M. VanBokkelen.....	Virginia.
Nova Scotia .....	Benj. Curren, D.C.L.....	Halifax.
North Carolina .....	Donald W. Bain .....	Raleigh.
Ohio.....	John D Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.

Rhode Island.....	Charles D. Greene.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	B. Rush Campbell.....	Charleston.
Texas .....	Geo. H. Bringhurst.....	Houston.
Utah .....	Christopher Diehl .....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry Clarke .....	Rutland.
West Virginia.....	O. S. Long.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin .....	W. T. Palmer .....	Milwaukie.

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R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, Sherbrooke, Que.
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R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, Montreal, Que.
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## PRESIDENT :

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(By virtue of their Office.)

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 " " " Samuel Johnston, Montreal, Grand Junior Warden.  
 " " " H. W. Alexander, Montreal, Grand Treasurer.

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 " " " George O. Tyler, Three Rivers, Quebec & Three Rivers Dis.  
 " " " Wright Sleeper, Coaticooke, St. Francis District.  
 " " " W. W. Lynch, Knowlton, Bedford District.

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 " " " Thomas White, Jr., Montreal.  
 " " " J. B. Charleston, South Quebec.  
 " " " S. R. Whitman, Frelighsburg.

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 " " " Wm. Johnston, Montreal.  
 " " " Joseph Tees, Montreal.  
 " " " A. F. Hamilton, Abercorn.  
 " " " Martin Winn, Quebec.

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	R. W. Bro. JAS. O'HALLORAN, Cowansville,	Deputy Grand Master
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	" " " THOMAS MILTON, Montreal,	Montreal District
	" " " W. W. LYNCH, Knowlton,	Bedford District
	" " " WRIGHT SLEEPER, Coaticooke,	St. Francis District
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	" " " SAMUEL JOHNSTON, Montreal,	Grand Junior Warden
	" " " REV. H. W. NYE, Ironhill,	Grand Chaplain
	" " " H. M. ALEXANDER, Montreal,	Grand Treasurer
	" " " J. H. ISAACSON, Montreal,	Grand Secretary
	V. W. Bro. W. YOUNG, Montreal,	Grand Senior Deacon
	" " " J. ALEXANDER, Quebec,	Grand Junior Deacon
	" " " D. H. MANSON, Mansonville,	Grand Director of Ceremonies
	" " " J. C. THURSTON,	Grand Organist
	" " " H. LECAPELAIN, Montreal,	Grand Pursuivant
	" " " M. LESSER, Montreal,	Grand Steward
	" " " JOHN SHAW, Quebec,	Do.
	" " " R. E. PHELPS, Bedford,	Do.
	" " " S. WARNER, Actonvale,	Do.

STATEMENT OF MONIES RECEIVED BY THE GRAND SECRETARY DURING THE YEAR,  
FROM SEPTEMBER, 1873 TO SEPTEMBER, 1874.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	Dues.	Init'ns.	G. L. Certif-icate.	Dispen-sation.	Affilia-tion.	Arrears.	War-rants.	Total.
0	Albion .....	33.00	4.00	20.00	.....	50	.....	.....	57.50
1	St. Johns .....	24.50	7.00	10.00	.....	50	.....	.....	42.00
2	Prevost .....	26.50	2.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	34.50
3	Nelson .....	16.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.25
4	Golden Rule .....	63.75	4.00	32.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	100.75
5	St. Andrew .....	53.50	11.00	18.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	84.50
6	St. George .....	21.00	9.00	18.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	68.00
7	Zetland .....	28.50	21.00	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	79.50
8	Harrington .....	18.00	2.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30.00
9	Hoyle .....	18.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.00
10	St. Francis .....	8.00	2.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.00
11	Victoria .....	34.50	7.00	22.50	.....	3.00	.....	.....	67.00
12	Staabridge .....	Paid	Acting	Grand	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Kilwinning .....	77.50	13.00	34.00	.....	3.50	.....	.....	131.00
14	Clarendeville .....	9.75	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.75
15	Brown .....	7.50	.....	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00
16	Royal Albert .....	73.25	28.00	48.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	158.75
17	Victoria .....	7.75	4.00	8.00	.....	9.50	.....	.....	90.25
18	Milton .....	10.25	1.00	6.00	.....	50	.....	.....	17.25
19	Tuscan .....	Paid	Acting	Grand	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Ascot .....	19.95	4.00	6.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	30.15
21	Freligsburg .....	13.75	1.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.75
22	Ashlar .....	56.25	18.00	30.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....	105.25
23	Doric .....	26.00	7.00	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	41.00
24	Chateaugay .....	Paid	Acting	Grand	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	Shawenegan .....	13.75	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.75

