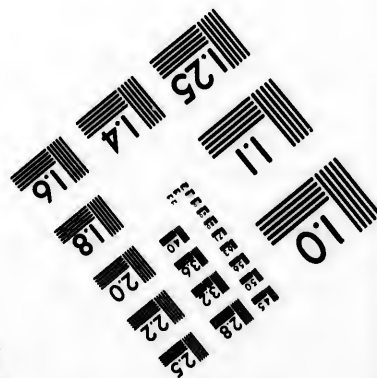
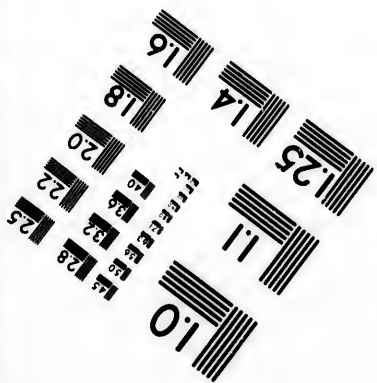
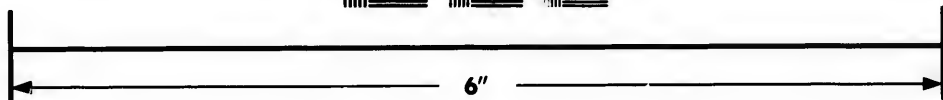
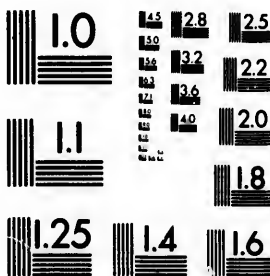


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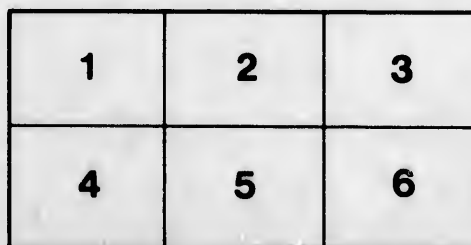
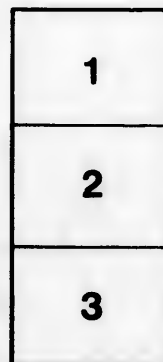
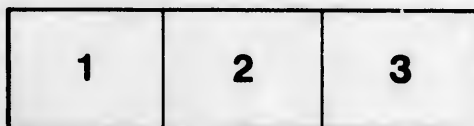
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FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia, commenced its Fourth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, Victoria, on Saturday, the Twentieth day of February, A. D. 1875, A. L. 5875, at half past 2 P. M.

Upon calling the roll, there were found present the following

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W.	Israel Wood Powell,	Grand Master.
R. W.	John Foster McCreight,	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W.	William Dalby,	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W.	Eli Harrison,	Junior Grand Warden.
V. W.	Marshall W. Waitt,	Grand Treasurer.
V. W.	Henry Fred'k Heisterman,	Grand Secretary.
V. W.	& Rev. F. B. Gribbell,	Grand Chaplain.
W.	Henry Brown,	Grand Senior Deacon.
"	Thomas Trounce,	Grand Superintendent of Works.
"	Fred'k Williams,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
"	Thomas Shotbolt,	Grand Pursuivant.
"	A. Astrico,	} Grand Stewards.
"	W. Harrison,	
"	J. Jessop,	} Grand Tyler.
"	P. J. Hall,	

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W.	Simeon Duck,	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W.	Henry Nathan,	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W.	Wm. Raymond Clarke,	Past Junior Grand Warden.
W.	Samuel L. Kelly,	Past Grand Swordbearer.
"	William Fraser,	Past Grand Swordbearer.

With the Representatives from eight Chartered Lodges.

There were also present the Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodges of Utah, Oregon, Washington, England and Illinois.

The M.·W.·Grand Master filled the vacant offices by the following appointments, PRO TEMPORE :

- R.·W.·Henry Nathan, as Deputy Grand Master.
- W.·Bro. J. G. Vinter, as Senior Grand Warden.
- “ William Stewart, as Senior Grand Deacon.
- “ Ebenezer Brown, as Junior Grand Deacon.
- “ H. B. Wilson Aikman, as Grand Swordbearer.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia was opened in AMPLE FORM with solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The M.·W.· the Grand Master announced the following

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

- Bro. Frederick Williams.
- “ Thomas Trounce,
- “ Henry Fred'k Heisterman.

The Grand Lodge was thereupon called from labour to refreshment for half an hour.

In Grand Lodge.

AFTERNOON SESSION,

3 P. M., February 20th, A. D. 1875.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor.

The M.·W.· Grand Master, Israel Wood Powell, presiding.

Bro. Fred'k Williams, from the committee on Credentials, submitted the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

TO THE M.·W.· GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA :

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that they have performed their duty, and find the following Lodges represented by the following Brethren, who are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, to wit:

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1.—John Weiler, W.·M.·, W. T. Livock, S.·W.·, Cornelius Thorne, P.·M.·.

VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 2.—J. G. Vinter, W.·M.·, Peter Oasterhoat, S.·W.·, Thomas Inge, J.·W.·.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3.—Eli Harrison, proxy for W.·M.·, Eli Harrison, junior proxy for S.·W.·, M. W. Waitt, proxy for J.·W.·, William Stewart, P.·M.·.

CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4.—J. H. Todd proxy for W.·M.·, D. Kurtz proxy for S.·W.·, A. E. B. Davie proxy for J.·W.·.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 5.—Thos. Trounce, W.M., George Thomson, S.W., Rich'd. Brodrick, J.W., J. Winger, P.M.

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.—H. B. Wilson Aikman proxy for W.M., T. G. Moody, proxy for J.W.

QUADRA LODGE, No. 8.—H. F. Heisterman, W.M., W. Fraser, S.W., Eli Harrison jr., J.W., H. B. Wilson Aikman, P.M.

UNION LODGE, No. 9.—Ebenezer Brown, W.M., also proxy for S.W., James Robinson, J.W.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

FREDERICK WILLIAMS,

THOMAS TROUNCE,

H. F. HEISTERMAN,

Committee.

Which was adopted, and the Representatives therein reported were admitted to seats.

On motion, the usual courtesies were extended to all Master Masons in good standing.

The Grand Secretary thereupon read the proceedings of the third Grand Communication held on the 6th and 8th December, 1873, which on motion were confirmed. (Vide Appendix.)

The Grand Secretary then read the proceedings of the Special Grand Communication at Nanaimo, on the 21st October, 1874, which on motion were likewise confirmed. (Vide Appendix.)

The M.W. Grand Master then delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Permit me, Brethren of the Grand Lodge, to extend a warm welcome to our Fourth Annual Communication and to renew the hope, that the same spirit of forbearance and fraternal sentiment, which has characterized our actions during the past four years, may distinguish us in the future and enable us with wisdom, to prosper and cement the union of our brotherhood in this young Province.

Though compared with other and far more populous jurisdictions, our numbers are small and unimportant, the time is not far distant when the rich resources of the country will enable British Columbians to participate in the thrift and progress of older countries on the American Continent; and when our Grand Lodge will assume her proper status with those enterprising sisters, which now command our great admiration for their wonderful strides in population, wealth and the glory of their masonic deeds. Glancing at the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, some of which come to us in most voluminous form and replete with the bright efforts of masonic genius and intellect, one cannot help deprecating the smallness of our own labors and lamenting the commensurate limitation of our apparent usefulness in furthering the great and universal interests of the craft. Yet, my brethren, it has fallen to our lot, to lay the corner stone of the Temple in this the most distant and isolated portion of the land. How glorious the mission, and how important the task of placing a foundation which may not be found defective for the superb superstructure which is sure to follow. How necessary for you to cultivate the utmost harmony and casting aside all selfish considerations, achieve

the success in this great work which may challenge the criticisms of those who follow, always recollecting, should you yourselves live to enjoy the fruits of fortunate labors,

"That if to-morrow's sun be thine,
With greater lustre shall it shine."

May the Great Architect of the Universe vouchsafe His blessing upon our efforts to promote the true principles of Freemasonry, may unity and peace be characteristics of our deliberations, and may He consecrate our designs to the glory of His Holy Name.

The past year, though not marked by that prosperity to the order, which all would fain experience, has been one of harmony and contentment among the craft.

We have been called upon to lament the demise of few of our brethren in this jurisdiction, and we have great reason to be thankful that so many of our "little band" are still spared to join with "strong hands and willing hearts" in our assemblages.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

Many of the Grand Bodies with whom we enjoy fraternal intercourse have not been so fortunate, and among these I may specially allude to the Sister Jurisdictions in our own Dominion. The Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Canada, both of which have been called upon to deplore the irreparable loss of their Grand Master's, who have been called upon to their final reward, full of years and honors. A long and intimate personal acquaintance from boyhood, with the late Grand Master of Canada, impels me to notice and mourn his death with profound and heartfelt sorrow. M. W. Bro. Wilson was mainly instrumental some twenty years ago, in harmonizing the various conflicting elements of the order in Canada and forming the now flourishing Grand Lodge of that name, numbering some three hundred and twenty subordinate Lodges. He has occupied the chair for half that period, with rare and distinguished ability, commanding the fervent gratitude of his brethren in a variety of forms and the respect and admiration of all Grand Lodges throughout the Masonic world. It was highly indicative of his character and genius, that his last official act was the issue of an Edict which solved for ever the sad and serious difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, and perpetuated friendship and brotherly love between many brethren, who for a long time had been bitterly estranged from each other. A faithful friend, a zealous and high minded Mason, he has gone to his rest, bearing to the last, the harness of office, both civil and masonic. With the recollection of his illustrious and well earned distinction enshrined in the hearts of all conversant with his good name, fragrant will be his memory for ever.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH OTHER GRAND LODGES.

I am glad to inform you that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia enjoys communication with nearly all the Grand Bodies on the Continent and in the old world, from many of whom, messages of encouragement and congratulation on the regularity of our formation have continued to reach us. With special pleasure do I announce to you the hearty recognition and accompanying good wishes of our august mother, the Grand Lodge of England. We have been highly honored in the appointment of the R. W. Bro. McCreight as Representative of the Grand Lodge of England near this Grand Body. A kindly act, which will perpetuate the fervent attachment and respect which have always characterised our highly prized associations with her. Among the foreign Grand Lodges which have offered us recognition, I may specially notice the United Grand Lodge of Germany recently assembled at Bayreuth, and with whom we shall be glad to enter into fraternal intercourse.

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I have also to state that Representatives have been exchanged with the Grand Lodges of Nebraska, Illinois and Louisiana in addition to those mentioned last year, and I trust my successor will appoint representatives to other Grand Bodies, expressing a desire to reciprocate this customary method of promoting the universal sentiment of Brotherhood.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

The limited time at my disposal, and the absence of opportunity I have not permitted me to pay official visitations to all the subordinate Lodges of the jurisdiction, among which, however, general harmony and satisfaction prevail. In January last I had the pleasure of visiting and installing the officers elect of Victoria, Vancouver and British Columbia Lodges. As your executive head, I was the honored guest at a grand Installation Banquet given by the four Lodges of this city after the ceremony incident to all had been concluded. A delightful evening was spent, and the occasion one of gratifying unity and fraternal intercourse.

CONSECRATION OF THE HALL OF ASHLAR LODGE, NO. 3.

In October last, I had the pleasure of responding to the request of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, to consecrate the beautiful Hall, lately erected by the members of this flourishing Lodge, at Nanaimo. As you are aware the Brethren of Nanaimo Lodge, No. 3, and Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, with a view of reconciling conflicting interests, adopted the sensible plan of uniting under the name of Ashlar Lodge No. 3, and I am glad to add, that no Lodge in the Province has brighter and happier prospects. Through the unity of action thus brought about, the brethren have been enabled to build a superb and capacious Hall, which besides contributing to their comfort and enjoyment, already yields a handsome interest on the amount invested.

On the occasion of my visit, I had the pleasure of being accompanied by several of the Grand Officers and others of this city, all of whom were greatly gratified by their experience of the courtesy and genuine hospitality so generously extended to us by our Nanaimo brethren. A record of the proceedings, consequent upon the ceremony of consecration and the banquet which followed, will be furnished in due course by the V. V. W. Grand Secretary. (Vide Appendix.)

NECESSITY OF A MASONIC HALL IN VICTORIA.

In connection with this subject, I must not omit to bring to your notice the great necessity which exists for a Masonic Hall, which may be the property of the Fraternity in this city.

Although some eleven or twelve thousand dollars have been paid for rent, etc., the enterprise, which might have saved to the craft this large sum, by procuring a suitable lot and erecting a fine hall, has been wanting. I trust and earnestly recommend that a few practical brethren will take the matter up and either by a joint stock association, or a combined action of the Lodges in this city, give some tangible effect to the proposition. As a means of investment, it would no doubt yield a handsome return, and as a mode of awakening interest in the craft and prospering the art in the masonic centre of the Province, nothing is more desirable. I believe too, that no more favorable period, as anticipating the time not far distant when available building lots will command a much higher price, could be chosen than the present.

RITUAL.

I have noticed in respect to the different Lodges in this city, that there is not that enthusiasm and interest manifested which used to characterize their communications. Reciprocal visitations are less frequent and a healthy as-

piration to fill the highest offices of the Lodge, seem to be sadly deficient in some of them. Lodges of instruction have almost passed into desuetude, and apart from the Worshipful Master who may or may not be conversant with the proper work of the Lodge, no recognized authority now exists to judge and direct this important feature in masonic assemblages.

This statement, somewhat incompatible with the well known formalities of the order, is easily explained by the fact that Lodges of the English and Scotch Registry were allowed to continue the practice of the rituals peculiar to each, after union in the formation of this Grand Lodge, and with the frequent changes in Mastership, the ceremonies appear to vary, and as a consequence lose their beauty and interest. I believe nothing tends more to destroy that laudable rivalry as to "who can best work and best agree," and I earnestly trust you will give the subject and desirability of *uniform work* your favorable consideration. I know that difficulties obstructing the attainment of this object exist, which brethren quite understand without further explanation from me. In a matter of such vital importance, however, to the present and future interests of the craft, I should be glad to see a Ritual adopted by the Grand Lodge, if only to govern the admission of future Lodges, and I indulge in the hope that it would not be long, ere existing Lodges "fall into line" and complete the real and genuine unity of the craft, by accepting the work you may as representatives of all decide upon.

DISPENSATIONS.

Few dispensations have been necessary during the past year. Two to confer the 2nd and 3rd Degrees before the expiration of the time allowed by the constitution, by the R. W. D. G. M. in my absence, one by myself to confer the Degrees upon an officer of the mercantile marine in accordance with the privilege allowed in Section of constitution to officers of the Royal Navy.

Five dispensations for Masonic Funerals have been issued.

NON-AFFILIATES.

One hesitates to introduce a subject for your consideration, which has generally evoked so much notice with a view to correction on the part of all other Grand Lodges and yet this trouble and great annoyance to the bona fide brotherhood is seemingly so much on the increase in this Jurisdiction that some action is necessary if only in a measure to control it. You can scarcely coerce a non-affiliate to renew his connection with the craft, indeed, in the interest of the order, this would often be very undesirable. This very objectionable class, however, can be prevented from participating in the benefits of the Fraternity when choice attracts, or necessity compels them to seek our Society, and I would recommend some enactment which may give effect to this proposition. There is in this community a large number of non-affiliated Masons to whom such legislation is most applicable and whose status in the order should be known and recognized.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY, &c.

There are a few other topics to which I might allude in this imperfect address, such as the necessity of taking steps to form a grand Lodge Library, and properly preserving our Masonic Literature, Financial condition of the Grand Lodge, correspondence etc. etc., but I refer you to the concise report of our active Grand Secretary, which I know will afford you all necessary information upon these matters.

CONCLUSION.

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your consideration, and beg to return the emblem of authority which you have thrice entrusted to my care. I should be recreant to a deep sense of gratitude, were I not to express the assurance of keen appreciation and sincere thanks for your continued favors, for your forbearance in respect to my short comings, and for your confidence, with which I have always been so abundantly honored. The lapse of time severs my official relation with the Grand Lodge, let me add from my heart, "God speed you" and my your deliberations be such as will secure to the craft the respect and admiration of the great, the high-minded and the good.

I. W. POWELL,
Grand Master.

On motion, the address was referred to a Committee of three for comment, said Committee to be nominated by the R. : W. : Deputy Grand Master.

The R. : W. : Deputy Grand Master named as such Committee, Bros. Eli Harrison, Fred'k Williams and Thos. Shotbolt.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following:

ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

TO THE M. : W. : THE GRAND LODGE OF A. F. and A. M.
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

The Grand Secretary herewith submits his Annual Report as follows:

The Receipts of his office, from various sources for the year ending the 30th November, 1874, amount to the sum of \$626.75, viz:

For Registration Fees	-	-	-	\$	80	50
" Annual Dues	-	-	-		418	25
" Diplomas	-	-	-		38	00
" Dispensations	-	-	-		90	00

Total, \$626 75.

which amount was paid in due course to the Grand Treasurer, and a detailed statement furnished the audit committee appointed by the Board of General Purposes.

