PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND LODGE

OF

Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons

OF CANADA,

AT

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS,

Held at Brighton, 10th October, A. L. 5877; Yorkville, 29th March, A. L. 5878; Norwood, 17th May, A. L. 5878; Lansdowne, 13th June, A.L. 5878; Blyth, 24th June, A.L. 5878.

ALSO, AT THE

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT THE CITY OF TORONTO,

ON THE

11th and 12th Days of September, A. D. 1878, A. L. 5878.

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Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the Village of Brighton, in the County of Northumberland, on Wednesday, the 10th day of October, A.D. 1877, A.L. 5877.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro.	W. H. Weller,	Grand Master.	
R. "	E. Peplow,	as Deputy Grand Master.	
" "	James Smith,	" Grand Senior Warden.	
" "	J. B. Hall,	" " Junior Warden.	
Bro.	Rev. Amos Campbell,	" " Chaplain.	
W. Bro.	I. B. Thayer,	" " Treasurer.	
V. "	A. E. Fyfe, M.D.,	" " Registrar.	
R. "	J. J. Mason,	" Secretary.	
V. "	C. R. Ford,	" " Senior Deacon.	
"	D. McNaughton,	" " Junior Deacon.	
"	Philip Taylor,	" " Sup. of Works.	
"	I. G. Campbell,	" " Director of Cer.	
"	J. M. Wellington,	" " Asst. Sec'y.	
"	I. O. Proctor,	" " Asst. D. of C.	
"	Robt. Barker,	" " Sword Bearer.	
"	W. H. Floyd,	" " Organist.	
"	T. Crossen,	" " Asst. Organist.	
"	A. R. Macdonald, M.D.,	" Pursuivant.	
"	R. P. Hurlburt,	as " Steward.	

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Bro. James Chisholm,	as	Grand	Steward.
" Joseph Clouston,	"	"	"
" Joel Webster,	"	"	"
" W. Wagstaff,	"	"	"
" W. Gross,	"	"	"
" William Coxall,	"	"	"
" John Gilbard,	"	"	"
" J. B. Chapin,	"	"	"
" Stiles Buckley,	"	"	"
" David Bullock,	"	"	"
" J. E. Lockwood,	"	"	"

Together with a large number of Masters, Past Masters and Brethren, hailing from United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton; St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg; Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton; Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon; Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle; Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne; Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope; Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa; Excelsior Lodge, No. 353, Colborne; Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth; and others.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at 2.30 p.m.

The M.W. the Grand Master stated that he had convened this Special Communication of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Methodist Episcopal Church about to be erected in Brighton.

A procession was then formed in the proper order, and marched to the site of the new building, which is situated on Main street, and but a short distance from the business portion of the flourishing little village. While the procession was marching, a drizzling rain began to fall, and as soon as the Grand Officers had assembled around the stone, and the brethren formed in a circle outside, the rain increased until it fell in perfect torrents.

Before proceeding with the ceremony, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master delivered the following address:—

Men and brethren here assembled, be it known unto you, that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and established of old with peace and honor in most countries, to do good to our brethren and fellow men, to assist in the erection of buildings, and to fear God the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which have never been found out; but these secrets are honorable, and not repugnant to the law of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honor to the Free Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our craft were good, and our calling honorable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honored with the patronage of so many illustrious men of all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day in the face of you all to build a house which we pray God may deserve to prosper, by becoming a place of concourse for good men, and by promoting harmony and brotherly love throughout the world, till time shall be no more.

After the address, the Acting Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing.

The R. W. the Grand Secretary then read the following scroll:—

IN THE NAME AND BY FAVOR OF THE

Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth,

On the 10th day of October, 1877, A.D., and of the Masonic era, 5877,
And in the 41st year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies, Empress of India, &c.;
The Right Hon. Sir FREDERICK TEMPLE,
Earl of Dufferin, K.P., K.C.B., &c., Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada;

Hon. D. A. Macdonald, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario;
Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, being Minister of Public Works and Premier of the Dominion;
Hon. Oliver Mowat, Attorney-General and Premier of the Province of Ontario;
W. H. Weller, Grand Master G.L. of A.F. & A.M. of Canada;
Rev. Amos Campbell, Pastor;
A. Elliott, Architect;
and
George Emery, Contractor,

The Foundation Stone of this Methodist Episcopal Church,

In the Village of Brighton,
Was laid with Masonic honors by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, assisted by the
Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, and a large concourse of Brethren, which may the G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and prosper.

Under the stone with above scroll were deposited various coins of the Dominion, and a copy of each of the principal daily and local papers.

W. Bro. I. B. Thayer, on behalf of the officers and members of his Lodge, presented the Grand Master with a beautiful silver trowel, with ivory handle, which bore the following inscription, delicately traced on the blade:—

"Presented to Bro. W. H. Weller, Esq., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, by United Lodge, No. 29, on the occasion of laying the corner-stone of the M. E. Church, Brighton, October 10th, A. L. 5877."

The stone was then lowered into its place with the usual ceremonies.

On returning the plans and specifications to Bro. the Rev. A. Campbell, pastor of the Church, the Grand Master, in a few appropriate terms, expressed the gratification it gave him to be present to perform such a pleasing ceremony for another congregation over which Bro. Campbell was pastor, and referred in a happy manner to a pleasurable occasion when but two years ago, he then holding the office of D. G. M.,

performed a similar ceremony for Bro. Campbell, in the town of Belleville.

As the rain had continued falling fast and steadily, the ceremonies were brought to as speedy a termination as possible, and the brethren again formed in procession and marched back to the Lodge room.

Before closing Grand Lodge, the Grand Master expressed his gratification to the brethren present for their kindness in turning out in such large numbers to assist him in the performance of the pleasing ceremony in which they had just been engaged. It gave him pleasure also to notice the advancement of the cause all over the world. This seemed to be the era of Freemasonry. It was extending itself on every hand, and powerful as it has been in the past, more powerful would it be in the future, in disseminating its moral and enlightening influences.

Bro. the Rev. Amos Campbell, who has been so energetic in laboring for the welfare of his pastoral charge, and through whose exertions, principally, his congregation are getting such a magnificent building wherein to worship, said that it would be unbecoming in him to let the occasion pass without tendering his thanks on his own behalf, and on behalf of his congregation, for the very large attendance of his Masonic brethren, to aid in the performance of the ceremony which had just been so happily concluded. He loved the Masonic Order. It could accomplish a great deal of good in our land, and he trusted it would long live, and its work rapidly advance. His prayer was that its members not only love the Order, but as it taught us, love God, the Great Architect of the Universe, so that when our meetings and partings were ended here below, all would meet in that grand gathering above, where friendship's ties would not again be severed.

R. W. Bro. Peplow, D. D. G. M. Ontario District, intimated to the brethren present his intention of holding a

Lodge of Instruction in Cobourg, in January or February, of which timely notice would be given, and he hoped to see many of the brethren from Brighton and vicinity there.

R. W. Bro. Mason, G. S., expressed his thanks to the Lodge for their kindness and courtesy on this occasion. It was always a pleasure to him to meet with the brethren on occasions such as the present, or to engage in Masonic work of any kind, and he had always met with the utmost courtesy and kindness at the hands of the brethren wherever the duties of his office called him.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Grand Trunk and Midland Railways for carrying the brethren to Brighton at a reduced fare, and the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

ATTEST.

J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS,

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held at Yorkville, March 29th, A. D. 1878, A. L. 5878.

This meeting was called by the M. W. Grand Master, to consecrate and dedicate to Freemasonry, the new Masonic Hall, Yorkville, for Ashlar Lodge, No. 247.

The M. W. Grand Master could not be present, and deputed the R. W. D.D.G.M., F. J. Menet, to act in his place.

Grand Lodge was opened in *Form*, at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro.	F. J. Menet,	as Grand Master.
V. "	" T. F. Blackwood,	" Deputy Grand Master.
"	" J. S. Donaldson,	" Grand Senior Warden.
"	" George Massey,	" " Junior Warden.
"	" Rev. G. E. Bowers,	" " Chaplain.
V. "	" Bernard Saunders,	" " Secretary.
"	" H. E. Caston,	" " Senior Deacon.
"	" Alex. Dickson,	" " Junior Deacon.
"	" George Vair,	" " Sup't of Works
"	" C. W. Brown,	" " Dir. of Cer.
"	" J. F. Kidner,	" " Sword Bearer.

W. Bro. W. S. Robinson, W. M. of Ashlar, Lodge received the Grand Lodge, and R. W. Bro. F. J. Menet performed

the ceremonies of Consecration and Dedication, ably assisted by the brethren, and an efficient choir made the service more imposing. There was a large gathering of the Craft, who, when the ceremony was ended, adjourned to the Town Hall, to partake of the pleasure of a Conversazione. The opening was enlivened by a public reception of the Grand Lodge, and an address was presented to R. W. Bro. F. J. Menet, D. D. G. M., by V. W. Bro. Bernard Saunders, who, as Chairman of the Celebration Committee, congratulated R. W. Bro. Menet on the high position he had attained in the Craft. A very pleasant evening was spent, and Grand Lodge was closed in *Form*, at 11 o'clock, p.m.

ATTEST.

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA

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F. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the village of Norwood, in the County of Peterboro', on Friday, 17th May, A. D. 1878, A. L. 5878.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro.	E. Peplow, D.D.G.M.,	acting Grand Master.
" " "	J. B. Trayes,	as Deputy Grand Master.
" "	W. E. Roxburgh,	" Grand Senior Warden.
" "	R. P. Boucher, M.D.,	" " Junior Warden.
" "	Rev. C. W. Patterson,	" " Chaplain.
" "	W. M. Orr,	" " Treasurer.
" "	Henry Rush,	" " Registrar.
" "	J. A. Butterfield,	" " Secretary.
" "	P. P. Cope,	" " Senior Deacon.
" "	Alex. Wilson,	" " Junior Deacon.
" "	H. C. Winch,	" " Sup't of Works.
" "	Thomas Burk,	" " Dir. of Cer.
" "	John Moore,	" " Asst. Sec'y.
" "	S. H. Dewart,	" " Organist.
" "	W. H. Stephenson.	" " Asst. Organist.

W. Bro. Robert Elder,	as Grand Pursuivant.
" T. Powell,	" " Tyler.
" John Sharpe,	as Grand Stewards.
" J. C. Harrison,	
" S. P. Ford,	
" Jonathan Blacklock.	
" James Campbell,	
" J. B. Pearce,	
" Robert Steele,	
" Thomas Rooke,	
" C. H. Dorland,	
" S. J. Griffin,	
" Oswald Grieves,	
" Thomas Vintress,	

Together with a large number of Masters, Past Masters, and brethren, from Norwood, Peterboro', Port Hope, Newcastle, Lakefield, Hastings, Warkworth, and other places.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *Form*, at 12 o'clock, in the Lodge room of Norwood Lodge.

R. W. Bro. E. Peplow informed the brethren that he had been empowered by the M. W. the Grand Master, to perform the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Presbyterian Church, about to be erected in the Village of Norwood.

A procession was then formed, in accordance with the Regulations laid down in the Book of Constitution, and, headed by the Norwood Band, proceeded to the site of the Church.

On reaching the site, the Rev. Mr. Wardrope, of Guelph, gave out an appropriate Psalm, on the conclusion of which the ceremony of laying the corner-stone was proceeded with

in the usual manner, in the course of which the acting Grand Master delivered the following

ADDRESS:

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, assembled here to behold this ceremony: Know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country and professing to fear God, who is the G. A. O. T. U.; to honor the Queen; to confer benefits upon our brethren, and to practice universal benevolence towards all mankind.

We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of other men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but these secrets are lawful and honorable, and are placed in the custody of Masons, who alone have the keeping of them to the end of time.

It has been well said that "Freemasonry is an institution based on that never failing charity which upholds universal love, calms the troubled sea of our evil passions, and leaves a smooth surface in which all men who are sincere and conscientious worshippers of God, and unexceptional in moral deportment, may unite, bless each other and rejoice in practically realizing the sublime sentiment that

"God hath made mankind one mighty brotherhood,
Himself the Master, and the world His Lodge."

Its aims are not limited to one form of operation, or one mode of benevolence. Its object is at once moral and social. It proposes both to cultivate the mind, and enlarge and purify the heart."

The fact of Freemasonry having existed from time immemorial, and that at all times we have numbered among our members, not only those of high degree, but also the good and pure of all lands, prove beyond a doubt, that our institution is good and our calling honorable.

It is a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. Its study is the study of man for a blessed eternity. It furnishes examples of holy living, and displays the conduct which is pleasing and acceptable to God. The doctrine and examples which distinguish the Order are obvious and suited to every capacity, it is impossible for the most fastidious Mason to misunderstand, however he may slight or reject them. It is impossible for the most super-

ficial brother, to say he is unable to comprehend the plain precepts, and the unanswerable arguments furnished by it.

Reverend Sir,—We have assembled here at the request of your Building Committee, to lay the foundation stone of this Church according to the rites of our fraternity. May the Great Architect Himself direct aright all who are concerned in the erection of this building, and enable those who have commenced the work to carry it on to completion; and may the Word preached within these walls be instrumental in bringing many from darkness to light, and lead them to that Church above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

On the conclusion of the address, the acting Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. W. Patterson, offered up an appropriate and earnest prayer.

The acting Grand Secretary then read the inscription on the parchment placed in the cavity as follows:—

IN THE NAME AND BY THE FAVOR OF THE

Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth.

On the 17th day of May, A. D. 1878, A. L. 5878,
And in the Forty-first year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain, Ireland, and the dependencies in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Dominion of Canada, Australia, Empress of India, &c., &c.
The Right Honorable Sir Frederick Temple, Earl of Dufferin, K. P., K. C. B., &c., being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada;
The Honorable D. A. Macdonald, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario;
The Honorable Alexander Mackenzie, being Premier of the Dominion of Canada;
The Honorable Oliver Mowat, being Attorney-General of Ontario.

This Corner-Stone of the Norwood Presbyterian Church

Was laid by the R. W. Bro. E. Peplow, District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada for Ontario District, assisted by

The Grand Officers, and a large concourse of the brethren, with the accustomed ceremonies and usages of the Order,

Which may T. G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and bless.

Documents, &c., placed in cavity of Corner-Stone:—Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada for the year 1877; copy of Presbyterian *Year Book;* the *Canada Presbyterian;* the *Presbyterian Record;* the *Weekly Globe;* the *Daily Mail;* the *Norwood Register;* the *Peterboro' Examiner;* the *Peterboro' Review;* the *Peterboro' Times;* the *Lakefield News;* the *Canadian Almanac;* and the following

COINS:—Canadian 50c., 25c., 10c., 5c., and 1c.; 3 and 1 cent postage stamps; 1, 2, and 3 cent bill stamps; 2c. registration stamp.

Appended to the scroll is also a brief record of the following items, viz:—

(1.) Sketch of the origin and history of the Norwood Presbyterian Congregation, with special tribute to the memory of the late Rev. J. M. Rogers, for his continued, gratuitous and self-denying labors in connection therewith.

(2.) Statistical Report of the Congregation for the past year.

(3.) Statistical Report of the Sabbath School.

(4.) Office bearers of the Congregation—Session—Managing Committee; Trustees of the Church, and Manse property; Building Committee; Sabbath School Teachers; members of Church Choir; Missionary Society.

(5.) Officers of the Norwood Presbyterian Temperance Society, and membership.

(6.) Architects of the Building, Contractors of the Building, and cost of the Building.

(7.) Sketch of newly incorporated Village of Norwood, its population, assessed value, and Municipal Officers.

(8.) High and Public School Trustees, Teachers, and statistics of attendance, &c.

(9.) Officers, &c., of the Norwood Masonic Lodge.

(10.) Municipal Officers of the Township of Asphodel; its assessed value, &c.

(11.) Warden of the County.

(12.) Members of the House of Commons, and Legislative Assembly, for East Peterboro'.

After which the Rev. Mr. Fotheringham presented the acting Grand Master with a handsome silver trowel, bearing

a suitable inscription, which R. W. Bro. Peplow acknowledged in appropriate terms.

The cement was spread and the stone lowered and examined in the usual manner, after which a short address, descriptive of the ceremony and its lessons, was delivered by R. W. Bro. J. B. Trayes, P. D. D. G. M., editor of the *Craftsman*.

The acting Grand Master then handed the implements and plans to the Architect, and addressing the Pastor, said: —Rev. Sir,—Having completed our work according to the ancient usages of Freemasonry, we offer you our congratulations, and transfer the building to you for completion, having no donbt that it will be carried on by God's Will to a happy ending.

The procession re-formed, and returned to the Hall, Grand Lodge being closed in *Form* at 8 p.m. The brethren then adjourned to the Drill Shed, where dinner had been provided for them by the ladies of the Church.

ATTEST.

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the Village of Lansdowne, in the County of Leeds, on Thursday, the 18th day of June, A.D. 1878, A.L. 5878.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, Q.C., D.G.M., as Grand Master.
" " " R. Hendry, Jr., D.D.G.M., as Deputy Gr. Master.
" " " Geo. M. Wilkinson, P.D.D.G.M., as Gr. Sen. W.
" " Robert B. Aylesworth, as Grand Junior Warden.
" Ven. Archd'con Parnell " " Chaplain.
" Alexander Adams, " " Treasurer.
" " James Shannon, " " Secretary.
" " Rev. John Gallaher, " " Senior Deacon.
" " Wm. B. Carroll, " " Junior Deacon.
" " Wm. A. Gunn, " " Sup't of Works.
V. " " John Ormiston, " " Dir. of Cer.
" J. A. Bradley, " " Asst. Dir. of C.
" Thomas C. Starke, " " Sword Bearer.
" Henry Nuttall, " " Organist.

W. Bro. A. Stewart, as Grand Pursuivant.
" H. Ferris, " " Stand'd Bearer.
" Dr. Preston,
" Thomas Seale,
" T. B. Richardson,
" Edwin Rose,
" Edgar Langdon,
" John Wilmott, } as Grand Stewards.
" H. Taylor,
" A. M. Purvis,
" Turner Coyle,
" W. H. Wellbanks,
" " Reuben Field, appointed to carry Corn.
" " James Hayward, appointed to carry Wine.
" " A. L. Riddle, appointed to carry Oil.
" " J. T. White, as Grand Tyler.

Together with the Masters and Past Masters hailing from the following Lodges: Ancient St. John's, No. 3, Kingston; Sussex, No. 5., Brockville; Cartaraqui, No. 92, Kingston; Leeds, No. 201, Gananoque; Macoy, No. 242, Escott; Minden, No. 253, Kingston; St. John's, No. 340, Pittsburg; Earl of Zetland, No. 1,364, G. R. E., and others.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form at half past 11 a.m., by the R. W. Bro. James A. Henderson, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master, who stated that he had been authorized by the M. W. the Grand Master, to perform the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Church of St. John the Evangelist (Church of England), in the Village of Lansdowne.

A procession was formed in accordance with the regulations as laid down in the Book of Constitution, and proceeded to the site of the Church, when a halt was made, and the ranks opened out and faced inwards when the acting Grand Master, supported by the Grand Officers, passed to the corner of the building, where a platform had been erected

for the Grand Officers. The opening ceremony commenced with the singing of the hymn, "The Church's one Foundation." Brother the Venerable Archdeacon Parnell, the acting Grand Chaplain, offered up the followng prayer:—

Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all worlds, deign from Thy Celestial Temple from realms of light and glory to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this and all times wisdom in our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O Thou Author of life and light, great source of love and happines, to erect this Church set apart for Thy glory and honor, so that perishing souls may be won from the evils of this world.

The acting Grand Secretary then read the following scroll:—

This Corner - Stone

Was laid by JAS. A. HENDERSON, Q.C., D.C.L., Deputy Grand Master, Acting for the Most Worshipful
W. H. WELLER, Grand Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, upon the 13th day of June, A.D. 1878,
In the 42nd year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty

Victoria,

Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the dependencies in Europe, Africa, the Dominion of Canada and Australia, &c., &c., and Empress of India;
The Right Honorable Sir FREDERICK TEMPLE,
The Earl of Dufferin, K.P., K.C.B., being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada;
The Honorable DONALD A. MACDONALD, being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario;
The Right Reverend JOHN TRAVERS LEWIS, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Ontario;
The Ven. THOMAS ALEX. PARNELL, D.C.L., Archdeacon of Kingston;
The Ven. JOHN STRUTT LAUDER, D.C.L., Archdeacon of Ottawa;
The Rev. R. L. M. HOUSTON, B.A., Incumbent;

GEORGE FRANCIS DEAN and BENJAMIN YOUNG, Church Wardens;
SAMUEL J. JOHNSON, Delegate to the Synod;
The Rev. R. L. M. HOUSTON, Chairman of the Building Committee;
Robert B. Aylesworth, M.D., Thomas Gilbert, Samuel J. Johnson, Henry Johnson, and Henry Young, Building Committee; Geo. Monteith, Mason; Young Bros., Builders.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

The following papers and coins are deposited in the stone:—*Toronto Globe*, *Toronto Mail*, *Kingston News*, *Gananoque Reporter*, *Dominion Churchman*, and *Church Work*; and current silver coins of the Dominion, the current copper coins of Great Britain, and a Danish copper coin 107 years old.

The Rev. R. L. M. Houston, the Incumbent, then addressed the acting Grand Master as follows:—

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR,—I have been deputed by the Building Committee of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, to present you with this trowel as a slight testimonial of our esteem for you personally, and in commemoration of the important work to which you have kindly lent your aid to-day.

In receiving the trowel, R. W. Bro. Henderson said he received the gift with pleasure and should retain it as a pleasing memento of the work so happily begun. The necessary mortar being laid, the Acting Grand Master spread it with the silver trowel and said:—

I spread this cement as an emblem of that cement of peace and good will which I trust will ever prevail in the sacred edifice to be erected, and may its heaven pointed-spire remind the congregation, under God's blessing, of those mansions of bliss from whence all goodness emanates.

The upper stone being properly placed after being lowered by three halts, the acting Grand Junior and Senior Wardens and the acting Deputy Grand Master handed to R. W. Bro. Henderson the plumb rule, level, and square respectively,

which he applied to the stone, and, finding it properly laid, struck the stone three times with the gavel and said:—

"Well made, truly laid, true and trusty, may this undertaking be conducted and completed, according to the Grand Plan, in Peace, Harmony, and Brotherly Love."

Response—"So mote it be."

As they were handed to him he poured out the customary libations, saying:—

"I strew corn upon the stone as an emblem of plenty; I pour wine on it as an emblem of cheerfulness; and I anoint it with oil as an emblem of comfort and consolation. May corn, wine, and oil, and all the necessaries of life abound among men, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this edifice and all connected with it."

Response—"So mote it be."

The plans having been handed to the Acting Grand Master, he presented them to the Architect, saying:—

"The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present to you the implements applied to it, also the plans, in full confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman you will use them in such a manner that the building may rise in order, and harmony, being perfected in beauty and strength."

He also addressed the Rev. Incumbent as follows:—

"Having completed our work according to ancient usage, I now wish that every success may attend your and the congregation's endeavors, that as the work has been happily begun it will, with God's blessing, be carried to a happy ending. May I remark that when on the chancel arch you will emblazon that prophetic sentence, "Glory to God in

the Highest and on earth peace good will towards men," you will remember that within our Mystic Halls we have inscribed in letters of gold on the cope stone of the arch and on the pillars these words of far greater antiquity, "Holiness to the Lord, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," and thus your parishioners and our brethren are alike reminded of their duty to God and man.

The Grand Honors having been given, the Acting Grand Master re-ascended the platform and spoke as follows:—

By invitation duly given we assembled here to lay the corner stone of an edifice to be erected to the glory of God. The corner stone has been laid by us according to the usages of our time-honored Order, and with the ceremonies peculiar to the Craft. These ceremonies have not only a beautiful significance to the brethren, but even to the intelligent they shadow forth a meaning which must be considered appropriate to the occasion, and certainly to the diligent reader of the volume of the Sacred Law, they must remind him that they are not of man's imagining. I see around me many intelligent brethren, but it is not to them that I feel called on to expatiate on the grand principles on which Freemasonry is founded; but as it has been wisely laid down in our constitution that on occasions like the present those assembled who are not Freemasons should be addressed, I take this opportunity to say a few words to those who have honored us by their presence, respecting the origin and tenets of our Order, and I do this certainly not by way of apology or in justification of our proceedings, but rather to show that our duties and professions are not inconsistent with those the Bible inculcates. The Order has existed from time immemorial, but it was organized nearly three thousand years ago by King Solomon and Hiram, King of Tyre, assisted by that "cunning man endued with understanding," Hiram Abiff. After the completion of the Temple many of those who had been employed in the erection and adorn-

ment of that glorious edifice, formed themselves into small communities, and being dispersed over the then known world, still pursued the science of architecture and guided the erection of many temples for the service of the Most High, which in grandeur, beauty, and harmony of design have never been surpassed—living and laboring together with one common object in view, the members of each company became to a certain degree bound to each other by the ties of brotherly feeling, dwelling together in love and harmony, and ever ready to soothe and relieve the necessities and afflictions of each other. It is natural to suppose that laboring for years, as so many of them did, on works dedicated to the worship of God, their hearts were filled with reverence for the Almighty Creator and obedience to His divine commands. The constant practice of the arts and sciences would tend to refine their minds and manners, until by their good conduct, their brotherly love to each other, and their general benevolence, they had gained the respect and esteem of others. In the course of time many good and influential men, though not operative Masons, were anxious to become members of the fraternity, and being admitted became in more modern times what we now profess to be, "Free and Accepted Masons." Although no longer operative, we profess the same tenets and maintain the same principles as our ancient brethren. Our duties as Masons are reverence and obedience to the Most High, brotherly love, charity and truth to our fellow men. On these grand principles has our Order been reared up and limited to no sect, rank or nationality. Masonry, from its inherent goodness, has become diffused over the world, and endeavors, as far as human aid can effect, to promote peace in raising the structure of moral duties, in promoting good feeling toward man, in inculcating courtesy to all, in refraining from allowing difference of opinion to disturb good feeling, in softening the roughness of temper, and in flinging a certain ray of sunset over the evening of life, when clouds gather around and storms

threaten to ruffle it. We wish it to be understood that we do not, as Masons, arrogate to ourselves the character of being better than other men. There are thousands who have not joined our fraternity who are as good and true as any of us can be, but we believe that the true practice of Masonry has a natural tendency to refine and improve the hearts of all who truly follow its precepts. That it awakens in our minds feelings of brotherly love and universal benevolence, thereby enabling us to become better members of society than we were before. The Bible, ever open in our Lodge, teaches us the duty we owe to God and likewise to our fellow men; it inspires us with awe and reference to the Great Architect of the Universe; it orders us to practice truth, justice and charity to our fellow men. But we do not attempt to usurp the position of those who minister in holy things or set ourselves above them, but rather seek to follow the guidance of our spiritual pastors and teachers, content that Freemasonry shall be recognized as the handmaid to religion. Let a man's religion be what it will, we do not exclude him from the benefits and advantages of our Order, provided he believes in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth, and practices the sacred duties of morality. Many thinking and serious persons object to Freemasonry on account of a few of the brethren not acting up to their professions, but these should remember that the abuse of a thing is no valid objection to its inherent goodness. How many call themselves Christians who are a disgrace, yet ultimately hurt not the Gospel but themselves. A Judas existed among the holy Apostles of Christ. We have no fear for the existence of our Order: it shall endure as it has endured; it has stood as it shall stand, on its own merits; it has resisted the sword of the Barbarian and Bigot, the persecution of the powerful; it has been enabled to withstand all assaults made on it by virulent and implacable enemies—our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity founded on strength and stability is—

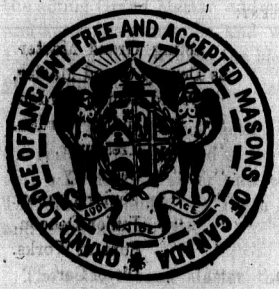
"As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
Swells from the vale and midway meets the storm,
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

Men, women and children here assembled, floating over our heads is the meteor flag of England. As subjects of our beloved Queen, I call on you to give three cheers for our Sovereign, a monarch whose benign sway has never been equalled.

In response to this call, three hearty cheers were given for the Queen. Three cheers were called and given for R. W. Bro. Henderson, the Acting Grand Master.

The brethren repaired by invitation to an adjoining grove, where a most liberal supply of refreshments were provided by the ladies of the congregation. Appropriate addresses were given by R. W. Bro. Henderson, Bro. Archdeacon Parnell, Rev. Canon Mulock, Rev. E. P. Crawford, and others. Subsequently the procession was re-formed, and the Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

ATTEST.



Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held at the Village of Blyth, in the County of Huron, on Monday, the 24th day of June, A.D. 1878, A. L. 5878.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro.	Jas. H. Benson,	acting Grand Master.
W. "	W. W. Wilson,	as Deputy Grand Master.
" "	John Warden,	" Grand Senior Warden.
" "	R. L. Hunter,	" " Junior Warden.
" "	Thomas Bell,	" " Treasurer.
" "	John Varcoe,	" " Secretary.
" "	G. K. McLeod,	" " Senior Deacon.
" "	John Mathieson,	" " Junior Deacon.
" "	Wm. Matheson,	" " Supt. of Works.
" "	Charles Hamilton,	" " Dir. of Cer.
" "	Dr. Sayton,	" " Pursuivant.
" "	Wm. Elwood,	as Grand Stewards.
" "	Wm. J. Harris,	
" "	A. McDonald,	
"	Lewis Kinn,	as Grand Tyler.

And a large number of Masters, Past Masters and brethren, hailing from Blyth Lodge, No. 303; Morning Star, No. 309;

Old Light, No. 184; Clinton, No. 84; Exeter, No. 183; Wingham, No. 286; St. John's, No. 284, Britannia, No. 170, and others.

Grand Lodge having been opened in *Form* at 1 o'clock, p. m., R. W. Bro. J. H. Benson stated that he had been empowered by the M. W. the Grand Master to perform the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of Trinity Church (Episcopal), about to be erected at Blyth.

A procession was then formed under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site of the proposed church, preceded by the Wingham Brass Band. A large concourse of people (over 2,000) were gathered to witness the ceremony.

The brethren having assembled, and taken their positions, the acting Grand Master addressed the assembly in a brief and appropriate manner, and was followed by the Rev. A. Henderson, who invoked the blessing of the G. A. O. T. U. on the undertaking.

V. W. Bro. J. Varcoe, acting Grand Secretary, then read the scroll to be deposited in the cavity of the stone, together with a number of silver and copper coins; a copy of the Toronto *Mail* and *Globe*, Blyth *Review*, *Dominion Churchman*, and London *Advertiser*.

The acting Grand Master then proceeded to spread the mortar on which to lay the stone, and it was lowered with the usual ceremonies.

The brethren then returned to the Lodge room, and Grand Lodge was closed in *Form*, after which the brethren proceeded to the pic-nic grounds, where the brethren and ladies of Blyth had prepared an excellent repast, after which a number of addresses were delivered by the Rev. A. Henderson,

Bro. the Rev. W. Ryans, Bro. the Rev. J. Robinson, Bro. W. Collis, and others.

ATTEST.

J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At the Twenty-Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in Shaftesbury Hall, in the City of Toronto, commencing on Wednesday, the 11th day of September, A. D. 1878, A. L. 5878.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, Grand Master.

On the Throne.

R. W. Bro.	J. A. Henderson, Q. C.,		Deputy Grand Master.
" " "	G. J. Waugh,		Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	Gavin Stewart,		" Junior Warden.
" " "	Rev. J. G. Robb, D.D.,		" Chaplain.
" " "	Edward Mitchell,		" Treasurer.
" " "	C. H. Slawson,		" Registrar.
" " "	J. J. Mason,		" Secretary.
V. " "	James Wilson,		" Senior Deacon.
" "	William Gibson,	as	" Junior Deacon.
V. " "	T. H. Tracy,		" Sup't of Works.
" "	William Lawson,	as	" Dir. of Cer.
V. " "	J. H. Tilden,	Asst.	" Secretary.
" " "	R. Struthers,	Asst.	" Dir. of Cer.
" " "	T. H. Thornton,		" Sword Bearer.

V. W. Bro. J. F. Kennedy, Asst. Grand Organist.
" " " G. R. Vanzant, as " Pursuivant.
" John Linton, " Tyler.
" " " C. L. Beard,
" " " F. W. H. C. Jarvis,
" " " C. Pettiford,
" " " John Erskine,
" " " Alexander Williams, } Grand Stewards.
" " " D. McNaughton,
" " " A. K. Aylsworth,
" " " W. L. P. Eager, as

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. G. W. Holwell, St. Clair District.
" " " J. M. Banghart, London "
" " " C. Bennett, Wilson "
" " " John Cavers, Wollington "
" " " Hugh Murray, Hamilton "
" " " John Dale, Niagara "
" " " F. J. Menet, Toronto "
" " " E. Peplow, Ontario "
" " " James Smith, P. Edward "
" " " William Kerr, Ottawa "

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, Representative of the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire and Prince Edward Island.

M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Nova Scotia, Pennsylvania, Quebec and Vermont.

M. W. Bro. James Seymour, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey, Texas and Utah.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York.

R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

R. W. Bro. Hugh A. Mackay, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Michigan.

R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Alabama and Tennessee.

R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, Representative of the Grand Lodge of California.

R. W. Bro. F. J. Menet, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Trayes, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Florida, Iowa and Kansas.

R. W. Bro. David McLellan, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Georgia and Illinois.

R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the Grand Orient of Uruguay.

R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

R. W. Bro. Chauncy Bennett, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

R. W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory.

V. W. Bro. F. B. Despard, Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

V. W. Bro. William Brydon, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, P.G.M.
" " James Seymour, "
" " J. K. Kerr, "
R. W. " Richard Bull, P.D.D.G.M.
" " D. B. Burch, "
" " J. H. Benson, "
" " S. B. Harman, "
" " Otto Klotz, "
" " C. D. Macdonnell, "
" " T. C. Macnabb, "
" " James Moffat, "
" " John McLaren, "
" " J. W. Pickup, "
" " Donald Ross, "
" " E. H. Smith, "
" " Daniel Spry, "
" " Kivas Tully, "
" " J. B. Trayes, "
" " James Bain, P.G.S.W.
" " Allan McLean, "

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, P.G.S.W.
" " E. Allworth, P.G.J.W.
" " A. J. Cambie, "
" " Fred Mudge, "
" " Rev. E. Lounsbury, P.G. Chaplain.
" " David McLellan, P. G. Registrar.
" " John Nettleton, "
" " J. G. Burns, "
" " J. B. Bickell, "
" " H. A. Mackay, "
V. W. " John Boyd, P.G.S.D.
" " G. H. F. Dartnell, "
" " James Speight, "
" " J. B. Nixon, P.G.J.D.
" " Wm. Reid, P.G.S. of W.
" " N. G. Bigelow, P.G.D. of C.
" " W. J. Hambly, "
" " F. R. Despard, P. Asst. G. Sec'y.
" " C. R. Smith, " "
" " William Brydon, P.G.S.B.
" " J. M. Clement, "
" " Wm. Forbes, "
" " B. Saunders, "
" " J. M. Rogerson, P. Asst. G.O.
" " N. L. Steiner, " "
" " G. E. Vanzant, P.G.P.
" " T. B. Bain, P.G. Steward.
" " Wm. Carey, "
" " Josiah Corlis, "
" " W. L. P. Eager, "
" " John Fisher, "
" " Geo. Hodgetts, "
" " J. A. Hoshal, "
" " W. C. Morrison, "
" " Robt. McIntosh, "
" " John Patterson, "

V. W. Bro. T. Sargant, P.G. Steward.
" " George Risk, "

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R. W. Bro.	E. Allworth.	V. W. Bro.	A. K. Aylsworth.
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" " "	James Bain.	" " "	Wm. Brydon.
" " "	J. R. Bickell.	" " "	C. L. Beard.
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" " "	J. G. Burns.	" "	S. J. J. Brown.
" " "	C. Bennett.	" "	Peter Begg.
" " "	J. H. Benson.	" "	W. T. Brown.
" "	Ichabod Baker.	" "	Stephen Brown.
" "	Benjamin Bell.	" "	C. Burrell.
" "	C. Benedict.	" " "	J. M. Clement.
" " "	John Cavers.	" " "	W. Carey.
" " "	A. J. Cambie.	" " "	Josiah Corlis.
" "	M. Crombie.	" "	J. P. Campbell.
" "	Albert Chard.	" "	John W. Coy.
" "	Henry Couzens.	" "	John Chapman.
" "	John Cascaden.	" "	William Cowan.
" " "	John Dale.	" " "	F. R. Despard.
" "	Rev. H. W. Davies.	" " "	G. H. Dartnell.
" "	Geo. Darby.	" " "	P. Doherty.
" "	Francis Dalby.	" "	George Duncan.
" "	J. S. Donaldson.	" " "	John Erskine.
" "	G. C. Eden.	" " "	W. L. P. Eager.
" "	Robert Elder.	" " "	William Forbes.
" "	C. R. Ford.	" " "	John Fisher.
" "	D. Fink.	" "	Wm. Gibson.
" "	R. L. Gunn.	" "	George Gott.
" "	Alex. Gray.	" "	Rev. J. Gallaher.
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W. Bro. W. R. Harris.
" " John Henery.
" " R. J. Hovenden.
" " William Hill.
" " Isaac Huber.
" " John Inglis.
M. " " J. K. Kerr.
R. " " Wm. Kerr.
" " " Otto Klotz.
" " " Rev. E. Lounsbury.
" " James Lockie.
" " L. Leitch.
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" " " J. J. Mason.
" " " Fred. Mudge.
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" " " David McLellan,
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" " Jas. McLauchlan,
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" " Geo. McFarland,
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" " Geo. Massey.
" " Wm. Milner.
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" " Jas. E. Maynard.
" " W. Matheson.
" " Jas. Martin, Jr.
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" " James Norris.
" " John Orr.
" " " John Paterson.
" " G. C. Patterson.
" " G. H. Pope.

W. Bro. E. A. Pease,
" " " Donald Ross,
" " " Revd J. G. Robb.
" " " Wm. Robinson.
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" " " Daniel Rose.
" " " J. G. Robinson.
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" " " Jas. Sykes.
" " " John Senn.
" " " J. D. Stevenson.
" " " T. H. Thornton.
" " " J. H. Tilden.
" " " T. H. Tracy.
" " " Philip Taylor.
" " " J. W. Upper.
M. " " W. H. Weller.
V. " " Jas. Wilson.
" " " W. C. Wilkinson.
" " " J. R. Warnock.
" " " J. W. Wallace.
" " " Jas. Widger.
" " " A. Williams.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the R. W. the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon all the Proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons was opened in Ample Form, at 12.30 p.m.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, appointed R.W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, V.W. Bro. B. Saunders, and W. Bro. John Walsh, a Committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, who reported the following as being present, namely:—

No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara.*

W. Bro. S. J. J. Brown, P.M., Proxy; V.W. Bro. J. M. Clement, P.M.

No. 3. *The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.*

W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, W.M.; Bros. H. Nuttall, S.W.; G. Durnford, J.W.; R.W. Bros. Jas. A. Henderson, P.M.; C. D. Macdonnell, P.M.; E. H. Smith, P.M.; W. Bro. Jas. Wilson, P.M.

No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville.*

W. Bro. A. L. Riddel, W.M.

No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton.*

W. Bro. A. Macallum, W.M.; Bro. Geo. Bothill, J.W.; R. W. Bros. Gavin Stewart, P.M.; T. C. Macnabb, P.M., R. Bull, P.M.; H. A. Mackay, P.M.; W. Bros. J. F. McClure, P.M.; Wm. Gibson, P.M.

No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby.*

W. Bro. E. E. Looseley, W. M.; V. W. Bro. William Forbes, P.M.

No. 9. *Union Lodge, Napanee.*

W. Bro. Wm. Robinson, W.M.

No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe.*

Bro. C. F. Counter, S.W.

No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines.*

W. Bro. Alex. McLaren, W.M.

No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.*

W. Bro. Jas. S. Lovell, W.M.; Bros. Geo. Tait, S.W.; Frank Watt, J.W.; M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, P.M.; R.W. Bros. James Bain, P.M.; S. B. Harman, P.M.; V.W. Bros. John Paterson, P.M.; Geo. Hodgetts, P.M.; N. G. Bigelow, P.M.; W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson, P.M.; Daniel Rose, P.M.

No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg.*

M.W. Bro. W. H. Weller, P.M.

No. 18. *Prince Edward Lodge, Picton.*

W. Bro. William Lawson, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, P.M.

No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London.*

W. Bro. Henry Dreaney, W.M.; R. W. Bro. James Moffat, P.M.

No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto.*

W. Bro. D. McDonald, W.M.; Bros. H. Bickford, S.W.; John McKee, J.W.; R.W. Bros. Daniel Spry, P.M.; David McLellan, P.M.; Kivas Tully, P. M.; V. W. Bro. W. J. Hambly, P.M.; W. Bros. James Norris, P.M.; W. H. Walkem, P.M.

No. 23. *Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill.*

W. Bro. Isaac Crosby, W.M.; Bro. R. E. Law, S.W.; W. Bros. James Reynolds, P.M.; James McConnell, P.M.; M. McNair, P.M.

No. 24. *St. Francis Lodge, Smith's Falls.*

W. Bro. J. F. Kennedy, Proxy.

No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto.*

W. Bro. A. J. Robertson, W.M.; Bro. C. W. Brown, S.W.; M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, P.M.; W. Bros. Rev. H. W. Davies, P.M.; George Darby, P.M.; W. R. Harris, P.M.; J. G. Robinson, P.M.; M. Crombie, P.M.

No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope.*

W. Bro. J. Hoffman, W.M.; R.W. Bros. J. B. Trayes, P.M.; E. Peplow, P.M.

No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton.*

Bro. S. E. Townsend, J.W.; R.W. Bros. J. J. Mason, P.M.; David McLellan, P.M.; V.W. Bros. F. R. Despard, P.M.; W. Carey, P.M.; J. M. Rogerson, P.M.; W. Bros. John Henery, P.M.; R. L. Gunn, P.M.

No. 28. *Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptville.*

Bro. W. H. Bottum, S.W.

No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton.*

W. Bros. J. O. Proctor, W.M.; Peter Begg, P.M.

No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby.*

W. Bro. Charles King, W.M.; V.W. Bro. G. H. Dartnell, P.M.

No. 33. *Goderich Lodge, Goderich.*

W. Bro. Henry Cooke, W.M.

No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburg.*

W. Bro. George Gott, P.M. Proxy.

No. 35. *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga.*

V.W. Bro. J. A. Hoshal, W.M.

No. 36. *Welland Lodge, Fonthill.*

Bro. E. Morris, J.W.

No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll.*

R.W. Bro. C. H. Slawson, W.M.

No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin.*

R.W. Bro. J. B. Bickell, W.M.; W. Bro. J. Campbell, P.M.

