

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MOST WORSHIPFUL
GRAND LODGE
OF
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,

For the year ending with the Annual Communication,

HELD AT THE CITY OF HALIFAX,

June 24th, 25th, 28th, and 30th, A. D. 1870, A. L. 5870.



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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Elected June 24, A. D. 1870, A. L. 5870.

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GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Quarterly Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, was held at the Masonic Hall in Halifax, on Friday the tenth day of September, A. L. 5869, at eight o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT :

The following Grand Lodge Officers and Members :

GRAND OFFICERS.

HON. ALEX. KEITH, P. L. C.....	M. W. Grand Master.
JAMES FORMAN.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
STEPHEN R. SIRCOM.....	M. W. Past Grand Master.
CHARLES J. MACDONALD.....	R. W. Substitute Grand Master.
J. NORMAN RITCHIE.....	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
H. J. MARSHALL.....	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
HENRY C. D. TWINING.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
NEWELL SNOW.....	R. W. Grand Lecturer.
W. S. MACDONALD.....	R. W. Grand Clerk.
CHARLES WHITE.....	R. W. Assistant G. Lecturer.
JAMES GOSSIP.....	V. W. Senior Grand Deacon.
C. C. NICHOLS.....	V. W. Junior Grand Deacon.
DOUGLAS MCLEOD.....	V. W. G. Direc. of Ceremonies.
G. J. FLUCK.....	V. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN TAYLOR.....	V. W. Grand Tyler.
W. MONTGOMERY.....	} W. Grand Stewards.
ISAAC J. WYLDE.....	
GEORGE TAYLOR.....	

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

The minutes of proceedings of Grand Lodge on the twenty-fourth of June last, were read and approved.

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

ST. ANDREW'S, No. 1.....	W. Macdonald, W. M.
ST. JOHN, No. 2.....	Henry S. Muir, W. M.
VIRGIN, No. 3.....	{ Thomas Mowbray, S. W. Joseph Starr, J. W.
ALBION, No. 5.....	W. G. Fraser, proxy for 3.
ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 6.....	{ Edward Share, W. M. George McKenzie, J. W.
ACACIA, No. 8.....	J. W. Watt, proxy for 3.
BURNS, No. 10.....	{ D. Pottinger, W. M. Alexander Waddell, S. W.
ACADIA, No. 14.....	John Sutherland, J. W.
ATHOLE, No. 15.....	{ Duncan McDougall, W. M. J. T. McAlpine, S. W. J. E. M. Taylor, J. W.
KEITH, No. 17.....	{ James K. Munnis, W. M. and proxy for 2.
UNION, No. 18.....	{ J. B. Barron, W. M. J. R. Thomas, S. W.
DAVIES, No. 21.....	Hamilton—proxy for 3.
SCOTIA, No. 22.....	{ Charles F. Vose, W. M. J. E. Lawlor, J. W.
SCOTIA, No. 28.....	H. A. Borden, S. W.
ST. MARK, No. 35.....	{ J. T. Cameron, W. M. W. Kidston, proxy for S. & J.W.
ST. MARK, No. 38.....	{ T. A. Cossmann, W. M. C. C. Nichols, S. W. J. Montgomery, J. W.
TRURO, No. 43.....	H. McCallum—proxy for 3.
SOLOMON, No. 46.....	T. A. Cossmann—proxy for 3.
WIDOW'S SON, No. 48.....	J. Fortune—proxy for 3.
ELDORADO, No. 32.....	F. W. McEwen—proxy for 3.
EASTERN STAR, No. 51.....	J. Coleman, S. W.

On motion of M. W. Brother Sircom, it was

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

R. W. Bro. Ritchie, in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, appointed on the 23rd June last, to revise

the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, handed in a printed report, containing draft of Constitution as proposed for consideration of Grand Lodge. [See printed report on file.]

The Revised Constitution was taken up and considered clause by clause :

CHAP. I. OF GRAND LODGE.

Sections 1 to 3 passed as reported, with the exception of placing Grand Lecturer before Grand Chaplains.

Section 4.—R. W. Brother Nash moved to add following words at end thereof:—"And in no case shall a member of Grand Lodge exercise more than one vote in his own right," which being seconded and put, and the Grand Lodge dividing thereon, was carried in the affirmative, (22 for—6 against.)

Sections from 5 to 11 inclusive, were past as reported.

R. W. Brother William Taylor moved the following addition to Sec. 12, viz: "But no member of Grand Lodge shall be required to serve on more than one of these standing committees; and one member of each shall be either a Master or a Warden of a Lodge," which being seconded and put was agreed to.

Section 13 passed as reported.

Section 14 being read, R. W. Brother C. J. Macdonald moved to amend the same by placing the Past Grand Master next to the Deputy Grand Master in filling the chair of Grand Lodge; which being seconded and put was negatived 37 to 32.

Sections 15 to 25 of said chapter were then passed as reported, with very trifling alterations.

On motion of Brother A. H. Crowe, the further consideration of the revised Constitution was postponed for the present.

R. W. Bro. William Taylor from the Committee to revise the roll of the Lodges on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, made the following report as to the position of Lodges on such roll, viz :

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

NAME.	LOCATION.	NUMBER.
Saint Andrew's.....	Halifax.....	1
Saint John.....	Halifax.....	2
Virgin.....	Halifax.....	3
Unity.....	Lunenburg.....	4
Albion.....	New Glasgow.....	5
Royal Sussex.....	Halifax.....	6
Saint Andrew's.....	Sydney, C. B.....	7
Acacia.....	Amherst.....	8
Zetland.....	Liverpool.....	9
Burns.....	Halifax.....	10
New Caledonia.....	Pictou.....	11
Hiram.....	Yarmouth.....	12
Acadia.....	Pugwash.....	13
Acadia.....	Halifax.....	14
Athole.....	Halifax.....	15
Keith.....	Hillsburgh.....	16
Keith.....	Halifax.....	17
Union.....	Halifax.....	18
Royal Albert.....	Sydney, C. B.....	19
Saint George.....	Wolfville.....	20
Davies.....	Wilmot.....	21
Scotia.....	Halifax.....	22
Keith.....	Albion Mines.....	23
Concord.....	Barrington.....	24
Westport.....	Westport.....	25
Welsford.....	Windsor.....	26
Widow's Friend.....	Weymouth.....	27
Scotia.....	Canning.....	28
Prince of Wales.....	Milton.....	29
Albert.....	Shelburne.....	30
Scotia.....	Yarmouth.....	31
Eldorado.....	Wine Harbor.....	32
Annapolis Royal.....	Annapolis.....	33
Queens.....	Sherbrooke.....	34
Saint Mark.....	Baddeck, C. B.....	35
Thistle.....	Cow Bay, C. B.....	36
Cobequid.....	Truro.....	37
Saint Mark.....	Halifax.....	38
Acacia.....	Bridgewater.....	39
Ophir.....	Tangier.....	40
Rothsay.....	Bridgetown.....	41
Eureka.....	Sheet Harbor.....	42
Truro.....	Truro.....	43
Poyntz.....	Hantsport.....	44
Tyrian Youth.....	Little Glace Bay, C. B.....	45

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NAME.	LOCATION.	NUMBER.
Solomon	Port Hawkesbury.....	46
Philadelphia	Barrington	47
Widow's Son.....	River Philip.....	48
Orient	Richmond, Halifax.....	49
Western Star.....	Westville	50
Eastern Star.....	Dartmouth	51
Harmony	Aylesford.....	52

which report was taken up and discussed, and the relative position of each Lodge decided upon seriatim.

A motion by R. W. Brother W. S. Macdonald, to alter the position of Acadia Lodge, No. 14, was negatived 33 to 18.

The roll was then finally passed and the future numbers of the Lodges definitely settled in accordance therewith.

The night being now far spent, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until Saturday, Sept. 11th at eight o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, 11TH SEPT., 8 P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at eight o'clock, P. M., the Most Worshipful the Grand Master presiding.

The consideration of the Constitution as reported by the Revising Committee was resumed.

Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 were read clause by clause, and passed with some very trifling alterations, viz:—the Grand Secretary's salary was made payable quarterly, on the order of the Grand Master.

The salary of the Grand Tyler was fixed at thirty dollars per annum, to include all fees and charges. (Ch. 11, Sec. 6.)

Chapter 17 "of Grand Lodge dues" was then taken up, whereupon R. W. Brother C. J. Macdonald moved—"That the annual dues for each member be fifty cents, instead of one dollar," as recommended by the report of the Committee, which, being seconded by Brother W. G. Fraser and put, was agreed to.

The remainder of Chapter 17 then passed.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, until Monday next, Sept. 13, at eight o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, 13TH SEPT., 1869.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at eight o'clock, P. M., the M. W. the Grand Master presiding.

Chapter 14 of Subordinate Lodges, Revised Constitution, was taken up and considered clause by clause :

Sections 1 and 2 passed as reported.

R. W. Brother C. White moved to strike out the words "or Inner Guard" in Section 3, which being seconded and put, and the Grand Lodge dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion 27, against it 27; whereupon the Grand Master gave his casting vote against the motion.

Sections 3, 4 and 5 passed.

M. W. Brother Sircom moved to expunge Section 6, which being seconded and put, was negatived 39 to 29. Section 6 then passed.

Sections 7 to 11 inclusive, passed as reported.

R. W. Brother William Taylor moved—That Section 12 be amended by striking out all the words, except the first two lines, and inserting instead thereof, the following words, "every Brother whose application has been favorably received in a Lodge, and who receives the Master's degree therein, becomes thereby a member of the Lodge," which being seconded and put, was adopted.

Sections 13 to 18 inclusive, passed as reported.

R. W. Brother Benjamin Curren moved to amend Section 19 by adding the words "except in the case of Ministers of the Gospel," at the end of line 5th, which being seconded, was agreed to.

Brother H. A. Borden moved to amend Section 20, by adding thereto "but the limitation of one year shall not apply to cases of

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shipwreck, loss by fire, or dislocation or fracture of a limb, the same to be fully attested and proved," which being seconded and put, was agreed to.

The *Sections* from 21 to .37 inclusive, passed as reported.

The night being now far spent, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until Tuesday, at 8, P. M.

TUESDAY, 14TH SEPT., 1869.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at eight o'clock, P. M., the M. W. the Grand Master presiding.

The consideration of Chapter 14 of the revised Constitution was resumed.

Sections 38, 39 and 40 were passed.

R. W. Brother W. Taylor moved to substitute the following for Section 41 :—

"Any Brother may be admitted a member of a Lodge, on giving satisfactory evidence that he has paid all dues to the Lodge of which he was last a member, he being proposed at a regular meeting at least one month before the ballot is taken, and a decision given in his favor as in the case of a candidate," which being seconded and put, was agreed to.

Clauses 42 and 43 passed, the positions being altered.

R. W. Brother W. Taylor moved to substitute for Section 44, the following :—

"Every Candidate must be proposed in open Lodge, at a regular meeting, and his petition referred to an investigating committee. He may be balloted for at any regular meeting of the Lodge afterwards, provided the committee have reported favorably, and if elected, he may be initiated; but if rejected, his application can not be entertained in any Lodge for six months. No higher degree shall be conferred on any Brother at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, nor in any case, until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge," which being seconded, R. W. Brother C. White moved

by way of amendment, to substitute for Sec. 44, Sec. 2 of English Constitution "of proposing members," which being seconded and put, was negatived.

Brother Taylor's motion was then agreed to. ✓

On motion of R. W. Brother John D. Nash, Section 45 was expunged.

Section 46 was amended on motion of Bro. W. Garvie, by striking out the words: "be his own-master."

Section 47 was amended on motion of R. W. Brother White, by substituting "one" for "two black balls," and leaving out last paragraph.

Brother William Montgomery moved to amend Section 48 by adding thereto the words: "except by unanimous consent of the members present," which was negatived on division.

R. W. Brother Nash then moved to expunge the clause, which also was negatived on division; and the clause passed as reported.

Chapter 15 "Of Lodges of Instruction" passed as reported.

Chapter 16 "Of Regalia" was then taken up and considered.

Section 1 was amended by substituting "proper clothing" for "black clothes."

Section 2 to 6 inclusive, were passed as reported.

Section 7 was amended on motion of M. W. Brother Sircom, as follows, viz:—

"Officers of Grand Lodge, past and present—Aprons 20 by 18 inches, with dark blue edging 4 inches, ornamented with gold, and blue strings, and the emblems of their office in gold."

On motion of Brother W. Garvie, Sec. 8 was expunged.

Chapter 18 was then taken up and passed with the addition of a clause moved by R. W. Brother J. N. Ritchie:

"That on and after the first of December next, the present Constitution, shall cease to have any force and effect, and shall be repealed."

A motion requiring the principal Grand Lodge officers to pay a fee of honor was lost by a very large majority.

The revised Constitution, as amended, passed unanimously. [See Appendix.]

On motion of R. W. Brother J. N. Ritchie, it was

Resolved, "That the revised Constitution be indexed and printed, under the direction of the Grand Secretary, who shall be paid therefor the sum of sixty dollars; and that five hundred copies thereof be printed—400 copies in paper covers, and 100 copies half-bound, interleaved; and that they be sold at 50 and 75 cents respectively."

R. W. Brother Nash, in the absence of the chairman of Committee on Charters, reported as follows :

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

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

Your Committee beg to report that they have carefully examined the petition for Dispensation from brethren at Port Mulgrave, and although a Warranted Lodge is already established within a mile or two of the locality where the proposed Lodge will be situated, yet the difficulty of crossing the Strait of Canso will warrant the granting of a Dispensation to the brethren who now petition, as "Temple Lodge," upon payment of the requisite fees. Your Committee further report, that they have carefully examined the application for Charter from brethren at Goldenville, and find the same in form and duly recommended; and would therefore recommend that a Charter be granted as "Hiram Lodge."

CHARLES J. MACDONALD.

W. A. HESSON,

JOHN D. NASH.

On motion, it was

Resolved, "That the report be received and adopted."

R. W. Brother William Taylor, Secretary of the Combined Committee, handed in an account of receipts and disbursements in connection with the celebration of the Union

on the 24th June last, from which it appeared that there had been a deficiency in the Banquet fund of four hundred and thirty-five dollars and eighty-five cents; and that the expenditure on the general account was two hundred and sixty-five dollars and forty cents, making a total of seven hundred and one dollars and twenty-five cents, for payment of which the Committee had received from R. W. Brother John Woodill, Grand Treasurer of the late District Grand Lodge, seven hundred and thirty dollars on the sixth day of August, leaving in the hands of the Committee a sum of twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents to meet several outstanding bills; whereupon, on motion, the account was received and laid on the table.

R. W. Brother W. A. Hesson gave notice that at the next regular meeting, he would move a resolution relative to the establishment of a fund of charity.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form and with solemn prayer, at fifteen minutes past twelve o'clock.

HENRY C. D. TWING,
Grand Secretary.

The Regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, was held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Halifax, on Friday, the third day of December, A. L. 5869, at eight o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT.

The following Grand Lodge Officers:

James Forman R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 J. Norman Ritchie . . . R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 H. J. Marshall R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 Rev. D. C. Moore . . . R. W. Grand Chaplain.
 Henry C. D. Twining . . . R. W. Grand Secretary.

W. S. Macdonald.	R. W. Grand Clerk.
James Gossip.....	V. W. Senior Grand Deacon.
C. C. Nichols.....	V. W. Junior Grand Deacon.
George Hyde.....	V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
George J. Fluck.....	V. W. Grand Marshal.
John M. Taylor.....	V. W. Grand Tyler.
Isaac J. Wyld.....	W. Grand Steward.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, and with solemn prayer.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read; whereupon, R. W. Brother William Taylor called attention to the introduction of the word "favorably" in Section 44 of the revised Constitution "of Subordinate Lodges," and stated that the same had not been written in by him in such substituted section; the minutes were then approved.

The Grand Secretary then proceeded to read over the list of the names and numbers of the subordinate Lodges prepared by him, as far as practicable, in accordance with the requirements of section 3 of chapter 2 of the revised Constitution; when the Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented, and the following members in attendance in Grand Lodge, to whom voting tickets were delivered, viz:

St. Andrew's, No. 1...	{ W. Master and Wardens.
	{ P. M. Nash, Crowe, Woodill.
St. John, No. 2.....	Senior Warden, C. Morley.
Virgin, No. 3	{ Senior and Junior Wardens.
	{ P. M. Hesson, Roome, Curren.
Albion, No. 5.....	S. W. McLean, proxy for three.
Royal Sussex, No. 6...	{ W. M. and S. Warden.
	{ P. M. Gordon.
Burns, No. 10	W. Master, D. Pottinger.
Athole, No. 15	W. Master and S. Warden.
Keith, No. 17..	W. Master, Jas. K. Munnis.
Union, No. 18.....	W. Master, John B. Barron.
Scotia, No. 22.....	S. Warden.

- Welsford, No. 26S. Warden.
 St. Mark, No. 38W. Master and Wardens.
 Poyntz, No. 44W. M. proxy for three.
 Eastern Star, No. 51... W. Master and J. Warden.

On motion of R. W. Brother Benjamin Curren, seconded by P. M. Brother Allan H. Crowe :

Resolved, "That all Master Masons in good standing, be admitted into this Grand Lodge, pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 1 of the revised Constitution."

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master announced that the M. W. the Grand Master was unable to attend Grand Lodge this evening, in consequence of indisposition.

The R. W. the Grand Secretary read a communication from the V. W. John Hervey, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, announcing the unanimous adoption by that Body, on the first day of September last, of the following Resolution, viz :—

Resolved, "That the independence of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia be recognized; and that the Lodges holding Warrants under the Grand Lodge of England, be permitted to retain their Warrants as memorials of their parent Grand Lodge."

The reading of this communication elicited much applause from the members of Grand Lodge.

A communication was read from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, announcing that that Grand Lodge recommended Brother J. Q. Ross, to represent the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; whereupon, on motion of R. W. Brother Ritchie, it was

Resolved, "That this Grand Lodge concurs in the appointment of Brother Ross to be their representative, if it meet the approval of the M. W. the Grand Master."

The Grand Secretary handed in a communication from the Grand Lodge of Canada, relating to the recent formation

of a Grand Lodge in the Province of Quebec; whereupon, R. W. Bro. J. N. Ritchie, moved the following resolution:

"Whereas doubts may arise as to the duties of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

"Resolved, That it shall be part of their duty to report on all Correspondence received from Foreign Grand Lodges."

which being seconded and put, was agreed to.

Ordered that the Communication from the Grand Lodge of Canada be referred to such Committee.

The roll of Grand Lodge Committees was then called over by the Grand Secretary; whereupon, R. W. Brother Curren, chairman of the committee on work, asked for an extension of time wherein to report, which was granted.

R. W. Bro. Nash, chairman of the committee on building, also asked for an extension of time, which was granted.

R. W. Bro. Taylor, Secretary of Combined Committee, handed in certain accounts in connection with the Union Celebration, which had come to his hands since the last Grand Lodge meeting.

Ordered that the same be referred to the committee on Finance, and audit for immediate settlement, if approved by them; and that the detailed account of expenditure, handed in by Brother Taylor on the 14th September last, be also referred to the same committee to examine and report.

The Grand Secretary handed in the following accounts:

E. M. McDonald, for Printing, &c.....	\$462.95
Prov. Grand Lodge of Scotland for Banner.....	125.00
Trustees Mas. Temple, quarter's rent to May 1st. ...	8.75
Alpin Grant, advertising.....	2.50
Grand Secretary's postage account.....	16.15

Whereupon, on motion:

Resolved, "That the above accounts be referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit."

R. W. Brother John D. Nash gave notice that at the next Quarterly Communication, he would move a resolution

for the appointment of a committee, to be called "the Committee of General Purposes."

In consequence of the absence of R. W. Brother W. A. Hesson, the resolution of which he had given notice at the last meeting, was not taken up.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer.

HENRY C. D. TWINING,
Grand Secretary.

A Regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, was held at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Halifax, on Friday the fourth day of March, A. L. 5870, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT.

The following Grand Lodge Officers, viz :

Hon. Alex. Keith, P. L. C.	M. W. Grand Master.
James Forman	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
Stephen R. Sircom	M. W. Past Grand Master.
Charles J. Macdonald	R. W. Substitute G. Master.
J. Norman Ritchie	R. W. Senior G. Warden.
Andrew K. Mackinlay	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Henry C. D. Twining	R. W. Grand Secretary.
William S. Macdonald	R. W. Grand Clerk.
Douglas McLeod	V. W. G. Direc. Ceremonies.
J. B. Norton	V. W. G. Direc. of Music.
George Hyde	V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
George J. Fluck	V. W. Grand Marshal.
Isaac J. Wyld	V. W. Grand Steward.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and with solemn prayer.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read and stood approved.

In pursuance of section 3 of chapter 2 of the revised Constitution, the list prepared by the Grand Secretary of the names and numbers of all the subordinate Lodges, was read over; when the Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented as herein after mentioned, and voting tickets were distributed accordingly, viz :

St. Andrew's, No. 1.	{	Worshipful Master, Senior Warden. Past Masters Nash, Crowe, Lownds.
St. John's, No. 2.....	{	Worshipful Master and Wardens. Past Master Valot.
Albion, No. 5		Proxy for W. M. and Wardens.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.	{	W. Master and Wardens. Past Masters Gordon and Creeggan.
Burns, No. 10.....	{	W. Master and Wardens. Past Masters Taylor, Melvin.
Acadia, No. 14	{	W. Master. P. M. Fraser.
Athole, No. 15.....	{	W. Master and Senior Warden. P. M. James R. Graham.
Keith, No. 17.....		W. Master and Junior Warden.
Union, No. 18.....		W. Master and Junior Warden.
Davies, No. 21.....		W. Master, proxy for Wardens.
Welsford, No. 26.....		W. Master, proxy for Wardens.
Cobequid, No. 37		W. Master, proxy for Wardens.
St. Mark, No. 38.....		W. Master and Junior Warden.
Truro, No. 43.....		W. Master, proxy for Wardens.

On motion of R. W. the Grand Treasurer, duly seconded, it was

Resolved, "That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted into this Grand Lodge, pursuant to section 23 of chap. 1 of the Constitution."

The roll of Committees of Grand Lodge was then called by the Grand Secretary, when the following reports were read from the Committee on "Constitution and Regulations" on the By-Laws of the following Lodges, viz :

St. Andrew's, No. 1; Virgin, No. 3; Albion, No. 5; Royal

Sussex, No. 6; Acadia, No. 14; Union, No. 18; Scotia, No. 31; Acacia, No. 39; St. Mark, No. 38; Widow's Son, No. 48; Hiram, No. 53, with certain amendments therein, so as to render them in harmony with the revised Constitution, which came into force in December last. These amendments having been read at length, were agreed to by Grand Lodge, and the By-Laws altered accordingly.

The following letter from the Chairman of Committee on "Finance and Audit," dated 4th March instant, addressed to the Grand Secretary, was read by him :

R. W. Sir and Brother—

Owing to the absence of Brother William Murray, the Committee on Finance and Audit have not been able to complete their report as they had intended, for the meeting of Grand Lodge which takes place this evening; and as there are some matters of finance which seem to require prompt attention, but which the committee deem to be beyond their immediate jurisdiction, (such as those debts which were contracted previous to the Union) I would respectfully suggest the propriety of a representative member from each of the three Bodies forming the Union in June last being appointed this evening, to co-operate with the Committee on Finance and Audit in satisfactorily arranging the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge, preparatory to the annual convocation in June next.

I am, &c.

GEO. FRASER, *Chairman.*

Whereupon R. W. Brother Nash moved that the Grand Lodge come to the following resolution:—

"Whereas, it is essential to the interest and credit of this Grand Lodge, that all arrears of dues up to the date of Union in June last should be immediately collected, and that all claims then existing against either of the Bodies composing the Union should forthwith be liquidated from the general fund, in order that the finances of this Grand Lodge may be fairly regulated and consolidated prior to the annual meeting in June next."

Resolved, "That the Most Worshipful the Grand Master be authorized to appoint three additional members of this Grand

Lodge to co-operate with the Committee of Finance and Audit, in carrying out the above desirable objects; such Committee to have full power and authority to collect such arrears of dues, and also to draw from the general fund the amount of such claims as they may find just and correct."

Which resolution being seconded by the M. W. Past Grand Master Sircom and put, was agreed to by the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, the M. W. the Grand Master appointed Brothers J. D. Nash, Charles J. Macdonald and Douglas McLeod to be the additional members of such Committee for the purpose of carrying out the said resolution.

R. W. Brother Charles Macdonald reported from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as follows:—

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

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:

The circulars and other documents received by your Committee in connection with the differences existing between our brethren in the Sister Provinces of Ontario and Quebec are receiving their earnest consideration and attention. When all the correspondence is complete they feel assured that they will be in a position to offer a recommendation to Grand Lodge to take a definite course of action. As it is now so near the annual communication of Grand Lodge, when there will be a larger representation present to give that consideration to the matter which its importance demands, they ask that the Grand Lodge defer action until the 24th June next.

(Submitted)

CHARLES J. MACDONALD.
GEORGE T. SMITHERS.

Which report, on motion of R. W. Bro. J. N. Ritchie, was adopted.

R. W. Brother Charles J. Macdonald also reported from the Committee on Charters, as follows:

"Your Committee on Charters would respectfully submit the following report:—They have had applications before them for Charters for new Lodges as follows:

From a number of brethren at Digby, under the name and title of
King Solomon Lodge.

“ “ “ at Cow Bay, under the name and title
of Morien Lodge.

“ “ “ at Freeport, under the name and title
of Freeport Lodge.

Upon due consideration, your Committee would recommend that Charters be granted to the first two, viz :—Brethren at Digby as King Solomon Lodge, No. 54, R. N. S. Brethren at Cow Bay, as Morien Lodge, No. 55, R. N. S. ; and that as the petition of the Brethren at Freeport is irregular, inasmuch as the Lodge nearest to them have refused to grant their recommendation, the prayer of the same be not granted at this communication of Grand Lodge.”

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. McDONALD.

JOHN D. NASH.

WILLIAM A. HESSON.

March 4th, 1870.

Whereupon, on motion it was

Resolved, “That the report be adopted, and that Charters be issued in accordance with the recommendation therein contained.”

Certain additional accounts were presented and referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

R. W. Brother Benjamin Curren, chairman of the Committee on work, asked for an extension of time wherein to report, which was granted.

R. W. Brother John D. Nash, chairman of the Building Committee, offered the following resolution and moved that the same be agreed to :

Resolved, “That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it would be very desirable to form a Joint Stock Company or Association of members of the Craft, for the purpose of paying off the debt existing on the Masonic Hall in Halifax, and of providing funds for the erection of a suitable Building for the accommodation of the Fraternity; provided such association meet with the concurrence of the Trustees, incorporated on the 28th March, 1850; and

provided also that the interests of the Lodges and bodies holding shares in such Masonic Hall, as enumerated in the Act of Incorporation be duly protected in the formation of such proposed Association."

Which resolution being seconded by R. W. Brother C. J. Macdonald and put, was agreed to.

R. W. Brother W. A. Hesson, pursuant to notice given at a previous meeting, moved the following:—

Resolved, "That a fund of Benevolence be set apart in this Grand Lodge, to be solely devoted to objects of charity; and that a committee of three Past Masters be appointed to draw up rules and regulations in reference to the same, to be submitted for the approval of this Grand Lodge at its next meeting."

Which being seconded and put, was agreed to.

On motion, it was

Resolved, "That Brothers Hesson, Fraser and Sircom compose such committee."

R. W. Brother Nash gave notice that at the next communication, he would move to amend section 14 of chapter 2 of the Constitution, so as to place the power of deciding as to the interpretation of a law in the chair, instead of in the meeting. Also to amend section 13 of chapter 14, so as to permit By-Laws to be approved by the Grand Master, instead of by the Grand Lodge.

R. W. Brother Smithers gave notice that at the next meeting he would move a resolution in reference to the incorporation of subordinate Lodges

R. W. Brother J. N. Ritchie gave notice that he would move at next regular meeting, to raise the annual dues for each member from 50 to 75 cents; also to amend section 5 of chapter 1, by adding thereto, "and no amount shall be payable to the representative or proxy of any Lodge which has not paid up its fees and dues for the past year."

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form and with solemn prayer.

HENRY C. D. TWINING,
Grand Secretary.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was held at the Masonic Hall, in Halifax, at high twelve on Friday, the twenty-fourth day of June, A. D. 1870, A. L. 5870, in pursuance of the requirements of the revised Constitution.