26 Abercorn..... 27.75 Paid  
 27 Corner Stone..... 10.00 Acting  
 28 Clarke..... 49.75 Secrety.





Jan. 6 " " Dues, Graham Lodge..... " 31 50 00  
 Feb. 16 " " Dispensation to Establish " 39 20 00  
 Mar. 6 " " Lake Magog Lodge..... " 30 24 00  
 " 7 " " Dues, &c., Cœurs Unis L... " 36 19 50  
 " 7 " " Buriland Lodge..... " 36 19 50

" 7	"	"	Doric Lodge.....	" 23	16 75
" 12	"	"	Golden Rule L.	" 4	59 50
" 12	"	"	Montreal Kil- winning L...	" 13	66 75
" 12	"	"	Royal Albert L.	" 16	46 25
" 12	"	"	St. Francis L...	" 10	18 00
" 14	"	"	Shawenagan L.	" 25	7 75
" 16	"	"	Abercorn L.....	" 26	6 00
Apr. 2	"	"	Prince Consort L	" 37	48 25
"	"	"	Albion Lodge..	" 0	14 00
"	"	"	Victoria Lodge.	" 17	20 25
"	"	"	St. Andrew's L.	" 38	18 25
" 23	"	"	St. Charles L...	" 29	32 75
May 4	"	"	Ascot Lodge...	" 20	17 75
" 5	"	"	Zetland Lodge..	" 7	36 25
" 6	"	"	Nelson Lodge..	" 3	8 25
" 9	"	"	Frelingsburg L...	" 22	11 75
" 28	"	"	St. George's L...	" 35	4 00
June 3	"	"	Milton Lodge...	" 18	17 25
" 6	"	"	St. George Lodge	" 6	48 00
" 30	"	"	St. George Lodge	" 35	4 00
July 15	"	"	Grand Lodge Certificate	"	"
Sep	"	"	Harington Lodge.....	" 8	2 00
"	"	"	Dues Cœurs Unis Lodge...	" 30	9 50
"	"	"	Doric Lodge.....	" 23	24 25
"	"	"	Victoria Lodge.....	" 11	31 50
"	"	"	Excelsior Lodge.....	" 32	18 00
"	"	"	Prince Consort Lodge	" 37	40 25
"	"	"	Abercorn Lodge.....	" 26	18 00
"	"	"	Shawenagan Lodge...	" 25	9 00
"	"	"	Royle Lodge.....	" 9	3 25
"	"	"	Nelson Lodge.....	" 3	8 00
"	"	"	Buriland Lodge.....	" 36	37 25

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## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT -- [CONTINUED.]

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1874.		No.	
Sept.	To Cash Dues Albion Lodge.....	0	17 50
	" " " Mount Orford Lodge.....	34	23 00
	" " " Zetland Lodge.....	7	43 25
	" " " Royal Albert Lodge.....	16	74 25
	" " " Freilgsburg Lodge.....	22	9 00
	" " " St. Andrew Lodge.....	38	47 75
	" " " Mont'l. Kilwinning L.....	13	64 25
	" " " St. John Lodge.....	1	42 00
	" " " Prevost Lodge.....	2	34 50
	" " " Golden Rule Lodge.....	4	41 25
	" " " Harington Lodge.....	8	10 25
	" " " Lake Macrog Lodge.....	39	20 55
	" " " Ionic Lodge.....	40	33 25
	" " " Ascot Lodge.....	20	13 00
	" " " Harington Lodge.....	8	15 75
	" " " St. Andrew Lodge.....	5	57 75
	" " " Victoria Lodge.....	11	35 50
	" " " Clarenceville Lodge.....	14	9 75
	" " " Abercorn Lodge.....	26	9 75
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GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

GRAND LODGE IN ACCOUNT WITH R. W. BRO. ALEXANDER MURRAY. Cr.