No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton.*

W. Bro. John Malloy, W.M.; Bros. Albert Pain, S.W.; W. G. Reid, J.W.; V.W. Bro. C. R. Smith, P.M.

No. 41. *St. George's Lodge, Kingsville.*

R.W. Bro. E. Allworth, W.M.

No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London.*

W. Bro. O. S. Murray, W.M.; Bro. J. C. Bennett, S.W.

No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock.*

W. Bro. G. C. Eden, P.M., Proxy.

No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas.*

W. Bro. Robert McKay, W.M.

No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford.*

Bro. J. W. Craig, J.W.; R.W. Bro. F. Mudge, P.M.

No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham.*

W. Bro. James Dalgarno, W.M.

No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor.*

W. Bro. C. Scadding, W.M.

No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon.*

V.W. Bro. T. H. Thornton, P.M.

No. 52. *Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa.*

W. Bro. John Orr, P.M., Proxy.

No. 54 *Vaughan Lodge, Maple.*

W. Bro. G. W. Morrison, Proxy.

No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia.*

W. Bro. E. A. Vidal, W.M.

No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa.*

R.W. Bro. Wm. Kerr, P.M., Proxy.

No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton.*

R.W. Bros. H. Murray, P.M., Proxy; E. Mitchell, P.M.; V.W. Bros. J. H. Tilden, P.M.; Wm. Reid, P.M.; W. Bro. J. Widger, P.M.

No. 63. *St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place.*

W. Bro. C. G. Stackhouse, W.M.

No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London.*

W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, W.M.; Bro. W. J. Smythe, J.W.; V.W. Bro. W. Carey, P.M.

No. 65. *Rehoboam Lodge, Toronto.*

R.W. Bro. Daniel Spry, W.M.; R.W. Bro. Rev. J. G. Robb, P.M.; V.W. Bros. J. B. Nixon, P.M.; Wm. Brydon, P.M.; W. Bro. G. C. Patterson, P.M.

No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle.*

V.W. Bro. D. McNaughton, W.M.

No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll,*

W. Bro. M. Day, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, P.M.; W. Bro. J. R. Warnock, P.M.

No. 69. *Stirling Lodge, Stirling.*

W. Bros. A. Chard, W.M.; Wm. Yonker, P.M.

No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt.*

R.W. Bro. John Cavers, P.M., Proxy.

No. 74. *St. James Lodge, St. Marys.*

W. Bro. Robert Begg, W.M.

No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto.*

W. Bro. Geo. Massey, W.M.; Bros. U. Boddy, S. W.; Wm. Simpson, J.W.; R.W. Bro. F. J. Menet, P.M.; V. W. Bros. J. Erskine, P.M.; B. Saunders, P.M.; N. L. Steiner, P.M.; W. Bro. R. J. Hovenden, P.M.

No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock.*

V.W. Bro. C. L. Beard, P.M.

No. 77. *Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay.*

W. Bro. Geo. Ingle, W.M.; Bro. J. D. Graham, J.W.

No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge Tilsonburg.*

V.W. Bro. T. B. Bain, P.M., Proxy.

No. 79. *Simcoe Lodge, Bradford.*

W. Bro. J. R. Stevenson, W.M.

No. 81. *St. John's Lodge, Mount Brydges.*

W. Bro. Benj. Paine, W.M.

No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris.*

W. Bro. John Irwin, W.M.

No. 83. *Beaver Lodge, Strathroy.*

W. Bros. W. Oldham, W.M.; Wm. Milner, P.M.

No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto.*

R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, P.M.; W. Bro. Alex. Patterson, P.M.

No. 87. *Markham Union Lodge, Markham.*

V.W. Bro. James Speight, W.M.; Bro. George Rankin, S.W.

No. 88. *St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound.*

W. Bro. Jas. McLaughlan, W.M.; R.W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, P.M.

No. 90. *Manitou Lodge, Collingwood.*

W. Bro. P. Doherty, W. M.; R. W. Bro. John Nettleton, P.M.

No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne.*

W. Bros. C. R. Ford, W.M.; J. D. Henderson, P.M.

No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston.*

W. Bro. F. Rowland, W.M.

No. 93. *Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine.*

W. Bro. David Small, W. M.; Bro. W. H. Carpenter, S.W

No. 94. *St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley.*

R. W. Bro. Jas. Moffat, Proxy.

No. 96. *Corinthian Lodge, Barrie.*

W. Bro. C. H. Bosanko, W.M.

No. 98. *True Blue Lodge, Albion.*

W. Bros. J. D. Stevenson, W.M.; G. Watson, P.M.

No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket.*

W. Bro. James Sykes, P.M.

No. 100. *Valley Lodge, Dundas.*

Bro. Joseph Risch, S.W.

No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterborough.*

W. Bro. Robert Elder, Proxy.

No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines.*

W. Bro. John W. Coy, W.M.; V.W. Bro. R. Struthers, P.M.
W. Bro. W. L. Hamilton, P.M.

No. 104. *St. John's Lodge, Norwichville.*

W. Bro. H. Cousens, W.M.

No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville.*

W. Bro. C. J. McKenzie, W.M.

No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford.*

W. Bro. George Polley, W.M.; Bro. A. J. Catton, S.W.

No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth.*

W. Bro. George Norton, P.M., Proxy; R.W. Bros. J. M. Banghart, P.M.; D. B. Burch, P.M.; V.W. Bro. F. W. H. C. Jarvis, P.M.

No. 109. *Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith.*

W. Bro. F. Rowland, Proxy.

No. 112. *Maitland Lodge, Goderich.*

Bro. R. Radcliffe, S.W.

No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford.*

W. Bro. A. McMichael, P.M., Proxy.

No. 114. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope.*

W. Bro. Rev. C. W. Paterson, W.M.

No. 115. *Ivy Lodge, Beamsville.*

W. Bro. James Allen, W.M.

No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Thedford.*

W. Bro. George Watts, W. M.; R. W. Bro. G. W. Holwell, P.M.; V.W. Bro. James Wilson, P.M.

No. 119. *Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath.*

Bro. Henry F. Forward, J.W.

No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford.*

Bro. R. Ashton, S.W.; W. Bro. W. H. Masterson, P.M.

No. 123. *The Belleville Lodge, Belleville.*

W. Bro. George H. Pope, W.M.; R.W. Bro. James Smith, P.M.

No. 125. *Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall.*

W. Bro. Wm. Hill, W.M.

No. 127. *Franck Lodge, Frankford.*

W. Bro. John Chapman, P.M.

No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora.*

W. Bros. G. W. Morrison, W.M.; E. Pease, P.M.

No. 135. *St. Clair Lodge, Milton.*

V.W. Bro. W. L. P. Eager, P.M., Proxy.

No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stouffville.*

V.W. Bro. G. R. Vanzant, P.M.

No. 137. *Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford.*

W. Bro. Thomas McCarroll, W.M., V.W. Bro. Robert McIntosh, P.M.

No. 139. *Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa.*

W. Bro. G. W. Kellond, P.M., Proxy; V.W. Bro. John Boyd, P.M.; W. Bro. W. T. Brown, P.M.

No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell.*

W. Bro. John P. Langlais, W.M.

No. 143. *Friendly Brothers Lodge, Iroquois.*

W. Bro. D. Fink, W.M.

No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford.*

W. Bro. A. McLenhan, W.M.; R.W. Bro. G. J. Waugh, P.M.

No. 145. *J. B. Hall Lodge, Millbrook.*

W. Bro. J. W. Wallace, P.M.

No. 146. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburgh.*

V.W. Bro. A. K. Aylesworth, W.M.

No. 147. *Mississippi Lodge, Almonte.*

R.W. Bro. Wm. Kerr, Proxy.

No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa.*

W. Bro. W. G. Blyth, W.M.; M.W. Bro. T. D. Harington, P.M.; R.W. Bro. A. J. Cambie, P.M.; W. Bro. John Walsh, P.M.

No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover.*

W. Bro. A. F. Turnbull, W.M.; Bros. H. W. Ansley, S.W.; Benj. Williams, J.W.

No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin.*

W. Bro. James Lockie, W.M.

No. 154. *Irving Lodge, Lucan.*

W. Bro. W. Ellwood, W.M.

No. 155. *Peterborough Lodge, Peterborough.*

Bro. Wm. Toole, J.W.; W. Bro. Robt. Elder, P.M.

No. 156. *York Lodge, Eglinton.*

W. Bro. D. C. Westerhouse, W.M.; Bros. Benj. Pewtress, S.W.; W. D. Norris, J.W.; V.W. Bro. John Fisher, P.M.

No. 159. *Goodwood Lodge, Richmond.*

W. Bro. John Satchell, W.M.

No. 162. *Forest Lodge, Wroxeter.*

W. Bro. George Gibson, W.M.

No. 166. *Wentworth Lodge, Stoney Creek.*

W. Bro. Joseph Widger, W.M.; R.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P.M.; W. Bro. Geo. Slingerland, P.M.

No. 169. *Macnab Lodge, Port Colborne.*

W. Bro. J. A. Griffith, W.M.

No. 170. *Britannia Lodge, Seaforth.*

R.W. Bro. J. H. Benson, P.M., Proxy.

No. 171. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Iona.*

W. Bros. D. Sinclair, W.M.; J. Cascaden, P.M.

No. 172. *Ayr Lodge, Ayr.*

W. Bro. J. M. Reily, W.M.

No. 174. *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan.*

R.W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, P.M.

No. 176. *Spartan Lodge, Sparta.*

R.W. Bro. D. B. Burch, Proxy.

No. 177. *The Builders' Lodge, Ottawa.*

W. Bro. John Orr, W.M.

No. 178. *Plattsville Lodge, Plattsville.*

W. Bro. Thos. Allshire, W.M.; V.W. Bro. Geo. Risk, P.M.

No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell.*

R.W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, Proxy.

No. 180. *Speed Lodge, Guelph.*

W. Bro. John Scean, W.M.; V.W. Bro. C. Pettiford, P.M.; W. Bro. John Inglis, P.M.

No. 181. *Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell.*

V.W. Bro. T. B. Bain, Proxy.

No. 185. *Enniskillen Lodge, York.*

W. Bro. John Senn, W.M.

No. 189. *Filius Viduæ Lodge, Adolphustown.*

R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, Proxy.

No. 190. *Belmont Lodge, Belmont.*

R.W. Bro. D. B. Burch, Proxy.

No. 192. *Orillia Lodge, Orillia.*

W. Bro. J. B. Thompson, W.M.

No. 193. *Scotland Lodge, Scotland.*

W. Bro. James C. Shook, W.M.; Bro. Wm. Hay, S.W.

No. 194. *Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia.*

Bro. Robert Jackson, S.W.

No. 195. *The Tuscan Lodge, London.*

W. Bro. R. W. Smylie, W.M.

No. 196. *Madawaska Lodge, Arnprior.*

W. Bro. James E. Maynard, P.M.

No. 197. *Saugeen Lodge, Walkerton.*

W. Bro. Joseph Craig, W.M.

No. 198. *White Oak Lodge, Oakville.*

W. Bro. N. J. McIntyre, W.M.; Bro. C. Armstrong, S.W.; Daniel Williams, J.W.

No. 200. *St. Alban's Lodge, Mount Forest.*

R.W. Bro. John McLaren, P.M., Proxy.

No. 203. *Irvine Lodge, Elora.*

W. Bro. Francis Dalby, W.M.; Bro. John Taylor, J.W.

No. 205. *New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg.*

W. Bro. Charles Wood, W.M.

No. 207. *Lancaster Lodge, Lancaster.*

W. Bro. James Urquhart, W.M.

No. 209a. *St. John's Lodge, London.*

W. Bro. B. W. Greer, W. M.; R. W. Bro. T. H. Tracy, P.M.

No. 209. *Evergreen Lodge, Lanark..*

W. Bro. J. F. Kennedy, Proxy.

No. 213. *Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway.*

W. Bro. Alfred Hurrell, P.M., Proxy.

No. 214. *Craig Lodge, Ailsa Craig.*

W. Bro. W. Matheson, W.M.

No. 215. *Lake Lodge, Ameliasburg.*

W. Bro. B. Rothwell, W.M.

No. 217. *Frederick Lodge, Delhi.*

W. Bro. J. C. Ross, P.M. Proxy.

No. 218. *Stevenson Lodge, Toronto.*

W. Bro. John Patton, W.M.; Bros. John Fletcher, S.W.; David Clark, J.W.; V.W. Bro. W. G. Morrison, P.M.; W. Bro. J. Martin, Jr., P.M.

No. 219. *Credit Lodge, Georgetown.*

W. Bro. Wm. McLeod, W.M ; Bro. L. Grant, J.W.

No. 220. *Zeradatha Lodge, Uxbridge.*

W. Bro. D. M. Card, W.M.

No. 221. *Mountain Lodge, Thorold.*

W. Bro. George McFarland, W.M.; R.W. Bro. John Dale, P.M.

No. 224. *Zurich Lodge, Zurich.*

W. Bro. C. Benedict, W.M.

No. 228. *Prince Arthur's Lodge, Odessa.*

W. Bro. P. A. Mabee, W.M.

No. 229. *Ionic Lodge, Brampton.*

Bro. M. Treagold, J.W.; W. Bro. C. Burrell, P.M.

No. 230. *Kerr Lodge, Bell Ewart.*

W. Bro. John Gordon, W.M.; Bro. S. J. Reid, S.W.

No. 231. *Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa.*

W. Bro. John Walsh, Proxy.

No. 232. *Cameron Lodge, Wallacetown.*

W. Bro. Geo. Duncan, W.M.

No. 234. *Beaver Lodge, Clarksburg.*

R.W. Bro. John Nettleton, Proxy.

No. 235. *Aldworth Lodge, Paisley.*

W. Bro. Benj. Mills, W.M.

No. 236. *Manitoba Lodge Bondhead.*

W. Bro. M. Gaviller, W.M.; Bro. A. Ross, S.W.

No. 237. *Vienna Lodge, Vienna.*

V.W. Bro. T. B. Bain, Proxy.

No. 238. *Havelock Lodge, Watford.*

W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay, W.M.

No. 239. *Tweed Lodge, Tweed.*

R.W. Bro. James Smith, Proxy.

No. 241. *Quinte Lodge, Shannonville.*

W. Bro. Jas. McCance, P.M.

No. 243. *St. George Lodge, St. George.*

Bros. Jas. Mullin, S.W.; J. R. Neff, J.W.; W. Bro. Benj. Bell, P.M.

No. 247. *Ashlar Lodge, Yorkville.*

W. Bro. W. S. Robinson, W.M.; Bros. H. E. Caston, S.W. Alex. Dickson, J.W.; R.W. Bro. F. J. Menet, P.M.; W. Bro. J. S. Donaldson, P.M.

No. 248. *Eureka Lodge, Pakenham.*

R. W. Bro. J. W. Pickup, W.M.

No. 250. *Thistle Lodge, Embro.*

W. Bro. John W. Upper, W.M.

No. 253. *Minden Lodge, Kingston.*

Bro. Frederick Welch, J.W.

No. 254. *Clifton Lodge, Clifton.*

W. Bro. W. Crawford, W.M.; Bro. W. L. Flaherty, J.W.

No. 255. *Sydenham Lodge, Dresden.*

W. Bro. John French, W.M.

No. 256. *Farran's Point Lodge, Farran's Point*

Bro. W. J. McClaverty, J.W.

No. 257. *Galt Lodge, Galt.*

W. Bro. Wm. Cowan, W.M.

No. 258. *Guelph Lodge, Guelph.*

W. Bro. D. Kennedy, P.M., Proxy.

No. 259. *Springfield Lodge, Springfield.*

W. Bro. J. B. Mills, W.M.; R.W. Bro. Rev. E. Lounsbury, P.M.

No. 260 *Wellington Lodge, Petrolia.*

Bro. Robert Marwick, S.W.

No. 261. *Oak Branch Lodge, Innerkip.*

V.W. Bro. C. L. Beard, Proxy.

No. 264. *Chaudiere Lodge, Ottawa.*

W. Bro. Thomas Kennedy, W.M.

No. 265. *Patterson Lodge, Thornhill.*

W. Bro. John Lane, W.M.; Bros. W. R. Bowman, S.W.; W. U. Lubbock, J.W.

No. 267. *Parthenon Lodge, Chatham.*

W. Bro. Jas. Dalgarno, Proxy; W. Bro. Edward Robinson, P.M.

No. 268. *Verulam Lodge, Bobcaygeon.*

W. Bros. J. G. Edwards, W.M.; C. E. Stewart, P.M.

No. 269. *Brougham Union Lodge, Brougham.*

Bros. H. C. Willson, S.W.; M. C. Linton, J.W.

No. 270. *Cedar Lodge, Oshawa.*

W. Bro. Philp Taylor, P.M., Proxy.

No. 271. *Wellington Lodge, Erin.*

W. Bro. Jas. Broddy, P.M., Proxy.

No. 272. *Seymour Lodge, Ancaster.*

W. Bro. E. Kenrick, W.M.; Bro. A. D. Robarts, S.W.

No. 277. *Seymour Lodge, Port Dalhousie.*

W. Bro. Geo. W. Read, P.M., Proxy.

No. 279. *New Hope Lodge, Hespeler.*

W. Bro. Wm. Cowan, Proxy.

No. 284. *St. John's Lodge, Brussels.*

Bro. Geo. Davison, S. W.

No. 286. *Wingham Lodge, Wingham.*

W. Bro. Thos. Bell, W.M.

No. 289. *Doric Lodge, Lobo.*

W. Bros. Allen Gray, W.M.; T. R. Powell, P.M.

No. 290. *Leamington Lodge, Leamington.*

R. W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, Proxy.

No. 291. *Dufferin Lodge, West Flamboro.*

W. Bro. John Ireland, W. M.

No. 292. *Robertson Lodge, Nobleton.*

W. Bro. James Bowman, W.M.; Bro. J. N. Byers, J.W.; W. Bro. Jas. D. Stevenson, P.M.

No. 295. *Conestoga Lodge, Drayton.*

W. Bro. A. R. Morris, W. M.

No. 296. *Temple Lodge, St. Catharines.*

W. Bro. Lauchlin Leitch, P. M.

No. 297. *Preston Lodge, Preston.*

Bro. Otto J. Klotz, J.W.; R.W. Bro. Otto Klotz, P.M.

No. 299. *Victoria Lodge, Centreville.*

W. Bro. Matthew Shannon, W.M.

No. 300. *Mount Olivet Lodge, Thorndale.*

W. Bro. E. Nicholson, W.M.

No. 302. *St. David's Lodge, St. Thomas.*

V.W. Bro. Josiah Corlis, W.M.

No. 303. *Blyth Lodge, Blyth.*

W. Bro. Wm. Wilson, P. M., Proxy.

No. 305. *Humber Lodge, Weston.*

W. Bro. C. Macmunn, W.M.

No. 306. *Durham Lodge, Durham.*

R.W. Bro. John McLaren, Proxy.

No. 308. *Grafton Lodge, Grafton.*

W. Bro. J. T. Halliday, P.M.

No. 309. *Morning Star Lodge, Smith's Hill.*

W. Bro. Andrew McDonald, W.M.

No. 312. *Puyx Lodge, Wallaceburg.*

R.W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, Proxy.

No. 314. *Blair Lodge, Palmerston.*

W. Bro. A. B. Munson, W.M.

No. 315. *Clifford Lodge, Clifford.*

W. Bro. Geo. Taylor, P.M., Proxy.

No. 316. *Doric Lodge, Toronto.*

W. Bro. H. A. Collins, W.M.; Bro. G. J. Fitzsimons, S.W.; W. G. Mutton, J.W.; V.W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, P.M.

No. 318. *Wilmot Lodge, Baden.*

W. Bro. Charles Wood, Proxy.

No. 322. *North Star Lodge, Owen Sound.*

W. Bro. S. J. Parker, W.M.

No. 324. *Temple Lodge, Hamilton.*

R.W. Bros. Hugh Murray, P.M.; David McLellan, P.M.; E. Mitchell, P. M.; Gavin Stewart, P.M.; V.W. Bro. F. R. Despard, P.M.; J. H. Tilden, P.M.; Wm. Reid, P.M.; W. Bro. W. Gibson, P.M.; R. L. Gunn, P. M.

No. 325. *Orono Lodge, Orono.*

W. Bro. Wm. Thompson, W.M.; Bro. Jas. Linton, S.W.

No. 326. *Zetland Lodge, Toronto.*

Bro. H. M. Graham, S.W.; R.W. Bros. D. Spry, P.M.; F. J. Menet, P.M.; J. G. Burns, P.M.; S. B. Harman, P.M.; V.W. Bros. T. Sargant, P.M.; W. Brydon, P.M.; J. B. Nixon, P.M.; W. Bros. G. Watson, P.M.; G. C. Patterson, P.M.; J. Martin, Jr., P.M.; R. J. Hovenden, P.M.; J. D. Henderson, P.M.

No. 328. *Ionic Lodge, Napier.*

W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay, P.M., Proxy.

No. 329. *King Solomon Lodge, Jarvis.*

Bro. W. A. Howell, J.W.

No. 330. *Corinthian Lodge, London East.*

W. Bro. Jas. Ardell, W.M.

No. 331. *Fordwich Lodge, Fordwich.*

W. Bros. John Hutchison, W.M.; Stephen Brown, P.M.

No. 332. *Stratford Lodge, Stratford.*

W. Bros. J. L. Richmond, W.M.; Ichabod Baker, P.M.

No. 333. *Prince Arthur Lodge, Flesherton.*

W. Bro. W. J. McFarland, P.M.

No. 334. *Prince Arthur Lodge, Arthur.*

R.W. Bro. John McLaren, Proxy.

No. 339. *Orient Lodge, Don Mount.*

W. Bro. J. K. Leslie, W.M.; Bro. Alex. Gibb, S.W.; R.W. Bro. J. G. Burns, P.M.

No. 340. *St. John's Lodge, Pittsburg.*

W. Bro. Rev. John Gallaher, W.M.

No. 341. *Bruce Lodge, Tiverton.*

W. Bro. David Small, Proxy.

No. 343. *Georgina Lodge, Sutton.*

W. Bro. A. Williams, W.M.

No. 344. *Merrill Lodge, Dorchester.*

W. Bro. W. H. Chittick, W.M.

No. 345. *Nilestown Lodge, Nilestown.*
V.W. Bro. F. W. H. C. Jarvis, Proxy.

No. 346. *Occident Lodge, Toronto.*
W. Bro. Wm. Watson, W.M.; Bro. G. Ward, J.W.; V.W. Bro. Jas. Wilson, P.M.

No. 347. *Mercer Lodge, Fergus.*
W. Bro. John Macdonald, P.M., Proxy.

No. 349. *Elgin Lodge, St. Thomas.*
Bro. Jas. A. Bell, J.W.

No. 352. *Granite Lodge, Parry Sound.*
W. Bro. F. A. Foley, W.M.; Bro. David Beatty, S.W.

No. 353. *Excelsior Lodge, Colborne.*
W. Bro. T. W. Cumming, W.M.

No. 354. *Brock Lodge, Cannington.*
W. Bro. A. Sinclair, W.M.; Bro. R. Munro, S.W.

No. 355. *Clandeboye Lodge, Perth.*
W. Bro. J. F. Kennedy, P.M.; Proxy.

No. 357. *Waterdown Lodge, Waterdown.*
Bro. E. C. Griffin, S.W.

No. 358. *Delaware Valley Lodge, Delaware.*
Bro. John Fitzallen, S.W.

No. 359. *Vittoria Lodge, Vittoria.*
R.W. Bro. C. Bennett, P.M.

No. 360. *Muskoka Lodge, Bracebridge.*
W. Bro. Isaac Huber, W.M.

No. 361. *Waverley Lodge, Guelph.*
W. Bro. W. Tytler, W.M.; Bro. A. McBean, S.W.

U. D. *Maple Leaf Lodge, Tara.*
Bro. R. C. Bruce, S.W.

U. D. *Euclid Lodge, Strathroy.*
W. Bro. James Noble, W.M.

U. D. *St. George Lodge, Toronto.*
V. W. Bro. James Wilson, W. M.; Bro. J. T. Jones, S.W.

U. D. *Mimico Lodge, Islington.*
R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, W.M.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. David McLellan, seconded by V. W. Bro. N. G. Bigelow, and

Resolved,—That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Twenty-second Annual Communication, held at the City of St. Catharines, on the 11th day of July and the 12th and 13th days of September, A.D. 1877, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the Subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered the following address to the brethren assembled in Grand Communication:—

Brethren of Grand Lodge,—

Before proceeding to discuss the various questions that will be sub-

mitted to you, let us glance at a few of the principal events that have happened since we last met.

Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held—

At Brighton, on 10th October, 1877, when the Corner Stone of a Methodist Episcopal Church was laid by myself.

At Norwood, on the 17th of May, 1878, when the Corner Stone of a Presbyterian Church was laid by R.W. Bro. E. Peplow, D.D.G.M.

At Landsdowne, on the 13th June, 1878, when the Corner Stone of St. John's Episcopal Church (Church of England) was laid by R. W. Bro. James A. Henderson, D.G.M.; and

At Blyth, on the 24th June, 1878, when the Corner Stone of an Episcopal Church (Church of England) was laid by R. W. Bro. James H. Benson, P.D.D.G.M.

On 20th November, 1877, Waterdown Lodge 357, Waterdown, was constituted by R.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, D.D.G.M.

On the same date, the new Masonic Hall at Ridgetown was consecrated by R.W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, P.D.D.G.M.

On 1st January, 1878, Merrill Lodge, 344, Dorchester, was constituted, and the new Masonic Hall erected there, consecrated, by R.W. Bro. Jas. M. Banghart, D.D.G.M.

On 22nd February, 1878, Waverley Lodge, 361, Guelph, was constituted by R.W. Bro. John Cavers, D.D.G.M.

On the 29th March, 1878, the new Masonic Hall at Yorkville was consecrated by R.W. Bro. F. J. Menet, D.D.G.M.

On the 29th May, 1878, Brock Lodge, 354, Cannington, was constituted by R.W. Bro. Edward Peplow, D.D.G.M.

On the 1st of July, 1878, the new hall of St. John's Lodge, 284, Brussels, was consecrated by R.W. Brother J. H. Benson, P.D.D.G.M.

Dispensations have been issued for the formation of the following new Lodges:—

1. Frontenac Lodge at Cataraqui.
2. Dufferin Lodge at Melbourne.
3. North Star Lodge at Roseneath.

4. Euclid Lodge at Strathroy,

5. St. George Lodge at Toronto.

6. Salem Lodge at Brockville.

7. Mimico Lodge at Islington.

8. Harmony Lodge at Delta.

And in compliance with the wish of Grand Lodge, the dispensation granted to Maple Leaf Lodge, Tara, by my predecessor, has been continued.

In March last, I visited a District Lodge of Instruction, held at Cobourg by the D.D.G.M. of the Ontario District, and in July last I visited District Lodges of Instruction held at Ottawa by the D.D.G.M. of the Ottawa District; at Belleville, by the D.D.G.M. of the Prince Edward District; at Hamilton, by the D.D.G.M. of the Hamilton District; at Galt, by the D.D.G.M. of the Wellington District; at Ingersoll, by the D.D.G.M. of the Wilson District; at Clinton, by the D.D.G.M. of the Huron District; and at Peterboro', by R.W. Bro. Trayes, for the D.D.G.M. of the Ontario District. I am not aware that Lodges of Instruction have been held in any of the other five Districts into which the Province is Masonically divided. The exemplification of the standard work by actual Masters of Lodges was very satisfactorily performed, and in several instances with remarkable accuracy. The attendance was very good, and in two instances very large. I also visited Kilwinning Lodge 64, where I witnessed the initiation of a candidate, which was very creditably conducted by the W.M. The cordial manner in which I was received by my brethren everywhere was most gratifying to me.

Our finances continue in a satisfactory condition. The statement for the year 1877 has already been published and forwarded to the Lodges.

The balance then at the credit of Grand Lodge was.....	$58,876 87
During the half year ending June 30, 1878, the receipts from all sources have been.....	7,654 14
Total.....	$66,531 01
The payments on all accounts during the same period have been.....	6,436 89
Leaving at our credit.....	$60,094 12

Of which.....$55,048 33
are invested in Government stocks, and..... 5,045 79
are at our credit in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

I regret that I have been obliged to disallow many of the By-laws of Lodges submitted to me for confirmation. In most instances in which this has been done, the objectionable By-laws sought to impose duties upon or limit the powers of Masters of Lodges. It should be borne in mind that the Master is bound only by the Ancient Landmarks and the Constitution and Regulations of Grand Lodge. The appointing power rests wholly with him, except where it is expressly taken away by the authority of Grand Lodge. R.W. Brother Murray, D.D.G.M. of the Hamilton District, who at his Lodge of Instruction read an interesting paper on the powers and duties of the Master and the relations that should exist between him and his Lodge, has, at my suggestion, prepared a model code of By-laws which will be submitted to you. From this, if approved, the Lodges may select with safety such By-laws as they may desire to enact.

Under the special authority conferred upon the G. M. by you at the last Annual Communication, I have, on application, restored to good standing Bro. C. A. Conover, who was in 1876 expelled for his connection with the spurious body calling itself the Grand Lodge of Ontario; and I have lately, on petition, healed all the members (with one exception) of an organization created by that body in Toronto called "Heathcote Lodge." They were reported to me to be all men of good character. I trust that this is the beginning of the end of the "Ontario" movement.

Amongst those who have departed this life are the following Past Grand Officers: R. W. Bro. Thos. M. Anderson, P.D.D.G.M. of the Wellington District; R.W. Bro. the Rev. Jas. A. Preston, Canon of the Church of England, P.G. Chaplain; and V.W. Bro. Hugh O'Neill, P.G. Steward.

I have appointed the following brethren to represent us near sister Grand Lodges: M.W. Bro. David Cargill, near the G. L. of Maine; M.W. Bro. Ariel Ballou, near the G.L. of Rhode Island; M.W. Bro. W. C. Belcher, near the G. L. of California; R. W. Bro. Woodward Abrahams, near the G. L. of Maryland; R. W. Bro. William Dalby, near the G. L. of British Columbia; R.W. Bro. Byron L. Carr, near the G. L. of Colorado; R.W. Bro. R. Coffman, near the G. L. of Mississippi; R.W. Bro. Andrew Bunton, near the G. L. of New Hampshire; R.W. Bro. Oliver P. Lacy, near the G. L. of Washington Territory; and the following representatives from abroad have been ap-

pointed near this G. L.:—V.W. Brother Fitzherbert R. Despard, from the G. L. of British Columbia; R.W. Bro. Frederick J. Menet, from the G. L. of Colorado; R.W. Bro. Edward Mitchell, from the G. L. of California; R.W. Bro. John W. Murton, from the G. L. of Maine; R.W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, from the G. L. of Maryland; R.W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, from the G. L. of Rhode Island; R.W. Bro. Otto Klotz, from the G. L. of Washington Territory; and the Grand Master of New Hampshire has honored me with his commission as the representative of Freemasonry in that State, near this Grand Lodge.

The G. L. of Scotland and our neighbor the G. L. of Quebec are not on friendly terms, owing to questions of jurisdiction that have arisen of some difficulty and of some importance. I refrain from discussing these questions now, in the hope that the rulers of the Craft in both jurisdictions may speedily find a way of closing the breach that has been made. The circular forwarded by the G. M. of Quebec, and the printed proceedings of the G. L. of Scotland, which contain all the official information that I have received on the subject, will be laid before you. I think that in the interests of Masonry, it is not desirable that we should actively interfere in this matter at present, nor, with the information I have yet had, express any opinion upon it.

The Grand Lodges of Spain, Egypt and the Island of Cuba ask for formal recognition and exchange of representatives. Freemasonry in the Queen of the Antilles is not in a satisfactory state at present, the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba both claiming supreme jurisdiction. It will be well to defer the recognition of either of these bodies.

The papers received relating to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Egypt and the resuscitation of the Grand Lodge of Spain are submitted for your consideration.

There are in our Fraternity, as you are aware, certain fundamental laws, or landmarks, as they are usually called, which are binding upon all Freemasons throughout the world. It is unnecessary to insert them in the Constitution or Code of Laws of any Lodge, Supreme or Subordinate. No Mason nor body of Masons, no Lodge nor Grand Lodge, is at liberty to repeal or violate them. Every ruler in the Craft with us on his installation solemnly admits that "it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make any innovation in the body of Masonry." The most important of these landmarks is the belief in God. Men of every shade of religious belief may, if otherwise

qualified, become Freemasons, but no Atheist can be admitted amongst us. As the ancient charges express it:—"Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believes in the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth."

Some years ago the Grand Orient of France formally adopted a clause asserting a belief in God as a fundamental principle. At its last annual assembly, after the proposition had been submitted to its constituent Lodges, and after ample time taken for mature consideration, the Grand Orient by a large majority repealed the clause, with the avowed object of permitting the initiation of Atheists. The previous abolition by this body of the Grand Mastership, the Masonic world had submitted to, but it was horror-struck at this last audacious innovation. All the Grand Lodges that have spoken have condemned it. I felt it my duty to withdraw the credentials of our representative near the Grand Orient, as I could not continue to recognize it as Masonic. More I have not done. I preferred that any further condemnation should have all the additional weight which your deliberate action would give to it.

And now let us invoke a blessing from the Great Architect of the Universe upon this and all our undertakings. May our labors thus begun in order be conducted in peace and closed in harmony.

W. H. WELLER, G. M.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Moffat, and

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

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by M. W. Bro James Seymour, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the following reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg to submit my

report upon the condition of Masonry in the St. Clair District, for the year just ended. Owing to the large extent of the District, I was unable to visit all the Lodges, but I found those I did visit, without any exception, working well, and strictly in accordance with the ritual authorised by Grand Lodge. On the 27th December last, I granted a dispensation to the brethren to appear in regalia on the occasion of the consecration of the new Masonic Hall at Highgate, and I granted dispensations to the brethren to appear in regalia upon a number of other occasions, chiefly for the porpose of attending Divine Service, or lectures on Masonry. I regret I was unable to convene a District Lodge of Instruction as requested by the M. W. the Grand Master. I was absent from the Province when the circular of the Grand Secretary was issued, and was afraid that owing to the wide extent of the District, and the short time left me for preparation, I could not hope for a gathering sufficiently large to do any practical good. I respectfully recommend a division of this District, the Counties of Essex and Kent to constitute the St. Clair District, and a new District to be formed from the County of Lambton and the North Riding of Middlesex, to be called the Lambton District. It is almost impossible for a District Deputy Grand Master to discharge properly the duties of his office in the District as now formed.

During the past year it pleased the G. A. O. T. U. to remove from amongst us Bro. Johnson and Bros. McPherson and Munroe, of Havelock Lodge, No. 288, Watford, whose remains were deposited in the grave with the usual Masonic ceremonies.

I cannot close my report without expressing my sincere gratitude to the officers and members generally, for the kind attention and fraternal welcome shewn me during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. HOLWELL,
D. D. G. M. St. Clair District.

Thedford, September 2nd, 1878.

LONDON DISTRICT.

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

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren,—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and in the discharge of the duty devolving upon me as D.D.G.M. of the London District, I have the honor to submit my annual report of the condition of Freemasonry in this District.

There are thirty-two warranted Lodges in the District and two under dispensation, namely Euclid at Strathroy, and Dufferin at Melbourne, both of which I have repeatedly visited; they are presided over by zealous and skilful Masters, aided by a staff of very efficient officers, and I therefore strongly recommend Grand Lodge to grant warrants to these Lodges.

I regret to say that owing to illness I have been unable to visit all the Lodges, but in those which I did visit I have had an opportunity of seeing some one of the degrees exemplified, and am happy to say in almost every case the work was done in accordance with the regulations of Grand Lodge.

I regret to inform you that Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, suffered severe pecuniary loss in the destruction by fire of their Lodge-room, furniture, jewels, charter, &c., and am very sorry to add they had no insurance.

I am, however, happy to say they at once bought a lot, and rebuilt and furnished a very neat little room, and will soon be in a flourishing condition.

In the course of the year I have been called upon to decide several complaints of unmasonic and unconstitutional proceedings. I am glad to state they have all been, with one exception, amicably settled, and where discord reigned harmony has been restored.

I have issued several dispensations during the year for Masonic festivals and brethren to appear in Masonic clothing at Divine service.

I have been notified of six deaths in the District during the year, all of whom were interred with Masonic ceremonies.

I cannot close without thanking W. Bro. James Noble, of Euclid Lodge, U. D., for so ably assisting me in acting as District Secretary.

In retiring from the position of D.D.G.M., I return my warmest thanks to the brethren of the District for their uniform kindness and courtesy towards me on occasions of official visits and at all other times.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. BANGHART,
D.D.G.M. London District

Strathroy, August 31st, 1878.

WILSON DISTRICT.

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit my annual report on the condition of Masonry in the Wilson District. Having visited all the Lodges in the District the previous year, and finding them all in a very satisfactory condition, I have not in this year of my official duties, paid such strict attention to visitations as in former years, although I may state that I have visited quite three-fourths of them. I have also made it my especial care to attend installations when convenient to do so. I installed the officers in quite a number of Lodges this year,

and am pleased to say, with one or two slight exceptions, the officers chosen have been selected with that regard for the care of their respective charges, which is so much to be desired. At the request of the M. W. the Grand Master, I represented him on several occasions at the dedication of new Lodges, viz.:—

Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, Vittoria, January 2nd; Walsingham Lodge, No. 172, Port Rowan, January 3rd; King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg, January 9th; Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover, February 11th.

On each of these occasions I was assisted by experienced brethren. On Wednesday, July 17th, I held a general Lodge of Instruction at the Town of Ingersoll, at which meeting we had the pleasure of a visit from the M. W. the Grand Master, and from R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, who rendered me valuable assistance by his presence. Notwithstanding the extreme heat which at that time prevailed, the District was well represented, and I am led to think that the meeting was of great value to the Masters and Officers of the various Lodges, inasmuch as the exemplification of the several degrees was gone through with. Only one case of complaint has been submitted to me, the papers of which will be placed in the hands of the proper Committee. I have had the honor to hold the office of D.D.G.M. of the Wilson District for four consecutive years, all of which have been years of great harmony in the District, and now in resigning this trust, I cannot close without extending my warmest thanks to the brethren throughout this District, for their unceasing kindness to me at all times; and although I am leaving the active duties of the District to the hands of some other brother, my services shall always be at the command of the Lodges of the Wilson District.

I am also pleased to add that I have been accredited as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island near

the Grand Lodge of Canada, and my credentials will be duly presented to Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAUNCEY BENNETT,
D. D. G. M. Wilson District

Simcoe, Sept. 11th, 1878.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I beg to submit the following report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Wellington District for the year 1877-8. The number of Lodges in the District has not been increased during the year. The brethren living at Shelburn have made an application for a warrant of Constitution, but on account of their not having complied with the usual formalities, their application has not been before the M. W. the Grand Master for his consideration. The receipt of the usual notices from the various Lodges enables me to state that a considerable number has been added to the body of Freemasonry. I believe, too, that the Lodges generally within the District are alive to the necessity for great care in the election of candidates for initiation.

I have visited only three Lodges during the year. I have, however, had opportunities of seeing many of the brethren of the District in meetings held at convenient centres for instruction. The first of these was held at Guelph, on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd days of February. The attendance was fair, but the inclemency of the weather detracted greatly from the comfort of those who attended, and from the success of the meeting. The next District Meeting was held at Galt, on the 16th of July, at which we were honored by the

presence of the M. W. the Grand Master, who was accompanied by the R. W. the Grand Secretary. The attendance at this meeting in the morning and afternoon sessions was small, but the evening session was largely attended, and the proceedings were interesting. The third and last District Meeting was held at Harriston, on 3rd instant, and was attended by some sixty brethren. The three sessions of this meeting were conducted with spirit and interest, and it may well be characterized as a successful meeting. I have pleasure in acknowledging the courtesy and fraternal feeling evinced by the brethren resident at the points where these meetings were held, towards myself and the brethren who came from other quarters to attend these meetings. I had the honor of representing the M. W. the Grand Master on one occasion, the 22nd February, when the Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph, was constituted, and the officers installed. I was ably assisted in this work by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and many of the Guelph brethren.

During the year I have issued three dispensations to enable the brethren interested to appear in public in Masonic clothing:—one in favor of the brethren of Blair Lodge, No. 314, to attend Divine Service on the 30th December; one in favor of the brethren of Alma Lodge, No. 72, for a social meeting, held on the 23rd of November; and one in favor of the brethren of Galt Lodge, No. 257, also for a social meeting held on the 4th of January.

I have been advised of the death of three members of the Craft within the District, viz., Bros. James Colquhoun and W. Scott, of the Grand River Lodge, No. 151, and W. Coulter, of Speed Lodge, No. 180.

I regret to have to report a case of more than ordinary difficulty. A charge of unmasonic conduct preferred by a member of Harris Lodge, No. 216, against the Worshipful Master of the same Lodge was referred to me for investigation. After having obtained from both brethren statements in

writing of the particulars of the transactions out of which the charge arose, I came to the conclusion that the brother had not good grounds for making the charge, and I therefore dismissed it. I have learned, however, that other transactions of the same W. M. have been referred to the Board of General Purposes for investigation, and I have no doubt but that they will be disposed of at the approaching meeting of Grand Lodge satisfactorily to all concerned.

In conclusion, I have only to add that I am well assured that Freemasonry is improving its members within this District in their moral faculties, and while too many—far too many—brethren make little progress in the study of the liberal arts and sciences, yet they are steadily becoming more and more imbued with the principles which underlie the great virtues, Temperance, Brotherly Kindness, Charity, Truth, and Justice.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

JOHN CAVERS,
D. D. G. M.

Galt, 6th September, 1878.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with the requirement of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the following report:—

There are seventeen Lodges in this District, sixteen of which I have officially visited. The Masters and Officers are well skilled in THE WORK and the utmost harmony prevails among the members.

On the 20th of November last, by request of the M. W.

the Grand Master, I consecrated, dedicated, and constituted Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, at Waterdown, for which a warrant had been granted at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; I also installed and invested the Officers. I have the satisfaction of reporting that this Lodge is being skilfully conducted by experienced craftsmen.

I have, during the year, granted dispensations to several of the Lodges in the District to appear in Masonic clothing at their annual festivals.

In March last, I had the pleasure of forwarding a draft to M. W. Bro. R. T. Clinch, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-three dollars and fifty-seven cents, on behalf of the Masonic sufferers by fire in the city of St. John, being the amount subscribed by Lodges in this District.

A meeting of Masters and Past Masters of the District was held in the city of Hamilton, in June last, to talk over District matters. Nearly every Lodge in the District was represented, and a very pleasing and interesting meeting held.

In the month of July the Most Worshipful the Grand Master favored the Brethren of this District with his presence, on the occasion of a Lodge of Instruction, held in Hamilton, at which a very large number of the Craft were present, and manifested much interest in the work. The event was celebrated by an excursion by boat on Burlington Bay and Lake Ontario, which was largely attended.