All the Lodges within the Jurisdiction have made their Returns complete up to the end of the 30th November last, and have paid all fees, dues, &c. He has therefore no claims against any Lodge, except in one instance where a trifling balance is due.

The Work of the year, collated from the annual returns, shows the following exhibit:

Number initiated,	-	-	-	-	-	21
" Passed,	-	-	-	-	-	20
" Raised,	-	-	-	-	-	17
" Affiliated,	-	-	-	-	-	19
" Demitted,	-	-	-	-	-	28
" Died,	-	-	-	-	-	6
" Suspended for un-Masonic conduct,	-	-	-	-	-	1
" Suspended for non-payment of Dues,	-	-	-	-	-	6
" Re-instated,	-	-	-	-	-	3
" Rejected,	-	-	-	-	-	8
Total number of members,	-	-	-	-	-	275

DISPENSATIONS.

The Dispensations issued by authority of the M. W. the Grand Master number twelve, for the following purposes:

To confer Degrees at short period,	-	-	3
To bury Deceased brethren,	-	-	6

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

By direction of the M. W. the Grand Master the following commissions for Grand Representatives, near other Grand Easts, were issued from this office:

To R. W. William Adair, Dakota City, near Grand Lodge of Nebraska, on the 12th May, '74.
To " John B. Monckton, London, near Grand Lodge of England, on the 26th May, '74.
To " Loyal L. Munn, Freeport, near Grand East of Illinois, on the 14th July, '74.
To " Amos Kent, Vermillionville, near Grand East of Louisiana, on the 27th Aug. '74.

The following Commissions for Grand Representatives of other Grand Easts near this Grand Lodge have been received at this office, and will be presented in due time:

For the R. W. Bro R. P. Rithet, Grand Swordbearer, to represent the Grand East of Nevada.

For the R. W. Bro. Simeon Duck, Past Grand Senior Warden, to represent the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

For the R. W. Bro John Foster McCreight, Deputy Grand Master, to represent the Grand Lodge of England.

For the R. W. Bro Fred'k Williams, Grand Director of Ceremonies, to represent the Grand East of Louisiana.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, only a short extract of the proceedings of last session containing amendments to the constitution, and also the laws relating to the Benevolent and Widows and Orphans Funds were to be printed. About 250 copies of said extract have been printed and distributed to the various Grand Lodges and the Lodges in the Province, but only a very limited number remains on hand. Applications are continually being received by the Grand Secretary from Grand Secretaries and Brethren in distant places, for copies of the proceedings of Grand Lodges for the last year, and your Grand Secretary hopes that if the proceedings are to be printed in future, they may be ordered printed every year, as a great deal of clerical labor is caused to him if the proceedings of more than one year are printed together.

The printed proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges have been received with but few exceptions, a list of those received is hereunto appended.

The Grand Secretary takes pleasure in acknowledging the reception of the following books and pamphlets:—

From the Grand Lodge of Nebraska—2 volumes containing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nevada from 1865, (the date of organization) to 1872.

From the Grand Lodge of Kansas, 1 volume containing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization, 1855 to 1865.

From the Grand Lodge of Iowa, volume 5 of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, a reprint of the years 1869 to 1873 inclusive; also a volume containing a catalogue of the Library of that Grand Lodge.

The Bulletin of the Grand Orient of France.

The Reports of the United Grand Lodge League of Germany, (in German).

The Cornerstone published in New York.

The voice of Masonry published at Chicago.

The Michigan Free Mason.

The Masonic Token.

The Masonic Advocate.

The Freemason, published by Bro. Parson at St. Louis.

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The Grand Secretary would suggest in order to make the proceedings of Grand Lodge accessible to the craft, that a Library be formed of proceedings of the different Grand Lodges, which are accumulating at such a rate that it seems necessary to provide proper accommodation for the same.

Of the utility of possessing such information accessible to the Masters of Lodges at all times, your Grand Secretary would mention, that owing to being in possession of the same, the Masters of two Lodges in this City have been able to detect two spurious Masons who claimed the charity of their Lodges, one of whom claimed to hail from Kentucky, and did not dream that in this far corner of mother earth, knowledge of his delinquencies could be had.

The Grand Secretary has filed the following motions to amend the constitution and the Benevolent and Widows and Orphans Funds:

NOTICE OF MOTION by V. W. H. F. Heisterman, Grand Secretary, and W. M. of QUADRA LODGE, No. 8, to amend the resolutions adopted by Grand Lodge on the 7th Dec., 1873, in reference to the Benevolent Fund, viz: In order to make the Benevolent Fund more applicable to Charity and the good of Masonry in general

BE IT RESOLVED—That in future all charity heretofore dispensed by the Lodges shall be taken from the Benevolent Fund, in addition to the purposes already specified.

For this purpose the Masters and Wardens of the several Lodges in Victoria shall form a Board of Relief, any three of whom shall form a quorum. who shall be empowered to relieve any distressed Worthy Brother, to the extent of Ten dollars at one time. Any larger sum shall be subject to a two-third vote of all the members of the Board in Victoria.

The Masters of the Lodges at Nanaimo, New Westminster, Burrard Inlet, and elsewhere hereafter Lodges may be instituted, shall together with their Wardens form the Board of Relief for such town, with the same powers as the Board at Victoria, except in the case of granting a larger sum than \$10, which shall be submitted to the Board at Victoria for confirmation and approval, and amendment if found necessary.

The Board of Relief shall have power to draw at once for any such sum upon the Grand Treasurer as custodian of the Benevolent Fund.

Also, to add to Section 8, page 41, of Members and their Duty: No Demit shall hereafter be granted to any Brother unless upon written application made to his Lodge at a regular meeting, unless in case of emergency, when the W. Master may grant an intermediate Demit, to be confirmed by the Lodge at its next regular meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION by W. Thos. Trounce, Grand Superintendent of Works and W. M. of British Columbia Lodge, No. 5, to amend section 2, page 42, of the constitution in reference to "proposing Members," after the words:

2. Except in cases of Royal Naval and Military men add, "and officers of the Mercantile Marine."

All which is respectfully submitted,

H. F. HEISTERMAN,

Grand Sec'y.

GRAND SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

H. F. Heisterman, Grand Secretary,

In acct. with the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for the year ending 1st November, 1874.

1873.			
Dec. 20,	Received Supplemental Dues from Cariboo Lodge, No. 4,	\$	7 00
1874.			
Jan. 24,	Rec'd for Dispensation to pass J. L. Smith	} in British Columbia Lodge, No. 5, 15	\$15
" 26,	" " " to raise do		30 00
Feb. 28,	" " " to pass W. Morrison	} in Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, 15	\$15
Mar. 3,	" " " to raise do		30 00
Nov. 16,	" G. L. Dues, Ashlar Lodge, No. 3,		90 00
Dec. 16,	" G. L. Dues, British Columbia Lodge, No. 5,		70 50
" 15,	" " Victoria Lodge, No. 1,		89 25
" 21,	" " Union Lodge, No. 9,		28 50
" 28,	" " Quadra Lodge, No. 8,		34 50
1875.			
Jan. 15,	" do Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7,		22 50
" 19,	" do Vancouver Lodge, No. 2,		123 50
" 20,	" for Dispensation to propose and initiate Capt. Herm. Aug. Stoecker, in British Columbia Lodge, No. 5,		15 00
" 22,	" G. L. Dues, Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, \$71 00 Dispensation to pass Alex. Lindsay, for 2 diplomas, due \$4 00.	15 00	86 00
			<u>\$626 75</u>

1874.			
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Jan. 27,	By Cash paid the Grand Treasurer as per Voucher 1,	\$	30 00
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Nov. 16,	" " " " 3,		97 00
Dec. 17,	" " " " 4,		159 75
" 28,	" " " " 5,		63 00
1875.			
Jan. 21,	" " " " 6,		161 00
" 23,	" " " " 7,		86 00
			<u>\$626 75</u>

RECAPITULATION

OF DUES AND FEES TO GRAND LODGE FOR YEAR.

Received from members,	- - -	\$418 25
Diplomas,	- - -	38 00
Affiliations,	- - -	16 50
Dispensations for Degrees,	- - -	90 00
Registration of Intrants,	- - -	64 00
		<u>Total, \$626 75</u>

Report of the Finances of the Benevolent and Widows and Orphans Funds.

November 30th, 1874.

At the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, I reported that the sum of \$935.50 had been collected from 8 Lodges, (1 Lodge refusing to join in the movement) and that there was outstanding about \$240. The former sum having been paid to the Grand Treasurer as custodian of said Funds. That was the first year.

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The results of the second year are as follows:

The arrears aggregated only,	- - - - -	\$201 00
And the contributions for 1874 amount to	- - - - -	744 62
		\$945 62

Collected and paid to the grand Treasurer as follows:

For the Benevolent Fund,	- - - - -	\$631 25
For the Widows and Orphans Funds,	- - - - -	314 37
		\$945 62

I believe I am correct in stating that after 2 years trial, the Lodges are satisfied with the working of the scheme, if steps can be adopted to dispense also charity from this fund, which at this time has a balance of nearly \$1,700. The interest might also be increased by lending part of it on safe mortgage.

All which is respectfully submitted,

February, 1875.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,

Grand Secretary.

The Secretary of the Benevolent and Widows and Orphans Funds, in account current with the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

February 9th, 1875.

1874.	VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1.	
Feb. 28,	To 44 Members, (1 demit) 2 at half price,	\$32 25
" "	" 1 raising,	2 00
May 31,	" 46 Members, (3 at half price),	33 37
" "	" 3 raisings,	6 00
	T. W. Eastman died,	
Aug. 31,	" 50 Members (5 at half price),	35 63
" "	" 3 raisings,	6 00
Nov. 30,	" 50 Members (5 at half price),	35 63
" "	" 2 raisings,	4 00
	G. Hudson died,	
		\$ 154 87

VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 2.

	To Balance,	\$91 50
1874.		
Feb. 28,	" 59 Members (2 demits),	44 25
" "	" 3 raisings,	6 00
May 31,	" 61 Members, (1 died, 1 demit),	45 75
" "	" 3 affiliations,	6 00
Aug. 30,	" 62 Members,	46 50
" "	" 1 affiliation,	2 00
Nov. 30,	" 62 Members, (1 demit),	46 50
" "	" 1 affiliation,	2 00
		\$290 50

Amount carried forward, \$445 37

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ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3.

(Late Nanaimo, No. 3 and Caledonia Lodge, No. 6.)

1874.

Feb. 28,	To 36 Members,	- - - - -	\$27 00
" "	" 1 raising,	- - - - -	2 00
May 31,	" 34 Members (4 demits),	- - - - -	25 50
" "	" 2 affiliations,	- - - - -	4 00
Aug. 31,	" 37 Members, (1 demit),	- - - - -	27 75
" "	" 2 affiliations,	- - - - -	4 00
Nov. 30,	" 38 Members (1 suspended, J. Webb)	- - - - -	28 50
" "	" 5 affiliations,	- - - - -	10 00
			\$ 128 75

BRITISH COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 5.

1874.

Feb. 28,	To 35 Members (1 demit),	- - - - -	\$26 25
" "	" 2 raisings, and 1 affiliation,	- - - - -	6 00
May 31,	" 34 Members, 1 demit (Wright),	- - - - -	25 50
Aug. 31,	" 36 Members,	- - - - -	27 00
" "	" 2 affiliations,	- - - - -	4 00
Nov. 30,	" 33 Members,	- - - - -	24 75
			\$113 50

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1873. CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 6. NOW ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3.

Nov. 30, Arrears, - - - - - \$23 25

1874. MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

Feb. 28,	To 18 Members, (H. J. Weir dead),	- - - - -	\$13 50
May 31,	" 17 Members, (J. McDonald and C. M. Chambers, demitted),	- - - - -	12 75
Aug. 31,	" 15 Members,	- - - - -	11 25
Nov. 30,	" 15 Members,	- - - - -	11 25
			\$ 48 75

1873. QUADRA LODGE, No. 8.

Dec. 1, To Balance, - - - - - \$26 75

1874.

Feb. 28,	" 17 Members, (1 demit),	- - - - -	12 75
" "	" 2 affiliations,	- - - - -	4 00
May 31,	" 17 Members,	- - - - -	12 75
Aug. 31,	" 17 Members,	- - - - -	12 75
Nov. 30,	" 18 Members,	- - - - -	13 50
" "	" 1 raising,	- - - - -	2 00
			\$ 84 50

Amount carried forward, - \$844 12

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1873.	UNION LODGE, No. 9.	
June 1,	To 17 Members, at \$2, - - - -	\$34 00
Aug. 31,	" 17 Members, at 75cents, - - - -	12 75
Nov. 30,	" 17 Members, (3 demits) at 75 cents, - - - -	12 75
1874.		
Feb. 28,	" 14 Members, at 75 cents, - - - -	10 50
May 31,	" 14 Members, " - - - -	10 50
Aug. 31,	" 14 Members, " - - - -	10 50
Nov. 30,	" 14 Members, " - - - -	10 50
		\$ 101 50

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Which amount has been paid to the Grand Treasurer as per Voucher.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,
Secretary to Funds, ex-off.

TO THE M. W. THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Grand Secretary begs leave to acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of 30 American Grand Lodges, besides presentation copies and proceedings of European Grand Lodges, since last session of the Grand Lodge.

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Arkansas,
California,
Colorado,
Illinois,
Iowa,

PROCEEDINGS OF 1873.

Kansas,
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New Brunswick,
Nova Scotia,

Ohio,
Pensylvania,
Rhode Island,
Utah,

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Delaware,
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Florida,
Illinois,
Iowa,
Louisiana,

PROCEEDINGS OF 1874.

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New York,
New Jersey,
New Brunswick,

Nova Scotia,
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Oregon,
Rhode Island,
South Carolina,
West Virginia,
Wisconsin,
Texas,
Utah,

\$ 48 75

Presentation copies of Proceedings of Grand Lodge Illinois, 1840 to 1860.
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Bulletin of the Grand Orient of France,
Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Prussian Royal York, zur Freundschaft,
for 1873, also for '874, to 24th June, 1874.

And lastly the Proceedings of the New Grand Lodge formed in Indian Territory, U. S. A.

Respectfully Submitted,

February, 1875.

\$ 84 50

H. F. HEISTERMAN,

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Grand Secretary.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

Number.	Name of Lodge.	Town.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Demitted.	Died.	Expelled or Suspended for un-Masonic Conduct.	Suspended for non-payment of Dues.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Withdrawn from Lodge.	Members.	Grand Lodge Dues.
1	Victoria,	Victoria,	3	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	89 25
2	Vancouver,	Victoria,	5	5	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	123 50
3	Ashlar,	Nanaimo,	4	1	2	8	5	1	1	1	1	4	1	46	96 00
4	Cariboo,	Barkerville,	3	3	2	7	2	2	3	3	2	3	1	35	78 00
5	British Columbia,	Victoria,	4	4	4	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	1	33	70 50
7	Mount Hermon,	Moodyville,	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	22 50
8	Quadra,	Victoria,	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	34 50
9	Union,	New Westminster,	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	3	3	1	1	17	28 50
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RECAPITULATION.

Chartered Lodges,	- - - - -	8
Whole Number initiated in all the Lodges,	- - - - -	21
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" raised	" - - - - -	17
" affiliated	" - - - - -	19
" demitted	" - - - - -	28
" died	" - - - - -	6
" suspended for un-Masonic conduct,	- - - - -	1
" suspended for non-payment of dues,	- - - - -	6
" re-instated,	- - - - -	3
" rejected,	- - - - -	8
		275
Total Number of Masons on Roll,	- - - - -	275
Total Receipts from all sources,	- - - - -	\$626 75

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

T. W. Eastman,
G. R. Hudson,
T. J. Mills Bowden,
John W. Stephenson,
Felix Daoust,
Ovid Allard,
Richard Lewis.

RESTORED.

W. H. Phillips, in Ashlar Lodge No. 3.
 J. M. Sparrow, in Cariboo Lodge No. 4.
 David McNaughton in Cariboo Lodge No. 4.

SUSPENDED FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT.

Joseph Webb.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

James McCarthy,
Jno. P. Fitterre,
Thos. E. Ladner,

G. Bunte,
L. W. Riske,
William Fisher.

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TO AND FROM OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodges.	Representative To	Representative From.
Utah,	R. H. Robertson,	H. F. Heisterman,
Oregon,	Walter W. Francis,	H. F. Heisterman,
California,	Vacant.	James Laidley,
Washington,	T. F. McElroy,	Marshall W. Waitt,
Nebraska,	William Adair,	R. P. Rithet,
Illinois,	Loyal L. Mann,	Simeon Duck,
England,	John Braddick Monekton,	John Foster McCreight,
Louisiana,	Amos Kent.	Frederick Williams.