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To Paid for 75 "Gazettes".....	\$ 2 25	By St. George's, No. 6.....	\$55 00
" Carrying up Chairs.....	75	" " Browns	12 50
" Strothers for Tying.....	10 00	" " St. George,	25 50
" Colquhoun "	11 75	" " Milton,	11 50
" Murray & Co.'s Account.....	47 56	" " Ashlar,	41 50
" Postage Stamps.....	10 00	" " Tuscan,	42 00
" Graham & Co., Advertising.....	3 36	" " Stanbridge,	40 50
" Bowles for Engraving.....	8 00	" " St. Francis,	9 75
" Tees Bros. Account.....	7 50	" " Chateaugay,	19 50
" Postage Stamps.....	10 00	" " Corner Stone,	19 75
" Rent of B.M. Chambers.....	12 00	" " St. Georges,	2 00
" Postage Stamps.....	10 00		
" "Herald" Account Advertising.....	4 30		
" Murray & Co.'s Account.....	39 00		
" Balance Forward.....	103 03		
	\$ 279 50		\$ 279 50

By Balance forward..... \$103 03.

## GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.

R. W. BRO. JOHN H. ISAACSON, *Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. & B.M. Moneys received from 25th September, 1874, to September, 1875:*

No.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	No.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
0	Albion .....	57 50	21	Ashlar .....	105 25
1	St. Johns.....	42 00	22	Freligsburg .....	20 75
2	Prevost.....	34 50	23	Doric .....	41 00
3	Nelson.....	16 25	25	Shawenegan.....	18 75
4	Golden Rule.....	100 75	26	Abercorn.....	49 75
5	St. Andrew.....	84 50	29	St. Charles.....	32 75
6	St. George.....	58 00	30	La Loge Cœurs Unis..	53 50
7	Zetland.....	79 50	31	Graham.....	50 00
8	Harington.....	30 00	32	Excelsior.....	48 00
19	Hoyle.....	18 00	34	Mount Orford.....	23 00
10	St Francis.....	18 00	35	St George.....	16 00
11	Victoria.....	67 00	36	Burland.....	56 75
13	Kilwinning.....	131 00	37	Prince Consort.....	88 50
14	Clarenceville.....	12 75	38	St Andrews.....	125 25
15	Brown.....	9 50	39	Lake Magog.....	40 25
16	Royal Albert.....	158 75	40	Ionic.....	33 25
17	Victoria.....	20 25			
18	Milton.....	17 25		Total.....	\$1786 00
20	Ascot.....	30 75			

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURN OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1874.