I cannot close my report without acknowledging the great assistance I have received from the Masters and Past Masters of the District, who have supported and assisted me on all occasions, and especially am I indebted to my indefatigable Secretary V. W. Bro. C. R. Smith.

Everywhere in the District, the Lodges have shown me, as your representative, the utmost kindness and courtesy.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
D. D. G. M. Hamilton District.

Hamilton, Sept. 6th, 1878.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report of the condition of Masonry in the Niagara District.

It gives me great pleasure to state that peace and harmony prevail throughout the District, no complaint or grievance from any Lodge or member being of sufficient importance to bring before Grand Lodge.

Although it was impossible for me to visit all the Lodges, still, my correspondence was considerable, involving questions of Masonic usage and Constitutional ruling, which I disposed of to the best of my ability.

I trust the brethren of the different Lodges which I have been unable to visit during the year, will not attribute my absence to any want of zeal in the cause, or a desire on my part to evade that most important duty. I fully intended to visit every Lodge in the District, but failed to accomplish that object, owing to circumstances which I could not control.

During the year I have granted four dispensations, authorizing the brethren to wear regalia at Masonic celebrations.

Three deaths have been reported to me. The deceased

brethren were all interred with the usual Masonic ceremonies.

I cannot close this brief report without expressing my thanks to the brethren of the District for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me during my term of office, and while deeply sensible of the high honor conferred by electing me to the position of District Deputy Grand Master, I now resign the trust into their hands, trusting that they will elect some brother as my successor who will have more time to attend to the duties of the office.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN DALE,
D. D. G. M. Niagara District.

Thorold, Sept. 2nd, 1878.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, I submit the following report:—

From pressure of business engagements, and considering the large number of Lodges in this District, I have been able to visit but a minority of the Lodges under my direction; they are, however, as a rule, in very good working order.

I had the pleasure of installing the Officers of several Lodges, and have granted the following dispensations, viz: to Minerva Lodge, No. 304, on 4th Feb., 1878, for festival; Georgina Lodge, No. 348, on 15th Feb., 1878, to attend Divine service; Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, on 15th Feb., 1878, for festival; Zetland Lodge, No. 326, on 26th Feb., 1878, for conversazione; Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, on 17th May, 1878, for festival; St. George's Lodge, No. 88,

on 15th June, 1878, for excursion; North Star Lodge, No. 322, on 15th June, 1878, for excursion; Pythagoras Lodge, No. 187, on 15th June, 1878, for excursion; Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, on 20th June, 1878, to attend Divine service, Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, on 21st of June, 1878, for festival; Humber Lodge, No. 305, on 25th June, 1878, for festival; King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, on 30th Aug., 1878, for excursion. The fees for the above have all been duly paid over to the Grand Secretary.

I would suggest that District Deputy Grand Masters should be furnished with blank forms of dispensations, properly prepared.

On the 29th March, in the absence of the M. W. the Grand Master, I had the honor of acting as his proxy, and performing in his name, the ceremony of constituting and dedicating the new Masonic Hall, in Yorkville, erected for the use of the Ashlar Lodge, No. 247. The attendance on that occasion was numerous, and the proceedings were of great interest to all who assembled on that occasion.

One matter of complaint, left over by my predecessor in office, was happily adjusted in March last.

Several complaints have been laid before me during the past year, and numerous applications for decisions upon points of Masonic law and usage, and explanations of the Constitution. They have, for the most part, been readily disposed of, and harmony preserved among the Brethren.

The chief point of interest arising out of Masonry in this District has been the application of some twenty gentlemen who were brought into Masonry under the auspices of the clandestine so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, "to be healed and received into the Grand Lodge of Canada," and the M. W. the Grand Master having been pleased to grant a special dispensation for that purpose, eighteen of them were

duly healed by R. W. Bro. Spry at the regular meeting of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, held on Thursday, 5th August, 1878.

Petitions having been prepared praying for the erection of the following Lodges, viz :—St. George, to meet at Toronto, and Mimico, to meet at Islington, and the necessary recommendations from the nearest Lodges being attached thereto, believing that in the interests of Masonry it was advisable that the Lodges should be erected, I recommended the petitions, dispensations were granted, and both Lodges are now in good working order.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED. J. MENET,
D. D. G. M. Toronto District.

Toronto, Sept. 7th, 1878.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In presenting this my third annual report on the state of Masonry in the Ontario District, it gives me much pleasure to report that with very few exceptions the Lodges are in a healthy condition; while, owing to the general business depression, a few Lodges have received very little if any addition to their number, the majority have had a prosperous year in this respect.

In accordance with a resolution passed by the representatives of the various Lodges of this District at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, I arranged for a Lodge of Instruction at the Masonic Hall, Cobourg, on the 6th and 7th of March, at which nearly every Lodge on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway was represented; but I am sorry to say that the Lodges in the northern part of the District were very

poorly represented; this was owing, in a great measure, to the bad state of the roads at that time, there being neither sleighing nor waggoning. The many letters and telegrams I received, regretting their inability to attend, assures me that it was not through neglect that Officers of these Lodges were not present.

The meeting was a very successful one, and will compare favorably with former meetings of this kind.

The officers of the various Lodges took deep interest in the proceedings, and it is worthy to note that the best worked Lodges were most largely represented, proving beyond a doubt that the study of our beautiful ritual and the working of our noble Order, will well repay the time and labor it may cost.

The interest in the meeting was very much enhanced by a visit from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who was received with grand honors. During his visit he was pleased to compliment the various officers on the work performed, and on their general proficiency.

Owing to the Lodges in the northern part of the District not being able to attend the meeting at Cobourg, and the Most Worshipful the Grand Master desiring to meet all the representatives of the District, I called a Lodge of Instruction to be held at Peterboro', on the 30th and 31st of July. I regret very much that, owing to previous engagements, I was unable to attend. I arranged with Right Worshipful Brother J. B. Trayes, P.D.D.G.M., to take charge of the meeting the first day, expecting to be able to attend the second day, but unfortunately for me, I could not get there. I understand the meeting, though not large, was very interesting.

At each meeting committees were appointed to whom all

disputed points, whether Constitutional or on the ritual, were referred, and whose report seemed to give general satisfaction.

The corner-stone of a new Episcopal Methodist Church was laid with Masonic ceremony, on the 10th of October, at the Village of Brighton, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, assisted by a large number of the brethren of United Lodge and the neighboring Lodges. Also, on the seventeenth of May last, the corner-stone of a new Presbyterian Church was laid in the Village of Norwood with Masonic ceremonies. Professional business preventing the Most Worshipful the Grand Master performing the ceremony, he was pleased to depute me to act in that behalf.

I was assisted by R. W. Bro. J. B. Trayes, and a large number of the brethren of Norwood, Corinthian, Peterboro', Golden Rule, Hastings, and other Lodges.

On each occasion the members of Grand Lodge and visitors were suitably entertained by each congregation.

I had the pleasure of dedicating a new Lodge room at Cannington, and installing the officers of Brock Lodge, on the 29th of May, assisted by a large number of visiting brethren, after which the visiting brethren were very agreeably entertained by the brethren of Brock Lodge at a supper, and I am satisfied the brethren present on that occasion will not soon forget the friendly and fraternal feeling which prevailed.

A dispensation has been issued by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the opening of a new Lodge at Roseneath, to be called the North Star Lodge, W. Bro. Orr, P.M. of Hastings Lodge, to be the first Worshipful Master.

The brethren of Durham Lodge, No. 66, were put to a

good deal of inconvenience and loss by the burning of their Lodge room, losing their Warrant, Jewels, Lodge furniture, &c.

I am glad to learn that they have received a duplicate warrant, and have moved into new and commodious Lodge rooms, which they have succeeded in fitting up in the latest and most approved style.

I have granted dispensations to the following Lodges, viz:—Orono Lodge, Orono, to attend Divine Service on the 27th of December, 1877; Cedar Lodge, Oshawa, to attend a Reading given by Mrs. Mauger; Hope Lodge, Port Hope, for a similar purpose; King Hiram Lodge, No. 89, to attend Divine Service on the 23rd of June, 1878; Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, to attend Divine Service on the 23rd of June, 1878.

Quite a number of Masonic grievances have been submitted to me during the past year, all of which are settled, I think, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Having kept a register of the summonses received from the different Lodges in the District, in compliance with the amendment to the Constitution passed at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, I have been able to note how many meetings each Lodge has held, and the business done at each meeting, and have been able to rectify quite a number of irregularities before they had actually taken place, in cases where proper time had not been allowed between the reception of applications and the ballot; also when the name, age, addition, &c., of the candidate were not properly entered on, and in the case of affiliating brethren, the name of the Lodge from which they hail or have a demit, not being on summons, &c., &c., and I feel satisfied that if it is followed out much good will result, as I found that Lodges were very careless in the manner of issuing summonses previous to this arrangement.

Two or three Secretaries of Lodges have not sent their summonses regularly, but on their attention being called to the omission, a decided improvement has taken place. I would just say here that if Secretaries of Lodges would enter the District Deputy Grand Master on their roll, they could not forget to send him a copy of every summons issued.

My attention has been very much taken up with the tramp nuisance (imposters), and I would strongly urge upon Grand Lodge the necessity for taking some steps to check it.

Some united action must be taken by Lodges on the through lines of railway, or I fear much harm will be done the Craft.

I would recommend that a committee be appointed to devise some means to accomplish this object, and report at this meeting of Grand Lodge, as the fall and winter campaign will soon open, and we should be prepared for it.

I cannot close this report without expressing my warmest thanks to the brethren of Ontario District for the kind manner in which they have received me, even when my official duties were not of so pleasant a nature as I would wish; they have always treated me with uniform courtesy and forbearance, and I only regret that my ability to perform the duties of this office are not equal to my zeal.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. PEPLOW,
D. D. G. M. Ontario District.

Port Hope, September 7th, 1878.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with

the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and in the discharge of the duty devolving upon me, it affords me a great deal of pleasure, in presenting my report of the state of Masonry in Prince Edward District, to be able to say that the Lodges, with three exceptions, are in a prosperous condition, and working with a very gratifying degree of harmony. There are twenty-two Lodges in this District, of which I have visited eighteen, and I am pleased to be able to state that the greater number of the Lodges I have visited, work in conformity to the ritual of Grand Lodge. But few complaints have been brought under my notice. A few of these were appeals against suspensions for non-payment of dues on the ground that they had not received the proper notice, I therefore removed the suspensions, which action, after a little explanation, was well received by the Lodges. I granted a dispensation to Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centerville, on the 24th June, to appear in regalia and march in procession, and have a dinner for the benefit of the Lodge. I have been notified of five deaths in the District, all of whom were buried with Masonic ceremonies.

On the 12th July, by order of the M. W. the Grand Master I held a District Lodge of Instruction in the city of Belleville, which was represented by seven Lodges, and the work of the three degrees was exemplified. The attendance was large, especially in the evening, and the work was very creditably performed.

During my visits to the Lodges, I held Lodges of Instruction whenever opportunity offered, and I found these to be of great service to the Brethren.

In conclusion, I beg to express to the Brethren of this District my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me during my term of office, and for the fraternal welcome and kind attentions

which I have always experienced when visiting in my official capacity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SMITH,
Belleville, 5th Sept., 1878. D. D. G. M. Prince Edward District.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT.

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, I beg to submit my report on the condition of Free Masonry in the St. Lawrence District.

As there are something like thirty Lodges in this District, it has been impossible for me to visit them all, but I may say that those visited are in a flourishing state and well worked, the books well kept, and the financial standing of most of the Lodges in a very satisfactory state.

During the year, I have granted three dispensations to permit the Brethren to appear clothed as Masons to attend Divine service and festivals.

On the 13th February last, the Brethren of the City Lodges combined for the purpose of entertaining the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Board of General Purposes. The entertainment was held in the City Hall, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion, and proved a great success, the members of the Board expressing themselves as highly delighted, the only regret being the unavoidable absence of our M. W. Grand Master.

There are two Lodges in this District working under dispensation, one in Brockville, and one in the village of Cataraqui; having visited both several times, I beg to recommend that their prayer for a warrant be granted.

I am happy to say, only one complaint has been laid before me, and this, one which my predecessor investigated and reported to Grand Lodge. I have advised the two Lodges to settle the matter among themselves which I think will be done satisfactorily to both.

Ancient St. John's, No. 8, and Cataraqui, No. 92, of Kingston, have purchased lots and erected handsome monuments in Cataraqui Cemetery, for the purpose of interring not only Brethren members of the Lodges, but also worthy Brethren, who, strangers in the city, have died in indigent circumstances.

All the Lodges in this District which I have visited, are working in accordance with the ritual adopted by Grand Lodge.

I cannot close my report without expressing my gratitude and sincere thanks to the Officers and Brethren for their kindness, attention, and fraternal greeting, extended to me when paying my official visits.

I am, indeed, sorry I have been unable to perform the duties which devolved upon me with that completeness I should have desired, and which, no doubt, was expected, but I can assure those Brethren that it was through no lack of desire or effort on my part.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT HENDRY, JR.,
D. D. G. M. St. Lawrence District.

Kingston, 7th Sept. 1878.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit herewith this my second annual report on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa District.

My business, together with causes over which I had no control, prevented me from visiting as many of the Lodges in the District as I would have wished.

There have been additions to the membership of most of the Lodges during the past year, but the continued depression in all branches of business has prevented many from making application.

During the year, I have been notified of the suspension of a large number of Brethren for non-payment of dues. I think this could be remedied, to a great extent, by the several Lodges being more particular in collecting their dues and enforcing the by-laws.

I have granted, during the past year, several dispensations to Lodges in the Ottawa District for the purpose of attending Divine Service on St. John's Day.

I have been officially notified of the deaths of the following Brethren:—Bro. Keenan, Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264; Bro. P. S. Hill, Civil Service Lodge, No. 148; Bro. Capt. Nicol, Fidelity Lodge, No. 231; and Bro. James Hislop, S. W., True Britons Lodge, No. 14.

On the 10th July, a Lodge of Instruction for the Ottawa District was held in the city of Ottawa, at which the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was present. The following Brethren took part in exemplifying the degrees: W. Bro. Blythe, Civil Service Lodge, W. Bro. Smith, Doric Lodge, W. Bro. Orr, Builders' Lodge, W. Bro. Satchell, Goodwood

Lodge, and V. W. Bro. Rea, Fidelity Lodge; there was a large attendance of the Brethren from the City and District. After the work in the several degrees had been concluded, the M. W. the Grand Master expressed the pleasure experienced by him at re-unions of this nature, and trusted the various Lodges worked harmoniously and were prosperous; referred to the number of Lodges in the city, and remarked that a large number of Lodges did not always show strength, that offices should rather seek brethren properly qualified to fill them, than brethren the offices.

The Brethren present were much pleased to have the opportunity of meeting the Grand Master, and I have no doubt his visits to the different districts will have an excellent effect.

I have much pleasure in reporting that the Brethren of the various Lodges in the city of Ottawa have completed the purchase and payment of the Burial plot, contemplated last year, and are now raising funds for the erection of a suitable monument and ornamental fence, and from the well-known energy of the Brethren composing the Committee, I have no doubt it will speedily be completed.

I have also much pleasure in reporting that my duties as D. D. G. M. were quite light this year, as compared to that of the previous one, and that all questions submitted to me for my opinion have been satisfactorily arranged.

I again take the opportunity of thanking the Brethren in the Ottawa District for the kindness and courtesy always shown to me during the two years that I have filled the office of D. D. G. M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Ottawa, August 24th, 1878.

WILLIAM KERR,
D. D. G. M. Ottawa District

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes held the Annual Meeting at Kingston, on the 18th of February, A. D. 1878, and they now lay before Grand Lodge the report of their proceedings.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Board examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and carefully checked every entry in the Cash Book and Ledger of the Grand Secretary, and found them correct; they examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, compared each entry of expenditure with the vouchers and certify to their correctness. They also carefully examined the Annual Balance Sheets of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge, and have pleasure in certifying to their accuracy.

The Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st December, 1877, were as follows:—

RECEIPTS

	1876.	1877.
Certificates	$2,948 00	$2,899 00
Dues	8,155 75	8,492 37
Fees	1,817 50	1,568 50
Dispensations	578 00	337 00
Warrants	130 00	150 00
Constitutions	442 85	357 21
Interest on Dom. Stock and Bank Deposits	2,805 54	2,698 18
Masonic Asylum Trust	44 59	422 00
Proceedings and Sundries	91 23	20 87
	$17,013 46	$16,945 13
Cash in Bank 1st Jan., 1877		7,318 17
		$24,263, 30

EXPENDITURE.

	1877.
General Expenses	$577 92
Allowance to Grand Master	500 00
Salary to Grand Secretary	1,600 00
" G. Sec. Assistant	800 00
Expenses Board General Purposes	964 25
Printing Proceedings	411 25
" Constitutions, etc	385 00
" Certificates	541 69
Stationery	120 50
Rent of Grand Sec. Office	175 00
Fuel and light "	31 25
Dues of Lodges refunded	77 90
Grants.—Mrs. Wilson	300 00
" Mrs. T. B. Harris	300 00
" Miss M. Wilson	225 00
Orders on fund of benevolence	7,425 00
Relief of Brethren, St. John	1,000 00
	$15,434 76
Dom. Stock purchased	5,000 00
Cash in Bank of Commerce, 31st December, 1877	3,928 54
	$24,363 30

The funds of the Grand Lodge at 31st Dec., 1877, were invested as follows:—

Dominion Stock, bearing 6 per cent	$31,073 33
" " 5 "	23,975 00
Canadian Bank of Commerce	3,928 54
	$58,876 87

Which represents the balances at the credit of the following accounts:—

General Fund	$27,917 31
Asylum Fund	7,867 65
Benevolent Fund Invest. Account	20,998 20
" " Current "	2,163 71
	$58,876 87

The Board directed payment of the following accounts:—

1.	Copp, Clark & Co., certificates and warrants	$335 75
2.	J. B. Trayes, Printing 1,200 copies Grand Lodge Proceedings	285 00
3.	S. J. Sargant, Royal Solomon Lodge Jewels (Jerusalem),	100 00
4.	Ennis & Stirton, printing sundry circulars	77 90
5.	William Bruce, engrossing warrants	11 50
6.	Richard Haigh, binding books, &c	5 75
7.	W. W. Summers, case pigeon-holes	12 50
8.	Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationary	29 00
9.	Grand Secretary, postage, telegrams, &c., balance to 31st December, 1877	50 24
10.	Grand Secretary, postage, telegrams, &c., grant until meeting of G. L	200 00
		$1,107 64

Regarding the application made by Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Clifton, for a grant from the funds of Grand Lodge in consequence of the loss of their hall and property by fire, the Board were unable to recommend that any appropriation be made as requested; but considering the peculiar position in which that Lodge is placed, owing to its situation on the frontier, they directed, as an exceptional case, that the dues of that Lodge be remitted for the years 1875–6–7.

The Board find that the balances in the ledger due by Lodges are chiefly for certificates, constitutions, dispensations, &c., obtained during the year, and not included or paid for by them when making their semi-annual returns. The Board therefore directed that all such books and documents shall be paid for before being issued by the Grand Secretary.

The Board recommend that the offer of Bro. J. B. Trayes to print and complete for delivery 1,200 copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1878, at the rate of $1.25 per page, be accepted.

The Board are pleased to state that the invested funds of Grand Lodge had, at the 31st of December last, reached the

truly magnificent sum of $55,048.33, without neglecting to discharge those truly Masonic principles of benevolence and charity, while the whole interest of this large sum is permanently secured to aid the requirements of those who claim our assistance.

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board had under consideration the several applications for relief, and, after due consideration, made the following appropriations to be paid from the Fund of Benevolence of Grand Lodge.

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
1	Toronto Board of Relief.....	$75	Sec. & Treas. Local Board Relief
2	Hamilton Board of Relief...	75	" "
3	London Board of Relief.....	75	" "
4	Ottawa Board of Relief.....	50	Chairman "
5	Kingston Board of Relief....	30	Sec. & Treas. "
6	Peterborough Board of Relief	25	" "
7	Guelph Board of Relief.....	25	" "
8	Stratford Board of Relief...	25	" "
9	Widow of Joshua P.....	30	Sec. & Treas. L. B. R. Toronto
10	" William J.....	30	" "
11	" Amos G.....	20	" "
12	" John J.....	20	" "
13	" Francis N.....	25	" "
14	" R. L. D.....	30	" "
15	" W. H. H.....	20	" "
16	" John K.....	20	" "
17	" John W. C.....	20	" "
18	" Thos. M.....	20	" "
19	" Stephen K.....	20	" "
20	" John J. Q.....	20	" "
21	Bro. G. L. A.....	25	" "
22	" A. T. H.....	20	" "
23	Widow of John R.....	20	" "
24	" Thomas K.....	20	Sec. & Treas. L. B. R. Hamilton
25	" T. B. H.....	20	" "
26	" Peter P.....	20	" "
27	" Ormond S.....	20	" "
28	" George S.....	20	" "

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
29	Widow of James J. Q.	20	Sec. & Treas. L. B. R. Hamilton
30	" Fernando B.	20	" "
31	" Hugh M.	20	" "
32	" Wm. W. P.	30	" "
33	" George S.	20	" "
34	" James F. W.	20	" "
35	" Edward Jas. A.	20	" "
36	" J. W. F.	20	" "
37	" Alex. McI	20	Sec. & Treas. L. B. R. London
38	" Thomas L.	20	" "
39	" William W.	20	" "
40	" John T.	20	" "
41	" James McD.	20	" "
42	" John McD.	20	" "
43	" Edward L.	20	" "
44	Bro. Lewis H.	25	" "
45	" William G.	20	" "
46	" John C.	25	" "
47	Orphans of Alex. C.	20	" "
48	" Richard B.	20	" "
49	Widow of Thos. S.	30	Chairman L. B. R. Ottawa
50	" Wm. B. G.	20	" "
51	" Robert M.	20	" "
52	" Charles P.	20	" "
53	" James E. K.	20	" "
54	" C. P. W.	40	Sec. & Treas. L. B. R. Kingston
55	" William McC.	20	" "
56	" James W. A.	20	" "
57	" Benjamin S.	20	" "
58	" R. C. B.	20	" "
59	" Thos. G. H.	20	" "
60	" J. M. H.	20	" "
61	" Alex. J.	30	" "
62	" Benj. C. D.	20	" "
63	Bro. Joseph R. T.	20	" "
64	Miss Annie P.	30	" "
65	Widow of Donald S.	25	Sec. & Treas. L. B. R. Peterborough
66	" John H.	20	" "
67	" William McG.	20	" "
68	Bro. Joseph N.	20	" "
69	" Edward T.	20	" "
70	Widow of Edward B.	20	Sec. & Treas. L. B. R. Guelph
71	" William C.	20	W.M. Prince of Wales Lodge, 171

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
72	Orphan of Stephen S.....	20	W.M. St. John's Lodge, 104.
73	Widow of John H. M.....	20	" Belleville Lodge, 128.
74	" John C. R.....	20	" Lake Lodge, 215.
75	" Robert B. K.....	20	" True Britons Lodge, 14.
76	Bro. Joseph N. K.....	20	" St. George Lodge, 243.
77	Widow of John S. E.....	20	" Union Lodge, 9.
78	Bro. George S.....	20	" " "
79	" David B. P.....	20	" " "
80	Widow of John James S.....	20	" Highgate Lodge, 336.
81	Bro. Christian F.....	20	" Maple Leaf Lodge, 119.
82	Widow of Chester B.....	20	" Plattsville Lodge, 178.
83	" Mark John S.....	20	" Thistle Lodge, 34.
84	" William B.....	20	" King Hiram Lodge, 78.
85	" David P.....	20	" Cornwall Lodge, 125.
86	" James A. P.....	25	" " "
87	Bro. James B.....	20	" Markham Union Lodge, 87
88	" Reuben C. M.....	25	" King Solomon Lodge, 48.
89	Widow of Richard L.....	20	" Irvine Lodge, 203.
90	Orphans of Jas. H. M.....	20	" Humber Lodge, 305.
91	Widow of John H.....	30	" Newhope Lodge, 279.
92	" William McC.....	20	" St. James Lodge, 74.
93	Bro. David B.....	30	" Hawkesbury Lodge 210.
94	Widow of Philander S.....	20	" Lorne Lodge, 282.
95	" Cyrus R.....	20	" " "
96	" Donald McC.....	25	" Amity Lodge, 32.
97	" James L.....	20	" " "
98	Bro. S. A. J. D.....	30	" Northern Light Lodge, 93.
99	Widow of Thos. W. D.....	25	" " " "
100	" Richard H.....	30	" Irving Lodge, 154.
101	" John H.....	15	" St. Mark's Lodge, 94.
102	" Cornelius S. H....	20	" St. Albans Lodge, 200.
103	" James M.....	20	" Blair Lodge, 314.
104	" Alex. S. A.....	20	" Ontario Lodge, 26.
105	Bro. James W.....	20	" Manitoba Lodge, 236.
106	Widow of James A. S.....	20	R.W.Bro.J.E.Harding, St.Marys
107	Bro. James S.....	20	W.M. Durham Lodge, 306.
108	" Charles MacC.....	20	" Victoria Lodge, 299.
109	Widow of Joseph S.....	20	Chairman L. B. R., Ottawa.
110	" William D. G. H..	20	W.M. Norfolk Lodge, 10.
111	" Alexander D.....	20	" " "
112	" Jas. O. L. G.....	20	" Composite Lodge, 30.
113	" Amos W. C.....	20	" " "
114	" Thomas W. C.....	15	" " "

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
115	Widow of H. L. T.....	20	W.M. Jerusalem Lodge, 31.
116	Bro. William P.....	20	" Richmond Lodge, 23.
117	Wife of J. R. G.....	20	Sec.-Treas. L.B.R., Hamilton.
118	Widow of William C.....	25	W.M. Prince Edward Lodge, 18.
119	" William S.....	20	" " " "
120	" James J. C.....	20	" " " "
121	" Thomas M.....	20	" Madawaska Lodge, 196.
122	Bro. William McN.....	20	" " "
123	Widow of Richard R.....	20	" Hope Lodge, 114.
124	Orphan of Robert G.....	20	" J. B. Hall Lodge, 145.
	Total.....	$2860	

The following is an abstract of the returns received from the several Local Boards of Relief as at 31st December, 1877:—

TORONTO.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand 30th June, 1877.....	$171 00
Direct grant from Grand Lodge, Sept., 1877.....	250 00
Special grants from Grand Lodge to 15 pensioners,	405 00
Grants by private Lodges, Nos. 22, 25, and 247.....	312 80
Returned loans.....	19 00
Bro. Green, Acacia Lodge, Hamilton.....	15 00
	$1,172 80

EXPENDITURES.

Paid fifteen pensioners,	$437 00
" city members	24 00
" board bills, tickets to travellers, and transient Bros..	376 00
" funeral expenses..	31 00
" incidentals.....	32 00
" loans.....	190 00
Balance, 31st Dec.. 1877,	82 80
	$1,172 80

HAMILTON.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand 30th June, 1877.....	$66 73
Direct grant from Grand Lodge, Sept., 1877.....	100 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid 13 pensioners.....	$295 00
" resident widows and brethren	185 00
" transient brethren,	52 55

Special grants from Grand Lodge to 13 pensioners..	295 00	Paid remittance to St. John, N. B.....	37 00
Grants from private Lodges,	60 00	Balance 31st Dec., 1877..	16 58
Collection at Church for sufferers at St. John, N.B.	37 00		
Proceeds of Excursion to Toronto	34 40		
	$593 13		$593 13

LONDON.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Direct grant from Grand Lodge, Sept., 1877.....	$75 00	Balance due Treasurer,	$2 44
Special grant from Grand Lodge, 11 pensioners....	260 00	Paid 11 pensioners.....	260 00
Grants from private Lodges —195, $10; 64, $25; 209a, $25; 42, $25; 20, $20....	105 00	" resident widows and brethren	45 00
Proceeds of Excursion to Sarnia	38 00	" transient brethren,	88 13
Collection in Church.....	34 35	Sundries	7 25
Returned loan.....	2 00	Balance 31st Dec., 1877..	116 53
	$514 35		$514 35

OTTAWA.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on hand 30th June, 1877.....	$36 45	Paid Mrs. Falls' grant..	$30 00
Direct grant from Grand Lodge, Sept., 1877.....	100 00	" resident widows and brethren	100 50
Special grant from Grand Lodge for Mrs. Falls....	30 00	" sundries	2 03
Grants from three private Lodges—Nos. 52, 148, 264.....	51 50	Balance 31st Dec., 1877,	85 42
	$217 95		$217 95

KINGSTON.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on hand 30th June, 1877	$88 67	Paid grants to 11 pensioners	$290 00
Direct grant from Grand Lodge	80 00	" city members	185 70
Special grant from Grand Lodge to 11 pensioners	290 00	" transient relief	35 00
Grant from three private Lodges	195 70	" funerals	20 00
		Balance 31st Dec., 1877.	23 17
	$554 37		$554 37

PETERBORO'.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on hand 30th June, 1877	$44 50	Paid five pensioners	$125 00
Direct grant from Grand Lodge, Sept., 1877	25 00	" one resident brother	5 00
Special grant from Grand Lodge to five pensioners,	125 00	" one transient brother	5 00
Interest	1 84	Balance 31st Dec., 1877,	61 34
	$196 34		$196 34

NOTE—The Lodges in Peterborough have not been able to pay anything towards the Benevolent Fund, because they expended their money in re-furnishing the Lodge Room, as is reported by Rt. Wor. Bro. Clementi, the Chairman of L. B. R.

GUELPH.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Direct grant from Grand Lodge, July, 1875	$50 00	Aid from 1873 to 1877, inclusive	$194 70
Grants from private Lodges from 1873 to 1877	131 50		
Balance due Treasurer 31st December, 1877	13 20		
	$194 70		$194 70

STRATFORD.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES	
Direct grant from Grand Lodge, Sept., 1877.....	$80 00	Balance due Treasurer..	$— 20
Grants from private Lodges to June 30, 1877.....	46 20	Resident widows and Brethren	20 50
Grants from private Lodges to Dec. 31, 1877.....	35 40	Funeral expenses.....	11 90
		Sundries	55
		Balance 31st Dec., 1877..	78 45
	$111 60		$111 60

The following applications were rejected, viz: Bro. John Hamilton, of Chicago; The Orient of Belgrade; John R. Breakley, he not being a Mason, but the father of a deceased Mason.

In reference to the request of Bro. C. S. Scott, who reported that the widow of Bro. Henry A. Reynolds, to whom a grant of $30 was made in Sept., 1877, died before that grant reached her, and applied that cheque, No. 1860, dated 14th Sept., 1877, in her favor for $30, should be transferred to the Local Board of Relief at Ottawa, as a refund for funeral expenses of Mrs. Reynolds; the Board directed that the request be granted and the cheque be changed accordingly.

The Board submit to the Grand Lodge the following analytical report on "Applicants for Benevolence," carefully prepared by R. W. Bro. Klotz.

REPORT ON APPLICANTS FOR BENEVOLENCE.

Since the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in September last, the undersigned has addressed a large number of brethren, making inquiry about the present standing of such parties whose names appear upon Grand Lodge Benevolent List, but who have not received any aid during the last three years, for the purpose of ascertaining, at least approximately, the names of those widows, brethren and

orphans that may yet be expected to apply for aid from the funds of benevolence; many of the brethren to whom such enquiries were addressed have kindly answered and given valuable information, while some enquiries remain unanswered; all information has been carefully entered in the book kept for that purpose and corresponding notes added to the index to facilitate searching for names, as will appear by reference to the same.

The undersigned then prepared a list of all the names of those parties who may be considered as not requiring any further aid from the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge, together with a similar list of the names of those parties who may be considered as in need and as claimants for aid. From both lists the following statistics were compiled:—

Applications on behalf of widows struck off	123
" " brethren "	69
" " orphans "	10
" " local boards "	2
Total number of applications struck of	204

These may be classed as follows:—

Widows that were belonging to Quebec Lodges	18	
" are reported as now well off	33	
" " married	15	
" " gone to the United States	2	
" about whom no report received, but who did not apply during last three years	50	
" that are reported dead	5	
		123
Brethren that were belonging to Quebec Lodges	10	
" " are reported now as well off	2	
" about whom no report received, but who did not apply during last three years	21	
" that are reported as gone to the United States	1	
" " dead	35	
		69

Orphans that were belonging to Quebec Lodges,	1	
" " are reported as provided for	9	
		10
Local Board of Relief of Montreal	1	
" " " Winnipeg	1	
		2
		204

Parties remaining upon Benevolent List, considered as future applicants:—

Widows	155
Brethren	56
Orphans (separate claims for orphans)	10
Local Boards of Relief	10
In all	231

The exact number of orphans in the above cases still on hand is not given, and may be taken as comprising about 22 individuals. The names of the ten Local Boards being:—Toronto, Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Kingston, Peterborough, Stratford, Guelph, Chatham and St. Thomas.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board heard and considered the following cases, and decided to submit thereon to the Grand Lodge the conclusions and recommendations hereunder specified in each case, namely:—

1. *In the matter of* BRO. W. K. SUMNER, and UNION LODGE, No. 7. This brother was suspended by Union Lodge, No. 7, for unmasonic conduct, on the 4th of June, 1868. At the regular meeting on October 18th, 1877, the Lodge unanimously resolved that the suspension be removed.

The Board recommend that the suspension be removed, and that Bro. W. K. Sumner be restored to good standing.

2. Bro. Thomas Flesher, and Manito Lodge, No. 90. On February 16th, 1870, Bro. Thomas Flesher was suspended by Manito Lodge, No. 90, for unmasonic conduct. On August 29th, 1877, by a unanimous ballot, the Lodge decided to recommend that the suspensions be removed.

The Board recommend that the suspension of Bro. Thomas Flesher be removed, and that he be restored to good standing.

3. Bro. John Hazle, and Speed Lodge, No. 180. Bro. John Hazle was suspended for unmasonic conduct, by Speed Lodge, No. 180, in December, 1875. He has petitioned the Lodge for restoration, and the Lodge, by an unanimous ballot, have concurred in his request.

The Board recommend that the suspension of Bro. John Hazle be removed, and that he be restored to good standing as requested in his petition.

4. Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, vs. Bro. Archibald Murray. In August, 1877, Bro. Archibald Murray was tried by the Police Magistrate in London for theft. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to six months in the Central Prison.

He has been tried by his Lodge and suspended, and recommended for expulsion.

The Board directed that Bro. Archibald Murray be summoned to attend the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

5. SHUNIAH LODGE, No. 287, vs. BRO. HENRY J. VIVIAN. } At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge this case was laid over until certain particulars should be furnished. [See Proceedings 1877, p. 153.]

These particulars are now before the Board, from which it appears that the charge is for embezzling the funds of the Lodge, whilst Secretary. A trial took place, and Bro. Vivian was found guilty, and suspended, and recommended to the Grand Lodge for expulsion.

The Board directed that Bro. Henry J. Vivian be summoned to attend the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

6. STIRLING LODGE, No. 69, vs. BRO. A. G. SCOTT. } The charge in this case is for violating his O. B. as a M. M. A trial appears to have been held in Stirling Lodge, No. 69, in August, 1876, and the accused found guilty, suspended, and recommended for expulsion.

At the last meeting of Grand Lodge this case was referred to the D. D. G. M. of the Prince Edward District for investigation. [See Proceedings 1877, page 154.] The papers now before the Board contain full particulars; and the Board directed that Bro. A. G. Scott be summoned to attend the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

7. BRANT LODGE, No. 45, vs. BRO. JOHN H. JULL. } In November, 1877, Bro. John H. Jull was suspended by Brant Lodge, No. 45, for unmasonic conduct and recommended for expulsion.

The charge is one of forgery and uttering forged paper, and the proceedings appear to have been regular. The

Board directed that Bro. John H. Jull be summoned to attend the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

8. IONIC LODGE, No. 25, vs. BRO. W. B. C. BARBER. } This brother is now undergoing imprisonment in the penitentiary on a charge of larceny. He has been tried by the Lodge and suspended, the accused through his counsel admitting that he had no defence. The Board directed that Bro. W. B. C. Barber be summoned to attend the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft.

9. BRO. W. S. MORDEN, vs. CAMERON LODGE, No. 232. } The charge in this case is an accusation that Bro. Morden committed perjury in an answer to a bill of Complaint in the Court of Chancery filed against him by Bro. J. C. Schleihauf.

These brethren were partners in business, and the matters in dispute appear to relate to business transactions and a settlement of partnership accounts.

Grand Lodge has repeatedly refused to recognize the right of Lodges to interfere in the business disputes of their members. It further appears that no copy of the charges was given to Bro. Morden, although applied for. Bro. Morden was tried and suspended by Cameron Lodge on the 16th day of January, 1878, and he now appeals from that decision. The Board directed that the appeal be allowed, and that Bro. Morden be restored to good standing.

10. *In the matter of* BRO. J. C. BRIMER, SOME TIME S. W. OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 125. } This matter was before Grand Lodge at the last annual communication. (See Proceedings, 1877, page 157.) Further particulars have since been furnished by Cornwall

Lodge, and it now appears that Bro. Brymer was charged with stealing, or being a party cognizant of the stealing of the charter of Cornwall Lodge. The Board decided that in order to obtain his demit Bro. Brymer must apply to the Lodge for restoration in the usual manner, as laid down in the regulations for the government of Masonic trials.

11. Bro. J. C. Rodden, vs. King Hiram Lodge, No. 89. } This matter was before the Board in February, 1877, and was then referred to the D. D. G. M. of the Ontario District to hear and determine. (See Proceedings, 1877, page 120.) The D. D. G. M. held an investigation, and submits all the evidence taken thereat, but without any recommendation. Upon a consideration of the evidence, it appears that Bro. Rodden was a member in good standing of King Hiram Lodge at the time of the surrender of its charter in 1866. Upon its resuscitation he was refused admission as a member, and then applied for affiliation under mistaken advice that that would be the best way of settling the difficulty. He was rejected, and now applies to the Board for a ruling as to his standing in that Lodge.

The Board are of opinion that as he was a member of the Lodge when the warrant was surrendered, he was still a member equally with the other members when the old warrant was re-issued to them; that he now is a member of King Hiram Lodge; that the Lodge should admit him as such; and that he is not liable for dues during the time he has been deprived by the Lodge of his rights as a member.

12. Bro. Joseph Boag, vs. Sydenham Lodge, No. 255. } This is an appeal from the action of Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, in the matter of a charge of unmasonic conduct, preferred by Bro. James H. Minaker, against Bro. Joseph Boag, on which Bro. Boag was found guilty by the Lodge, and suspended for one year.

The charge is for using abusive language and threats of

personal violence. The grounds of appeal are that Bro. Boag did not receive sufficient notice of the trial, that the charge was not preferred for several months after the alleged offence, when Bro. Boag was about removing to another place, and also a justification.

Upon consideration of the evidence, and all the facts and circumstances of the case, which appear to be fully detailed in the papers before us, the Board are of opinion that Bro. Minaker should not have delayed bringing this charge from December until July; that Bro. Boag acted as he did under considerable provocation, and that the punishment is disproportionate to the offence.

The Board decided that the appeal be allowed and the suspension removed.

JURISPRUDENCE.

The Board submit their decisions in the following matters referred to them:—

1. Where charges are preferred against a brother in his own Lodge by one representing himself to be a member of another Lodge, it is only necessary to be assured that the accusing brother is in good standing in his own Lodge. This might be ascertained from the Grand Secretary or the Secretary of his own Lodge. It is not necessary that a certificate under the seal of the Lodge should be produced.

2. W. Bro. B. L. Chipman, a member of Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, residing at Thamesville, brought a charge in Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville, against Bro. G. T. Spackman, formerly a member of Tecumseh Lodge, now residing in the Town of Morenci, Michigan.

The Board are of the opinion that the charges should be brought in the Lodge of which the accused brother is a member, or within whose jurisdiction he resides.

3. The following report was brought into Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope, and adopted, viz:—

The Committe appointed to inquire into the character and standing of Brother Kenneth Chisholm, an applicant for affiliation, and a member of Antiquity Lodge, No. 1, Q. R., had determined to report favorably, but having been informed by Bro. Chisholm that he is, contrary to his expectation, about to leave Port Hope, and is consequently desirous of withdrawing his application, your Committee would, therefore, recommend that the applicant be not balloted for, and that the sum of two dollars, which accompanied his petition, be returned to him.

Some of the members considered the adoption of this report contrary to the Constitution, and desired a ruling of the Board on the subject.

The Board are of opinion that an application once received cannot be withdrawn; it is in the hands of the Lodge to be dealt with as they may see fit. There is nothing in the report adopted that conflicts in any way with the Constitution.

4. As to the enquiry from Eureka Lodge, No. 248, Pakenham, the Board held that a brother suspended for unmasonic conduct is not liable for dues during the time of his suspension.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. HENDERSON
President of the Board.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. Bain, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the annual report of the Board be received.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, on behalf of the Board, submitted and read the following semi-annual report on

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that the Receipts for the half year ending 30th June, 1878, were as follows:—

Certificates	$1,841 00
Dues	3,504 25
Fees	705 50
Dispensations	120 00
Warrants	70 00
Constitutions	309 28
Interest	1,595 89
Sundries	8 22
	$7,654 14

This amount has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer and acknowledged by him.

The following statement exhibits the Financial position of the Grand Lodge as at the 30th June, 1878:—

Investments in Stocks	$55,048 33
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce	5,045 79
	$60,094 12

Representing the following amounts at credit of the respective funds, viz:—

General Fund	$30,308 67
Asylum Fund	8,078 65
Benevolent Fund, Investment	20,998 20
" " Current	708 60
	$60,094 12

The Board recommend payment of the following accounts :

1.	Northern Assurance Co., Insurance	$14 00
2.	W. W. Summers, book-case and cupboards	35 00
3.	James Reid, repairing furniture	6 46
4.	Copp, Clark & Co., certificates	145 00
5.	R. Haigh, binding returns, &c.	56 00
6.	Times Printing Co., printing Constitutions	225 00
	" " " " Foreign Corres. 1876, and sundry forms	302 00
7.	Jas. Bain & Son, book for Committee on Benevolence	4 00
8.	Saml. Woods, sundries for Board of General Purposes at Kingston	7 25
9.	Hy. Robertson, for Reports on Foreign Correspondence, 1876, 1877, and 1878	[illegible] 00
10.	Ennis & Stirton, printing ceremonies, railway certificates, and sundry circulars	[illegible] 00
11.	J. B. Trayes, printing 1,200 copies, Foreign Correspondence, 1877	150 00
12.	Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery	5 40
13.	W. Bruce, engrossing warrants, &c.	19 00
14.	Grand Secretary, advance on account of incidentals to 31st December, 1878	150 00
		$1,589 11

In reference to the application from Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware, for a grant to assist them in rebuilding and furnishing their hall, the Lodge having lost all their property by fire, the Board recommend that as an exceptional case, the amount due by the said Lodge to the 30th June, 1878, be remitted.