PRESENT:

The M. W. the Hon. Alex. Keith . . .	Grand Master.
R. W. James Forman	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Charles J. Macdonald	Substitute Grand Master.
R. W. Joseph Norman Ritchie	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. H. J. Marshall	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. Andrew K. Mackinlay	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Henry C. D. Twining	Grand Secretary.
R. W. William S. Macdonald	Grand Clerk.
R. W. Newell Snow	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Reverend D. C. Moore	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. James Gossip	Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. Julius Cornelius	Grand Jeweller.
V. W. Douglas MacLeod	G. Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. George Hyde	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. J. B. Norton	Grand Director of Music.
V. W. G. J. Fluck	Grand Marshal.
V. W. I. J. Wylde	} Grand Stewards.
V. W. H. F. Warrall	
V. W. James Dempster	
V. W. George Taylor	
V. W. John M. Taylor	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form and with solemn prayer.

The minutes of the last quarterly Communication were read and stood approved.

In pursuance of section 3, of chapter 2 of the Revised Constitution, the list prepared by the Grand Secretary of the Subordinate Lodges, with the names of all those entitled to sit and vote in Grand Lodge was called over, and the

Committee on credentials reported the following Lodges represented, and the following brethren members of Grand Lodge, and in attendance, to whom voting tickets were distributed:—

- St. Andrew's, No. 1 J. Montgomery, W. M.
 A. H. Woodill, M. D., S. W.
 R. C. Hamilton, J. W.
- St. John's, No. 2 C. Croker—King, S. W.
- Virgin, No. 3 T. Mowbray, W. M.
- Unity, No. 4 H. S. Jost, W. M.
- Albion, No. 5 H. J. Cameron, W. M.
 A. McKinnon, P. M., proxy for Wardens.
- Royal Sussex, No. 6 J. McLearn, W. M.
 H. B. Sellon, S. W.
 Ch. W. Smyth, J. W.
- Acacia, No. 8 G. Dimock, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
- Zetland, No. 9 J. W. Scott, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
- Burns, No. 10 A. Waddell, W. M.
 W. M. Cameron, J. W.
- New Caledonia, No. 11 . . S. Rigby, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
- Acadia, No. 13 J. Clarke, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
- Acadia, No. 14 J. C. Brown, W. M.
- Athole, No. 15 D. McDougall, W. M.
 R. Fraser, S. W.
 J. E. M. Taylor, J. W.
- Keith, No. 16 G. Nichol, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
- Keith, No. 17 D. McDonald, W. M.
 J. T. Wood, J. W.
- Union, No. 18 J. R. Thomas, W. M.
 P. E. McKerrow, S. W.
 S. F. Roan, J. W.
- St. George, No. 20 J. W. Bigelow, S. W., proxy for Lodge.
- Scotia, No. 22 J. Lawlor, S. W.
 S. C. Jordan, J. W.
- Keith, No. 23 J. Hudson, W. M.
- Welsford, No. 26 F. W. Dakin, S. W.
 W. W. Rickards, J. W.

- Scotia, No. 28.....H. A. Borden, W.M., proxy for Wardens.
 Annapolis Royal, No. 33..Robt. Wylie, W. M.
 Queen's, No. 34J. A. Stewart, W.M., proxy for Wardens.
 Thistle, No. 36.....W. Paterson, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
 Cobequid, No. 37.....D. H. Muir, W. M.
 Rev. W. T. Wilkins, S. W.
 John Yuilt, J. W.
- St. Mark, No. 38.....T. A. Cossmann, W. M.
 E. W. Howell, S. W.
 W. F. Chase, J. W.
- Truro, No. 43W. Blair, W. M.
 H. McCallum, P. M., proxy for Wardens.
- Poyntz, No. 44.....J. W. Lawrence, M.M., proxy for Lodge.
 Philadelphia, No. 47.....J. Brettle, W. M.
 Widow's Son, No. 48.....J. King, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
 Orient, No. 49.....D. Ward, W. M.
 E. S. Allen, S. W.
- Eastern Star, No. 50.....J. R. Glendinning, W. M. .
 J. Fuller, S. W.
 H. Horne, J. W.
- Harmony, No. 52.....D. Bartaux, W. M., proxy for Wardens.
 Hiram, No. 53.....W. May, W. M.
 A. Falconer, M. M., proxy for S. W.
 R. McNaughton, J. W.

PAST MASTERS.

- St. Andrew's.....W. McDonald.
 J. D. Nash.
 J. Woodill.
 E. Dodson.
 T. Lownds.
 A. H. Crowe
 J. W. Scott
- St. John.....R. D. Clarke.
 P. G. Valot.
- Virgin.....W. A. Hesson.
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Virgin	W. Symonds.
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Unity.....	W. A. Zwicker.
Royal Sussex.....	G. Gordon.
	W. Holloway.
	E. Share.
	G. Creeggan.
Burns	J. Fiddler.
	W. Taylor.
	D. Pottinger.
Acadia (14).....	G. Fraser.
	A. McLeod.
Athole (15).....	J. Graham.
	W. Williams.
Keith (17)	J. K. Munnis.
	A. Busby.
	R. Romans.
Union (18).....	J. B. Barron.
	W. Davis.
St. Mark (38).....	G. Smithers.
Rothsay	Rev. H. P. Almon.
Eastern Star.....	J. Allen.

On motion, it was

Resolved, "That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted to this Communication of Grand Lodge."

Brother Hudson offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, "That the W. Master of a Lodge in the absence of his Wardens or of their proxies, is entitled to exercise three votes in this Grand Lodge without a proxy."

Which being seconded and put, was declared lost.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master then delivered the following address :—

BRETHREN,—It affords me sincere pleasure to meet you on the recurrence of this time-honoured festival of our order, fixed by the Constitution for our Annual Grand Communication, and I beg to

congratulate you on the harmony which has prevailed among the Craft in Nova Scotia since the union was so happily consummated a year ago. The events of the past Masonic year have tended to strengthen and consolidate our Grand Lodge, and to place it, financially and otherwise, upon a firm basis. Not the least important of these was the cordial, prompt and fraternal recognition of our united Body by the M. W. Grand Lodge of England, who, by an unanimous vote at their first communication in September, extended to us an expression of fraternal sympathy and regard. We have also been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It now becomes my duty to lay before you my official acts for the past year, and in doing so I shall be as brief as possible, knowing that a large amount of important business must be transacted before this communication can be brought to a close.

The Grand Lodge having granted charters to the following Lodges, viz.: Hiram Lodge, Goldenville, as No. 53; King Solomon Lodge, Digby, as No. 54; Morien Lodge, Cow Bay, C. B., as No. 55; I caused the same to be duly issued, and such Lodges to be constituted in due and ancient form, by brethren to whom my proxies were given for that purpose. I also, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, issued a dispensation for the establishment of a new lodge at Port Mulgrave, to be called Temple Lodge. The brethren have since made application for a charter, and the same has been placed in the hands of the proper committee.

I regret very much that I have been unable, personally, to visit the subordinate lodges since the revised constitution came into operation, which requires their visitation at least once in every year. It is my intention, however, if permitted by the Supreme Grand Master, to comply with that section of the constitution before the first day of December next, in order that each lodge may be subjected to the supervision and inspection thereby contemplated, and which cannot fail to prove beneficial to the lodges visited. Some difficulty having arisen touching the election of the Worshipful Master of Welsford lodge, No. 26, I specially appointed M. W. Stephen R. Sircom, Past Grand Master, to proceed to Windsor for the purpose of having the same obviated, which he did; and everything was satisfactorily arranged, as will appear from his report of the proceedings, which will be laid

before you ; and I hereby tender him my thanks for the prompt manner in which he met my wishes on the occasion in question. In consequence of some of the Masters-elect not being qualified to be installed under section 6, chapter 14, of the revised constitution, I deemed it necessary in some instances to deputize Past Masters to proceed to the country for the purpose of having that section duly carried out. I accordingly duly commissioned Past Masters William Taylor and David Pottinger, of Burns Lodge, No. 10, to install the Master-elect of Truro Lodge, No. 43 ; and P. M. Allen H. Crowe, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1, to install the Master-elect of Cobequid Lodge, No. 37, which duties they respectively performed in a very satisfactory manner, and reported their proceedings to me. The committee on finance and audit having been added to, at request of Grand Lodge, have been engaged for the last four or five months in investigating the state of the Grand Lodge funds, and the sources from whence derived, with a view to bringing all financial matters to a satisfactory and equitable adjustment ; the result of their labors will be laid before you, and I have no doubt that in this very important and vital particular they will be found to have given every attention to the subject entrusted to them. There are several other committees who have been charged with matters of the utmost moment and importance, whose reports you are doubtless anxious to hear. I therefore bring this brief address to a close, in order that the necessary business of the Grand Lodge may at once be proceeded with ; and I sincerely hope and trust that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless our labors and unite us into a firm band of brothers, who in our lives and conversation may exemplify the great principles of our order, *Faith, Hope and Charity.*

ALEXANDER KEITH,
Grand Master.

On motion of M. W. Brother Sircom, P. G. M., duly seconded, it was

Resolved, " That the address just read be referred to a committee, consisting of the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and the Senior Grand Warden."

The R. W. the Grand Secretary then submitted the following report :—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

BRETHREN,—I respectfully submit the following report of my proceedings as Grand Secretary for the past Masonic year. I duly forwarded to the Subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction, and also to our Sister Grand Lodges, printed copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year ended, June, 1869.

In accordance with a resolution of Grand Lodge passed at the Communication in September, I superintended the publication of the Revised Constitution, having first made an index thereto, which, I have reason to believe, is satisfactory.

The supply of Grand Lodge Certificates having become exhausted, it was deemed advisable that a new form should be adopted; and accordingly, with the assistance of Past Grand Master Sircom, the Senior Grand Warden, and Grand Treasurer, a design was drawn out, and transmitted to Scotland, where it was engraved; and 1000 parchment certificates have been procured, which for execution and style compare favorably with those of any other Grand Lodge.

By the authority of Grand Lodge, I issued the following charters, during the past year :—

Hiram Lodge	No. 53, Goldenville.
King Solomon	No. 54, Digby.
Morien	No. 55, Cow Bay, C. B.

I also issued a Dispensation by the same authority to Temple Lodge at Port Mulgrave; and a continuation of Dispensation until 24th June, instant, to Harmony Lodge, North East Harbor, Barrington.

The roll of Lodges having been revised, and the revision adopted by Grand Lodge in September last, parchment slips under the Grand Lodge seal were duly forwarded to the Subordinate Lodges, containing the number they were thereafter to bear on the Grand Lodge books.

Accompanying this report I submit a statement of my account for the past year, from which it will appear that I have received from the various Lodges the sum of Fourteen Hundred and Fifty-

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two Dollars and Seventy-five cents, which amount has been duly paid over to the Grand Treasurer as per vouchers submitted herewith.

In concluding my report, I beg to return my thanks to the Grand Lodge Officers and Members for the support I received in the discharge of the duties of my office, which proved more onerous than I had anticipated; and my thanks are especially due to Past Grand Master Sircom and to the Substitute Grand Master for the very valuable advice and assistance I obtained from them on several occasions when I found it necessary to apply to them on matters connected with Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY C. D. TWINING,
Grand Secretary.

*The GRAND SECRETARY, in account with the Grand Lodge of
Nova Scotia, for year ending 24th June, 1870.*

1869.			
Sept. 7.	Cash from Burns Lodge, No. 10.....	\$67.50	
17.	“ “ Hiram Lodge, No. 53 (charter).....	30.00	
Nov. 15.	“ “ Temple Lodge (Dispensation).....	5.00	
1870.			
Jan. 19.	“ “ King Solomon Lodge, No. 54 (charter)..	30.00	
Mar. 9.	“ “ Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38 ..	25.80	
10.	“ “ Temple Lodge (Bal. for charter).....	25.00	
31.	“ “ Morien Lodge, No. 55 (charter).....	30.00	
May 12.	“ “ Burns Lodge, No. 10 “	46.50	
16.	“ “ Virgin Lodge, No. 3 “	29.50	
23.	“ “ Cobequid Lodge, No. 37 “	32.50	
26.	“ “ St. Mark Lodge, No. 35	30.41	
June 4.	“ “ Rothsay Lodge, No. 41.....	44.00	
7.	“ “ Western Star Lodge, No. 50.....	19.37	
9.	“ “ Acadia Lodge, No. 14.....	35.00	
“	“ “ Keith Lodge, No. 17.....	49.50	
10.	“ “ Thistle Lodge, No. 36.....	26.50	
“	“ “ Scotia Lodge, No. 31.....	33.00	
“	“ “ Orient Lodge, No. 49.....	22.00	
11.	“ “ Widow's Son Lodge, No. 48.....	9.50	
13.	“ “ Zetland Lodge, No. 9.....	61.00	

June 13.	Cash from Keith Lodge, No. 16.....	39.00
"	" " Harmony Lodge, No. 52.....	34.00
"	" " Annapolis Royal, No. 33.....	37.50
"	" " Hiram Lodge, No. 53.....	34.00
14.	" " Union Lodge, No. 18.....	27.00
"	" " Truro Lodge, No. 43.....	29.87
"	" " Albion Lodge, No. 5.....	55.00
"	" " Poyntz Lodge, No. 44.....	31.50
"	" " New Caledonia Lodge, No. 11.....	88.50
15.	" " Acacia Lodge, No. 8.....	31.40
"	" " Welsford Lodge, No. 26..	45.50
"	" " Hiram Lodge, No. 12.....	35.00
"	" " Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 6.....	52.00
"	" " Philadelphia Lodge, No. 47.....	17.00
16.	" " Unity Lodge, No. 4.....	25.00
"	" " Keith Lodge, No. 23.....	42.50
17.	" " Lodge of St. Mark, No. 38.....	47.40
20.	" " Scotia Lodge, No. 22.....	36.50
"	" " Scotia Lodge, No. 28.....	15.50
"	" " St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 7.....	22.50
22.	" " St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1.....	23.50
"	" " Athole Lodge, No. 15.....	30.50
		\$1452.75

By Cash paid Grand Treasurer as per voucher, 1 to 19....\$1452.75
E. and O. Excepted.

On motion of R. W. Brother C. J. McDonald it was

Resolved, "That the Report with accompanying statement of account for the past year, be received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit."

R. W. Brother B. Curren, Chairman of the Committee on Work, submitted the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

The Committee appointed at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge to take into consideration the subject of the Ritual to be adopted by this Grand Lodge, beg to report as follows:—

That inasmuch as the work called "the Ancient York Rite" would be, as far as they can discover, acceptable to a majority

of the lodges now working in this Province, and as your committee are informed that the above named work is now practised by a large number of our lodges, and as any very decided change in the present Ritual might be attended with great inconvenience, they therefore recommend that the work styled "Ancient York Rite" be generally adopted by the lodges now working in this Province.

Your committee further recommend that the lodges now working the Ritual of the Grand Lodges of England and Canada have full permission to continue that work so long as they shall desire to do so.

(Signed)

BENJAMIN CURREN.
 DAVID POTTINGER.
 STEPHEN R. SIRCOM.
 ALLAN H. CROWE.
 JOHN D. NASH.

Ordered, that the report be received and do lie on the table. The Chairman of the Committee appointed at the last Communication to frame a Code of rules for the guidance of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge, presented his report.

Ordered, that the report be received, and do lie on the table to be taken up and considered hereafter.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers as provided by the Revised Constitution. Whereupon the W. M. the Hon. Alexander Keith was proposed, and unanimously re-elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Master then appointed a Committee to sort and examine votes, who finally reported the following Brethren as duly elected to the offices set opposite their respective names :—

William Taylor.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
 Allen H. Crowe.....R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
 Samuel G. Rigby.....R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
 Andrew K. MackinlayR. W. Grand Treasurer.

Benjamin Curren	R. W. Grand Secretary.
Newell Snow	R. W. Grand Lecturer.
Revs. D. C. Moore, H. P. Almon } J. B. Richardson, C. B. Pitblado }	R. W. Grand Chaplains.
Robert Wylie	V. W. Senior Grand Deacon.
John Lawlor	V. W. Junior Grand Deacon.
Horatio B. Sellon	V. W. G. Suptd't of Works.
Douglas McLeod	V. W. G. D. of Ceremonies.
George Hyde	V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
J. B. Norton	V. W. Grand Organist.
Alexander Waddell	V. W. Grand Pursuivant.
Jas. Dempster, Wm Montgomery, } John B. Barron, F. W. Dakin, } J. A. Fuller, James Fortune, }	V. W. Grand Stewards.
John M. Taylor	V. W. Grand Tyler.

M. W. Past Grand Master Sircom on behalf of Brother Ira Cornwall, Junior, of the "Craftsman" presented to Grand Lodge a group of the officers past and present of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Whereupon on motion

Resolved, "That the group be framed and placed in the Lodge Room, and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the donor for his handsome present."

The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until half-past eight o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at half-past eight o'clock.

R. W. Brother J. N. Ritchie, Senior Grand Warden in the chair, and a constitutional number of Lodges represented.

On motion of R. W. Brother J. D. Nash, duly seconded, it was

Resolved, "That a Committee be appointed to revise the present Constitution of Grand Lodge, and report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication in September; and that the Committee for that purpose be selected by the W. M. the Grand Master."

The report of the Committee on Work was then taken up and considered, and it having been moved and seconded that such report be received and adopted, Brother J. Conway Brown, moved by way of amendment thereto that the original Webb York rite be adopted by all Lodges in the Jurisdiction, without exception, subsequent to the regular meeting of this Grand Lodge in December next, which amendment being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The original motion for the adoption of the report being then put, was agreed to.

Brother Allan H. Crowe moved that the next quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge be held in the town of Pictou. Which being seconded and put was agreed to.

Brother Rev. H. Pryor Almon moved that the quarterly meeting in December next be held at Windsor. Which being seconded and put was agreed to.

M. W. Past Grand Master S. R. Sircom moved that the March Communication of Grand Lodge be held in Yarmouth, which being seconded—

R. W. Brother J. D. Nash moved by way of amendment that such March Communication be held at Annapolis. Which amendment being seconded and put passed in the negative.

The original resolution being then put, also passed in the negative.

It being now past eleven o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, and adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M., to-morrow, Saturday, June 25th.

SATURDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1870.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at eleven o'clock, A. M., the M. W. the Hon. Alexander Keith in the east.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly repre-

sented, the R. W. the Grand Treasurer submitted the following statement of his account for the past financial year, viz :

*Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in account with A. K. MACKINLAY,
Grand Treasurer.*

		DR.		
1869.				
Aug. 2.	To	Cash paid	C. J. Macdonald	\$200.00
" "	"	"	"	27.50
" 14.	"	"	C. Annand	5.00
" 29.	"	"	Brennan & Co.	20.00
" "	"	"	Wetmore	8.00
" "	"	"	Mackinlay	19.67
Sept. 30.	"	"	Secretary	100.00
1870.				
Jan. 8.	"	"	Tyler	15.00
June 24.	Balance to Cr		1342.79
				<u>\$1737.96</u>

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June 22.	By	Balance	\$152.83½
" 23.	"	Cash from	Truro Lodge	17.12½
" 29.	"	"	Albert, Shelburne	20.00
" "	"	"	St. Mark, Baddeck	35.75
July 30.	"	"	Concord, Barrington	59.50
Sept. 8.	"	"	Secretary	67.50
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Mar. 10.	"	"	"	60.80
" 10.	"	"	"	25.00
" 31.	"	"	"	30.00
May 13.	"	"	"	46.50
" 14.	"	"	"	29.50
" 26.	"	"	"	62.91
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" 20.	"	"	"	74.50
" 23.	"	"	"	54.00
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June 24.	By	Balance	\$1342.79
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Halifax, N. S., June 24th, 1870.

A. K. MACKINLAY,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald, duly seconded, it was

Resolved, "That such account be referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit."

The following Grand Lodge Officers, elected yesterday being present, were duly installed into the offices set opposite their respective names, by the M. W. the Grand Master in due and ancient form, and with the Grand Lodge honors, usual on such occasions, viz :—

- William Taylor..... R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- Allan H. Crowe..... R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
- Andrew K. Mackinlay..... R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- Benjamin Curren..... R. W. Grand Secretary.
- Newell Snow..... R. W. Grand Lecturer.
- J. B. Richardson R. W. Grand Chaplain.
- Robert Wylie..... V. W. Senior Grand Deacon.
- Horatio B. Sellon..... V. W. Grand Suptd. of Works.
- J. B. Norton..... V. W. Grand Organist.
- George Hyde..... V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
- Alexander Waddell..... V. W. Grand Pursuivant.
- F. W. Dakin..... V. W. Grand Steward.
- John M. Taylor..... V. W. Grand Tyler.

The newly installed Officers then assumed their places, and entered upon the discharge of their respective duties.

HENRY C. D. TWINING,
Grand Secretary.

Brother Montgomery, who had been previously elected Grand Steward, having declined to serve, on motion of Brother A. H. Woodill, M. D., Brother Livingstone Herbert, of St. Andrew's Lodge, was elected in his stead.

On motion of R. W. Brother Allan H. Crowe the Rev. William T. Wilkins, B. A., was unanimously elected Grand Chaplain for the ensuing year, and being present was installed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in due and ancient form, and with the customary Grand honors.

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The M. W. the Grand Master being called away upon urgent private business, requested R. W. Brother W. Taylor, D. G. M., to preside.

R. W. Brother J. N. Ritchie, pursuant to notice previously given, moved that section 5, chapter 1, of the Constitution be amended by adding the words, "and no amount shall be payable to the representatives or proxies of any Lodges which have not paid up their dues and fees in full previous to, or at the annual communication, for the attendance at which the expenses are claimed."

Brother H. S. Jost of Unity Lodge, No. 4, moved in amendment, "that Brother Ritchie's motion be referred to the Committee for revising the Constitution," which being seconded and put to vote was agreed to.

Several Brethren from Lodges at a distance from the city having expressed a wish to return home, permission was granted.

On motion of R. W. Brother J. Norman Ritchie, seconded by Brother J. Montgomery, the By-Laws of the following Lodges as amended by the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, were agreed to, viz:—

Zetland, No. 9.	Thistle, No. 36.
New Caledonia, No. 11.	Cobequid, No. 37.
Hiram, No. 12.	Rothsay, No. 41.
Athole, No. 15.	Truro, No. 43.
Keith, No. 16.	Orient, No. 49.
Keith, No. 23.	Eastern Star, No. 51.
Welsford, No. 26.	Harmony, No. 52.
Morien, No. 55.	

Brother George Fraser presented his credentials from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, accrediting him as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of that state near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

On motion of R. W. Brother J. D. Nash, seconded by Brother P. M. William McDonald, the same were received and confirmed.

On motion the Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment until 8 o'clock, P. M.

BENJAMIN CURREN,
Grand Secretary.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH, 1870.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labour.

R. W. William Taylor, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

The following Lodges were represented:—

St. Andrew's, No. 1.	Acadia, No. 14.
Virgin, No. 3.	Athole, No. 15.
Unity, No. 4.	Keith, No. 17.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.	Union, No. 18.
Zetland, No. 9.	Scotia, No. 22.
Burns, No. 10.	St. Mark, No. 38.
Acadia, No. 13.	Widow's Son, No. 48.

Eastern Star, No. 51.

The following resolution was moved by Brother William May, seconded by Brother William McNaughton:—

Resolved, "That the distance between Queen's Lodge, Sherbrooke, and Hiram Lodge at Goldenville be equally divided, the Lodges being two miles and a half apart."

On motion, the resolution was referred to the Committee on grievances and appeal.

R. W. Brother George Fraser, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Audit submitted the following report:

HALIFAX, June 24th, 1870.

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

Your Committee on Finance and Audit beg respectfully to submit the following:—

They have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and have found the same correct.

Amount received for the past year.....	\$1737.96
They have paid out.....	395.17

And find the balance in hands of Grand Treasurer \$1342.79
All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) GEORGE FRASER.
WILLIAM McDONALD.

It having been moved by R. W. Brother J. D. Nash, and seconded by Brother T. A. Cossman that the report be received and adopted, R. W. Brother J. N. Ritchie moved the following amendment:—

Resolved, “That this report of the Finance and Audit Committee be referred back to them to report the probable amount, if any, of fees and dues still due by the subordinate Lodges up to the 14th June last, and whether any debts due by the Grand Lodge are yet unpaid.”

This amendment having been seconded by Brother Fraser, R. W. Brother Nash in amendment to the amendment moved the following:—

Resolved, “That the Committee on Finance and Audit have no authority to call upon people in all parts of the Province to ascertain whether or not they may have any bills against Grand Lodge or to require from members of Lodges how much money they have paid to the Grand Secretary.”

Both amendments on being put to vote were declared lost.

The original motion for the adoption of the report was then put and agreed to.

The special Committee on Finance and Audit not being yet prepared to report asked for an extension of time, which was granted.

R. W. Brother C. J. McDonald, Chairman of Committee on Charters, submitted the following report:—

HALIFAX, N. S., June 14th, 1870.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

Your Committee on Charters beg to submit the following report: That they have received the petition of Temple Lodge U. D. for a charter: the petition is in regular form, but your Committee have no means of judging as to the manner in which their work has been done while under dispensation. Your Committee have also received a letter from the Senior Warden named on said petition requesting that his name be withdrawn and that an investigation be made into the proceedings of said Temple Lodge. Your Committee would therefore recommend that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master issue his proxy empowering a brother to investigate into the proceedings of said Lodge.

Your Committee have also had before them several communications from Thistle Lodge asking that a charter which was granted at the last communication of Grand Lodge to a number of brethren at Cow Bay under the name and title of Morien Lodge be withdrawn; but, as the said petition contains no definite charge against said Lodge, your Committee would recommend that no action be taken in the matter.

(Signed) CHARLES J. McDONALD.
JOHN D. NASH.

On motion of Brother Williams, seconded by Brother McLeod, it was

Resolved, "That the report be received and adopted."

R. W. Brother J. N. Ritchie, Chairman of Committee on grievances and appeal submitted the following report:—

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeal beg to report to this Grand Lodge that no business has been laid before them for their consideration during the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

J. N. RITCHIE.

Halifax, 24th June, 1870.

WM. TAYLOR.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Brother J. N. Ritchie gave notice that at the next meeting he would move the following:—

Resolved, "That in future the accounts of the Secretary and

Treasurer be made up to the 15th June in each year, and be at once handed to the Committee on Finance and Audit, and further, that the reports of all Committees be laid on the Secretary's table within three hours after the Grand Lodge is open."

On motion it was resolved to defer the consideration of the report of Committee to form By-Laws for the proposed Charity Fund, to the next annual communication.

Brother R. C. Hamilton moved the following resolution :

Resolved, "That Brother Thomas Webster of Acadia Lodge, No. 13, Pugwash, receive a diploma from this Grand Lodge."

Which being seconded, Brother J. Gossip moved in amendment—

"That the question with reference to Brother Webster of Acadia, No. 13, be referred to Committee on Grievances and Appeal."

Which on being put to vote was agreed to.

On motion of R. W. Brother J. N. Ritchie it was

Resolved, "That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the business thereof will be greatly expedited if the Grand Lodge officers should not, in future, be installed until the business of the year has been completed."

The report of the Committee on foreign correspondence was submitted by R. W. Brother C. J. McDonald, when, it was moved by R. W. Brother John D Nash,

"That the report be received and adopted."

Which being seconded, Brother J. C. Brown moved the following amendment :—

"That so much of the report on foreign correspondence as relates to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be deferred till next regular communication of Grand Lodge, as an act of courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Canada."

This amendment on being put to vote was declared lost.

The original motion for the adoption of the report being then put, was agreed to.

R. W. Brother Allan H. Crowe gave notice that he

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would move a reconsideration of the vote just taken, at the next regular communication in September.

On motion the Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment until Tuesday evening, June 28th, 1870.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28TH, 1870.

8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labour, R. W. William Taylor presiding.

The following Lodges were represented, viz :—

St. Andrew's, No. 1.	Keith, No. 17.
Virgin, No. 3.	Scotia, No. 22.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.	St. Mark, No. 38.
Zetland, No. 9.	Truro, No. 43.
Burns, No. 10.	Widow's Son, No. 48.
Acadia, No. 14.	Eastern Star, No. 51.
Athole, No. 15.	Philadelphia, No. 47.

It was moved by R. W. Brother Nash, seconded by Brother A. H. Woodill, M. D., and unanimously

Resolved, "That the Grand Secretary provide each subordinate Lodge with two copies of the constitution, so that before the 15th day of August, 1870, the Lodges may report to the Committee appointed to revise the constitution, such alterations as they may deem requisite."