No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Sus. N.P.D.	Reinstated.	Members.
0	Albion.....	Quebec.....	1	4	3	1	1	2	0	1	44
1	St. John....	Quebec.....	7	5	5	1	1	3	4	0	49
2	Prevost.....	Dunham.....	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	54
3	Nelson.....	St. Armands...	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	32
4	Golden Rule.	Stanstead.....	4	5	5	1	3	2	5	1	125
5	St. Andrew..	Quebec.....	6	7	7	3	1	0	2	0	75
6	St. George...	Montreal.....	16	11	9	3	13	0	9	0	88
7	Zetland.....	Montreal.....	23	28	19	2	7	1	0	0	53
8	Harington...	Quebec.....	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	37
9	Hoyle.....	Lacolle.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	17
10	St. Francis..	Richmond.....	3	3	3	1	9	2	5	1	33
11	Victoria.....	Sherbrooke....	7	5	5	3	2	1	0	5	70
12	Stanbridge...	Stanbridge....	2	2	2	0	0	0	3	1	69
13	Kilwinning..	Montreal.....	16	11	6	4	9	4	8	0	157
14	Clarenceville.	Clarenceville..	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	13
15	Brown.....	West Farnham..	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	24
16	Royal Albert.	Montreal.....	24	25	18	9	3	0	0	0	113
17	Victoria.....	Montreal.....	4	4	3	1	1	0	1	0	31
18	Milton.....	Three Rivers...	1	5	4	0	6	1	0	0	38
19	Tuscan.....	Levis.....	7	7	7	2	4	1	0	0	35
20	Ascot.....	Lennoxville....	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	40
21	Ashlar.....	Coaticooke....	5	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	69
22	Frelighsburg.	Frelighsburg...	1	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	28
23	Doric.....	Danville.....	7	8	6	0	3	0	0	0	53
24	Chateauguay	Huntingdon....	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	33
25	Shawenegan..	Three Rivers...	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	28
26	Abercorn....	Abercorn.....	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	24
27	Corner Stone.	Cowansville....	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	36
28	Clarke.....	Ormstown.....	No	Retu	r's						
29	St. Charles..	Point St. Charles	3	6	8	0	0	1	0	0	55
30	Cœurs Unis..	Montreal.....	4	4	4	2	3	1	3	0	36
31	Graham.....	Bolton Centre..	No	Retu	r's.						
32	Excelsior....	Upton.....	No	Retu	r's						
33	Canadian....	Granby.....	Warrant	Canc	elled						
34	Mount Orford	Georgeville....	8	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	32
35	St. George...	Quebec.....	10	10	10	0	4	1	0	0	31
36	Burland.....	St. Johns.....	12	12	12	5	1	0	0	0	41
37	P. Consort...	Montreal.....	19	16	15	1	1	1	1	0	65
38	St. Andrew...	Montreal.....	12	9	16	4	1	0	0	0	67
39	Ionic.....	Montreal.....	13	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	49
40	Lake Magog..	Magog.....	6	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	17
TOTALS....			235	228	208	48	85	25	47	11	1861

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.. 40 25  
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## RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1873.

No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
0	Albion.....	Quebec City.....	Second Friday of every month.
1	St. Johns.....	Quebec City.....	Second Wednesday "
2	Prevost.....	Dunham .....	Tuesday on or preceding full moon.
3	Nelson.....	St. Armands.....	Thursday " "
4	Golden Rule...	Stanstead .....	Tuesday " "
5	St. Andrew....	Quebec City .....	First Wednesday.
6	St. George.....	Montreal.....	Third Tuesday.
7	Zetland.....	Montreal.....	Second Thursday.
8	Harington....	Quebec City.....	Third Thursday.
9	Hoyle.....	Lacolle .....	First and Third Tuesday.
10	St. Francis...	Richmond .....	First Thursday.
11	Victoria.....	Sherbrooke....	Second Tuesday.
12	Stanbridge...	Stanbridge .....	Wednesday on or preceding full m'n
13	Kilwinning...	Montreal .....	Second Monday.
14	Clarenceville..	Clarenceville ..	Third Thursday.
15	Brown.....	West Farnham..	Friday on or preceding full moon.
16	Royal Albert..	Montreal .....	First Wednesday.
17	Victoria.....	Montreal .....	Fourth Monday.
18	Milton.....	Three Rivers...	First Wednesday.
19	Tuscan.....	Levis .....	First Thursday.
20	Ascot.....	Lennoxville...	Monday on or preceding full moon.
21	Ashlar.....	Coaticooke .....	First Wednesday.
22	Freligsburg...	Freligsburg.....	Monday on or preceding full moon.
23	Doric.....	Danville .....	Wednesday " "
24	Chateauguay...	Huntingdon .....	Second Tuesday.
25	Shawenegan...	Three Rivers...	Second Wednesday.
26	Abercorn.....	Abercorn .....	First Thursday after full moon.
27	Corner Stone..	Cowansville .....	Wed. on or preceding full moon.
28	Clarke.....	Ormstown .....	Second Wednesday.
29	St. Charles...	Point St. Charles.	Fourth Tuesday.
30	La Loge Cœurs	Montreal.....	Fourth Wednesday.
31	Graham..[Unis	Bolton Centre...	Tuesday on or preceding full moon.
32	Excelstor.....	Actonvale.....	" " "
33	Canadian.....	Granby .....	Warrant Cancelled.
34	Mount Orford..	Georgeville .....	Tuesday after full moon.
35	St. George.....	Quebec City .....	Second Saturday.
36	Burland.....	St. Johns.....	First Monday.
37	Prince Consort.	Montreal.....	Fourth Tuesday.
38	St. Andrew....	Montreal.....	Second Tuesday.
39	Ionic.....	Montreal.....	
40	Lake Magog...	Magog.....	