In reference to the application from St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley, for a grant in consequence of the loss of their property by fire, the Board recommend that the amount due by that Lodge for the year ending the 30th June, 1878, be remitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. HENDERSON,
President of the Board.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, and

Resolved,—That the semi-annual report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following report on

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board have had under consideration the several applications for relief, and after due consideration made the following appropriations to be paid from the funds of Benevolence, amounting in the aggregate to $6,420.00, which includes the proposed grant of $1000 to our suffering brethren and their families in the Southern States.

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
1	Toronto Board of Relief.	$250	Sec. & Treas. Toronto B. Relief
2	Hamilton Board of Relief	150	" Hamilton "
3	London Board of Relief	100	" London "
4	Kingston Board of Relief	50	" Kingston "
5	Ottawa Board of Relief	150	" Ottawa "
6	Peterborough Board of Relief	30	" Peterborough "
7	Guelph Board of Relief	30	" Guelph "
8	Chatham Board of Relief	30	" Chatham "
9	Galt Board of Relief	30	" Galt "
10	St. Thomas Board of Relief	30	" St. Thomas "
11	Harris L., 216, Orangeville	50	W.M. Harris Lodge, 216.
12	King Hiram L., 78, Tilsonburg	50	" King Hiram Lodge, 78
13	Widow of William J.	30	Sec. & Treas. Toronto B. Relief.
14	" Amos G.	25	"
15	" John J.	25	"
16	" Francis N.	25	"
17	" R. S. D.	30	"
18	" John K.	30	"
19	" John W. C.	30	"
20	" Thos. M.	25	"
21	" A. T. H.	30	"
22	" John A.	30	"

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
23	Widow of Thomas K.....	30	Sec. & Treas. Hamilton B. Relief.
24	" Peter P.....	25	" "
25	" George S.....	20	" "
26	" Hugh M.....	20	" "
27	" George S.....	25	" "
28	" Edwd. Jas. A.....	25	" "
29	" T. B. H.....	20	" "
30	" Ormond S.....	20	" "
31	" Fernando H. B....	30	" "
32	" J. R. G.....	20	" "
33	" Wm. W. P.....	30	" "
34	" James H. W.....	20	" "
35	" J. W. F.....	20	" "
36	" T. C.....	20	" "
37	" Alex C.....	20	Sec. & Treas. London B. Relief.
38	" James McD.....	25	" "
39	" John McD.....	25	" "
40	" Edwin L.....	25	" "
41	" Alex. McI.....	40	" "
42	" Thomas L.....	25	" "
43	Children of Richard B.....	20	" "
44	Bro. John C.....	25	" "
45	" Lewis H.....	30	" "
46	Widow of Donald S.....	30	Sec. & Treas. Peterboro B. Relief.
47	" William McG.....	25	" "
48	" John H.....	30	" "
49	Bro. Edward T.....	25	" "
50	" Joseph N.....	20	" "
51	Widow of Fred. W. R.....	40	" "
52	" Walter B.....	30	" "
53	" John T.....	25	W.M. Niagara Lodge, 2.
54	Bro. Samuel C.....	25	" "
55	Widow of Richard H.....	25	" "
56	" James T.....	25	" Sussex Lodge, 5.
57	" John W.....	25	" "
58	" David B. P.....	25	" Union Lodge, 9.
59	" George W. S.....	20	" "
60	" John S. E.....	25	" "
61	" Charles G.....	30	" True Britons Lodge, 14.
62	" Johnson N.....	20	" "
63	" Andrew G.....	25	" St. Francis Lodge, 24.
64	" Alex. Stuart A.....	20	" Ontario Lodge, 26.
65	" Robert John Y.....	30	" Composite Lodge, 30.

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
66	Widow of Thomas C.....	20	W.M. Composite Lodge, 30.
67	" Jas. O. L. G.....	30	" " "
68	" Amos W. C.....	20	" " "
69	Bro. Reuben M.....	25	" King Solomon Lodge, 43.
70	Widow of Andrew L. W.....	30	" Brant Lodge, 45.
71	Bro. John T.....	40	" "
72	" David C.....	30	" "
73	" Joseph G.....	30	" Vaughan Lodge, 54.
74	Widow of William McC.....	30	" St. James Lodge, 74.
75	" Samuel W.....	20	" Oxford Lodge, 76.
76	" William P.....	30	" " "
77	" Neil McD.....	30	" Faithful Brethren Ldge 77
78	" Daniel G.....	50	" Albion Lodge, 80,
79	Orphan of Thos. T.....	20	" " "
80	Widow of John B.....	30	" " "
81	" Dougald McL.....	25	" St. John's Lodge, 81.
82	" William L.....	50	" Beaver Lodge, 83.
83	" Robert W. M.....	40	" " "
84	Bro. John B. B.....	40	" St. George Lodge, 88.
85	Widow of Alex. S. McI.....	40	" " "
86	" Alex. N. B.....	20	" Colborne Lodge, 91.
87	Bro. Leonard T.....	30	" " "
88	Orphans of Timothy G. F....	20	" " "
89	Bro. S. A. J. D.....	30	" Northern Light Lodge, 93.
90	Widow of Thos. W. D.....	25	" " "
91	" John H. H.....	25	" St. Mark's Lodge, 94.
92	Bro. Jacob R.....	25	" Tuscan Lodge, 99.
93	Widow of Stephen K.....	20	" Maitland Lodge, 112.
94	" William A.....	30	" Wilson Lodge, 113.
95	" John Wesley C....	30	" " "
96	" Wm. S. P.....	20	" " "
97	Bro. Christian F.....	25	" Maple Leaf Lodge, 119.
98	Widow of Richard Jas. C.....	30	" Golden Rule Lodge, 126.
99	" Hugh O'N.....	30	" " "
100	Bro. R. C. H.....	30	" Pythagoras Lodge, 139.
101	" Philip H.....	40	" Malahide Lodge, 140.
102	" Elmer J. H.....	20	" Simpson Lodge, 157.
103	Widow of William C.....	20	" Prince of Wales Lodge, 171
104	" Chester G. B.....	20	" Plattsville Lodge, 178.
105	" Samuel W.....	30	" White Oak Lodge, 198.
106	" John C. B.....	30	" Lake Lodge, 215.
107	Bro. James W.....	30	" Manitoba Lodge, 236.
108	Widow of Neil M.....	20	" Thistle Lodge, 250.

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
109	Widow of Thos. S.	30	W.M. Norwood Lodge, 228.
110	" Andrew M.	30	" St. John's Lodge, 284.
111	" Robert J. P.	30	" Dufferin Lodge, 291.
112	Bro. Charles MacC.	20	" Victoria Lodge, 299.
113	Orphans of Jas. H. M.	30	" Humber Lodge, 305.
114	Widow of James M.	20	" Blair Lodge, 314.
115	Ann B. C.	25	R.W. Bro. Otto Klotz, Preston.
116	Widow of Henry L. T.	20	Bro. R. Armour, Bowmanville.
117	" Charles P.	25	Sec.-Treas. Ottawa L. B. R.
118	" Thos. S.	30	" "
119	" James E. K.	30	" "
120	" Joseph S.	30	" "
121	" John H.	30	" "
122	" John M.	30	" "
123	" Wm. B. G.	30	" "
124	" Samuel B.	30	W.M. Amity Lodge, 32.
125	" William L.	25	" " "
126	" Donald McC.	25	" " "
127	" James L.	20	" " "
128	" Joheil R.	30	" Prince of Wales Lodge, 146
129	Miss Harriet S.	40	" " " "
130	Widow of John M.	25	" Belleville Lodge, 123.
131	" of Nicholas O'C.	25	" " "
132	Orphans of William L.	40	" York Lodge, 156.
133	Widow of Benj. S.	30	Sec.-Treas. Kingston B. Relief.
134	" Thos. H.	25	" " "
135	" B. C. D.	30	" " "
136	" John McH.	25	" " "
137	" J. W. J. A.	20	" " "
138	" C. P. W.	40	" " "
139	" Alex. J.	30	" " "
140	Miss Annie P.	25	" " "
141	Brother Jos. R. T.	30	" " "
142	" Roland C. B.	30	" " "
143	" Stanislaus H. B.	50	" " "
144	Widow of Edward B.	30	" Guelph "
145	" William C.	30	" " "
146	" C. S. H.	20	W. M. St. Albans Lodge, 209.
147	Orphan of Robert G.	30	V.W. Bro. J. Might, Port Hope.
148	Widow of George W.	30	Sec.-Treas. Hamilton B. Relief.
149	Brother Wm. W. R.	40	" " "
150	Widow of Thos. M.	25	W. M. Madawaska Lodge, 196.
151	" Robert M.	20	" " "

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
152	Brother Wm. McN.....	30	W. M. Madawaska Lodge, 196.
153	Widow of William H.....	20	" Norfolk Lodge, 10.
154	" Richard R.....	20	" Hope Lodge, 114.
155	" Alex. D.....	20	" Norfolk Lodge, 10.
156	" John McP.....	25	Sec.-Treas. Chatham B. Relief.
157	" Joseph F.....	30	" " "
158	" William C.....	25	W.M. Prince Edward Lodge, 18.
159	" J. J. C.....	25	" " "
160	" William S.....	25	" " "
161	Orphans of Wm. H. P.....	40	" Grafton Lodge, 308.
162	Widow of Joseph F.....	30	" Orient Lodge, 339.
163	" Alex. F.....	30	" Occident Lodge, 346.
164	" William McG.....	30	Sec.-Treas, St. Catharines B. R
165	" Thos. H.....	30	" " "
166	" John B. H.....	30	" " "
167	" Archibald D.....	40	W.M. Belleville Lodge, 123.
168	" John R.....	30	" St. Lawrence Lodge, 131.
169	Goodwood L. 159, Richmond	50	" Goodwood Lodge, 159.
170	Widow of Wm. W.....	20	Sec.-Treas. London B. Relief.
171	Brother Wm. G.....	25	" " "
172	Stratford Board of Relief.....	90	" Stratford B. Relief.
173	Widow of John W.....	25	W. M. Stirling Lodge, 69.
	Total,.....	$5,420	

The following is an abstract of the Returns received from the Local Boards of Relief, as at 30th June, 1878:—

TORONTO.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on hand	$82 80	Paid 14 pensioners.....	320 00
Direct grant from Grand Lodge, Feb., 1878.....	75 00	" 1 Cheque returned to Gr. Sec'y....	20 00
Special grants from Grand Lodge, 15 pensioners....	340 00	" loans.....	133 50
Grants from private Lodges Nos. 75, 25, 16, 65, 218..	309 30	" city members.....	11 00
Returned loans.....	11 00	transient Bros..	327 50
Expenditure over receipts, and due Secretary.....	14 90	" incidentals.....	21 00
	$833 00		$833 00

HAMILTON.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on hand 31st Dec., 1877	$16 58	Paid 14 pensioners,	$290 00
Direct grant from Grand Lodge	75 00	Paid resident widows and brethren	109 00
Special grants from Grand Lodge to 14 pensioners,	290 00	" transient Widows and Brethren	100 60
Grants by private Lodges,	100 70	Balance on hand 30th June, 1878	57 44
Collection in Church	74 76		
	$557 04		$557 04

LONDON.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
To balance	$116 53	Paid 12 pensioners	$250 00
Direct grant from Grand Lodge	75 00	" resident widows and brethren	122 25
Special grants from Grand Lodge to 12 pensioners	250 00	" transient brethren,	67 00
Grants from city Lodges,	165 00	" funeral expenses	62 70
		Balance on hand 30th June, 1878	104 58
	$606 53		$606 53

KINGSTON.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
To Balance on hand	$23 17	Paid grants to 11 pensioners	$250 00
Direct grant from Grand Lodge	30 00	" transient relief	44 80
Special grant from Grand Lodge to 11 pensioners	250 00	Returned to Cataraqui Lodge	20 00
Grant from City Lodges (Cataraqui Lodge)	20 00	Cash on hand	18 37
Refunded from Woodstock.	10 00		
	$333 17		$333 17

OTTAWA.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on hand 2nd Jan., 1878	$77 92	Paid 6 pensioners	$180 00
Direct grant from Grand Lodge	50 00	" transient brethren	110 92
Grants from City Lodges—Nos. 52, 177, 231, 264	92 75	" city brethren	40 00
Special grant from Grand Lodge to 7 pensioners	160 00	Balance on hand	139 82
Returned on behalf of M. Knowlton	40 00		
	$420 67		$420 67

PETERBORO'.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on hand	$58 34	Paid five pensioners	$105 00
Direct grant from Grand Lodge, Feb., 1878	25 00	" transient relief	6 50
Special grant from Grand Lodge to five pensioners,	105 00	" funeral expenses	50 00
		Balance on hand	26 84
	$188 34		$188 34

CHATHAM.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on hand	$1 00	Paid transient relief	$36 04
Grant from Grand Lodge	25 00	" town members	122 74
Grant from Lodges No. 46 and 267	71 25	Balance on hand	7 96
Grant from Chapter No. 47	69 49		
	$166 74		$166 74

GUELPH.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on hand (supposed)	$18 00	Expenditure for charitable purposes	369 86
Direct grant from Grand Lodge	25 00	Balance on hand	50 94
Grants from Lodges Nos. 180, 258, 381, and private subscriptions	377 80		
	$420 80		$420 80

The Board would suggest to the Chairman of the Local Board of Relief for Guelph, that for the future, in drawing out his statement, he should set forth the balance on hand, receipts from various sources and the expenditure in detail.

GALT.

The Board is pleased to learn that the Lodges of the town of Galt have formed a Local Board of Relief.

ST. THOMAS.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Grant from Grand Lodge	$25 00	Paid Transient Brethren	$ 18 45
Grants from Lodges 302, 349, 44	25 02	" Books	2 45
		Balance on hand	29 12
	$50 02		$50 02

STRATFORD.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on Hand	$ 62 50	Paid grants to Transient Brethren	$ 34 75
Grant from Grand Lodge	25 00	Incidentals	14 45
Grant from Private Lodges	35 00	Balance on hand	73 70
	$122 90		$122 90

In view of the great calamity which has befallen a large number of our brethren in the Southern States by that scourge, the Yellow Fever, and considering the flourishing state of the Grand Lodge's finances, your Board recommend that the Grand Lodge do grant the sum of one thousand dollars in behalf of our suffering brethren and their families, and that this said sum be placed in the hands of the M.W. the Grand Master, to be by him distributed as in his wisdom he may deem advisable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. HENDERSON
President of the Board.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the semi-annual report of the Board of Benevolence be received.

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, chairman of the sub-committee of the Board on Benevolence, gave notice that on to-morrow he would apply to the Grand Lodge for the sum of $7,000 to be taken from the General Fund, and transferred to the fund of Benevolence current account.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, on behalf of the Board, submitted and read the following

REPORT:

The Board beg to report that having examined the books of the following named Lodges, at present working under

Dispensation, they recommend that warrants be issued to them, viz:—

1. Maple Leaf Lodge,	Tara,	County of Bruce.	
2. Frontenac Lodge,	Cataraqui,	"	Frontenac.
3. Dufferin Lodge,	Melbourne,	"	Middlesex.
4. North Star Lodge,	Roseneath,	"	Northumberland.
5. Euclid Lodge,	Strathroy,	"	Middlesex.
6. St. George Lodge,	Toronto,	"	York.
7. Salem Lodge,	Brockville,	"	Leeds.
8. Mimico Lodge,	Islington,	"	York.

With reference to Harmony Lodge, Delta, the Board recommend the Grand Master to continue the dispensation for another year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. A. HENDERSON,
President of the Board.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. J. Menet, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren presented their credentials as the Representatives of the Grand Lodges named, which were accepted, and the Representatives were saluted with the usual honours:

M. W. Bro.	T. D. Harington,	for the Grand Lodge of		Louisiana.
M. "	W. H. Weller,	"	"	New Hampshire.
R. "	Otto Klotz,	"	"	Washington.
" "	E. Mitchell,	"	"	California.
" "	F. J. Menet,	"	"	Colorado.
" "	C. Bennett,	"	"	Rhode Island.
" "	S. B. Harman,	"	"	Alabama.
" "	S. B. Harman,	"	"	Tennessee.
" "	J. W. Murton,	"	"	Maine.
" "	R. P. Stephens,	"	"	Wyoming.
V. "	F. R. Despard,	"	"	British Columbia.

NOTICE RESPECTING BENEVOLENCE FUND.

R. W. Bro. Klotz gave notice that on Thursday he would request the Grand Lodge to take into consideration the necessity of augmenting the Benevolent Fund by adding to it $25,000 from the General Fund, in view of the constant increase of claims for benevolence, which prove the present fund entirely inadequate for the same; while such an increase would at least for several years obviate the necessity of making a yearly application to Grand Lodge to meet the claims for charitable purposes. Or else that instead of ten *per cent* of all regular fees being set apart towards increasing the Benevolent Fund, as resolved in 1864, that that ten per cent be increased to fifty per cent.

NOTICE RESPECTING GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman gave notice that on Thursday he would move—That it is desirable to form a Grand Lodge Library in connection with the department of the Grand Secretary, for reference by members of the Craft under such regulations as may be adopted in relation to the same, and that the resolution be referred to the Board of General Purposes, with a request that they will report on the same.

NOTICE RESPECTING RECORDS OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman gave notice that on Thursday he would move—That it is desirable, both as a matter of interest and record, that such steps be taken as in the judgment of Grand Lodge may be deemed expedient, for the collation and publication from time to time, of records of Masonry in Canada prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge, and that a Committee be appointed to carry out the object indicated in this resolution.

MEMORIAL FROM CERTAIN BRETHREN.

A memorial from certain Brethren, respecting the action

taken by the M. W. the Grand Master, upon a petition to be healed, from certain members of the so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario," resident in the city of Toronto, was presented and read;

Whereupon it was moved by W. Bro. Jas. Norris, seconded by R. W. Bro. the Rev. J. G. Robb:

That the memorial just read be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and was declared *lost*.

GRAND LODGE CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 8 o'clock, p. m.

WEDNESDAY, 11th Sept., A.D., 1878.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8.30, p. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

EXPENSES OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by W. Bro. A. Macallum, seconded by W. Bro. R. J. Hovenden,

That half the expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters be paid by this Grand Lodge, and the remaining half by the Subordinate Lodges, allowing an equal amount for each Lodge.

In amendment it was moved by V. W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, seconded by R. W. Bro. Gavin Stewart,

That the following article be added to the Book of Constitution, relating to District Deputy Grand Masters, as Section 12, viz:—"That he shall receive from the funds of Grand Lodge the sum of Five Dollars for every Lodge visited in his District, for the year, which shall be payable on his report being received and adopted by Grand Lodge, under the cheque of the President of the Board of General Purposes.

Before the amendment was put to Grand Lodge, the mover of the original resolution, with the consent of Grand Lodge, withdrew his motion, and consequently the amendment thereto fell to the ground.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION CARRIED.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved, That article 6 "of the Board of General Purposes" in the Book of Constitution, be amended by striking out all before the word "at" in the second line, and inserting therefor the words, "The Board shall meet."

CERTIFICATES FOR PAST MASTERS.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by V. W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, seconded by R. W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, and

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby authorized to issue a certificate on parchment, under seal of this Grand Lodge, to each Past Master of this Grand Lodge requiring it, and that a fee of $1.00 be charged therefor to cover the cost of the same.

MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION LOST.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Com-

munication, it was moved by R. W. Bro. T. C. Macnabb, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz,

That the Constitution be amended by changing the date of meeting of Grand Lodge, from the second Wednesday in September to the second Wednesday in July.

The motion, having been put to Grand Lodge, it was declared *lost*.

GRAND LODGE CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet on Thursday, the 12th September, at 9.30, a. m.

THURSDAY, 12th Sept., A.D. 1878.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10.30 o'clock, a. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Moffat, and

Resolved, That the annual report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted.

ADOPTION OF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE BOARD.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, and

Resolved,—That the semi-annual report of the Board on Audit and Finance be adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved, That the semi-annual report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT:

The Board have had under consideration the following Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, viz:—

St. Clair, London, Wilson, Wellington, Hamilton, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, St. Lawrence, and Ottawa.

The Board have to express regret that only two of the above Reports were in the hands of the Grand Secretary at the first session of the Board, and the Report from the Huron District has not up to this time (Wednesday evening) been received. The Board would earnestly urge upon the District Deputy Grand Masters the importance of presenting their Reports within the time prescribed by the Constitution.

The Board are pleased to observe that in nearly all the Districts, Dispensations have been issued to enable the Brethren to attend Divine Service in Regalia, and desire to express their gratification at so laudable a practice becoming so general.

In some instances losses by fire have been sustained by Lodges, and it is a matter of regret to add that the recommendation frequently given by the Board, as to the desirability of all Lodge property being fully insured, has not been complied with, and great inconvenience has resulted in consequence. The Board would again urge upon the officers of

the Lodges the great importance of strict attention to this duty.

The District Deputy Grand Master of the Hamilton District reports among other matters that the sum of $178.57 was subscribed by the members of that District and remitted through him to the M.W. the G. M. of New Brunswick, to relieve the Masonic sufferers by fire in the city of St. John.

The District Deputy Grand Master of the Toronto District very properly recommends that District Deputy Grand Masters be furnished with blank forms of Dispensations for festivals, etc., a suggestion which the Board heartily endorse.

The report of the District Deputy Grand Master of Ontario District refers to the tramp nuisance, a subject which is becoming of pressing importance to the Craft of this jurisdiction, and particularly to the Lodges situated on the main lines of Railway. The Board would recommend that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master appoint a Committee to devise some scheme of registration by which this nuisance may be abated, and the Craft protected from imposition.

Mention is made in the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Districts, that Burial Plots have been purchased and are being tastefully laid out in Ottawa and Kingston, for the interment of members of Lodges, and transient brethren dying in indigent circumstances. The Board recommend to the favorable consideration of the Craft in other places the praiseworthy examples of Ottawa and Kingston.

Reference is made in several of the Reports to official visits at Lodges of Instruction paid by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and the Board are pleased to learn that in every instance the M.W. Brother met with a cordial reception. These have been greatly beneficial.

The District Deputy Grand Masters seem to have performed their onerous duties in an efficient and faithful manner, and the Board are pleased to learn from the several Reports before us that the Lodges generally are in a prosperous condition, working harmoniously and well.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. A. HENDERSON.
President of the Board.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

In accordance with notice given, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. Bennett, and

Resolved,—That the sum of $7,000 be taken from the general funds of Grand Lodge, and transferred to the fund of Benevolence, current account.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTIVES.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies, presented the following supplementary

REPORT:

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies beg leave to report

That at the present Annual Communication of Grand Lodge there are two hundred and twenty-four Lodges represented in the following manner: One hundred and sixty-five by the duly qualified officers of the various Lodges, and fifty-nine by Proxy. One hundred and three Lodges are not represented at all. The total number of votes entitled to be cast is seven hundred and eighty-two (782).

In submitting this report we would call attention to our observations of last year, in regard to the number of Lodges

represented by Proxy, and, while pleased to see that the number has been reduced one half, we trust that the list of Proxies will continue yearly to diminish until at last every Lodge will be represented by at least one of its principal officers.

We also desire to call attention to the present system of ballot papers, and suggest that in future the year of the Communication be placed in a prominent position on every ballot slip.

The whole respectfully submitted.

CHARLES D. MACDONNELL,
Chairman,

JOHN WALSH,

BERNARD SAUNDERS.

The foregoing report was on motion received and adopted, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Committee for the faithful and zealous manner in which they had discharged their duties.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT:

In considering the review of the past year, presented by the M. W. the Grand Master, in his address, the Board desire to offer him their congratulations at the satisfactory manner in which the affairs of Grand Lodge have been conducted under his direction. It must be gratifying alike to him and to Grand Lodge to mark the progress made during the year just ended by the Craft in our jurisdiction,—much of which is due to the ability and tact displayed by the M. W. the Grand Master in his exalted position.

The continued interest in Freemasonry on the part of the community at large is evinced by the Special Communications held for the purpose of laying the foundation and corner stones of churches in different parts of the country, while the erection, dedication and consecration of many new buildings for the purposes of Masonry, and the establishment of new Lodges for the dissemination of the principles of our Order, is a satisfactory indication of the zeal and energy of our brethren.

It is hoped that the countenance which Lodges of Instruction held during the past year have received from the M. W. the Grand Master, by his personal attendance, patronage and approval, will prove an encouragement to the Brethren in other parts of this jurisdiction, and that the advantages of such assemblies of the Craft may be appreciated by all who take an interest in the proper working of Lodges.

Grand Lodge is specially indebted to the M.W. the Grand Master for the care exercised by him in the revision of By-laws submitted to him, and it is hoped that the new code of By-laws submitted, will enable Lodges more satisfactorily to adopt such regulations as are within their power as Subordinate Lodges.

It is most gratifying to learn that the merciful consideration of our Grand Master has been sought by Brethren who have offended against our ordinances, as well as by those who have innocently become allied with the spurious organization called the Grand Lodge of Ontario. We have every confidence that the powers of the M. W. the Grand Master, in this respect, have been carefully and properly exercised by him, and that the generous liberality of Freemasonry, which has thus tempered justice with mercy, will evoke an earnest and hearty response from every member of Grand Lodge. We feel that the exercise of this important prerogative may be safely entrusted to the M. W. the Grand

Master, with the fullest confidence that he will use all requisite discretion to maintain the honor, welfare and dignity of Grand Lodge.

The roll of those who have been called away from their earthly pilgrimage is further extended. We recommend that in accordance with our established precedent, memorial pages be placed in the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge, as an acknowledgment of the services rendered to the Craft by our departed brethren, R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Anderson, and R. W. Bro. the Rev. James A. Preston.

The further extension of cordial relations with foreign Grand Lodges, by the exchange of Representatives with those named in the address, will be hailed with satisfaction by the members of Grand Lodge.

It is with regret that we have learned that difficulties have arisen between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but we trust that by the exercise of mutual forbearance on the part of the rulers of both Grand Lodges, they may be enabled to restore the fraternal relations which had been established, without sacrificing the honor of either of these Grand Lodges, both of which are held in such high esteem by the Craft all the world over.

From the proceedings submitted, it would appear that the formation of the Grand Lodge of Egypt was regular, and that Grand Lodge is therefore entitled to be acknowledged as the Supreme Masonic authority in the land of the Pharaohs.

The resuscitation of the Grand Orient of Spain, with which we were on friendly terms, will be regarded with the greatest pleasure by this Grand Lodge.

It is therefore recommended that the cordial recognition

of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Grand Orient of Spain and to the newly formed Grand Lodge of Egypt.

The action of the M. W. the Grand Master, in withdrawing the credentials of our Representative from the Grand Orient of France, will be approved of by every member of Grand Lodge—the Grand Orient of France having erased from its Constitution those paragraphs which assert a belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. Such action can only be received as an abandonment of the great landmark of Freemasonry upon which the principles of our Order are formed, and it is opposed to the traditions, practice, and precepts of all true Masons from the earliest period of our history. Such a departure calls for decisive action, and demands response, with no uncertain sound, from all true Masons. We, therefore, desire to record our determination to hold no intercourse with any Body which does not acknowledge the existence of the Supreme Being—the T. G. A. O. T. U.,—and that we cannot continue to recognize the Grand Orient of France as a Masonic body. Lodges working under our jurisdiction will henceforth refuse to admit as a Mason any person hailing from the Grand Orient of France, or its subordinate Lodges, unless his certificate shows that he has been initiated according to ancient rites and ceremonies in a Lodge professing belief in T. G. A. O. T. U., and unless such person shall acknowledge this belief to be an essential landmark of our Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. A. HENDERSON,
President of the Board.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes, upon the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following Brethren scrutineers of the Ballot for Grand Officers, and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, viz., R. W. Bro. David McLellan, and W. Bros. R. T. Walkem and S. J. Parker.

The Scrutineers having reported, the following Brethren were declared duly elected Office-Bearers for the ensuing term, viz:

M. W. Bro.	W. H. Weller,	Cobourg,	Grand Master.
R. W. "	J. A. Henderson,	Kingston,	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	B. Saunders.	Toronto,	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	T. H. Tracy,	London,	" Junior Warden.
" "	Rev. C. W. Paterson,	Aurora,	" Chaplain.
" "	E. Mitchell,	Hamilton,	" Treasurer.
" "	Wm. Lawson,	Picton,	" Registrar.
" "	J. J. Mason,	Hamilton,	" Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge,

Bro. E. Ball, Kingston, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following Brethren were nominated by the representatives of Lodges, as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts, and were approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz.:—

R. W. Bro.	E. Allworth,	Kingsville,	St. Clair	District.
" "	J. Cascaden,	Iona,	London	"
" "	T. B. Bain,	Tilsonburg,	Wilson	"
" "	C. E. Robertson,	Goderich,	Huron	"
" "	John Macdonald,	Elora,	Wellington	"
" "	Hugh Murray,	Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
" "	E. Goodman,	St. Catharines,	Niagara	"
" "	Robt. McIntosh,	Meaford,	Toronto	"
" "	E. Peplow,	Port Hope,	Ontario	"
" "	James Smith,	Belleville,	Prince Edward	"
" "	C. F. H. Forbes,	Farran's Point,	St. Lawrence	"
" "	J. W. Pickup,	Pakenham,	Ottawa	"

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

ELECTED MEMBERS.

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, P. D. D. G. M., Preston.
" " G. J. Waugh, P. G. S. W., Stratford.
" " F. J. Menet, P. D. D. G. M., Toronto.
" " J. B. Trayes, P. D. D. G. M., Port Hope.
" " John McLaren, P. D. D. G. M., Mount Forest.

APPOINTED MEMBERS.

R. W. Bro. Hy. Robertson, P. D. D. G. M., Collingwood.
" " J. H. Benson, P. D. D. G. M., Seaforth.
" " C. Bennett, P. D. D. G. M., Simcoe.
" " Allan McLean, P. G. S. W., Kingston.
V. W. " T. Sargant, P. G. Steward, Toronto.

MOTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION LOST.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. Cascaden, seconded by W. Bro. A. Macallum,

That the Regulations of Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the words "and in this degree all the ordinary business of the Lodge is to be transacted," and substituting therefor the words "but all the ordinary business of the Lodge shall be conducted in the third degree."

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. the Rev. J. G. Robb, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. G. Burns,

That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is desirable that all routine business in private Lodges be transacted only when the Lodge works in the third degree; and that to give effect to this desired change, it be remitted to the Board of General Purposes to examine the bearing of this proposed amendment on the existing Constitution, and to bring in a report thereupon to Grand Lodge, suggesting such changes in particular provisions of the Constitution as this amendment may require.

The amendment and the original resolution were severally put to Grand Lodge, and were declared *lost*.

GRAND LODGE CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet at 2.30 o'clock, p. m.

THURSDAY, 12th Sept., 1878.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 o'clock, p. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

RE-DISTRIBUTION OF DISTRICTS.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Trayes, on behalf of the Committee, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the Re-distribution of Districts beg to report, that during the year a circular was addressed to the several Lodges, asking them to fully consider this question, and to inform the Committee in what manner they wished the matter dealt with. About seventy replies have been received, from which the Committee learn that very few of the Districts desire any change. The Toronto District, however, has become entirely too large for one D. D. G. M. to properly and efficiently supervise. The Committee, therefore, beg to recommend that the said District be divided, and that the city of Toronto and the counties of York and Peel, and the Lodges at Uxbridge, Orillia and Bracebridge be formed into a District, under the name of the Toronto District, and that the counties of Grey and Simcoe, with the

exception of Lodges at the places above-named, be formed into a District under the name of the Georgian District, said division to take effect from and after the next meeting of Grand Lodge. The Committee suggest that they might be re-appointed so as to enable them to complete their labors, and report such further changes as may be considered desirable in the interest of the Craft.

Should the Committee be re-appointed, another circular will be issued to Lodges at an early date and it is earnestly hoped that every Lodge will express an opinion by resolution on the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. TRAYES, Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, seconded by V. W. Bro. G. Hodgetts, and

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the Re-distribution of Districts be received and adopted.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT:

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to report that they have had before them the following cases of grievances and appeals, which they have heard and considered, and submit thereon their conclusions and recommendations as follows:—

1. *In the matter of* Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, vs. True Britons Lodge, No. 14.	In this case there is a complaint by Evergreen Lodge that True Britons Lodge had initiated a candidate who was a resident within the jurisdiction of Evergreen Lodge.

It appears from the papers submitted to the Board, that Bro. Douglass was not an actual resident of Lanark, but was temporarily resident there up to the date of his initiation by True Britons Lodge, Perth.

The Board are therefore of the opinion that True Britons Lodge was right in initiating the Brother, his actual residence being within its jurisdiction.

2. W. Bro. Geo. Smith, vs. Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52. } The Board find that in this case the matter has been already twice before them, and has been disposed of by Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend that no further action be had.

3. Bro. W. H. Collins, vs. W. Bro. W. H. Chittick. } In this case there is a charge laid by Bro. Collins against W. Bro. Chittick of having violated his Masonic obligations. As the papers before the Board are incomplete, they recommend that the matter be referred to the D. D. G. M., London District, for further investigation, and to report, if necessary, at the next meeting of the Board.

4. Bro. Wm. Atkinson, and Dominion Lodge, No. 218. } In this case the Brother was suspended in February, 1876, by Dominion Lodge, for unmasonic conduct, and that Lodge now recommending the removal of such suspension, the Board recommend that such suspension be accordingly removed.

5. Bro. McNair, vs. Richmond Lodge, No. 28. } Bro. McNair complains of the action of the W. M. of Richmond Lodge, in refusing to open the Lodge while he, Bro. McNair, was in the Lodge room. As the papers in this case are incomplete, and the matter complained of would involve the investigation of in-

tricate matters of account, the Board recommend that the case be referred to the D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District for further investigation, and to report at the next meeting of the Board.

6. Bro. Boag vs. Sydenham Lodge, No. 255. } In this case it appears that Bro. Boag was suspended by Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, but for what offence the papers do not shew, from which suspension the brother appeals.

The Board have no data upon which to proceed, and therefore recommend that it be referred to the D. D. G. M. of St. Clair District to examine, and report at the next meeting of the Board.

7. *In the matter of* Bro. De la Hooke and Tuscan Lodge, No. 195. } The Lodge having in this case requested the Grand Lodge to restore Bro. De la Hooke, who has been under suspension for unmasonic conduct since 1875, the Board recommend that the suspension be removed.

8. Bros. Irwin and Laidlaw vs. W. Bro. Barker, Harris Lodge, No. 216. } This is an appeal against the ruling of the D. D. G. M. of Wellington District, upon certain charges preferred against the W. M. of Harris Lodge, No. 216.

The Board having heard the parties present, and having had the papers and minutes of the proceedings before them, have come to the conclusion, that inasmuch as the charges preferred by Bros. Irwin and Laidlaw against W. Bro. Barker appear to have been made in an irregular manner, (without expressing any opinion upon the conduct of W. Bro. Barker as Worshipful Master,) they cannot take up the mat-

ter, but recommend that should there be considered to be any grounds for a charge, the same be preferred in the proper Masonic manner, as laid down in the Constitution and Rulings of Grand Lodge.

The Board are further of the opinion that the action recommended is the best in the interests of all parties, inasmuch as there appears to be some misapprehension as to the exact meaning of the ruling of the R. W. the D. D. G. M. of the Wellington District in the case.

The Board do not desire to express the opinion that the charges in the particular case in point should necessarily have been first referred to the courts of Law, as would appear to have been the opinion left on the minds of the members of Harris Lodge, but which impression the District Deputy Grand Master states he did not wish to convey.

9. BRO. BUCKLAND
vs.
W. BRO. BARKER,
HARRIS LODGE, No. 216.

This is a charge of unmasonic conduct, preferred against W. Bro. Barker.

As the decision of the D. D. G. M. of Wellington District in this case has been so recently given, and as the representatives of Bro. Buckland present have expressed their intention of appealing against such decision, this Board recommend that no action be taken at present.

10. BRITANNIA LODGE, No. 170,
vs.
ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 284.

In this matter it appears that St. John's Lodge had initiated a candidate after having received from the secretary of Britannia Lodge a communication that an application from the said candidate to Britannia Lodge would not even be received in that Lodge. As there are no papers before the

Board or any charge regularly laid, the Board can take no action at present.

11. PLATTSVILLE LODGE, No. 178, vs. BRO. ARCHIBALD MURRAY. } The Brother was found guilty by the police magistrate of London for theft, and served a term in prison for said crime. He has been tried by the Lodge and recommended for expulsion. He has been summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled, and does not show any cause.

The Board therefore recommend that Bro. Murray be expelled.

12. SHUNIAH LODGE, No. 287, vs. BRO. HENRY J. VIVIAN. } This Brother was tried, found guilty, and suspended by the Lodge for embezzlement of its funds while Secretary. The Brother has been summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled, and does not show any cause.

The Board recommend that Bro. Henry J. Vivian be expelled.

13. STIRLING LODGE, No. 69, vs. BRO. A. G. SCOTT. } The charge against Bro. Scott in this case is for violation of his Masonic obligation. Inasmuch as serious irregularities appear in the proceedings in the conduct of the trials of this Brother in Stirling Lodge, when he was found guilty and recommended for expulsion, this Board, from the evidence submitted to it, recommend that the suspension be now removed.

14. BRITANNIA LODGE, No. 170. vs. BRO. J. B. ODELL. } This Brother was charged with embezzling moneys from the Grand Trunk Railway Company, July, 1877. He was tried and found guilty by the Lodge, and excluded, and re-

commended to Grand Lodge for expulsion. This Brother is now serving a term in the Penitentiary for the crime.

The Board direct that Bro. J. B. Odell, be summoned to attend the next Annual Communication to show cause why he should not be expelled.

15. VIENNA LODGE, No. 237. vs. BRO. M. S. BROWNELL. } This Brother was suspended for unmasonic conduct in having attempted a fraud against the London Masonic Mutual Association.

The Brother was tried and found guilty by the Lodge, and recommended for expulsion.

The Board direct that Bro. M. S. Brownell be summoned to attend the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, to show cause why he should not be expelled.

16. BRANT LODGE, No. 45, vs. BRO. JOHN H. JULL. } In November, 1877, Bro. John H. Jull was suspended, for unmasonic conduct, and recommended for expulsion. The charge was forgery and uttering forged papers. He has been summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled. He does not show any cause.

The Board recommend that Bro. John H. Jull be expelled.

17. IONIC LODGE, No. 25. vs. BRO. W. B. C. BARBER. } This Brother is now undergoing punishment in the Penitentiary, for larceny.

The Lodge have tried and suspended the Brother. He has been summoned to show cause why he should not be expelled, and shows no cause.

The Board recommend that Bro. W. B. C. Barber be expelled.

18. W. Bro. Riddle, vs. W. Bro. McAnall. } This Brother was tried and suspended by Sussex Lodge. No. 5, for unmasonic conduct in using insulting language to the W.M. while in the chair. He now appeals against the action of the Lodge. The Board are not in a position to proceed in the matter from the material before them. They therefore recommend that this case be referred to the D.D.G.M. of St. Lawrence District, for further investigation, and to report at the next meeting of the Board.

19. *In the matter of* Bro. John Bowman, of Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 108. } A petition has been received from Maple Leaf Lodge praying that the suspension of Bro. Bowman, which has existed for several years, be removed.

The papers are defective, but, owing to assurances given, and the length of time the Brother has been under punishment, the Board recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the suspension be removed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. A. HENDERSON,
President of the Board.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, seconded by R.W. Bro. Donald Ross, and

Resolved,—That the semi-annual report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received.

The following Brethren were thereupon called at the portals of Grand Lodge by the Grand Pursuivant, namely:—

Bro. Archibald Murray, of Plattsville Lodge, No. 178.

Bro. Henry J. Vivian, of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287.

Bro. John H. Jull, of Brant Lodge, No. 45.

Bro. W. B. C. Barber, of Ionic Lodge, No. 25.

And the said Brethren, having failed to make answer, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, and

Resolved,—That the semi-annual report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be adopted, and that the four Brethren above mentioned be expelled from the Craft.

NOTICE TO AMEND CONSTITUTION LOST.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by R. W. Bro. James Moffat, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. M. Banghart,

That Article 1 "of honorary members" in the Book of Constitution, be amended by striking out the words following: "and pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members;" and also that the clause under the head of "Fees," page 65, be amended so that it will read "every member, except honorary members, shall pay towards the fund for Grand Lodge purposes, fifty cents per annum."

The motion having been put to Grand Lodge, it was declared *lost*.

MOTION TO LIMIT THE PREROGATIVE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. K. Leslie, seconded by W. Bro. James Martin, Jr.,

That the M. W. the Grand Master be requested not to exercise the prerogative vested in him at last meeting of Grand Lodge, with regard to healing members who are or who may become members of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, until after an expression of opinion be first obtained from a majority of the Lodges working in the jurisdiction where said parties may reside.

The motion having been put to Grand Lodge, was declared *lost*.

RESOLUTION RESPECTING GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

In accordance with notice given, it was moved by R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and

Resolved,—That it is desirable to form a Grand Lodge Library in connection with the Department of the Grand Secretary, for reference by members of the Craft, under such regulations as may be adopted in relation to the same, and that the resolution be referred to the Board of General Purposes, with a request that they will report on the same.

RESOLUTION RESPECTING EARLY RECORDS OF MASONRY.

In accordance with notice given, it was moved by R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, seconded by R. W. Bro. James A. Henderson, and

Resolved,—That it is desirable, both as a matter of interest and record, that such steps be taken as in the judgment of Grand Lodge may be deemed expedient, for the collation and publication from time to time, of records of Masonry in Canada prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge, and that a Committee be appointed to carry out the object indicated in this resolution.

Whereupon the M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following Committee, namely, R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson.

LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER OF THE "CRAFTSMAN."

The following letter from R. W. Bro. J. B. Trayes, proprietor of the *Craftsman*, was read:—

OFFICE OF THE "CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN."

Port Hope, September 10th, 1878.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

BRETHREN,—As the CRAFTSMAN has attained a large circulation in this jurisdiction, I beg to offer you, free of charge, a portion of its pages in which official documents, minutes of proceedings, &c., of the Grand Lodge of Canada may appear, and thus reach a larger number of the members than can be otherwise informed of what is in progress. As I have made a similar application to the several Grand Lodges in the Dominion, and have not yet met with a refusal, by this means, a synopsis of what is being done by the Craft in the several Provinces will be placed within easy reach of the brethren, and I have no doubt that, perhaps, a greater interest will be taken in each other's affairs. I would propose to publish copies of official documents of general interest to the Craft issued by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and other matters furnished me, under the heading of the Grand Lodge, and marked "Official." I would also respectfully ask the Grand Lodge, though I do not put this request in the light of a condition, to acknowledge, by resolution, the CRAFTSMAN as the organ of the Grand Lodge of Canada. I notice nearly all the Masonic publications in the United States have the endorsement of the Grand Bodies in the jurisdiction in which they are issued, and I cannot see that any injury could possibly accrue to Grand Lodge through doing me the favor asked, as it would only be responsible for what appeared under its official heading, and in no way identified with the editorial or other contents of the magazine.