On motion the Report was received and referred to the following Committee of three:

The M. W. Grand Master named Brothers Ebenezer Brown, Thos. Trounce and William Fraser.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer submitted the following Annual Report, which on motion, was received and referred to the same Committee as Grand Secretary's Report.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

M. W. Waitt, Grand Treasurer, in account with the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

RECEIPTS.

1874.			
Jan. 1,	To Balance deposited in Bank of British Columbia,		\$208 66
Jan. 27,	" Amt. rec'd from Grand Sec'y,	30 00	
March 5,	" " " " " "	30 50	
Nov. 16,	" " " " " "	97 00	
Dec. 17,	" " " " " "	159 75	
Dec. 26,	" " " " " "	63 00	
1875.			
Jan. 21,	" " " " " "	161 00	
Jan. 22,	" " " " " "	86 00	
			\$627 25
	Total Receipts,		\$835 91

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DISBURSEMENTS.

1874.	Jan. 14,	Credit by order G. . M. .	Printing, J. K. Suter,	\$ 16 00
	" "	" "	Interest B. of B. C.	1 02
	Feb. 4,	" "	B. Col. Lodge, No. 5,	
			acct. Note,	100 00
			do. Interest,	45 95
	Feb. 28,	" "	Rose & Pottinger, print-	
			ing ext. of proceedings,	28 00
	April 10,	" "	Muirhead & Mann, Desk,	11 75
	Oct. 24,	" "	P. J. Hall, G. Tyler, Sun-	
			dries, to Nanaimo,	8 50
	Nov. 16,	" "	H. F. Heisterman, G. S.,	
			Sundries, postages and	
			foreign,	23 65
1875.	Feb' 17,	" "	do. do.	3 25
	" 17,	" "	White & Brown, repairs	
			to Regalia,	2 50
	" 17,	" "	Rose & Pottinger, printing	3 50
	" 17,	" "	T. N. Hibben & Co.	
			Stationery,	10 87
			Total disbursements,	\$254 99
			Balance of Cash in Bank of British Columbia,	\$580 92
				\$835 91

All which is respectfully submitted,
M. W. WAITT,
Grand Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER,

Of Receipts and Disbursements of Benevolent and Widows and Orphans Funds.

M. . W. . Waitt, in account with M. . W. . Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

RECEIPTS.

1873.	Dec. 6,	To Balance at credit in Dominion Savings Bank,	\$911 00
	Dec. 10,	" Cash received from Grand Sec'y, and on hand,	\$ 27 00
1874.	Jan. 15,	" "	114 75
	June 17,	" "	58 50
	Aug. 18,	" "	80 50
	Aug. 18,	Interest from Savings Bank,	31 08
	Nov. 16,	from Grand Secretary,	31 75
	Dec. 11,	" "	268 37
	Dec. 26,	" "	78 75
1875.	Jan. 21,	" "	87 25
	Feb. 20,	" "	199 00
		Total Receipts,	\$976 95
		Total Receipts,	\$1887 95

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DISBURSEMENTS.

1874.			
March 16,	Credit Funeral, Bro. Eastman,		\$75 00
1875.			
Jan. 5,	" " Bro. R. Lewis,		75 00
Feb. 20,	" " Relief Brethren of B. C. Lodge No. 5,		22 00
Feb. 20,	" " " Bro. Mills, Vancouver No. 2,		40 00
		Total Disbursements,	\$212 00
	Balance of Cash in Dominion Savings Bank,		\$1675 95
			\$1887 95

All which is respectfully submitted,

M. W. WAITT,
Grand Treasurer.

The Board of General Purposes then submitted the following

REPORT OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C., 20th February, 1875.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

1. The Board of General Purposes, in submitting their Annual Report for 1873-74, are not in a position to report any marked improvement in the condition of Masoury in this Province except at Nanaimo, where the Union of the two local Lodges has resulted most beneficially.
2. At the first meeting after the termination of the last Annual Session of Grand Lodge, the Board proceeded to the usual business of organization. W. Bro: Fred'k Williams was unanimously elected as Vice-President.
3. In accordance with Grand Lodge resolution, only a short excerpt of proceedings of the last Session was authorized by the Board, and the printing of 250 copies was duly attended to by the Grand Secretary.
4. The Working of the Benevolent and Widows and Orphans Funds has been attended by marked success, as will be seen by reference to the report of the Audit Committee.
5. The Board recommend that the Grand Secretary be paid the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars for his services during the past year.
6. The Board recommend that the Grand Master be authorized to pay to British Columbia Lodge No. 5, the balance with interest due by the late District Grand Lodge.
7. The Finances of Grand Lodge are in a more satisfactory position than at any time since the formation of the same, as will be seen from the subjoined report of the Audit Committee, as follows:

To the Board of General Purposes of British Columbia:

Your Committee appointed by the Board to Audit the accounts and examine the Books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, for the year ending 3rd November, 1874, beg leave to make the following report.

That they have carefully examined the books, amounts and vouchers of the said Grand Officers and find them entirely correct. Your committee have much satisfaction in expressing their high approval at the manner in which the books of these officers have been kept.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

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The receipts for the past year foot up	- - - - -	\$626 75
The balance on hand from last year,	- - - - -	208 66
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	A Total of	\$835 41
The expenditure as per vouchers was	- - - - -	254 49
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Leaving a balance in hand of	- - - - -	\$580 92
The receipts to the Benevolent and Widows and Orphans Funds were as follows:		
Balance in Savings Bank at last Audit,	- - - - -	\$911 25
Receipts during 1874,	- - - - -	945 62
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	Total,	\$1856 87
The expenditure was,	- - - - -	212 00
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Leaving a Balance in hand of,	- - - - -	\$1644 87
To which is to be added interest since 30th June last.		

In view of the smallness of the interest paid by the Savings Bank, (5 per cent.) your committee would beg leave to recommend a more profitable investment of these funds.

FRED'K WILLIAMS, } Audit
WM. DALBY, } Committee.

February 16th, 1875.

8. The Board in view of the importance they attach to the acquisition of a building plot for the erection of a Masonic Temple, have appointed a Committee consisting of

R. W. Simeon Duck,
R. W. Eli Harrison,
V. W. H. F. Heisterman,
and W. Thos. Shotbolt,

to collect information from property owners and a recommendation of the most suitable site for such a building, a report of which committee is hereto annexed.

All which is respectfully submitted,

FRED'K WILLIAMS,

Vice-President.

February 20th, 1875.

To the President, Vice-President,

and Members of the Board of General Purposes.

The Undersigned, your committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to select and recommend some eligible site for the erection of a Masonic Temple in Victoria, beg leave to report, that owing to the multiplicity of Lots offered, your committee have been unable to make a selection, but have come to the conclusion to lay before you a list and prices of the lots offered, viz:

1. Part of corner Lot 401, 96' on Fort Street, by 80' on Douglas Street, at \$9,000, \$1,500 Cash, balance 2 years at 8 per cent.

This property produces now \$62.50 per month; in case of building, the clause is attached to move Mrs. Mason's house and a house on Douglas unto the open land adjoining. 6 feet of the above lot are to be left as a passage into View Street

2. Lot 20, corner of Yates and Douglas Streets, 60 x 120. Lot produces \$30 per month, no lease, taxes paid by tenant, price \$7,000, on easy terms.

3. Lot 37, corner of Johnson and Douglas Streets, 60 x 120. Lot produces \$40 per month, no lease. Price \$7,000 on easy terms.

4. Lots 430 and 431, 120 feet on Douglas by 127 feet on Johnson Street, with 3 houses the eon, capable of producing \$40. Price \$15,000.

5. Lot 224, on Government 84' and on Courtney Street 74'. Price \$6,500, on easy terms, rent trifling.

6. Lot 8, corner Broughton and Government Streets, having 65 feet on Broughton Street and 24' on Government Street. Price \$4,000.

All which is respectfully submitted,

SIMEON DUCK,
ELI HARRISON,
H. F. HEISTERMAN } Committee.
THOS. SHOTBOLT,

February 20th, 1875.

On motion the report was received and referred to the same committee as the Grand Secretary's Report.

The committee on the application of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Hungary appointed at the last Annual Communication report as follows:

TO THE M.:W.: THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

The Undersigned, your Committee appointed at the last Annual Session, to make further enquiries regarding the Grand Lodge of Hungary, before granting recognition to the same on account of its former allegiance to the Grand Orient of France, beg leave to report:

That they have examined into the regularity of its organization and the exclusiveness of Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Hungary.

They have come to the conclusion to recommend its cordial recognition and its kindly reception among the Sisterhood of Independent Grand Lodges, by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

All which is fraternally submitted,

H. F. HEISTERMAN, } Committee.
A. ASTRICO.
ELI HARRISON,

Victoria, 20th February, 1875.

On motion, the report of the committee was received and the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Hungary recognized in accordance with the recommendation of the committee, and the Grand Secretary instructed to convey the same in proper form.

The following letter of recognition of the United Grand Lodge of Germany assembled at Bayreuth was translated by the Grand Secretary, and on motion ordered to be printed with the Proceedings of this Session of the Grand Lodge:

Gross Lodge, zur Sonne, 1741, Orient Bayreuth.

The Grand Master of the Confederation and Grand Lodge zur Sonne in Orient Bayreuth, for the time being Head of the German Grand Lodge League.

To

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia in Victoria,

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Very Worshipful, beloved brethren:

By Command of the German Grand Lodge Confederation, whose representatives were assembled on the 1st June, 1873, in Bayreuth, I have the honor to communicate to you that the German Grand Lodge League has resolved to recognize your newly formed Grand Lodge, and is consequently prepared to enter with you and your subordinate Lodges into Masonic intercourse. All Brethren hailing from your Grand Lodge will therefore meet with a fraternal welcome in all German Lodges, as you will no doubt admit

our German brethren to your Lodges. We shall endeavour with joint forces to work at the common temple of humanity.

With Fraternal Greeting,
The Grand Master,
BLUNTSCHLI,

The Grand Secretary,
A. REDLICH,
in Bayreuth, Bavaria.

Heidelberg, 1st Aug., 1873.

Freemasons Hall, London, W. C., 14th April, 1874.

V. W. Sir and Brother,

I beg to refer to my respects of the 13th Sep. last, in which I stated, that I would bring your letter of the 11th August, in which you say that it would afford great satisfaction to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to be recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, before the Marquis of Ripon on his return to England. Circumstances have prevented his Lordship until recently from taking the matter again into consideration, I have now, however, the pleasure of informing you, that he has done so, and will be happy to recognize your Grand Lodge, and to exchange Representatives. I am therefore to propose as your representative here, Brother John Braddick Monckton, P. S., G. D., and President of the Colonial Board; and on being acquainted with the name of some Brother, who will be agreeable to your G. L. to receive as the Representative of England, I will submit it to my Grand Master for approval and have his patent prepared.

I am glad that this long pending question may, I hope, now be considered as finally settled and remain

V. W. Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,
JOHN HERVEY, G. S.

H. F. HEISTERMAN, G. S.,
Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Freemasons Hall, London, E. C., 9th Sep., 1874.

Dear Sir and V. W. Brother,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th June with patent of appointment for Bro. J. B. Monckton, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to this Grand Lodge, which I have duly handed to him.

I have now the pleasure to enclose herewith a patent appointing R. W. Brother J. F. McCreight, D. G. M., Representative of the G. L. of England to your Grand Lodge, which please deliver,

With best wishes, believe me,
Yours truly and fraternally,
JOHN HERVEY, G. S.

H. F. HEISTERMAN, G. S.,
Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

On motion it was ordered that the letters just read, be received and incorporated with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary presented the proceedings of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, applying for recognition.

On motion, the subject of recognition of this new Grand Lodge was referred to the Board of General Purposes to report on.

Grand Lodge, was then called from labor to refreshment at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening.

The Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 p. m.

The Grand Master on the Throne.

The Committee on the Grand Master's address then presented the following report, viz:

REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

TO THE MOST W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. G. M., respectfully report that they have carefully perused the same, but feel themselves wholly incompetent, with the limited time allowed them, to fully allude to the various points dwelt upon by the Grand Master.

That portion of the address which relates to the formation of G. L., and the future prospects of the order, has been handled in such a Masterly manner by the G. M., that it leaves but little to report, and they feel confident that Free Masonry in this Province is placed on a sure and firm basis, and entertain no doubt of its usefulness in the future.

That portion of the address which relates to the building of a Masonic Hall in Victoria, they consider a matter of very great importance to the Craft in this City, and would suggest that the different Lodges in Victoria do meet in convention and thoroughly discuss the subject that has been so strongly recommended by the Grand Master.

On the subject of Uniform Ritual, suggested by the G. M., they feel that if the suggestions made on that subject could be adopted by the Brethren, they are convinced it would be for the good of the order in this jurisdiction.

On the subject of Non Affiliates, your committee would suggest that strong measures be adopted by this G. L. in reference to the same.

On the subject of Grand Lodge Library recommended by the Grand Master, they feel the importance of the object, and would recommend that a Library Committee be appointed by this Grand Lodge.

In conclusion they would crave the indulgence of the G. L. for this crude and hastily written review of the address of the Grand Master, and beg to express their high appreciation of the fraternal spirit which pervades it, and would strongly recommend this Grand Lodge to re-elect him again to the high position which he so ably fills.

All of which is fraternally submitted,
 FRED'K WILLIAMS, }
 ELI HARRISON, } Committee.
 THOS. SHOTBOLT. }

On motion the report was received, the committee discharged, and consideration thereof laid over until later this session.

The Committee on the Reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Board of General Purposes, presented the following report, viz:

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Officers and Worshipful Brethren of the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in session assembled:

Your Committee to whom the reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Board of General Purposes were referred, submit the following:

1. Your committee having perused the Grand Secretary's Report, beg to suggest the printing of Grand Lodge Proceedings as recommended by the Grand Secretary.

2. Also the purchase of a Bookcase to contain the reports and Books and other Masonic works belonging to this Grand Lodge, and the formation of a Masonic library to be under the charge of the Grand Secretary.

3. In conclusion your committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the Grand Secretary's report, and desire to express that great credit is due to the efficient Grand Secretary for the able and elaborate report furnished.

4. In reference to the Report of the V. W., the Grand Treasurer, they respectfully beg leave to recommend the adoption of the same, and also beg to refer to the Report of the audit committee embodied in the report submitted by the Board of General Purposes, and in conclusion beg to express their appreciation of the very able manner in which the V. W. Grand Treasurer has discharged his duty, and their satisfaction at the prosperous state of the Finances of Grand Lodge.

5. They recommend that part 5 of the report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted.

6. They likewise recommend the extinction of the debt due British Columbia Lodge, No. 5.

7. Your committee beg to approve of the action of the Board of General Purposes, in appointing a committee to gather information as to a suitable site for a Masonic building plot, and think it highly desirable that a lot for such a purpose be acquired, and recommend that action be taken at this session of Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted,

EBENEZER BROWN, }
THOS. TROUNCE, } Committee.
W. FRASER. }

On motion the report was received, and the committee discharged.

On considering the suggestions contained in the M. W. Grand Master's address and the report of the committee thereon.

W. Bro. Williams moved, and W. Bro. H. Brown seconded.

That the suggestions contained in the Address regarding the acquisition of a Masonic Hall be adopted. Carried.

On the subject of ritual.

V. W. Bro. Grand Treasurer moved, and R. W. Grand Junior Warden seconded.

That the whole matter of uniform ritual, be referred to the Board of General Purposes, and that they communicate with each of the Lodges, requesting them to discuss the subject, so that the matter can be brought before the Grand Lodge at its next annual meeting for action.

V. : W. : Bro. Grand Secretary moved, and R. : W. : Bro. Senior Grand Warden seconded, the following amendment.

RESOLVED, That it is in the interest of Masonry, that a Uniform ritual be adopted for all future Lodges formed in this Province

On calling the votes on the amendment, the same was lost after considerable debate, and the original motion carried.

R. : W. : Bro. Henry Nathan moved, and W. : Bro. William Harrison seconded,

That the question of ritual be postponed until the subordinate Lodges have had an opportunity of instructing their representatives how to vote on this question, which was also carried.

V. : W. : Bro. Grand Secretary moved, and R. : W. : Bro. Grand Junior Warden seconded, the following resolutions in regard to non-affiliates:

After a careful examination of the plans of several Grand Lodges in the United States, and an earnest consideration of this very important subject, it was

RESOLVED, That all non-affiliated Masons in this Jurisdiction shall have the privilege of visiting Lodges for the period of six months, but such non-affiliates shall petition some Lodge within 30 days thereafter, for membership or contribute to some chartered Lodge in this Jurisdiction its regular dues, and in case of non-compliance, shall be debarred from all Masonic rights and privileges, as follows:

1. They shall not be allowed to visit any Lodge.
2. They shall not be allowed to appear in a Masonic procession.
3. They shall not be entitled to Masonic charity.
4. They shall not be entitled to Masonic burial

And further, That all Lodges shall be required to post at the entrance of their Lodge rooms, the names of all non-affiliates remaining such after the expiration of the time named, viz: 7 months, and they shall every three months transmit a list of the same to the Grand Secretary, to be by him forwarded to all subordinate Lodges, and by them posted in like manner.