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1873.

The following named lodges, formerly under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, have affiliated with and are now on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Quebec :—

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Antiquity .....	Montreal .....	First Thursday.
Prevost .....	Dunham .....	Tuesday preceding full moon.
Dorchester .....	St. Johns .....	First Thursday.
Nelson .....	Phillipsburg .....	Third Tuesday.
St. George .....	Montreal .....	Third Tuesday.
Metland .....	Montreal .....	Second Thursday.
Aylmer .....	Aylmer .....	Second Thursday.
Evening Star .....	Brigham .....	Friday preceding full moon.
Royal Canadian .....	Sweetsburg .....	Second Wednesday.
Sutton .....	Sutton Flatts .....	Third Wednesday.
Brome Lake .....	Knowlton .....	First Wednesday.
Olive Branch .....	West Shefford .....	First Wednesday after full moon.
Mount Moriah .....	Montreal .....	First Friday.
Mount Royal .....	Montreal .....	Second Tuesday.
Union of Strict Ob- servance .....	Montreal .....	Third Monday.
Shefford .....	Waterloo .....	
St. John .....	Mansonville .....	Wednesday preceding full moon.
Yamaska .....	Granby .....	" " "
Eddy .....	Hull .....	Second Thursday.
Pontiac .....	Shawville .....	

### RECAPITULATION

of Return of Lodge for the Year ending September, 1874.

Lodges working under warrants.....	59
“ represented in Grand Lodge.....	54
“ organized .....	60
“ working .....	59
Initiations reported.....	235
Passings “ .....	228
Raisings “ .....	208
Joinings “ .....	48
Resignations “ .....	85
Deaths “ .....	25
Suspended .....	47
Restorations .....	11
Members in good standing.....	1861

**Memo.**—This last mentioned number includes only the membership of the forty Lodges which made returns in September, to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. No returns were made by the twenty Lodges formerly under the Grand Lodge of Canada, but now affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

SUSPENDED.

No. 1.—*St. John.*

Andrew Ramsay, James Dean, Alex. Frew, Wm. J. McAdams.

No. 4.—*Golden Rule.*

Thos. Blaylock, Philip Salmon, Judson York, Hollis Clarke, C. A. Bailey.

No. 5.—*St. Andrew.*

Wm. Clarlhue, E. C. Buteau.

No. 6.—*St. George.*

J. D. Borthwick, R. A. Browne, F. M. L. Coquette, W. E. Coquette, S. S. Hall, Arch. Ogilvie, W. H. Powell, Peter Savard Alfred Winchester.

No. 10.—*St. Francis.*

Robert Rudd, Thos. F. Barrett, Thos. Steers, John Thompson, Hen. Brock.

No. 12.—*Stanbridge.*

Caleb Corey, John H. Corey, John McCabe.

No. 15.—*Browne.*

C. E. Cotton, D. Mosher, Edward Osher, E. W. M. Higgins, Jno. Darby, A. C. Truax.

No. 30.—*Coeurs Unis.*

A. P. Morin, L. C. Bruneau, Jules Faucher de St. Maurice, U. M. C.

No. 17.—*Victoria.*

Wm. Melmer.

No. 13.—*Kilwinning.*

John H. Hutcheson, George H. Hinton, Charles T. Irish, Wm. Mann, James Suttie, Henry Smith, Wm. Taylor, Edgar Wethey.