Asking a favorable consideration of my request, I have the honor to be

Yours fraternally,

J. B. TRAYES.

Whereupon it was moved by R. W. Bro. Jas. A. Henderson, seconded by M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, and

Resolved,—That the letter of R. W. Bro. Trayes be referred to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and recommended to his favorable consideration; that he be empowered to take such action in the matter as he may deem advisable, and as will subserve the true interests of the Craft.

GRAND LODGE CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again at 7.30 o'clock, p. m.

THURSDAY, 12th Sept., A. D. 1878.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7.30 o'clock, p. m.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, assisted by M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

At a subsequent date the M. W. the Grand Master, was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz:—

V.W. Bro.	S. J. Parker, Owen Sound,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" "	John Barbour, Galt	" Junior Deacon.
" "	David McNab, Carlton Place,	" Supt. of Works.
" "	W. A. Gunn, Kingston,	" Director of Cer.
" "	R. A. Hutchison, Hamilton,	Asst. Grand Secretary.
" "	Robt. Elder, Peterborough,	" " Dir. of Cer.
" "	Jas. H. Taylor, St. Catharines,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" "	John Williamson, Simcoe,	" Organist.
" "	Geo. Gott, Amherstburg,	Asst. Grand Organist.

V.W. Bro.	Ralph Hodgson, Wroxeter,	Grand Pursuivant.
" "	Wm. Milner, Strathroy,	
" "	John Risdon, Wallacetown,	
" "	Hy. F. Smith, Bothwell,	
" "	M. G. Burwell, Port Burwell,	
" "	Joseph Beck, Goderich,	
" "	Jas. Broddy, Erin,	
" "	G. McFarland, Thorold,	Grand Stewards.
" "	F. R. Armstrong, Stouffville,	
" "	Geo. W. Kellond, Oshawa,	
" "	J. S. Loomis, Madoc,	
" "	S. B. Fell, Morrisburg,	
" "	J. G. Cranston, Arnprior,	

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. C. Bennett, seconded by R. W. Bro. John McLaren, and

Resolved,—That the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held in the city of Kingston.

VOTES OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. C. Bennett, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Benson, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Scrutineers of the ballot for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their arduous duties.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, seconded by R. W. Bro. David McLellan, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby heartily tendered to the Committee of Management of the Toronto Lodges, for the ample and satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of the present annual Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the various Railway and Steamboat Companies, for their liberality in reducing the fares to delegates attending this Annual Communication.

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

1. By V. W. Bro. F. W. H. C. Jarvis,—That the number of members of the Board of General Purposes be reduced about one half.

2. By R. W. Bro. J. Cascaden,—That a new clause, to be numbered 87, be added to the Constitution on private lodges, to read thus: "That all routine business in private lodges shall be transacted in the third degree," and that all existing regulations to the contrary be hereby repealed.

3. By W. Bro. A. Macallum,—That Article 5 "of the Grand Lodge" in the Book of Constitution be changed so as to read as follows: "The elective officers of Grand Lodge shall be nominated on the first day of the annual communication, and elected on the second day."

4. By W. Bro. R. J. Hovenden,—That no brother can be an ordinary member of more than one lodge within the same city, town or village.

5. By Bro. W. H. Carpenter,—That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by adding to Clause 14 "of Private Lodges" the words, "but shall not be entitled to vote in the lodge until he shall have received the third degree," and also that the following words in the appendix to the Constitution, appearing in the regulations be struck out "and in this degree all the ordinary business of the lodge is to be transacted" and the following substituted therefor, "but all the ordinary business of the Lodge shall be transacted in the third degree only."

6. By R. W. Bro. B. Saunders,—That the Constitution be amended by changing the date of meeting of Grand Lodge

from the second Wednesday in September, to the first Wednesday after the first day of July.

7. By R. W. Bro. J. H. Benson,—That the Constitution be amended by changing the date of meeting of the Grand Lodge, from the second Wednesday in September to the second Wednesday in July.

8. By V. W. Bro. F. R. Armstrong,—That half the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters be paid by this Grand Lodge, and the remaining half by the subordinate lodges, allowing an equal amount for each lodge.

9. By M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr,—Amendments to the Constitution, making provision for the re-distribution of Districts, and their erection into Provinces.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 9.30 o'clock, P.M., in *Ample Form.*

ATTEST.

J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

APPENDICES.

GRAND SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Statement of monies received by the Grand Secretary, from the 1st day of January, to the 31st day of December, A.D. 1877.

NAMES OF LODGES.	$ cts.	NAMES OF LODGES.	$ cts.
2 Niagara	38 00	58 Doric	45 75
3 The Ancient St. John's	84 75	61 Acacia	167 75
5 Sussex	76 50	62 St. Andrew's	26 50
6 Barton	135 50	63 St. John's	32 75
7 Union	30 50	64 Kilwinning	33 50
10 Norfolk	53 50	65 Rehoboam	96 50
11 Moira	90 00	66 Durham	31 00
14 True Britons	26 25	68 St. John's	26 50
15 St. George's	50 00	72 Alma	57 00
16 St. Andrew's	90 50	73 St. James	62 00
17 St. John's	122 50	74 St. James	41 25
18 Prince Edward	81 00	75 St. John's	111 25
20 St. John's	91 25	76 Oxford	50 25
21 Zetland, late C.R.	2 00	77 Faithful Brethren	89 12
22 King Solomon's	123 00	78 King Hiram	36 50
23 Richmond	32 00	79 Simcoe	43 37
24 St. Francis	62 75	80 Albion	26 75
25 Ionic	77 75	81 St. John's	33 50
26 Ontario	86 50	82 St. John's	30 50
27 Strict Observance	120 75	83 Beaver	165 50
28 Mount Zion	32 00	84 Clinton	19 50
29 United	60 00	85 Rising Sun	38 75
30 Composite	70 25	87 Markham Union	40 00
31 Jerusalem	39 50	88 St. George's	95 00
33 Goderich	37 00	89 King Hiram	80 49
35 St. John's	26 75	90 Manito	65 75
36 Welland	33 75	91 Colborne	36 25
37 King Hiram	42 75	92 Cataraqui	109 00
39 Mount Zion	25 00	93 Northern Light	73 50
40 St. John's	222 00	94 St. Mark's	7 00
41 St. George's	19 25	95 Ridout	22 75
42 St. George's	78 75	96 Corinthian	48 50
43 King Solomon's	46 75	97 Sharon	63 25
44 St. Thomas	72 50	98 True Blue	39 00
45 Brant	59 74	99 Tuscan	50 00
46 Wellington	47 75	100 Valley	41 50
47 Great Western	119 25	101 Corinthian	35 00
48 Madoc	48 00	103 Maple Leaf	72 62
50 Conseeon	82 00	104 St. John's	31 37
52 Dalhousie	71 50	105 St. Mark's	48 00
54 Vaughan	45 50	106 Burford	22 75
55 Merrickville	2 00	107 St. Paul's	80 00
56 Victoria	107 25	108 Blenheim	23 50
57 Harmony	84 50	109 Albion	80 75

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.—[*Continued.*]

NAMES OF LODGES.	$ cts.
110 Central	55 25
111 Morpeth	37 00
112 Maitland	83 50
113 Wilson	24 25
114 Hope	43 74
115 Ivy	50 00
116 Cassia	24 75
118 Union	35 00
119 Maple Leaf	21 00
120 Warren	30 25
121 Dorio	46 00
122 Renfrew	34 00
123 The Belleville	36 50
125 Cornwall	56 75
126 Golden Rule	18 50
127 Franck	50 00
128 Pembroke	63 75
129 The Rising Sun	40 00
131 St. Lawrence	54 00
133 Lebanon Forest	90 65
135 St. Clair	54 00
136 Richardson	48 75
137 Pythagoras	29 50
139 Lebanon	55 00
140 Malahide	70 50
141 Tudor	45 00
142 Excelsior	80 25
144 Tecumseh	30 50
145 J. B. Hall	49 00
146 Prince of Wales	50 37
147 Mississippi	58 50
148 Civil Service	44 00
149 Erie	17 25
151 The Grand River	47 25
153 Burns	57 00
154 Irving	66 75
155 Peterboro'	29 25
156 York	84 05
157 Simpson	42 75
158 Alexandra	21 25
161 Percy	30 75
162 Forest	26 75
164 Star in the East	37 50
165 Burlington	39 75
166 Wentworth	55 25
168 Merritt	38 25
169 Macnab	47 00
170 Britannia	61 75
171 Prince of Wales	14 00

NAMES OF LODGES.	$ cts.
172 Ayr	24 50
176 Spartan	29 25
177 The Builders	64 25
178 Plattsville	30 25
179 Bothwell	32 00
180 Speed	68 50
181 Oriental	24 50
183 Prince Albert	83 12
185 Enniskillen	18 50
186 Plantagenet	7 25
189 Filius Viduæ	10 00
190 Belmont	55 00
192 Orillia	42 50
193 Scotland	21 00
194 Petrolia	43 50
195 The Tuscan	87 50
196 Madawaska	29 00
197 Saugeen	86 75
198 White Oak	35 50
200 St. Alban's	41 00
201 Leeds	79 00
203 Irvine	59 50
205 New Dominion	38 25
209a St. John's	54 75
209 Evergreen	18 50
210 Hawkesbury	51 85
212 Elysian	38 50
213 Dominion	31 00
214 Craig	50 87
215 Lake	10 00
216 Harris	88 80
217 Frederick	27 00
218 Stevenson	94 75
219 Credit	30 50
220 Zeredatha	71 75
221 Mountain	132 50
Norwood	39 50
224 Zurich	46 25
225 Bernard	65 25
228 Prince Arthur	37 00
229 Ionic	78 74
230 Kerr	17 75
231 Lodge of Fidelity	18 75
232 Cameron	35 50
233 Dorio	53 75
234 Beaver	18 50
235 Aldworth	52 00
236 Manitoba	17 25
237 Vienna	15 50

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.—[*Continued.*]

NAMES OF LODGES.	$ cts.	NAMES OF LODGES.	$ cts.
238 Havelock	50 62	299 Victoria	31 50
239 Tweed	96 75	300 Mount Olivet	20 00
241 Quinte	44 00	301 Hanover	20 85
242 Macoy	32 50	302 St. David's	78 25
243 St. George	24 00	303 Blyth	28 25
245 Tecumseh	15 75	304 Minerva	46 00
247 Ashlar	32 50	305 Humber	46 75
248 Eureka	21 75	307 Arkona	27 75
249 Caledonian	30 25	308 Grafton	37 50
250 Thistle	37 50	309 Morning Star	31 75
253 Minden	48 75	310 Enterprise	19 50
254 Clifton	24 25	311 Blackwood	20 00
255 Sydenham	31 00	312 Pnyx	40 00
256 Farran's Point	54 25	313 Clementi	24 75
257 Galt	53 00	314 Blair	35 75
258 Guelph	39 25	315 Clifford	11 50
259 Springfield	79 00	316 Doric	28 00
260 Washington	28 75	317 The Hiram	49 00
261 Oak Branch	8 50	318 Wilmot	28 50
262 Harriston	22 25	319 Hiram	4 75
263 Forest	11 75	320 Chesterville	36 25
264 Chaudiere	41 00	321 Walker	9 00
265 Patterson	12 25	322 North Star	61 00
267 Parthenon	67 25	324 Temple	156 75
268 Verulam	25 75	325 Orono	46 00
269 Brougham Union	85 00	327 The Hammond	11 00
270 Cedar	82 75	328 Ionic	25 75
271 Wellington	35 00	329 King Solomon	22 50
272 Seymour	11 50	330 Corinthian	47 50
274 Kent	38 00	331 Fordwich	15 25
276 Teeswater	98 25	332 Stratford	55 00
277 Seymour	30 50	333 Prince Arthur	32 25
278 Mystic	92 50	334 Prince Arthur	20 00
279 New Hope	24 87	335 Langton	29 00
281 Thorne	10 25	336 Highgate	8 00
282 Lorne	47 50	337 Myrtle	40 00
283 Eureka	22 25	338 Dufferin	25 75
284 St. John's	50 50	339 Orient	34 00
285 Seven Star	5 25	340 St. John's	43 75
286 Wingham	47 50	341 Bruce	60 50
287 Shuniah	108 15	342 Hiram	72 75
289 Doric	15 75	343 Georgina	29 75
290 Leamington	26 75	344 Merrill	24 50
291 Dufferin	25 50	345 Nilestown	44 00
292 Robertson	20 50	346 Occident	41 25
293 Royal Sol. Mother	25 25	347 Mercer	34 00
294 Moore	70 75	348 Georgian	5 00
296 Temple	93 50	349 Elgin	34 75
297 Preston	17 75	350 Port Elgin	24 50

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.—[*Continued.*]

NAMES OF LODGES.	$ cts.
351 St. Marys	52 00
352 Granite	36 25
354 Brock	10 00
355 Clandeboye	20 00
356 River Park	34 25
357 Waterdown	45 00
358 Delaware Valley	20 00
259 Vittoria	20 00
360 Muskoka	39 00
361 Waverley	20 00
U. D. Maple Leaf	21 25
U. D. Frontenac	30 00
" Dufferin	20 00
" North Star	20 00
" Euclid	20 00
Interest	2,698 18
" Masonic Asylum Fund	422 00
Dispensations	22 00
Sundries	2 00
Total	$16,945 18

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GRAND SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

Statement of payments made by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Treasurer, from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, A. D. 1877.

DR.			CR.		
1877.		$ cts.	1877.		$ cts.
Dec. 31.—To receipts during the year		16,945 13	Jan. 17.—By Grand Treas.		1,500 00
			Feb. 8.— " "		1,000 00
			20.— " "		300 00
			28.— " "		200 00
			April 9.— " "		186 00
			9.— " "		771 84
			May 8.— " "		974 37
			June 21.— " "		800 00
			30.— " "		1,475 58
			July 19.— " "		1,500 00
			Aug. 22.— " "		1,000 00
			Sept. 10.— " "		1,200 00
			27.— " "		1,000 00
			Oct. 9.— " "		871 20
			9.— " "		186 00
			31.— " "		400 00
			Nov. 5.— " "		449 27
			5.— " "		25 00
			Dec. 22.— " "		1,000 00
			31.— " "		2,106 07
		$16,945 13			$16,945 13

DISTRIBUTION OF MONEYS RECEIVED.

Certificates	$2,899 00
Dues	8,492 37
Fees	1,568 50
Dispensations	337 00
Warrants	150 00
Constitutions	357 21
Reprint of Proceedings	19 72
Rulings and Resolutions, & Installation Ceremonies	1 15
Interest on General Fund	2,698 18
Interest on Asylum Fund	422 00
Total	$16,945 13

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT

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GENERAL FUND.

DR. The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in account with E. MITCHELL, Grand Treasurer. CR.

1877.			$ cts.
Jan.	2	To pd. Grand Master, half-yearly grant for expenses	250 00
"	8	" Rev. W. M. Wilson, quarterly allowance to 31st March	
Feb.	7	" Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals, to 31st Dec., 1877	78 00
"	7	" Grand Secretary, on account of incidentals, half-year ending 30th June, 1877	30 81
"	7	" Returns sold from Grand Secy's late office	150 00
"	7	" Payment of Board Meeting at Whitby	21 00
"	6	" Mitchell & Rolph, coal for office of Grand Secy.	432 00
"	6	" Mitchell & Co., for stationery	81 25
"	6	" Rolph & Co., do. for sundry printing	37 65
"	6	" Grand Register Co., printing Proceedings and Register	102 20
"	8	" Maitland Phipps, New Year	411 25
"	13	" Copp, Clark & Co., parchments and printing same	25 00
"	17	"	299 57
March	2	" R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, expenses and sundries	16 00
"	26	" J. S. Taylor, printing address of Grand Master	
"	26	" Rev. S. Harris, quarterly allowance to 31st March	18 00
"	26	" Rev. W. Reed, quarterly allowance to 31st March	75 00
"	31	" Grand Secretary, salary to 31st March	75 00
"	31	" Hamilton Mercer Relief Association, rent, to 31st March	200 00
"	31	" Grand Secretary, salary to 31st March	43 75
April	1	" Rev. W. M. Wilson, quarterly allowance to 31st March	300 00
"	28	" Dean, Lodge 267, remitted by Grand Lodge	75 00
			31 90
		To amount carried forward	$3,203 28

1877.			$ cts.
Jan.	2	By Balance per account	28,725 62
"	17	" Grand Secretary	1,500 00
Feb.	8	" " "	1,000 00
"	20	" " "	300 00
"	28	" " "	200 00
May	8	" " "	500 00
June	21	" " "	800 00
"	30	" " "	1,398 38
July	19	" " "	1,500 00
Aug.	22	" " "	1,000 00
Sept.	10	" " "	1,200 00
"	27	" " "	1,000 00
Oct.	31	" " "	400 00
Dec.	22	" " "	1,000 00
"	31	" " "	2,026 57
		By amount carried forward	$43,550 58

GENERAL FUND.—(Continued.)

1877.			$ cts.
		To amount brought forward.....	2,803 28
April	23—	To pd. Dues, Lodge 153, for 1874 and '75, remitted by Grand Lodge.....	46 00
June	30—	" Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent, Grand Secy's office to 30th June.....	43 75
"	30—	" Grand Secretary's salary to 30th June.....	400 00
"	30—	" Grand Secy's Asst., salary, to 30th June.....	200 00
"	30—	" Miss Mary Wilson, quarterly allowance to 30th June.....	75 00
"	30—	" Mrs. T. B. Harris, quarterly allowance to 30th June.....	75 00
"	30—	" Mrs. W. M. Wilson, quarterly allowance to 30th June.....	75 00
July	6—	" Relief of Brethren, sufferers by fire at St. John, N. B.....	1,000 00
"	26—	" Grand Master, half-yearly grant for expenses	250 00
Sept.	26—	" Ennis & Stirton, for sundry printing.....	117 40
"	27—	" Times Printing Co., for Constitutions	147 30
"	27—	" William Bruce, engrossing warrants.....	24 00
"	27—	" Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals, to 30th June, 1877.....	64 74
"	27—	" Grand Secretary, advance on incidentals, to 31st Dec.....	150 00
"	27—	" R. L. Gunn, ins. on furniture and regalia...	14 00
"	28—	" Buntin & Gilles, stationery.....	26 35
"	28—	" Lawson & McCulloch, for printing circulars	31 50
"	29—	" Grand Secretary, salary, to 30th Sept.....	400 00
"	29—	" Grand Secy's Asst., salary, to 30th Sept.....	200 00
"	29—	" Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent, Grand Secy's office, to 30th Sept.....	43 75
"	29—	" Expenses Board Meeting at St. Catharines	532 25
Oct.	1—	" Mrs. W. M. Wilson, quarterly allowance to 30th Sept.....	75 00
"	1—	" Mrs. T. B. Harris, quarterly allowance to 30th Sept.....	75 00
		To amount carried forward.....	$6,969 32

1877.	$ cts.
By amount brought forward.....	42,550 58
By amount carried forward.....	$42,550 58

GENERAL FUND.—(Continued.)

GENERAL FUND.—(Continued.)

1877.				$ cts.
			To amount brought forward	
Oct.	1	To pd.	Copp, Clark & Co., for warrants and certificates	6,869 32
"	9	"	Miss Mary Wilson, quarterly allowance to 30th Sept.	218 12
Nov.	16	"	Expenses connected with the Meeting of Grand Lodge, St. Catharines	75 00
"	30	"	Transferred to Benevolent Fund current account, by vote of Grand Lodge	123 57
Dec.	28	"	Grand Secy's Asst., salary, to 31st Dec.	5,000 00
"	28	"	Grand Secretary, salary, to 31st Dec.	200 00
"	28	"	Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent, to 31st Dec.	400 00
"	28	"	Mrs. T. B. Harris, quarterly allowance to 31st Dec.	43 75
"	31	"	Transferred to Benevolent Fund investment account, 10 per cent. receipts 1877	75 00
"	31	"	Balance as per Balance Sheet	1,693 51
				27,847 31
				$42,550 58

1877.		$ cts.
	By amount brought forward	42,550 58
		$42,550 58

E. MITCHELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

BENEVOLENT FUND—Current Account.

DR. The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in account with E. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer. *CR.*

1877.			$ cts.
Feb.	7—	To pd. Hamilton Board of Relief	75 00
"	12—	" Great Western Lodge, No. 47	30 00
"	13—	" Reuben Martin	25 00
"	13—	" Stratford Board of Relief	30 00
"	14—	" London Board of Relief	75 00
"	14—	" Widow of Bro. Jas. McDowell	20 00
"	14—	" " " Jno. McDowell	20 00
"	14—	" Children of Bro. R. Booth	20 00
"	14—	" Bro. Jacob Bernhardt	25 00
"	14—	" Bro. James Lindsay	20 00
"	14—	" Widow of Bro. H. L. Turner	20 00
"	14—	" " " R. Laurason	20 00
"	15—	" Orphans of Bro. Stephen Smith	20 00
"	15—	" Bro. Joseph Newbold	20 00
"	15—	" Mrs. James Room Kay	20 00
"	15—	" Widow of Bro. Charles P. Wood	40 00
"	15—	" " " Thomas Benson	20 00
"	15—	" " " Wm. McGregor	25 00
"	15—	" " " D. Sutherland	25 00
"	15—	" Peterboro' Board of Relief	25 00
"	15—	" Bro. Ed. Tighe	20 00
"	15—	" Widow of Bro. John Hilton	15 00
"	16—	" Bro. O. Illing	40 00
"	16—	" Widow of Bro. Alex. T. Allen	20 00
"	16—	" " " Rich'd T. Wilkinson	30 00
"	16—	" " " Samuel White	20 00
"	16—	" " " Stephen Keys	20 00
"	16—	" Orphans Bro. Alex. Crain	15 00
"	16—	" Widow of Bro. Edwin Lewis	20 00
"	17—	" " " I. W. J. Andrews	20 00
"	17—	" Bro. David Mitchell	20 00
"	17—	" Widow of Bro. Thomas Lister	30 00
"	17—	" " " Alex. McIntyre	20 00
		To amount carried forward	$865 00

1877.			$ cts.
Jan.	3—	By balance as per account	1,290 63
April	9—	" Interest on Dominion Stock	771 54
May	8—	" " " "	449 37
June	30—	" " " Bank account	77 20
Oct.	9—	" " " Dominion Stock	371 20
Nov.	5—	" " " "	449 37
	30—	" From General Fund by vote of Grand Lodge	5,000 00
Dec.	31—	" Interest on Bank account to date	79 50
		To amount carried forward	$8,488 71

BENEVOLENT FUND—(Continued.)

BENEVOLENT FUND—(Continued.)

1877.		$ cts.
	To amount brought forward	865 00
Feb. 17—	To pd. Widow of Bro. Jno. Taylor	20 00
" 17—	" " " James Miller	20 00
" 19—	" Miss Annie Price	20 00
" 19—	" Widow of Bro. W. McClelland	20 00
" 19—	" Kingston Board of Relief	30 00
" 20—	" Widow of Bro. John Murphy	20 00
" 20—	" " " Wm. Watson	20 00
" 20—	" " " W. Cockell	25 00
" 20—	" " " Jno. T. Edgar	25 00
" 20—	" " " Thomas Welsh	20 00
" 21—	" Bro. Jno. Gray	20 00
" 21—	" Bro. Jas. McPhail	25 00
" 21—	" Bro. James Bowman	20 00
" 21—	" Widow of Bro. Thos. Mackie	20 00
" 21—	" " " Richard Hockridge	30 00
" 21—	" " " C. Benedict	20 00
" 22—	" " " Nicholas O. Comb	20 00
" 24—	" " " A. D. McLean	20 00
" 24—	" Bro. William Gammick	15 00
" 24—	" Bro. Charles McCaffery	10 00
" 24—	" Widow of Bro. B. C. Davy	20 00
" 24—	" " " G. Hamilton	20 00
" 26—	" " " John Maybee	20 00
" 26—	" Bro. Wm. McNaughton	20 00
" 27—	" Widow of Bro. Benj. Stacey	20 00
" 27—	" " " Wm. McCadden	20 00
" 27—	" " " Alex. Judd	30 00
March 1—	" Bro. Christian Fry	25 00
" 1—	" Widow of Bro. Robert Meikle	30 00
" 2—	" Bro. Lewis Hessil	25 00
" 2—	" Widow of Bro. Cyrus Riggs	20 00
" 2—	" " " Philander Smith	20 00
" 3—	" Bro. Joseph A. Keefer	25 00
" 5—	" Widow of Bro. D. B. Pringle	25 00
	To amount carried forward	$1,605 00

1877.		$ cts.
	By amount brought forward	9,588 71
	By amount carried forward	89,588 71

BENEVOLENT FUND—(Continued.)

1877.				$ cts.
			To amount brought forward	1,605 00
March	6	To pd.	Bro. James Murray	20 00
"	6	"	Widow of Bro. Wm. Owen	20 00
"	6	"	" " Amos Goldsmith	20 00
"	6	"	Bro. William Adams	20 00
"	6	"	Widow of Bro. W. H. Hand	20 00
"	6	"	" " John Jackson	20 00
"	6	"	" " Joshua Parker	30 00
"	6	"	" " Wm. Jolly	30 00
"	6	"	Bro. Geo. L. Allen	25 00
"	6	"	Widow of Bro. Francis Nixon	25 00
"	6	"	" " Charles Price	15 00
"	6	"	Toronto Board of Relief	150 00
"	8	"	Widow of Bro. James M. Horsey	20 00
"	8	"	" " Thos. Graham	25 00
"	8	"	Orphans of Bro. Wm. Littlefield	20 00
"	9	"	Widow of Bro. James O. L. Gibson	20 00
"	9	"	" " Amos Cron	25 00
"	9	"	" " Thomas Clegg	15 00
"	12	"	" " John Hastrick	20 00
"	12	"	Bro. A. T. Howell	20 00
"	14	"	Widow of Bro. W. Chisholm	20 00
"	14	"	" " John Hartop	30 00
"	15	"	Bro. William Pollock	25 00
"	15	"	Widow of Bro. Johnson Neilson	20 00
"	15	"	" " Charles Gordon	20 00
"	17	"	" " R. S. Denoid	30 00
"	17	"	" " Jno. Kestevan	15 00
"	19	"	Bro. Joseph Gordon	25 00
"	26	"	Bro. Robert White	50 00
"	27	"	Widow of Bro. Neil Mathieson	20 00
"	28	"	" " Donald McCallum	25 00
April	5	"	" " Thomas Hurst	20 00
"	10	"	" " James Smith	20 00
"	10	"	" " Thomas Painter	20 00
			To amount carried forward	$2,505 00

1877.	$ cts.
By amount brought forward	9,588 71
By amount carried forward	$9,588 71

BENEVOLENT FUND—(Continued.)

1877.

1877.		$ cts.
	To amount brought forward	
April 19	To pd. Widow of Bro. Cornelius Harper	2,505 00
20	" " " William Graham	20 00
May 5	" " " Michael Traxler	15 00
14	" " " William Sweeney	20 00
17	" " " George Smith	20 00
18	" " " Hugh Moore	15 00
18	" " " James H. Wright	15 00
18	" " " Ed. J. Andrews	15 00
18	" " " T. B. Howells	25 00
18	" " " George Snelgrove	20 00
18	" " " W. W. Pringle	20 00
21	" " " Ormond Skinner	30 00
23	" " " F. H. Breimer	20 00
July 7	" " " J. F. Quackenbush	20 00
August 4	" " " P. Patterson	15 00
Sept. 26	" " " Thos. W. Davey	20 00
26	" " " W. McGhie	25 00
26	" Bro. Reuben Martin	30 00
26	" Widow of Bro. Thomas Hostetter	25 00
26	" " " J. B. Hurlburt	30 00
26	" " " John Harvey	30 00
26	" " " William Long	20 00
27	" " " Robert Moore	40 00
28	" Hamilton Board of Relief	25 00
29	" Widow of Bro. James Miller	100 00
29	" " Thomas Kelly	20 00
29	" " Samuel White	30 00
29	" Bro. Edward Tighe	30 00
29	" Board of Relief, London	20 00
29	" Bro. James Sutton	75 00
Oct. 3	" Bro. Sam. Chubbuck	40 00
3	" Widow of Bro. T. T. Atkinson	50 00
3	" Bro. Job Trip	40 00
3	" Bro. Joseph Newbold	40 00
		20 00
	To amount carried forward	$3,485 00

1877.		$ cts.
	By amount brought forward	9,588 71
	By amount carried forward	$9,588 71

BENEVOLENT FUND—(Continued.)

1877.		$ cts.
	To amount brought forward	3,485 00
Oct. 3	To pd. Bro. John W. Shortt	30 00
3	" Widow of Bro. Donald Sutherla d	30 00
3	" " Ishiel Roblin	30 00
3	" Bro. R. C. Benedict	30 00
3	" Widow of Bro. Jno. Thomson	25 00
3	" " Neil McDougall	30 00
3	" Miss Annie Price	25 00
3	" Bro. Jno. W. Haines	20 00
3	" Bro. David Curtis	50 00
3	" Widow of Bro. Jno. McKindsey	30 00
3	" " Michael H. Foley	30 00
3	" Orphans of Bro. Jas. H. Moat	30 00
3	" Widow of Bro. Wm. McGregor	25 00
3	" " Wm. Allen	30 00
3	" " W. S. Pickover	20 00
3	" Bro. Jacob Reinhart	25 00
3	" Widow of Bro. Edwin Lewis	25 00
3	" " Alex. McIntyre	25 00
3	" " Alex. S. Allen	20 00
3	" " Alex. S. McIntyre	40 00
3	" " Wm. McClelland	30 00
4	" Bro. Joseph Taylor	30 00
4	" Board of Relief, St. Thomas	25 00
4	" Orphans of Bro. Thos. Todd	20 00
4	" Widow of Bro. Jas. J. Carter	25 00
4	" " Wm. Cockell	25 00
4	" " Chas. T. Wood	40 00
4	" " Johnston Nellson	20 00
4	" " Wm. Camp	30 00
4	" " Chas. Gordon	30 00
4	" " Jas. W. Andrews	20 00
4	" " T. H. Eastman	30 00
4	" " Jas. McDowell	25 00
4	" " Thos. Lister	25 00
	To amount carried forward	$4,430 00

1877.	$ cts.
By amount brought forward	9,583 71
By amount carried forward	99,583 71

BENEVOLENT FUND—(Continued.)

BENEVOLENT FUND—(Continued.)

1877.		$ cts.
Oct.	To amount brought forward	4,430 00
4	To pd. Widow of Bro. Solomon Page	30 00
4	" Bro. Daniel Graves	50 00
4	" Widow of Bro. John Bracken	20 00
4	" Bro. Jno. Tracey	50 00
4	" Widow of Bro. Jno. McDowell	25 00
4	" " Thos. Benson	20 00
4	" " Donald McCallum	25 00
4	" " Garner Grifford	20 00
4	" " Chalenor	25 00
4	" " Jno. C. Richards	25 00
4	" Bro. Sam. A. J. Donovan	30 00
4	" Widow of Bro. E. C. Davy	20 00
8	" Board of Relief, Ottawa	100 00
8	" Widow of Bro. John Hilton	30 00
8	" " Alex. Ferguson	25 00
8	" " Philander Smith	30 00
8	" " Cyrus Riggs	25 00
8	" Orphans of Bro. W. H. Patterson	40 00
8	" Bro. Chas. McCaffrey	20 00
8	" Bro. Garrett M. Walroth	20 00
9	" Widow of Bro. Thos. Clegg	20 00
9	" " Amos Cron	20 00
9	" Bro. Lewis Hessel	30 00
9	" Widow of Bro. A. B. Wilson	20 00
9	" Orphans of Bro. Richard Booth	20 00
10	" Widow of Bro. Watson	20 00
10	" Bro. William Gammock	25 00
10	" Bro. James Wilson	30 00
10	" Bro. John Benwell	40 00
10	" Widow of Bro. C. Benedict	20 00
10	" " Stephen Kneeshaw	20 00
10	" Board of Relief, Toronto	250 00
10	" Widow of Bro. John Restervan	20 00
10	" Bro. A. T. Howell	30 00
	To amount carried forward	$5,088 00

1877.		$ cts.
	By amount brought forward	9,588 71
	By amount carried forward	$9,588 71

BENEVOLENT FUND—(Continued.)

1877.		$ cts.
	To amount brought forward	5,655 00
Oct. 10	To pd. Widow of Bro. Josh. Parker	30 00
10	" " William Jolley	30 00
11	" " William Birch	30 00
11	" " Richard Hockridge	30 00
11	" " Wm. H. Hand	25 00
11	" Bro. William Adams	25 00
11	" Widow of Bro. John Jackson	25 00
11	" " Amos Goldsmith	25 00
11	" " Francis Nixon	25 00
11	" " Malone	25 00
11	" " James Archer	25 00
12	" Bro. Christian Fry	25 00
12	" Widow of Bro. C. S. Harper	20 00
13	" Bro. Robert C. Haines	30 00
13	" Widow of Bro. Andrew Gordon	25 00
13	" Orphans of Bro. Alex. Craib	20 00
13	" Widow of Bro. John Taylor	20 00
13	" Bro. Philip Hodgkinson	40 00
13	" Widow of Bro. W. Chisholm	20 00
13	" " W. McCadden	20 00
15	" Bro. Wm. D. Hale	30 00
15	" Widow of Bro. Thomas Mackie	25 00
16	" " Alex. Judd	30 00
16	" " Jas. H. Sutherland	30 00
16	" Bro. Joseph M. Kesler	30 00
16	" Widow of Bro. Robert Mickle	30 00
18	" Bro. Elmer I. Halladay	20 00
19	" Mrs. James Room Kay	20 00
19	" Widow of Bro. H. L. Turner	20 00
20	" " Francis Krafft	30 00
20	" Board of Relief, Chatham	25 00
23	" Orphans of Bro. T. G. Fowler	30 00
23	" Widow of Bro. Jas. O. L. Gibson	30 00
23	" Orphan of Bro. Robt. Gott	20 00
	To amount carried forward	$6,540 00

1877.	$ cts.
By amount brought forward	9,588 71
By amount carried forward	$9,588 71

BENEVOLENT FUND—(Continued.)

1877.

BENEVOLENT FUND—(Continued.)

1877.			$ cts.
		To amount brought forward	6,540 00
Oct.	22	To pd. Bro. Leonard Suttle	30 00
	22	Widow of Bro. Thomas W. Davey	25 00
	22	" R. S. Denlod	30 00
	23	Bro. Geo. Allen	25 00
	23	Board of Relief, Kingston	30 00
	26	Bro. John J. Ovington	30 00
	26	Widow of Bro. Ben. Stacey	30 00
	26	" William Hill	20 00
Nov.	1	" John Ray Cox	30 00
	2	" Dougald McLellan	25 00
	4	Bro. Henry Morgan	30 00
	6	Widow of Bro. Nicholas O'Camb	20 00
	7	" John Hortop	30 00
	8	Bro. John McPherson	40 00
	8	Bro. Wm. Hugh Falls	30 00
	14	Widow of Bro. Robert Peebles	30 00
	14	" Thomas Hurst	25 00
	17	" George Smith	25 00
	20	" T. B. Howells	20 00
	22	Bro. John Black	25 00
	22	Widow of Bro. John Horsey	25 00
	22	" Jas. H. Wright	20 00
Dec.	6	" Thomas A. Richards	40 00
	12	" Thomas Graham	25 00
	19	" Wm. Barker	30 00
	20	Local Board Relief, Peterboro'	25 00
	22	Widow of Bro. Ormond Skinner	20 00
	26	" J. F. Quackenbush	25 00
	26	" W. W. Pringle	30 00
	28	" F. H. Breimer	20 00
	28	" Hugh Moore	20 00
	28	" Peter Patterson	25 00
	28	" Geo. Snelgrove	20 00
	31	Balance as per Balance Sheet	2,163 71
			$9,588 71

1877.		$ cts.
	By amount brought forward	9,588 71
		$9,588 71

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

From 1st of January to 31st of December, 1877.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Cash in Bank, 1st Jan., 1877	$7,318 17	General Purposes	$6,184 76
Received by the Grand Secretary during the year and paid over to the Grand Treasurer	16,945 13	Benevolence	8,250 00
		Relief of Sufferers by St. John's Fire	1,000 00
		Investments at Par	5,000 00
		Cash in Bank 31st Dec., 1877	3,828 54
	$24,263 30		$24,263 30

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1877.

DR. *The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons*

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1877.