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Hall of Lodge No. A. F. and A. M.

Mr.

Dear Sir and Brother,

By instruction of the M. : W. : Grand Master of the M. : W. : Grand Lodge of British Columbia, it becomes my duty to propound, and you are fraternally requested to answer, the following questions:

- Are you a Master Mason?
- Are you a contributing member of some Blue Lodge?
- What is the name and number of your Lodge?
- Where is your Lodge located?
- From what Grand Jurisdiction holds your Lodge its charter?
- If non-affiliated, when have you demitted?

Date

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Signature.

By filling this blank at your earliest convenience, and returning in the enclosed envelope you will oblige,

Yours very truly and fraternally,

Secretary.

B

Hall of Lodge No. A. F. and A. M.

Mr.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Having observed in your returned report, that you are a Non-affiliated Mason, by instruction of the M.:W.: Grand Master of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I again address and most fraternally request you to join a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, if you intend to remain a resident of British Columbia.

Yours very truly and fraternally,

Secretary.

W.: Bro. Thos. Trounce moved, and W.: Bro. Wm. Stewart seconded, the following amendment.

That the Lodges be requested to take such measures as will meet the views expressed by the M.:W.: Grand Master in regard to Non-affiliates.

On calling the ayes, the amendment was carried.

In regard to that part of the address, referring to the formation of a Masonic Library.

W.: Bro. Thos. Trounce moved, and R.:W.: Bro. Henry Nathan seconded,

That the recommendation of the committee on the Grand Secretary's report in regard to a G. L. Library be adopted, that a Grand Lodge Library be formed, and a committee of three be nominated by the M.:W.: Grand Master, to carry out the suggestions made, with full powers to act. Carried.

The M.:W.: Grand Master nominated,

R.:W.: Eli Harrison, senr.

W.: F. Williams, and

W.: A. Astrico, on said committee.

V.:W.: Bro. Grand Secretary's motion in regard to amending the Benevolent Fund then came up for discussion.

NOTICE OF MOTION by V. W. H. F. Heisterman, Grand Secretary, and W. M. of QUADRA LODGE, No. 8, to amend the resolutions adopted by Grand Lodge on the 7th Dec., 1873, in reference to the Benevolent Fund, viz:

In order to make the Benevolent Fund more applicable to Charity and the good of Masonry in general.

BE IT RESOLVED—That in future all charity heretofore dispensed by the Lodges, shall be taken from the Benevolent Fund, in addition to the purposes already specified.

For this purpose, the Masters and Wardens of the several Lodges in Victoria shall form a Board of Relief, any three of whom shall form a quorum, who shall be empowered to relieve any distressed Worthy Brother to the ex-

tent of Ten dollars at one time. Any larger sum shall be subject to a two third vote of all the members of the Board in Victoria.

The Masters of the Lodges at Nanaimo, New Westminster, Burrard Inlet and elsewhere, hereafter, Lodges may be instituted, shall, together with their Wardens, form the Board of Relief for such town, with the same powers as the Board at Victoria, except in the case of granting a larger sum than \$10, which shall be submitted to the Board at Victoria for confirmation and approval, and amendment, if found necessary.

The Board of Relief shall have power to draw, at once, for any such sum upon the Grand Treasurer, as custodian of the Benevolent Fund.

After a lengthy debate as to the advisability of extending the provisions of the Benevolent Fund.

V. . W. . Grand Treasurer moved, and Bro. W. Stewart seconded.

That the resolution be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to take such action as they may think fit. Which was carried.

V. . W. . Bro. Grand Secretary's motion.

To add to Section 8, page 41, of Members and their duty: No demit shall hereafter be granted to any Brother unless upon written application made to his Lodge, at a regular meeting, unless in case of emergency, when the W. Master may grant an intermediate Demit, to be confirmed by the Lodge at its next regular meeting.

Then came on for discussion, when V. W. Bro. Grand Secretary moved, and Bro. D. Kurtz seconded, its adoption.

Bro. W. Stewart moved, and V. . W. . Bro. Grand Treasurer seconded,

That the resolution be adopted up to the words, "unless in case &c.," and that the balance be struck out.

On calling the ayes the amendment was lost.

The original motion was then put, and lost also.

The following

NOTICE OF MOTION by W. Thos. Trounce, Grand Superintendent of Works and W. M. of British Columbia Lodge, No. 5, to amend section 2, page 42, of the constitution in reference to "proposing Members" after the words:

2. "Except in cases of Royal Naval and Military men" add, and officers of the Mercantile Marine."

Was next in order,

After discussion, W. Bro. Trounce obtained leave to withdraw his motion.

On motion of V. . W. . Bro. Grand Treasurer, seconded by W. Bro. F. Williams.

The report of the committee in reference to the Grand Secretary's salary for the past year, was adopted unanimously.

The same parties then moved and seconded,

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That the debt due British Columbia Lodge, No. 5, be paid off, which was carried.

W. Bro. Fred'k Williams then presented his credentials as Grand Representative from the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

W. Bro. Fred'k Williams was received with the Grand Honors, and invited to a seat on the DAIS.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock on Monday evening.

At Grand Lodge.

SECOND DAY.

EVENING SESSION.

8 P. M., Feb. 22nd, A. D., 1875.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor.

The M.:W.: Grand Master, Lieut. Col. I. W. Powell, presiding.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from the newly formed Grand Lodge of Wyoming, asking for recognition.

On motion, the communication was received and referred to the Board of General Purposes to report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The R.:W.: John Foster McCreight then presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the M.:W.: Grand Lodge of England under the hands of the Marquis of Ripon, G. M. and Earl of Carnarvon D. G. M.

The Grand Master received,

R.:W.: Bro. J. F. McCreight with the Grand Honors, and invited him to a seat on the DAIS.

A complimentary address was delivered by the M.:W.: Grand Master at the Honor conferred on our distinguished brother, which was appropriately acknowledged by R.:W.: Bro. McCreight.

W. Bro. J. Weiler moved, and V.:W.: Bro. Grand Secretary seconded the following Resolution:

RESOLVED—1. That the Grand Secretary be authorized to address a copy of that portion of the M.:W.: Grand Master's address, referring to the advisability of adopting a Ritual for this Jurisdiction to every subordinate Lodge in the province, with the request that the same may be considered by the Lodge, and their Representatives instructed accordingly.

2. That a special session of this Grand Lodge, be convened at the pleasure of the M. . W. . Grand Master to adopt the Ritual, which may be agreed upon.

After it being shown that a resolution somewhat similar in import had been passed on Saturday, the resolution was allowed to be withdrawn.

R. . W. . Bro. G. J. Warden moved, and W. Bro. Thos. Trounce seconded,

That the Board of General Purposes be hereby empowered to purchase the necessary vessels for consecration purposes. Carried.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

This being the hour for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, the M. . W. . Grand Master appointed Bros. J. Gordon Vinter and Fred'k Williams as tellers, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to the performance of that duty with the following result:

Bro. Israel Wood Powell, of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, was elected, but declining re-election.

Bro. Simeon Duck, of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, Victoria, was declared duly elected Grand Master.

Bro. Frederick Williams, of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Victoria, Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Eli Harison, senr., of Quadra Lodge, No. 8, Victoria, Grand Senior Warden.

Bro. Ebenezer Brown, of Union Lodge, No. 9, New Westminster, Grand Junior Warden.

Rev'd Bro. Frank Gribbell, of Victoria Lodge No. 1, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Marshall W. Waitt, of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, (re-elected) Grand Treasurer.

On motion all the elections were declared unanimous.

R. . W. . Bro. G. J. Warden moved, and R. . W. . Bro. G. Senior Warden seconded,

That the thanks of Grand Lodge be given to Bro. P. J. Hall, for so handsomely decorating the Masonic Hall. Carried unanimously.

The following Brethren were then elected Members of the Board of General Purposes, for the ensuing year:

Bro. H. Brown,
" C. Thorne,
" W. Fraser,

Bro. J. G. Vinter,
" Thos. Trounce,
" J. H. Todd,

On motion of R. . W. . Bro. G. S. Warden, seconded by Bro. T. Trounce,

The proceedings of the 2nd communication and the extra session at Nanaimo, were ordered printed, at a cost not exceeding \$100.

Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, until half past 7 P.M. on Tuesday, 23rd February.

A. J. Westminster
Grand Secy

In Grand Lodge.

THIRD DAY.

EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, A. D. 1875, $\frac{1}{4}$ to 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor.

Officers and Masters present, as on yesterday.

The M.:W.: Grand Master, Lieut. Col. I. W. Powell, presiding.

V.:W.: Bro. Grand Treasurer moved, and W. Bro. A. Astrico seconded,

That the Board of General Purposes be requested to consider the subject of half dues in regard to absent members of Lodges, and liabilities of Lodges as to Grand Lodge Dues, and report at the next annual communication. Carried.

M.:W.: Simeon Duck, Grand Master elect, then appointed the following Grand Lodge officers, to wit:

- V.:W.: Coote M. Chambers, Grand Secretary,
- W.: Josias C. Hughes, Grand Senior Deacon,
- W.: Hugh B. Willson Aikman, Grand Junior Deacon,
- W.: Thos. Trounce, Grand Superintendent of Works,
- W.: J. G. Vinter, Grand Director of Ceremonies,
- W.: W. Stewart, Grand Marshall,

W.: Jas. Brown, Grand Swordbearer,
 W.: George Thompson, Grand Standardbearer,
 W.: William Fraser, Grand Organist,
 W.: William Harrison, Grand Pursuivant,
 W.: John Weiler,
 W.: Wm. Stephenson,
 W.: J. McDonald, } Grand Stewards,
 W.: J. H. Todd,
 W.: James Robinson, }
 P. J. Hall, Grand Tyler.

The M.:W.: Bro. Israel Powell, proceeded to the installation of his successor M.:W.: Bro. Simeon Duck, the Grand Master, elect, who was duly obligated, invested, installed and proclaimed in the South, West and East, M.:W.: Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia.

The following elected and appointed Officers of the Grand Lodge, were then duly invested and installed by the M.:W.: Grand Master:

R.:W.: Frederick Williams, Deputy Grand Master,
 R.:W.: Eli Harrison, Grand Senior Warden,
 R.:W.: Ebenezer Brown, Grand Junior Warden,
 V.:W.: Marshall W. Waitt, Grand Treasurer,
 V.:W.: Cooto M. Chambers, Grand Secretary,
 W.: Josias C. Hughes, Grand Senior Deacon,
 W.: H. B. Willson Aikman, Grand Junior Deacon,
 W.: Thos. Trounce, Grand Superintendent of Works,
 W.: Jas. Gordon Vinter, Grand Director of Ceremonies,
 W.: William Harrison, Grand Pursuivant,
 W.: John Weiler, }
 W.: J. H. Todd, } Grand Stewards,
 W.: Jas. Robinson, }
 Phillip J. Hall, Grand Tyler.

M.:W.: Past Grand Master Powell, then complimented the Grand Lodge on the selection of their new chief, which was suitably replied to by M.:W.: Grand Master Simeon Duck.

R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master moved, and W.: Grand Director of Ceremonies seconded,

That M.:W.: Past Grand Master Powell, be requested to sit for his Photograph as large as it can be obtained, and that the same be suitably framed and hung on the walls of the Grand Lodge Hall, as a Memento of the first Grand Master. Carried unanimously.

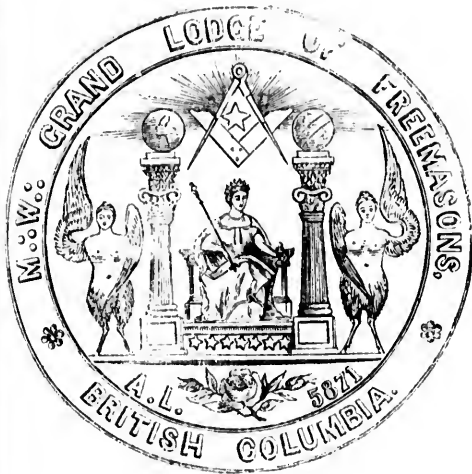
M.:W.: Past Grand Master Powell, expressed dissent as he yet expected to see many more years of life in attending the Grand Lodge.

V.:W.: Bro. Grand Treasurer gave notice of motion,

That at the next session of Grand Lodge, he would move that the office of Grand Secretary also be made elective.

The labor of this communication being finished, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, with solemn prayer.

W. C. Humphreys
Grand Secty'



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RETURNS OF LODGES

TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 1874.

VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1.

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Stated Communications, first Thursday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Frederick Williams, W. M.,
John Weiler, S. W.,
Robert Foster, J. W.,
Hugh Lloyd Jones, Treasurer,
James C. Bales, Secretary,
Rev'd F. Gribbell, Chaplain.

A. W. Barnett, S. D.,
W. T. Livock, J. D.,
Edw. Dickenson, D. of C.,
Robert Laing, Steward,
James Isbister, J. G.,
J. G. Vinter, Tyler, (not a member.)

PAST MASTERS:

Richard Lewis,
J. F. McCreight,
Cornelius Thorn,
Innocent Raggazzoni.

J. J. Southgate,
Henry Nathan,
Robert Barnaby.

MASTER MASONS:

Wm. Arthur,
B. Dyke Acland,
James Andrews,
J. H. Brettell,
Edw. C. Baker,
G. Bossl,
W. R. Clarke,
Thomas Cuniff,
J. P. Davies,
W. A. ElHott,
D. W. Higgins.

J. T. Howard,
S. L. Kelly,
Wm. Leigh,
Robert Laing,
Joseph Loewen,
Richard Keeler,
George Izat,
J. H. Innes,
John Nicholson,
D. A. N. Ogilvy,
A. Phillips.

Robert Plummer,
T. T. Riordan,
Henry Rhodes,
A. K. Robertson,
Jules Rneff,
David Shade,
Uriah Nelson,
James Strachan,
Frederick Stockham,
W. H. Thain,
William Trickey.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Thomas Hankin,

Hugh McKay.

Chas. McMillan.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Edward Stephens,
Richard Roberts.

John Tait,
Geo. Blenkinsop.

DEMITTED:

John Vogel,

DIED:

W. T. Eastman,

G. R. Hudson,

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J. F. F
Wm. B.

I. W. P.
M. W.
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VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 2.

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Stated Communications, third Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Andrew Astrico, W. M.,
P. Onsterhout, S. W.,
Thomas Inge, J. W.,
J. Gordon Winter, Secretary,
J. F. Beecher, Treasurer,
Wm. Bowden S. D.,

Thos. Ennor, J. D.
L. Lewis, Steward,
Chas. Taylor, Steward
Joseph Gonnell, J. G.,
Thomas Martin, Tyler,

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PAST MASTERS:

I. W. Powell,
M. W. Waitt,
G. C. Kenys,
W. B. Wilson,
Simeon Duck,

R. H. Adams,
W. Dalby,
C. M. Chambers,
W. Mulloon,

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MASTER MASONS:

G. Hicken,
J. Dorman,
J. A. Mara,
W. Marshall,
E. J. McDonell,
D. F. Fee,
H. M. Cohen,
F. Campbell,
W. Scott,
J. H. Turner,
P. J. Hall,
James Bryden,
P. Steele,
T. G. Moody,
W. Robertson,

J. Abrams,
J. Madden,
J. M. Rodgers,
G. Morison,
J. Spratt,
J. Davies,
G. B. Sweeney,
J. Stafford,
J. Goodacre,
W. A. Robertson,
Robert Wood,
G. Radlin,
H. E. Seelye,
P. Manetta,
G. Oppenheimer,

W. Sinclair,
J. Jessop,
C. E. Anderson,
Robert Beaven,
J. Williams,
J. Stirtan,
J. Flett,
J. Johnston,
A. Gilmore,
J. Finlayson,
D. H. Porter,
W. M. Keohan,
W. Jackson,
J. Clapperton,

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FELLOW CRAFTS:

R. T. Williams,

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ENTERED APPRENTICE:

George Hardesty,

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DEMITTED:

H. F. Heisterman,
T. S. Allatt,

C. Astrico,
Sam. Harris,

DIED:

T. Mills Bowden,

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3.

NANAIMO, B. C.