*Prince Consort.*

Archibald Ogilvie.

RESTORATIONS.

*Albion.*

Wm. Miller, Jr.

No. 2.—*Prevost.*

A. W. Hubbard.

No. 4.—*Golden Rule.*

Wm. Judd.

No. 7.—*Harrington.*

Wm. H. Walters.

*St. Francis.*

Wm. L. Mills.

No. 11.—*Victoria.*

Edwin A. Johnstone, Samuel Farwell, Robert Small, Christopher Way, John H. Unsworth.

No. 12.—*Stanbridge.*

A. O. Horskin.

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## DEATHS.

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William Eadon, Hy. C. Stonehouse, Moses Eadon.

No. 1.—*St. John.*

James Burgess, Charles Hamilton.

No. 4.—*Golden Rule.*

Carlisle Blanchard, G. Blount.

No. 7.—*Zeland.*

Robert Young.

No. 9.—*Hoyle.*

George, Etherington.

No. 10.—*St. Francis.*

Richard F. Woodbrun, George Adams.

No. 11. *Victoria.*

E. W. Wiswell.

No. 14.—*Clarenceville.*

Harvey H. Beerwort.

No. 15.—*Browne.*

Robert McCorkill.

No. 18.—*Milton.*

Rufus E. Crombie.

No. 19.—*Tuscan.*

H. C. Stonehouse.

No. 29.—*St. Charles.*

Humphrey Macfarlane.

No. 27.—*Corner Stone.*

Henry R. Krans.

No. 34.—*Cæus Unis.*

John Henry Jackson.

No. 35.—*St. George.*

Wm. Wood.

No. 33.—*Kilwinning.*

Jno. Williams, Jno. Norton, Jno. B. Cuthbert, Geo. Holmes.

No. 37.—*Prince Consort.*

Jno. Brown.

# APPENDIX.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

## CANADA AND QUEBEC

HELD AT MONTREAL, 17 FEBRUARY, 1874,

A. L. 5874.

A meeting of joint Committees, one named by the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, and the other by the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec A. F. & A. M., took place at the Rooms of "Royal Albert" Lodge, Montreal, No. 18, G. E. Q. on Tuesday, the 17th February, 1874.

PRESENT:—

R. W. Bro. White, D. G. M., *Chairman.*  
M. W. " W. B. Simpson, P. G. M.  
M. W. " A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M.  
R. W. " H. L. Robinson, P. D. D. G. M.  
" " Wm. Nivin, D. D. G. M.  
" " Geo. H. Wilkinson, D. D. G. M.

Representing the Grand Lodge of Canada; and

R. W. Bro. Jas. Dunbar, D. G. M., *Chairman.*  
" " Alex. Murray, P. D. D. G. M.  
" " M. M. Tait, "  
" " G. H. Borlase, "  
" " M. E. Meigs, "  
" " J. H. Isaacson, "

Representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Jas. Dunbar, D. G. M., M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M., was unanimously chosen as Chairman of the Joint Committees;

And on motion of R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., D. G. M., R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson was unanimously chosen as Secretary of the Joint Committees.

The Chairman of the respective Committees submitted the credentials of the M. W. the Grand Masters of Canada and Quebec respectively, bearing the seals of their respective Grand Lodges, authorizing the Committees

to meet in conference, to devise means, if possible, for the settlement of Masonic disputes within the Province of Quebec, which credentials were accepted as satisfactory.

Moved by R. W. Bro. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. Dunbar, and carried :

"That official protocols of the present Conference be kept, to be printed for the information and guidance of the Craft."

It was also agreed that the conference should be conducted by each Committee acting separately, and casting but one vote.