DR. *The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in Account with* *CR.*
E. MITCHELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

		$ cts.
Stocks, balance 30th Dec., 1876:		
General Fund and Benevolence Investment Fund..	$42,848 33	
Asylum Fund	7,200 00	
	$50,048 33	
Add: Bought in 1877 Dom. 5 per cent.....	5,000 00	
	55,048 33	
Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hamilton, as per Bank book.....		3,828 54
		$58,876 87

		$ cts.
General Fund.....		27,847 31
Asylum Fund: Balance 30th December, 1876.....	7,445 64	
Add Interest collected	422 00	
		7,867 65
Benevolent Investment Account: Balance 30th December, 1876....	19,304 69	
Add: Ten per cent. Gross Receipts, 1877	1,693 51	
		20,998 20
Benevolence, Current Account		2,163 71
		$58,876 87

E. MITCHELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, AS AT 24th JUNE, 1878.

Lodges marked thus (*) hold their Installation of Officers on Festival of St. John the Evangelist: all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
2	Niagara	Niagara	Wednesday on or before f. moon, monthly	John Knox	Richard Briggs
3	*The Anc. St. John's	Kingston	First Thursday "	Richard T. Walkem	F. Elkington
5	*Sussex	Brockville	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	A. L. Riddel	Alex. Stewart
6	Barton	Hamilton	Second Wednesday "	A. Macallum	Herbert Munsie
7	Union	Grimsby	Thursday on or before full moon, "	E. E. Loosley	Wm. Forbes
9	*Union	Napanee	Friday on or before full moon "	Wm. Robinson	D. G. Burger
10	*Norfolk	Simcoe	Tuesday on or before full moon "	Wm. Todd	H. N. Courtlandt
11	*Moira	Belleville	Wednesday before full moon "	Alf. A. Farley	Arthur McGinnis
14	*True Britons	Perth	First Monday "	Henry Allan	Robert Jamieson
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	Tuesday on or before full moon "	Alex. McLaren	Saml. A. Dougan
16	*St. Andrew's	Toronto	Second Tuesday "	James S. Lovell	Wm. Anderson
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Monday on or before full moon "	Thos. Battell	E. M. Nixon
18	*Prince Edward	Picton	Thursday on or before full moon, "	Wm. Lawson	Wm. Smeaton
20	*St. John's	London	Second Tuesday "	Henry Dreaney	M. D. Dawson
22	*King Solomon's	Toronto	Second Thursday "	D. McDonald	H. G. Morrow
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	Monday on or before full moon "	Isaac Crosby	Thos. McMahon
24	*St. Francis	Smith's Falls	Friday on or before full moon "	John S. McCallum	S. Moag
25	*Ionic	Toronto	First Tuesday "	A. J. Robertson	C. W. Postlethwaite
26	*Ontario	Port Hope	Third Thursday "	Jacob Hoffman	M. C. Lynde
27	*Strict Observance	Hamilton	Third Tuesday "	J. M. Meakins	Chas. H. Foster
28	*Mount Zion	Kemptville	Wednesday before full moon "	Oliver Bascom	Wm. M. Elliott
29	*United	Brighton	Thursday on or before full moon, "	J. O. Proctor	W. A. Mayhew
30	*Composite	Whitby	First Thursday "	Chas. King	Robt. Willis
31	*Jerusalem	Bowmanville	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	John Milne	Edwin McCrum
32	*Amity	Dunnville	Wednesday on or after full moon, "	Samuel Waltho	Robert Nimmo
33	*Goderich	Goderich	First Wednesday monthly	Henry Cooke	Wm. Dickson
34	*Thistle	Amherstburgh	Tuesday before full moon		
35	St. John's				

33	*Goderich	Goderich	First Wednesday	monthly	Henry Cooke	Wm. Dickson
34	*Thistle	Amherstburgh	Tuesday before full moon	"	Wm. T. Wilkinson	Edwd. A. Irving
35	St. John's	Cayuga	Thursday on or after full moon	"	John A. Hoshal	Thos. Bridger
36	Welland	Fonthill	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	James O. Emmett	D. J. McAlpine
37	*King Hiram	Ingersoll	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	C. H. Slawson	W. A. Woolson
38	*Trent	Trenton	Tuesday before full moon	"	Henry W. Day	Isaac Nelson
39	*Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	J. B. Bickell	James Walker
40	*St. John's	Hamilton	Third Thursday	"	John Malloy	James B. Bishop
41	*St. George's	Kingsville	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	Edward Allworth	Lewis Malott
42	*St. George's	London	First Wednesday	"	A. S. Murray	James Priddis
43	King Solomon's	Woodstock	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	Robert McWhinnie	S. Stephens
44	*St. Thomas	St. Thomas	First Thursday	"	Robert Mackay	T. Timmins
45	Brant	Brantford	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	S. W. McMichael	George Lindley
46	*Wellington	Chatham	First Monday	"	James Dalgarno	James Birch
47	*Great Western	Windsor	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	Charles Scadding	G. E. Copeland
48	*Madoc	Madoc	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	J. S. Loomis, M. D.	James O'Hara, Jr
50	*Consecon	Consecon	Friday on or before full moon	"	James Baird	G. C. Waddell
51	*Corinthian	Grahamville	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	John Bell	Alex. F. Campbell
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	First Tuesday	"	E. D. Parlow	G. B. Greene
54	*Vaughan	Maple	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	H. W. Bolitho	Leeds Richardson
55	*Merrickville	Merrickville	Tuesday after full moon	"	Francis Bisset	P. Y. Merrick
56	Victoria	Sarnia	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	E. A. Vidal	John Chester
57	*Harmony	Binbrook	Monday after full moon	"	S. G. Harris	John Brown, Jr
58	*Doric	Ottawa	First Wednesday	"	J. J. Smith	Geo. Cox
61	*Acacia	Hamilton	Fourth Friday	"	James Acheson	Alfred Poulter
62	*St. Andrew's	Caledonia	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	W. J. Clark	R. L. Nelles
63	*St. John's	Carleton Place	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	C. G. Stackhouse	John Code
64	*Kilwinning	London	Third Thursday	"	R. B. Hungerford	H. A. Baxter
65	*Rehoboam	Toronto	First Thursday	"	Daniel Spry	A. W. Carkeek
66	*Durham	Newcastle	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	D. McNaughton	Daniel Allin
68	*St. John's	Ingersoll	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	Matthew Day	Wm. Ewart
69	Stirling	Stirling	Thursday after the full moon	"	Wm. Yonker, M. D.	John S. Black

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72	Alma	Galt	Thursday on or before full moon, monthly	William H. Lutz	B. Shepherd
73	*St. James	St. Marys	First Monday "	Robert Begg	A. Cameron
74	*St. James	Maitland	Monday nearest full moon "	Alex. G. Hervey	Charles B. Lemon
75	St. John's	Toronto	First Monday "	Hugh Blain	Irwin Bridgman
76	*Oxford	Woodstock	Second Wednesday "	James Sutherland	Asa Hall
77	*Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	First Friday "	George Ingle	Thomas Beall
78	*King Hiram	Tilsonburg	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	John Secord	Wm. Forbes
79	*Simcoe	Bradford	Thursday after full moon "	J. K. Stevenson	J. W. Rolph
80	Albion	Newbury	First Tuesday "	William F. Roome	Joseph Mills
81	*St. John's	Mount Brydg's	Tuesday on or before full moon "	Benjamin Paine	Charles Northon
82	St. John's	Paris	Tuesday on or before full moon "	A. H. Baird	George E. Taylor
83	*Beaver	Strathroy	Friday on or after full moon "	William Oldham	John R. Clarke
84	*Clinton	Clinton	Friday on or after full moon "	Peter Cavan	A. Worthington
85	Rising Sun	Farmersville	Thursday on or before full moon, "	James P. Lamb	Isaac C. Alguire
86	*Wilson	Toronto	Third Tuesday "	Joseph Wright	A. R. Riches
87	Markham Union	Markham	Friday on or before full moon "	James Speight	A. A. Speight
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	James McLauchlan	William Wilson
89	King Hiram	Lindsay	Third Friday "	Edward Flood	D. E. Trew
90	*Manito	Collingwood	Wednesday on or after full moon, "	Patrick Doherty	Theo. Laurence
91	*Colborne	Colborne	Friday on or before full moon "	C. R. Ford	George Keyes
92	*Cataraqui	Kingston	Second Wednesday "	F. Rowland	Frederick Scobell
93	*Northern Light	Kincardine	First Wednesday "	David Small	R. D. Hall
94	*St. Mark's	Port Stanley	Second Tuesday "	James Fawcett	R. R. Goulding, p.t.
95	Ridout	Otterville	Thursday on or before full moon, "	W. F. Kay	M. Durkee
96	*Corinthian	Barrie	Thursday on or before full moon, "	C. H. Bosanko	William Todd
97	*Sharon	Sharon	Tuesday on or before full moon "	John C. McCarty	William Dodds
98	True Blue	Albion	Friday on or before full moon monthly	Thomas Fisher	J. B. Dawkins
99	*Tuscan	Newmarket	Second Wednesday "		
100	Valley	Dundas	Monday "	N. Pearson	
101	*Corinthian				

98	True Blue	Albion	Friday on or before full moon	monthly	Thomas Fisher	J. B. Dawkins
99	*Tuscan	Newmarket	Second Wednesday	"	N. Pearson	L. Atkinson
100	Valley	Dundas	Monday on or before full moon	"	Thomas Reid	George Coote
101	*Corinthian	Peterboro'	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	R. P. Boucher	William A. King
103	*Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	Thursday on or after full moon	"	John W. Coy	J. J. Mathews
104	St. John's	Norwich	Wednesday on or after full moon,	"	Henry Couzens	William Walker
105	St. Mark's	Drum'ondville	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	C. J. McKenzie	M. B. Morris
106	*Burford	Burford	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	George Polly	J. E. McCaffey
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	Second Wednesday	"	L. G. Jarvis	F. W. H. C. Jarvis
108	Blenheim	Drumbo	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	Piercie Irving	Thomas Welsh
109	*Albion	Harrowsmith	Friday on or before full moon	"	George Creegan	James Cooke
110	*Central	Prescott	First Tuesday	"	James Reynolds	A. Parker
111	*Morpeth	Ridgetown	Second Thursday	"	L. Carpenter	J. Chapman
112	Maitland	Goderich	Second Tuesday	"	C. E. Robertson	James Addison
113	*Wilson	Waterford	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	L. Becker	L. H. Slaght
114	*Hope	Port Hope	First Thursday	"	Rev. C. W. Paterson	F. E. Gaudrie
115	*Ivy	Beamsville	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	James Allen	George Walker
116	*Cassia	Thedford	Monday on or before full moon	"	George Watts	R. F. Manley
118	Union	Schomberg	Monday on or before full moon	"	W. J. Brereton	W. H. Ross
119	*Maple Leaf	Bath	Monday on or before full moon	"	B. E. Aylesworth	C. L. Rogers
120	Warren	Fingal	Monday before full moon	"	James Milligan	W. S. Morse
121	*Dorio	Brantford	First Tuesday	"	Charles Champion	James P. Excell
122	*Renfrew	Renfrew	Friday on or before full moon	"	Donald Stewart	Thomas Henderson
123	*The Belleville	Belleville	First Monday	"	George H. Pope	William McKeown
125	*Cornwall	Cornwall	First Thursday	"	William Hill	George Milden
126	*Golden Rule	Campbellford	First Tuesday	"	Jas. W. Dinwoodie	H. E. Skinner
127	Franck	Frankfort	Tuesday on or after full moon	"	John A. Chisholm	C. A. Tompkins
128	*Pembroke	Pembroke	Monday before full moon	"	W. R. White	Thomas A. Findlay
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	First Thursday	"	G. W. Morrison	J. Anderson
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	First Friday	"	A. Hutchinson	J. Stirton
133	*Lebanon Forest	Exeter	Tuesday on or after full moon	"	R. Sildon	Andrew Lake
135	*St. Clair	Milton	Monday on or before full moon	"	John H. Bradley	E. Dixon

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136	Richardson	Stouffville	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	monthly	F. R. Armstrong	C. S. Goodrich
137	*Pythagoras	Meaford	Friday on or after full moon	"	T. McCarroll	A. W. Corley
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	Second Tuesday	"	William Deans	John Boyd
140	*Malahide	Aylmer	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	S. S. Clutton	John C. Weisbrod
141	*Tudor	Mitchell	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	John P. Langlis	H. McIntyre, Jr
142	*Excelsior	Morrisburg	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	Charles E. Hickey	Wm. Eagleton
143	*Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Wednesday before full moon	"	David Fink	John N. Tuttle
144	*Tecumseh	Stratford	First Thursday	"	Andrew McLenhan	John Farquharson
145	*J. B. Hall	Millbrook	Second Thursday	"	Henry Turner	J. R. Fitzgerald
146	*Prince of Wales	Newburgh	Wednesday before full moon	"	A. K. Aylsworth	Robert B. Hope
147	*Mississippi	Almonte	First Friday	"	William Smith	Thomas Coulter
148	*Civil Service	Ottawa	Second Tuesday	"	W. G. Blyth	Le. F. A. Maingy
149	*Erie	Port Dover	Monday on or before full moon	"	A. F. Turnbull	Richard Stephens
150	*Hastings	Hastings	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	Alexander Wilson	Jonathan Blacklock
151	The Grand River	Berlin	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	James Lockie	F. P. Gassion
153	*Burns	Wyoming	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	N. H. Beemer	H. G. Taylor
154	*Irving	Lucan	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	William Ellwood	John Fox
155	*Peterboro'	Peterborough	First Friday	"	Samuel White	H. Grundy
156	*York	Eglinton	Friday on or before full moon	"	D. C. Waterhouse	Edwin A. Smith
157	Simpson	Newboro'	Tuesday on or after full moon	"	J. R. Dargaval	L. S. Lewis
158	*Alexandra	Oil Springs	Thursday on or after full moon	"	Walter Miller	Henry Brown
159	*Goodwood	Richmond	First Tuesday	"	John Satchell	H. Rielly
161	*Percy	Warkworth	Wednesday before full moon	"	I. Humphries	H. A. Mulhearn
162	Forest	Wroxeter	Monday on or before full moon	"	W. H. Brawn	David Hood
164	*Star in the East	Wellington	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	B. H. Young	S. W. Flagler
165	*Burlington	Burlington	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	O. T. Springer	H. Cameron
166	*Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Monday on or before full moon	monthly	James Widger	F. M. Carpenter
168	*Merritt	Welland	Monday on or after full moon	"		
169	*Macnab	Pt. Colborne	Tuesday on or before	"	I. P. Willson	

165	*Burlington	Burlington	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	O. T. Springer	H. Cameron
166	*Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Monday on or before full moon	monthly	James Widger	F. M. Carpenter
168	*Merritt	Welland	Monday on or after full moon	"	I. P. Willson	S. J. Sidey
169	*Macnab	Pt. Colborne	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	Joh. Priestman, Jr.	Daniel McKay
170	*Britannia	Seaforth	First Monday	"	John McIntyre	Ford Sellars
171	*Prince of Wales	Iona	Friday on or after full moon	"	D. Sinclair	J. Cascaden
172	*Ayr	Ayr	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	J. M. Rieley	John Boulton
174	*Walsingham	Port Rowan	First Thursday	"	John Hudson	William Ross
176	Spartan	Sparta	Monday on or before full moon	"	J. Callard	P. McDiarmid
177	The Builders	Ottawa	Second Friday	"	John Orr	William Rea
178	*Plattsville	Plattsville	Friday on or before full moon	"	Thos. Allshire, Sr.	R. J. Bourcher
179	*Bothwell	Bothwell	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	James K. Moore	George Moore
180	*Speed	Guelph	First Tuesday	"	John Scoon	J. Mimmack
181	*Oriental	Port Burwell	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	M. G. Burwell	W. A. Griffin
183	*Prince Albert	Port Perry	Friday on or before full moon	"	John Currie	Wm. Spence
184	*Old Light	Lucknow	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	John Mathieson	Robert L. Hunter
185	*Enniskillen	York	Monday on or after full moon	"	John Senn	R. A. Weir
186	*Plantagenet	Plantagenet	Monday on or before full moon	"	Henry Smith	George Hoge
189	*Filius Viduæ	Adolphustown	Wednesday on or before f. moon.	"	G. W. Murdich	Thomas A. Clark
190	Belmont	Belmont	Friday on or before full moon	"	Duncan Ferguson	Hugh McDonald
192	*Orillia	Orillia	Friday on or before full moon	"	J. B. Thompson	W. M. Harvey
193	*Scotland	Scotland	Monday on or before full moon	"	J. C. Shook	C. F. F. Corbin
194	*Petrolia	Petrolia	Second Wednesday	"	W. G. Fraser	George Primmer
195	*The Tuscan	London	First Friday	"	R. W. Smylie	John Taylor
196	*Madawaska	Arnprior	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	James G. Cranston	R. G. Moles
197	*Saugeen	Walkerton	Second Tuesday	"	James Craig	Fred. S. O'Connor
198	*White Oak	Oakville	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	N. J. McIntyre	C. W. Pearce
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	Friday on or before full moon	"	William Colclough	T. G. Smith
201	*Leeds	Gananoque	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	John Ormiston	P. Heaslip
203	Irvine	Elora	Friday before full moon	"	Francis Dalby	Alexander Carter
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	Monday on or after full moon	"	Charles Wood	O. Pressprich
206	*North Gower	North Gower	First Monday	"	Thomas Conley	James Lindsay
207	*Lancaster	Lancaster	Second Wednesday	"	James Urquhart	H. A. McMillan

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209a	*St. John's	London	Second Thursday ..... monthly	Benjamin W. Greer	John Siddons
209	Evergreen	Lanark	First Tuesday ..... "	Alexander D. Dobie	Wm. A. Field
210	*Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	John R. Leggett	Saml. J. McMahon
212	*Elysian	Garden Island	First Monday ..... "	Anthony Malone	R. Nancollas
213	*Dominion	Ridgeway	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	C. H. Mathews	John N. Fulmer
214	*Craig	Ailsa Craig	Monday on or after full moon "	William Matheson	J. W. Tibeaude
215	Lake	Ameliasburg	Monday on or before full moon "	B. Rothwell	A. N. Sprague
216	*Harris	Orangeville	Tuesday on or before full moon "	P. M. Baker	Frank W. Bell
217	*Frederick	Delhi	Monday on or before full moon "	Joseph Church	H. C. Hillikes
218	*Stevenson	Toronto	Second Monday ..... "	John Patton	W. L. Hunter
219	*Credit	Georgetown	Friday on or before full moon "	W. McLeod	J. G. Marley
220	*Zeredatha	Uxbridge	Monday on or before full moon "	D. M. Card	Peter McIntyre
221	*Mountain	Thorold	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	George McFarland	David Ross
222	*Marmora	Marmora	Tuesday before full moon ..... "	J. L. Aunger	J. Beddome
223	*Norwood	Norwood	Tuesday on or before full moon "	W. E. Roxburgh	J. A. Butterfield
224	*Zurich	Zurich	Friday on or before full moon "	Chauncey Benedict	M. Zellar
225	*Bernard	Listowel	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	John Nichol, M.D.	Wm. Spears
226	*Prince Arthur	Odessa	Monday after full moon ..... "	Peter A. Mabee	Anson Storms
229	*Ionic	Brampton	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	M. M. Elliott	T. A. Agar
230	*Kerr	Bell Ewart	Tuesday on or before full moon "	John Gordon	E. H. Belfry
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Second Wednesday ..... "	William Rea	A. Chatfield
232	*Cameron	Wallacetown	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	George Duncan	J. W. Luton
233	*Doric	Park Hill	Tuesday on or before full moon "	W. W. Rutherford	D. Eccles
234	*Beaver	Clarksburg	Tuesday on or after full moon "	Richard Carroll	Samuel Robinson
235	Aldworth	Paisley	Friday on or before full moon "	B. Mills	Thomas Pincle
236	*Manitoba	Bondhead	Tuesday on or after full moon "	M. Gaviller	Ira Deane
237	Vienna	Vienna	Friday before full moon ..... monthly	L. L. Sheldon	John Dean
238	Havelock	Watford	Tuesday before full moon ..... "	N. J. Lindon	
239	Tweed	Tweed	Friday on or before		

237	Vienna	Vienna	Friday before full moon	monthly	L. L. Sheldon	John Dean
238	Havelock	Watford	Tuesday before full moon	"	N. J. Lindsay	D. J. Campbell
239	Tweed	Tweed	Friday on or before full moon	"	A. H. Gilbert	John Shaw
241	*Quinte	Shannonville	Tuesday on or after full moon	"	C. E. Clark	Saml. Hudson, M.D.
242	*Macoy	Escott Front	Monday on or before full moon	"	R. B. Aylesworth	N. V. Mallory
243	*St. George	St. George	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	E. E. Kitchen, M.D.	R. G. Laurason
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	Robert Ward	Fred Fysh
247	*Ashlar	Yorkville	Fourth Tuesday	"	W. S. Robinson	Robert Kidney
248	Eureka	Pakenham	Wednesday on or after full moon,	"	J. W. Pickup	James A. Scott
249	*Caledonian	Angus	Tuesday on or after full moon	"	Robert Wade	A. T. Cooper
250	Thistle	Embro	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	J. W. Upper	J. G. Anderson
253	Minden	Kingston	First Monday	"	William Baillie	Alf. Le Richeux
254	Clifton	Clifton	First Monday	"	William Crawford	John R. Simpson
255	Sydenham	Dresden	Wednesday on or after full moon,	"	John French	Geo. A. Scott
256	*Farran's Point	Farran's Point	First Wednesday	"	A. D. Wagner	Samuel Hendry
257	*Galt	Galt	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	William Cowan	John Kirk
258	Guelph	Guelph	Second Tuesday	"	Hugh Walker	John Yule
259	Springfield	Springfield	Monday on or before full moon	"	J. B. Mills, M.D.	J. B. Lucas
260	*Washington	Petrolia	First Tuesday	"	Wm. H. McGarvey	James Peat
261	*Oak Branch	Innerkip	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	E. W. Town	George Teetzel
262	*Harriston	Harriston	Monday on or after full moon	"	Alexander Michie	A. J. Stewart
263	*Forest	Forest	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	Wm. D. Griggs	H. Wilson
264	*Chaudiere	Ottawa	First Monday	"	Thomas Kennedy	H. J. Bronskill
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	John Lane	John C. Woods
266	*Northern Light	Stayner	Tuesday before full moon	"	R. M. Perdue	W. Watson
267	*Parthenon	Chatham	First Wednesday	"	W. L. Tackaberry	Chas. Dunlop
268	*Verulam	Bobcaygeon	First Monday	"	J. G. Edwards	J. H. Thompson
269	*Brougham Union	Brougham	Wednesday on or after full moon,	"	H. Baxter	R. Stokes
270	*Cedar	Oshawa	Fourth Tuesday	"	William J. Hare	C. W. Smith
271	Wellington	Erin	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	Thomas M. Till	Dugald Campbell
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	Edward Kenrick	S. D. Lauder
274	*Kent	Blenheim	Monday on or before full moon	"	James Samson, M.D.	James Devlin

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276	Teeswater	Teeswater	Friday on or before full moon ... monthly	H. B. O'Connor	B. S. S. Hadley
277	*Seymour	P'rt Dalhousie	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	Jessie Pauling	George W. Read
278	Mystic	Roslin	Thursday before full moon ... "	Robert McMullen	C. Hudson, Jr.
279	New Hope	Hespeler	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	Walter Edington	James Mitchell
280	Mount Sinai	Napanee	First Thursday ... "	J. F. Ferguson	H. W. Perry
281	*Thorne	Hol'nd Land'g	First Tuesday ... "	David L. Ellerby	O. Floyd
282	Lorne	Glencoe	Thursday on or before full moon, "	H. Seymour	D. A. Ferguson
283	*Eureka	Belleville	Wednesday after full moon ... "	S. S. Lazier	John D. Evans
284	*St. John's	Brussels	Tuesday on or before full moon ... "	Robert Pattison	John Allen
285	Seven Star	Alliston	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	Hugh McC. Wright	W. S. Wallace
286	*Wingham	Wingham	Tuesday before full moon ... "	Thomas Bell	B. Flynn
287	*Shuniah	P. Arthur's L'g	Tuesday on or before full moon ... "	W. Thompson	Alex. F. McNab
289	*Doric	Lobo	Thursday on or before full moon, "	Alexander Gray	T. P. Powell
290	*Leamington	Leamington	Tuesday on or before full moon ... "	J. E. Johnson	W. Patterson
291	*Dufferin	W. Flamboro'	Thursday on or before full moon, "	John Ireland	John Burbank
292	*Robertson	Nobleton	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	James Bowman	E. Y. Godfrey, Jr.
293	*Royal Sol. Mother	Jerusalem Pal.	First Wednesday ... "	Serapion J. Murad	P. Bergheim
294	*Moore	Moorestown	Thursday on or before full moon, "	J. A. Sommerville	John Linton
295	Conestogo	Drayton	Tuesday on or after full moon ... "	Alex. R. Morris	H. J. Powley
296	*Temple	St. Catharines	First Wednesday ... "	W. W. Greenwood	James Kinsman
297	Preston	Preston	Friday on or before full moon ... "	D. McIntosh	Carl Stuermer
299	Victoria	Centreville	Thursday on or before full moon, "	Mat. Shannon	James M. Smith
300	*Mount Olivet	Thorndale	Tuesday on or before full moon ... "	Edward Nicholson	William Harrison
301	*Hanover	Hanover	Monday on or before full moon ... "	John Lamont	John Kerr
302	St. David's	St. Thomas	Monday on or before full moon ... "	Josiah Corlis	W. H. King
303	*Blyth	Blyth	Tuesday on or after full moon ... "	D. Radcliffe	James A. Anderson

304	*Minerva	Craigvale	Tuesday on or after full moon ... monthly	T. Anderson, M.D.	Robert G. McCraw
305	*Humber	Weston	Wednesday on or before f. moon, "	Charles McMunn	
306	Durham	Durham	Tuesday ...		

304	*Minerva	Craigvale	Tuesday on or after full moon...	monthly	T. Anderson, M.D.	Robert G. McCraw
305	*Humber	Weston	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	Charles McMunn	James Cruickshank
306	Durham	Durham	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	William A. Vollett.	H. W. Mockler
307	*Arkona	Arkona	Thursday before full moon	"	Robert Dunn	G. M. Everest
308	*Grafton	Grafton	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	J. F. Mallory	Thomas H. Webster
309	*Morning Star	Smith's Hill	Third Wednesday	"	Andrew McDonald	J. S. Habkirk
310	Enterprise	Beachburg	First Tuesday	"	Robert Allen	George Forbes
311	*Blackwood	Woodbridge	Friday on or before full moon	"	Joel Reaman	John G. Hallett
312	*Pnyx	Wallaceburg	Monday on or before full moon..	"	James Scott	Peter Crawford
313	*Clementi	Lakefield	Tuesday after full moon	"	C. R. D. Booth	Edward Sawtell
314	*Blair	Palmerston	Friday after full moon	"	A. B. Munson	John Gracie
315	Clifford	Clifford	Thursday on or after full moon..	"	F. S. Dobson	James D. Allan
316	*Dorio	Toronto	Third Wednesday	"	H. A. Collins	John H. Knifton
317	*The Hiram	Dundas	Second Tuesday	"	Thomas Clark	W. Cowper
318	Wilmot	Baden	Friday on or after full moon	"	Philip Erbach	Robert O. Dobbin
319	*Hiram	Cheapside	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	Aaron Hobbs	Wm. L. Tyrell
320	*Chesterville	Chesterville	Monday on or before full moon..	"	Henry W. Mead	Isaac Wingard
321	*Walker	Acton West	Monday on or before full moon..	"	Henry Hunt	John Shaw
322	*North Star	Owen Sound	Wednesday after full moon	"	S. J. Parker	W. J. Paterson
323	*Alvinston	Alvinston	Tuesday on or after full moon	"	C. W. Marlatt	Alex. Lucas
324	*Temple	Hamilton	Fourth Monday	"	R. Hills	J. B. Young
325	*Orono	Orono	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	William Thompson	W. H. May
326	*Zetland	Toronto	Fourth Friday	"	J. W. O'Hara	E. T. Malone
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	Third Tuesday	"	E. Aitchison	P. C. Campbell
328	Ionic	Napier	Friday on or before full moon	"	Richard Dunlop	H. Thompson
329	*King Solomon	Jarvis	Friday on or before full moon	"	Francis Heartwell	J. A. Langrill, M.D.
330	*Corinthian	London East	First Tuesday	"	James Ardill	T. McNaughton
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	James Hutchison	James Foster
332	Stratford	Stratford	Second Monday	"	J. L. Richmond	Ichabod Baker
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	Friday on or after full moon	"	Solomon Damude	John C. Griffith
334	*Prince Arthur	Arthur	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	James Mude	Robert Ferrier
335	Langton	Langton	Monday on or before full moon..	"	O. D. DeWitt	J. W. Husband

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.		W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
336	*Highgate	Highgate	First Thursday	monthly	John Lee	A. De Cow, M.D.
337	*Myrtle	Port Robinson	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	Robert Coulter	Thomas Sowersby
338	Dufferin	Welland Port	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	John E. Cohoe	William H. Dawdy
339	*Orient	Don Mount	First Tuesday	"	John K. Leslie	R. W. Darken
340	*St. John's	Pittsburg	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	Rev. John Gallaher	Alexander Adams
341	*Bruce	Tiverton	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	K. McDonald	John McKellar
342	Hiram	Wolfe Island	First Tuesday	"	H. O. Hitchcock	W. E. Abbott
343	Georgina	Sutton	Thursday on or after full moon	"	Alexander Williams	Robert Price
344	Merrill	Dorchest'r Stn	Thursday on or before full moon,	"	W. H. Chittick	R. L. Blunden
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	William Craig	Charles G. Wilson
346	*Occident	Toronto	First Wednesday	"	William Watson	Wm. E. Bennett
347	*Mercer	Fergus	Thursday after full moon	"	Charles Young	George A. Reid
348	*Georgian	Penetang'sne	First Wednesday	"	A. Miscampbell	F. W. Jeffery
349	*Elgin	St. Thomas	First Tuesday	"	H. G. Hunt	Alfred Ware
350	Port Elgin	Port Elgin	Last Friday	"	Hugh McLaren	Wm. Wallace
351	*St. Marys	St. Marys	Third Monday	"	L. M. Clench	J. E. Hodgson
352	Granite	Parry Sound	Wednesday on or after full moon,	"	Frank A. Foley	D. F Macdonald
353	Excelsior	Colborne	First Wednesday	"	Thos. W. Cumming	James E Bailey
354	Brock	Cannington	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	A. Sinclair	Alf. E. Hirschfelder
355	Clandeboye	Perth	Third Monday	"	William T. Walker	A. D. May
356	*River Park	Streetsville	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	James McB. Woods	William Webb
357	Waterdown	Waterdown	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	David H. Hunter	Wm. H. Crooker
358	*Delaware Valley	Delaware	Thursday after full moon	"	Alex. McLaren, M.D	Mat. J. Glass
359	*Vittoria	Vittoria	Friday on or before full moon	"	J. W. Ryerson	Fred. Cope
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	Isaac Huber	J. E. Lount
361	*Waverley	Guelph	Third Monday	"	William Tytler	Adam Weir, Jr.
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	Monday on or before full moon	monthly	Z. Williamson	
363	Frontenac	Cataraqui	First Tuesday			

362	Maple Leaf	Tara'	Monday on or before full moon	monthly	Z. Williamson	David Dick
363	Frontenac	Cataraqui	First Tuesday	"	John Irvine	Joseph L. Haycock
364	Dufferin	Melbourne	Wednesday on or before f. moon,	"	D. A. Sinclair	Robert Fletcher
365	North Star	Roseneath	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	William M. Orr	John Burkell
366	Euclid	Strathroy	Thursday before full moon	"	James Noble	James Fullerton
367	St. George	Toronto	First Friday	"	James Wilson	Charles James
368	Salem	Brockville	Second Monday	"	Vincent H. Moore	Geo. A. McMullen
369	Mimico	Islington	First Friday	"	Daniel Spry	H. T. Ide
U.D	Harmony	Delta	Wednesday on or after f. moon	"	John M. Sinclair	John E. Brown

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

NO. 1—ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

Counties of Essex, Kent, Lambton, and Bothwell.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. E. Allworth, M.D., Kingsville.

No. 34,	Thistle, Ameliasburg	Essex County.
" 41,	St. George's, Kingsville	" "
" 47,	Great Western, Windsor	" "
" 290,	Leamington, Leamington	" "
" 46,	Wellington, Chatham	Kent County.
" 245,	Tecumseh, Thamesville	" "
" 255,	Sydenham, Dresden	" "
" 267,	Parthenon, Chatham	" "
" 274,	Kent, Blenheim	" "
" 312,	Pnyx, Wallaceburg	" "
" 336,	Highgate, Highgate	" "
" 56,	Victoria, Sarnia	Lambton County.
" 116,	Cassia, Thedford	" "
" 153,	Burns, Wyoming	" "
" 158,	Alexandra, Oil Springs	" "
" 194,	Petrolia, Petrolia	" "
" 238,	Havelock, Watford	" "
" 260,	Washington, Petrolia	" "
" 263,	Forest, Forest	" "
" 294,	Moore, Mooretown	" "
" 307,	Arkona, Arkona	" "
" 323,	Alvinston, Alvinston	" "
" 111,	Morpeth, Ridgetown	Bothwell County.
" 179,	Bothwell, Bothwell	" "

NO. 2—LONDON DISTRICT.

Counties of Middlesex and Elgin, except the Township of Bayham.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. Cascaden, M. D., Iona.

No. 20,	St. John's, London	Middlesex County.
" 42,	St. George's, London	" "
" 64,	Kilwinning, London	" "

No. 80, Albion, Newbury ..... Middlesex County.
" 81, St. John's, Mount Brydges ..... " "
" 83, Beaver, Strathroy ..... " "
" 107, St. Paul's, Lambeth ..... " "
" 154, Irving, Lucan ..... " "
" 190, Belmont, Belmont ..... " "
" 195, Tuscan, London ..... " "
" 209a, St. John's, London ..... " "
" 214, Craig, Ailsa Craig ..... " "
" 233, Doric, Park Hill ..... " "
" 282, Lorne, Glencoe ..... " "
" 289, Doric, Lobo ..... " "
" 300, Mount Olivet, Thorndale ..... " "
" 327, The Hammond, Wardsville ..... " "
" 328, Ionic, Napier ..... " "
" 330, Corinthian, London East ..... " "
" 344, Merrill, Dorchester Station ..... " "
" 345, Nilestown, Nilestown ..... " "
" 358, Delaware Valley, Delaware ..... " "
" 364, Dufferin, Melbourne ..... " "
" 366, Euclid, Strathroy ..... " "
" 44, St. Thomas, St. Thomas ..... Elgin County.
" 94, St. Mark's, Port Stanley ..... " "
" 120, Warren, Fingal ..... " "
" 140, Malahide, Aylmer ..... " "
" 171, Prince of Wales, Iona ..... " "
" 176, Spartan, Sparta ..... " "
" 232, Cameron, Wallacetown ..... " "
" 259, Springfield, Springfield ..... " "
" 302, St. David's, St. Thomas ..... " "
" 349, Elgin, St. Thomas ..... " "

NO. 3—WILSON DISTRICT.

Counties of Oxford, Norfolk, Brant, and Township of Bayham in Elgin.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. T. B. Bain, Tilsonburg.

No. 10, Norfolk, Simcoe ..... Norfolk County.
" 113, Wilson, Waterford ..... " "
" 149, Erie, Port Dover ..... " "
" 174, Walsingham, Port Rowan ..... " "

No. 217, Frederick, Delhi.....Norfolk County.
" 335, Langton, Langton..... " "
" 359, Vittoria, Vittoria..... " "
" 37, King Hiram, Ingersoll.....Oxford County.
" 43, King Solomon, Woodstock..... " "
" 68, St. John's, Ingersoll..... " "
" 76, Oxford, Woodstock..... " "
" 78, King Hiram, Tilsonburg..... " "
" 95, Ridout, Otterville..... " "
" 104, St. John's, Norwichville..... " "
" 108, Blenheim, Drumbo..... " "
" 178, Plattsville, Plattsville..... " "
" 250, Thistle, Embro..... " "
" 261, Oak Branch, Innerkip..... " "
" 45, Brant, Brantford.....Brant County
" 82, St. John's, Paris..... " "
" 106, Burford, Burford..... " "
" 121, Doric, Brantford..... " "
" 193, Scotland, Scotland..... " "
" 243, St. George, St. George..... " "
" 181, Oriental, Port Burwell.....Elgin County.
" 237, Vienna, Vienna..... " "

NO. 4—HURON DISTRICT.

Counties of Bruce, Huron, and Perth.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. C. E. Robertson, Goderich.

No. 33, Goderich, Goderich.....Huron County.
" 84, Clinton, Clinton..... " "
" 112, Maitland, Goderich..... " "
" 133, Lebanon Forest, Exeter..... " "
" 162, Forest, Wroxeter..... " "
" 170, Britannia, Seaforth..... " "
" 224, Zurich, Zurich..... " "
" 268, Wingham, Wingham..... " "
" 284, St. John's Brussels..... " "
" 303, Blyth, Blyth..... " "
" 309, Morning Star, Smith's Hill..... " "
" 331, Fordwich, Fordwich..... " "
" 73, St. James, St. Marys.....Perth County.
" 141, Tudor, Mitchell..... " "

No. 144, Tecumseh, Stratford.....Perth County.
" 225, Bernard, Listowel..... " "
" 332, Stratford, Stratford..... " "
" 351, St. Marys, St. Marys..... " "
" 93, Northern Light, Kincardine.....Bruce County.
" 131, St. Lawrence, Southampton..... " "
" 184, Old Light, Lucknow..... " "
" 197, Saugeen, Walkerton..... " "
" 235, Aldworth, Paisley..... " "
" 276, Teeswater, Teeswater..... " "
" 301, Hanover, Hanover..... " "
" 341, Bruce, Tiverton..... " "
" 350, Port Elgin, Port Elgin..... " "
" 362, Maple Leaf, Tara..... " "

NO. 5—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Counties of Wellington and Waterloo.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John MacDonald, Elora.

No. 72, Alma, Galt.....Waterloo County.
" 151, The Grand River, Berlin..... " "
" 172, Ayr, Ayr..... " "
" 205, New Dominion, New Hamburg..... " "
" 257, Galt, Galt..... " "
" 279, New Hope, Hespeler..... " "
" 297, Preston, Preston..... " "
" 318, Wilmot, Baden..... " "
" 180, Speed, Guelph.....Wellington County.
" 200, St. Alban's, Mount Forest..... " "
" 203, Irvine, Elora..... " "
" 216, Harris, Orangeville..... " "
" 258, Guelph, Guelph..... " "
" 262, Harriston, Harriston..... " "
" 271, Wellington, Erin..... " "
" 295, Conestogo, Drayton..... " "
" 314, Blair, Palmerston..... " "
" 315, Clifford, Clifford..... " "
" 335, Prince Arthur, Arthur..... " "
" 347, Mercer, Fergus..... " "
" 361, Waverley, Guelph..... " "

NO. 6—HAMILTON DISTRICT.

Counties of Wentworth and Halton.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton.

No.	6,	Barton, Hamilton	Wentworth County.
"	27,	Strict Observance, Hamilton	" "
"	40,	St. John's, Hamilton	" "
"	57,	Harmony, Binbrook	" "
"	61,	Acacia, Hamilton	" "
"	100,	Valley, Dundas	" "
"	166,	Wentworth, Stoney Creek	" "
"	272,	Seymour, Ancaster	" "
"	291,	Dufferin, West Flamboro'	" "
"	317,	The Hiram, Dundas	" "
"	324,	Temple, Hamilton	" "
"	357,	Waterdown, Waterdown	" "
"	135,	St. Clair, Milton	Halton County.
"	165,	Burlington, Burlington	" "
"	198,	White Oak, Oakville	" "
"	219,	Credit, Georgetown	" "
"	321,	Walker, Acton West	" "

NO. 7—NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Counties of Lincoln, Welland and Haldimand.

D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. E. Goodman, M.D., St. Catharines.

No.	2,	Niagara, Niagara	Lincoln County.
"	7,	Union, Grimsby	" "
"	15,	St. George's, St. Catharines	" "
"	103,	Maple Leaf, St. Catharines	" "
"	115,	Ivy, Beamsville	" "
"	277,	Seymour, Port Dalhousie	" "
"	296,	Temple, St. Catharines	" "
"	338,	Dufferin, Welland Port	" "
"	32,	Amity, Dunnville	Haldimand County.
"	35,	St. John's, Cayuga	" "
"	62,	St. Andrew's, Caledonia	"
"	185,	Enniskillen, York	"

No. 319, Hiram, Cheapside.....Haldimand County.
" 329, King Solomon, Jarvis..... " "
" 36, Welland, Fonthill.....Welland County.
" 105, St. Mark's, Drummondville..... " "
" 168, Merritt, Welland..... " "
" 169, Macnab, Port Colborne..... " "
" 213, Dominion, Ridgeway..... " "
" 221, Mountain, Thorold..... " "
" 254, Clifton, Clifton..... " "
" 337, Myrtle, Port Robinson..... " "

NO. 8—TORONTO DISTRICT.

Counties of York, Peel, Simcoe, Grey, and Cardwell, Algoma and Muskoka Districts, and the Township of Uxbridge, in Ontario County.

D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Robert McIntosh, M.D., Meaford.

No. 16, St. Andrew's, Toronto.....York County.
" 22, King Solomon's, Toronto..... " "
" 23, Richmond, Richmond Hill..... " "
" 25, Ionic, Toronto..... " "
" 54, Vaughan, Maple..... " "
" 65, Rehoboam, Toronto..... " "
" 75, St. John's, Toronto..... " "
" 86, Wilson, Toronto..... " "
" 87, Markham Union, Markham..... " "
" 97, Sharon, Sharon..... " "
" 99, Tuscan, Newmarket..... " "
" 118, Union, Schomberg..... " "
" 129, The Rising Sun, Aurora..... " "
" 136, Richardson, Stouffville..... " "
" 156, York, Eglinton..... " "
" 218, Stevenson, Toronto..... " "
" 247, Ashlar, Yorkville..... " "
" 265, Patterson, Thornhill..... " "
" 281, Thorne, Holland Landing..... " "
" 292, Robertson, Nobleton..... " "
" 305, Humber, Weston..... " "
" 311, Blackwood, Woodbridge..... " "

No. 316, Doric, Toronto.....York County.
" 326, Zetland, Toronto..... " "
" 339, Orient, Don Mount..... " "
" 343, Georgina, Sutton..... " "
" 346, Occident, Toronto..... " "
" 367, St. George, Toronto..... " "
" 51, Corinthian, Grahamville.....Peel County.
" 229, Ionic, Brampton..... " "
" 358, River Park, Streetsville..... " "
" 79, Simcoe, Bradford.....Simcoe County.
" 90, Manito, Collingwood..... " "
" 96, Corinthian, Barrie..... " "
" 192, Orillia, Orillia..... " "
" 230, Kerr, Bell Ewart..... " "
" 236, Manitoba, Bondhead..... " "
" 249, Caledonian, Angus..... " "
" 266, Northern Light, Stayner..... " "
" 285, Seven Star, Alliston..... " "
" 304, Minerva, Craigvale..... " "
" 348, Georgian, Penetanguishene..... " "
" 88, St. George's, Owen Sound.....Grey County.
" 137, Pythagoras, Meaford..... " "
" 234, Beaver, Clarksburg..... " "
" 306, Durham, Durham..... " "
" 322, North Star, Owen Sound..... " "
" 333, Prince Arthur, Flesherton..... " "
" 98, True Blue, Albion.....Cardwell County.
" 220, Zeredatha, Uxbridge.....Ontario County.
" 287, Shuniah, Prince Arthur's Landing...Algoma District.
" 352, Granite, Parry Sound..... " "
" 360, Muskoka, Bracebridge.....Muskoka District.

NO. 9—ONTARIO DISTRICT.

Counties of Ontario, Durham, Victoria, Northumberland and Peterborough, (except the Township of Uxbridge in Ontario County.)

D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. E. Peplow, Port Hope.

No. 17, St. John's, Cobourg.....Northumberland County.
" 29, United, Brighton..... " "
" 91, Colborne, Colborne..... " "

No.126, Golden Rule, Campbellford.....Northumberland County.
" 161, Percy, Warkworth..... " "
" 308, Grafton, Grafton..... " "
" 353, Excelsior, Colborne..... " "
" 365, North Star, Roseneath..... " "
" 26, Ontario, Port Hope.....Durham County.
" 31, Jerusalem, Bowmanville..... " "
" 66, Durham, Newcastle..... " "
" 114, Hope, Port Hope..... " "
" 145, J. B. Hall, Millbrook..... " "
" 325, Orono, Orono..... " "
" 30, Composite, Whitby.....Ontario County.
" 39, Mount Zion, Brooklin..... " "
" 139, Lebanon, Oshawa..... " "
" 183, Prince Albert, Port Perry..... " "
" 269, Brougham Union, Brougham..... " "
" 270, Cedar, Oshawa..... " "
" 354, Brock, Cannington..... " "
" 77, Faithful Brethren, Lindsay.....Victoria County.
" 89, King Hiram, Lindsay..... " "
" 268, Verulam, Bobcaygeon..... " "
" 101, Corinthian, Peterboro'.....Peterboro' County.
" 150, Hastings, Hastings..... " "
" 155, Peterboro', Peterboro'..... " "
" 223, Norwood, Norwood..... " "
" 313, Clementi, Lakefield..... " "

NO. 10—PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

Counties of Hastings, Lennox, Addington and Prince Edward.

D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. James Smith, Belleville.

No. 9, Union, Napanee.....Lennox County.
" 189, Filius Viduæ, Adolphustown..... " "
" 280, Mount Sinai, Napanee..... " "
" 11, Moira, Belleville.....Hastings County.
" 38, Trent, Trenton..... " "
" 48, Madoc, Madoc..... " "
" 69, Stirling, Stirling..... " "
" 123, The Belleville, Belleville..... " "
" 127, Franck, Frankford..... " "

No. 222, Marmora, Marmora.....Hastings County.
" 239, Tweed, Tweed..... " "
" 241, Quinte, Shannonville..... " "
" 278, Mystic, Roslin..... " "
" 283, Eureka, Belleville..... " "
" 18, Prince Edward, Picton.....Prince Edward County.
" 50, Consecon, Consecon..... " "
" 164, Star in the East, Wellington..... " "
" 215, Lake, Ameliasburg..... " "
" 119, Maple Leaf, Bath.....Addington County.
" 146, Prince of Wales, Newburgh..... " "
" 228, Prince Arthur, Odessa..... " "
" 299, Victoria, Centreville..... " "

NO. 11—ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT.

Counties of Frontenac, Leeds, Grenville, Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry.

D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. C. F. H. Forbes, Farran's Point.

No. 8, The Ancient St. John's, Kingston....Frontenac County.
" 92, Cataraqui, Kingston..... " "
" 109, Albion, Harrowsmith..... " "
" 212, Elysian, Garden Island..... " "
" 253, Minden, Kingston..... " "
" 340, St. John's, Pittsburg..... " "
" 342, Hiram, Wolfe Island..... " "
" 363, Frontenac, Cataraqui..... " "
" 5, Sussex, Brockville.....Leeds County.
" 85, Rising Sun, Farmersville..... " "
" 157, Simpson, Newboro'..... " "
" 201, Leeds, Gananoque..... " "
" 242, Macoy, Escott Front..... " "
" 368, Salem, Brockville..... " "
" U.D. Harmony, Delta..... " "
" 28, Mount Zion, Kemptville.....Grenville County.
" 55, Merrickville, Merrickville..... " "
" 74, St. James, Maitland..... " "
" 110, Central, Prescott..... " "
" 125, Cornwall, Cornwall.....Stormount County.
" 256, Farran's Point, Farran's Point.... " "

No.142, Excelsior, Morrisburg.....Dundas County.
" 143, Friendly Brothers, Iroquois..... " "
" 320, Chesterville, Chesterville..... " "
" 207, Lancaster, Lancaster.....Glengarry County.

NO. 12—OTTAWA DISTRICT.

Counties of Renfrew, Lanark, Carleton, Prescott, and Russell.

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. W. Pickup, M. D., Pakenham.

No. 14, True Britons, Perth .....Lanark County.
" 24, St. Francis, Smith's Falls..... " "
" 63, St. John's, Carleton Place..... " "
" 147, Mississippi, Almonte ..... " "
" 209, Evergreen, Lanark ..... " "
" 248, Eureka, Pakenham ..... " "
" 355, Clandeboye, Perth..... " "
" 52, Dalhousie, Ottawa.....Carleton County.
" 58, Doric, Ottawa..... " "
" 148, Civil Service, Ottawa ..... " "
" 159, Goodwood, Richmond ..... " "
" 177, The Builders, Ottawa..... " "
" 206, North Gower, North Gower ..... " "
" 231, Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa ..... " "
" 264, Chaudiere, Ottawa..... " "
" 122, Renfrew, Renfrew.....Renfrew County.
" 128, Pembroke, Pembroke ..... " "
" 196, Madawaska, Arnprior..... " "
" 310, Enterprise, Beachburg..... " "
" 186, Plantagenet, Plantagenet.....Prescott County.
" 210, Hawkesbury, Hawkesbury ..... " "

SUSPENSIONS—U. M. C.