Stated Communications, first Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

James Brown, W. M.,
Archibald Muir, S. W.,
George L. Bevilockway, J. W.,
Chas. Newton Young, Secretary,
Alexander Mayer, Treasurer,
Alexander Eason, S. D.,

Andrew McKinlay, J. D.,
Samuel Drake, Steward,
Wm. A. Horne, Steward,
John Sabiston, J. G.,
Arthur J. Fenney, Tyler,

PAST MASTERS:

Solomon D. Levi,
William Stewart,

John Renwick,
Mark Bate,

MASTER MASONS:

Robert Burnaby, P. G. M.,
David Frew,
James S. Smith,
John Dick,
Isaac Johns,
Geo. Baker,
S. B. Hamilton,
Wm. McCullough,
Francis D. Little,
Peter Martin,
Geo. H. Booth,

Bruno Malado,
Jas. McK. Sabiston,
David Harris,
Edward Quennelle,
Alexander Frazer,
James Harris,
Adam G. Horne,
Wm. Davidson,
Murdock McKenzie,
John Sampson,
Jas. A. Carstairs,

John Neill,
Edwin Colfman,
Richard Williams,
John Puetz,
Michael Burns,
James Stewart,
William Stewart,
Robert Aitken,
Thomas Lindsay,

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Isaac Brown,

Alfred Samuel Gill,

Neah Buckley,

DEMITTED:

Richard Choak,
Samuel J. Cliffe,
Joseph Rodello,

W. R. Clarke,
W. H. Phillips,

SUSPENDED:

Joseph Webb.

RESTORED:

W. H. Phillips.

CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4.

DAKERVILLE, B. C.

Stated Communications, first Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS:

William Stephenson, W. M.,
James C. McMillan, S. W.,
S. A. Rodgers, J. W.,
Joseph H. St. Laurent, Secretary,
Felix Neufelder, Treasurer,
Thomas Harding, S. D.,

Felix Daoust, . . . D.,
A. Hoffman, Steward,
A. Pendola, Steward,
B. Van Volkenburgh, J. G.,
C. O'Neil, Tyler, (not a member.)

PAST MASTERS:

Jonathan Nutt.

J. S. Thompson.

MASTER MASONS:

John Bruce,
John G. Goodson,
Robert Deighton,
Edward Pearson,
David T. Preece,
George Duff,
George Byrnes,
William Renzie,

Giovani Valletti,
Joseph Hunter,
William Horsford,
Dominique Ercole,
James Read,
Isaac Von Volkenburgh,
Alex. McKenzie,
William Allan,

Isaac Oppenheimer,
J. H. Todd,
Marcus Wolfe,
James Gerald,
David McNaughton,
A. E. B. Davie,
Edward O. Neufelder,
Alex. Lindsay.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Charles J. Paulsand,

DEMITTED:

Ambrogio Vignolo,
J. P. Russell,
N. Grunbaum,
John W. Powell.

John Pietz,
John C. Calbrath,
J. M. Sparrow.

RESTORED:

J. M. Sparrow.

David McNaughton,

DIED:

John W. Stephenson.

Felix Daoust.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 5.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Stated Communications, first Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Wm. Harrison, W. M.,
Thomas Trounce, S. W.,
J. Thomson, J. W.,
Thos. R. Mitchell, Secretary,
H. Saunders, Treasurer,
Ber'd F. Gribbell, Chaplain,
Richard Brodrick, S. D.,

Thomas Dodds, J. D.,
C. C. McKenzie, D. of C.,
W. J. Maslen, Steward,
T. C. Evans, Steward,
C. J. Salmon, I. G.,
J. G. Viner, Tyler,
(not a member.)

PAST MASTERS:

Henry Nathan,
Thos. Schachtel

John Winger,
H. Brown.

MASTER MASONS:

Thos. Amphlet,
A. H. Alexander,
J. J. Austin,
T. Franklyn,
Thomas Price,
L. G. Goward,
W. W. Horth,
C. Convas,
Peter A. R. Olsen,

Peter Bondot,
S. T. Styles,
Thos. G. Phypers,
E. M. Brown,
Thos. D. Lindsay,
Thomas Cock,
Thos. Darber,
J. Ragazzoni, Honorary

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Robert Bishop,

John Todd, jr.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

John Teague,

Thos. J. Weeks,

Chas. H. Trehart.

DEMITTED:

John L. Smith,

William H. Wright

SUSPENDED:

McCarthy,

G. Bunte,

John P. Fitterre.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, Nanaimo, B. C., united with
Nanaimo Lodge, No. 3, Nanaimo, B. C. now called Ashlar
Lodge, No. 3.

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

MOODYVILLE, B. C.

Stated Communications, Saturday, nearest full moon in each month.

OFFICERS:John A. Cottrell, W. M.,
George Win. Cole, S. W.,
Robert Millman, J. W.,Thomas Cooper, Secretary,
George Black, Treasurer,
P. W. Levett, S. D.,Jas. VanBramer, J. D.,
Alex. Merrifield, J. G.,
G. W. Haynes, Tyler,**PAST MASTER:**

Josias Charles Hughes,

MASTER MASONS:Hiram Wharton,
William Burdin,S. F. Moody,
Alison F. White,

Benjamin H. Wilson,

DEMITTED:

Hugh Jas. Weir,

John McDonald,

Coots M. Chambers.

QUADRA LODGE, No. 8.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Stated Communications, second Friday in each month.

OFFICERS:H. B. Willson Ahman, W. M.,
R. P. Rithet, S. W.,
J. H. Sullivan, J. W.,
J. S. Drummond, Secretary,
H. F. Heisterman, Treasurer,Eli Harrison, Jr., S. D.,
R. B. McMicking, J. D.,
G. J. Clark, J. G.,
J. G. Vinter, Tyler, (not a member.)**PAST MASTERS:**

James A. Grahame,

Eli Harrison,

Wm. Fraser,

MASTER MASONS:C. Strouss,
John B. Lovell,Otis Parsons,
O. F. Houghton,John Bruce,
Arthur Vowell,**DEMITTED:**

G. Grant.

UNION LODGE, No. 9.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

Stated Communications, first Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:V. B. Tait, W. M.,
C. N. Trew, S. W.,
J. T. Scott, J. W.,
W. Fisher, Secretary,R. Dickenson, Treasurer,
J. Donally, S. D.,
C. Lee, J. G.,
W. Powers, Tyler, (not a member.)**PAST MASTERS:**

John Murray,

Peter German,

MASTER MASONS:Geo. Landvoight,
L. W. Riaké,
George Coxon,Thomas E. Ladner,
Pons Arnaud,
B. Douglas,S. Tingley,
D. Oppenheimer,
J. Barnes,

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

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ENTERED APPRENTICE:

J. G. Bristol,

DEMITTED:

J. McLennan,
G. B. Wright,

J. K. Suter,
J. Jaques,

G. Coxon,

SUSPENDED:

L. W. Riske,

Thomas E. Ladner,

Wm. Fisher,

DIED:

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APPENDIX.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

The most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia, commenced its Third Annual Communication at Masonic Hall, Victoria, on Saturday the sixth day of December, A. D., 1873.

Upon calling the roll, there were found present the following:

GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. W. : Israel Wood Powell, Grand Master,
 - R. W. : John Foster McCreight, Past Deputy Grand Master,
 - “ Simeon Duck, Senior Grand Warden,
 - “ Eli Harrison, as Junior Grand Warden,
 - V. W. : Marshall W. Waitt, Grand Treasurer,
 - “ Henry F. Heisterman, Grand Secretary,
 - “ Rev'd Frank B. Gribbell, Grand Chaplain,
 - W. : Frederick Williams, as Grand Senior Deacon,
 - “ J. C. Hughes, Grand Junior Deacon,
 - “ Thomas Trounce, Grand Superintendent of Works,
 - “ R. P. Bithet, Grand Swordbearer,
 - “ H. Brown, Grand Standard bearer,
 - “ Coots M. Chambers, Grand Organist,
 - “ Fred'k Williams,
 - “ Thomas Shotbolt, } Grand Stewards,
 - “ Cornelius Thorne, }
- Brother P. J. Hall, Grand Tyler.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia, was opened in AMPLE FORM:

The Grand Master on the Throne.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call a Roll of the Lodges, when 9 Lodges were found to be represented.

On motion the M. W. the Grand Master appointed, V. W. Bro. M. W. Waitt, W. Bro. Thomas Trounce, as a committee on credentials of representatives.

Before retiring R. W. Grand S. Warden, Bro. Simeon Duck moved, and R. W. Past D. G. Master, Bro. J. F. McCreight seconded,

That Section 2, page 19, be suspended as far as the appointment of proxies is concerned. Carried.

The committee on Credentials on return to the Hall from the Porch, reported,

The following members and representatives as present and entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge at this communication, viz:

VICTORIA LODGE, NO. 1.

Frederick Williams, W. Master,
John Weiler, S. W.,
Robert Foster, J. W.,
C. Thorne, P. M.,
R. Lewis, P. M.,
J. F. McCreight, P. M.,

VANCOUVER LODGE, NO. 2.

Simeon Duck, W. Master,
John Jessop, S. W.,
A. Astrico, J. W.,
I. W. Powell, P. Master,
M. W. Waite, "
Wm. Dalby, "
G. C. Keays, "

NANAIMO LODGE, NO. 3.

M. Bates, W. Master,

CARIBOO LODGE, NO. 4.

Marshall W. Waite, proxy for W. Master,
Alex. E. B. Davie, " S. W.,
J. H. Todd, " J. W.,
Wm. Dalby, " P. M. Fraser,

BRITISH COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 5.

Henry Brown, W. Master,
Thomas Trounce, S. W.,
A. C. Conves, J. W.,
Thomas Shotbolt, P. Master,

CALEDONIA LODGE, NO. 6.

H. F. Heisterman, proxy for W. Master,
M. W. Waite, " S. W.,
Eli Harrison, " J. W.,
Cornelius Thorne, Representative,

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MOUNT HERMON LODGE, NO. 7,

Coote M. Chambers, W. Master,
M. W. Waitt, proxy for S. W.,
Simeon Duck, " J. W.,
J. C. Hughes, P. M.

QUADRA LODGE, NO. 8,

H. B. Wilson Aikman, W. Master,
R. P. Rithet, S. W.,
C. Strouss, J. W.
Eli Harrison, P. Master,

UNION LODGE, NO. 9.

H. F. Heisterman, proxy for W. Master,
S. & J. Wardens,

All which is fraternally and respectfully submitted,

M. W. WAITT, } Committee
THOS. TROUNCE, } on Credentials.

On motion the report so far as made was received, and the Committee granted further time. The Representatives therein reported were admitted to seats.

The proceedings of the special Communication at New Westminster and those of the last Grand Communication having been printed, were on motion taken as read and confirmed.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered an address on the progress and affairs of this Grand Lodge during the year just past, and on motion the same was referred to a committee of three:

R. W. Simeon Duck, S. G. W.,
W. Eli Harrison, D. G. of C.
V. W. H. F. Heisterman, G. Secretary,

with instructions to report at the earliest possible time.

R. W. James A. Grahame Deputy G. M., presented the following Report, which was on motion received and referred to G. Master's Committee :

Victoria, B. C., 19th November, 1873.

TO THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN SESSION:

Allow me, Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren of the Grand Lodge, to give a report of my official visitations during the past year.

On the 4th of September last, I paid an official visit to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, accompanied by the several Grand Officers, and saw there an exemplification of the third Degree to my entire approbation. This Lodge seems to be in a flourishing and sound condition, and the books and accounts and minutes well kept.

On the 16th September, I paid an official visit to British Columbia Lodge, No. 5, accompanied as before, and saw an exemplification of the first Degree,

and was, if anything, more pleased with the mode of working that in my first visit. From reports of the Grand Secretary, the books and Funds of both Lodges are well kept, and in a flourishing condition.

As private business took me up last summer, I paid an official visit in accordance with a request received from you, to Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, on the 16th August last, and saw the crafts Degree exemplified on a candidate to my entire satisfaction. Cariboo Lodge possesses all the elements of prosperity, its members are great interest in its welfare, and the result is visible every way, as the funds of the Lodge are accumulating.

About the middle of October, I was requested in the absence of yourself, to lay the corner stone of the New Masonic Temple at Nanaimo. Owing to pressing other business, I delegated R. W. J. F. McCreight P. D. G. M., to perform the ceremony, which he did in ancient and ample form, and I am happy to say this visit to Nanaimo has brought about a proposal for the Union of Nanaimo Lodge, No. 3, and Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, a petition in reference to which will be laid before Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, I beg to submit my credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of California near this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. GRAHAME,

Deputy Grand Master.

The R. W. the P. Deputy Grand Master then presented the following Report on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Nanaimo on the 15th October, 1873, in laying the corner stone of the New Masonic Hall at that place.

FOUNDATION STONE, NANAIMO.

R. W. Bro. John Foster McCreight, Past Deputy Grand Master, having been authorized by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Jas. A. Grahame, acting on behalf in the absence of the M. W. the Grand Master to lay the foundation Stone of the New Masonic Hall at Nanaimo, with the usual Masonic ceremonies, submitted the following report:

To Israel Wood Powell, Grand Master Mason, Lieut Col.
of British Columbia:

Most Worshipful Sir,

It affords me much pleasure to report that the duty enjoined by letters of ninth of October, 1873, under the hands of R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Grahame, "to lay the foundation stone of the New Masonic Hall, to be erected in Nanaimo," was attended with the Masonic Ceremonies, customary on such occasions on the 15th of the same month.

I was accompanied in my visit by M. W. Bro. Robert Burnaby, Past Grand Master, V. W. H. F. Heisterman, Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Cornelius Thorne, acting as G. Senior Warden, and W. Bro. Robt. Plummer, acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies, who one and all lent most efficient aid throughout the proceedings.

The officers and Members of Nanaimo Lodge, No. 3, and Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, afforded me every assistance and facility in their power, and gave a decided tone to the ceremony by their excellent band of 20 pieces or more, who at various intervals played most appropriate sacred music.

The occasion being quite unusual in that locality, attracted a large assemblage of spectators, who were particularly orderly and attentive during the ceremonies.

The Nanaimo brethren have for some time suffered considerable inconvenience for want of a suitable place of meeting, and the step they have taken in building a Hall of their own in the best part of the thriving town of Nanaimo, will I feel confident result in increased harmony and prosperity of the order.

and from the accustomed energy of the Brethren of the said Lodges, I feel sure that they will carry the undertaking to a successful issue.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
 J. F. CECREIGHT,
 P. D. Grand Master.

December 6th, 1873.

On motion the report was received and also referred to the committee appointed on the M. W. the Grand Master's address.

The Grand Secretary then presented the Grand Secretary's General Report:

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M.
 OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

I have the honor to submit, for the information of Grand Lodge, the following Report of the proceedings of the Grand Secretary's office for the past year.

Immediately after the annual communication in December last, I had 350 copies of the proceedings of G. Lodge for the year ending 1st November, 1872, printed under my direction, and distributed as usual to the G. Lodge officers, permanent members of G. Lodge, all subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction, Grand Lodges in America and Europe, as also to many other active Members of this Jurisdiction, not entitled to seats in Grand Lodge, but who desire to make themselves acquainted with the constitution by which we are governed.

The Blanks of the Charters and Diplomas having arrived in March last, was enabled to issue the confirmatory Charters to the 9 Lodges who formed this Grand Lodge, also to supply the Lodges with the necessary Diplomas for candidates raised during the past year.

On the 9th October last, by direction of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, I issued a dispensation to R. W. John Foster McCreight, Past Deputy Grand Master, to lay the foundation stone of the New Masonic Hall at Nanaimo, with the usual honors.

Blank returns were forwarded as usual to the Secretaries in the month of October, with a repetition of the urgent request to have them filled in and returned to this office before the 1st November, so as to enable me to submit to Grand Lodge at this Communication, satisfactory statistical information.

All the 9 Lodges have made their returns, not as requested before the 1st November, but some only as late as the 5th of December. It will be recalled that last year, I gave a special mead of praise to the worthy Secretary of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, for his promptitude in making his returns, I regret however to state that instead of being first he has been the last to make returns and the honor of having made the promptest returns, falls to British Columbia Lodge, No. 5.

Great demands have been made upon the several Lodges for their initial payments to the Benevolent and Widows and Orphans Funds, called to life this year. From returns elsewhere made, it will appear that Victoria and Vancouver Lodges respectively had to pay \$447 to those Funds, and \$209 of Grand Lodge Dues, which does account in some measure for their tardiness in making their payments. The first payments to the separate Funds having been made, the calls on the Lodges will be much lighter, and in future I trust the first Lodge in the Jurisdiction will be again the foremost in making returns.

The returns received exhibit the following results:

All the 9 Chartered Lodges have made returns for the year now ended.

Number initiated during the year,	25
“ passed “	24

Number raised during the year,	23
“ demitted “	21
“ affiliated “	10
suspended for un-Masonic conduct,	2
suspended for non-payment of dues,	13
rejected, - - - - -	5
died, - - - - -	6
withdrawn from Lodge, - - -	1
whole number of Masons, - - -	282

It will thus be seen that owing to the number of suspensions and demits, besides the deaths, the total number of our active members has decreased, although there is this year an increase in the number raised, which somewhat counterbalances the large losses, the Lodges have experienced from the two former causes.

To one evil I would wish to draw the attention of Grand Lodge, it is the large number of unaffiliated Master Masons in our midst.