On motion of R. W. Brother Allan H. Crowe, seconded by Brother Montgomery, it was

Resolved, "That a petition of a candidate having been placed before a Lodge, and handed to an investigating Committee, becomes the property of that Lodge, and cannot be withdrawn, whether reported upon favourably or not, and *must be submitted to the ballot.*"

Several notices of motion to amend the constitution were given, and ordered to be referred to the Revising Committee.

On motion the Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment until Thursday evening, June 30.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH, 1870.
8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor,
R. W. Brother William Taylor presiding.

The following Lodges were represented, viz :—

St. Andrew's, No. 1.	Union, No. 18.
Virgin, No. 3.	Scotia, No. 22.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.	St. Mark, No. 38.
Zetland, No. 9.	Truro, No. 43—by proxy.
Burns, No. 10.	Philadelphia, No. 47.
Acadia, No. 14.	Widow's Son, No. 48.
Athole, No. 15.	Eastern Star, No. 51.

Brother James Gossip from the special committee on the
Grand Master's address, presented the following report :—

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

The committee on the Grand Master's address, beg to report
that having carefully considered the address, they have much
pleasure in recommending its adoption by the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FORMAN.

A. K. MACKINLAY.

J. GOSSIP.

On motion of Brother McLeod, seconded by Brother
Cossman, it was

Resolved, "That the same be received and adopted."

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master S. R. Sircom having
presented Credentials from the Grand Master of California,
accrediting him as the representative of the Grand Lodge of
that state near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was received
in that capacity with the customary honors, and invited to a
seat in the east.

On motion of R. W. Brother C. J. McDonald, duly
seconded, it was

Resolved, "That the application of Harmony Lodge, for a
charter be referred to next committee on charters, the present
application not being in proper order."

The following Grand Lodge officers elected on Friday, June 24th, but absent from the morning session of Saturday, June 25th, were installed by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Bro. Sircom into the offices set opposite their names.

John Lawlor.....	V. W. Junior G. Deacon.
Douglas McLeod	V. W. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
John B. Barron.....	} V. W. Grand Stewards.
J. A. Fortune.....	
J. A. Fuller	
Livingstone Herbert.....	

Brother George Fraser, chairman of special committee on Finance and Audit, submitted the following report :

Report of special committee of Grand Lodge on Finance and Audit, appointed at the quarterly Communication, held on the 4th March, 1870.

Your committee beg to report that they have duly attended to the duties assigned them, and now submit the following as the results of their labours.

Fees and dues received from the following Lodges as per returns, up to the 24th June, 1869 :

Athole Lodge, No. 15, Halifax.....	\$88.87
Davies, No. 21, Wilmot	47.00
Harmony, U. D. North East Harbour.....	1.50
Solomon, No. 46, Hawkesbury.....	59.75
Eastern Star, No. 51, Dartmouth	21.25
Cobequid, No. 37, Truro.....	58.90
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	\$227.27
Cash from R. W. Brother W. Taylor—balance in his hands from Banquet Committee.....	28.75
Cash from R. W. Brother John Woodill, late District Grand Treasurer—balance in his hands as per account.....	467.81
Cash from R. W. Brother H. C. D. Twining, Grand Secretary, balance of funds in his hands as per account.....	492.10
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	\$1215.43
Amount of sundry accounts due by the several bodies composing the Union in June, 1869, examined and paid by your Committee as per accompanying vouchers and receipts.....	1027.62
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Balance in hands of your Committee at this date....	\$781.81

Your committee are happy to state that all claims which existed against the several Lodges comprised in the Union on the 24th June, 1869, and referred to them, have been paid without the necessity of drawing on the revenue of the Grand Lodge for the year just ended.

Whilst the majority of the Lodges have promptly paid up their fees and dues which were owing at the date of Union, your committee regret being obliged to report several as not having yet paid, as appears from the statement of the Grand Secretary, Brother Twining.

The Assets of the Grand Lodge at this date, are as follows:—

Balance of Cash in hands of committee as above, and subject to the order of Grand Lodge	\$187.81
Balance in Treasurer's hands, as per his account.....	1342.79
Amount of funds of late District Grand Lodge, invested in Real Estate securities	2400.00
	\$3990.60

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. FRASER, *Chairman.*

WM. McDONALD.

CHAS. J. McDONALD.

JOHN D. NASH.

Halifax, 24th June, 1870.

DOUGLAS McLEOD, *Secretary.*

On motion of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Sircom, seconded by Brother Cossman, it was

Resolved, "That the foregoing report be received."

The adoption of the report was then moved by R. W. Brother C. J. McDonald, seconded by Brother W. S. McDonald and agreed to, when

On motion of R. W. Brother Nash, seconded by Brother Jordan, it was

Resolved, "That Brother Geo. Fraser hand over the funds of the special committee, now in his hands, to the Grand Treasurer."

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Statement of Accounts paid by special committee on Finance and Audit, as per receipts, dated March and April, 1870 :

Paid Howard McLean, Attorney of Edward McDonald.....	\$465.00
Paid balance due on Testimonial, as per resolution of District Grand Lodge	148.75
Paid G. Fraser's account against Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge, salary as G. Secretary, from Nov. 30, 1866 to June 24, 1869..	246.00
Paid Compton's bill against Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge, for the years 1861-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69.....	40.87½
Paid C. Annand's bill against Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge, for the years 1866-67-68-69.....	26 50
Paid A. Grant's bill against Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge, viz : Jan'y 1, 1869, amt. of acct. rendered.....	\$33.12
June 19, " advertising Celebration.....	2.25
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Paid Crosskill's bill against Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge, for the years 1866-67-68.....	15.50
Paid Bowes & Sons' bill against Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge, for the year 1865-66	5.75
Paid Ritchie & Nugent's bill against Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge, for December, 1866.....	8.00
Paid Blackadar's bill against Scottish Provincial Grand Lodge, for December, 1866.....	6.00
Paid Eastern Chronicle for advertising, June, 1869.....	3.75
Paid A. Grant for advertising, June, 1869.....	4.00
Paid C. Annand for advertising, June, 1869.....	2.00
Paid John D. Nash for sundries, July, 1869.....	8.50
Paid H. McCallum, travelling expenses.....	6.00
Trustees of Masonic Temple to May, 1869.....	8.75
J. Hutton for flowers, June, 1869.....	4.87½
Donald & Watson, Gas fitters, June, 1869.....	3.75

On motion of R. W. Brother Nash, seconded by Brother W. McDonald, it was

Resolved, "That the Grand Secretary be authorized to collect from the last Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, the copies of the Constitution in their possession, for the purpose of distribution as directed by Grand Lodge."

It was moved by Brother Valot, seconded by Brother McDonald, and

Resolved, "That as the duties of the committee on credentials and returns have not been fully defined in the Constitution, the explanation of the committee of the past year be accepted in lieu of a formal report."

On motion of R. W. Brother Crowe, seconded by V. W. Brother Lawlor, it was

Resolved, "That the sum of one hundred dollars be granted to Brother William S. McDonald for services performed as Grand Clerk, during the last year."

On motion of Past Grand Master Bro. Sircom, seconded by R. W. Brother Smithers, it was

Resolved, "That the rank of Past Deputy Grand Master be conferred by this Grand Lodge on the following brethren, viz:— Charles J. McDonald, Robert Brechin, James R. Graham, and Charles White, inasmuch as the office of Substitute Grand Master which these brethren had held, together with the honors attached thereto, had been swept away by action of Grand Lodge, in the revision of the Constitution."

It was moved by Past Grand Master Sircom, seconded by Brother A. H. Woodill, M. D., and unanimously

Resolved, "That a committee consisting of R. W. Bro. Nash and the Grand Stewards be appointed to take charge of the Library for the ensuing year, and that such committee have full power to control, and in all matters to regulate the disposal of the books."

On motion of Brother McDonald, seconded by Brother Munnis, it was

Resolved, "That 350 copies of the report be printed for distribution."

The following Standing Committees were then appointed for the ensuing Masonic year, viz:—

ON CREDENTIALS.

Brothers T. H. Cossmann, Douglas McLeod, W. S. McDonald.

ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATION.

Brothers John D. Nash, J. C. Brown and James Gossip.

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.

Brothers A. K. Mackinlay, J. Montgomery and H. J. Marshall.

ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

Brothers Thos. Mowbray, C. J. Macdonald and C. Croker-King.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Brothers G. T. Smithers, R. C. Hamilton, J. Taylor Wood.

ON CHARTERS.

Brothers S. R. Sircom, Wm. McDonald and Horatio Sellon.

ON REVISING CONSTITUTION.

Brothers Allan H. Crowe, J. R. Graham, S. R. Sircom, Wm. Holloway, J. D. Nash, C. J. McDonald and S. G. Rigby.

On motion the following brethren were appointed a Committee to dispense the benevolent fund of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, viz :—

Brothers Allan H. Crowe, Henry C. D. Twining, William A. Hesson, Philip G. Valot, J. R. B. Fidler, Geo. Fraser, W. S. McDonald, A. S. Busby, R. R. Morris, S. R. Sircom, G. T. Smithers, W. U. Jones, John Allen.

Right Worshipful Brother William Taylor in a few appropriate remarks, tendered to the members of Grand Lodge his sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon him by his elevation to the high position of Deputy Grand Master, in a body whose jurisdiction now extends over, not a portion only of the craft in this Province, but an undivided territory, comprising fifty-five chartered Lodges, united in the bonds of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

No further business appearing, after the usual ceremonies, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in due form.

BENJAMIN CURREN,
Grand Secretary.

Brothers: T. H. ... and ...

Resolved, That ...

APPENDIX.

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CHAPTER I.

OF GRAND LODGE.

Section 1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "*The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia.*"

Section 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected as hereafter provided, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed; but they shall be eligible for re-election.

The election of all officers shall take place at the Annual Communication, when they shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form. No officer shall be installed by proxy.

Section 3. The following officers shall be nominated in writing, and elected by written ballot, and shall require a majority of the votes of those present:—

The Most Worshipful	the Grand Master,
Right Worshipful	Deputy Grand Master,
"	" Senior Grand Warden,
"	" Junior Grand Warden,
"	" Grand Treasurer,
"	" Grand Secretary.

Any brother nominating a candidate shall place on the Secretary's table a folded paper containing the name of the person he proposes. After all the nominations have been made, the Secretary shall open all the papers and declare the names of the candidates nominated, and the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those having the two highest number of votes.

The remainder of the officers shall be nominated and elected by open vote, viz. :—

Right	Worshipful	Grand	Lecturer,
"	"	"	Chaplains,
Very	Worshipful	Senior	Grand Deacon,
"	"	Junior	Grand Deacon,
"	"	Grand	Superintendent of Works,
"	"	"	Director of Ceremonies,
"	"	"	Sword Bearer,
"	"	"	Organist,
"	"	"	Pursuivant,
"	"	"	Stewards, (six),
"	"	"	Tyler.

No one shall be eligible for any office unless he has been duly registered, and is a subscribing member of a subordinate Lodge; and no brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Grand Lodge is prepared to certify that he is willing, if elected, to accept the office.

Section 4. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the officers previously mentioned, the Masters and Wardens of all subordinate Lodges duly installed, and in their absence proxies duly certified as hereinafter provided, and all Past Masters while they continue members of a subordinate Lodge; but no member of the Grand Lodge is to exercise more than three votes; and Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges shall not be entitled to vote in that capacity; and in no case shall a member of Grand Lodge exercise more than one vote in his own right.

Section 5. In case the Representatives of any Lodge at a distance of more than ten miles from the place of meeting should be unable to attend the Grand Lodge Communications, such Lodge, by a vote of its members, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary under seal, may appoint one of its Representatives or any one of its members being a Master Mason, to represent the Lodge as proxy. Such proxy shall be allowed to vote only in the absence of some or one of the Representatives, and each Lodge shall have three votes only, including its proxy and any of its Representatives present.

In order to enable the Lodges at a distance of more than twenty miles from Halifax to be represented in the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, a sum will be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge to each subordinate Lodge, sufficient to pay the reasonable expenses of sending one Representative or proxy to Halifax; such amount to be adjusted by the Committee of Finance and Audit, and paid to the Representative or proxy of the Lodge immediately after the Annual Communication. No amount shall be payable unless the Representative or proxy shall actually attend the Annual Communication, and travel from the place where the Lodge is situated, for that purpose.

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Section 6. The rank of officers and members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

The Grand Master,
 Past Grand Masters,
 Deputy Grand Master,
 Past Deputy Grand Masters,
 Past Substitute Grand Masters,
 Senior Grand Warden,
 Past Senior Grand Wardens,
 Junior Grand Warden,
 Past Junior Grand Wardens,
 Grand Treasurer,
 Grand Secretary,
 Grand Lecturer,
 Grand Chaplains,
 Senior Grand Deacon,
 Junior Grand Deacon,
 Grand Superintendent of Works,
 Grand Director of Ceremonies,
 Grand Sword Bearer,
 Grand Organist,
 Grand Pursuivant,
 Grand Stewards,
 Grand Tyler.

The Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of Subordinate Lodges in the order of their respective Lodge warrants.

Section 7. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, it shall be filled by election at the next regular communication.

Section 8. No officer or member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing.

Section 9. No brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master, or Warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned to the Grand Secretary.

Section 10. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at Halifax, on the 24th day of June, at 12 o'clock, noon, except such day shall fall on Sunday, when the meeting shall be held on the following Monday. Regular Communications shall be held on the first Fridays of March, September and December, at 8 o'clock, P. M., at Halifax, unless otherwise decided upon at the Annual Communication.

Section 11. The following officers must be either Masters or Past Masters of Lodges:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master,	
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,	
“ “ Senior Grand Warden,	
“ “ Junior Grand Warden,	
“ “ Grand Treasurer,	
“ “ Grand Secretary,	
“ “ Grand Lecturer.	

Section 12. The Grand Master shall, immediately after the installation of officers at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, appoint the following Standing Committees, to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all such matters as pertain to them respectively:

On Credentials and Returns,
On Constitution and Regulations,
On Grievances and Appeal,
On Finance and Audit,
On Foreign Correspondence,
On Charters,

But no member of Grand Lodge shall be required to serve on more than one of these Standing Committees; and one member at least of each shall be either a Master or Warden of a Lodge.

Section 13. The Grand Master, or in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of Emergency whenever the good of the Craft shall in his opinion require it. The particular reason for convening such Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

Section 14. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Chair shall be filled in the following order:—By the Deputy Grand Master; Senior Grand Warden; Junior Grand Warden; Past Grand Master; Past Deputy Grand Master; Past Senior Grand Warden; Past Junior Grand Warden; the Master of the Senior Lodge present. He shall have the same power while presiding as the Grand Master.

N. B.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in AMPLE FORM when the Grand Master is present; in DUE FORM when the Deputy Grand Master or Past Grand Master presides; at all other times only IN FORM, yet with the same authority.

Section 15. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them; always taking care that the Ancient Landmarks of the Order are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as it may appoint; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft.

Section 16. No Lodge shall be erased, nor any Brother expelled, until the Master or Officers of the Lodge, or the offending Brother, shall have been summoned to shew cause in the Grand Lodge why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced—such summons being addressed, and either delivered

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personally, or sent by post to the last known place of residence of such Brother, being deemed a proper summons; but a reasonable time in the discretion of the Grand Lodge must elapse before sentence is passed.

Section 17. All differences and complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced to writing, and delivered to the Grand Secretary.

Section 18. When any memorial or other document is presented by any member of the Grand Lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

Section 19. No business of any kind shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge unless at least five subordinate Lodges are represented by proxy or otherwise.

Section 20. Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft may, by a vote of the Grand Lodge, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

Section 21. The Grand Lodge may summon any Lodge or Brother to attend the Grand Lodge and to produce the Charter, Books, Papers, and Accounts of the Lodge, or the Certificate of a Brother. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, the Lodge or Brother may be suspended.

Section 22. Every subordinate Lodge shall be visited at least once in every year by the Grand Master, or by one or more members of the Grand Lodge duly authorized, who shall examine the Minutes and enquire as to the state of the funds in hand, the work done, and the general condition of the Lodge, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge in writing at its next Regular Communication. The Officers of each Lodge visited shall, on pain of suspension, give full information on all subjects with reference to the Lodge.

Section 23. Master Masons in good standing, vouched for by the Tyler, or a Brother present, may be admitted into the Grand Lodge after the same has been opened, provided they are decently dressed and properly clothed. They will be seated together in a particular part of the Lodge room, to be pointed out by the Junior Grand Deacon, and must, on no account, attempt to speak or vote. If any of them wish to retire before the Lodge is closed, he must rise in his place and ask for and obtain special permission from the Grand Master or Officer presiding.

On motion of any member of the Grand Lodge, duly seconded, the Grand Master or presiding Officer shall, without discussion, require all present, not being members of the Grand Lodge, to retire.

Section 24. The Grand Lodge shall keep a book in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the Lodge; and a similar book, or a portion of the same book, for visitors, who are, in like manner, to enter their names, Masonic rank, and the name of their Mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

Section 25. No Rule, By-Law, or Regulation of the Grand Lodge shall be suspended except by the unanimous vote of all the members present.

CHAPTER II.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GRAND LODGE DURING THE TIME OF PUBLIC BUSINESS.

Section 1. The Grand Lodge being opened, the minutes of the last regular communication, and of any intervening Grand Lodge, are to be read; but reports, communications of documents approved or rejected at any previous meeting, shall not be read *in extenso*, unless called for by a member with a view of founding a motion thereon. All communications from the Grand Master, and reports from the Committees, are then to be read and taken into consideration, and the other business to be regularly proceeded with.

Section 2. No confirmation of Minutes is requisite, if they have been correctly taken; and if no brother objects to them on that account, they must stand approved. It shall not be competent for a brother on hearing read the minutes of a previous meeting to discuss or question anything done thereat, unless he has at such previous meeting given notice of reconsideration.

Section 3. At every meeting of the Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary shall produce a correct list containing the names and numbers of all the Lodges, the names of the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters returned from each, the number of votes each is entitled to, and the names of the Proxies (if any), which list shall be laid on his table and be open to the inspection of all members. Immediately after the Minutes have been read this list shall be read over by the Grand Secretary, who will give to each member, or proxy present, as his name is called out, a ticket stating how many votes he is entitled to. In counting the votes on a division of the Lodge, or in taking the ballot, the Grand Deacons shall be guided by these tickets, and no one shall be entitled to vote without producing one.

Section 4. At the first stroke of the Grand Master's gavel, or whenever the Grand Master shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

Section 5. All members shall keep their seats except the

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Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about in discharge of their duties.

Section 6. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or by special permission of the Grand Lodge, or the mover in reply.

Section 7. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master, nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order, but, after he has been set right, he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

Section 8. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master shall peremptorily command him to quit the Lodge for that meeting.

Section 9. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall forthwith be solemnly excluded, and declared incapable of being a member of Grand Lodge, until, at another time, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

Section 10. All matters not specially provided for are to be decided by a majority of the votes, unless the Lodge thinks proper to leave them to the determination of the Grand Master; the votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, and the motion is then to be declared as carried or lost, but if two members demand that the votes be counted, the brethren in favor of the motion shall pass to one side of the Lodge and those against it to the other, when they shall be counted by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Master to have a casting vote in case of a tie.

Section 11. Notices of motion must be given personally, and in writing, and not by brethren present on behalf of absent members.

Section 12. No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules or regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule or regulation thereto, without notice in writing stating the amendment or alteration proposed having been given at the regular Communication previous to that at which it is to be brought before Grand Lodge, and no alteration or addition to the constitution shall be binding, unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present.

Section 13. The mover of every resolution or amendment shall reduce the same to writing, otherwise it cannot be put. Every resolution or amendment shall, on motion of any brother, be divided, if capable of division, and each portion put separately from the chair.

Section 14. If any doubt shall arise as to the interpretation of a Law, the power of deciding the same shall be vested not in the chair but in the meeting.

Section 15. No brother shall be permitted to quit the Grand Lodge until the same has been closed, without permission asked and obtained from the presiding officer.

Section 16. No motion on a new subject shall be made nor any new matter entered upon after eleven o'clock at night.

CHAPTER III.

OF GRAND MASTER.

Section 1. The Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. Should the Grand Master die during his Grand Mastership, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Master, or in his absence the Grand Wardens, shall assemble the Grand Lodge immediately to record the event. The Grand Lodge shall appoint three of its members to invite the last preceding Grand Master to act until a new election takes place. Should he decline, or be unable to act, then the last but one, and so on. If no former Grand Master be found to act, the Grand Lodge shall be summoned to elect a Grand Master.

Section 3. The Grand Master under sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant, appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Lodge, near a sister Grand Lodge, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem appropriate. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge a member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, but without any vote.

Section 4. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and order any of his Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right hand and the Master of the Lodge on his left. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons present to act as his Wardens *pro tempore*.

Section 5. The Grand Master may send his Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

Section 6. The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary, or the Deputy Grand Master.

Section 7. If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation to be dictated by the occasion.

Section 8. During his term of office the Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a subordinate Lodge, and if he hold such office he must, on his election as Grand Master, resign it.

CHAPTER IV.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Section 1. The Deputy Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority in the absence of the Grand Master, to preside in any Lodge he may visit, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

Section 3. During his term of office the Deputy Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a subordinate Lodge, and if he holds such office, he must, on his election as Deputy Grand Master, resign it.

CHAPTER V.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

Section 1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in the Lodge, no others can supply their places; but in their absence the Past Grand Wardens shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Wardens be present, the Grand Master may direct any Masters or Past Masters of a subordinate Lodge to act as Grand Wardens *pro tempore*.

Section 3. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act as his Wardens.

CHAPTER VI.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

Section 1. The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond with two sureties to the Grand Master and such other Trustees as the

Grand Lodge shall nominate, with such conditions as may be deemed expedient for the due performance of his trust.

Section 3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all monies raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the Fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective use for which the several sums are intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the Committee of Finance and Audit, who shall make their report thereon at the Annual Communication in June.

CHAPTER VII.

OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Section 1. The Grand Secretary shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. The Grand Secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise; to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of all its proceedings; to notify all Committees of their appointment, and to provide them with such books and documents as they may require which may be in his custody; to receive the returns from the several Lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; to transmit to all the Lodges annually an account of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Lodge; to notify all Lodges, quarterly, of all rejected candidates, and suspended or expelled Masons, and to lay them before the Grand Master, or other proper authority; to attend the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, and to take to him any books and papers he may direct; to conduct the Correspondence of the Grand Lodge; to receive regularly, credit and record, all monies of the Grand Lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received, and the source whence received; and generally to do all such things as have been done, or ought to have been done, by a Grand Secretary; for which service he shall receive out of the Grand Lodge fund a salary of four hundred dollars annually, the same to be payable quarterly by the Grand Treasurer, on the order of the Grand Master.

CHAPTER VIII.

OF GRAND LECTURER.

Section 1. The Grand Lecturer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. He shall instruct the Officers of such Lodges as request his services in the mode of working, approved of by the Grand Lodge; he shall, if required, visit the subordinate Lodges, and report any deviation from the ancient land marks or from the established ritual that he may observe.

Section 3. He shall have the right to visit any Lodge, either at the regular or emergency meetings, but nothing contained herein shall permit or authorize him to interrupt or in any way interfere with the work of a Lodge, or to give instruction therein, without the consent or approval of the Master or Brother presiding.

Section 4. If any Lodge or its Officers shall require the services of the Grand Lecturer, they shall pay him a reasonable compensation for his time and trouble, the amount, in case of dispute, to be decided by the Committee of Finance and Audit, whose decision shall be final.

CHAPTER IX.

OF GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Section 1. The Grand Chaplains shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. They shall attend all Communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the fraternity.

CHAPTER X.

OF GRAND DEACONS.

Section 1. The Grand Deacons shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication, and each must be a Warden or a Past Warden of a Subordinate Lodge.

Section 2. If the Grand Deacons be absent, the Grand Master may appoint the Master of any Lodge to officiate *pro tempore*.

CHAPTER XI.

OF OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Section 1. All the other Grand Lodge Officers shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication, and must be Master Masons.

Section 2. The Grand Superintendent of Works is to advise with the committee on all plans of buildings and edifices under-

taken by the Grand Lodge, and furnish estimates. He is to report on the state of repair of the edifices of the Grand Lodge from time to time as required.

Section 3. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, has the care of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

Section 4. The Grand Pursuivant is to see that none be admitted, except those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

Section 5. Grand Standard Bearer may be appointed by the Grand Master as occasion may require. They must be Master Masons, and are to carry the Standards of the Grand Lodge, and Grand Master, on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the Grand Lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a Grand Officer.

Any Grand Officer entitled to have a Standard may, whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a Standard Bearer, who must be a Master Mason.

Section 6. The Grand Tyler is to receive from the Grand Secretary, the summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, its boards and Committees, and carefully deliver the same. He is to attend all Grand Lodge meetings, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled; and his salary shall be thirty dollars per annum, including all fees and charges.

Section 7. If any Grand Tyler shall, without the special license of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, attend at any Masonic funeral or other public business, or shall officiate or attend on any meeting or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, and not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge, or not conforming to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

CHAPTER XII.

OF GRAND COMMITTEES.

Section 1. All communications received by the Grand Secretary, which are to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, shall at once be handed by him to the Chairman of the Committee to whose province the business therein referred to appertains, and the committee shall proceed at once to investigate the matters so referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge at its next regular meeting, or at an emergent meeting, called for the purpose. If the regular meeting takes place within ten days after the communication has been received, the committee will not be obliged to report until the subsequent meeting.

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Section 2. In order to enable each committee fully to investigate the matters submitted to them, the Chairman thereof shall have the same power to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers as is possessed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

Section 3. Two-thirds of a Committee shall constitute a quorum.

CHAPTER XIII.

PROCEDURE BEFORE COMMITTEE OF GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL.

Section 1. In the event of a dispute arising between Subordinate Lodges and members of the Craft, the party or parties feeling aggrieved may lay the same before the Grand Lodge by written petition, duly signed, stating distinctly the matters complained of. No petition can be entertained unless it is submitted to the Grand Lodge within three months after the matters complained of originated, and in case of appeal within twelve months from the date of the decision appealed against.

Section 2. Such petition, together with a certificate by the petitioner, that a copy thereof has been served upon the party complained against, shall be lodged with the Grand Secretary, who shall hand the same to the Chairman of the Committee of Grievance and Appeal; the Chairman shall at once summon the Committee, who shall proceed to investigate the case, and they may, if they see fit, require the party complained against to answer the petition in writing within a time to be limited by them.

Section 3. The contending parties shall attend the meeting of the Committee (of which notice shall be sent them) either personally or by their representatives—such representatives being members of the Grand Lodge—when the evidence on both sides shall be heard, and the Committee shall then decide on the case, and report their decision, together with the evidence taken to the Grand Lodge, who may confirm or reject the report, remit it back to the Committee to take further evidence, and make such final order in relation thereto as to the Grand Lodge shall seem right.

Section 4. With each petition or answer there shall be paid a fee of one dollar, without which the document cannot be received. There shall also be paid for all extracts of the proceedings by the party requiring the same, 50 cents for the first sheet, and 30 cents for each other sheet.

Section 5. The judgments of the Grand Lodge shall be held to be final, and not reviewable by any tribunal whatever; and any party challenging or refusing to submit to the same, shall be liable to expulsion from the Grand Lodge, deprivation of his Masonic privileges, or such other punishment or censure as the Grand Lodge may see proper to inflict.

CHAPTER XIV.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Section 1. Every application for a Charter to open a new Lodge must be made by petition, signed by at least seven Master Masons in good standing, and the Lodges to which they belong specified; the petition must be recommended by the nearest regular Lodge, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. If the prayer of the petition be granted, a Charter will issue, empowering them to meet as a regular Lodge, and perform all the duties appertaining thereto.

Section 2. The Grand Master may, on receipt of the petition, grant a Dispensation to open a new Lodge, and report the same to the Grand Lodge, but no Dispensation shall be valid after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, unless approved of by it.

Section 3. The Officers of a Lodge shall consist of a Master, two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, Marshal or Inner Guard, two Stewards, and Tyler. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed in person.

Section 4. Every Lodge shall annually, at its regular meeting in April, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary by ballot, the remainder by open vote. The ballot shall be taken in the manner prescribed for Grand Lodge.

Section 5. No member of a Lodge shall be eligible for election as Master unless he has served as a Warden for one year, or served as a Master in any Lodge. But this regulation shall not apply to newly-formed Lodges, until after the second annual election of officers.

Section 6. The Master elect shall be installed by a Past Master of his own or some other Lodge, in open Lodge, at which Past Masters only shall be present, when he shall take the obligation and receive the secrets appertaining to that degree.

Section 7. If the Master should die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall summon the Lodge, and a new Master shall be elected at the next regular meeting. In case of a vacancy in any other office, it shall be filled by the Master *pro tempore*, until the annual election.