No. of Lodge.	
5	A. McAnall.
25	Wm. B. C. Barber.
62	John Beaver.
90	John McFadzen.
99	Wm. J. Forth.
144	W. R. Knox.
178	A. Murray.
220	R. H. McCann.
235	A. Bernstein.
248	John Checkley.
258	Frederick Sturdy.
279	Richard Clayton.
287	H. J. Vivian.
297	George Kratzmeir.
300	John A. Wicket, James Ross for one year.
328	Philip Hoare.
332	Richard Ellis.
340	William Hysop.

SUSPENSIONS NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

3	J. J. Burrows, J. Hopkirk, A. Shuman, A. Davidson, E. Abraham, P. S. Livingston, Wm. Stewart, J. J. Christie.
6	John Stevens, J. W. Lewis, Alfred Barker, Richard Eaton, A. T. Light, R. Mitchell, Thomas Wright, A. T. Freed, William Ballantine, S. S. Malcomson, T. H. Pratt, J. T. Williamson, C. R. Cutler, C. R. Lauder, F. Mitchell, C. J. Woodcott.
9	J. C. Green, M. Pringle, S. G. Grange, H. M. Wright, George A. Wright, W. Funnell, C. H. Perry, B. E. Abrams, James Jolly, L. Gaylord, J. Allen, D. Moir, M. Lasher, J. N. Lucas, P. C. Burgess, R. Irvine, W. D. P. Wilson, W. S. Fraleigh, P. G. Huyck.
11	S. S. McMullen, J. H. Holden, George J. Potts, E. J. Sisson, Joseph Holmes, John Northcott, Sr., John Northcott, Jr., E. Miles.
15	Henry Wilson, E. Houghton, G. J. Cameron, John G. Pocock.
16	Samuel Booth, William Booth, George M. Lynn, A. P. Stewart, Alexander McKenzie.
17	William Burke, J. W. Kelly, George Williamson.

No. of Lodge.

20 A. R. Thompson, H. Gahan, J. Williams, F. H. Coles, R. Wigmore, P. Phipps, R. J. Darvell.
24 W. H. Jarvis.
25 W. R. Watson,
26 Benjamin Robinson.
27 J. J. Bowman, John Denoon.
29 John Burr, P. Begg, L. Bullock, W. A. Courson, Robert Mark, A. McCallum, James Phillips, C. W. Phillips, Robert Rose.
31 A. M. Darley, J. H. Way.
32 John G. Cook, J. D. Servos.
34 Fred Maloney, W. A. Whyte, Alex. Clark, James C. Maloney, William J. Dunstan, J. W. Millar, J. Gordon, J. Conroy, H. T. Bell, J. Harris, T. Honner, J. Templeton, H. D. Hurlburt.
36 H. R. Haney, A. W. Haney, I. B. Cushman.
39 Thomas Hodgson, A. B. Campbell, R. W. Montgomery, C. W. Mathews, C. J. Churchill, Thomas Meddaugh, Samuel Woodruff.
40 Job Franklin, Geo. Riggs.
44 W. C. Armstrong, P. Couse, G. W. Pitt, F. Palmer, A. Stewart, J. Stewart, W. J. White.
45 H. J. Cole, J. F. Danter, W. C. Holt, H. Hipkins, J. H. Rich, W. Vansicle, F. Walsh, William B. Woodyatt, T. Whitaker, A. Watts, C. H. Waterous, A. H. Munro, John Jenkins.
46 James Higgins, T. B. Mapp, David Ferguson, John Oswold, George Cornwall.
54 W. G. Fleming.
56 J. C. Balster, E. Bassett, James Gowans, John McRae, William Farr, J. Stover, S. H. Burham, J. S. Nesbitt, T. Parkinson, J. Mitchell, D. C. Jones, D. McDonald, T. Penton.
62 James A. Rich, James H. Rich.
64 William J. Peverett, William Nichols.
65 Christopher Carter.
73 Josiah S. Garner, William M. Crawford, John Bryden, Richard Box, John Jardine.
75 Frederick Nicoll.
77 William Brundrett, William G. Boynton.
78 John Glover, A. Musselman, B. W. Ford, John Chisholm, Wm. Montgomery, G. D. Patient, William Stinson.
79 John Wainwright, W. H. Taylor, William Ellis, Robert Stewart,
81 William Fraser, John McKenzie, George Rogers.
83 John A. Campbell.
84 W. J. McCutcheon, William Curtis, John Keys.

No. of Lodge.	
86	H. L. Piper, John Segsworth, W. T. Sheppard.
89	William H. Gross, Tom Kains.
91	John Keith, James Redfield, John A. Scott, James Dougherty, William H. Kemp.
96	William Mansell, A. G. Waters, John Williamson, Daniel Crew, Jacob Myers.
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104	Wm. F. Cocker, Sam. C. Martin.
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106	John Horning, B. Conklin.
107	John Wand, Arch. McPhail, B. Shotwell, E. J. Robinson, W. M. Musgrove.
111	David Mitchell, J. H. Smith, P. Sanders.
113	Martin Tobin.
114	N. Gray, Geo. McLean, J. Bishop, G. Boyd, T. Neelands, W. H. Braund, J. Robertson, C. Green, Thomas Hewson, J. M. Irwin.
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125	P. B. Martin, D. T. Ross, C. H. Wood.
127	S. Vosburg, Winfield Moran, Geo. McCall, Isaac Maybee, J. H. Sills, G. F. Byam.
128	Jno. Bangs, E. J. Cushing, Geo. Carr, Alex. Condie, P. S. Van Courtlandt, Wm. H. Gibson.
135	S. Hamant, D. Fraser, T. B. Winn, R. H. Crozier, Hugh Kean.
137	Geo. Haines, J. G. Gordon, Jas. A. Orr, Robert J. Moffatt, John H. Youmans.
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141	Clement Holland.
142	G. T. Gorrell.
144	John Dutton, Jas Redford. G. W. Stull.

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154 Wm. Taylor, A. J. Boyce, G. A. Bisbee.
156 John Montgomery, H. P. Lawrence.
157 John Gemmell,
172 John Hunt, Wm. Mitchell, Thos. McCosh, John J. Piper.
177 P. B. Ferguson, A. Keevill, J. Pushman, Geo. L. Irwin, Sam. Skinner, Thos. Dowsley.
178 E. M. Green F. Warner.
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181 W. A. Moore, S. Millard, Ben. Butler, Geo. S. Medlar, A. Walker.
189 Jno. M. Dafoe, John Sloan, Geo. P. Sills.
195 A. B. Powell.
197 John Dopper.
198 Wm. Geo. Fee, Alex. Coote, Colin Stewart, M. Terry.
205 H. Jenks, P. Fox, Wm. Joyce, Hy. Doering, John Allmann, A. Heppler, Jas. H. Kee.
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230 Thomas H. Sheppard.

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233 James Hayward, A. D. Enticknap.
234 Thomas Fields, H. D. Burritt, M. Burritt, James S. Armitage, William H. Gilray.
236 James Braden, Alex. Brown, Robert Grigg.
242 Hiram Cook, John Ferguson.
247 G. J. McGuire, C. C. Douglas.
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343 Michael Heise.
349 Hiram Jones.

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48 D. L. Cummins.
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64 Isaac Balkwell.
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137 John T. McCallum.
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157 F. A. Cameron, Sr.
164 Ira Clinton.
170 John A. McAlpine.
176 Austin Jay.
184 John McKenzie.

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218	J. M. Sutherland, A. Hamilton.
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229	Æneas Sparks.
231	Wm. McPhee.
234	Wm. H. Gilray.
238	J. Rose.
249	H. J. Beyer.
255	H. E. Leonhard.
264	Thos. J. Warwicker.
267	Wallace Halle, Fred Skey.
277	Geo. W. Reid, Henry Bald.
291	James B. Waugh.
302	John Waddell.
333	Thomas Mullarkey.

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3	Geo. En. Earl	December 26.....1877
6	J. Field	July 18.....1877
6	M. Burns	July 24.....1877
6	J. McCracken	August 14.....1877
6	A. C. Quimby	October 10.....1877
6	Thomas Marshall	——.....1877
6	J. C. Prout	January 9.....1878
7	Denis Nixon	October 30.....1877
9	David B. Pringle	April 15.....1878
11	W. G. McGinnis	June 19.....1877
14	Jas. Hislop	June 17.....1878
16	Wm. M. Jamieson	November 14.....1877
16	Ezra Stephens	January 16.....1878
17	Jas. McLaren	October 29.....1877
18	David Denoon	October 15.....1877
20	E. W. Hyman	April 12.....1878
22	Wm. Adams	no date
22	Wm. Campbell	May 16.....1878
23	John Hostetter	August 3.....1877
25	Fred'k P. Stow	February.....1878
26	Jas. McGibbony	May 1.....1878
27	Robt. Grant	June 29.....1877
27	Irwin M. Bruce	January 7.....1878
28	John Sellick, Sr.	
28	A. Magee	
28	M. Burritt	
28	B. Easton	no dates.
28	E. E. Gilbert	
28	W. M. McKey	
28	E. Littlejohn	
30	R. J. Farnold	January 18.....1878
33	Jas. F. Dickson	June 5.....1878
34	Wm. Gillman	July 26.....1877
34	Joseph Taylor	January 28.....1878
41	Wm. Bray	December 13.....1877
46	Chas. Kenny	September 20.....1877
46	John P. McPherson	April 26.....1878
48	Wm. Pierce	April 3.....1878
52	Jas. McCracken	September 19.....1877
56	W. J. McElheron	November 12.....1877
58	John Bray	April.....1878
62	Wm. Bray	December.....1877
65	John Ross	February 11.....1878
72	John Davidson	November 30.....1877
75	Chas. Bender	December 16.....1877
80	D. A. McGregan	no date.
81	Edward Handy	November 21.....1877
83	Jas. Zimmerman	August 26.....1877

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20	Geo. Foreman	November 21.....1877
20	Wm. Manson	February 28.....1878
20	Hy. Noland	May 6.....1878
20	D. C. Cameron	May 16.....1878
21	S. L. J. Scripture	November 6.....1877
21	Wm. A. Sills	January 15.....1878
22	Wm. W. Matthews	July 19.....1877
99	J. S. Marsden	February 2.....1878
101	Thos. Holywell	June 1.....1877
103	John Hostetter	August 3.....1877
103	Thos. M. Coy	September 30.....1877
103	John Lambert	January 27.....1878
103	N. Bethell	June 4.....1878
105	John Bartle	March 12.....1878
106	Jas. B. Somerville	December 21.....1877
109	Geo. A. Spencer	March 15.....1878
110	Wm. C. Headlam	December 28.....1877
111	J. J. Stewart	June 5.....1877
112	Wm. B. Scott	December 23.....1877
113	John W. Colver	November 8.....1877
119	Thos. Aishton	December 4.....1877
119	C. W. Huffman	February 13.....1878
121	John Spencer	October 9.....1877
122	Alex. McDougall	February 28.....1878
123	R. J. Smith	September 12.....1877
123	Jas. McLaren	October 29.....1877
123	John Taylor	March 11.....1878
125	James A. Preston	September 20.....1877
125	A. W. Douglas	no date
125	W. D. Adams	November 20.....1877
126	R. J. Clark	October 26.....1877
126	Wm. Clark	November 19.....1877
126	Hugh O'Neil	March 31.....1878
127	D. W. Hickey	January —.....1877
127	Thomas Crowe	February —.....1877
127	John Bull	May 11.....1877
129	Simeon Russell	January 25.....1878
137	R. J. Moffat	no date
139	Alphonso Hinds	September 25.....1877
141	J. G. Bull	October 31.....1877
149	Henry Parker	December 1.....1877
144	Sam. Inman	October 19.....1877
144	G. S. Ellison	November 25.....1877
149	James Corbett	no date
151	James Colquhoun	September 11.....1877
151	Wm. Scott	April 3.....1877
153	James W. McKay	September —.....1878
155	F. W. Rubidge	May 11.....1878

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NO. OF LODGE.	NAME.	DATE.
164	Wm. Harris	October 8.....1877
171	L. E. Stafford	June 9.....1877
172	Thomas M. Anderson	February 11.....1878
177	Francis Graham	July 25.....1877
180	Wm. Coulter	April 18.....1878
197	Hugh Davidson	December 7.....1877
197	Robert Sutherland	June 2.....1878
198	Jesse W. Belyea	November 8.....1878
203	Wm. Strachan	August —.....1877
205	John Adams	January 16.....1878
207	Wm. Harper	June 16.....1877
209a	Robert Moulds	February 28.....1878
209a	F. W. Kampass	December 29.....1877
209a	Thos. Haskett	February 7.....1878
209a	Wm. Taylor	June 18.....1878
215	John Hellenbolt	September 15....1877
216	John Ponsford	October 1.....1877
217	Thomas Skinner	December 9.....1877
220	Michael H. Bacon	March 3.....1878
223	R. E. Birdsall	October 10.....1877
223	Thomas Smith	November 29.....1877
228	Anthony McGuinn	February 2.....1878
228	Geo. McLean	April 5.....1878
231	W. H. Turner	September —....1877
231	R. G. Nichols	June 10.....1878
232	James Hannah	August 27.....1877
233	Ed. Thompson	July 24.....1877
234	Robert Mulligan	August 3.....1877
235	C. W. Riley	December 8.....1877
236	Thos. H. Soules	September 23....1877
241	S. R. Fox	December 21 1877
242	Thos. H. Sliter	no date
243	J. N. Keefer	March 22.....1878
253	Wm. S. McCullough	June —.....1878
253	Jas. A. Hope	June —.....1878
254	Edward Butler	September 7.....1877
264	John Mercer	September —.....1877
264	Jas Keenan	January 4.....1878
266	R. B. Hannah	June 17.....1878
267	J. J. J. Thompson	August 4.....1877
267	Wm. Fraser	March 5.....1878
272	Wm. Scott	June 13.....1878
274	Wm. Van Velsor	November 28.....1877
278	Leslie Ross	June 6.....1878
279	A. S. Clemens	April 1.....1878
281	R. T. Willson	April 26.....1878
289	John D. McLeay	January 4.....1878
290	H. M. Fox	August 12.....1877

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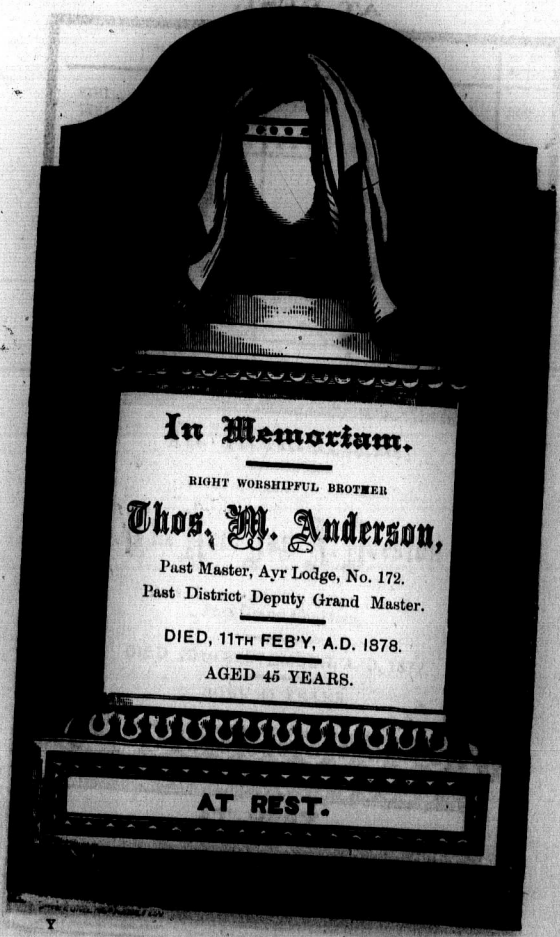
292	Jas. Livingston	February 14.....1878
295	Wm. Graham	October 22.....1877
296	F. S. Foote	July 16.....1877
302	Phil. Lyon	September 19....1877
305	David A. Williams	November 17.....1877
316	John Power	January 5.....1877
325	Jas. L. Tucker	April 22.....1878
327	D. G. McGugan	October 7.....1877
329	Jos. Calvert	June 24.....1878
340	W. S. McCullough	June —.....1878
342	Melville Busch	August 26.....1877
348	Jas. Anderson	May 25.....1878
358	John Richard	September 24....1877
358	E. Handy	November 21.....1877
363	David Purdy	October 14.....1877
363	A. McGuin	February 3.....1878
364	J. D. Corneell	September 5.....1878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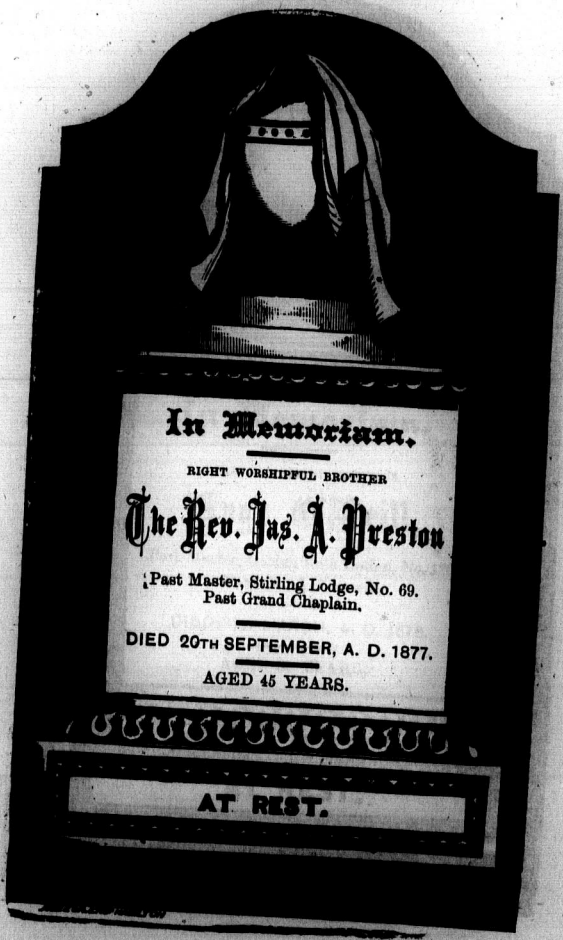
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Past Grand Chaplain.
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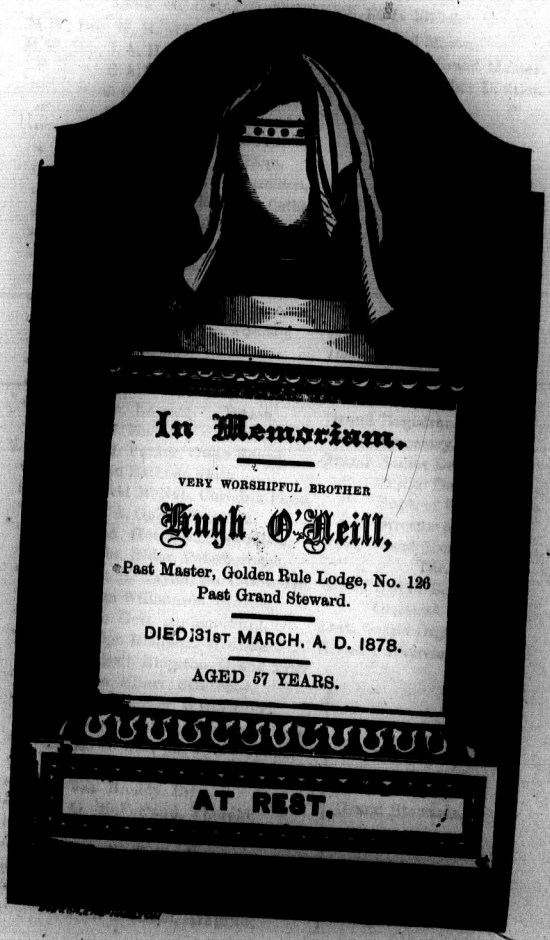
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Hugh O'Neill,
Past Master, Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126
Past Grand Steward.
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AGED 57 YEARS.
AT REST.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES,

for the year ending 24th June, 1878.

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Expulsions.	Restorations.	Members.
2 Niagara	Niagara	6	5	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	60
3 The Anc't St. John's	Kingston	2	1	..	1	3	1	8	..	..	..	138
5 Sussex	Brockville	4	5	5	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	115
6 Barton	Hamilton	7	5	7	6	2	6	16	..	..	1	194
7 Union	Grimsby	1	1	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	54
9 Union	Napanee	5	6	6	..	3	1	19	..	..	..	68
10 Norfolk	Simcoe	3	3	3	4	5	..	..	..	..	..	79
11 Moira	Belleville	7	6	5	2	2	1	8	..	..	..	66
14 True Britons	Perth	2	2	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	43
15 St. George's	St. Catharines	1	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	121
16 St. Andrew's	Toronto	4	4	4	8	7	2	5	..	..	..	141
17 St. John's	Cobourg	1	1	..	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	74
18 Prince Edward	Picton	9	7	6	1	3	1	..	..	..	1	124
20 St. John's	London	9	7	6	1	3	1	7	..	..	2	112
22 King Solomon's	Toronto	15	12	13	3	4	2	..	..	..	..	156
23 Richmond	Richmond Hill	2	2	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	51
24 St. Francis	Smith's Falls	4	4	4	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	45
25 Ionic	Toronto	4	3	3	..	7	1	1	1	1	1	100
26 Ontario	Port Hope	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	58
27 Strict Observance	Hamilton	12	10	6	10	10	2	2	..	..	..	182
28 Mount Zion	Kemptville	9	8	8	1	4	7	..	..	..	..	59
29 United	Brighton	3	3	2	..	2	..	9	..	..	..	39
30 Composite	Whitby	2	1	3	5	3	1	..	..	..	..	67
32 Amity	Bowmanville	6	3	4	3	4	..	2	..	..	1	63
33 Goderich	Goderich	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	76
34 Thistle	Amherstburg	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	64
35 St. John's	Cayuga	2	3	3	..	3	2	13	..	..	..	56
36 Welland	Fonthill	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	47
37 King Hiram	Ingersoll	3	4	4	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	47
38 Trent	Trenton	3	3	2	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	69
39 Mount Zion	Brooklin	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57
40 St. John's	Hamilton	5	6	5	..	2	..	7	..	..	..	46
41 St. George's	Kingsville	17	19	21	11	5	..	2	..	..	1	221
42 St. George's	London	1	1	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	71
43 King Solomon's	Woodstock	2	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	115
44 St. Thomas	St. Thomas	6	6	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	82
45 Brant	Brantford	9	11	11	3	6	..	7	..	..	..	93
46 Wellington	Chatham	5	3	3	2	4	13	1	1	..	..	80
47 Great Western	Windsor	2	1	1	2	5	2	5	..	..	..	62
48 Madoc	Madoc	4	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	132
50 Consecon	Consecon	6	5	5	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	70
51 Corinthian	Grahamville	4	4	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	41
52 Dalhousie	Ottawa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
54 Vaughan	Maple	3	2	2	4	..	1	..	..	..	1	82
55 Merrickville	Merrickville	3	1	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	67
56 Victoria	Sarnia	..	..	1	2	7	1	13	..	..	..	53
58 Doric	Binbrook	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86
61 Acacia	Ottawa	2	1	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	35
62 St. Andrew's	Hamilton	11	9	8	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	84
63 St. John's	Caledonia	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	..	1	155
64 Kilwinning	Carleton Place	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
65 Rehoboam	London	12	11	9	3	..	..	2	..	..	1	113
66 Durham	Toronto	7	8	6	6	5	1	1	..	..	..	112
68 St. John's	Newcastle	3	3	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	52
69 Stirling	Ingersoll	3	2	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	91
72 Alma	Stirling	2	2	2	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	42
	Galt	3	3	3	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	77

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Expulsions.	Restorations.	Members.
73 St. James	St. Marys	3	3	2	..	6	..	4	..	..	..	77
74 St. James	Maitland	4	5	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	99
75 St. John's	Toronto	14	8	7	..	6	1	1	..	..	1	122
76 Oxford	Woodstock	12	10	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	51
77 Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	2	3	6	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	43
78 King Hiram	Tilsonburg	2	..	..	3	1	..	7	..	..	..	56
79 Simcoe	Bradford	2	3	3	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	38
80 Albion	Newbury	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	38
81 St. John's	Mount Brydges	4	4	4	1	4	1	3	..	..	..	50
82 St. John's	Paris	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
83 Beaver	Strathroy	9	10	6	1	12	1	1	..	..	..	95
84 Clinton	Clinton	7	7	6	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	55
85 Rising Sun	Farmersville	3	5	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	41
86 Wilson	Toronto	17	11	8	2	..	..	3	..	..	1	120
87 Markham Union	Markham	8	6	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	66
88 St. George's	Owen Sound	3	7	8	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	79
89 King Hiram	Lindsay	2	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	23
90 Manito	Collingwood	3	4	3	2	1	4	2	..	..	..	85
91 Colborne	Colborne	2	3	4	..	2	2	5	..	..	1	48
92 Cataraqui	Kingston	6	3	5	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	146
93 Northern Light	Kincardine	5	3	5	2	4	..	..	..	..	1	109
94 St. Mark's	Port Stanley	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56
95 Ridout	Otterville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
96 Corinthian	Barrie	6	6	3	3	8	..	5	..	..	1	64
97 Sharon	Sharon	4	5	5	1	3	1	..	1	..	1	59
98 True Blue	Albion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
99 Tuscan	Newmarket	3	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
100 Valley	Dundas	3	3	4	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	65
101 Corinthian	Peterboro'	2	2	1	..	3	1	6	..	..	..	45
103 Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	6	4	7	1	2	4	9	..	..	2	110
104 St. John's	Norwichville	3	4	4	1	3	..	2	..	..	..	42
105 St. Mark's	Drummondville	..	..	..	..	1	1	11	..	..	..	67
106 Burford	Burford	3	4	4	..	3	1	2	..	..	1	64
107 St. Paul's	Lambeth	8	8	8	..	..	..	5	..	..	2	90
108 Blenheim	Drumbo	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
109 Albion	Harrowsmith	5	2	2	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	59
110 Central	Prescott	2	3	2	2	5	1	..	..	..	..	98
111 Morpeth	Ridgetown	4	5	4	3	1	1	3	..	..	..	32
112 Maitland	Goderich	1	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	71
113 Wilson	Waterford	1	1	1	..	2	1	1	..	1	..	45
114 Hope	Port Hope	2	2	2	..	1	..	10	..	..	..	49
115 Ivy	Beamsville	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	40
116 Cassia	Thedford	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	25
118 Union	Schomberg	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
119 Maple Leaf	Bath	4	4	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	42
120 Warren	Fingal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
121 Doric	Brantford	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	62
122 Renfrew	Renfrew	9	9	8	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	63
123 The Belleville	Belleville	3	2	4	1	6	3	12	..	..	..	86
125 Cornwall	Cornwall	4	6	5	2	4	3	3	..	1	60	86
126 Golden Rule	Campbellford	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	35
127 Franck	Frankford	7	7	10	1	2	3	6	..	..	..	56
128 Pembroke	Pembroke	1	..	1	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	79
129 The Rising Sun	Aurora	3	1	1	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	60
131 St. Lawrence	Southampton	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
132 Lebanon Forest	Exeter	3	3	3	4	5	..	..	..	..	..	84
135 St. Clair	Milton	5	6	6	4	5	..	5	..	..	..	76
136 Richardson	Stouffville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
137 Pythagoras	Meaford	11	1	1	6	4	1	5	..	..	1	86
139 Lebanon	Oshawa	5	3	6	4	..	1	9	..	..	..	73

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140 Malahide	Aylmer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
141 Tudor	Mitchell	3	5	4	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	36
142 Excelsior	Morrisburg	7	8	7	..	6	..	1	..	..	2	71
143 Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	1	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	64
144 Tecumseh	Stratford	9	8	4	3	5	2	3	1	..	..	96
145 J. B. Hall	Millbrook	6	3	2	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	49
146 Prince of Wales	Newburgh	1	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	49
147 Mississippi	Almonte	3	3	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	44
148 Civil Service	Ottawa	1	1	3	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	66
149 Erie	Port Dover	2	1	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	47
150 Hastings	Hastings	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	30
151 The Grand River	Berlin	4	4	4	1	4	2	1	..	..	..	68
153 Burns	Wyoming	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	45
154 Irving	Lucan	2	2	3	..	9	..	3	..	..	..	49
155 Peterboro'	Peterboro'	4	4	4	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	52
156 York	Eglington	7	4	4	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	67
157 Simpson	Newboro'	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40
158 Alexandra	Oil Springs	2	2	1	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	29
159 Goodwood	Richmond	21	20	20	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
161 Percy	Warkworth	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
162 Forest	Wroxeter	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	26
164 Star in the East	Wellington	2	2	3	1	2	1	..	..	..	1	53
165 Burlington	Burlington	3	3	4	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	49
166 Wentworth	Stoney Creek	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
168 Merritt	Welland	6	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	67
169 Macnab	Port Colborne	3	3	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	80
170 Britannia	Seaforth	1	1	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	59
171 Prince of Wales	Iona	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
172 Ayr	Ayr	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	43
174 Walsingham	Port Rowan	5	1	2	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	70
176 Spartan	Sparta	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	45
177 The Builders	Ottawa	4	4	3	2	4	1	6	..	..	1	81
178 Plattsville	Plattsville	..	..	..	4	2	..	2	1	1	..	49
179 Bothwell	Bothwell	2	3	3	1	9	1	6	..	..	..	50
180 Speed	Guelph	4	3	2	1	4	..	5	..	..	..	100
181 Oriental	Port Burwell	4	5	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	40
183 Prince Albert	Port Perry	2	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	72
184 Old Light	Lucknow	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	45
185 Enniskillen	York	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
186 Plantagenet	Plantagenet	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
189 Filius Viduæ	Adolphustown	3	3	3	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	17
190 Belmont	Belmont	5	6	6	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	61
192 Orillia	Orillia	12	11	9	5	2	..	..	..	..	3	59
193 Scotland	Scotland	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	36
194 Petrolia	Petrolia	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	50
195 The Tuscan	London	3	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	68
196 Madawaska	Arnprior	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	53
197 Saugeen	Walkerton	2	2	2	3	5	2	1	..	..	..	80
198 White Oak	Oakville	3	5	5	..	2	1	4	..	..	..	66
200 St. Alban's	Mount Forest	1	1	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	56
201 Leeds	Gananoque	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35
203 Irving	Elora	2	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	64
205 New Dominion	New Hamburg	1	3	4	..	2	1	7	..	..	..	39
206 North Gower	North Gower	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
207 Lancaster	Lancaster	8	7	7	2	3	1	7	..	..	..	54
208 St. John's	London	3	5	3	4	4	4	2	..	..	..	105
209 Evergreen	Lanark	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	29
210 Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	10	9	9	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	28
212 Elysian	Garden Island	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	58
213 Dominion	Ridgeway	1	2	2	..	4	..	11	..	..	..	37

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214 Craig	Ailsa Craig	5	2	2	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	46
215 Lake	Amelisasburg	5	5	6	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	31
216 Harris	Orangeville	6	6	3	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	68
217 Frederick	Delhi	1	1	2	..	2	1	3	..	..	..	34
218 Stevenson	Toronto	10	10	14	3	10	..	17	..	..	2	102
219 Credit	Georgetown	5	4	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	52
220 Zeredatha	Uxbridge	4	7	7	2	3	1	2	..	..	2	60
221 Mountain	Thorold	5	5	8	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	97
222 Marmora	Marmora	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
223 Norwood	Norwood	4	3	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	35
224 Zurich	Zurich	1	1	..	..	2	..	7	..	..	..	37
225 Bernard	Listowel	1	2	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	42
226 Prince Arthur	Odessa	2	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	39
230 Ionic	Brampton	8	8	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	71
230 Kerr	Bell Ewart	3	2	2	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	31
231 Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	1	2	2	2	7	2	5	..	..	1	41
232 Cameron	Wallacetown	4	3	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	49
233 Doric	Park Hill	2	3	3	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	61
234 Beaver	Clarksburg	2	2	1	2	2	1	5	..	..	1	38
235 Aldworth	Paisley	6	9	9	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	45
236 Manitoba	Bondhead	..	..	1	1	2	1	3	..	..	..	22
237 Vienna	Vienna	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
238 Havelock	Watford	5	6	8	5	1	..	..	..	..	1	45
239 Tweed	Tweed	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
241 Quinte	Shannonville	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	42
242 Macoy	Escott Front	4	2	..	..	6	1	2	..	..	..	47
243 St. George	St. George	1	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	44
245 Tecumseh	Thamesville	1	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	45
247 Ashlar	Yorkville	4	5	3	7	4	..	2	..	..	..	65
248 Eureka	Pakenham	4	4	3	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	41
249 Caledonian	Angus	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	39
250 Thistle	Embro	5	6	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	52
253 Minden	Kingston	9	6	4	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	95
254 Clifton	Clifton	2	2	2	5	1	1	2	..	..	..	77
255 Sydenham	Dresden	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	44
256 Farran's Point	Farran's Point	3	3	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52
257 Galt	Galt	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75
258 Guelph	Guelph	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	..	66
259 Springfield	Springfield	2	3	3	..	9	..	12	..	..	..	50
260 Washington	Petrolia	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	41
261 Oak Branch	Innerkip	1	1	1	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	26
263 Harriston	Harriston	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57
263 Forest	Forest	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
264 Chaudiere	Ottawa	6	6	6	4	6	2	8	..	1	..	57
265 Patterson	Thornhill	4	5	9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
266 Northern Light	Stayner	5	5	4	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	34
267 Parthenon	Chatham	3	2	2	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	69
268 Verulam	Bobcaygeon	2	2	2	2	7	2	..	..	2	..	39
269 Brougham Union	Brougham	3	3	..	1	2	..	4	..	..	..	45
270 Cedar	Oshawa	8	10	11	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	62
271 Wellington	Erin	1	3	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	29
272 Seymour	Ancaster	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	29
274 Kent	Blenheim	5	4	3	..	4	1	3	..	..	..	52
276 Teeswater	Teeswater	1	1	4	..	5	..	10	..	..	..	47
277 Seymour	Port Dalhousie	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59
278 Mystic	Roslin	4	3	4	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	52
279 New Hope	Hespeler	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	39
280 Mount Sinai	Napanee	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	59
281 Thorne	Holland Landing	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	16
282 Lorne	Glencoe	2	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56

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	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. A. M. C.	Expulsions.	Restorations.	Members.
283	Eureka	Belleville	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
284	St. John's	Brussels	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
285	Seven Star	Allliston	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
286	Wingham	Wingham	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	46
287	Shuniah	Pr. Arthur's Landing	3	6	4	6	2	..	7	..	..	..	20
289	Doric	Lobo	12	10	8	1	5	..	1	1	..	..	46
290	Leamington	Leamington	4	4	7	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	57
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro'	2	2	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	43
292	Robertson	Nobleton	2	4	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	53
293	Royal Sol. Mother	Jerusalem, Pal.	5	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	31
294	Moore	Moorestown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
295	Conestoga	Drayton	4	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	23
296	Temple	St. Catharines	4	3	3	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	44
297	Preston	Preston	1	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	47
299	Victoria	Centreville	3	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	57
300	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	0	0	0	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	39
301	Hanover	Hanover	2	2	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	44
302	St. David	St Thomas	6	3	2	1	5	1	4	..	..	1	41
303	Blyth	Blyth	4	4	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	47
304	Minerva	Craigvale	3	4	3	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	23
305	Humber	Weston	3	2	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	39
306	Durham	Durham	3	4	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
307	Arkona	Arkona	3	4	4	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	42
308	Grafton	Grafton	6	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36
309	Morning Star	Smith's Hill	7	7	7	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	39
310	Enterprise	Beachburg	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
312	Pnyx	Wellesburg	5	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
313	Clementi	Lakefield	9	12	11	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	60
314	Blair	Palmerston	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	27
315	Clifford	Clifford	5	5	6	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	45
316	Doric	Toronto	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	16
317	The Hiram	Dundas	16	19	19	3	3	1	5	..	..	..	77
318	Willmot	Baden	2	3	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	37
319	Hiram	Cheapside	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	20
320	Chesterville	Chesterville	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	18
321	Walker	Acton West	5	4	6	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	36
322	North Star	Owen Sound	7	5	6	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	34
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	4	6	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
324	Temple	Hamilton	2	4	3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	31
325	Orono	Orono	8	7	6	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	98
326	Zetland	Toronto	2	2	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	30
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80
328	Ionic	Napier	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	10
329	King Solomon	Jarvis	5	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
330	Corinthian	London East	5	5	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	35
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	11	9	12	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	51
332	Stratford	Stratford	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
333	Prince Arthur	Fesherton	10	9	11	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	94
334	Prince Arthur	Arthur	6	6	5	3	5	—	—	—	1	—	27
335	Langton	Langton	2	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
336	Highgate	Highgate	4	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	21
337	Myrtle	Port Robinson	4	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
338	Dufferin	Welland Port	3	3	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	26
339	Orient	Don Mount	1	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	21
340	St. John's	Pittsburg	7	7	7	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	61
341	Bruce	Tiverton	5	4	5	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	26
342	Hiram	Wolfe Island	5	5	4	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	39
343	Georgina	Sutton	10	9	9	2	7	1	—	—	—	—	33
344	Merrill	Dorchester Station	4	4	5	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	34
			11	13	10	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	41

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N. P. D.	Susp. U. M. C.	Expulsions.	Restorations.	Members.
345 Nilestown	Nilestown	4	4	4	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	43
346 Occident	Toronto	12	15	18	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	114
347 Mercer	Fergus	2	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	28
348 Georgian	Penetanguishene	5	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
349 Elgin	St. Thomas	—	1	4	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	30
350 Port Elgin	Port Elgin	2	2	3	7	—	1	—	—	—	—	25
351 St. Marys	St. Marys	1	3	9	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	25
352 Granite	Parry Sound	9	10	9	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	32
353 Excelsior	Colborne	14	12	12	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	33
354 Brock	Cannington	1	5	5	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	31
355 Clandeboye	Perth	4	4	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
356 River Park	Streetsville	3	2	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	22
357 Waterdown	Waterdown	7	7	7	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	27
358 Delaware Valley	Delaware	11	11	10	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	19
359 Vittoria	Vittoria	13	12	12	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	33
360 Muskoka	Bracebridge	3	3	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
361 Waverley	Guelph	13	10	10	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	34
362 Maple Leaf	Tara	9	7	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
363 Frontenac	Cataraqui	6	6	3	6	—	2	—	—	—	—	18
364 Dufferin	Melbourne	12	11	7	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	32
365 North Star	Roseneath	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18
366 Euclid	Strathroy	4	4	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
367 St. George	Toronto	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10
368 Salem	Brockville	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10
369 Mimico	Islington	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12
U. D. Harmony	Delta	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7
		1200	1140	1099	386	635	162	526	19	4	64	17418

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RECAPITULATION

OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24TH JUNE, 1878, AS FAR AS HEARD FROM.

Lodges Organized and Affiliated	372
" Extinct	6
" Ceded to Grand Lodge of Quebec	38
" " " " Manitoba	4
" Number on Roll	324
" Represented in Grand Lodge	224
Initiations Reported	1,200
Passings "	1,140
Raisings "	1,099
Joinings "	386
Restorations "	64
Resignations "	685
Deaths	162
Suspensions for Non-payment of Dues	526
" " Unmasonic Conduct	19
Expulsions	4
Members in Good Standing	17,418

Gross Receipts for the Fiscal year ending 31st Dec., 1877..$16,945 18

Assets of Grand Lodge as per Grand Treasurer's Statement 30th June, 1878 ..... $60,094 12

LIST OF GRAND LODGES IN NORTH AMERICA,

WITH NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATE OR PROVINCE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Luke E. Barber	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Eli Harrison, Jr.	Victoria.
California	Alexander G. Abell	San Francisco.
Canada	J. J. Mason	Hamilton.
Coloracdo	Ed. C. Parmelee	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Dakota	Charles T. McCoy	Bon Homme.
Delaware	William S. Hayes	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.
Georgia	J. E. Blackshear, M.D.	Macon.
Idaho	Charles Himrod	Boise City.
Illinois	John F. Burrill	Springfield.
*Indian Territory	W. A. McBride	Atoka.
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis.
Iowa	T. S. Parvin	Iowa City.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett	Millersburg.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor, M.D.	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	J. H. Bell	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Tracy P. Cheever, (acting)	Boston.
Michigan	Wm. P. Innes	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Missouri	Rev. J. D. Vincil, D.D.	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.
New Brunswick	W. F. Bunting	St. John.
New Hampshire	G. P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Jos. H. Hough	Trenton.
*New Mexico	David J. Miller	Santa Fe.
New York	James M. Austin, M.D.	New York.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren, D.C.L.	Halifax.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	R. P. Earhart	Portland.
Pennsylvania	John Thomson	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island	B. Wilson Higgs	Charlottetown.
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst	Houston.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry Clark	Rutland.
Virginia	W. B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	O. S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. G. Tonn	Evanston.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report that they have received Proceedings and documents from the following FIFTY-NINE Grand Lodges:—

England	1877-8	Minnesota	1878
Scotland	1877-8	Mississippi	1878
Ireland	1878	Missouri	1878
New South Wales, (org.)	1877	Montana	1877
Spain, (re-organized)	1877	Nebraska	1877-8
Egypt	1878	Nevada	1877-8
Cuba	1877-8	New Brunswick	1877
Alabama	1877	New Hampshire	1877-8
Arkansas	1877	New Jersey	1878
California	1877	New Mexico (organized)	1877
Colorado	1877	New York	1878
Connecticut	1878	North Carolina	1877
Dakota	1877-8	Nova Scotia	1877
Delaware	1877	Ohio	1877
District of Columbia	1877	Oregon	1877
Florida	1878	Pennsylvania	1877
Georgia	1877	Prince Edward Island	1877-8
Idaho	1877	Quebec	1877
Illinois	1877	Rhode Island	1877-8
Indiana	1877-8	South Carolina	1877
Indian Territory	1877	Tennessee	1877
Iowa	1877-8	Texas	1877
Kansas	1877	Utah	1877
Kentucky	1877	Vermont	1877
Louisiana	1878	Virginia	1877
Maine	1878	Washington	1877-8
Manitoba	1877	West Virginia	1877
Maryland	1877	Wisconsin	1877-8
Massachusetts	1877	Wyoming	1877
Michigan	1878		

The above list comprises all the Grand Lodges with whom

we are in correspondence, except British Columbia, whose Proceedings, though written for, have failed through some reason to reach us.

Last year we had 52 Grand Lodges. This year we have 59, and 13 of these are for two years, 1877 and 1878, thus increasing the work nearly one-third more than last year. We will, however, endeavor to be as brief as possible.