I do not know whether anything can be done by Grand Lodge to compel affiliation, and I would much like to elicit the opinion of Grand Lodge upon the subject, of this however I am certain no demit should be granted to any brother unless he desires to leave the Province. Should an amendment to our constitution be passed on this head, it would no doubt stop in a great measure secession from the craft.

Dispensations were issued by authority of the M. W. the Grand Master, for the following purposes:

To confer degrees at short periods, - - -	1
To bury deceased brethren, - - - - -	5

The Grand Secretary has received the printed proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges, a list of which is hereunto appended, and has pleasure in acknowledging the fraternal courtesies extended to Grand Lodge by the publishers of the following Masonic periodicals, furnished free of charge, viz:

“The St. Louis Free Mason,” Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of Missouri, Editor and Proprietor.

“The Masonic Jewel,” of Memphis, Tennessee, Bro. A. J. Wheeler, Editor and Proprietor.

“The Michigan Free Mason,” published at Kalamazoo, and edited by Bro. Foster Pratt, Grand Secretary of Michigan.

“The Masonic Token,” published at Portland, Maine, by Bro. Stephen Berry.

An occasional number of the “Masonic Mirror,” of San Francisco.

The “United States Masonic Register,” from the compiler W. Bro. Levi P. Lemont of Bath, Maine,

He has also received a reprint of the Proceedings of the grand Lodge of Maine from its organization, A. D., 1820, to A. D., 1847, a neatly bound volume.

Also presentation copies of the constitutions of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the former published A. D. 1873, the latter A. D. 1872.

Also a presentation copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa 1869, 1873 and Grand Lodge Library books.

Also presentation copy of proceedings Grand Lodge Colorado, 1861-69. In accordance with Section 15, page 23, of the constitution, the following notice to amend the constitution has been duly filed by W. Bro. Wm. Stewart, P. M., of Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, viz:

Notice of Motion by P. M. Bro Stewart, of Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, to amend Article 15 of the Constitution, by striking out the words “at the City of Victoria,” and substituting the words “at the place sanctioned by the meeting of G. L.

Also, Article 2, page 42,—Proposing Members—by striking out the words “except in cases of Royal Naval and Military men,”

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Town.	Initiated	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Demitted.	Died.	Expelled.	Susp. for non-pay't of Dues	Re-instated.	Rejected.	Withdrawn from Lodge.	Members.	G. L. Dues.
1	Victoria.....	Victoria.....	5	4	4	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	45	\$ 88 00
2	Vancouver.....	Victoria.....	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	63	121 50
3	Nanaimo.....	Nanaimo.....	7	7	6	1	2	1	6	6	6	2	1	42	22 50
4	Cariboo.....	Barkerville.....	6	7	7	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	34	95 00
5	British Columbia.....	Victoria.....	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	85 50
6	Caledonia.....	Nanaimo.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	57 50
7	Mount Hemmon.....	Moodyville.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	17	27 00
8	Quadra.....	Victoria.....	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	17	31 00
9	Union.....	New Westminster.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	33 00
			25	24	23	10	21	6	15	15	5	5	1	282	\$561 00

RECAPITULATION.

Chartered Lodges, - - - - -	9	
Whole number initiated in Lodges reporting,	25	
" passed, - - - - -	24	
" raised, - - - - -	23	
" affiliated, - - - - -	10	
" demitted, - - - - -	21	
" died, - - - - -	6	
" expelled, - - - - -	none	
" suspended for un-masonic conduct, 2		
" suspended for non-pay't of dues, 13		
" rejected as far as reported, 5		
" withdrawn from Lodge, - 1		
Total number of Masons on roll, - - -	282	
Amount received from all sources, - - -		\$765 00

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

Lumley Franklin,
Nicolo Torello,
Sostene Driard,
George C. Johnson,
James Jacks Ainsley.

SUSPENDED FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT.

Alex. Wilson,
 Henry Holbrook,

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Thomas Harris,	J. D. Ritchie,
G. C. Gerow,	E. Johns,
W. H. Alexander,	J. M. Sparrow,
W. H. Phillips,	T. McLardie,
D. McNaughton,	Wm. Harrison, 2,
D. Ballantine,	William F. Crossley,

CANDIDATES REJECTED FOR DEGREES.

P. Farrell,	Andrew Jeffrey,
I. J. Astrico,	Benjamin Springer,
Andrew Kelly,	

The Secretary of the Benevolent and Widows and Orphans Funds, in acct. current with the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

November 30th, 1873.

1872.	Nov. 1, To Dues of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, for 48 Members, at \$2,	- - - - -	\$96 00	
1873.	Mar. 1, To " " " for 48 Members, at 75 cts.,	\$33 00		
		2 dead, 1 demitted, 2 struck off,		
June 1, To " " " for 42 Members, 2 dead, at 75c.	31 50		8 00	
		for 4 Members, 3 raised, 1 aff., at \$2,	3 00	
Aug. 31, To " " " 45 Members at 75cts.,	33 75			
Nov. 30, " " " 45 members at 75 cts.,	33 00		134 25	
		2 at half price, 1 raising,		2 00

VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 2.

1872.	Nov. 1, Dues for 56 Members, at \$2,	- - - - -	112 00	
1873.	Feb. 28, " 56 " at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	42 00	
		1 " affiliated,		2 00
May 31, " 57 " at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	42 75	84 75	
		4 affiliations,		8 00
Aug. 31, " 61 Members at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	45 75		
Nov. 30, " 61 " at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	45 75		
	not yet paid,	- - - - -	91 50	

NANAIMO LODGE, No. 3.

1872.	Nov. 1, Dues for 18 Members, at \$2,	- - - - -	36 00	
1873.	Feb. 28, " 18 " at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	\$13 50	
May 31, " 15 " (3 demitted and died,) at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	11 25		
Aug. 31, " 15 " at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	11 25		
Nov. 30, " 15 " at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	11 25	47 25	

CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4,
has declined by vote to contribute.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 5.

1872.	Nov. 1, Dues for 23 Members, at \$2,	- - - - -	46 00	56 00
1873.	Feb. 28, " 32 " at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	\$24 00	8 00
		4 raisings,		4 00
May 31, " 34 Members, at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	25 50		4 00
		2 raisings,		24 00
Aug. 31, " 32 Members, at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	24 00		97 50
Nov. 30, " 32 " at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	24 00		4 00
	2 raisings,	- - - - -		

DUES FROM CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 6.

1872.	Nov. 1, To 19 Members, at \$2,	- - - - -		38 00
1873.	Mar. 1, To 19 " at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	14 25	
	June 1, To 20 " at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	15 00	
		1 raising,		2 00
Aug. 31, To 20 Members, at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	15 00	44 25	
		2 raisings,		15 00
Nov. 30, To 29 " at 75 cts.,	- - - - -	15 00		6 00
	3 raisings,	- - - - -		\$21 00
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	Amount carried forward,	- - - - -		\$784 00

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DUES FROM MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

1872.					
Nov. 1, To 19 Members, at \$2,	\$38 00
Feb. 28, To 19 "	at 75 cts.,	.	.	.	\$14 25
May 31, To 18 "	1 demit, at 75 cts.,	.	.	.	13 50
Aug. 31, To 18 "	at 75 cts.,	.	.	.	15 00
Nov. 30, To 18 "	at 75 cts.,	.	.	.	13 50
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DUES FROM QUADRA LODGE, No. 8.

1872.					
Nov. 1, To 17 Members, at \$2,	\$34 00
1873.					
Feb. 28, To 17 Members, at 75 cts.,	\$12 75
May 31, To 16 "	1 demit.	.	.	.	12 00
					24 75
Aug. 31, To 16 "	at 75 cts.,	.	.	.	12 00
Nov. 30, To 17 "	at 75 cts.,	.	.	.	12 75
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DUES FROM UNION LODGE, No. 9.

no returns yet made.

\$936 50

Amount yet to be paid by Vancouver Lodge, No. 2, \$91 50
 Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, 21 00
 Quadra Lodge, No. 8, 26 75

\$139 25

Probable Amount due by Union Lodge, No. 9, 105 00

Total outstandings, \$244 25

On motion the report was received and referred to the following special Committee of three—namely:

- W. Bro. J. C. Hughes,
- " Bro. Thos. Shotbolt,
- " R. P. Rithet.

The V. V. W. the Grand Treasurer then presented the following Report, which was referred to the same Committee as the Grand Secretary's report:

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

TO THE M. V. W. THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

M. W. Waitt, Grand Treasurer, in account with the M. V. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

RECEIPTS.

1872.		
Dec. 5, To Balance in Bank of British Columbia,		\$516 20
1873.		
Jan. 1, Amount received from Grand Secretary,		764 50

\$1280 70

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\$96 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

1872.			
Dec. 5,	By Expenses, G. M. and G. Sec'y to Nanaimo,	\$ 30 00	
	Hibben & Co., Stationary,	10 50	
	D. W. Higgins, Circulars,	10 00	
	Watch for Grand Secretary,	170 00	
1873.			
Feb. 15,	J. A. Grahame, Diplomas,	377 85	
Feb. 22,	J. B. Launder, Engrossing Diplomas,	6 00	
Mar. 1,	Deed box,	11 00	
Mar. 19,	Higgins, Circulars,	9 00	
	Deed box,	3 00	
Apr. 26,	Staining and Lettering,	1 50	
Apr. 30,	Grand Secretary, Sundry postages,	21 50	
May 9,	Publishing G. L. Proceedings,	120 00	
Oct. 23,	Printing forms for Representatives to G. L.,	40 00	
	Tylers expenses to Nanaimo,	12 75	
	Sundry postages, &c.,	14 50	
Nov. 22,	Stationery,	37 87	
Nov. 29,	Circulars,	2 50	
	Grand Secretary, postages &c.,	7 15	
	Interest to Bank of British Columbia,	2 92	
Dec. 6,	Printing,	10 00	
	Balance in hand,	382 66	\$1280 70
Dec. 9,	By Grand Secretary,	100 00	
	By Grand Tyler,	30 00	
	Robert Williams,	44 00	
			174 00
	To Balance, Bank of British Columbia,		\$208 66

Grand Treasurer in account with Benevolent and Widows and Orphans' Funds.

To amounts received on account of Benevolent Fund,	\$633 97	
Widows and Orphans' Funds,	301 53	\$935 50
By Printing,	\$19 50	
Stationery,	4 75	
Balance in Government Savings Bank,	911 00	
In hand,	25	\$935 50

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. W. WAITT,

Grand Treasurer.

The Board of General Purposes then presented the following Report on the transactions of the Board, for the past year:

REPORT OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of British Columbia
Victoria, B. C., December 6th, 1873.

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

1. The Board of General Purposes, in submitting their Annual Report

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for 1872-'73, are gratified to be able to inform Grand Lodge, that harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, that there is evidence of vitality and a disposition among the Lodges, to emulate one another in a true Masonic spirit.

2. At the first meeting after the termination of the last Annual Session of Grand Lodge, the Board proceeded as usual to the business of organization. R. W. Bro. Simeon Duck was unanimously elected as Vic-President.

3. The printing and distribution of 350 copies of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, authorized by the Board, was duly attended to by the Grand Secretary.

4. The Board in obedience to the mandate of Grand Lodge, to frame a code of By-laws for the formation of a Benevolent and Widows and Orphans Funds for this jurisdiction, which was submitted to the M. W. the Grand Master for his approval, after which the By-law would become law. The M. W. the Grand Master, however, declined to exercise his powers without first consulting the several Lodges on the By-laws, which resulted in sundry amendments, which were adopted by the Board, and on the 13th June last, the By-law so amended was submitted to the M. W. the Grand Master, who signed the By-law on the 5th of July last, all the Lodges except Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, having accepted it, and this Lodge was specially excepted from its operation. The By-law referred to is hereunto annexed:

BENEVOLENT AND WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FUNDS.

Whereas at the Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of British Columbia, held at Victoria, on the 7th and 9th Dec., 1872, it was resolved:—

“That a Benevolent Fund and Widows’ and Orphans’ Fund should be founded in connection with the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and for the benefit of the Masonic Fraternity thereof.”

And Whereas the Board of General Purposes, by resolution of said Grand Lodge, was instructed and empowered to frame a Code of By-laws and provide the requisite means to inaugurate the same:

Therefore be it known, that in pursuance of the aforesaid resolution, the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, submit the following Rules and Regulations, amended in accordance with the expressed wishes of the different Lodges in the Province, [Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, alone excepted,] for the adoption of the M. W. the Grand Master:

1. That the Lodges in this jurisdiction shall pay Two Dollars from each Subscribing member on their roll, also for every Candidate raised or affiliated hereafter from a Lodge without the Province, the aforesaid sum of Two Dollars, in order to start the said Fund.

2. That each Lodge in this jurisdiction shall pay Seventy-Five cents quarterly, in advance, for every Member in good standing.

3. All monies collected as aforesaid, shall be remitted to the Grand Secretary who shall keep proper accounts of all monies so received and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer in the following proportion, to wit:—

- 3/4ths to the Fund of Benevolence.
- 1/4th to the Widows’ and Orphans’ Fund.

4. The Master and Wardens of every Lodge in the Province shall constitute the Board of Relief for each Lodge and shall have power to relieve any sick or distressed Brother, being a member in good standing in Province, to the extent of Ten Dollars per week, or temporary relief to the Widows and Orphans of any Brother as aforesaid, not exceeding one Hundred Dollars, but that no relief be afforded to any Brother whose illness was caused by his immoral conduct, and shall have power to draw on the Grand Treasurer, whenever sums so paid shall amount to \$40, but at the end of every Masonic year, on November, any amount disbursed by any Lodge, if less than \$40, shall be drawn as aforesaid, so that a statement of all transactions had may be submitted to the Grand Lodge at the annual Communication; provided not more than one-fourth of the amount in the Treasurer’s hands at the end of any year

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shall be at the disposal of any Lodge during the ensuing term, without the express permission of the Board of General Purposes.

5. The Master of each Lodge shall have power in case of the decease of any Master Mason as aforesaid, dying in needy circumstances, to draw upon the Grand Treasurer to the extent of Seventy-Five Dollars in order to bury him with all honors due a Mason.

6. All monies belonging to the Benevolent Fund and Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall be lodged in a Joint Stock Bank or Government Savings Bank, or invested in such manner as the Board of General Purposes shall direct.

7. The Board of General Purposes shall be the Trustees of the aforesaid Funds.

8. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall be allowed to accumulate at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES A. GRAHAME, Chairman.

H. F. HEISTERMAN, Secretary.

Victoria, B. C., June 18th, 1873.

Approved with the proviso, that the said Resolutions shall not apply to Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, nor the members thereof, until the said Lodge shall signify her wish to participate in the benefits of, and contribute to, such Benevolent Fund.

I. W. POWELL, Grand Master.

Victoria, B. C., July 5th, 1873.

Attest,

H. F. HEISTERMAN, Grand Sec'y.

5. The Charters and Diplomas ordered by Grand Lodge, as well as the required copperplates were at last received in March, of the former 50 blanks, and the latter 250, and the Charters and Diplomas beautifully executed, are now in the custody of the Grand Secretary.

6. On the sundry amendments to the constitution of this Grand Lodge, by Bro. Plummer, and referred to the Board at the last session of Grand Lodge, the Board beg leave to report, that they have examined every one of the said amendments, and after mature deliberation recommend the adoption of the following amendments to the constitutions, all others being rejected by them, viz:

That clause 2, page 19 be amended as follows:

That the words "or Past Master entitled to a seat in Grand Lodge" be expunged and the words, "Mason in good standing," added the clause otherwise to stand as it now reads.

That the words "other," page 20, article 3, line be expunged.

That the words "and expelling Members," page 23, to top page 24, be expunged.

That clause 3, page 28, be amended as follows:

That in 2 line the words "for any other use of the fraternity," be erased and in lieu thereof the words "in any way belonging to Grand Lodge," inserted.

Also that the word "annually" last line but of, same section, be erased. That the word "elect" be added after the the word Master, sec. 2 page 38, that in Sect. 5, page 43, the words "free man" be struck out and "free born" substituted.

That clause 5, page 43, be amended as follows:

That the word "not" be inserted, and "during the last six months" added to clause.

That in line 3, page 45, of Visitors, the 2 "or's" line 2, be struck out, and in 3 line the word "and" struck out, and "or" substituted.

That the following words be added to clause 2, page 45 of Visitors: "Be shall be amenable to the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or Board of General Purposes, if guilty of un-Masonic conduct."

That the following words be inserted in lieu of the word "by," page 46, 4 line of sect. 3. "Conferred under."

That the words after "request and deceased," Sec. 1, page 46, be added, "or that of his friends."

6. The Board also begs to lay before Grand Lodge, bills from,
 Robert Williams, for ruling and binding G. L. Record, \$44 00
 Mainland Guardian, printing headings, - - - 16 00

In all, \$60 00

which the Board recommend being paid, but could not pass, the total amount with others passed, exceeding the constitutional limit.