Section 8. In the Master's absence, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden shall assume the chair, and perform all the duties appertaining to the Master's office, except conferring degrees. A Master or Past Master of any Lodge may be invited to officiate as Master by the presiding officer.

Section 9. Upon sufficient cause shown to the Grand Master, (or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master) he may in his dis-

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Section 10. The Master of a Lodge is responsible for seeing that a book or books be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of its members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing or raising, and also their ages as nearly as possible at that time, and their titles, professions, or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

Section 11. The Master is to see that all monies received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in each year by a Committee appointed by the Lodge, who shall report all members over twelve months in arrears for dues.

Section 12. None but Master Masons can be members of a Lodge, or vote upon any subject. Every Brother whose application has been favorably received in a Lodge, and who receives the Master Mason's Degree therein becomes thereby a member of the Lodge.

Section 13. Every Lodge has the power of forming by-laws for its own Government, provided they are not contrary to, or inconsistent with this Constitution and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted for the approbation of the Grand Lodge, and, when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. Every brother immediately after becoming a member of a Lodge shall sign the by-laws thereof; and every member shall at all reasonable times have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the brethren.

Section 14. The regular days and particular place of meeting of every Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws. If in case of any accident the Lodge cannot meet at its accustomed place, the regular meeting may be held in any room approved of by the Master and Wardens until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Section 15. A Lodge of Emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the Master, or in his absence of the Senior Warden, or in his absence of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be intimated and afterwards recorded in the minute book, and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at that meeting.

Section 16. The precedency of Lodges is derived from the

numbers of their charters, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodges.

Section 17. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impression of the Seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

Section 18. All the business of Lodges, except that of conferring the first and second degrees, and the instruction thereof, shall be transacted in a Lodge of Master Masons.

Section 19. No Lodge shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less consideration than Twenty Dollars, viz.: for the first and second degrees \$6 each, for the third degree \$8; nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum, except in the case of Ministers of the Gospel. The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the Lodge for all fees payable on account of his initiation.

Section 20. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren raised therein, and also in making the return of its members; as no person is entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least one year a contributing member of a Lodge; but the limitation of one year shall not apply to cases of shipwreck, loss by fire, or dislocation or fracture of a limb, the same to be fully attested and proved.

Section 21. Each Lodge shall procure for every brother raised therein, a Grand Lodge Diploma, to be paid for by the Lodge.

Section 22. Any member reported for non-payment of dues, may be specially summoned by the Secretary to pay the same, and failing so to do within three months, may be suspended and reported to the Grand Secretary.

Section 23. Every Lodge has the power, by a two-third vote, of suspending a member for gross, immoral, or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues; but no Lodge shall suspend any member without giving him at least one month's notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be offered every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the vote of the brethren shall be given openly, subject to the right of appeal to Grand Lodge. The name of every brother suspended, and the cause of his suspension, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

Section 24. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues, shall be immediately restored by the Lodge, without a fresh bal-

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lot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended—notice thereof being given to the Grand Secretary.

Section 25. The Jewels and Furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are, the property of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of such Lodge, while legally holding the Charter; but when such Lodge shall resign, or forfeit such Charter, all its property shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

Section 26. Each Lodge shall annually, between the date of Installation of officers and the 14th of June, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the Lodge, entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge, and no brother shall be permitted to vote in Grand Lodge unless his name shall have been returned to the Grand Secretary, at least ten days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Section 27. The majority of the members of a Lodge when congregated, have the privilege of giving instruction to their Master or Wardens, or Proxy, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

Section 28. Each Lodge shall make its payments to the Grand Lodge previous to the 14th day of June in each year, and in case of neglect of payment for twelve months, the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Proxy of such Lodge shall be thereby disqualified from voting in Grand Lodge, until these payments shall have been made. Should any payment be neglected for two years after it becomes due, the Charter of the Lodge may be declared forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

Section 29. If any Lodge shall fail to meet for the space of twelve months, it cannot be summoned without the special leave of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, and if it shall fail to meet for the space of two years, it shall be struck off the roll of Lodges and the Charter forfeited.

Section 30. No Lodge shall form any Public Masonic Procession without leave from the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, except in case of a Funeral, which shall at once be reported to the Grand Secretary.

Section 31. If the majority of any Lodge should determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution and power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided there be not less than seven. If less than seven members remain, their Charter ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed, reverts to the Grand Lodge.

Section 32. No Brother shall wilfully presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons pre-

sent at such Lodge without the direction of the Grand Lodge, under pain of being expelled from the Order. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing, or publishing of any proceeding, authorized to be published by the Master of any Lodge, provided the same does not conflict with the constitution.

Section 33. The majority of members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings provided that they are consistent with the by-laws of the Lodge and the general laws and regulations of the Craft. No resolution or protest can be entered on the minutes unless it has been duly seconded.

Section 34. No Subordinate Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

Section 35. Any Brother who shall violate the secrecy of the ballot, by stating how he voted on any question, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware and mention to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe Masonic censure, and for a second offence to expulsion.

Section 36. Every Brother to whom a Grand Lodge Diploma is granted, must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

Section 37. No Lodge shall grant a certificate of any kind to a Brother except such as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its Committees, or issued to a member on retirement from a Lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing, nor shall any Lodge under any pretence make a charge for a Lodge certificate.

Section 38. A Brother who may have rendered any service to the Craft in general or to any particular Lodge, may, by a vote of the Lodge be elected an honorary member thereof. The Lodge must include Honorary Members in its returns to the Grand Lodge, and is liable to pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such Honorary Members as are payable for ordinary members, but no such Honorary Member, as such, can be a member of the Grand Lodge.

Section 39. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he be personally known, or after due examination, vouched for by one or more of the brethren present; he shall, during his continuance in the Lodge, be subject to its by-laws.

Section 40. A Mason offending against any law or regulation of the Craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or by the Grand Lodge *only*, to expulsion.

Section 41. Any brother may be admitted a member of a Lodge on satisfactory evidence that he has paid all dues to the

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Lodge of which he was last a member; he being proposed at a regular meeting at least one month before the ballot is taken, and a decision given in his favor as in the case of a candidate.

Section 42. The jurisdiction of a Lodge shall extend ten miles in every direction from the place of meeting, or half way to the nearest Lodge, if within twenty miles. But if any Lodges should be within two miles of each other, they shall have a concurrent jurisdiction extending ten miles in every direction, from the nearest Lodge or half way to the next Lodge, if within twenty miles. Lodges within twenty miles of each other may, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, settle the boundaries of their own jurisdictions, but not to exceed the limits above mentioned.

Section 43. No person shall be made a Mason if he resides in the jurisdiction of another Lodge without the consent of that Lodge. If he has not resided for twelve months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, he must be recommended in writing by six members of the Lodge, who are in good standing.

Section 44. Every candidate must be proposed, in open Lodge, at a regular meeting, and his petition referred to an investigating committee. He may be ballotted for at any regular meeting of the Lodge afterwards, provided the committee have reported favorably, and if elected, he may be initiated, but if rejected, his application cannot be entertained in any Lodge for six months. No higher degree shall be conferred on any Brother, at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge.

Section 45. No man shall be made a Mason under the age of twenty-one years. Every candidate must, at the time of initiation, be known to be of reputable circumstances; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name at full length to an application, the form of which is given in the appendix hereto.

Section 46. No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if on the ballot being taken, one black ball appear against him.

Section 47. No Lodge shall, on any occasion or pretence whatever, suspend any of its By-Laws.

CHAPTER XV.

OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Section 1. No general Lodge of Instruction shall be held unless under the sanction of a regular Warranted Lodge, or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master. The

Lodge giving the sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

Section 2. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Lodge granting.

Section 3. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction, provided notice of intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

CHAPTER XVI.

OF REGALIA.

Section 1. No Brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge unless in Masonic costume and proper clothing. The officers of the Grand Lodge must in addition wear white cravats and white gloves.

Section 2. No clothing, purporting to be Masonic, shall be worn in Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge, except that appertaining to St. John's Masoury, which alone is recognized and acknowledged.

Section 3. The Jewels of the Grand Lodge are Gold, and may be described as follows:—

The Grand Master.—A brilliant medallion, having emblazoned in the centre the Arms of Nova Scotia, surrounded by the words "The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,"—pendent therefrom the compass extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90°, the points of the compass resting on the segment. In the centre, between the square and compasses, the sun in full glory.

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

Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united.

The Senior Grand Warden.—The Level.

Junior Grand Warden.—The Plumb.

Grand Treasurer.—A Chased Key.

Grand Secretary.—Key and Pen Crossed.

Grand Lecturer.—Semi-circle in a Triangle.

Grand Chaplain.—Eradiated Eye in a Triangle.

Senior Grand Deacon.—Mallet within a Wreath.

- Junior Grand Deacon.*—Trowel within a Wreath.
Grand Superintendent of Works.—Corinthian Column, based on a segment of a circle of 90°.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.—Crossed Rods, with a tie.
Grand Sword Bearer.—Crossed Swords.
Grand Organist.—A Grecian Lyre in a Wreath.
Grand Pursuivant.—Cross Baton and Sword.
Grand Tyler.—A Sword.
Chairman of Stewards.—Cornucopia and Cup within a Wreath.

Section 4. The Grand Master's Jewel shall be suspended from a gold chain consisting of nine stars, and the letters "G. L." in double cypher, similar in pattern to that worn by the Grand Master of England.

Section 5. The collars from which the Jewels of the other Grand Lodge Officers are suspended, shall be of dark blue, edged with gold lace.

Section 6. The Jewels of the Subordinate Lodges shall be suspended from Collars of Blue, which may be embroidered or trimmed with Silver. The Jewels shall be of Silver as follows:

Master.—The Square.

Past Master.—The Square and the Diagram of the 47th Problem, 1st Book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.

Senior Warden.—The Level.

Junior Warden.—The Plumb.

Treasurer.—The Key.

Secretary.—The Crossed Pens.

Deacons.—The Dove encircled.

Marshal or Inner Guard.—Crossed Swords.

Stewards.—Cornucopia in a Wreath.

Tyler.—The Sword.

Section 7. APRONS.—*Entered Apprentice.*—A plain white lamb skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament; white strings.

Fellow Craft.—A plain white lamb skin, similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason.—The same, with Garter Blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past.—Aprons twenty inches by eighteen, with dark blue edging, four inches or-

namented with gold, and blue strings, and the emblems of their offices in gold in the centre.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges may wear, in the place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches, and of the perpendicular line one inch, these emblems to be of blue ribbon or silver lace half an inch broad.

CHAPTER XVII.

OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

The following fees shall be paid to the Grand Lodge:—

Dispensation to New Lodge.....	\$10.00
Charter to a New Lodge	30.00
Charter to a Lodge if taken within six months from date of dispensation.....	20.00
Enrolment of each Member in Grand Lodge Book	1.00
Diploma for each Member.....	1.00
Annual Dues for each Member.....	0.50
Copy of Charter in case of loss.....	5.00
Extract of copies of Papers, first sheet.....	0.50
Every other sheet.....	0.30
Every petition or complaint to the Grand Lodge, or answer thereto.....	1.00

CHAPTER XVIII.

Section 1. This Constitution shall come into operation on the first day of December, A. D., 1869, and the Master of every subordinate Lodge shall see that his Lodge is supplied with a copy before that date. At every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and of each subordinate Lodge, a copy of this Constitution shall be laid on the Secretary's table.

Section 2. The present Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge shall cease to have any force or effect from and after the first day of December, A. D., 1869; but the Brethren at present filling offices in the Grand Lodge, which are hereby abolished, shall retain their respective offices until the next annual meeting.

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REPORT

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Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Your Committee in performing the duties assigned to them of reviewing and preparing a digest of the various proceedings of Grand Lodges submitted to them, were somewhat dismayed at the amount of real work before them; but, finding that looking at it would not help them to perform the apparently endless task, they have gone to work and endeavored to prepare a review according to the ability they possessed, and now submit the same for consideration. Deprived of the assistance of one of their number, W. Brother Dr. H. S. Muir, (who returned to England in the early part of the year,) they were constrained to call for assistance from Brother J. Conway Brown, W. M. of Acadia, No. 14. His assistance has been to them invaluable, by the aid given in the preparation of a portion of the reviews, and for which they tender their grateful acknowledgments and appreciation of the timely help.

They have endeavored in the preparation of the reviews, to confine themselves to such portions of the Proceedings, as in their judgment would prove really interesting to the Brethren of this jurisdiction. The real difficulty has been, not want of materials, but the superabundance of so much that would interest. This will be understood when it is known that the work has necessitated the careful perusal of some 25 volumes, averaging 200 pages each. Many points in these were of so interesting a nature as to increase the difficulty of culling from the bounteous display of good things so temptingly spread before them.

This part of their work has been arranged alphabetically at the conclusion of this Report, in the following order:

Alabama,	Maine,
Arkansas,	Michigan,
Canada,	New York,
Colorado,	Nebraska,
Connecticut,	New Jersey,
California,	North Carolina,
District of Columbia,	Pennsylvania,
France,	South Carolina,
Georgia,	Vermont,
Kansas,	Virginia,
Missouri,	Wisconsin,
Minnesota,	

They have also had submitted to them, from R. W. Brother H. C. D. Twining, documents from the Grand Lodge of California and Nebraska, expressing a wish for an interchange of Representatives in the Grand Lodges named.

The following appointments have been made :

M. W. S. R. Sircom, P. G. M., as Representative of the M. W. G. L. of California, and R. W. Geo. Fraser, as Representative of the M. W. G. L. of Nebraska.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the whole question of Foreign Representatives, at and near this and other Grand Bodies, be submitted to a special committee to report upon, in order to complete the arrangements for full connection with our Sister Grand Lodges, now that all differences are so happily settled in our own.

Your Committee have also had presented to them, documents of various kinds from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada, asking this Grand Lodge to withhold recognition from what they therein term, "*The so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec,*" as clandestine and irregular.

They have also a mass of papers from the recently formed body, in the Province of Quebec, who ask the recognition of their claims as a legally constituted Grand Lodge, and claiming Masonic Jurisdiction exclusively over that Province.

The consideration of this subject has been to your Committee one of grave importance, and it has received from them the most earnest attention, involving, as it does, the question of the recognition of a new Grand Body, which is declared irregular by another with whom we are in fellowship already, and with whom we have interchanged

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Representatives. It will be remembered that your Committee, at the last quarterly communication, made a Report advising the postponement of the decision until the present Annual Communication, as they felt that the presence of a larger Representation at that time in Grand Lodge, would, in the decision arrived at, be of more weight and much more satisfactory to all concerned.

In reviewing the whole subject, your Committee have come to the conclusion to recommend a full and unqualified recognition of the "Grand Lodge of Quebec," as the supreme governing Masonic Body in that Province. Were any other recommendation presented, they feel that this Grand Lodge would be placed in a false position, especially as regards jurisdiction, and recognizing as they do the unalterable principle of the right of each of the four Provinces, composing (under the British American Act) the Dominion of Canada, to govern, Masonically, within their own territorial limits: they hold, therefore, the position assumed and claimed by our Brethren in the Province of Ontario, viz.: that of exercising jurisdiction over the Province of Quebec, to be utterly untenable and contrary to every principle of Masonic jurisprudence within the knowledge of your Committee.

Your Committee have no desire to lengthen their report by statements of opinions upon the application to this case, of every known principle of Masonic Law. Recognized and standard authorities are so clear and explicit upon this subject that it would be a work of supererogation on their part to attempt to do so, further than in this connection, to express their firm conviction and belief that each of the four Provinces (confederated politically) has *exclusive* jurisdiction in that Province, and that any Lodges chartered, or *existing by any other authority* whatever, must be declared irregular and their members clandestine. In the expression of this belief, they appear to be in accordance with the present M. W. Grand Master of Canada, Brother A. A. Stevenson, and the present M. W. Grand Master of Quebec, Brother S. H. Graham, as they find that these distinguished Brethren united as mover and seconder in a resolution, submitted at Kingston Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, 1867, (see proceedings,) in which they enunciate the principle, and arrive at the conclusion, "That the best interests of Masonry require the organization of a Grand Lodge in each of the *four Provinces now constituting the Dominion of Canada*, being satisfied that this

course would be strictly in accordance with the Laws and Regulations of Freemasonry respecting the establishing of Grand Lodges, and believing that a more substantial union would thereby be secured, &c." This was in opposition to a resolution by M. W. Brother W. M. Wilson, then Grand Master, which affirms the principle and expresses the hope, "That the love of union, and a sincere desire to promote the best interests of Masonry, will induce the other members of the Fraternity, residing in other parts of the Dominion, eventually to unite with us in securing a harmonious and supreme Masonic Government in Canada."

If our M. W. Brethren were correct, (as they appear to have been unanimous) in their views on this subject in 1867, surely the same views were equally so in 1869, and naturally lead this jurisdiction to still conform to the principles then presented so ably, and so thoroughly in accordance with their own pre-conceived opinions and feelings. From this standpoint, your Committee find it difficult to reconcile this unanimity of opinion with the unfraternal, hasty and summary edict of suspension issued against our M. W. Brother J. H. Graham and the R. W. Brethren associated with him in the movement, for committing an act, (not unexpected) which we are previously informed is considered to be for the "best interests of Masonry," and so "strictly in accordance" with "the laws and regulations of Freemasonry respecting the establishment of Grand Lodges."

Your Committee, in considering the voluminous mass of documents presented to them, have not had an enviable task, but they have endeavored to calmly and deliberately form an honest opinion for the consideration of your M. W. Body. An opinion unbiassed by any personal consideration for either one side or the other, and resulting in the feeling, that while deeply impressed with the grave responsibility imposed upon them in having to consider questions of such vital importance to the Brethren of the Sister Provinces, a sense of duty and justice demands from them the formal recommendation, "That this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia extend to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Quebec, a fraternal recognition and welcome, with an earnest hopeful wish of ever increasing harmony and brotherly love."

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Your Committee close their report with the expressed hope, that by the "influence of the pure principles of our Order," the peculiarly unhappy differences existing between our Brethren, may be speedily adjusted—thus giving this Grand Lodge the gratification of knowing that again "brotherly love prevails."

Respectfully submitted by,

GEORGE T. SMITHERS,
CHARLES J. M'DONALD.

Annual Communication of Grand }
Lodge, Nova Scotia, 1870. }

ALABAMA, 1868.

The 48th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Montgomery, Dec. 7, 1868. M. W. G. D. Norris, Grand Master, R. W. Danl. Sayre, (Rep. G. L., Nova Scotia) G. Secy. 200 Lodges represented. No. of Lodges on roll 348, of which 44 are delinquent. 77 Charters forfeited. Army Lodges 19. U. D. 2. Membership about 10,500. Dues received, \$1,635.90.

The proceedings opened with the Grand Master's address, which contains many points of instruction, and is of special excellence, and from which we should like to make many extracts. In the performance of executive functions the Grand Master has proved, by the number of Lodges visited, the large amount of correspondence, practical recommendations and decisions on Masonic law given, an energetic and faithful officer. From some 37 decisions given we quote, such as may, in our judgment, be of interest to the brethren of this jurisdiction:

(2nd) *Held*.—"That the statement of a Brother, that he objects to the balloting upon a Brother's application for affiliation during his absence, as he is not on good terms with him, is a bar to his election."

(16th) *Held*.—"That a P. M. who has never received the *P. M. Degree* can install the officers of a Lodge, a Chapter P. M. not being recognized."

(12th) *Held*.—"That the Tyler's place is without the door all the time the Lodge is in session, and he cannot be admitted within the Lodge, nor can a slide be in the door, but it must be fastened inside by the J. D., and only to be opened by the order of the W. M."

(13th) *Held*.—"That the government of the Lodge is vested in the Masters and Wardens, for the time being alone; they being duly elected and installed, are officers for the term and until their succes-

sors are duly elected and installed; and their offices can only be vacated by death, suspension or expulsion: therefore they cannot dimit or resign."

Objection might be urged, that their official position does not deprive them of any civil or personal right—such as a change of residence or removal from the jurisdiction which might require a dimit; but if they cannot resign office after election and installation, how can they resign membership?

Brother S. H. Dixon presented a report on the History of Masonry in Alabama, wherein the historian states his determination to compile a full and complete history of every Lodge within the State, and also of the Grand Lodge, together with the personal incidents and biographical sketches of the "Masonic Fathers." This will be a Herculean task, considering there are about 350 Lodges in this jurisdiction. There are now ready for compilation over 100 Lodge histories.

Have we no Brother who will undertake a similar task, and write the History of Masonry in Nova Scotia for the last century? and thus save for future reference many valuable documents of great interest to the craft. Who will bring from *darkness to light* many ancient records existing *somewhere*?

The Report of Comm. For. Correspondence is from the pen of P. G. M. Penick, reviewing the proceedings of the 42 Grand Lodges, and is unusually exhaustive of the subject. Every report reviewed is carefully and systematically analysed, well and fluently written, and in such style as forces a regret that we cannot make such extracts from it as would give our Brethren here the same satisfaction we have enjoyed in its perusal. Our proceedings of 1867 are reviewed, and relate to G. M. Davie's address, with references to various documents issued during that year. We have also another review of ours of 1868, and after referring to the fact, "that a disposition had been manifested to conciliate and bring together the various Lodges working under English, Scotch and Irish jurisdictions, and consolidate them under the G. L. of Nova Scotia," refers also to the appointments and meetings of committees to interchange propositions, and remarks "that from the good sense and fraternal feelings manifested," we shall expect to see these Brethren settle their differences amicably, yielding to prejudices which may interfere with the future welfare and usefulness among the craft, and at the same time *leave no fire in the rear* as was the case in Canada.

ARKANSAS.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was held in the city of Little Rock on Monday, November 1st, 1869, and continued in session three days. M. W. E. H. English, Grand Master presiding, with a representation of ninety-four Chartered Lodges, and twenty-three under dispensation. Allowing Lodges under dispensation to be represented in Grand Lodges is a privilege which but very few Grand Lodges accord to their subordinates.

The address of the Grand Master is an eloquent and business-like document. He reports having granted nineteen dispensations for new Lodges during the year.

We notice that the Grand Master is rather in favor of wearing Masonic emblems, and thus reasons in its favor:—

“By some the wearing of Masonic symbols is condemned, because since Masonry has become popular, an impostor is occasionally detected in false colors, and now and then an unworthy mason is seen parading the symbols of the craft about his person. But the logic that would persuade us to forego the wearing of the beautiful symbols of our order because bad men desecrate them, would strip us of all ornaments, and indeed of all clothing. Bad men wear all that is ornamental, as well as all that is useful, and they parade the insignia of all societies. They array themselves in the ‘livery of Heaven to serve the devil in.’ But the innocent lamb need not abandon his white fleece, because the sly wolf covers his deformity with a similar, but stolen garb. Masonic symbols often serve as the means of introduction, and lead masons to become agreeable traveling companions, who might, without them, fail to recognize each other, and remain indifferent strangers. Where the impostor is found clothed in our symbols, the intelligent mason discovers his cloven foot too readily to be seriously imposed upon; and the abandoned craftsman poorly conceals his vicious habits with a jewel. It is like a diamond in a swine’s snout.”

The Grand Master made an eloquent appeal to the members for contributions in aid of the fund of St. John’s College. We notice that the contributions for the year were \$3,524.63.

The Grand Lodge exemplified the work in the three degrees.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Brother O. E. Gray, wherein he reviews the proceedings of some thirty-seven Grand Lodges.

Bro. W. D. Blocher was elected Grand Master, and Luke E. Barber, Grand Secretary.

CANADA, 1869.

The 14th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, was held in Montreal, July 14, 1869, M. W. Brother A. A. Stevenson Grand Master presiding, with over 170 Lodges represented in a session extending over a period of three days.

The Grand Master presents a sound, practical address to Grand Lodge, referring principally to matters of local interest, reporting the craft in that jurisdiction to be in a "flourishing and prosperous condition," and "that at no time in its previous history were its prospects so encouraging as at the present time," with the information that the G. T. statement will exhibit financial affairs in a favorable light.

Dispensations were granted for twelve new Lodges. Applications to allow candidates for Freemasonry to be initiated, who were physically disqualified, had been refused for the reason, that "when once the line is passed, it is utterly impossible to discriminate between the admissible and the non-admissible."

The Grand Master's remarks upon the question of canvassing for office, both in Grand and Subordinate Lodges, are so sound and sensible that we quote the passage. After expressing regret that the ambition of Brethren to obtain office seems to have outrun their discretion, he says:

"To be elected to a prominent position in the craft is doubtless an honor to which all deserving and duly qualified Brethren may aspire; yet it ought always to be remembered that merit and ability alone are the grounds of preferment among Masons; and it is most unseemly that anything like electioneering for office should ever be attempted. It is to be hoped that in future every Brother will denounce and discountenance such proceedings by every means in his power. The most effectual mode of securing the complete abolishment of this evil practice will be for every Brother, when approached in that way, to cast his vote *against*, instead of *for*, the party who resorts to such improper methods for the purpose of obtaining office."

The Masonic Asylum Fund rests at \$5000, but no action appears to have been taken upon it, from the feelings existing (no matter how unjustly) that such an institution partakes of a pauper character, and that the majority of applicants for relief prefer accepting even a small annual grant to seeking admission into any asylum.

He notices with pleasure the settlement of all our difficulties on 24th June, 1869, and gives an interesting account of the work and proceedings of that "red letter day," in our history. He recommends also the advisability of bringing in union with their Grand Lodge all

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the Lodges in that jurisdiction holding aloof from them, and seems to think "that unless something is speedily done in that direction, the very existence of Grand Lodge, *as at present constituted*, will be seriously imperilled." Upon this subject we find, in their report, that the Board of General Purposes recommends that the whole matter be left in the Grand Master's hands, to take such action as he may deem proper, with what result is now best known, by the action of the Quebec Brethren in forming a Grand Lodge in that Province. To this subject we refer fully in the report upon *Quebec*, to be found in another part of these proceedings.

Brother Mitchell, C. of F. C., presents a full review of over forty Grand Lodges; but there is not any reference to our proceedings later than 1867.

STATISTICS.—219 Lodges; Initiated, 1,395; Members, 8,797; Suspensions, 214. Receipts, 1868, \$8,612.73; Assets, \$32,874.47; Asylum Fund, \$4,937.01. M. W. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master, R. W. T. B. Harris, Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

COLORADO.

The 9th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, was held in the City of Denver, on the 28th day of December, 1869. M. W. Henry M. Teller, Grand Master, presiding, with a representation of twelve Lodges.

The Grand Master's address is a thorough business document, and refers principally to matters of local interest. He refused to grant three dispensations to open new Lodges, and in one instance he alleges as a reason for so doing, that the petitioners had stated that they had incurred considerable expense and were in debt. In this we fully agree with M. W. Brother Teller. Unless a Lodge can manage to start free from debt, the chances are that the material brought into it will not be examined with that care and attention requisite.

It is all very well for Grand Masters, in their annual addresses, to caution the craft to guard well the outer door, while they themselves do not exercise sufficient caution in granting dispensations to open new Lodges. He warns them against the evils of intemperance,

and calls upon the members to restrain the same, as far as possible, by trial, suspension and expulsion.

The Grand Lodge mourns the death of Past Grand Master, Allyn Weston.

We find the following among the standing resolutions of Grand Lodges:

Resolved, "That it is at variance with the spirit of Masonry to make nominations for officers in Grand or Subordinate Lodges, and the practice is hereby prohibited in the Grand Lodge jurisdiction;" also,

Resolved, "That it is the decision of this Grand Lodge, that whenever the admission of a visiting Brother is objected to by a member of a Lodge within this jurisdiction, the Master shall refuse to admit such visiting Brother."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Brother Hal. Sayr, and reviews the proceedings of forty-one Grand Lodges.

M. W. Henry M. Teller was re-elected Grand Master, and Edward Parmalee, Grand Secretary.

COLUMBIA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was held in the City of Washington on the 2nd day of November, 1869. M. W. R. B. Donaldson, Grand Master, presiding, with a representation of nineteen Lodges.

The Grand Master's address refers principally to matters of local interest.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R. W. Brother Stanebury, and reviews the proceedings of some forty Grand Lodges and Orients, in a masterly manner. The report covers some 130 pages of closely printed matter, and is probably the most full and elaborate report submitted to any of the Grand Lodges.

The installation of the Grand Officers was conducted in public. M. W. Past Grand Master, B. B. French, acting as installing officer. The address of Past Grand Master French, on this occasion, is an eloquent discourse.