(After careful deliberation conducted in a fraternal spirit of mutual concession, the following basis of final settlement was adopted):—

"Whereas, there has existed in the Province of Quebec, for some time, a serious Masonic dispute between the brethren hailing under the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and those hailing under the Grand Lodge of Canada, to the scandal of Freemasonry and the serious injury of the Craft :

"And whereas the Grand Lodge of Canada did at its Annual Communication, held in the city of Ottawa in 1871, agree to leave the settlement of all Masonic disputes to the brethren within the said Province of Quebec, binding itself in advance to give up and cede all the territory which it has occupied since 1855, in that part of Canada, constituting the Province of Quebec, make all just and proper financial settlements, remove all suspensions, and do all such things as may become necessary, so soon as it should receive notice that a settlement or compromise, mutually satisfactory, has been effected between the Masons residing in the Province of Quebec, who have been and are now faithful to the said Grand Lodge on one side, and the members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the other, in such a manner as they may decide among themselves whilst acting in true Masonic spirit :

"And whereas the Grand Lodge of Quebec did, at a special Grand Communication, held in the month of January last, in the city of Montreal, adopt a resolution, requesting and authorising the Grand Master of the said Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee of seven to take such steps as to them shall seem fit, whereby a termination may be put to the present unhappy and anomalous state of Masonry in this Province, with full power to make a final adjustment of all differences between the Grand Lodge of Canada and this Grand Lodge ; provided always that the Committee to be appointed by the Grand Lodge of Canada, or Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, shall possess equally full powers with the Committee to be appointed under this resolution. And further authorising the said Grand Master to ratify and give effect to any agreement such united Committee may arrive at without further reference to the said Grand Lodge :

"And whereas the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has at the request of a meeting of representatives of the lodges working under the authority of the said Grand Lodge within the Province of Quebec, appointed a Committee, to meet a Committee appointed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, under the resolution hereinbefore recited, and the said Committees are fully empowered by the action of their respective Grand Lodges to make such settlement of the Masonic differences existing in this Province, as may to them seem meet :

"And whereas the Committees here assembled in conference, are fully impressed with the importance of restoring peace and harmony to the Craft within the Province of Quebec :

"Therefore Resolved: That with the view to the settlement of the Masonic differences unhappily existing within the Province of Quebec, and with

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the object of restoring peace and harmony and brotherly love in the Craft, it is agreed to unite under the following terms and conditions, viz :

" 1. That all acts done and Masonic rank conferred by the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec respectively, be for the purposes of this settlement, declared to have been legally done and conferred.

" 2. That in view of the arrangement made between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, by which the former obtained the Masonic recognition of the latter on condition of the lodges then working under the said Grand Lodges of England and Scotland being permitted to continue their work, the said Grand Lodges agreeing not to grant any further warrants within the Province of Canada, and having regard to the fact that there still exists within the Province of Quebec, three Lodges working under warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, and one Lodge working under that of Scotland, in conformity with this arrangement, it is agreed that while every effort shall be made to induce these lodges to surrender their warrants and come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the said Grand Lodge will recognize the arrangement hereinbefore recited, until the relations of those Lodges towards the Grand Lodge of Quebec have been finally decided upon between the said Grand Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

" 3. That the Lodges within the Province of Quebec shall be re-numbered according to the dates of their respective warrants; and for the purpose of such re-numbering, the question of priority of those lodges holding originals and duplicates of the same warrants, shall be determined by lot, and in such case the place on the registry of the Grand Lodge shall be according to the date of the original and duplicate warrants respectively, it being understood that the question of priority thus determined shall not establish any claim to property or funds, which is to be left to be settled, as fixed by the fifth condition, the ballot to be drawn forthwith by the Chairman of the respective committees.

The ballot was then taken, and resulted as follows :—

PREVOST	QUEBEC	FIRST.
"	CANADA	SECOND.
NELSON	QUEBEC	FIRST.
"	CANADA	SECOND.
ZETLAND	QUEBEC	FIRST.
"	CANADA	SECOND.
BROWN	QUEBEC	FIRST.
"	CANADA	SECOND.
VICTORIA	QUEBEC	FIRST.
"	CANADA	SECOND.