The Board recommend, that the Grand Secretary be paid the sum of one hundred Dollars for his services for the past year.

8. The Board recommend an appropriation of Ten Dollars for each of the last two Sessions of the Grand Lodge being paid to the Grand Tyler, Bro. P. J. Hall, and that he receive in future the sum of Five Dollars per diem for his services while on duty during a session of the Grand Lodge.

9. The Board recommend that the Grand Master be authorized to pay to British Columbia Lodge, No. 5, as much of the funds of Grand Lodge, as he may deem can be spared, to pay off the \$300 note due by the late District Grand Lodge, after paying current expenses.

10. The Finances of Grand Lodge are not in an unsatisfactory state, considering the large outlay incurred for charters, Diplomas, Commissions and other necessary printing, as will be found set forth by the Report of the Audit Committee, as follows:

TO THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES
 OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

The committee appointed by the Board to audit the accounts, and examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, for the year ending November 1st, 1873, beg leave to make the following report:

That they have carefully examined the books and accounts of the above Grand officers and find them correct. Your committee have the satisfaction of expressing their gratification at the way the books of both the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are kept. The receipts for the past year are \$765, the balance on hand from last year was \$295 70, making a total of \$1060 70. The expenditure during the year was \$667 54, leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$393 16.

The Receipts from the different Lodges towards the	
Benevolent Funds were,	\$633 97
Widows and Orphans Funds,	301 53
Total,	\$935 50
Expenditure about	\$24 25

Leaving a balance of \$911 25

There is a balance of all \$244 25, still due these Funds as will appear from the statements of the Grand Secretary. The Grand Treasurer produced the proper vouchers for all amounts paid.

THOS. SHOTBOLT,
 R. P. RITHET,

December 5th, 1873.

Audit Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
 SIMEON DUCK,
 Vice-President.

On motion the report was received and placed on file.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, until 7.30 P. M.

The Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION.

6th December, 1873.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor, the same officers and Members being present.

The following report on the M. . W. . Grand Master's Address. The R. . W. . the Deputy Grand Master's Report, and the R. . W. . the past Deputy Grand Master's Report was then presented.

Grand Lodge Rooms,
6th December, 1873.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge
of Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia:

The Committee to whom was referred, the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master take this opportunity to record their entire approval of the message. Your Committee beg to recommend.

That so much as refers to the application of the Grand Lodge of Hungary for recognition, be referred to a special Committee, to report at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

That the appointment of M. . W. . Bro. Robertson as Representative, near the Grand Lodge of Utah.

Also, the appointment of R. . W. . Bro. W. W. Francis, near the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Also, the appointment of M. . W. . Bro. James Laidley, near the Grand Lodge of California.

Also, the appointment of R. . W. . Bro. T. F. McElroy, near the Grand Lodge of Washington, be confirmed.

They beg further to recommend, an extension of the system of Grand Lodge Representatives near other American and Foreign Grand Lodges, so as to bring this Grand Lodge into closer relationship with them.

Your Committee is pleased to observe, that the craft in the Province generally is advancing, and that progress is evidenced by the building of a new Masonic Hall at Nanaimo.

Your committee congratulate Grand Lodge on the successful organization of the Benevolent and Widows and Orphans' Funds, and do not doubt but that the scheme will work well after a little while, and great benefits will accrue therefrom to the craft and believe that Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, ere another year will form a component part of it.

They congratulate Nanaimo and Caledonia Lodges upon having taken the initiatory steps to unite as one Lodge, and think that they are working in the right direction.

Your committee are grateful for the honor shewn this Grand Lodge by inviting its 6 principal officers to the opening of the new Temple at Philadelphia, and hope that ere another year matures, some plan may be devised to build a Masonic temple in this city.

Your committee are pleased to learn, that the R. . W. . the Deputy Grand Master, has shewn marked interest in the welfare of the craft by his sundry official visits, and only regret, that he is not present.

That harmony, peace and good will have prevailed through this Jurisdiction, since the last Annual Communication, is a matter of profound thankfulness and is in a large measure due to the wisdom and care of the Grand Lodge officers, to whom the thanks of Grand Lodge are due.

In conclusion, your committee beg to observe that the M. . W. . the Grand

Master, having so successfully steered the bark of this young Grand Lodge, it would be but wisdom to elect him, for the third term.

All which is respectfully submitted,

SIMEON DUCK,	} Committee on Grand Master's Address.
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H. F. HEISTERMAN,	

On motion this report was received, the committee discharged, and the thanks of Grand Lodge tendered them for their services.

The special committee on the Grand Treasurer's accounts reported as follows:

To the M.·W.·. Grand Master, R.·W.·. D. G. Master, Grand Wardens, Officers and W. Brethren of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your committee appointed to take into consideration the Report of the Grand Treasurer, respectfully beg leave to recommend the adoption of the same, and also beg reference to the Report of the Audit committee enbordered in the Report already submitted by the board of General Purposes.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. P. RITHET,	} Committee on Grand Treasurer's Report.
THOS. SHOTBOLT,	
J. C. HUGHES.	

On motion the report was received and placed on file.

The following report on Grand Secretary's report was then read by W.·. Bro. J. C. Hughes, Grand Junior Deacon:

To the M.·W.·. the Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Officers and Worshipful Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in session assembled:

Your committee to whom the Grand Secretary's Report has been submitted, respectfully beg leave to report as follows:

1. Your committee approve of the action of the Grand Secretary respecting the distribution of the constitutions as explained.
2. They regret to perceive that some of the subordinate Lodges have put the Grand Secretary to inconvenience, by failing to make their returns as required, and respectfully recommend that the remarks of the Grand Secretary on the subject be duly considered by the Lodge to which the same may apply.
3. While your committee exceedingly regret to learn of the large number of unaffiliated Masons in this jurisdiction, they cannot conceive of any constitutional measure that could be brought forward for the purpose of compelling such Masons to affiliate, and further your committee cannot concur with the report, respecting the advisability of withholding Demits from Brethren, who may wish to sever their connection with any Lodge, and still remain in the Province. Brotherly love and not coercion being one of the principal tenets of the order.
4. Respecting Bro. Stewart's notice of motion to amend constitution, your committee consider, that as it must come before the M.·W.·. Grand Lodge, it is unnecessary for them to make any comments thereon.
5. Your committee reluctantly refer to the heavy expenditure, that has been incurred in printing and postages, and earnestly recommend that the utmost care should be taken in the future to avoid such a large outlay under these heads, the amount for the year exceeding \$250.

6. Should the M. W. Grand Lodge decide to have its proceedings printed in detail. Your committee respectfully suggest that no mention be made of the names of candidates rejected by any of the Lodges. That although it may be perfectly proper for the Grand Secretary to give names in his report to the M. W. Grand Lodge for its information, it is evidently unjust to cast a stigma upon the character of parties rejected, by the publication of their names, without being able to give any reason or explanation why they were so rejected.

7. In conclusion, your committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the Grand Secretary's report with the exception of the portions of it, specially referred to in the foregoing clauses.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. HUGHES, } Committee on
R. P. RITHET, } Grand Secre-
THOS. SHOTBOLT, } tary's Report.

Victoria, B. C., 6th Dec., 5873.

On motion the report was received, the committee discharged, and their recommendations acted upon.

V. W. Marshall W. Waitt, Grand Treasurer, then presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the neighboring Grand Lodge of Washington Territory near this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. then received V. M. Bro. M. W. Waitt, with the Grand Honors, and admitted him to a seat on the DAIS.

R. W. James Allan Grahame then presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of California near this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. the Grand Master then received R. W. Bro. James Allan Grahame with the Grand Honors, and admitted him to a seat on the DAIS.

V. W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman then presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, near this Grand East.

The M. W. the Grand Master then received V. W. Bro. Henry Frederick Heisterman, with the Grand Honors, and admitted him to a seat on the DAIS.

A Grand Lodge of Masons under the style of the Grand Orient of Hungary, having been formed, and having seceded from the Grand Orient of France, applied for recognition by this Grand Lodge.

Owing to the uncertainty prevailing in regard to the Status of the Grand Lodge of France and most American Grand Lodges, it was deemed prudent to make further enquiries before recognition could be granted by this Grand Lodge, and on motion the case was referred to a special committee of three, to report at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

The M. W. the Grand Master nominated V. W. Bro. Grand Secretary, W. Bro. A. Astrico, and R. W. acting G. J. Warden, Eli Harrison.

W.: Bro. W. Stewart's notice of motion in reference to section 15, page 23, of the constitution being next in order.

The motion being to fix the following meeting of Grand Lodge at every session of Grand Lodge.

On motion of R.: W.: Bro. J. F. McCreight, P. D. G. M. Seconded by W. Bro. F. Williams, the amendment was negatived.

On motion of the same parties, an amendment to clause 2 of proposing members to strike out the words "except in cases of Royal Naval and Military men," was also negatived.

Article 5 proposing members substituting "Free born" in lieu of "Freeman," was on motion accepted as proposed.

The following amendments to the constitution were then adopted:

1. Clause 2, page 19, the words "or Past Masters entitled to seat in Grand Lodge" expunged, and the words "Mason in good standing" inserted.
2. Clause 3, page 20, first line, the word "other" to be expunged.
3. Clause 18, page 23 to top page 24, the words "and expelling Members" to be expunged.
4. Clause 3, page 28, second line, "for any other use of the fraternity" to be expunged, and the words "in any way belonging to grand Lodge" inserted.
5. Clause 3, page 28, last line but one of clause, the word "annually" to be expunged.
6. Clause 2, page 38, that the word "elect" be added after "every Master" in the beginning of clause.
7. Clause 5, page 43, second line, the words "free man" to be expunged and "free born" inserted.
8. Clause 5, page 43, at end of petition, that the word "not" be inserted blank, and after "any other Lodge" the words "during the last six months" be added.
9. Clause 1, page 45, second line, the 2 "or's" to be expunged and commas inserted, and "after" in third line to be altered to "or after."
10. Clause 3, page 46, 4th line, that the word "by" be expunged and the clause at end read "unless conferred under dispensation from the Grand Master."
11. Clause 1, page 46, that the words "or that of his friends" be inserted second line after the words "at his own request," and also in fourth line after "wish of the deceased."

The following Resolutions adopted by the Board of General Purposes and confirmed by the M.: W.: the Grand Master, were then adopted as a whole.

1. That the Lodges in this jurisdiction shall pay Two Dollars from each subscribing member on their roll, also for every Candidate raised or affiliated hereafter from a Lodge without the Province, the aforesaid sum of Two Dollars, in order to start the said Fund.
2. Each Lodge in this jurisdiction shall pay Seventy-Five cents quarterly, in advance, for every Member in good standing.
3. All monies collected as aforesaid, shall be remitted to the Grand Secretary, who shall keep proper accounts of all monies so received and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer in the following proportions, to wit:
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of the Fund of Benevolence.
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ th to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

4. The Master and Wardens of every Lodge in the Province shall constitute the Board of Relief for each Lodge and shall have power to relieve any sick or distressed Brother, being a member in good standing in the Province to the extent of Ten Dollars per week, or temporary relief to the Widows and Orphans of any brother as aforesaid, not exceeding one Hundred Dollars, but that no relief be afforded to any Brother whose illness was caused by his immoral conduct, and shall have power to draw on the Grand Treasurer, when ever sums so paid shall amount to \$40, but at the end of every Masonic year in November, any amount disbursed by any Lodge, if less than \$40, shall be drawn as aforesaid, so that a statement of all transactions had, may be submitted to the Grand Lodge at the annual Communication; provided not more than one-fourth of the amount in the Treasurer's hands at the end of any year shall be at the disposal of any Lodge during the ensuing term, without the express permission of the Board of General Purposes.

5. The Master of each Lodge shall have power in case of the decease of any Master Mason as aforesaid, dying in needy circumstances, to draw upon the Grand Treasurer to the extent of Seventy-five Dollars in order to bury him with all honors due a Mason.

6. All monies belonging to the Benevolent Fund and Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall be lodged in a Joint Stock Bank or Government Savings Bank or invested in such manner as the Board of General Purposes shall direct.

7. The Board of General Purposes shall be the Trustees of the aforesaid Funds.

8. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall be allowed to accumulate at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

Recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, No. 6, in reference to sundry expenses incurred in bookbinding &c., appropriating \$60, was carried.

Recommendation of the same, No. 7, in reference to paying the sum of one hundred dollars to the Grand Secretary for his services during the past year, was carried.

Recommendation of the same, No. 8, in reference to appropriating \$20 to the pay of the Grand Tyler, for services at the last 2 communications, was carried.

Recommendation of the same, No. 9, to pay off the debt of \$300 incurred by the District Grand Lodge, prior to Union was carried.

On motion the Report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted as a whole.

A motion of V.·W.·. Grand Treasurer, seconded by W. Bro. Grand Deacon, to the effect:

That the election of Grand Lodge officers to serve during the ensuing Masonic year, be postponed till Monday evening, the 8th December instant, ½ past 7 o'clock, was negatived.

W.·. Bro. Grand Junior Deacon then moved, and R.·. W.·. acting Grand Junior Warden seconded, that the election be proceeded with this evening. Carried.

R.·.W.·. Deputy Grand Master then moved, and R.·. W. acting Junior Grand Warden seconded, that the M.·.W. Lieut. Col. Bro. Israel Wood Powell, be Grand Master again

for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

The M. . W. . the Grand Master appointed W. . Bro. R. P. Rithet and W. . Bro. F. Williams, Scrutineers.

R. . W. . Grand Senior Warden moved, and W. . Bro. William Dalby seconded,

That nominations be permitted. Carried.

The following Grand officers were then nominated and declared unanimously elected.

- R. . W. . John Foster McCreight, Deputy Grand Master.
- “ William Dalby, Grand Senior Warden,
- “ Eli Harrison, Grand Junior Warden,
- V. . W. . Marshall W. Waitt, Grand Treasurer,
- “ and Rev'd Frank Gribbell, Grand Chaplain,
- “ P. J. Hall, Grand Tyler.

The M. . W. . the Grand Master deferred the nominations of the appointed Grand Lodge officers till Monday next.

Grand Lodge was then called from Labor to refreshment till Monday evening next, at half-past 7 P. M.

In Grand Lodge.

EVENING SESSION.

Monday, December 8th, 1873.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 P. M. The M. . W. . the Grand Master on the Throne. All other officers as before.

The Rev'd and V. . W. . Bro. Gribbell, Grand Chaplain, offered up solemn prayer.

The committee on credentials reported that owing to the insufficiency of the present form of proxy, great confusion was unavoidable, and recommended that the Board of General Purposes be authorized to prepare a proper form of proxy.

On motion the committee on Credentials was discharged and the Board of General Purposes authorized to prepare a proper form of proxy, in order to avoid confusion in future.

The following petition from the several Members of the two Nanaimo Lodges, was then read.

To the M. . W. . the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia in Session:

The undersigned, being regularly registered Masons of Nanaimo Lodge No. 3, and Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, having the prosperity of the craft at heart, met in convention at Nanaimo, on the 5th day of November instant, and there and then agreed to unite the two aforesaid Nanaimo and Caledonia Lodges, in view of the increased harmony such an union would produce.

It was there resolved, to petition Grand Lodge for sanction to unite Caledonia Lodge, No. 6, with Nanaimo Lodge No. 3, also praying Grand Lodge to change the name of Nanaimo to "Ashlar," and to have said change endorsed on the charter of Nanaimo Lodge, No. 3 aforesaid.

And further that Grand Lodge will allow the Records, Regalia, Funds &c., of Caledonia lodge, No. 6, to revert to the said Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of Grand Lodge.

Nanaimo, November 27th, 1873.

NAME OF MASTER MASONS.	NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.
A. Mayer,	Nanaimo Lodge, No. 3,
James Brown,	Caledonia Lodge, No. 6,
Jas. McKay Sabiston,	Nanaimo Lodge, No. 3,
G. Bevilockway,	do
Andrew McKinlay,	Caledonia Lodge, No. 6.
John Renwick,	do
W. A. Horne,	do
John Dick,	do
Stylie B. Hamilton,	do
James Harris,	do
Archibald Muir,	do
William Stewart, P. M.	do
Bruno Mellardo,	do
Francis D. Little,	do
George Baker,	do
James A. Carstairs,	do
David Frew,	do
Alexander Easson,	do
S. D. Levi, P. M.	do
Chas. Newton Young,	Nanaimo Lodge, No. 3.
Mark Bide,	do
Joseph Webb,	do
John Sabiston,	do
Edward Quennell,	do
Joseph Rodello,	do
W. R. Clarke,	do
Arthur Femey,	do

W.: Bro. G. Steward F. Williams moved, and W.: Grand Superintendent of Works seconded,

That the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Carried.

The R.: W.: the Deputy Grand Master moved, and R.: W.: acting Grand Junior Warden seconded,

That the printing of the proceedings of this Grand Communication be deferred till another year, and that meantime only a circular containing a short synopsis of the proceedings be printed.