M. W. R. B. Donaldson, re-elected Grand Master. R. W. N. G. Larner, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of California, was held at San Francisco, commencing on October 13, 1868, and continuing until the 17th same month. The M. W. Wm. A. DAVIES, Grand Master, and V. W. Alex. G. ABELL, Grand Secretary.

California proceedings are always among the most readable, and their neat appearance invite attention. There are numerous extracts which, if published here, would afford instruction; and the only excuse to be made for this short summary is the absence of the duplicate copy, so often alluded to in their own proceedings.

The Grand Master's address deals with various subjects in a concise, intelligent and business-like manner, avoiding even the approach to a mass of high-flown rhetoric. He emphatically protests against the display of Masonic clothing "in any public demonstration, except to perform some Masonic labor,"—a very wise course—and we wish that he would condemn, in as forcible terms, the display of Masonic pins and jewelry.

The question of the physical qualifications of candidates is disposed of thus:

"I have received numerous letters in regard to the physical qualifications of applicants, the enquiries generally representing the particular case presented as one not covered by Gen. Reg., No. 18. My ruling has uniformly been in accordance with a strict construction of said regulations, to wit: that the applicant must not only be able 'to conform literally to what the several degrees require of him,' but that he must not be dismembered."

He confesses that this appears harsh, but gives his reasons in consequence of "so general a disposition to allow individual cases, through personal friendly considerations, or through sympathy, to be exempted" from requirements of Rule 18, and then proceeds to suggest that the committee on jurisprudence consider that rule with a view to either approve or modify it. He then continues:

"In this connexion the question has been presented as to the right to confer the remaining degree or degrees upon a dismembered E. A. or F. C., such dismemberment having occurred subsequently to his initiation or passing. In the case presented, I decided that as the applicant was physically perfect at the time of

his initiation, his faith and good intentions towards Masonry, together with the fact that he had received partial knowledge of our mysteries, would justify the Lodge in conferring the remaining degrees upon him, provided he was able to conform literally to the requirements of the remaining degrees."

To assist in appreciating his decision, we extract from Rule 18:—

"Not deformed or dismembered, but hale and sound in his physical conformation, having his right limbs as a man ought to have; and able to conform literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him."

The Committee on Grand Master's address, deprecate any interference with the rule as it stands, and say: "They do not desire to relax or modify it. * * * * * The language is clear and concise. * * * * * Re-affirmance could not add to its binding force." Their report was adopted.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother W. H. Hill, and contains notices of forty bodies, of which two send reports for two years together. It is an exceedingly well digested resume of the previous year's work, and the extracts are judicious and not stinted. Our own proceedings, for 1867, are acknowledged, and a few friendly remarks made.

In reviewing Mississippi, for 1867, they quote the Grand Master's recommendation, that "something effectual be done to prevent the alarming increase of non-affiliated Masons," and remark: "Try our law, good brethren, it is quite effectual, though we sometimes think a little too harsh and rigid."

Anything to deal with this fungus in an effectual manner is so interesting, that we at once turned to their Constitution, (which is given in full,) and must own that their law is good and we are satisfied. Here it is:—

Sec. 1, Art. 2, Part 5. "It is the duty of every Master Mason to be a member of some Lodge; and everyone who, having resided six months within the jurisdiction of a Lodge, shall refuse or neglect to make application so to be, or who shall not have regularly contributed to such Lodge an amount equivalent to its regular dues, while able so to do, shall be deemed unworthy of Masonic consideration, and shall not be entitled to, or be the recipient of, any of the rights, privileges, or charities of the order."

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Gen. Reg., No. 16, further provides :—

“ Non-affiliated Masons, who are suspended by operation of Sec. 1, Art. 2, Part 5, of the Constitution, if they desire to restore themselves by affiliation, shall pay a sum equivalent to six months' dues, in addition to the affiliation fee required by the by-laws of the Lodge, to which they may apply ; or if they desire to restore themselves by *contribution*, they shall pay a sum equivalent to the amount of the regular dues of the Lodge within whose jurisdiction they reside, during the whole period of such residence, unless sickness or inability to pay be shewn as the reason for such non-affiliation or non-payment.”

From only one word of this latter clause do we dissent. The operation of the former rule would rather be “ exclusion,” than “ suspension,” and the adoption of the term “ suspended,” would effectually bar any member in good standing from even conversing on the subject of affiliation until it was removed. Still we will not be hypercritical in the interest of the drones. Touching dispensations to confer degrees within the limits of time specified by the Constitution, they very properly remark :—

“ Such ‘ high-pressure ’ railroad-speed made Masons seldom amount to much. We think, with Grand Master TURNAS, that a man who has *voluntarily* waited a dozen years or more, can *involuntarily* hold on for ninety days longer, without harm coming either to him or the Lodge that may be in such a hurry to receive him.”

Brother J. B. Felton was Grand Orator, and delivered an interesting address.

M. W. Brother Charles Marsh was elected Grand Master, and Grand Secretary Abell, our representative, was retained according to “ ancient custom.”

Number of Lodges, 159 ; Number raised, 821 ; Master Masons, 8106 ; Receipts, \$13,362.50.

1869.

The Annual Communication was held at San Francisco on 12th October, and continued five days. M. W. CHARLES MARSH, *Grand Master*, and R. W. A. G. ABELL, *Grand Secretary*.

The Grand Master in his address recommends the abolition of affiliation fees. Upon reference to the proceedings of 1868 given above it will be seen that this is a radically different mode of dealing with the evil. The Grand Lodge adopted the principle

and retained only the Grand Lodge due of one dollar, recommending the subordinates to amend their By-Laws accordingly. We cannot see how the Lodges can do so in face of the express provision of the Constitution, which has not been repealed as far as we could see.

Next year we shall look with interest for statistics shewing the result of the change.

His suggestion of a paid Grand Lecturer resident in some central locality was adopted as well as his nomination of M. W. S. R. Sircom as their Representative near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Secretary reports having issued charters to six Lodges U. D., one of which bears the honored name of our M. W. Grand Master; also having issued Dispensations to twelve new Lodges.

The number of Lodges now on the roll is one hundred and seventy, out of which one hundred and fifty-seven had been represented during the Communication, but as twelve out of these are U. D., it follows that only one Lodge failed to send a representative; they have a rule that no Lodge can draw its travelling expenses unless the representative is present during the entire session, and this, no doubt, is the cause of such an attendance.

There were an unusually large number of trials, and the decisions are interesting, but for want of a duplicate copy we reluctantly omit them.

They appear to allow Lodges U. D. to adopt By-Laws.

There were no arrears of dues from any subordinates, and the total receipts were \$20,096.53. Their expenses were high, being \$17,734.19.

The address of the Grand Orator, W. Frank M. Pixley, is a gem in its way. We hardly know where to attempt to extract from it; those who know him personally can readily imagine the delivery of some of these passages:

“In early days there seemed to be room for but one thing at a time—one philosophy, one religion, one great military leader, one leading metropolis, one great nation, one great idea. People had not become reconciled to a recognition of the fact, that the world is large enough for all the people that will be called to live in it. I am somewhat inclined to believe that there might be

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established a new school of philosophy, based upon the idea that this round world of ours, in its extent and capacity, is sufficient for us all, and for all of our posterity, for a long time to come; that its diversity of climate, soil and productions, suggests a variety of people, and that if it could be so arranged that no one would take more than he could use or occupy, there would be ample room for all his neighbors; * * * * that if churches would individualize their labors, and liberalize their various creeds, stop quarrelling with each other, and go to work soul saving, they would find enough for each to do, and the devil would have a less prolific harvest than he now enjoys. * * * I believe that this new era has already dawned upon the world. * * * It is the idea of Masonry."

He works up his subject capitably, but to enable us to quote other passages we forbear to copy. Again:

"Steam communication and telegraphy are working wonderful changes. If there are any especially good spots on this earth, the telegraph is going to inform everybody of it, and the railroad or steamship is going to take people to prospect it; if they like it, they are going to stake off their claims and put their tools on it; if it is rich, they are going to fight to hold it, and make their own laws concerning it; and if any one thinks he can stop them, or make the national prospectors for bread go home, or arrest the tide, or roll it back, or do anything more than attempt to regulate it, let him try."

Good for you, friend Pixley; that eagle on your shield must sooner or later fly from Cape Horn to the North Pole. When he does let him pay us a visit, and be assured of a hearty welcome.

A very readable summary of the early traditions of the craft, brought down in a masterly way to the present time, winds up with a slashing cut at the innumerable "rites," &c., &c., but, as it would occupy three of these pages, we must be content to give it simply a cordial endorsement.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, is again by W. H. Hill, and is faithfully done.

Forty-two proceedings are reviewed, but our own is not included.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

M. W. LEONIDAS E. PRATT, *Grand Master*.

R. W. ALEX. G. ABELL, (re-elected,) *Grand Secretary*.

The names of members occupy no less than 120 pages.

CONNECTICUT.

The eighty-first Annual Grand Communication was held at New Haven on the 12th and 13th May, 1869.

M. W. WILLIAM STORER, *Grand Master*.

R. W. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, *Grand Secretary*.

Ninety-three out of one hundred and ten Lodges were represented. The Grand Master's address occupies fifteen pages and is a well sustained account of his views and official acts during the year. The opening is particularly well written.

"Free-Masonry being universal, the legislation of a particular Grand Lodge is not confined in its influence within the narrow limits of a State or Continent; but its effects are felt the world over, wherever the ties of Masonic fraternity are acknowledged.

"As the tiny waves, caused by the dropping of a pebble, are extended from shore to shore of the broad lake, so the legislation of our comparatively small Grand Lodge is felt wherever organised Masonry exists. Then let us be careful what we do and how we do it."

He granted dispensations to open four new Lodges, but refused a fifth in consequence of its not being properly recommended by the nearest Lodge; having enquired personally into the matter and confessing that "his sympathies were strongly enlisted in behalf of the petitioners," he left it to Grand Lodge to decide, and the final result was against the proposed new Lodge.

Cavillers and skeptics may find material for another attack on the Institution by referring to the conduct of the late Grand Treasurer, Benjamin Beecher, who decamped, leaving a considerable deficiency. It is needless to say that the Grand Master at once suspended him from his office and the Grand Lodge expelled him. Why is not his name inserted in the list of expulsions?

The following resolutions relating to the action of the Grand Orient of France, were passed:—

Resolved, "That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge no organization, except the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, has any authority or power to establish or control blue Lodges in the state of Louisiana."

Resolved, "That this Grand Lodge expresses the hope that the recognition of any organization except the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, as having any authority or power in or over blue Lodges in the state of Louisiana, by the Grand Orient of France, will be speedily reversed."

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The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Brother Joseph K. Wheeler, and includes proceedings of thirty-nine different bodies, our own for 1868 included. He says:—

“The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has now been organized for three years or more, and its proceedings are commendable for the seeming ability with which its affairs have been conducted. At our annual communication in 1866 a communication was presented from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, desiring recognition, which was referred to a committee, who reported adversely at the May session in 1868, on the ground that ‘it was the offspring of secession and revolution,’ and ‘in contravention of the long established and universally acknowledged masonic principle—that no more than one governing authority can be recognized as occupying the same territory.’ At the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia the subordinate Lodges of that jurisdiction derived their authority from three distinct governing bodies, viz.: England, Ireland, and Scotland; and your committee have yet been unable to discover any reason to deny them the right of establishing a Grand Lodge of their own, any more than if the aforesaid Lodges held their authority from three Grand Lodges in the United States. The precedent has already been established in the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada and New Brunswick, which latter was recognized at our annual communication in May last. The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was formed by Lodges holding their authority from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and occupies substantially a similar position with our brethren in Nova Scotia. If our decision was correct in recognizing the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, we certainly can see no reason for not extending the same courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; for if one is ‘the offspring of secession and revolution,’ and irregular, so is the other. We believe that each is regular, and that every new Grand Lodge in the United States is a precedent against the objections raised by your committee, and therefore offer the following resolution for your consideration:

Resolved, “That the M. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut does hereby recognize the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia as a just and lawfully constituted Grand Lodge, and extends to her the right hand of friendship and brotherly love, with our best wishes for her future prosperity and usefulness.”

There are now twenty-two Lodges belonging to this jurisdiction, and the proceedings show the Fraternity to be in a harmonious and prosperous condition.

This resolution was postponed until next Annual Meeting.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

M. W. AMOS E. COBB, *Grand Master*.

R. W. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, re-elected *Grand Secretary*.

Number of Lodges chartered, 106; U. D. 4; Raised 881.

Number of Masons 12,784. Grand Lodge dues, \$1,414.50.

FRANCE.

From the 'Bulletin du Grand Orient de France, Journal Officiel de la maçonnerie Française,' for the months of March and April, 1870, we select the following:—

Brother Fleury, member of the Lodge "l'Accord Parfait" Orient de Rochefort, submitted the two following questions to the Grand Orient:—

Primo: "Can a Lodge admit irregular Masons, residing within the jurisdiction of the Orient de Rochefort, but refusing to be assessed, and pretending to be present only at the meetings for the reception of candidates, who occupy a high position in society?"

Secundo: "Can a Lodge admit, on the occasions above mentioned, Masons who belonged to a Lodge that has ceased to hold its regular meetings for more than a year, and who, since that time, have not affiliated with any neighboring Lodge, without making them promise to have themselves restored to their former Masonic standing?"

Answer of the Grand Orient: "We think that a Brother who does not belong to any Lodge is an irregular Mason; and that he cannot, while in that position, be admitted, except by sufferance. The Lodge is free whenever it may think proper to refuse him admission to its room."

On the question of the total suppression of physical tests, as useless and degrading, and of the increase of moral tests, much more worthy, more dignified and more useful, the following language is used:—

"Is it necessary to show the uselessness of physical tests, now that there is no longer any terrible secret to keep, now that physical and brute force count for nothing, and that the moral virtue of the individual constitutes his strength and that of the association to which he belongs."

The following resolution was proposed for the consideration of the Grand Orient:—

"That whenever an officer shall fail to be present at the meetings of his Lodge for five consecutive sessions, without justifiable motives, he shall be considered as having resigned his office, (comme démissionnaire,) and that the Lodge shall proceed to a new election by means of the ballot."

The Grand Master said, "This resolution expresses a desire too reasonable not to be taken into serious consideration. I will add, also, that five meetings represent, for Lodges assembling only once a month, too long an absence. I am of opinion, therefore, that any officer who shall absent himself from his Lodge for two consecutive months without giving a valid excuse, ought to be considered as having resigned his office, and that the Lodge should proceed to a new election by means of the ballot." (Adopted.)

The above resolution, adopted by the Grand Orient of France, commends itself at once to the good sense of every zealous Mason, and is, no doubt, calculated to insure the best results, so far as the regular and punctual attendance of the officers of a Lodge is concerned. We hope to see a law similar to this introduced into the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for, then, the practice of attending one's Lodge, only once a year, and that simply for the purpose of getting re-elected, would cease to set an injurious example to the younger members of the craft.

GEORGIA, 1868.

Annual Communication at Macon, October 27, 1868. M. W. JOHN HARRIS, Grand Master. R. W. SIMRI ROSE, Grand Secretary. Over 200 Lodges represented; 15,000 members; receipts \$14,201; disbursements \$13,770.69. Session lasted four days.

The Grand Master in his address (which pertains principally to local matters), while congratulating the Craft upon the kindly feelings existing between their Grand Lodge and the sister jurisdictions, deplors the existence of discord between the subordinates in the State—the result of political animosities and feelings, "causing many of the Brethren to forget their obligations

to one another, and even that they were Masons." This state of feeling is certainly cause for regret, and we can heartily join with our M. W. Brother in the hope that "by time, patience, and perseverance, these excited and ungovernable passions will be controlled." After being a Mason for *forty years*, and presiding over the Grand Lodge for a period of five years, the Grand Master declines re-election. Brother S. Lawrence presents an able report on Foreign Correspondence, refers to our proceedings for 1867, and kindly says:—"Fairly started, we doubt not this Grand Lodge will maintain a fair rank among the Grand Lodges." Thanks for your good wishes, Brother. We also find full reports from the D. D. Grand Masters, who appear to be industrious and able in the performance of their duties. We, however, note a power given to them, new to us, viz.: that of granting dispensations both to *form new Lodges*, and for cases of emergency. We always thought this to be a Grand Master's prerogative. Do they also claim the power to "make Masons at sight?" We are a young Grand Lodge, and want all the knowledge we can get.

The "Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts," whoever they may be, are "at it again" in this State, and want to form a "Colored" Grand Lodge. Well, we are always learning, but never had any idea that Grand Lodges required "coloring." We have been always taught to seek for *light*, not for *color*, in Masonry. Send us the *shade*, as we are interested. We may, however, express the opinion, that as we know only the "Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," &c., &c., &c., "according to the old Constitution," we must assent to the sound doctrine advanced by the Georgia Committee, when they say, "that not knowing the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and being in fraternal communion with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, they could not recognize any other Grand Lodge in that State (or in their own) and were confident that that Grand Body would not trespass upon their jurisdiction by granting a dispensation to any body of men, *white or black*, within our borders." Good! Proper; and better still—discreet.

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Brother S. Lawrence elected Grand Master.

KANSAS, 1868.

This Grand Lodge met in Annual Communication 20th October, 1868. Seventy-one Lodges on the Roll, forty-eight being represented. Sixteen new Lodges were chartered, with nine other U. D. One was also granted to Brethren to form one in Salt Lake City. A request has already been refused by the Grand Lodges of Nevada and of Colorado, respectively, and as it is presumably the same parties who have applied in this case, there is cause for regret in the action of Kansas, by granting a charter in accordance with report of committee on Lodges U. D.

A brief report is presented by R. W. Brother E. S. Carr, Chairman on Foreign Correspondence. As regards Nova Scotia, nothing is reported later than June, 1867. He quotes fully from Grand Master Davies' address, with the remark "that the plain and sensible words it contains seem so much to the point, that he could not refrain from quoting them entire."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

MAINE.

On the 4th May, 1869, this Grand Lodge met at Portland. M. W. Brother Murray gives as usual a good practical address, referring fully to local matters. By the statistics published, there appear to be about 150 Lodges with a membership of 14,000. 1,350 initiated and 650 rejections. Receipts, \$6,297.01. Charity Fund amounts to \$15,600.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of M. W. Brother J. H. Drummond, (our representative near Maine,) is, without further comment, a guarantee of its excellence, being full and comprehensive, thoroughly critical and judicious in the selection of every point of interest.

Our Grand Lodge receives two pages in this report—bringing down accounts to June, 1868, with copies of various documents passed between the Committees of Grand and District Grand Lodges; it notices M. W. Brother Sircom's installation by M. W. Brother Chase, (who, upon that occasion, was elected Honorary Member of our Grand Lodge,) and concludes with the hope that a complete union of the craft would result from the negotiation in progress.

We are sure that no one of our Sister Grand Lodges will hail with greater pleasure the announcement of the consummation of that hope, upon the 24th of June, 1869, than our near neighbors of Maine, who so readily, from the first inception of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, extended to us a fraternal recognition, and by kind words and offices supported our feeble steps towards independence.

This report is valuable for the information it contains in the way of tabular statements in reference to various subjects noticed, and also its arrangement of statistics of the jurisdiction.

Forms of organizations of Trustees of Charity Funds, &c., are given, and seem a practicable method of dispensing with the Incorporation of Lodges.

A resolution was accepted, protesting earnestly against the action of the Grand Orient of France, in recognizing spurious Lodges established within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana by the A. and A. R., and resolving to ask the Grand Orient to rescind its action, as in the matter this Grand Lodge must hold, "*That Masons who recognize clandestine Masons are clandestine themselves.*"

M. W. JOHN A. LYNDE, elected *Grand Master*.

R. W. IRA BERRY, elected *Grand Secretary*.

MICHIGAN.

The Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge met at Detroit, January 13, 1869. M. W. W. C. Coffenbury, Grand Master; R. W. James Fenton, Grand Secretary. Representatives present from 280 out of 250 Lodges on the registry; fourteen new Charters issued.

The comprehensive and able annual address of the Grand Master is of an interesting character, giving full details of the various duties performed during the year, duties embracing a large amount of real work, and of a character bearing evidence of superior administrative ability. It is particularly noticeable for the information contained relative to the prosperity and progress of the craft, in "quality as well as in quantity." We quote from the address:

"It has been observed during the year that the accessions to our order have been, as a general thing, of a high order of men, embracing not only some who are deservedly distinguished for their prominence as citizens and members of society, but who are justly eminent for their moral stability and integrity." With an expression of gratitude "to the Supreme Grand Master whose wisdom guides all human institutions to prosperity, whose power shapes them to honor, and whose mercy leads to all human happiness."

It speaks well for the discipline of our Michigan Brethren, when a representative appearing in Grand Lodge in a state of intoxication, was promptly suspended from his office as master of his Lodge, and his case made a subject of reference to a special committee for investigation.

There is a good report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, among which we find no reference to Nova Scotia.

There is also one noticeable feature in the report of a Committee to form a uniform code of By-Laws, for the government of Subordinate Lodges, which was ordered to be adopted.

This Grand Lodge is also opposed to the principle of incorporating Subordinate Lodges by legislative enactment, and suggests instead "that the title to all real estate be taken by the Grand Lodge in trust for the Lodges."

A full report of the Grand Lecturer shews, "that in 240 Lodges everywhere is to be found uniformity of work, of lectures, and of every minor detail of Lodges, as far as human imperfection will permit."

The building of a Masonic Temple in Detroit, to cost \$600,000, is made the subject of considerable advice in the Grand Master's address, and will, if carried out as suggested, result in an edifice worthy of the Masons of this jurisdiction.

We note, "No. 13, Standing Regulation," that the Master or Wardens of a Lodge, in case of permanent removal from the jurisdiction, are entitled to dimit, under like restrictions, as other members of their Lodge. We cannot concur.

M. W. A. T. METCALF, elected *Grand Master*, and R. W. J. FENTON, re-elected *Grand Secretary*

MINNESOTA.

This Grand Lodge held its 17th Annual Communication at St. Paul, 11th January, 1870. M. W. C. W. Nash, Grand Master, presiding. Fifty-six Lodges were represented.

The annual address of the Grand Master is comprehensive and able, giving full details of the business and work of the craft for the year, congratulating the Brethren upon the peace and harmony prevailing in the jurisdiction, and the rapid increase in strength and numbers; closing in eloquent and appropriate language, with views and suggestive thoughts upon the powers and beautiful principles of Masonry. We note the name of M. W. Hon. W. Keith as representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. Dispensations were granted to five new Lodges. The various D. D. Grand Masters report fully and favorably upon the condition of the craft in the several districts. The Grand Lodge of Quebec presented claims for fraternal recognition, which were referred to a Special Committee to report upon, but we do not find any report thereupon in the proceedings.

P. G. M. A. T. C. Pierson presents a careful and able report upon Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of over forty Grand Lodges, but we regret that Nova Scotia finds no place amongst them.

M. W. C. W. NASH, *Grand Master*, and R. W. W. S. M'COMBS, *Grand Secretary*, both re-elected.

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Annual Communication, Oct. 12, 1868. About 150 Lodges represented; 300 on roll; Initiations, 2200; Membership, 12,500; 54 Lodges chartered; 10 U. D.; 41 D. D. Grand Masters appointed.

The Grand Master, in his address, refers to general subjects, and announces "that all is encouraging for the present and hopeful for the future in this jurisdiction." Upon the subject of the "Work," they re-affirm their adherence to that adopted at the Baltimore Convention, and adopt the necessary measures to preserve it in its integrity in their Lodges. Allusion is also made to the attempts made to revive the old warfare against the Masonic Institution, and says that, "when attacked and slandered without a cause, it does not become us, as Masons, to return railing for railing," but, rather by doing our duty, by keeping our order free from all unworthy intruders, by guarding our own and each other's characters and conduct, "to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men."

The Committee appointed to investigate the status of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, express their satisfaction at the result. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That the Grand Lodge of Missouri recognizes and extends its fraternal greetings to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia."

Brother Martin Collins then presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and upon motion he was duly received and welcomed. It is noted that the credentials bear the title "Illustrious Brother," which is a misnomer in Ancient Craft Masonry.

The work was exemplified at several of the sessions.

Grand Secretary R. W. G. Frank Gourley, presents an able report on Foreign Correspondence, remarking, "We look upon the Corps of Correspondents as one of the most important auxiliaries in Masonry, for without their criticism there is no knowing to what excesses some Grand Officers might go. They are, in fact, the *fighting members* of the family, and save the Grand Masters the unpleasantness of criticising severely each other."

During the session the Freemasons Hall was dedicated by the Grand Master and Officers, in accordance with ancient usage.

A beautiful monument, in memory of their late lamented Grand Secretary, O'Sullivan, was unveiled in the presence of the Grand Lodge and the widow of the deceased Brother, with solemn and appropriate ceremonies.

A Committee was appointed to draft a uniform code of By-Laws for Subordinate Lodges.

It was also resolved, "that during the sitting of the Grand Lodge no Subordinate Lodge can be legally opened, or any business transacted therein without special permission, except to perform funeral ceremonies."

Our Sister Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was also duly recognized.

There is also a report by a Committee upon the subject of "Colored Masons," who do not appear to find much favor or consideration from our Brethren in the United States, especially south of Dixie's Line.

This appears, in all likelihood, to be a very vexed question in the future of the various jurisdictions. Missouri, in common with many other Grand Lodges, seems to be utterly opposed to them, as unworthy, under any condition or circumstance, to be received into the craft. We fear our good Brothers are anticipating difficulties on a subject which may not in practice really arise,—difficulties of which we in Nova Scotia really know little, and desire to know less—although this subject seems to be rising like a *black cloud* on the otherwise clear horizon, other differences arise with our good neighbors which they generally argue out with honest good will; but the moment that the glowing *couleur-de-rose* of the landscape is threatened to be obscured by this ominous cloud, although at present "no larger than a man's hand," it seems that every sectional and political difference and animosity is brought into play, and each chimes in with his own peculiar feelings—feelings which may end in alienation most disastrous to the sentiments, which should (even under adverse circumstances) actuate them to perpetuate the fraternal relations now existing amongst our Brethren in the United States.

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Our proceedings were received, and kindly noticed.

NEW YORK.

This Grand Lodge met in Annual Communication in the City of New York, on Tuesday, June 1, 1869, and continued in session four days.

M. W. Jas. Gibson, Grand Master, presiding, with a representation of 609 Lodges, the Grand Officers and Representatives of twenty-four Grand Lodges. M. W. Robert F. Macoy, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, among the number.

Upon the roll we find Lodges working in the German, French, Italian and Spanish tongues.

The Grand Master's address is an eloquent document covering some twenty-four pages of closely printed matter, from which we quote the following:—

“Let us be reverently thankful to the Giver of all good, that we are enabled to assemble in peace, love, and unity, with none to molest us or make us afraid, and thus to open and hold our convocation, with public notice, in open day, without the previous consent, and without the fear of any power, potentate, or sovereignty whatever, foreign or domestic, temporal or spiritual. That though a Pope and a Cardinal, a Synod and a Presbytery, have alike cursed and anathematized us, ‘we still live,’ and that by our fruits shall we be finally judged; and not by these tribunals of the earth, earthly, but by the high and holy One that inhabiteth eternity, whose justice, though we may and ought to fear, is yet tempered with mercy, which is everlasting, and by his love, which never faileth.”

The Grand Master granted seven dispensations to open new Lodges, and refused fifteen. He cautions the Brethren against the evils which are sure to arise from the rapid multiplication of Lodges. This is an evil which threatens our own Grand Lodge at

the present time, and one which will require careful legislation to remedy. As Grand Master Gibson truly observes :

“ In the day of prosperity let us consider.’ It is the day of danger, for it is not in numbers that our true strength lies, but in the principles of the Fraternity, thoroughly learned, and faithfully practiced by the brethren. Masonry can not be brought to every man’s door, for with lavishness follows satiety ; and that which is obtained with ease, and got without cost or labor, is soon deemed of little value. Its cheapness makes it to be despised.”

We notice that the Grand Master has had to investigate complaints made by Sister Grand Lodges of violating their jurisdiction. Candidates have been received in Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, who had been rejected in other jurisdictions. In all of which cases the Grand Master has acted with a promptness and decision which cannot fail to give satisfaction to the aggrieved parties.