" 4. That so soon as the new warrants can thus be prepared by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and so soon as the Grand Lodge of Canada, at its next Annual Communication shall, in accordance with the pledge contained in the resolution hereinbefore first recited, pass the formal resolution of recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, ceding to the said Grand Lodge that part of the territory heretofore claimed by the said Grand Lodge of Canada, known as the Province of Quebec, subject to the obligations in the second clause of these conditions mentioned, that they, the lodges now working under the said Grand Lodge of Canada, within this Province, shall cease so to work and shall become a part of the said Grand Lodge of Quebec.

" 5. The settlement of all questions relating to property or finance between the Grand Lodge of Canada and subordinate lodges working in

that part of the jurisdiction hitherto claimed by the said Grand Lodge known as the Province of Quebec, shall be left to the Board of General Purposes of the said Grand Lodge for the present year, and the settlement of all questions relating to funds or property in dispute between individual lodges, shall be left to a Committee of three, one member each to be appointed by the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec respectively, and the third by the Brethren thus appointed; the decision of this Committee being in all cases final."

On Motion of R. W. Bro. Dunbar, seconded by R. W. Bro. White,

The thanks of the Conference were accorded to M. W. Bro Simpson, for presiding, and to R. W. Bro. Isaacson, secretary, and to the members of Royal Albert Lodge for the use of their rooms,

And the Conference closed.

Signed on behalf of the Committee appointed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

THOS. WHITE, JUNR., D.G.M.,  
*Chairman.*

Signed on behalf of the Committee appointed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

JAMES DUNBAR, D.G.M.,  
*Chairman.*

W. B. SIMPSON, P.G.M.,  
*Chairman,*

J. H. ISAACSON, P.D.D.G.M.,  
*Secretary.*

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### PROCEEDINGS

of a meeting of Masters, Past Masters, and Wardens of Lodges of the city of Montreal, held under the direction and by the wish the M. W. the Grand Master, at the rooms, No. 245 St. James Street, Montreal, of M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., on Tuesday, the 18th day of January, 1875, for the purpose of selecting a delegation to attend the funeral of the late and lamented brother William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The following brethren were present:—

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P.G.M.

R. " " John H. Isaacson, P.M. of Victoria Lodge, No. 17, Q.R.

V. " " Jas. Cleghorn, P.M., Zetland L., No. 17, Q.R.

" " A. E. Cohen, W.M., Elgin Lodge, 368, R.S.

" " Jno. McLean, W.M., Mount Moriah Lodge.

- R. " " John Urquhart, P.D.D.G.M., and P.M. of  
Lodge of Antiquity, Q.R.  
" " LeMesurier, W.M., Victoria Lodge, No. 17, Q.R.  
" " J. K. Whyte, S.W., Prince Consort, No. 37, Q.R.  
" " R. White, P.M., Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, R.C.  
" " Jno. Wilson, S.W., St. George, No. 6, Q.R.  
" " Joseph Mitchell, Lodge Union Strict Observance.

On motion, M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson was appointed chairman, and W. Bro. R. White secretary of the meeting.

R. W. Bro. Isaacson moved.—

That this meeting has heard with deep regret of the sad loss which the Craft has sustained by the death of M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and with the view to testify the high esteem in which that distinguished brother was held by the Craft in this Province, a deputation be now appointed to proceed to attend his funeral at Simcoe.

The motion was seconded by W. Bro. A. E. Cohen, and carried unanimously.

It was moved by W. Bro. Richard White, seconded by R. W. Bro. Isaacson, and

*Resolved*, That R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, with other brethren, to be named by this meeting, shall be the delegation for the purposes above mentioned.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Urquhart, seconded by W. Bro. McLean, and

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec be requested to publish the minutes of this meeting in an Addenda to the last annual proceedings of Grand Lodge.

On the motion of W. Bro. LeMesurier, seconded by V. W. Bro. James Cleghorn, it was

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this meeting intimate to each of the city lodges the expenses of the delegation named as above, with the request that each lodge so addressed will pay to R. W. Bro. Isaacson its proportion of such expenses.

Finally, M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, and R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, were named in the delegation.

And the meeting dissolved.

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NOTE.—The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence (referred to on page 29,) being incomplete, several of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges not having been reviewed, the Board of General Purposes has recommended that it be not published in its unfinished state