The Grand Secretary contended for the printing of all the proceedings, and stated he would engage to have it done for \$75, when

W.: Bro. W. Dalby moved an amendment, and V.: W.: Bro. Grand Secretary seconded,

That the proceedings be printed in extenso, and that the expense be limited to \$75.

On the vote being taken the amendment was lost, and the original motion carried.

V. : W. : Grand Treasurer moved, and R. : W. : Grand Senior Warden seconded,

That the M. W. the Grand Master, and the R. : W. : the G. S. and R. : W. : G. J. Warden be a committee to enter into negotiations with the committee of the French Hospital, to receive any sick or distressed Brother Mason of this jurisdiction. Carried.

On motion of V. : W. : Grand Treasurer, seconded by W. Grand Superintendent of works,

The proposed change of time of the next Grand Communication to January, 1875, was left in the hands of the Board of General Purposes with full power to act.

M. : W. : Israel Wood Powell, Grand Master re-elected, appointed the following Grand Lodge officers, to wit:

V. : W. :	H. F. Heisterman,	- -	Grand Secretary,
W. :	H. Brown,	- -	Grand Senior Deacon,
"	J. C. Hughes,	- -	Grand Junior Deacon,
"	Thos. Tronuce,	- -	Grand Superintendent of Works,
"	E. Williams,	- -	Grand Director of Ceremonies,
"	Jonathan Nutt,	- -	Grand Marshal,
"	R. P. Rihet,	- -	Grand Sword bearer,
"	James Brown,	- -	Grand Standard bearer,
"	Cootie M. Chambers,	- -	Grand Organist,
"	Thos. Shotbolt,	- -	Grand Pursuivant,
"	John Renwick,	}	
"	M. Bate,		
"	W. Harrison,		
"	J. Jessop,		
"	W. B. Tait,		
"	A. Astrico,	- -	Grand Stewards.

The M. : W. : the Grand Master elect, Lieut. Col. Israel Wood Powell, having been duly invested, installed, and proclaimed in the South, West and East, M. : W. : Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia,

Then proceeded to invest and instal the following elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:

R. : W. :	John Foster McCreight,	-	Deputy Grand Master,
"	William Dalby,	-	Grand Senior Warden,
"	Eli Harrison,	-	Grand Junior Warden,
V. : W. :	M. W. Waitt,	-	Grand Treasurer,
"	H. F. Heisterman,	-	Grand Secretary,
"	and Revd. F. Gribbell,	-	Grand Chaplain,

W.: H. Brown,	- - -	Grand Senior Deacon,
*" J. C. Hughes,	- - -	Grand Junior Deacon,
" Thos. Trounce,	- - -	Grand Superintendent of Works,
" Fred. Williams,	- - -	Grand Director of Ceremonies,
*" J. Nutt,	- - -	Grand Marshall,
" R. P. Rithet,	- - -	Grand Sword bearer,
" Coote M. Chambers,	- - -	Grand Organist,
" Thomas Shotbolt.	- - -	Grand Pursuivant,
*" M. Bates,	} - - -	Grand Stewards,
*" J. Renwick,		
" W. Harrison,		
" J. Jessop,		
*" V. B. Tait,		
" A. Astrico,	} - - -	Grand Tyler.
P. J. Hall,		

Those marked with an asterick were not present.

In accordance with the constitution, Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of the Board of General Purposes, with the following result:

W.: Bro. Fred. Williams,	P. M. of Victo. in Lodge, No. 1.
W.: " R. P. Rithet,	S. W. of Quadra Lodge, No. 8.
R.: W.: " Simeon Duck,	P. M. of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2.
W.: " Thos. Shotbolt,	P. M. of B. Columbia, Lodge, No. 5.
V.: W.: " M. W. Waitt,	P. M. of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2.
W.: " Coote M. Chambers,	P. M. Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.

CLOSING GRAND LODGE.

The labor of this communication being finished, Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, with solemn prayer.

I. W. POWELL, G. M.

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SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

M. W. GRAND LODGE OF A. F. AND A. M. OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

Held in the Town of Nanaimo, on Vancouver Island,
on Wednesday, the 21st day of October,
A. D. 1874, A. L. 5874.

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Pursuant to notice, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the town of Nanaimo, for the purpose of consecrating the New Masonic Hall erected in the main Street of the town.

The following Grand Officers being in attendance at 1 P.M.:

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| The M. W. . | Lieut. Col. Israel Wood Powell, | Grand Master, on the Throne, |
| R. W. . | Wm. Harrison, | - - as Deputy Grand Master, |
| " | Wm. Stewart, | - - as Grand Senior Warden, |
| " | Eli Harrison, | - - Grand Junior Warden, |
| V. W. . | D. W. Higgins, | - - as Grand Treasurer, |
| " | H. F. Heisterman, | - - Grand Secretary, |
| W. . | John Renwick, | - - as Grand Senior Deacon, |
| " | Mark Bate, | - - as Grand Junior Deacon, |
| " | Thos. Trounce, | - - Grand Superintendent of Works, |
| " | Fred. Williams, | - - Grand Director of Ceremonies, |
| " | George Izat, | - - as Grand Swordbearer, |
| " | James Andrews, | - - as Grand Organist, |
| " | P. J. Hall, | - - Grand Tyler, |

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The Officers and Members of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, whose Hall was to be consecrated, and members of nearly all the Lodges in the Province, besides those from Washington Territory and elsewhere.

The Lodge room having been properly tyled, and it having been ascertained that none but Master Masons were present, the Lodge was successively opened in the first, second and third Degrees, by the M. W. the Grand Master.

W. Fred. Williams, acting as V. W. and Rev'd Grand Chaplain, then offered up the following prayer:

O ADORABLE LORD GOD, Maker of all things, and Judge of all men, regard, we humbly beseech Thee, with Thy special favor, this our present undertaking, and grant that the work which we now commence in Thy name, may conduce to Thy glory, and to the good temporal and eternal of Thy dependent creatures. Let a scrupulous regard to the obligation which, in Thy name, and under Thine all seeing eye, shall be herein entered into, distinguish all upon whom the privileges of Initiation shall be conferred; that they abounding in all holy con-

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versation and godliness, may become true and worthy members of our venerable Order, and that their practice may in all things correspond with their profession. Response by the Brethren. So mote it be.

The Grand Honors were then given.

Solemn music followed.

Psalm CXXXIII was then read.

The Grand Honors were given again.

The following oration on the objects and nature of Freemasonry was thereupon

DELIVERED BY R. W. FRED'K. WILLIAMS, GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES, ACTING AS GRAND ORATOR, ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEDICATION OF MASONIC HALL, NANAIMO, B. C., OCTOBER 21ST, 1874.

BRETHREN,—By command of the most Worshipful the Grand Master, and in accordance with ancient custom on occasions like the present, the duty devolves on me of delivering an address on the merits and obligations of our Order.

Were I as able as I am willing, the task would easily be accomplished, for the materials are indeed abundant to prove its antiquity and its value. Masonry was practiced by the shepherd Astronomers and Astrologers of Chaldea, by the Priest Kings of Egypt, by the Brahmans of India, and by the Philosophers of Greece, and it reached its meridian splendor when Solomon, the then Grand Master of the Order, surrounded by his Brethren, laid with Masonic honors the foundation stone of the temple, which he intended to dedicate to the service of God. We have the authority of a credible Roman historian for saying that when Julian, the apostate, 1800 years after, cleared the foundations of the same temple, the vaulted chamber was discovered in which our ancient Brethren had assembled, with its most sacred and most secret symbols perfect and undisturbed. These symbols are to be traced among nations wide as the poles asunder, differing as much in their language, creed, colour and character as in the period at which, and the land in which they lived; they are to be found on the Pyramids of Egypt, the caves of Elephanta, the temples of classic Greece, the round towers of Ireland, the courts of the Alhambra, and the arches of our sublime cathedrals. Whence there this universal presence and permanence? Because its foundations rest not on the mutable and perishable circumstances of external life, but on sentiments which spring from and appeal to the most deep-seated affections of our nature, and are founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue.

The volume of the sacred Law is never closed in our Lodges; from its page we derive our duty to God, our neighbors and ourselves. We learn to look up to God as the one great cause, to implore His aid on all our lawful undertakings, and to bend with resignation to His divine will. We are taught to regard the whole human race as the children of one father, whom we are to treat with justice, to relieve in want and comfort in sorrow. For ourselves, we are taught to be prudent, temperate, enduring and just. As citizens we are enjoined to be loyal and peaceful, our motto being "Fear God, honour the Sovereign." Under every emblem in our Lodges, there lie solemn and important truths, tending to purify the morals, to improve the understanding, bind the human family more closely together, and to raise the soul to God. The implements of labor teach us the use we are to make upon earth of the talents committed to us by our Great Creator and Judge, and remind us of the account we must render of their use when we are summoned to His presence in the Grand Lodge above. Freemasons, in those dark ages when might made right, guarded with jealous care the feeble ray of light which was in hourly danger of being extinguished by the violence of rude and untutored savages. Sus-

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tained by the felicitous combination of the love of art, and the sublime truths of religion and morality which Freemasonry taught them, they fanned the feeble spark until it burst into a bright and enduring flame, which has shown its fruits in the creation of those miracles of Art which still astonish, delight, and instruct the world. Again, Freemasonry has bound men more closely together than any other human institution. In those dark ages to which I have alluded, Freemasonry not only protected those who were within its pale, but threw its shield like its offspring chivalry, over all who were suffering and oppressed. In our more fortunate age it has cemented friendship, restored the credit of the bankrupt merchant, succoured the ship-wrecked and exiled, set the prisoner free, fed the hungry, clothed the naked, visited the widow and orphan, and even arrested the uplifted steel thirsting for a foe's blood. It has an universal language, and an universal fund of benevolence. It brings all classes of men together in equal and social intercourse. In our Lodges are those whose birth is noble, whose possessions are vast, whose talents are great, and whose taste is refined; by their side sit those who possess none of these things, and whom the outer world deems insignificant, because they are poor. Yet to them the rich man yields precedence and obedience in the Lodge, and in the public streets and market place salutes them as Brothers. Thus each learns to read and value the mind of the other, and to feel a deep sympathy for each other in the wants and pains of their common nature.

The scrupulous exclusion from our lodges, of all topics of religious and political discussion—those fruitful sources of envenomed dissension elsewhere, maintains this good feeling, and gives permanence to our institution.

The names of Alfred the Great and many others sovereigns, William of Wykeham, Cardinal Wolsey, Newton, Locke, Sir Christopher Wren, Inigo Jones, Wellington, Washington, and our present Prince of Wales, &c., silence calumny, and show that our science has a deep and abiding interest for the Statesman, the Minister of Religion, the Patriot, the Man of Science, and the Philanthropist. And now, my brethren, let me ask, how shall we best maintain and transmit the dignity of our Order, unsullied to our successors? I answer by simply remembering that to each of us great talents, pure Masonic jewels, of which those we wear are but the emblems, have been committed, which it is a sin against him who confided them to us to bury in a napkin. Let each remember that he is a stone forming a part of the great Masonic Temple, whether in the foundations, the buttresses, the walls, or the pinnacle, to which he can give strength, grace, and lustre, by a life modeled on Masonic principle or dim its brightness, and sap its foundations by forgetfulness of his obligations. Whatever good thing we find to do, let us do it at once, and with all our might, for "the night cometh when no man can work." Our own cup has been filled to overflowing by the Great Dispenser of all bounty, with corn, and wine, with oil and salt. Let us show our gratitude to the giver, by extending the readiest and amplest relief, to every being who bears his image, who depends upon his providence, who is led by his bounty, and who relies on his all-comprehending mercy. Brother Masons, let us look beyond the narrow limits of particular institutions, and recognize in every child of Adam a brother of the dust. Let us strive to bind the whole human family together with the strong chain of Brotherly Love; Belief, and with Charity in thought, Charity in word, and Charity in deed engraven on each golden link; when this shall be accomplished, then shall the whole race of man, of every sphere, nation, color, creed, and language, be fused into one universal Brotherhood, sending up to the great I Am the most acceptable offering and oblation, one universal Song of praise, bursting forth as from one tongue, swelling up as from one soul—

Father of all! in every age,
In every clime adored,
By Saints, by Savage, and by Sage;
Jehovah, Ruler, Lord.

To Thee whose Temple is all Space,
Whose altar, earth, air, sky,
One chorus let all beings raise,
All Nature's incense rise.

When that day comes we will lay aside our working tools for our labors will be ended. Then will our Lodges be closed, and our secrets may be proclaimed from the housetop, for the mission of Freemasonry will be accomplished. Let all the Brethren unite with me in saying, So mote it be ! (Cheers and applause.)

The following Psalm xcvi, v. 1 to 7 was then read :

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are all the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand

Glory be to God on high!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end; for His mercy endureth for ever. Amen

The following prayer was then offered up by the V. . W. . and Rev'd acting Grand Chaplain :

Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all worlds deign, from Thy celestial Temple, from Realms of light and Glory, to bless us, in all the purposes of our present assembly.

We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this, and at all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications.

Permit us, O Thou Centre of light and life, great source of love and happiness, to erect this Lodge, and now solemnly to Consecrate it to Thy honor and Glory.

Response by the M. . W. . the G. M.—“Glory be to God on High.”

Response by the Brethren.—“As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”

The Consecration Elements were then sprinkled in the Lodge room in ancient and due form, after which the W. . M. . and Rev'd. acting Grand Chaplain resumed :

Grant, O Lord our God, that they who are (now about to be) invested with the government of this Lodge, may be endued with wisdom to instruct their Brethren in all duties. May brotherly love and charity always prevail among the Members of this Lodge; and may this bond of Union continue to strengthen the Lodges throughout the world.

Bless all our Brethren wheresoever dispersed, and grant speedy relief to all who are either oppressed or distressed.

We humbly commend to Thee all the members of Thy whole family. May they increase in the knowledge of Thee, and in the love of each other.

Finally, may we finish all our works here below, with Thine approbation.

and then have our transition from this earthly abode to Thy heavenly Temple above, there to enjoy light, glory, and bliss ineffable.

Response by the M. : W. : the G. M.—“Glory be to God on High!”

Response by the Brethren.—“As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”

The Grand Honors were then given,

SOLEMN MUSIC.

During which the Officers of Ashlar Lodge No. 3, passed around doing homage to the Grand Lodge.

The M. : W. : the Grand Master then caused the Grand Director of Ceremonics to make the following Proclamation, successively in the South, West and East:

“I am directed by the M. : W. : Israel Wood Powell, Grand Master Mason of British Columbia, to make Proclamation, that by virtue of the power and authority of the Grand Lodge, the Hall of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, in Nanaimo, is now dedicated to the ancient usages of the Craft. And the Brethren of Ashlar Lodge are hereby empowered to meet in the said Hall and exercise all their rights and privileges in accordance with the tenor of their Charter and the Laws of the Grand Lodge, and may God prosper them.”

Response by the members of the Grand Lodge *only*. *So note it be.*

Solemn music was then performed.

Grand Honors, closed the Ceremony of Consecration.

The M. : W. : the Grand Master thereupon surrendered the Gavel to the W. M. of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3. Bro. James Brown and the several Officers of the Lodge took their proper stations.

Brother Brown in some happy remarks complimented the M. : W. : the Grand Master upon the solemn and impressive manner in which the ceremony had been performed, and asked his permission to confer the first degree of Masonry upon Mr. Alfred Samuel Gill.

The permission was granted with pleasure, and the work exemplified to the satisfaction of the Grand Master.

The Lodge was thereupon called to refreshment.

A splendid Banquet was served in the lower Hall of the building and partaken of, by the Officers of the Grand Lodge, about 40 Brethren of Ashlar Lodge No. 3, and a number of visitors.

After refreshment, the Lodge resumed labor, and the following toasts were drunk:

“The Queen and the Craft,” by W. M. Brown.

“The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family,” by the same, (the Prince being Grand Master Mason of England.)

“The health of the M.·W.·: the Grand Master of British Columbia,” by the same.

Lieut. Col. Powell, responded and proposed “The health and prosperity of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, coupled with the names of the W. M. and Officers.”

Responses were made by the W. M. and Officers.

Vice-President Muir proposed “The health of the visiting Brethren.”

Responded to by Bro. D. W. Higgins, of Victoria Lodge No. 1.

Bro. J. W. Bevilockway proposed “The health of absent Brethren.”

Responded to by Bro. M. Bates, P. M. of Ashlar Lodge No. 3.

W. M. James Brown proposed “The health and prosperity of the M.·W.·: Grand Lodges of England and Scotland.”

Responded to by G. J. W. Eli Harrison.

The M.·W.·: the Grand Master, here stated that the Grand Lodge of England had recognized the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and had appointed a Grand Representative in the presence of R. W. J. F. McCreight, Deputy Grand Master.

The Lodge was then closed in due form, and after a few other toasts, the company separated till evening, when

— A Ball, which was graced by the families of the Brethren of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, concluded the celebration of the day.

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