With regard to the physical qualification of candidates, we find that Grand Master Gibson has had his share of applications for dispensations to confer degrees upon candidates who are physically disqualified. This is a landmark more frequently tampered with, we believe, than any other. It is one that, from personal friendship, sympathy for the candidate or other motives, members are very often induced to interfere with ; and, as they term it, they stretch a point and get a dispensation from the Grand Master to permit them to confer the degrees upon their friend. But we find that the Grand Master has refused all such applications, and returned in all such cases the uniform answer that, “ It is a landmark and cannot be removed.” We quote the following on this subject from his address :

“ Applications have been made to me to remove the landmark in favor of ‘ an eminently worthy citizen,’—of ‘ an excellent and highly intelligent man, whom every member of the Lodge desired to admit ;’ of ‘ an honored and respected man,’—and of one ‘ who while in the United States Army, and in the service of his country, lost one of his limbs ;’—and of many others, the particulars of which it is not necessary to state. I have uniformly refused to relax the rule, and have inflexibly upheld the ancient landmark in all its purity and simplicity.

“ My brethren, we can not reward merit and honor in civil life, or bravery and valor on the battle-field, by making such civilian or warrior a Mason in violation of our principles. We confer no honor

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thereby, only stultify ourselves. We may, as citizens, confer the honors in our gift on him who has faithfully served the State or the nation in its councils or offices, or crown the brave defender of his country with loving gifts in life, and erect an imperishable monument to his memory at his death. But there are some things beyond our power to confer; and if the candidate has become maimed, whether in the civil or military service of his country, or how otherwise, Masonry is one of the gifts that can not then be conferred on him; and this not on account of his unworthiness, but of our inability. We can no more confer these degrees on him lawfully than we can restore naturally the limb which he has lost. And the most that we could even attempt toward that restoration, would be to make for him a substitute for the thing lost—a limb of wood or other substance, which would be no more like a natural limb, one of flesh and blood, and containing the principle of life, than he, if made a Mason, would be like a perfect ashlar in the Masonic temple."

He has also decided that a Lodge has power to initiate, pass, or raise but five candidates at the one communication. During the year the corner stones of several public edifices were laid with Masonic honors. The Grand Lodge has purchased a site for the proposed new hall, on the corner of 6th Avenue and 23rd Street, at a cost of \$340,000.

A question of purely a sectarian character arose, and we cannot do better than to give the sound and able decision of the Grand Master upon the subject in his own words:

"GEO. W. HARRIS, D. D. G. M. of the Fourth Masonic District.

"R. W. Sir and Brother:—I have thoroughly considered the facts and reasons presented in favor of the petition for a new Lodge, to be called 'Gan Eden,' and to be located in Brooklyn.

"In its favor I find there is entire unanimity among the Craft in the vicinity of its proposed location. The brethren petitioning are respected and esteemed by all who know them, and are not only able but willing to labor diligently in the good work of building up and sustaining a Lodge. The officers named for the proposed dispensation are amply and satisfactorily vouched for, as suitably proficient in the standard of work and lectures established by the M. W. Grand Lodge, and eminently worthy in respect to character and standing to enable them to transact the work of the Lodge with faithfulness and dispatch.

"Had I any doubt on any of these questions, your recommendation, specially stating the facts, and making honorable mention as to the ability and reputation of the petitioners, would have dispelled all questions on that subject.

"The only questions arise out of the facts, creating, as claimed, the necessity of the proposed new Lodge.

"It is urged that 'men unexceptionable in every other respect have been refused admission into Lodges, in Brooklyn, simply because they were Jews.' It is claimed in behalf of the petitioners that 'they only desire to start a Lodge, wherein all who may apply at the door may receive proper Masonic treatment; a Lodge which shall judge of candidates by their moral character, wherein religious faith or sect shall be no bar to admission.'

"It is stated that 'all the persons whose names appear upon the petition are Hebrews,' and they 'ask that they be regarded in no unfavorable light on account of their being such.'

"These are substantially the leading principles on which the petition is grounded, and by which, if granted, it must be sustained.

"The decision of the application, therefore, presents for discussion a determination of principles lying at the very foundation of our Institution. I approach the subject with solicitude, and regret that it should not have arisen while an abler craftsman was at the helm. But it *has* arisen, and *must* be determined; and while adjudging it, I would only ask that they who think the judgment erroneous, shall exercise true Masonic charity, and refer the error to the reason, and not the heart, of the judge.

"The universality or catholicity of Masonry, as distinguished from systems of faith and sects and creeds, is acknowledged as one of the fundamental principles of the Fraternity.

"In order to be a Mason, it is not essential that one shall believe in the dogmas of any religious body whatever. The Institution is cosmopolitan in its character, and receives any one, being in other respects duly qualified, who acknowledges the existence of God, whether he be Jew or Gentile, Christian or Mahometan; but it receives them all into one Lodge, and upon an equality, as before the Masonic law. Not only is no particular creed necessary or requisite to admission, but the belief of one applying in any particular dogma or system forms no bar to such admission.

"If, as is suggested to the Grand Master on behalf of the petitioners, good men are denied admission as initiates into Lodges in Brooklyn, solely because they are of Hebrew descent, such a violation of Masonic law constitutes no ground for granting a dispensation which virtually shall create a Lodge for the sole purpose of systematically violating this valuable Masonic law. The argument proceeds upon the basis that all the Lodges in a locality, violating a particular law of Masonry, by requiring an initiate to believe in the *Christian* religion, makes it necessary to establish a new Lodge which shall further violate it, by requiring its initiates to believe in *Judaism*.

"Let us carry the argument further. All the Lodges in Hebron require a petitioner, before being received, to avow his belief in the

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Immaculate Conception, and no Protestant can gain admission; therefore the Grand Master ought to issue a dispensation for the institution of a Lodge there, in which no Roman Catholic can be admitted.

"In another locality all the Lodges, in violation of the law, require candidates to be worth at least a certain sum of money, and ignore entirely the internal qualifications required in a Mason; and therefore another Lodge ought to be started, to use the words of a warm friend of the application under discussion, 'wherein all who may apply at the door may receive proper Masonic treatment—a Lodge which shall judge of candidates by their moral character.'

"If the fact is as alleged, and this systematic violation of law has occurred, and continues to be committed in a particular locality, it will be necessary to remedy that evil.

"But it is no ground for the commission of one wrong, that another exists.

"Masonic offences in Lodges will never be repressed by the commission of wrongful acts by the Grand Master. Gangrene on the body of Masonry at one point, will never be healed by creating a like disease at another. The sword and gavel, wielded as Masons know how to wield them, for offences not otherwise remediable, will furnish relief.

"If we look a moment at the consequences of granting a dispensation to Hebrews, to open a new Lodge, to enable persons to be made Masons who are denied admission by certain existing Lodges, on account of their religious belief, we shall readily see that it will lead to the ultimate destruction of the universality of Masonry.

"If a Lodge receiving only Hebrews may be founded, why not one receiving only Baptists or Romanists, Methodists or Presbyterians, Episcopalians or Congregationalists?

"And on creating a new Lodge for such sectarian purposes, in order to avoid difficulty in brethren finding their peculiar stripe of Lodge, each sect should have its Lodge named denominationally, and we should have on our roll, Presbyterian and Methodist, and other similar Lodges. And as the sects differ among themselves, each shade of difference would desire its particular Lodge, and we should then be called on to perpetuate the points and shadows, even, of sectarian strife. Thus, a Masonic Lodge, instead of being a sanctuary, free from sectarian strife, where an initiate might build a moral temple dedicated to God and his law, and where those of all sects and creeds might meet on a common level, would be a house of discord, each sect endeavoring to gain or perpetuate an ascendancy, which, once secured, would destroy the harmony and universality of the Institution. Masonry was not originated, and is not continued, for any such purposes. She acknowledges the Great Master of the Universe, and points her initiates to his holy law as the rule and guide to their faith. She bows not to systems of sects or faith, but on her comprehensive

platform receives all who profess the universal faith, believing in the eternal Jehovah, and who observe his law.

"It is thus, as has been eloquently said, constantly 'teaching in the wilderness,' preparing the way of the Lord, by opening the minds of its members by its teachings, to receive greater instruction and enlightenment in relation to the character, power, and attributes of the Deity, and their duties to God, to their fellow-men, and themselves.

"In society the practical working of its principles tends to soften the asperities of the natural character, and to incline the heart to embrace that law of kindness and love, which is at the bottom of all true religion.

"It has never resisted that religion, nor sought to undermine it, nor to check its growth or influence; but, on the contrary, has ever lent to it all the aid in its power.

"Engaged chiefly in cultivating the minds, and improving the morals and character of its members, its welfare rests upon their attachment to it, and their exemplification of its moral precepts in their lives and conduct.

"These are the acknowledged principles of our Fraternity, and if all the Brethren of the Masonic family do not live up to them, the petitioners should remember that man is a finite being, and liable to err, 'as the sparks to fly upward,' and that his being made a Mason can not by any means take away nor remove this difficulty, but only put him in the way of light and improvement. Will our Hebrew brethren 'live down' the 'prejudices,' which, as is said by one of their 'friends on this application, 'exist against them in Masonic Lodges,' by leaving those Lodges, and having one of their own, where their light will be hidden or known only to themselves? Will they not rather find it better, remaining where they are, to 'labor and to wait,' wrestling with this evil, as did their patriarch Jacob of old, with the angel, 'till the day breaketh,' ever remembering that the darkest hour is that which precedes the dawn of a new and, oft-times, more glorious day, and bearing in mind what the great King and sweet Psalmist of Israel has written, that though 'heaviness may endure for a night, joy cometh with the morning!'

"If they are faithful to the teachings of Masonry, the Lodge of which they are members will find them no drones in their hive, but workers in every good labor; *their* good example will thus produce a removal of the unfounded prejudice under which their race is alleged to be suffering, and that blessing which always follows patient labor and watching, will surely come upon them; and though compelled to deny this petition, for the reasons that I have stated, no one will more heartily rejoice at such a deliverance than

"Yours fraternally,

"JAMES GIBSON,

"Grand Master of Masons in New York."

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The decisions of the Grand Master during the year occupy some twelve pages, and show that the office of Grand Master is no sinecure, at least in the State of New York. From his numerous decisions we quote the following:

"Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts have *no right* to travel Masonically, or visit other Lodges, though open in the degree to which they have attained. But the Master of such Lodge may allow them to enter from courtesy.

"An Entered Apprentice, though refused advancement in the Lodge, has the right to be present when that degree is being worked, if no other objection exists.

"A Fellow Craft from another Grand Lodge jurisdiction, having received a discharge, and depositing the same, and therewith making application for the third degree in a Lodge in this jurisdiction, may be accepted and raised; his discharge may be treated as a reasonable compliance with the 124th Section of our Constitution, and also as satisfying our requirement of the consent of his former Lodge.

"One who removes into this jurisdiction from another State, must reside here one year before he can be made a Mason in a Lodge here, unless consent thereto is given by the proper authority of the jurisdiction from whence he removed.

"Where a Lodge has tried and expelled a member, and on appeal the action of the Lodge is reversed and the brother restored, the Lodge is not bound to pay any part of the expenses of his defence, or of his appeal, unless so ordered by the appellate power.

"When the Senior Warden after his election, and before his installation, dies, a dispensation can be issued to hold a new election."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. John L. Lewis, and reviews the proceedings of some forty-five Grand Lodges and Orients.

Total number of Lodges on the roll, 635; total number of members, 70,333. Receipts of Grand Lodge for the year, \$67,947.45; assets of Grand Lodge, \$267,585.50.

M. W. JAMES GIBSON was re-elected *Grand Master*, and R. W. JAMES AUSTIN, *Grand Secretary*.

NEBRASKA.

The 12th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was held in Nebraska City, on Tuesday the 26th day of October, 1869. R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Henry P. Dewell, presiding, with a representation of nineteen Lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master was absent, and his address, which refers principally to matters of local interest, was read by R. W. Brother Furnas.

From the decisions of the Grand Master we quote the following:

"1st.—A Lodge received the petition of a candidate—the committee report favorably—the ballot is spread and the candidate is rejected—subsequently, it is ascertained that the candidate was without the jurisdiction of the Lodge, and a Brother proposes to have the action in the case expunged from the minutes."

The Grand Master decided as follows:

"Jurisdiction is conferred upon the *nearest Lodge*, and a rejection by another is, in reality, so far as it affects the candidate or the Lodge having jurisdiction, no rejection at all; the whole proceeding being null and void, it need not be regarded by the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, but it may proceed to receive and act upon his petition, and, if duly elected, they may confer the degrees, the permission of the former Lodge not being necessary to enable them to do so. In the case referred to, having acted in the premises through a misapprehension of the fact, under the supposition that they had jurisdiction, should now, when the circumstances are known, and it is ascertained that they had no right to entertain the petition, return it to the candidate, stating that for want of jurisdiction the whole proceeding upon it was null and void, and that he stands as though his application had never been received; and the records of the Lodge should show the facts just as they transpired, together with the statement that the proceedings on the application having been found illegal for want of jurisdiction, are therefore null and void."

"2d.—A Past Master of another jurisdiction who had submitted his petition for affiliation, and before it was acted upon the election of officers was held, and he elected Worshipful Master; the Master of the Lodge ruled that there was no necessity for the ballot upon his petition for affiliation, that the action of the Lodge made him a member."

The Grand Master decided as follows:

"No dimitted Mason can be made a member by *implication*; he can only become so by being regularly proposed by petition, which must be properly referred to the appropriate committee, and at the time prescribed in the By-Laws, he can be balloted for, and upon a *unanimous* vote in his favor, declared elected. The vote must be by secret ballot, be directly upon the question of membership, and *unanimous*. The Grand Master has no power to dispense with *these* three requisites. He can only dispense with time.

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"The officers of a Lodge must be chosen from among affiliated Master Masons, and those only are eligible who have served as Wardens of a chartered Lodge, or are already actual Past Masters."

The address of the Deputy Grand Master shows that he was called upon, in the absence of the Grand Master, to perform many official acts.

The oration was delivered by R. W. O. B. Hewett. The Grand Orator is eloquence itself, and we regret that space will not permit us to copy more than the first few lines :

"In this world of constant change, durability is an infallible test of virtue. Whatever of creation is most enduring is of most value, Of the works of man, those which best abide the wear of time are the most worthy of our regard. Of social customs and institutions, those which have best withstood the innovations of progress furnish the highest evidence of real worth. God and truth only are eternal and unchangeable, and these qualities seem to be the true tests by which the soundness of all things is to be tested. So true is this, that men, by seeing more of the effect than of the cause, soon learn to reverence age rather than virtue; and human institutions are often clung to long after their usefulness is gone, only because they are *old*. Hence it may be objected, that as concerns these institutions, age is no proper test of virtue; that political, social and religious customs and usages often continue long after their usefulness is gone, yea, even after they have become positive abuses, oppressive and inimical to the human welfare. It is true that customs and institutions built upon an expediency, and to serve a temporary purpose, do thus degenerate; but those founded in truth, and which supply a real want of humanity, being based upon principles of justice, are as enduring as the eternal hills, and will continue as long as man exists. This we claim for Masonry, and when called upon to prove the value of our order, as one evidence, we are accustomed to point to our ancient record. This may be sufficient to the minds of some. Its age undoubtedly entitles it to respect and gives it dignity in the eyes of the world, and is evidence, so far as it goes, that it is based upon just principles."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R. W. J. N. Wise, in which the proceedings of some twenty-five Grand Lodges are reviewed.

M. W. H. P. DEWELL was elected *Grand Master*, and R. W. Brother FURNAS, re-elected *Grand Secretary*.

NEW JERSEY.

Grand Lodge met at Trenton, New Jersey, on 21st and 22nd January, 1869, being the 82nd Annual Communication. Eighty Lodges represented. M. W. Henry R. Cannon, Grand Master, presented the usual address, and it is a good and business-like paper. He congratulates the craft on the steady increase of the order, and upon the general zeal displayed in forwarding the work of Masonry; refers to the death of Past Grand Treasurer, Elias Philips, in feeling terms, which drew forth resolutions of an appropriate character. He also refused applications for dispensations in the absence of proper recommendations from the nearest Lodge. Reports on the condition of Lodges are made by the Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens and Grand Lecturer, who show the craft to be in a prosperous state. As the finances of this Grand Lodge appear to be in an embarrassed condition, the Grand Master recommends them either to increase the appropriations or to reduce the expenditure. Several matters of a local character were duly attended to.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Grand Secretary, J. H. Hough, who reviews the proceedings of upwards of forty Grand Lodges in a courteous and fraternal manner. He understands the object of these reports to be, "to keep the Brethren informed of the progress of the craft, to compare notes with reference to questions which are greatly interesting," and "generally to cultivate good will and closer relations of intimacy between Brethren separated from each other by space and by the corporate limitations of their several Grand Lodges."

In referring to an opinion existing that such reports are not read generally by the craft, but only by the Committees, who read and write them for their own amusement and glorification, he remarks, "that if any Brother thinks there is a great fund of amusement in the preparation of such a report, *let him try it on.*" He in plain terms expresses regret that so many of the reports contain political allusions, personal dissensions and intolerable verbal abuse, and remarks, "that all such matters are foreign to the purpose for which these Committees are formed; and as soon as we find that reports on Foreign Correspondence

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have degenerated into vehicles of personal abuse, we shall cry *aloud, and spare not,*" for their utter abolition. *Amen* and A-MEN.

Our proceedings of 1867 are reviewed fully. The address of Grand Master Davies is referred to as an "able and interesting production." Further on—"We must admit that 'we laughed consumedly' at a resolution passed by this Grand Lodge in '67, adopting the works of Mackey, Chase, Simons and Oliver as standard authorities upon all questions of Masonic jurisprudence, &c., &c., not provided in the Constitution." With this remark upon the resolution, "if it should turn out by any possibility that Brothers Chase, Mackey, Simons and Oliver *were not in accord* on all questions, then who is to be accepted and acted upon as proper authority? When doctors disagree, who shall decide?"

Well, Brother, we are *just now* somewhat more familiar with certain "ancient landmarks and the old constitution," and not so liable to be at a loss for guidance in matter of doubt. We have also, in a kindly and fraternal *union of all the conflicting interests*, got rid of our "plethora of Grand Lodges," and know of no body except the "Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia," (recognized by the whole Masonic world,) with fifty-five Lodges under its banner, and better still, fast forgetting all the unpleasant feelings of the past, in the present happy solution of all our difficulties, and joining with each other, "in that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree." Our thanks to you, New Jersey, for your *renewed best wishes* "for the happiness and prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia."

The *Grand Master* and *Grand Secretary*, both re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The 82nd Annual Meeting was held at Raleigh, December 7th, 1868, M. W. R. W. Best, Grand Master. Out of 211 Lodges 171 were represented. Total number of Masons, 11,184; dues received, \$3,027.

The Grand Master, in his address, recommended the holding of a National Masonic Congress at New York in January of the

present year, so as to revise the Ritual and assimilate it with that adopted at the Baltimore Convention of 1843.

From financial reasons it was not adopted.

Our representative, Brother Ellis Malone, was received.

The Grand Master gets a salary of \$1000 per annum, and there are no disbursements on charity.

No. of members, 11,184; receipts, \$3,027.00; expenses, \$2,663.34; No. of Lodges, 211; raised, 551.

M. W. ROBERT B. VANCE was elected *Grand Master*, and R. W. DONALD W. BAIN, *Grand Secretary*.

PENNSYLVANIA.

R. W. RICHARD VAUX, *Grand Master*, and R. W. JOHN THOMPSON, *Grand Secretary*.

This report includes the proceedings at the Quarterly Meeting held at Philadelphia, December 2nd, 1868, and at the Annual Grand Communication at same place, on December 28, 1868.

The business at the first meeting consisted simply in electing officers for the ensuing year, and receiving the report of the Trustees of Building Fund and Finance Committee.

At the Annual Communication the officers were installed. These meetings appear to follow very closely, and although 130 out of 259 Lodges were represented on December 2nd, no mention is made of any attendance on the 28th. There are 163 dormant Lodges.

The Grand Master says, "In my last Annual Communication to the Grand Lodge, the wish was expressed that Brethren of this jurisdiction visiting other jurisdictions should not be subjected to all those forms of examination which therein are customary, but with us are not regarded as essential knowledge, precedent to such visitation." He reiterates the request.

This opens up a question which has doubtless often been felt by those Brethren who, in Subordinate Lodges, are usually selected to examine visitors. Where is the limit to be drawn so as to secure ourselves from intrusion?

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Those who have made a competent study of Masonic Ritual will know that, whilst an Ancient or York Mason can, with facility, undergo a close examination in the modern rite, as practised in England and Canada, yet the reverse is not by any means usually the case; Scotch Masons, at least in the Blue degrees, can of course do a little better.

To what extent can "rustiness" serve as an excuse? We are sorry to see an influential body like the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania seek to modify that "strict trial, due examination, or lawful Masonic information," which is so universally regarded as an unalterable, irrepeatable Landmark.

Far better would their efforts be directed to the adoption of a uniform system of work, or if this be thought impracticable, the example of Canada might be imitated, where the District Deputy Grand Masters, (they have no Grand Lecturer,) at the periodical Lodges of instruction, frequently devote a portion of the time to an explanation and exemplification of the York rite. In fact, rather than relax in the slightest degree the facilities for admission, and so encourage a laxity in acquiring the lectures, let us adopt even a more stringent standard, and thereby promote the efficiency of individuals which will soon reflect its influence on the presiding officer and his associates. Lodges not accustomed to careful lecturing are the prime cause of so much inefficiency in the chair.

In the proceedings relative to laying the Foundation Stone of the New Masonic Temple, the music used is specified, and amongst it is found "Hallelujah Chorus, *written and music arranged* by Brother W. P. Cunningham. Send us a copy by all means. Our Grand Organist wants to compare the music with an arrangement of the same by a certain individual named Handel, and our Grand Chaplain has also a faint idea of having previously seen the words somewhere. Could you not manage to refresh his memory? Have you a copy of the work in which they were first printed? It must be a somewhat old book. Lend it to us for a week? there may be some other good things in it. Our memory serves us at the moment. Is it not therein written, "I thank thee that I am not as other men are," and again, "Who

bath made thee a judge, &c." and, "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, * * * for pretence ye make long prayers," &c.

Give the Committee on Correspondence a chance to see this book if you can find it.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was held in the City of Charleston, on the 16th day of October, 1869. M. W. James Conner, Grand Master, presiding. With a representation of 130 Lodges.

The Grand Master's address is a business-like and in all respects a most admirable document. He recommends the recognition of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. He congratulates the Craft on the prosperity of the order, and remarks that while in 1865 only twenty Lodges were represented, now there are 143 Lodges in active operation, with a membership of 6000. He cautions them against a too rapid increase of members, and warns them to guard well the outer door.

He reports having granted 13 dispensations to open new Lodges.

He recommends a suspension of fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, because of the invasion of the territory of the sister Grand Lodge of Louisiana by the said Grand Orient.

He recommends that the Grand Lodge erect a suitable building to meet in, and contrasts their own building with the magnificent structures that have been erected in other States.

Step down this way, M. W. Brother, and we will show you a building probably very much worse than your own, if that is any consolation.

We find that the Hall Committee afterwards reported to Grand Lodge in favor of erecting a hall, and a committee of four were appointed with power to mortgage the old hall for \$25,000, and purchase a site for the erection of a new building.

This is going the right way to work about it. Could not a similar resolution be introduced into the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; and could we not sell or mortgage the old hall, and erect a new one that will be more commodious and ornamental than the present one?

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The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R. W. Brother R. J. Burriss, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty Grand Lodges, and closes the same with a farewell as Grand Secretary. We ourselves feel as if we were parting with an old friend, and one whom the craft can ill afford to spare.

M. W. JAMES CONNER was re-elected *Grand Master*, and R. W. B. R. CAMPBELL, was elected *Grand Secretary*.

VERMONT, 1869.

Annual Communication at Burlington, 9th June, 1869. M. W. G. M. Hall, Grand Master. R. W. Henry Clarke, Grand Secretary. Eighty Lodges represented; 9 new Lodges chartered. Receipts \$4824.20. Disbursements \$1,716.81; Assets \$4,107.39. Charity Fund \$430.25. The annual address is an able and comprehensive document, from which we should like to cull many pleasing and eloquent passages, did space and time permit us. Reference is made to the continued prosperity of the "Order" in Vermont, and alludes to the many obligations the Craft are under to his able and earnest predecessors in the Grand East. To them the care of preserving the old landmarks of the Fraternity was an anxious and abiding one, and any effort made, either through too great zeal, or, it may be, through design, to infringe upon the established usages of the Fraternity, met at once their unqualified rebuke and denunciation. Kind allusions are made to the memory of several distinguished members who had "shuffled off this mortal coil." "Decisions are given upon 36 points of Masonic Law, from which we quote:

No. 12. "If the time specified in the By-Laws for the election of officers has passed by, and no election had, no subsequent election would be legal until the next annual communication, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master."

No. 21. "A W. M., duly elected and installed, may preside as such, although he may not have received the degree of P. M.; although it is customary and proper enough to confer the degree upon him."

No. 29. "The refusal to serve as Master by one who may be eligible to the position, whereby the Lodge proceeds to the election of a Brother as W. M. who has not served as a Warden,

must be made upon the occasion of the election, and a record should be made that he waives his right to such election."

P. G. M. Englesby was presented with a P. G. Master's Jewel and an address, which received an eloquent acknowledgment.

Fourteen D. D. G. M. were duly appointed for their respective Masonic districts.

We note that representatives are paid mileage at the rate of five cents per mile.

A committee report full mode of procedure in cases of Masonic Trials.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary (reviewing proceedings of 40 jurisdictions). It is an interesting document, extending over 80 pages, of the proceedings, and giving a good selection of the various points and decisions given by the Grand Lodges reviewed. There is no report upon Nova Scotia.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, was held in the City of Richmond, on Monday, December 13, 1869. M. W. William Terry, Grand Master, presiding, with a representation of 120 Lodges.

The address of the Grand Master is a well written document. In reference to colored Masons, he says :

"While Masonry professes and practices universal benevolence and charity, yet profanes have no rights to demand. It is our prerogative to confer favors, governed by the rules we establish for our own guidance. Masonry has the inherent right to protect itself, not only against the introduction of new theories, but also against the admission of new elements which may disturb the peace and harmony of our order. It is our right to exclude, not only individuals, but classes or races; and in the exercise of the rights and privileges of exclusion, we must have regard to the feelings and opinions of those who, by our acts, have already acquired vested rights among us. And these peculiar relations, existing not only among brethren themselves, but also extending

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into family connections well known and recognized among us, lead me to call your attention to a subject that in other Grand Jurisdictions has been agitated, and we may expect ere long to be called on to take action upon it. I allude to the subject of colored organizations, claiming to be Masons. In several of the Grand Lodges of the United States this subject has already been discussed, but, so far as I am informed, there has been no recognition of colored Masons. I am induced to refer to this matter, at this time, because it was mentioned to me during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and the inquiry made whether I was willing, as Grand Master, to receive and consider a petition from colored persons, claiming to be Masons, to allow their Lodges representation upon the floor of this Grand Lodge, provided that their representatives were duly recognized white brethren. I neither felt at liberty, so far to commit this Grand Lodge, as even to take the matter into consideration, nor was I willing, in any manner, to forestal your action. Believing that the recognition of colored Lodges would be fraught with the most serious consequences to the order, I felt it my duty, so far as I was individually or officially concerned, to decline any action in the matter. Should such a petition be presented to the Grand Lodge, it will be for you to dispose of it as in your judgment the good of Masonry requires. I shall dismiss the subject with the simple remark, that there can be no half-way ground. To grant the right of representation, in any form or upon any conditions, is a clear recognition of their legal Masonic existence, and would be the entering wedge to a complete and final breaking down of all distinctions of race or color."

The report of the committee on the Grand Master's address, reports on that portion as follows :

"In the matter of recognition of persons claiming to be colored Masons, we have to report that a memorial, respectful in tone and unexceptional in spirit, has been presented to this Grand Body by a committee claiming to act in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Virginia (colored,) asking fraternal recognition and representation in this Grand Body, and setting forth various reasons why such request should be granted. But it is clear, from their own memorial, that if Masons at all, these parties can occupy no status other than that of *illegally made Masons*. They claim to have received the degrees in a Lodge within our Jurisdiction, chartered by a foreign Grand Lodge clearly in violation of well understood and universally acknowledged Masonic law and usage. It is, therefore, manifestly impossible that this Grand Body can entertain any proposition of affiliation or recognition. The feverish and excited condition of the public mind, in reference

to this subject, furnishes an additional reason why this Grand Lodge should carefully avoid any action which might tend to introduce confusion and disorder where all is now harmony and peace."

Resolved, "That this Grand Lodge decline to recognize or affiliate, as Masons, with the memorialists claiming to represent a colored Grand Lodge in Virginia."

On the subject of *physical disqualification* of candidates for initiation into our Order, the Grand Master says:

"During the past year I have had submitted to me many questions touching Masonic law and usage, which I have considered and answered to the best of my ability; but the inquiries usually were of such character as not to justify a review of them. One case has arisen which I deem it my duty to bring to the attention of the Grand Lodge for such action as they may deem proper. It was reported to me only a few days since, and as the meeting of the Grand Lodge was so near at hand, I have permitted the order of the District Deputy Grand Master to remain in force until your opinion can be had. It seems that Sidney Lodge, No. 108, has initiated a candidate named G. R. Gibson, who has had a leg amputated below the knee, and now uses an artificial limb. It appears that the Master of Lodge No. 108 has acted under the opinion that an artificial limb may be used to 'conform to the Ritual,' and that such artificial conformity is a compliance with the requirements of the law. I am not aware that there has been an authoritative interpretation of our law which requires that the candidates shall not be 'so maimed that they cannot conform to the Ritual,' but my own understanding has been that the artificial cannot be held to supply the place of the natural limb, no matter how complete the mechanism. The facts in this case were communicated to Worshipful Brother Thompson, District Deputy Grand Master, who suspended said Lodge from further labor until the opinion of the Grand Master could be had, and I have simply confirmed the action of the District Deputy Grand Master, and now refer the matter to the Grand Lodge; and I directed the District Deputy Grand Master to inform the Master of Lodge No. 108 that this matter would be referred to you. The papers in connection with the same are herewith returned. An opportunity is now presented to the Grand Lodge to decide whether a literal or liberal interpretation is to be given to this law, and to it I invite your attention; and if such a thing be possible, it is desirable that the Grand Lodge should lay down the rule so explicitly and clearly as to preclude any rational misunderstanding or difference of opinion upon the subject."

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It is with great pleasure we observe that the difficulties heretofore existing between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of West Virginia have been amicably settled. In this matter we can, from our hearts, congratulate our Virginia Brethren. We have experienced similar difficulties and similar trials; but now peace, harmony and prosperity prevail within our borders, and we hope that our Virginia friends will be as fortunate as ourselves. Now we find that our best friends are those whom we looked upon as our greatest enemies. Our Canadian friends are now experiencing some trouble, and we trust they will deal with it in the same spirit of brotherly love, that has been manifested by our Virginia Brethren in their troubles.

The following is the report of the Committee appointed to confer with the Commissioners from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia in reference to the differences existing between these Grand Bodies:

"They beg leave to report that they have had a full and free conference with said Commissioners, and take great pleasure in stating that the spirit manifested by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia towards this Grand Lodge is fully appreciated by your committee; and while it is a source of deep regret that circumstances have occurred which, in the opinion of our brethren of West Virginia, justified them in forming a Grand Lodge, yet, in the spirit of fraternal feeling, and with an ardent desire to cultivate peace and harmony with all Grand Bodies, we are willing to recognize the Grand Lodge of West Virginia as a legally constituted body upon their complying with the conditions heretofore prescribed by this Grand Lodge; and the said Commissioners being present, and having satisfied this Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of West Virginia has fully complied with the conditions aforesaid, or is now ready and willing to comply with the same, be it therefore

"1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hereby recognizes the said Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and extends to her our Fraternal and Masonic recognition, and cordially recommends her to all other Grand Masonic Bodies in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

"2. *Resolved*, That the political boundaries of a State being definitely given and decided upon, fixes the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of that State, except in so far as rights may have vested under charters theretofore lawfully issued.

"3. *Resolved*, That the political status of the counties of Jefferson and Berkeley being at this time undetermined, the Grand Lodge of Virginia will, for the present, retain her jurisdiction over such Lodges in said counties as desire to report to this Grand Lodge; but will authorize the opening of no new Lodge in either of said counties until their status is definitely settled, it being understood that the Grand Lodge of West Virginia shall on their part be subject to the like restrictions.

"4. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the original Charters which emanated from this Grand Lodge to the Subordinate Lodges in West Virginia have been formally surrendered to this Grand Lodge, but the said Subordinate Lodges having earnestly asked that they may be returned to them, to be laid up in their archives as mementos of the past; therefore

"*Resolved*, That the said Subordinate Lodges be permitted to retain the said old Charters.

"5. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend to all of its Subordinate Lodges in the territorial limits of West Virginia to surrender their present Charters to, and ask new Charters from, the Grand Lodge of West Virginia."

M. W. THOMAS F. OWENS, elected *Grand Master*.

R. W. JOHN DÖVE, elected *Grand Secretary*.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, was held in the City of Milwaukee, on Tuesday, June 8, 1869. M. W. Harlow Pease, Grand Master, presiding, with a representation of 155 Lodges.

The address of the Grand Master is a well written document, and contains an account of his doings for the past year. He mourns the death of Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary W. R. Smith. He reports having granted dispensations to open three new Lodges, and refused three others.

Among the resolutions of the Grand Lodge we find the following:

Resolved, "That any Master Mason who shall live in the vicinity of a Lodge under this jurisdiction for one year and neglect to affiliate, shall be deprived of the right to visit a Lodge or assist at any of the public ceremonies and processions of the order."

M. W. GABRIEL BOUCK, was elected *Grand Master*, and
R. W. WILLIAM T. PALMER, re-elected *Grand Secretary*.

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For the year ending June 24, A. D., 1870. A. L., 5870.

SHOWING FORMER REGISTRY, WITH DATES OF ORIGINAL FORMATION AND CHARTER.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 118 R. E. Charter dated March 26, 1768, London. Lawrence Dermott,
Grand Secretary.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JAMES MONTGOMERY, *Worshipful Master.*
ALFRED H. WOODILL, M. D., *Senior Warden.*
ROBT. C. HAMILTON, *Junior Warden.*
JOHN WOODILL, P. G. W., *Treasurer.*
NICHOLAS L. HERBERT, (Grand Steward,) *Secretary.*
JAMES DEMPSTER, (Grand Steward,) *Senior Deacon.*
JOHN BOARDWELL, *Junior Deacon.*
EDWARD DAVEY, *Inner Guard.*
THOMAS S. LOWNDS, P. M. } *Stewards.*
JOHN W. SCOTT, P. M. }
JOHN M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

John Woodill, P. G. W.,	John W. Scott,
William McDonald,	John D. Nash, P. G. W.,
Edgar Dodson,	Allan H. Crowe, S. G. W.,
Thomas S. Lownds,	Thomas Annand,

31 Subscribing Members.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 161, R. E. Charter signed, London, June 30, 1780.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

CHARLES MORLEY, Lieut. R. A., *Worshipful Master*.
 C. E. CROKER-KING, Adj. 78th Regt., *Senior Warden*.
 G. W. HAWKINS, Lieut. R. A., *Junior Warden*.
 H. C. D. TWINING, P. G. W., *Treasurer*.
 THOMAS MILSOM, M. D., *Secretary*.
 J. MILSOM, *Senior Deacon*.
 EDMUND M. VEITH, *Junior Deacon*.
 H. B. RATHBURNE, *Inner Guard*.
 R. L. WEATHERBE, }
 H. STROVER, Major R. A. } *Stewards*.
 JOHN M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

James Forman, P. D. G. M., G. P. Valot,
 H. C. D. Twining, P. G. W., W. Black, Capt. 6th Regt., B. Maj.
 R. D. Clarke, P. G. W., F. H. Bowen, Lieut. R. A.
 35 Subscribing Members.

VIRGIN LODGE, No. 3.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 396, R. E. Established February 18, 1782. Chartered October, 1784.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

THOMAS MOWBRAY, *Worshipful Master*.
 JOSEPH STARR, *Senior Warden*.
 THOS. F. WOOD, *Junior Warden*.
 WILLIAM TWINING, P. G. W., *Treasurer*.
 WILLIAM DAKING, *Secretary*.
 EDWARD BOLMAN, *Senior Deacon*.
 WILLIAM E. WIER, *Junior Deacon*.
 GEORGE R. TAYLOR, *Inner Guard*.
 J. R. JENNETT, }
 EDWARD GORHAM, } *Stewards*.
 JOHN M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

Alex. Keith, P. L. C., M. W. G. M. William S. Symonds, P. G. W.,
 William A. Hesson, P. G. W., Richard T. Roome,
 William Twining, P. G. W. Benjamin Curren, P. G. W., G. Sec'y.
 John A. Sinclair, James Gossip.
 47 Subscribing Members.

UNITY LODGE, No. 4.

LUNENBURG.

Formerly No. 399, R. E. Established March, 1822. Chartered March 10, 1829.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

HENRY S. JOST, *Worshipful Master.*

WILLIAM TOWNSEND, *Senior Warden.*

CHARLES ARNBERG, *Junior Warden.*

EDWARD H. SOLOMON, *Treasurer.*

W. M. B. LAWSON, *Secretary.*

ALEX. HEISLER, *Senior Deacon.*

JOSEPH ZWICKER, *Junior Deacon.*

JAMES E. HUNT, *Inner Guard.*

WILLIAM GREY, } *Stewards.*

SAMUEL RISSER, }

EDWARD BROWN, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. M. B. Lawson

W. N. Zwicker,

James Dowling.

26 Subscribing Members.

ALBION LODGE, No. 5.

NEW GLASGOW.

Formerly No. 470, R. E. Established October, 1838. Chartered April 3, 1840.

OFFICERS :

HUGH J. CAMERON, *Worshipful Master.*

BLAIR McKAY, *Senior Warden.*

JOHN A. ROSS, *Junior Warden.*

ALEX. FRASER DOWNIE, *Treasurer.*

ROBERT WALKER, *Secretary.*

ALEX. F. FRASER, *Senior Deacon.*

FINLAY McKERCHER, *Junior Deacon.*

THOMAS FRASER, *Inner Guard.*

DANIEL McLEAN, } *Stewards.*

WILLIAM F. McKENZIE, }

STEPHEN PETERS, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

John F. McDonald,

John R. P. Fraser,

Donald McKercher,

Stewart Fraser,

Alex. M. Holmes,

Alexander McKinnon.

90 Subscribing Members.

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ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE, No. 6.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 479, R. E. Established April, 1841. Chartered 1842.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JAMES McLEARN, *Worshipful Master.*
 HORATIO B. SELTON, G. S. of W., *Senior Warden.*
 CHARLES W. SMYTH, *Junior Warden.*
 WILLIAM HOLLOWAY, P. G. W., *Treasurer.*
 GEORGE GORDON, P. M., *Secretary.*
 ZEBINA S. HALL, *Senior Deacon.*
 JAMES M. MUMFORD, *Junior Deacon.*
 WILLIAM BERRY, *Inner Guard.*
 CHARLES H. HEPWORTH, } *Stewards.*
 AUGUSTUS RIDGEWAY, }
 JOHN M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

George Gordon,	William Tully, P. G. W.,
William Holloway, P. G. W.	Thomas Jardine,
Edward Share,	George Creeggan.

74 Subscribing Members.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 7.

SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 499, R. E. Chartered August 29, 1844.

OFFICERS :

MARCUS DODD, *Worshipful Master.*
 NEWTON L. McKAY, *Senior Warden.*
 HUGH McLEOD, *Junior Warden.*
 HENRY LECRAS, *Treasurer.*
 ROBERT I. INGRAHAM, *Secretary.*
 MURRAY DODD, *Senior Deacon.*
 DONALD MATHESON, *Junior Deacon.*
 FRANCIS T. CANNON, *Inner Guard.*
 JAMES ANDERS ON } *Stewards.*
 JOHN LONVAY }
 JAMES WILLIAMS, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

James R. Ward,	Thomas Leoras,
Lewis Johnston, M. D.,	Charles C. Reade.

36 Subscribing Members.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 8.

AMHERST.

Formerly No. 330. Registry of Ireland. Chartered March 15, 1845. Also No. 14
R. N. S., Chartered March 8, 1867.

OFFICERS :

JOHN WHITE, *Worshipful Master.*
DAVID DOUGLAS, *Senior Warden.*
DAWSON HAYWARD, *Junior Warden.*
GEORGE DIMOCK, P. M., *Treasurer.*
GEORGE DEERY, *Secretary.*
ANGUS McLEOD, *Senior Deacon.*
J. C. ROACH, *Junior Deacon.*
LUCIUS DICKSON, *Inner Guard.*
ALEX. WILSON, } *Stewards.*
JOSEPH MORE, }
JOSEPH COVE, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

James King, Joseph Cove,
George Dimock, Isaac Winchester,
34 Subscribing Members.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 9.

LIVERPOOL.

Formerly 562. R. E. Established 1847. Chartered March 22, 1849.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS :

HENRY W. SMITH, *Worshipful Master.*
DAVID BUCHANAN, *Senior Warden.*
RICHARD B. McKAY, *Junior Warden.*
C. E. D. SNOW, *Treasurer.*
WILLIAM McG. SCOTT, *Secretary.*
J. M. CHASE, *Senior Deacon.*
RICHARD B. McKAY, *Junior Deacon.*

PAST MASTERS :

John W. Scott, William Knaut,
John W. Cobb, John M. Cobb.
34 Subscribing Members.

BURNS LODGE, No. 10.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 352 R. S. Chartered 1848. Also No. 1 R. N. S. Chartered Mar. 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

ALEXANDER WADDELL, G. P., *Worshipful Master.*W. A. GARRISON, *Senior Warden.*W. M. CAMERON, *Junior Warden.*JAMES FORTUNE, (Grand Steward,) *Treasurer.*WILLIAM TAYLOR, D. G. M., *Secretary.*ISAAC MELVIN, P. M., *Senior Deacon.*SAUL MOSHER, *Junior Deacon.*JOHN OVERY, *Marshal.*DUNCAN WADDELL, } *Stewards.*

M. J. O'BRIEN, }

JOHN M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

James Fidler,

William Taylor, D. G. M.,

R. Brechin, P. D. G. M., (Hon'y.)

Isaac Melvin,

David Pottinger.

71 Subscribing Members.

NEW CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 11.

PICTOU.

Formerly No. 565, R. E. Chartered October 15, 1849.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

SAMUEL G. RIGBY, J. G. W., *Worshipful Master.*W. W. GLENNIE, *Senior Warden.*GEORGE D. IVES, *Junior Warden.*D. HISLOP, *Treasurer.*J. W. H. CAMERON, *Secretary.*J. A. GORDON, *Senior Deacon.*GEORGE IVES, *Junior Deacon.*CHAS. S. GORDON, *Marshal.*WM. A. COOKE, } *Stewards.*

D. M. GELDERT, }

SAMUEL CARLTON, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. M. Johnstone, M. D., P. G. W.

William Campbell,

W. N. Rudolf,

W. E. Cooke, M. D.,

Richard Tanner,

M. T. Smith.

124 Subscribing Members.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 12.

YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. 596, R. E. Established 1848.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

GEORGE G. SANDERSON, *Worshipful Master.*
 CLARENCE CRISTIE, *Senior Warden.*
 ALFRED S. HOOD, *Junior Warden.*
 WM. B. TOWNSEND, P. M., *Treasurer.*
 A. W. HOMER, *Secretary.*
 J. WENTWORTH BINGAY, *Senior Deacon.*
 N. J. B. TOOKER, *Junior Deacon.*
 CHAS. J. B. TOOKER, *Inner Guard.*
 JAMES HUNTINGTON, }
 WILLIAM M. REED, } *Stewards.*
 BENJAMIN B. SMITH, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. H. Townsend, }
 W. B. Townsend, }
 C. White, }
 Thomas V. B. Bingay,
 Alex. J. Hood.

54 Subscribing Members.

ACADIA LODGE, No. 13.

PUGWASH.

Formerly No. 612, R. E. Chartered February 28, 1853.

OFFICERS :

THOMAS WEBSTER, *Worshipful Master.*
 JOSEPH CLARKE, *Senior Warden.*
 HENRY WEBSTER, *Junior Warden.*
 H. C. BLACK, *Treasurer.*
 DONALD MACAULAY, *Secretary.*
 ROBERT SMITH, *Senior Deacon.*
 WILLIAM N. LEAMAN, *Junior Deacon.*
 HIRAM HEWSON, }
 JAMES W. CHISHOLM, } *Marshals.*
 JOHN C. WARNER, *Tyler.*

ACADIA LODGE, No. 14.

HALIFAX.

Formerly Athole. No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JOSEPH C. BROWN, *Worshipful Master.*
 JOHN SUTHERLAND, *Senior Warden.*
 DOUGLAS McLEOD, G. D. of C., *Junior Warden.*
 JAMES C. ROBERTSON, *Treasurer.*
 JAMES G. SMITH, *Secretary.*
 JOHN W. RUHLAND, *Senior Deacon.*
 CHARLES COCHRANE, *Junior Deacon.*
 THOMAS McDONALD, *Inner Guard.*
 THOMAS NICHOLSON, } *Stewards.*
 SAMUEL SNOW, }
 JOHN MACKENZIE, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

Angus McLeod,

George Fraser.

George Anderson.

42 Subscribing Members.

ATHOLE LODGE, No. 15.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 361, R. S. Chartered February 2, 1852. Also No. 2. R. N. S.,

Chartered March 20, 1856.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

DUNCAN McDUGAL, *Worshipful Master.*
 ROBERT FRASER, *Senior Warden.*
 JOHN E. M. TAYLOR, *Junior Warden.*
 GEO. J. FLUCK, *Treasurer.*
 WILLIAM S. McDONALD, P. M., *Secretary.*
 THOMAS MITCHELL, *Senior Deacon.*
 S. WALTERS, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. BARNSTEAD, *Inner Guard.*
 W. C. SARRE, } *Stewards.*
 A. T. ROCKWELL, }
 JOHN M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

John Allan,
 Charles J. McDonald, P.D.G.M., (Hon.)
 Thomas Short,

James R. Graham, P.D.G.M., (Hon.)
 William S. McDonald,
 William Williams.

45 Subscribing Members.

KEITH LODGE, No. 16.

HILLSBURG.

Formerly No. 628, R. E. Established May, 1851. Chartered Jan. 30, 1854.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JOHN C. DUNN, *Worshipful Master.*
 JOHN BENSON, *Senior Warden.*
 EDMUND WALSH, *Junior Warden.*
 ALPHEUS MARSHALL, *Treasurer.*
 E. G. MILLER, *Secretary.*
 WILLIAM G. BENT, *Senior Deacon.*
 JAMES H. PURDY, *Junior Deacon.*
 JAMES DUNN, *Inner Guard.*
 CHARLES R. RICE, } *Stewards.*
 MOSES RICE, }
 JAMES H. FLEET, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

George Nichol, John Harlow,
 John V. Purdy, Andrew Harris.
 50 Subscribing Members.

KEITH LODGE, No. 17.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 305, R. S. Established Jan., 1832. Also No. 3, R. N. S. Chartered
 March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

✓ DANIEL McDONALD, *Worshipful Master.*
 J. B. NORTON, G. O., *Senior Warden.*
 J. T. WOOD, *Junior Warden.*
 E. COLEMAN, *Treasurer.*
 G. McMANN, *Secretary.*
 S. NICHOLS, *Senior Deacon.*
 D. HAZEL, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. W. WATT, *Inner Guard.*
 J. KEARNEY, } *Stewards.*
 E. SMITH, }
 JOHN M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

James K. Munnis. R. J. Romabs. A. Busby.
 57 Subscribing Members.

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, (Hon.)

UNION LODGE, No. 18.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 693, R. E. Established Dec., 1855. Chartered Dec., 1856.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JOHN R. THOMAS, *Worshipful Master.*
 P. E. MCKERROW, *Senior Warden.*
 SAMUEL F. ROAN, *Junior Warden.*
 CHARLES F. RIDDLE, *Treasurer.*
 WILLIAM B. THOMAS, *Secretary.*
 WILLIAM H. THOMAS, *Senior Deacon.*
 JOSEPH THOMAS, *Junior Deacon.*
 CHARLES COOPER, *Inner Guard.*
 JAMES JACKSON, *Steward.*
 JOHN M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

John B. Barron, Grand Steward. Rev. Robert R. Morris.
 Wm. T. Davis.
 27 Subscribing Members.

ROYAL ALBERT, No. 19.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 379, R. S. Established February, 1857. Also No. 18, R. N. S.
 Chartered March 13, 1868.

OFFICERS :

JOHN VOOGHT, *Worshipful Master.*
 WALLACE ROBERTSON, *Senior Warden.*
 CALEB LANGILL, *Junior Warden.*
 JOHN B. MOORE, *Treasurer.*
 CHARLES A. ROBERTSON, *Secretary.*
 WILLIAM PROCTOR, *Senior Deacon.*
 A. C. THOMPSON, *Junior Deacon.*
 PHILIP NESBIT, *Inner Guard.*
 D. LAWLOR, } *Stewards.*
 G. P. MOFFAT, }
 DAVID SCOTT, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

John H. Christie, A. C. Corbett,
 George S. Brown, William Purves.

28 Subscribing Members.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 20.

WOLFVILLE, KINGS COUNTY.

Formerly No. 832, R. E. Established January, 1859.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JOSEPH R. HEA, D. C. L., *Worshipful Master.*
 JAMES R. BIGELOW, *Senior Warden.*
 E. N. PAYZANT, *Junior Warden.*
 JAMES W. BIGELOW, *Secretary.*

PAST MASTER :

William H. Gould.
 — Subscribing Members.

DAVIES LODGE, No. 21.

WILMOT.

Formerly No. 423, R. S. Established 1859. Chartered September, 186

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

HENRY VAN BUSKIRK, *Worshipful Master.*
 NORMAN B. SPINNEY, *Senior Warden.*
 HENRY MUNRO, *Junior Warden.*
 JAMES GATES, *Treasurer.*
 CHARLES JACQUES, *Secretary.*
 WM. WOODBURY, P. M., *Senior Deacon.*
 ALBERT MUNRO, *Junior Deacon.*
 JOSEPH WELTON, *Inner Guard.*
 WILLIAM NEILY, } *Stewards.*
 E. N. GATES, }
 JONATHAN WOODBURY, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS.

Beniah Spinney, William Woodbury.
 28 Subscribing Members.

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 22.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 411, R. S. Established August, 1859. Also No. 4, E. N. S.,
Chartered March 20, 1896.

MEETS ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

C. F. VOSE, *Worshipful Master*.
 JOHN LAWLOR, J. G. D., *Senior Warden*.
 SAMUEL C. JORDAN, *Junior Warden*.
 HENRY J. MARSHALL, P. M., *Treasurer*.
 A. S. SUTHERLAND, *Secretary*.
 J. B. DITMARS, *Senior Deacon*.
 A. FORDHAM, *Junior Deacon*.
 J. MAINE, *Inner Guard*.
 S. G. McELWANE, } *Stewards*.
 W. ROBERTSON, }
 J. M. TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

Andrew K. MacKinlay, P. G. W., G. T., J. N. Ritchie, P. G. W.,
 William H. Davies, M. D., P. G. M., H. J. Marshall.
 S. R. Sircorn, P. G. M.,

41 Subscribing Members.

KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

ALBION MINES.

Formerly No. 870, R. E. Established June, 1860. Chartered June 14, 1861.

MEETS ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JAMES HUDSON, *Worshipful Master*.
 ALEX. McKAY, *Senior Warden*.
 JOHN McQUARRIE, *Junior Warden*.
 JOHN CARR, *Treasurer*.
 JAMES MITCHELL, *Secretary*.
 CHARLES PARTRIDGE, *Senior Deacon*.
 CHARLES W. DICKSON, *Junior Deacon*.
 WILLIAM McKENZIE, *Inner Guard*.
 JOHN J. FRASER, } *Stewards*.
 JAMES R. CORBETT, }
 ALEX. McDONALD, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

James W. Fraser, John Patrick,
 Lewis Johnston, James Maxwell.
 James W. Kerr,

49 Subscribing Members.

CONCORD LODGE, No. 24.

BARRINGTON.

Formerly No. — R. S. Also No. 8, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

NO RETURNS FOR 1870.

WESTPORT LODGE, No. 25.

WESTPORT.

Formerly No. 923, R. E. Established Feb., 1861.

NO RETURNS.

WELSFORD LODGE, No. 26.

WINDSOR.

Formerly No. 924, R. E. Established July, 1861. Chartered August 23, 1862.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

REV. ALEXANDER NICOLSON, *Worshipful Master.*
 FRASER W. DAKIN, (Grand Steward,) *Senior Warden.*
 WALTER RICKARDS, *Junior Warden.*
 GEORGE STERLING, *Treasurer.*
 CHAS. W. PAYZANT, B. A., *Secretary.*
 C. W. DIMOCK, *Senior Deacon.*
 R. MORTON STERLING, *Junior Deacon.*
 WILLIAM STEPHENS, *Marshal.*
 LOUIS ZAPERNICK, } *Stewards.*
 JOHN EDWARDS, }
 CHARLES STOCKALL, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

Col. James Poyntz, (Hon.) William S. Proctor.
 59 Subscribing Members.

WIDOW'S FRIEND, No. 27.

WEYMOUTH.

Formerly No. 953, R. E. Established August, 1859. Chartered March 2, 1863.

NO RETURNS FOR 1870.

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 28.

CANNING, KING'S COUNTY.

Formerly No. 961, R. E. Established May, 1861.

OFFICERS :

H. A. BORDEN, *Worshipful Master.*
 DR. F. W. BORDEN, *Senior Warden.*
 R. A. JAMESON, *Junior Warden.*
 D. M. DICKIE, P. M., *Treasurer.*
 C. F. EATON, *Secretary.*
 E. CLARKE, *Senior Deacon.*
 GIBBS COX, *Junior Deacon.*
 JOHN H. PINEO, *Inner Guard.*
 J. H. PALMETER, *Steward.*
 J. W. SHARP, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

D. M. Dickie, D. Tupper.
 29 Subscribing Members.

PRINCE OF WALES, No. 29.

MILTON, QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Formerly No. 964, R. E. Established March 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JOSHUA N. FREEMAN, P. M., *Worshipful Master.*
 JAMES M. FREEMAN, *Senior Warden.*
 JOSEPH H. COOK, *Junior Warden.*
 *Treasurer.*
 LEANDER S. FORD, *Secretary.*
 IRA FREEMAN, *Senior Deacon.*
 JAMES MOORE, *Junior Deacon.*
 W. J. HOLMES, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

H. B. Hallett, Simeon L. Freeman.
 57 Subscribing Members.

ALBERT, No. 30.

SHELBURNE.

Formerly No. 425, R. S. Established January, 1862. Also No. 6, R. N. S.
Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JOHN BOWER, *Worshipful Master*,
S. H. COX, *Senior Warden*.
JAMES DEXTER, *Junior Warden*.
A. McLEAN, *Treasurer*.
J. A. PURNEY, M. D., *Secretary*.
C. E. ALLAN, *Senior Deacon*.
C. C. KING, *Junior Deacon*.
J. A. B. JOHNSTONE, *Marshal*.
J. ETHERINGTON, }
POPE DEXTER, } *Stewards*.
JOHN BOYD, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

N. W. White, W. B. Stephenson,
William Carden, James Hogg.

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 31.

YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established March, 1863. Chartered May 9, 1864. Also
No. 17, R. N. S. Chartered December 13, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

FRANCIS A. BAILY, *Worshipful Master*.
SANDFORD H. PELTON, *Senior Warden*.
FREDERICK S. JOHNSON, *Junior Warden*.
SAMUEL F. RAYMOND, P. M., *Treasurer*.
GEORGE W. TOOKER, *Secretary*.
W. GEORGE COOK, *Senior Deacon*.
PRINCE H. DURKEE, *Junior Deacon*.
ROBERT HUNTER, *Marshal*.
ROBERT PATTERSON, }
OLIVER MCGILL, } *Stewards*.
HENRY PHILIPS, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

Samuel F. Raymond, George W. Johnson.
38 Subscribing Members.

EL DORADO LODGE, No. 32.

WINE HARBOR, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Formerly No. 434, R. S. Established May, 1863. Also No. 16, R. N. S., Chartered
June 14, 1867.

NO RETURNS FOR 1870.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL LODGE, No. 33.

ANNAPOLIS.

Formerly No. 1047, R. E. Established May, 1863.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

ROBERT WYLIE, S. G. D., *Worshipful Master.*RICHARDSON HARRIS, *Senior Warden.*AUGUSTUS ROBINSON, *Junior Warden.*JOSEPH FOSTER, *Treasurer.*JOHN TOBIAS, *Secretary.*SAMUEL HALL, *Senior Deacon.*ROBERT L. HARDWICK, *Junior Deacon.*ROBERT HOPKINS, *Inner Guard.*E. C. COWLING, } *Stewards.*

GEORGE WELLS, }

WILLIAM HAWKE, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

George T. Bingay,

David Inglis.

39 Subscribing Members.

QUEEN'S LODGE, No. 34.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established December, 1864. Also No. 10, R. N. S.,
Chartered March 20, 1866.

OFFICERS :

JOHN A. STEWART, *Worshipful Master.*

R. W. McDONALD, *Senior Warden.*

DONALD MURDOCK, *Junior Warden.*

H. HEWITT, *Treasurer.*

EDWARD WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

JAMES A. FRASER, *Senior Deacon.*

JAMES TATE, *Junior Deacon.*

....., *Marshal.*

CHAS. McINTOSH, } *Stewards.*

JOHN CAMERON, } *Stewards.*

R. T. H. WIER, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

A. K. White,

Newell Snow, G. L.,

W. H. McDaniel.

41 Subscribing Members.

ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 35.

BADDECK, C. B.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established January, 1865. Also No. 9, R. N. S., Chartered
March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

DAVID DUNLOP, *Worshipful Master.*

A. KIDSTONE, *Senior Warden.*

P. McDONALD, *Junior Warden.*

DONALD McRAE, *Secretary.*

D. McLEOD, *Treasurer.*

S. C. PEART, *Senior Deacon.*

D. J. McLEOD, *Junior Deacon.*

R. EMSLEY, } *Stewards.*

....., } *Stewards.*

A. J. McKAY, *Tyler.*

37 Subscribing Members.

THISTLE LODGE, No. 36.

COW BAY, C. B.

Formerly No. 1109, R. E. Established December, 1865. Chartered April 25, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

HENRY KIRKWOOD, M. D., *Worshipful Master.*
 DUNCAN MACKENZIE, *Senior Warden.*
 ANDREW ANDERSON, *Junior Warden.*
 JOHN A. MACKENZIE, *Treasurer.*
 NATHAN MARTELL, *Secretary.*
 WILLIAM CAMPBELL, *Senior Deacon.*
 SAMUEL A. SPENCER, *Junior Deacon.*
 DONALD MCKINNON, *Inner Guard.*
 JAMES GLYDE, } *Stewards.*
 THOMAS MILLAR, }
 GEORGE CAMPBELL, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER :

William Patterson.

45 Subscribing Members.

COBEQUID LODGE, No. 37.

TRURO.

Formerly No. 1190, R. E. Established April, 1866. Chartered August 14, 1867.

OFFICERS :

D. H. MUIR, M. D., *Worshipful Master.*
 REV. WM. THOS. WILKINS, B.A., G. C., *Senior Warden.*
 JOHN YUILL, *Junior Warden.*
 J. LEAMAN, *Treasurer.*
 JOHN K. ANDREWS, *Secretary.*
 JAMES L. SUTHERLAND, *Senior Deacon.*
 JOHN RONAYNE, *Junior Deacon.*
 ROBT. STEWART, *Marshal.*
 THOMAS MCKAY, } *Stewards.*
 CHARLES N. COCK, }
 WILLIAM SMITH, *Tyler.*
 REV. ROBERT HAIRE, B. A., *Chaplain.*

PAST MASTERS :

Alex. McKay, David G. Dickson, George Hyde, G. S. B.

41 Subscribing Members.

THE LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 11. Chartered June 16, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

THEODORE A. COSSMANN, *Worshipful Master.*

EDWARD W. HOWELL, *Senior Warden.*

W. F. CHASE, *Junior Warden.*

GEORGE T. SMITHERS, P. G. W., *Treasurer.*

W. S. MACDONALD, P. M., *Secretary.*

JOHN H. FERRIS, *Senior Deacon.*

W. A. McLEOD, *Junior Deacon.*

THOMAS FORHAN, *Inner Guard.*

T. A. LIEBMAN, } *Stewards.*

J. W. HOWELL, }

JOHN TAYLOR, P. M., *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

George T. Smithers, P. G. W., William Garvie.

39 Subscribing Members.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 39.

BRIDGEWATER.

Formerly No. —, R. E. Established 1866. Also No. 20, R. N. S. Chartered June 24, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. H. OWEN, *Worshipful Master.*

WILLIAM ANDREWS, *Senior Warden.*

JAMES BAKMASTER, *Junior Warden.*

ROBERT DAWSON, *Treasurer.*

PETER M. MORRISON, *Secretary.*

C. H. CHASE, *Senior Deacon.*

D. McMILLAN, *Junior Deacon.*

A. GOW, *Inner Guard.*

J. M. KNIGHT, } *Stewards.*

JAMES FRASER, }

— BATLY, *Tyler.*

52 Subscribing Members.

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OPHIR, No. 40.

Formerly No. 12. Chartered March, 1867.

CHARTER SURRENDERED SEPTEMBER, 1870.

ROTHSAY LODGE, No. 41.

BRIDGETOWN.

Formerly No. 1245, R. E. Established October, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

FREDERICK LEAVITT, *Worshipful Master.*
 ALEXANDER EASSON, *Senior Warden.*
 SAMUEL K. MORSE, *Junior Warden.*
 REV. HENRY P. ALMON, M. A., *Treasurer.*
 BENJAMIN STARRATT, *Secretary.*
 JOHN L. COX, *Senior Deacon.*
 WILLIAM W. McLELLAN, *Junior Deacon.*
 WILLIAM E. MILLER, *Inner Guard.*

PAST MASTER :

Rev. Henry P. Almon, M. A.

64 Subscribing Members.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 42.

SHEET HARBOR, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 13. Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

M. McFARLANE, *Worshipful Master.*
 DAVID FRASER, *Senior Warden.*
 D. W. ARCHIBALD, *Junior Warden.*
 WILLIAM HALL, *Treasurer.*
 JOHN TUPPER, *Secretary.*
 ALEXANDER LESLIE, *Senior Deacon.*
 J. W. HALL, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. A. BAKER, *Marshal.*
 JOHN GAULT, } *Stewards.*
 HUGH LINDSAY, }
 ARCHIBALD HALL, *Tyler.*

37 Subscribing Members.

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TRURO LODGE, No. 43.

TRURO.

Formerly No. 15. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

WILLIAM BLAIR, *Worshipful Master.*
 GEORGE CAMPBELL, *Senior Warden.*
 JAMES J. DICKSON, *Junior Warden.*
 GEORGE P. NELSON, *Treasurer.*
 CHARLES E. PERRY, *Secretary.*
 H. J. LAWRENCE, *Senior Deacon.*
 STEPHEN F. ARCHIBALD, *Junior Deacon.*
 L. H. VERGE, *Inner Guard.*
 J. PITBLADO, }
 D. FRASER, } *Stewards.*
 J. W. MILLER, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

A. C. Page, M. D., P. D. G. M., L. J. Crowe,
 27 Subscribing Members.

POYNTZ LODGE, No. 44.

HANTSPORT, HANTS CO.

Formerly No. 21. Established March, 1867. Chartered September 30, 1868.

OFFICERS :

W. J. FLINN, *Worshipful Master.*
 JOHN C. BURTON, *Senior Warden.*
 JOHN CAMPBELL, *Junior Warden.*
 , *Treasurer.*
 J. W. LAWRENCE, *Secretary.*
 JOHN GRAHAM, *Senior Deacon.*
 JOHN ANDREWS, *Junior Deacon.*
 , *Inner Guard.*
 PETER SHEY, *Steward.*
 WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER :

J. B. Black, M. D.
 23 Subscribing Members.

TYRIAN YOUTH LODGE, No. 45.

LITTLE GLACE BAY.

Formerly No 1234, R. E. Established June, 1867.

OFFICERS :

WILLIAM A. McKEEN, *Worshipful Master.*
 JOHN C. BLACKETT, *Senior Warden.*
 ALEXANDER McPHERSON, *Junior Warden.*
 ALEXANDER FARQUHARSON, *Treasurer.*
 FRANCIS LEWIS, *Secretary.*
 DONALD McVICAR, *Senior Deacon.*
 DONALD G. McKAY, *Junior Deacon.*
 JOHN C. FERGUSON, *Inner Guard.*
 JOHN MUIR, *Tyler.*

9 Subscribing Members.

SOLOMON LODGE, No. 46.

PORT HAWKESBURY, C. B.

Formerly No. 19, R. N. S. Chartered March 13, 1868.

OFFICERS :

JOHN W. INGRAHAM, *Worshipful Master.*
 ANGUS GRANT, *Senior Warden.*
 LEVI HUNT, *Junior Warden.*
 C. F. JOST, *Treasurer.*
 PETER GRANT, *Secretary.*
 A. H. SUTHERLAND, *Senior Deacon.*
 A. V. HEUGHIN, *Junior Deacon.*
 THOMAS HEUGHIN, *Marshal.*
 ALEX. BAIN, *Tyler.*

26 Subscribing Members.

PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 47.

BARRINGTON, SHELBURNE CO.

Formerly No. 25. Chartered December 11, 1868.

OFFICERS :

JAMES BRETTE, *Worshipful Master.*
 WINTHROP SARGENT, *Senior Warden.*
 NEHEMIAH BANKS, *Junior Warden.*
 OSCAR DAVISON, *Treasurer.*
 ISRAEL K. WILSON, *Secretary.*
 NEHEMIAH BANKS, *Senior Deacon.*
 NATHAN CROWELL, *Junior Deacon.*
 PRINCE McLAREN, *Inner Guard.*
 JOSIAH PIKE, } *Stewards.*
 JUDAH CROWELL, }
 EDWIN S. GOUDEY, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER :

William McKay.

26 Subscribing Members.

WIDOW'S SON LODGE, No. 48.

RIVER PHILIP, CUMBERLAND CO.

Formerly No. 22. Chartered September 11, 1868.

OFFICERS :

WILLIAM OXLEY, *Worshipful Master*
 JOHN W. COVE, *Senior Warden.*
 R. L. BLACK, *Junior Warden.*
 T. L. PATTON, *Treasurer.*
 O. B. DAVIDSON, *Secretary.*
 J. C. PHILIPS, *Senior Deacon.*
 J. C. MICKLE, *Junior Deacon.*
 JOHN POWERS, *Inner Guard.*
 JOHN ROBB, } *Stewards.*
 GEORGE BAXTER, }
 H. A. JOHNSTON, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER :

J. King.

11 Subscribing Members.

ORIENT LODGE, No. 49.

RICHMOND, HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 23. Chartered September 11, 1868

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

DANIEL WARD, *Worshipful Master.*
 EDWARD S. ALLEN, *Senior Warden.*
 JOHN T. CLARKE, *Junior Warden.*
 W. M. DIMOCK, *Treasurer.*
 DAVID POTTINGER, P. M., *Secretary.*
 GEORGE CLELAND, *Senior Deacon.*
 OWEN JONES, *Junior Deacon.*
 WILLIAM HAYDEN, *Inner Guard.*
 WILLIAM McKAY, } *Stewards.*
 JOHN RHIND, }
 WILLIAM GRAY, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. W. Ouseley, W. U. Jones.
 A. S. Busby, P. G. W., D. Pottinger.

24 Subscribing Members.

WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 50.

WESTVILLE, PICTOU CO.

Formerly No. 24. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

OFFICERS :

WILLIAM LORIMER, *Worshipful Master.*
 JAMES PATERSON, *Senior Warden.*
 WILLIAM HENDERSON, *Junior Warden.*
 JAMES ROY, P. M., *Treasurer.*
 THOMAS JOHNSTONE, *Secretary.*
 ALEX. LORIMER, *Senior Deacon.*
 JAMES WHYTE, *Junior Deacon.*
 JOHN WILSON, *Inner Guard.*
 JOHN DUFF, } *Stewards.*
 WILLIAM MURKLAND, }
 ROBERT WHYTE, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER :

J. Johnstone.

19 Subscribing Members.

EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 51.

DARTMOUTH, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 26. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JOHN R. GLENDINNING, *Worshipful Master.*
 JOHN FULLER, (Grand Steward,) *Senior Warden.*
 H. J. HORNE, *Junior Warden.*
 J. W. GRAHAM, *Treasurer.*
 J. HOLLIES, *Secretary.*
 WILLIAM PEARCE, *Senior Deacon.*
 G. N. ROOME, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. A. BAYERS, *Inner Guard.*
 J. WHITE, }
 J. C. ROGERS, } *Stewards.*
 ALEXANDER MARK, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

J. Allen, J. Coleman,
 33 Subscribing Members.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 52.

AYLESFORD.

Formerly No. 27. Chartered June 11, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

DAVID BERTAUX, *Worshipful Master.*
 DAVID DAIVISON, *Senior Warden.*
 HENRY E. JEFFERSON, *Junior Warden.*
 WILLIAM McINTYRE, *Treasurer.*
 GEORGE W. SANDFORD, *Secretary.*
 THOMAS R. HARRIS, *Senior Deacon.*
 ALFRED S. SHAW, *Junior Deacon.*
 GEORGE McGRIGOR, *Marshal.*
 G. W. EATON, }
 J. FORSTER, } *Stewards.*
 H. G. GATES, *Tyler.*

40 Subscribing Members.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 53.

GOLDENVILLE.

Chartered September 14, 1860.

OFFICERS :

WILLIAM MAY, *Worshipful Master.*
 NEIL LESLIE, *Senior Warden.*
 ROBERT McNAUGHTON, *Junior Warden.*
 MARSHAL SINCLAIR, *Secretary.*

PAST MASTER :

John McNab.

22 Subscribing Members.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 54.

DIGBY.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

JOHN C. WADE, *Worshipful Master.*
 PELEG W. SMITH, M. D., *Senior Warden.*
 J. E. YOUNG, *Junior Warden.*
 J. KEEN, *Treasurer.*
 T. M. QUIRK, *Secretary.*
 JOHN T. BENNETT, *Senior Deacon.*
 JOHN DALEY, *Junior Deacon.*
 JOHN B. BAKIN, *Inner Guard.*
 STEPHEN BEATTY, *Tyler.*

MORIEN LODGE, No. 55.

COW BAY, C. B.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

LEWIS JOHNSTON, M. D., *Worshipful Master.*
 FREDERICK R. ANTHONY, *Senior Warden.*
 JOSEPH W. PEPPETT, *Junior Warden.*
 ISAAC ARCHIBALD, *Secretary.*

HARMONY LODGE, No. 56.

NORTHEAST HARBOR, BARRINGTON.

Established 1867. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

SAMUEL PERRY, *Worshipful Master.*
 CHURCHILL DEXTER, *Senior Warden.*
 NATHAN SWAINE, *Junior Warden.*
 WILLIAM A. PERRY, *Treasurer.*
 THOMAS S. PERRY, *Secretary.*
 ELISHA W. PERRY, *Senior Deacon.*
 RUFUS McKENNEY, *Junior Deacon.*
 THOMAS HAGAR, *Marshal.*
 SAMUEL D. WINSOR, }
 N. SWAINE, } *Stewards.*
 GEORGE BRUNT, *Tyler.*

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 57.

PORT MULGRAVE, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Established Sept. 1869. Chartered Sept. 2. 1870.

OFFICERS :

VICTOR LEDANTEC, M. D., *Worshipful Master.*
 WILLIAM A. WYLDE, *Senior Warden.*
 JAMES B. HADLEY, *Junior Warden.*
 JOHN MAGUIRE, *Treasurer.*
 JOHN A. McMILLEN, *Secretary.*
 ALBION K. HASKELL, *Senior Deacon.*
 DAVID MURRAY, *Junior Deacon.*
 W. E. ELLIOTT, *Inner Guard.*
 JAMES FORRESTALL, *Tyler.*

KENTVILLE LODGE, No. 58.

KENTVILLE.

Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

HENRY SHAW, M. D., *Worshipful Master.*
 G. SANGSTER, *Senior Warden.*
 L. D. V. CHIPMAN, M. P., *Junior Warden.*
 J. VERNON SMITH, *Treasurer.*
 J. STRUTHERS, M. D., *Secretary,*
 D. GRIFFIN, *Senior Deacon.*
 T. M. BAUER, *Junior Deacon.*
 A. F. ADAMS, *Inner Guard.*
 G. DONKIN, } *Stewards.*
 J. CAMERON, }
 JOHN MONT, *Tyler.*

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**LODGES IN THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA FORMING
THE UNION ON THE 24th DAY OF JUNE, 1869.**

Registry of England.

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 Virgin,
 Unity,
 Albion,
 Royal Sussex,
 St. Andrew's, (Sydney.)
 Zetland,
 New Caledonia,
 Hiram,
 Acadia,
 Keith, (Hillsburgh,)
 Union,
 St. George,
 Keith, (Albion Mines,)
 Westport,
 Welsford,
 Widow's Friend,
 Scotia,
 Prince of Wales,
 Annapolis Royal,
 Thistle,
 Cobequid,
 Tyrian Youth,
 Rothsay, (25.)

Registry of Nova Scotia.

Burns,
 Athole,
 Keith,
 Scotia, (Halifax,)
 Davies,
 Albert,
 Concord,
 St. Mark's,
 Queen's,
 The Lodge of St. Mark,
 Eureka,
 Acacia,
 Truro,
 Eldorado,
 Scotia, (Yarmouth,)
 Royal Albert,
 Solomon,
 Acacia,
 Poyntz,
 Widow's Son,
 Orient,
 Western Star,
 Philadelphia,
 Eastern Star,
 Harmony Aylesford, (25.)

Registry of Scotland.

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**REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA
SCOTIA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.**

STATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama.....	R. W. Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Canada.....	M. W. T. Douglas Harrington..	Ottawa
California.....	R. W. A. G. Abell.....	San Francisco.
District of Columbia.....	M. W. William Smith.....	
Illinois.....	R. W. H. G. Reynolds.....	Springfield.
Indiana.....	M. W. H. G. Haselrigg.....	
Iowa.....	R. W. T. S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
Kansas.....	R. W. E. T. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
Maine.....	M. W. J. H. Drummond.....	Portland.
Missouri.....	R. W. G. F. Gouley.....	St. Louis.
New Brunswick.....	M. W. B. Lester Peters.....	St. John.
New York.....	R. W. Robert Macoy, 33°.....	New York.
Ohio.....	R. W. J. D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Quebec.....	R. W. Hon. Thos. Wood, M.L.C.	Dunham.
Virginia.....	R. W. W. F. Spottiswoode.....	

**REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR
THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.**

STATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama.....	P. M. William S. McDonald..	Halifax.
Canada.....	R. W. Andrew Mackinlay.....	Halifax.
California.....	M. W. Stephen R. Sircom.....	Halifax.
District of Columbia.....	R. W. A. S. Busby.....	Halifax.
Illinois.....	R. W. John Scholfield.....	Halifax.
Iowa.....	P. M. C. N. Campbell.....	
Maine.....	R. W. Newell Snow.....	Sherbrooke.
Missouri.....	R. W. Charles J. McDonald..	Halifax.
Minnesota.....	M. W. Hon. Alex. Keith, P.L.C..	Halifax.
Nebraska.....	P. M. George Fraser.....	Halifax.
New Brunswick.....	R. W. William Taylor.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	R. W. C. J. McDonald.....	Halifax.
Quebec.....	R. W. Geo. T. Smithers.....	Halifax.
Virginia.....	P. M. James K. Munnis.....	Halifax.
Grand Orient of Brazil.....	M. W. Stephen R. Sircom.....	Halifax.
“ “ New Grenada.....	R. W. C. J. McDonald.....	Halifax.
“ “ Uruguay.....	P. M. William Garvie.....	Halifax.

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DATE OF ORGANIZATION AND MEETING OF
GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGES.	WHEN ORGANIZED.	ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.
Alabama	June 14, 1821	First Monday in December.
Arkansas	Feb. 22, 1832	First Monday in November.
British Columbia	Dec. 24, 1867	First day of May.
California	April 18, 1850	Second Tuesday in October.
Canada	Oct. 10, 1855	Second Wednesday in July.
Colorado	Aug. 2, 1861	Last Tuesday in September.
Connecticut	July 8, 1789	Second Tuesday in May.
Delaware	June 6, 1806	Last Monday in June.
District Columbia	Dec. 11, 1810	First Tuesday in November.
Florida	July 5, 1830	Second Tuesday in January.
Georgia	Dec. 16, 1786	Fourth Tuesday in October.
Idaho	Dec. 16, 1867	First Monday in October.
Illinois	April 6, 1840	First Tuesday in October.
Indiana	Jan. 12, 1818	Tuesday after 4th Monday in May.
Iowa	Jan. 8, 1844	First Tuesday of June.
Kansas	March 17, 1856	Third Tuesday of October.
Kentucky	Oct. 13, 1800	Third Monday in October.
Louisiana	July 11, 1812	Second Monday in February.
Maryland	April 17, 1787	Third Monday in November.
Massachusetts	April 30, 1733	Second Wednesday in December.
Michigan	Sept. 14, 1844	Second Wednesday in January.
Minnesota	Feb. 23, 1853	Second Tuesday in January.
Mississippi	July 27, 1818	Third Monday in January.
Missouri	April 23, 1821	Second Monday in October.
Montana	Jan. 24, 1866	First Monday in October.
Nebraska	Sept. 23, 1857	Fourth Tuesday in October.
Nevada	Jan. 16, 1865	Third Tuesday in September.
New Hampshire	July 18, 1789	Third Wednesday in May.
New Jersey	Dec. 18, 1786	Wednesday after 3d Tuesday in Jan.
New York	Sept. 5, 1781	First Tuesday in June.
North Carolina	Jan. 14, 1771	First Monday in December.
Nova Scotia	June 21, 1866	St. John, Baptist, June 24th.
Oregon	Aug. 16, 1851	Third Monday in June.
Ohio	Jan. 7, 1808	Third Tuesday in October.
New Brunswick	Oct. 9, 1867	Fourth Wednesday in September.
Pennsylvania	June 20, 1764	First Wednesday in December.
Quebec	Oct. 20, 1869	Second Wednesday in July.
Rhode Island	June 25, 1791	Third Monday in May.
South Carolina	March 24, 1787	Third Tuesday in November.
Tennessee	Oct. 14, 1813	Second Monday in November.
Texas	Dec. 20, 1837	Second Monday in June.
Vermont	Oct. 14, 1794	
Virginia	May 6, 1777	Second Monday in December.
Washington	Dec. 9, 1858	Third Thursday in November.
West Virginia	April 19, 1865	Second Tuesday in November.
Wisconsin	Dec. 18, 1843	Second Tuesday in June.

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GRAND LODGES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	CHAIRMEN COM. CORRESPONDENCE.
Alabama.....	William P. Chilton, Montgomery.	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.	Richard F. Knott, Mobile.
Arkansas.....	W. D. Blocher, Little Rock.	Luke E. Barber, Little Rock.	O. C. Gray, Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	I. W. Powell, Victoria.	H. F. Helsterman, Victoria.	William H. Hill, Sacramento.
California.....	Leonidas E. Pratt, San Francisco.	Alexander G. Abell, San Francisco.	Edward Mitchell, Denver.
Canada.....	A. A. Stevenson, Montreal.	Thomas R. Harris, Hamilton, Ont.	John G. K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Connecticut.....	Asa Smith, Norwalk.	Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford.	John P. Almond, Wilmington.
Delaware.....	Edwin J. Horner, Wilmington.	Noble D. Larner, Wilmington.	C. F. Stansbury, Washington.
District of Columbia.....	R. B. Donaldson, Washington.	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.	D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Florida.....	Samuel Pasco, Monticello.	P. Emmett Blackshear, M. D., Macon.	J. Emmett Blackshear, Macon.
Georgia.....	Samuel Lawrence, Marietta.	John B. Bly, Marietta.	J. C. Bly, Marietta.
Illinois.....	H. C. Reynolds, Springfield.	Orlin H. Miner, Springfield.	William Ransaville, Peoria.
Indiana.....	Martin H. Rice, Plymouth.	John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis.	Thomas R. Austin, Indiana.
Iowa.....	John Scott, Nevada.	T. S. Parvin, Iowa City.	T. S. Parvin, Iowa City.
Kansas.....	J. H. Brown, Leavenworth.	E. T. Carr, Leavenworth.	E. T. Carr, Leavenworth.
Kentucky.....	Cha's Eglinton, Winchester.	J. M. S. McCorkie, Louisville.	J. M. S. McCorkie, Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Samuel H. Lynde, Bogalusa.	Isa. Berry, Portland, Me. D., New Orleans.	Joseph H. Spence, New Orleans.
Maine.....	John H. Lynde, Bangor.	Isa. Berry, Portland, Baltimore.	Joshua H. Drummond, Portland.
Maryland.....	John S. Berry, Baltimore.	Jacob H. Medall, Baltimore.	William J. Wroth, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	William S. Gardner, Boston.	Solon Thornton, Boston.	James Fenton, Detroit.
Michigan.....	A. T. Metcalf, Kalamazoo.	James Fenton, Detroit.	A. T. C. Ferguson, St. Paul.
Minnesota.....	Charles W. Nash, St. Paul.	William S. Combs, St. Paul.	H. E. Fisher, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	John W. Nash, St. Paul.	Y. William S. Combs, St. Paul.	George Frank Gouley, St. Louis.
Missouri.....	W. D. Mull, Booneville.	George Frank Gouley, St. Louis.	Sol Star, Helena.
Montana.....	N. P. Langford, Helena.	Sol Star, Helena.	J. N. Wise, Brownsville.
Nebraska.....	Harry P. Deuel, Omaha.	R. W. Furnas, Brownville.	Robert H. Taylor, Virginia.
Nevada.....	George W. Hopkins, Virginia.	Wm. A. M. Van Bokkelen, Virginia.	John J. Bell, Exeter.
New Brunswick.....	B. Lester Peters, St. John.	W. F. Bunting, St. John.	John W. Simons, Trenton.
New Hampshire.....	Alex. M. Winn, Manchester.	Hon. Horace Chase, Hopkinton.	John W. Simons, New York.
New Jersey.....	John H. Anthony, New York.	Joseph M. Austin, M. D., New York City.	D. W. Bain, Raleigh.
New York.....	Robert B. Vance, Asheville.	Benjamin Curran, Halifax.	Geo. T. Smithers, Halifax.
North Carolina.....	Alex. Keith, Halifax.	John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati.	Thomas Sparrow, Columbus.
Nova Scotia.....	Alex. H. Newcomb, Toledo.		
Ohio.....			
Oregon.....	D. G. Clark, Corvallis.	J. E. Hurford, Portland.	S. F. Chadwick, Roseburg.
Pennsylvania.....	Robt A. Lamberton, Philadelphia.	Edson Kemp, Philadelphia.	R. J. Fisher, York.
Rhode Island.....	John H. Graham, Richmond.	Robt D. Atterice, Providence.	
South Carolina.....	James Connor, Charleston.	B. Rush, Campbelt, Charleston.	
South Dakota.....	John W. Peterson, Esplanade.		
Tennessee.....			

Joseph H. Hough, Trenton.
John W. Simons, New York.
D. W. Bain, Raleigh.
Geo. T. Smithers, Halifax.
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B. Rush Campbell, Charleston.
John Frizzell, Nashville.
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Henry Clark, Rutland.
John M. Reed, Olympia.
Thomas H. Logan, Wheeling.
W. T. Palmer, Milwaukee.

S. F. Chadwick, Roseburg.
R. J. Fisher, York.

B. Rush Campbell, Charleston.
John Frizzell, Nashville.
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Henry Clark, Rutland.
John M. Reed, Olympia.
Thomas H. Logan, Wheeling.
S. Cadwallader, Milwaukee.

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GRAND LODGES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

Grand Lodge of England.....	John Hervey.....	London, Freemasons' Hall.
Grand Lodge of Ireland.....	M. Thwaites.....	Paris, Rue de Cadet.
Grand Lodge of Italy.....	Charles Walmesley.....	Dublin.
Grand Lodge of Scotland.....	L. Frappol.....	Florence.
Grand Lodge of Germany.....	William A. Laurie.....	Edinburg.
Grand Lodge of France.....	Fried. Willh. Leop. Nikiseh.....	Berlin.
Grand Lodge of Three Globes.....	Carl F. Alex. Pekkmann.....	Berlin, Prussia.
Royal York Grand Lodge.....	Martin Chris. Fried. Bier.....	Berlin, Prussia.
Grand Orient of Peru.....	Romo R. Morales.....	Lima.
Grand Lodge of Chili.....	Jose Maldonado.....	Valparaiso.

At Rest.

— Cutten.....	W.M.of St. George's..	Died Sept., 1869.
B. H. Norton....	New Caledonia.....	Died Nov., 1869.
W. H. Dunn.....	Keith, (Hillsburgh)..	Died April, 1870.
Noah Thomas...	Annapolis Royal.....	Died July 5, 1870.
Geo. McKenzie..	New Caledonia.....	Died Aug., 1870.
Thos. Ryerson...	Annapolis Royal.....	Died Sep. 12, 1870.
Israel Chute.....	Keith, (Hillsburg,)...	Died Sep. 25, 1870.