We are glad to be able to give some more detailed information than heretofore about the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. We have succeeded at last in waking them up to a realizing sense of what is due from them as the premier Grand Lodges of the world, and they now publish and circulate their minutes of Proceedings regularly. Ireland, we hope, will soon follow their example. The heart of many a Craftsman in this country beats with love and respect for the "fatherland," and any Masonic news from that quarter will be heartily welcome.

We commence our Annual Review with the Grand Lodge of

ENGLAND.

A Quarterly Communication was held at London, December 5th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro. Grand Master.

The Pro. Grand Master brought forward the subject of the Constitutions Amendments made by the Grand Orient of France, regarding the belief in Deity. In the course of his address he said:—

"I understand that no less than seventy-six Lodges in France have voted against this change, and thereby marked their opinion that the change was not one of names, but of principles, and, therefore, there is a painful separation of them from the Grand Lodge of their country. It is certain, also, that many other Masonic bodies abroad have followed in this track. The Irish Grand Lodge has not hesitated to pass a resolution, clear and uncompromising in its language, rebuking and censuring the action which the Grand Orient has taken. That has been the course which has been adopted, I believe, by other Masonic bodies abroad; and I fairly own myself that with every desire to take the most temperate view of the matter, I cannot, if words have any

meaning in them, assign any other construction to this change, except it means this, they have blotted out, as one of the necessary and essential fundamental principles of the Craft, the belief in God and the immortality of the soul. To accept any other view seems to me to put the most forced construction upon language, and to give it what has been sometimes called a wholly non-natural sense. Well, Brethren, it is no light matter if it be so; it is no light matter for any body of men to make such a change as this, no light affair for them to declare that they have no belief in God, no belief in the immortality of the soul. And it is no light thing to discard in this way, the two principles which have been the two guiding, leading principles of civilization—which have done more to raise and elevate man than any other two to which I can point—which in the darkest periods of the world have illuminated them, and from which every noble thought and every generous action have in turn sprung. But it becomes still more serious when a body, which has for many years past carried these two principles in the fore front of their system, solemnly and deliberately, after long debate, expunged and erased them from their form. We cannot blind ourselves, I think, to the gravity of the act, whatever our view may be. It is true it may be said that the French Grand Lodge is in one sense the only sufferer. They see themselves by this act isolated from every other Grand Lodge in civilized Europe, they see still more that by this act they have thrown discord and confusion into the midst of their own Lodges; they see themselves a torn, lacerated, divided body. But it may be said that this concerns them alone. Brethren, if indeed this were a matter of internal discipline,—if it were one of those questions of internal regulation which are the exclusive property of each national Grand Lodge,—it would be beside our duty, it would be impertinent in us to interfere with it. No matter what the grievance was, no matter what the loss was to them, we should have no right to interfere. But we do interfere on this broad ground, first of all, that they cannot so affect the leading principles of Masonry, the fundamental principles on which, through generations past—through centuries past, I will say,—the Craft has acted, they cannot so affect them without affecting the whole of the Masonic body; and it is alike our right, and our duty, to raise our voice. But we must also remember that equally questions arise which touch us intimately. French Masons come over to this country; they ask for admittance to our Lodges; and how can we admit them if the Masonry of France be not pure in its fundamental principles. We do, ourselves, and we have, perhaps, the right to call this Grand Lodge the mother Grand Lodge of all Europe, we do ourselves, and the interests of the Craft which are committed to us, a grievous wrong and injustice, if we are silent in this matter. Brethren, I say that these questions, to which I have alluded, are really of the essence of Freemasonry. The history, the traditions of Masonry are based on them, are bound up in them. The symbols that we use, the charges which we deliver, the ceremonies in which we take part, if these principles are to be discarded, they become meaningless, and worse than meaningless, they become almost offensive mockery; and I know nothing that would so justify the scurrilous taunts that have been thrown out against Freemasonry at times, and the calumnious misrepresentations which have been hurled against it, as it would be by sanctioning, even by silence, such a step as that which the Grand Orient of France has taken. Brethren, there is no narrowness, there is no illiberality in

what I have just said. The limits of Freemasonry are very wide they have been designedly made wide. The Roman Catholic and the Protestant, the Churchman and the Dissenter, the Lutheran and the Calvanist, the Hebrew, all form part of our body. We hold that our Masons should be bound by those considerations—religion (and there can be no religion without belief in God, and in the immortality of the soul)—religion, morality, and obedience to the civil government of the country. These are the limits; they are very wide limits; it would be unwisdom in us to contract them; but it would be much worse than unwisdom—it would be destruction to the Order, if you were to enlarge them, for there would be nothing left by which we could stand; and I hold it is our bounden duty, on an occasion like this, to see that under no specious name or pretext, a mere tide of unprovoked, uncalled for, unrequired revolutionary innovation, should flow over our ancient system, and should obliterate those venerable landmarks of the Order which we have always maintained, and by which, I trust, we shall always stand, in this country. Brethren, those that revolt against such a limit, so wide, so liberal as that which I have indicated, ask not for an emancipation from any artificial restraint; but they revolt against the highest law of human nature; that which has made man, and which is leading man to still higher destinies."

A Committee was appointed to inquire into and report on the subject, and on the course which should be adopted in reference thereto.

The Prince of Wales was nominated as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Twelve Past Masters were elected to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence.

The balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer is stated to be £8,638 18s. 11d.

Quarterly Meeting March 6th, 1878.

The following report of the Special Committee on "France" was adopted:—

"The Committee have carefully considered this action on the part of the Grand Orient of France, and having regard to all the circumstances of the case they have unanimously agreed to recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of Grand Lodge:—

1st Resolution.—That this Grand Lodge views with profound regret the steps taken by the Grand Orient of France in thus removing from its Constitution those paragraphs which assert a belief in the existence of T. G. A. O. T. U., because such an alteration is opposed to the traditions, practice, and feelings of all "true and genuine" Masons from the earliest to the present time.

2nd Resolution.—That this Grand Lodge, whilst always anxious to

receive in the most fraternal spirit the Brethren of any Foreign Grand Lodge whose proceedings are conducted according to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, of which a belief in T. G. A. O. T. U. is the first and most important, cannot recognize as "true and genuine" Brethren any who have been initiated in Lodges which either deny or ignore that belief.

3rd Resolution.—That in view of the foregoing Resolutions the W. Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England be directed not to admit any foreign Brother as a Visitor unless—

1st. He is duly vouched for, or unless his certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the Ancient rites and ceremonies in a Lodge professing belief in T. G. A. O. T. U., and—

2ndly. Not unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential landmark of the Order.

4th Resolution.—That a copy of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in communication, and to the W. Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England."

The Prince of Wales was unanimously re-elected Grand Master.

The Pro. Grand Master reported the failure of the Bankers of Grand Lodge. In his remarks he says:—

"I think Grand Lodge may naturally desire to know the amount of the balance at the bankers when this failure took place. I am told that the balance in favor of Grand Lodge was £3,543 some shillings. The balance in favor of Grand Chapter was fortunately only £388. Grand Lodge might also like to know, I think, what the amounts were under the different Charities. I find that the Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons had a balance of £3,980, but of this sum—very nearly £4,000—an order had been transmitted, I think, two or three weeks ago, for the investment of no less than £3,000. Then the Boys' School, I am sorry to say, had no less than £1,566 at the bankers. The Girls' School had a balance of £777; but I also find that it had overdrawn its account by £4,000. Brethren, on the whole, therefore, what we must call a bad business I hope is not quite so bad, even on this present showing, as it might have been. I am indeed told, but I do not wish to give it on authority, either of myself or any one else, that when the accounts come to be examined it may possibly turn out that Grand Lodge will be a very small loser. I think it right to say that; but still we know nothing at the present for certain, though we must be prepared for a loss, yet I trust it may not be a heavy loss."

A Committee was appointed to report on the whole of their financial and banking arrangements and in the meantime the election of Grand Treasurer was postponed.

Southam Lodge, No. 1054, Wilmslow, was erased from the Roll of Lodges.

The Annual Grand Festival was held on April, 24th, 1878.

M. W. Bro. The Prince of Wales, Grand Master.

The Crown Prince of Denmark, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, was present as a visitor.

The officers were installed and invested, and the festival closed with an entertainment.

Quarterly meeting, June 5th, 1878.

The Special Committee on finance presented the following report and resolution which were adopted;—

"The Committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge to enquire into and report upon the whole of our financial and banking arrangements beg to report that they have carefully considered the matters referred to them, and that with the view of averting in the future a similar catastrophe to that which has recently occurred, they are unanimously of opinion that no single individual should henceforth be entrusted with the funds of the Grand Lodge, and they recommend that the current account of Grand Lodge be kept at the Bank of England, and that such account be in the names of the Grand or the Pro-Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer, who shall give the requisite authority to the Bank to pay all cheques signed as heretofore, and in all cases countersigned by the Grand Secretary,"—I may just mention for the information of Grand Lodge that the power now given is to the Grand Secretary, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and the President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and when those officers are absent, the locum tenens of each is authorised to sign.—"The Committee have made the necessary enquiry and have ascertained that the Bank of England will be quite willing to carry out this arrangement. Certain alterations in the Book of Constitutions will in consequence be necessary, the Committee beg therefore to recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of Grand Lodge"—which of course I cannot put—First, "To repeal article 2 and 3 on page 35 of the Book of Constitutions." Second,—"To substitute for them the following, viz.:—All moneys belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be deposited in the Bank of England in the names of the Grand or Pro-Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer. The duties of the Grand Treasurer shall be to keep a general supervision of the accounts, to sign cheques, which must be countersigned by the Grand Secretary, for all moneys duly voted by the Grand Lodge, and generally to assist and advise the Trustees and Executive Officers in the due and faithful administration of the funds of the Fraternity. The accounts shall be annually audited by the professional auditor, to be appointed by the Grand Master, pursuant to a resolution passed in Grand Lodge on the 23rd June, 1859."

"That henceforth all moneys belonging to the Grand Lodge be deposited in the Bank of England in the names of the Grand Master or the Pro-Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Treasurer, they giving authority to the Bank to honor the cheques drawn as now by the Presidents of the various Boards, in all cases countersigned by the Grand Secretary."

Bro. John Hervey (Freemasons' Hall, London,) Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

A quarterly meeting was held at Edinburgh on the 7th of May, 1877.

R. W. Bro. Henry Inglis, Deputy Grand Master, presiding in the absence through illness of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart.

We make the following extracts from the minutes as printed:—

"The Grand Secretary having asked advice with regard to the presentation of clothing and commissions to Representatives to Sister Grand Lodges with whom fraternal relations had been established, was instructed to get estimates for printing in lithograph a form of Commission; but that the presentation of clothing should for the present be discontinued."

"On application by the Grand Lodge of New York, and the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, it was resolved to recommend Grand Lodge to open fraternal relations and exchange Representatives with those Supreme Bodies."

"Brother Thompson having offered objections to the Union Bank of Scotland and Brother W. Officer being placed on the printed Roll as "Bankers" and "Solicitor to the Grand Lodge" respectively, it was explained that the Union Bank had been Bankers to Grand Lodge for many years, and that Grand Lodge had every reason to be satisfied with them as such. Brother Officer was duly appointed, and had for a considerable time acted as Solicitor to the Grand Lodge, to its entire satisfaction."

"An address expressive of continued loyalty and attachment to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was presented from Elgin, Montreal, No. 348, on introducing their R. W. M., Brother Dr. Geo. A. Baynes, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to send a suitable reply."

Quarterly meeting, August 6th, 1877.

Among the visitors present we notice M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Grand Master of Canada, who was heartily welcomed. The minutes also say:—

"The Grand Master of Canada, on permission from the Throne, gave an account of the progress and position of the Craft in that Dominion. Amongst other facts he mentioned, that in addition to an accumulation of Grand Lodge funds, amounting to £12,000, in its treasury, Grand Lodge had, during the last ten years, distributed over £10,000 in the shape of benevolence in cases of necessity under its immediate control. This direct action had been supplemented by the work of the daughter Lodges—the Freemasons of Ontario alone distributing about £400 per annum. The Grand Lodge of Canada was, he stated, looked upon in many respects as an extremely conservative one in the Order, for they had had very few Grand Masters. So long as a Grand Master could with advantage be continued in office he was re-elected, because they had not faith in the American system of changing the holders of that office. Brother Kerr concluded with a cordial invitation to the brethren to visit the Lodges across the Atlantic. Bro. Dr. George A. Baynes, the Right Worshipful Master of "Elgin," Montreal, expressed his concurrence with Brother Kerr's remarks, and added that the cordial reception given to that brother was well merited by him. It was moved by Brother William Officer, and unanimously agreed to, 'That the Grand Lodge congratulates itself on the visit paid to it by the Grand Master of Canada, and records its thanks to him for his interesting address.'"

On the subject of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Hungary, the Foreign and Colonial Committee reported as follows:—

"'*Hungary*.—In considering remit by Grand Lodge with reference to the application for recognition of, and exchange of representatives with, the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, the Sub-Committee were of opinion that the former recommendation of Grand Committee be adherred to, in respect (1) that, like the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary holds jurisdiction over Lodges practising the three degrees of St. John's Masonry; (2) that it is recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, with whom it exchanges representatives; and (3) that in the exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodges in Prussia and in America, the Grand Lodge of Scotland has established precedents for the recognition of more than one Grand Lodge existing in the same Country."

On "Cuba" the following action was had:—

"A Communication was presented from Bro. S. Constantine Burke, Provincial Grand Master of Jamaica, enclosing application by the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba for recognition and exchange of Representatives. The Secretary stated that the Grand Lodge of Cuba had been formed at Havana, in August, 1876, by the united action of thirteen Lodges, who resisting the pretensions of the Cuban Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree, claimed the right of exclusive jurisdiction over all business concerning the Ancient Institution of St. John's Masonry within the Island of Cuba; that the new Grand Lodge had been recognized by the Grand Lodges of New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Maryland; and that a commission, as

Representative, had been issued in favor of the Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It was unanimously resolved to recommend to Grand Lodge to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Cuba."

The commencement of the difficulty with the Grand Lodge of Quebec is indicated by the following:—

"A Communication was presented from the Lodge Elgin, Montreal, No. 348, dated 2nd October, regarding a proposal to compel that Lodge to withdraw from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and place itself under the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Also a letter from Bro. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary of Quebec (October, 4), in which the following sentence occurs:—'As the existence of this Lodge (Elgin) under present circumstances is inconsistent with the exercise of supreme jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I am instructed to suggest to the Grand Lodge of Scotland the propriety of directing Elgin Lodge to take such steps as may be necessary to place itself under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. I am directed to say further that the Grand Lodge of Quebec is firmly of opinion that such a step would prevent any possible conflict of jurisdiction, and so tend greatly to promote harmony among Masons in this province.' The following letter by the Grand Secretary was also submitted:—

FREEMASON'S HALL, 98 GEORGE STREET,
Edinburgh, October 15, 1877.

Henry Morgan, Esq., Sec. Lo. Elgin, No. 348, Montreal.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Your favor of the 2nd instant reached me this morning. I reply in course, in order the more promptly to dispel the fears by which your brethren have been moved in connection with the recent exchange of Representatives between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec.

In opening fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, our Grand Lodge could not have had the slightest intention of recognizing any right upon which might be founded a demand for the severance of the tie existing between it and its Daughter Lodge in Montreal.

Should such a right be insisted upon, I feel certain that rather than accede to the demand, the Grand Lodge of Scotland will authorize the recall of its commission to its representative near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Your Lodge will enjoy the fullest Masonic protection with attendant privileges as long as it desires to continue its allegiance to its Mother Grand Lodge. Pray assure the brethren of this.

Your communication will be laid before the Grand Committee at their meeting on the 30th instant.

I am, faithfully and fraternally yours,
D. MURRAY LYON, *Sec'y.*

The Grand Committee heartily approved of their Secretary's reply, and instructed that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

At a meeting of the Grand Committee on November 27th, 1877, the following proceedings, amongst others, were had:—

"Having considered the demand by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that the Lodge Elgin, Montreal, No. 348, shall, on or before 1st January, 1878, return its Charter to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and receive from the Grand Lodge of Quebec a duplicate thereof, Grand Committee instructed the Grand Secretary to recall the Commission issued in favor of the Most Worshipful Brother James Dunbar, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland near the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The Secretary was also directed respectfully to inform the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that had the withdrawal of Charter from Elgin, Montreal, been made a *sine qua non* the establishment of fraternal relations between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Quebec, no such compact would have been entered into."

"A discussion followed upon the question—"Is a candidate who has lost his right hand eligible for admission?" Bro. F. A. Barrow, P. M., No. 252, seconded by Bro. Adam Thomson, moved that a man who had lost his right hand be held as disqualified for admission as a Freemason. Bro Alexander Hay, P. M., No. 346, moved as an amendment that Lodges be allowed to exercise their own discretion in the matter. This was seconded by Bro. John Davidson, and on a division, the amendment was carried by a majority of 14 to 2."

"The Grand Secretary directed the attention of Grand Committee to the recent change in the Constitution of the Grand Orient of France, whereby belief in God is not now essential to admission as Freemasons. Bro. Dr. Loth, Representative from the Grand Orient, who had been asked to be present, having satisfied the Committee upon certain points in connection with the subject upon which they desired information, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Bro. William Mann, P. M., No. 65, seconded by Bro. R. S. Brown, P. M., No. 124—'Having had their attention directed by the Grand Secretary to the recent change in the Constitutian of the Grand Orient of France, whereby a profession of belief in Almighty God, the Great Architect of the Universe, and the immortality of the soul, is not exacted of candidates for admission as Freemasons, and having maturely considered the same, instruct the Grand Secretary to intimate to the Grand Orient of France that, should it be the case that such a radical change in the fundamental principles of Ancient Freemasonry has indeed been confirmed by that Grand Body, Grand Committee will be under the necessity of recommending to Grand Lodge to sever the fraternal relations that have for so long a period subsisted between it and the Grand Orient of France."

Grand Committee, February 26th, 1878.

We copy from the minutes the most important transactions as follows:—

"The Grand Secretary submitted a communication from the Provincial Grand Lodge of New South Wales, stating that certain

Brethren belonging to Lodges there, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, had in conjunction with others of the Irish Constitution, formed themselves into "The Grand Lodge of New South Wales;"—that of the twenty-seven Scotch Lodges in that Province eight only had been represented at the meeting at which the schismatics threw off their allegiance to their respective Grand Lodges; that the Provincial Grand Lodge were doing all in their power to counteract the disloyal movement referred to;—and that in this they had the cordial and fraternal co-operation of the District Grand Master and Lodges under the English Constitution. The Grand Secretary also tabled his reply, containing instructions for the guidance of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was approved of."

"An application by the Grand Lodge of Missouri (Coloured) for recognition was remitted to the Foreign and Colonial Committee, with the recommendation that in reporting the Sub-Committee be not influenced by any distinction of colour."

"The Secretary submitted a communication addressed to the Grand Master, and containing the following resolution:—'That the thanks of the Lodge Elgin, Montreal, No. 348, are due and are hereby tendered to the M. W. the Grand Master Mason of Scotland and the R. W. Brethren of Grand Lodge for the Masonic protection afforded us during our present difficulties with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. That we further desire to forward to Grand Lodge our congratulations upon the appointment of their present R. W. Grand Secretary, and to thank him for the prompt and satisfactory manner in which our correspondence and business with Grand Lodge is now attended to.' The Secretary was instructed to thank the Lodge Elgin for their letter, and to assure them of the continued protection of Grand Lodge."

"In terms of instructions, the Grand Secretary informed the Committee of the expense that had been incurred in printing the Minutes of Grand Lodge and Grand Committee, as resolved upon in May last as an experiment. The Committee unanimously resolved to recommend that the printing of the Minutes be continued permanently, on the ground that the practice is greatly appreciated by the Craft, and has aided very materially in re-establishing confidence in Grand Lodge."

"Charters were recommended to be issued in favor of the following Lodges:—St. John's, Victoria, Hong Kong, China; Southern Star, Geraldine, New Zealand: The Taieri Lodge, Outram, Otago; St. Vincent, Port Wakefield, South Australia; King Solomon, Montreal, Canada; St. John's Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica."

"In reply to a question by Brother William H. Bickerton, Grand Secretary stated that, as the law at present stood, it was quite constitutional to confer on Candidates *not* about to leave Scotland more than one degree on the same night, provided the Master and Wardens of the Lodge were satisfied as to the case being one of emergency. The law on the subject could be made to suit any plea of so-called emergency."

On April 30th, 1878, the Foreign and Colonial Committee reported as follows on the application for another new Lodge in Montreal:—

"The Committee had under its consideration an application from certain Brethren in Montreal craving a warrant for the erection of a Lodge there, to be called the "Argyle." In respect this Grand Lodge does not recognize the pretended Grand Lodge of Quebec, which now seeks the exclusive jurisdiction of this district, and which jurisdiction has been relinquished by the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Committee recommends Grand Lodge to grant the prayer of the Petition, particularly as the Grand Lodge of Scotland exercises at present jurisdiction over Lodges at Montreal, which were instituted by it long prior to the existence of any Grand Lodge in Canada, pretended or real."

"Application was made by Scotia, Barbadoes, No. 340, for permission to retain its Bye-law making *one* black ball exclude Candidates for Initiation, on the ground that "the measure is necessary to secure the harmony and successful working of the Lodge.' Refused."

There appear to be 496 Lodges on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and 304 were represented in Grand Lodge.

Quarterly meeting, May 6th, 1878.

It was resolved that the printing of the minutes of Grand Lodge and Grand Committee be continued permanently.

Also, that Resolutions similar to those of the Grand Lodge of England regarding the recent action of the Grand Orient of France be adopted by Grand Lodge.

And that charters be granted to the two new Lodges in Montreal.

The late Grand Secretary, Bro. John Laurie, was expelled for embezzling the funds of Grand Lodge. He was a defaulter to the amount of over $19,000.

In the minutes of Grand Committee of May 28th, 1878, the paragraphs appear:—

"An application by the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island for recognition and exchange of Representatives was submitted. It was moved by Bro. William Hay, P.M., No. 56, seconded by Bro. William Officer, and unanimously agreed to—"That Grand Committee recommend recognition of the independence of the newly-formed Grand Lodge in Prince Edward Island, but without prejudice to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland over any Lodge who may now or hereafter choose to adhere to her in that ancient colony of the British Crown."

"The Grand Secretary reported that, along with the Charters he had sent a Commission to Bro. Dr. George A. Baynes, R. W. M. of

Elgin, No. 348, to consecrate the two new Lodges at Montreal and instal their Office-bearers. Approved of."

The Grand Officers are:

M. W. Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, G. M.
R. W. Bro. The Earl of Rosslyn, P. G. M.
R. W. Bro. Henry Inglis, Deputy G. M.
R. W. Bro. Col. A. C. Campbell, Substitute G. M.
R. W. Bro. F. A. Barrow, S. G. W.
R. W. Bro. Lord Inverurie, J. G. W.
R. W. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, G. Secretary.

(Address: Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh.)

IRELAND.

The Grand Officers for 1878 are:—

M. W. Bro. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K. G., G. M.
R. W. Bro. Robert William Shekleton, Q.C., D. G. M.
R. W. Bro. Marquis of Headfort, D.L., S. G. W.
R. W. Bro. Lord Dunboyne, D.L., J. G. W.
R. W. Bro. Robert Warren, D.L., G. T.
R. W. Bro. The Earl of Bandon, G. S.
R. W. Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, D. G. Sec.-Treas.

There are 874 Lodges on the Roll; the newest Lodge is No. 1014, showing that there are 640 numbers vacant.

We are obliged to Bro. James H. Wilson, of Dublin, for the following article from the pen of Bro. Hughan, giving some interesting particulars of the early history of Irish Masonry:—

EARLY FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.—BY WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN.

Dedicated to the R. W. Bro. James Horner Neilson, of Dublin.

"Only quite recently attention has been again drawn to the early history of Freemasonry in Ireland, by the happy discovery through my friend and Brother, J. H. Neilson, of the old Records of the "High Knight Templar's Lodge," Dublin, which, though chartered as a Craft Lodge by the ancient 'Mother Kilwinning,' soon struck out an independent path of its own, and worked the 'high degrees.' These Minutes, however, only refer to the latter part of the last century, but it is to a period at least sixty years earlier that our remarks have to-

do, about which but little seems to be known, and that little not having as yet received the attention it deserves.

The best book on the subject we have ever read is one now before us, kindly forwarded for our perusal by the R. W. Bro. Neilson. It is entitled 'Historico-Masonic Tracts,' and is by 'Robert Milliken, R. A. M., H. K. T., K. M., &c.' Cork, 1848. There is a deal of fanciful writing in it, but when the author comes to deal with the actual history of Freemasonry in Ireland, he speaks either from personal knowledge or from the testimony of those who took part in many of the proceedings narrated, and who were known to him. Bro. Milliken himself was initiated about 1790, and when 57 years a Mason, and in the 80th year of his age, addressed the work in question 'To the Freemasons of Ireland.'

In speaking of the Province of Munster, Bro. Milliken says: "This Grand Lodge granted Warrants, and performed all the functions of a National Grand Lodge, perhaps from necessity, on the cessation of a superior power." The fact is, its origin is uncertain, but in our opinion was due to the action of certain members of the premier Grand Lodge of England (of A.D. 1717 celebrity). The records came into Bro. Milliken's possession about the year 1824, having received them as a present from Bro. the Rev. James Pratt, Rector of Ovens Parish, who had bought them, with other old books, at an auction. They were presented by our Brother soon afterwards to Bro. Justin McCarthy, 'then Deputy to the Earl of Shannon, Provincial Grand Master of Munter; and contains Transactions of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and of No. 1, the first Lodge of Ireland.' It appears that 'from the last date in the Transaction Book to the next document as yet discovered, bearing date 1769, there is a lapse of about forty years,' excepting a Minute of a Committee of No. 1 of the year 1761, formed to investigate the validity of that old Lodge, which had been called in question, so we are told, by some Dublin Brethren. 'The Committee was held at the instance of the Grand Secretary, John Calder, who also at the same time laid before the Committee a charge against Lodge 95.' The Brethren (composed of the Masters and Wardens of nine Lodges) declared the Warrant of No. 1 to be valid, and confirmed the members of No. 95 in their privileges. The 'mal-practices' of No. 95 'it is supposed had reference to the initiation of the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, who became a Mason in that Lodge. This Lodge must have held very high rank—when the early respectability of Lodges is considered—her brothers, members of a noble family, and her husband, equally high in society, being members. Mrs. Aldworth presented No. 95, her parent Lodge, a chair of elegant construction, the first Masonic chair seen in Cork, which is still in Cork.' Bro. Milliken is, we think, in error as to the reason for the Committee being appointed in 1761, as Mrs. Aldworth must have been initiated before 1744, we having discovered the name of our Sister amongst the list of subscribers to Dr. Dassigny's 'Enquiry' of that year (1744), all the rest of the many subscribers being Brethren. The work itself is very scarce, the only known copy being now in the magnificent library of the Hon. Bro. R. F. Bower, of Iowa, U.S.A. The fact, however, of the initiation of this lady, even though the date is uncertain, is beyond question, and the few additional particulars herein noted as to Lodge No. 95 are valuable. The date of the present Warrant of the Lodge is 1771, according to the authorised Calender of the G. L. of Ireland.

so it is not the original charter by which the members now work, though the same No.

No. 1 Lodge, Cork, has a Warrant of 1731, but it evidently existed before then, as the Records testify, the year 1731 simply having reference to the period of the first issue of Warrants by the then new Grand Lodge. The Earl of Barrymore was W. M. in 1770, having for his Wardens Sir Robert Tilson Deane and Governor Jefferys. In 1778 each member of the Lodge 'agreed to provide a uniform of Irish cloth, the color garter-blue, with crimson waistcoat and breeches,' in order 'to encourage Irish manufacture,' and doubtless at that time the Brethren were much admired when clothed and arrayed as Masons in such gorgeous and striking attire.

Bro. Milliken maintains, that as the first Irish Lodge we have a written account of was held in Cork, in the extreme south, and called the 'Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster,' there must have been a 'National Grand Lodge from a remote period," from which this Provincial of Munster must have derived its powers, the Prov. G. L. 'granting Warrants, and performing all the functions of a National Grand Lodge, perhaps from necessity, on the cessation of a superior power.' We have already indicated our opinion as to this matter, and shall now proceed to notice another statement of Bro. Milliken's. Lord Kingston, who was installed Grand Master of England in December, 1728, was 'in the following year Provincial Grand Master of Munster,' and as we know, during his lordship's year of office the Parliament House in Dublin 'was about to be built, when Lord Cartaret, the Viceroy, with his suite, attended by the Corporation and garrison, and a number of gentlemen Freemasons, marched in procession and laid the footstone of the building with the usual formalities on the third of February, 1729.' The following, however, is new to us, and is so likely to be the correct version, that we are inclined to accept it:

'The Freemason gentlemen dined together, and there being no Lodge in Dublin, resolved, as was the case in London in 1717, to erect a Grand Lodge in Dublin, and invited the Grand Provincial of Munster, Lord Kingston, to take the Grand National Chair of Ireland, which honor his lordship readily accepted, gratified at being the person selected to revive the National Grand Lodge.'

It is curious to note that in the Calendar of the G.L. of Ireland, 1878, one of the Prov. Grand Masters of Munster is given as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, viz., Col. O'Brien, M.P., 1726. The eventful history of the Grand Lodge of Ireland since its advent we need not stay now to consider, neither need we allude to the recent investigations of Bro. Neilson into the character and value of the Records of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Munster, now happily traced, and a copy of which only was sold at the 'Great Spencer Masonic Sale' recently; for these questions are all receiving their due attention at last, after a lapse of many years of gross disregard of our Masonic MSS. and their important testimony.

Before closing Bro. Milliken's interesting work, we should like to reproduce the following in these pages as to No. 13, Limerick, warranted in 1732:—'Two small vessels were captured by "La Furet," a French privateer (in 1812), commanded by Captain Marincourt. One of the vessels was from the port of Youghal, and commanded by Captain Campbell, of that town; the other by Captain Joseph Webb, of Pool. On their being discovered to be Freemasons they were sent home on parole, having given their words as Masons to get Bro. Joseph

Gautier, then a prisoner of war in England, released; or should they fail in performing their promise, they bound themselves to proceed to France within a given time, and surrender themselvas prisoners of war. Captain Marincourt and the "La Furet" became prize to the British frigate "La Modeste," and in consequence of his Masonic conduct was released unconditionally. Lodges No. 13, 271, and 952, of Limerick, prepared a vase, of one hundred pounds value, to be presented to Brother Marincourt, whose lamented death after his release prevented their brotherly intent. In ignorance of his death, the vase was sent to France, where it remained seven years, and ultimately travelled back to Limerick, where it remains an ornament in Lodge No. 13, and a memorial of the sublime friendship existing between Freemasons."

No. 1 Lodge voted fifty pounds from its funds for the defence of the kingdom, the other Lodges also not being behind in testifying that the spirit of the Craft did not lessen their patriotism; and for certain, if Freemasons became soldiers, they cannot fail to act loyally to their Sovereign and be obedient and trustworthy. We should note that No. 13 is still at Limerick (1878). No. 271 has been removed to Letterkenny (Donegal), and No. 952 has been removed from the Roll.

We have purposely kept until the last our notice of the 'Shamrock Lodge,' No. 27, originally located at Cork. We are indebted to our Bro. J. H. Neilson, of Dublin, for the following particulars, which he received personally from the beloved and distinguished Mason the Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., Past D. G. M. of Ireland, who was one of the members of the old Lodge.

The 'Shamrock Lodge' was originally chartered about 1740, and the Brethren thereof were distinguished by being permitted to wear their aprons with a 'green flap,' and a golden shamrock embroidered thereon. The first Warrant at Castle Townshend was No. 167, granted about 1830, and promoted by seme Brethren who had been members of the ancient Lodge, No. 15 (now at Skibbereen), which met at Rosscarberry, and which conferred the Royal Arch and Templar Degrees by virtue of exhibiting the Craft Warrant at the meetings, similarly to many Lodges in England and elsewhere in early days. The Hon. Judge Townshend was admitted a member of No. 167 whilst 'under age' (by dispensation), and we are pleased to preserve such an interesting fact respecting so worthy a Mason. On the return of Bro. Dr. Townshend from England, he found that No. 167 had been exchanged for No. 27 Warrant; but the members at Castle Townshend, whilst retaining the title of the 'Shamrock Lodge," were not 'wearers of the green,' preferring any other color, sometimes those quite out of fashion now. They generally, however, wore aprons entirely white (mostly of sheepskin), and of a large size, without any ornament—the Apprentices and Fellow Craft being required to turn the flap of the apron inwards, but for what purpose has not transpired. Bro. Somerville, who still lives, was one of the founders of the Lodge in the village under the revived Warrant of No. 27, and whilst at Germany, about thirty-eight years ago, for awhile, he was entertained by a Jewish Lodge, the members of which wore a special badge of distinction, which so pleased him that on his return he presented all the Past Masters of Lodge No. 27 with a silver jewel as a badge of the 'Shamrock Lodge,' of a triangular form, and of a distinctive character indicative of the name of the Lodge.

"The jewel in the possession of Bro. Neilson is the only one now known to be in existence. The members wore them for a while, but at last death removed the old Brethren, and the younger Craftsmen leaving the neighborhood, the survivors gave up the furniture, Warrant, &c., to Bro. Somerville, that they might be protected. Bro. Somerville on hearing of the revival of the Lodge at Dublin in 1876, sent Dr. Townshend the jewels which that good Brother presented to Bro. Guin on behalf of the members. The name is now changed to the 'Abercorn Lodge,' which we think a pity, under the circumstances, because the historical associations of the old Lodge may, we fear, in time be lost. The Lodge 'Shamrock' at one time kept a pack of hounds, called the 'Masonic Harriers,' and doubtless after following the hounds in the morning, the members would often unite in the afternoon in singing the lines of the Irish poet Moore, after the Master's toast—

'O, the Shamrock! the green immortal Shamrock!
Chosen leaf
Of Bard and Chief,
Old Erin's native Shamrock!'

which was their Charter-song, and the old house in the village would ring again and again with the joyous hearty chorus of the enthusiastic huntsmen and Masons. Masonic Hounds were certainly a unique appendage to the Lodge furniture, but apparently the zest for the sport in no way lessened the ardour of the members for their Masonic duties. In conclusion, we unite our prayers to the many Brethren scattered over the globe in wishing continued health and happiness to one of the surviving members of the old 'Shamrock Lodge, No. 27,' in the person of the esteemed, distinguished, and beloved Brother, the Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D., of Dublin."

NEW SOUTH WALES.

We are in receipt of documents and pamphlets from a new applicant for recognition, called the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, one of our sister colonies in Australia.

In July, 1877, a Masonic union was formed to promote the formation of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales by regular and constitutional means.

On December 3rd, 1877, a Convention assembled at Sydney. Twelve Lodges were represented—8 Scotch and 4 Irish. There were then in all 45 Lodges in the Colony—23 English, 16 Scotch, and 6 Irish—so that a majority of the lodges did not join in the movement.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"That the Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient,

Free and Accepted Masons of England be adopted, with the following amendments:

"1st. That all Office-Bearers of Grand Lodge and Daughter Lodges be elected, Deputy Grand Masters only excepted.

"2nd. That the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge shall be held on the 24th day of June in each year.

"3rd. That the Fees paid by Grand Lodge Officers be one-half the Fees paid by the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England.

"1st. *Resolved*, That a Grand Lodge be, and is hereby declared established on the Constitution recommended in the minutes of the Convention of the Representatives of the Lodges as enumerated in the minutes now read.

"2nd. *Resolved*, That the title of the Grand Lodge shall be—'The Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.'

"3rd. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the election of Grand Officers, to hold office until their successors are elected, invested and installed."

"That we, the representatives of more than three warranted Lodges here in Convention assembled, resolve, that the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of New South Wales of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, be and is hereby formed upon the Ancient Charges and Constitutions of Masonry."

Bro. A. W. Manning, Deputy P. G. M. Scotch Constitution, was then called to the chair to act as Installing Officer. In the course of his remarks he said:—

"As you are aware, we are assembled, under a general Call from the Masonic Convention, for the purpose of doing what remains necessary for the establishment and thorough inauguration of an Independent Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in New South Wales; and the Installation of our first Grand Master, with Supreme and unfettered jurisdiction—all in strict accordance with Masonic Law, Masonic Rule, and Masonic custom.

"It has long been felt by Brethren of the several now-existing Constitutions—Brethren of every grade in the Craft—that Freemasonry, in this portion of the British realm, labors under very great disadvantage by reason of remoteness from the High Governing Bodies—the consequent delay and uncertainty in communication—and the unnecessary and, to us, unprofitable withdrawal of funds that would be far better utilized by local expenditure in the true spirit of our Order; and the question has from time to time been mooted whether it was not desirable, on such grounds, to establish the necessary Supreme Authority in our midst. The very natural disinclination to take the initiative in a step that, possibly, by some might be regarded as disloyal, and by others as premature, has hitherto prevailed to check action; and had not the matter become seriously urgent, it is probable all decisive action in the direction indicated would have been indefinitely deferred.

"I hope it will not be thought I desire to cast reflection upon our Masonic Superiors. I am too old a Mason, and, I think, too conscientious an adherent to my Obligations, not to admit that our Rulers, Sup-

reme and Subordinate, are at all times to be approached with respect, and, so long as they act Constitutionally, should be held exempt from comment. I do no more than express the opinion of a large proportion of the Fraternity in this Colony—an opinion in which I unhesitatingly avow my concurrence—that the time has arrived when it is incumbent upon all who really have the interests of Freemasonry at heart to bestir themselves to procure by Constitutional means, and *such only*, an acknowledgment of their right to self-government and independent action. To such we, by no means an unimportant section of the Masonic community, consider ourselves fully entitled; and by the proceedings now initiated it is our intention *quietly* but *irrevocably* to assert it. By all now present, I trust those proceedings will be acknowledged to be Constitutional, regular, and expedient. Should doubts exist in the minds of any, I may confidently assure them those doubts are groundless, and easy of removal by reference to any work on Masonic Jurisprudence—of which there are many of unquestioned and *unquestionable* authority. I would further assure them it is in accordance with precedents, which, *as facts* cannot be repudiated, we take our stand, and are now met to inaugurate our own Grand Lodge. We do this respectfully—resolutely; but, certainly, not without expectation of some opposition and every possible delay; nevertheless with the fullest confidence of ultimately securing the recognition of all Grand Lodges, Conclaves, and Councils throughout the world. Time will do *its* work if we fail not in *ours*, and conduct it in all propriety. We are *constrained* to action in order to place Masonry on a better footing, and make it what it should be—a moral and beneficent institution—thus exalting it in the estimation of the Professor and Cowan alike. Let it, however, be loudly proclaimed—and I call upon you all, Brethren, to lose no opportunity of making it widely known—that while we resolve to relieve ourselves of a dependence that has become inconvenient and prejudicial, we are equally resolved to pay tribute of affection and respect to those Parents *whose leading strings we no longer require*. From the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, we derive our Masonic birth and infant nurture; we will cherish for them that attachment and consideration to which they are entitled; and we trust ever to harmonize with them as becomes our profession. Acting from motives that are unimpeachable, we will not seek discussion or contest; but, most assuredly, will not shrink from it if forced upon us. Firm in the rectitude of our purpose, we are prepared to brave the hastily-formed judgment of every dissentient; and, if permitted, will pursue the even tenor of our way—in the fervent hope that the Great Architect of the Universe will vouchsafe to us the fulfilment of our reasonable desires."

The officers were then elected and installed, the Grand Master being M. W. Bro. James S. Farnell, M.P., the Premier of the Colony, and Provincial Grand Master Irish Constitution. The Grand Secretary is R. W. Bro. Nicholas Weakes, Sydney.

The Grand Master then delivered the following address:—

"Brethren,—Having been installed into the office of Grand Master

of New South Wales, I should fail in my duty if I did not say a few words on this auspicious occasion; especially as it will be an important epoch in the history of Freemasonry in this colony. Before I consented to occupy the office that I have now entered upon, I satisfied myself that the establishment of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales had been achieved in a constitutional and legitimate manner, every step taken being perfectly regular, and in accordance with the ancient usages of our Order.

"To consummate what has already been done, we now only require recognition by the various Grand Lodges. The idea of establishing a Grand Lodge of New South Wales is not new; it has been discussed and under consideration for many years, but until recently no active action has been taken to bring about so desirable a result.

"About six months since, some thirteen Lodges, under the Constitutions now existing here, selected delegates and formed themselves into a Masonic Union; and the result of the labours of that Union has been the establishment and the inauguration this day of a Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

"Exception has been taken by some of our Brethren in certain quarters in reference to the establishment of this Grand Lodge.

"When asked what are their objections, they answer by admitting the correctness of the principle of establishing a Grand Lodge, but they say the present time is premature; or, that it should be deferred to some indefinite future. Well, if the time has not yet arrived, when will it arrive? In our opinion, it has arrived; and the present is the most proper and suitable period for the establishment of a Grand Lodge. Is there any valid reason why we should not have an independent Grand Lodge? The reasons are overwhelming why we should; especially when we consider that other British Provinces or Colonies have established such Lodges, and have been recognized, who were not so inconvenienced, or at such disadvantage as we are in regard to distance from the seat of the governing Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. And why not have a Grand Lodge, Masonically national, as it were, to this colony? The establishment of a Grand Lodge here by which we shall obtain self-government, cannot, and will not affect our loyalty to our Queen and Country. Political connections and attachments is one thing, and Masonic another thing. The former has its geographical bounds or limits, and is confined to nations or countries; the latter has no bounds or limits, it embraces all nations, and is so universal that it admits of no exclusion amidst the worthy portion of God's creatures. Climate, country, colour, education or religion make no difference. Let this universal bond of union be broken by political geographical limits, by the difference of nationalities and peoples, and we become a rope of sand, and lose that strength, weight and influence which concord and unanimity will secure to us. I therefore maintain that there is no disloyalty in the establishment of our Grand Lodge. We shall be placed in a better position to uphold and further the interests of Masonry. What do some of our Brethren mean by asserting that we are cutting the painter (whatever that may mean), and by advertising in the newspapers, warning Brethren not to take part in or be present at our inauguration and installation? Is this Masonry? if it is, I have a great deal to unlearn. Are these the Brethren who profess to be members of a universal institution founded on eternal reason and truth; whose deep basis is the civilization of mankind,

and whose everlasting glory is to have the immovable support of those two mighty pillars—science and morality? If they are they take a most peculiar, absurd and stolid way of evincing it. Cutting the painter, forsooth? Has Ireland, Scotland or Canada, by the establishing of its Grand Lodges cut the painter; are the Masons of those places any the less subjects of our Queen? How can there be any severance in Freemasonry? If there can, the universal link will be broken, and the whole fabric will crumble to dust. Are not the Masonic Brethren of America, France, Italy, Germany, Spain, and other nations as much our Brethren in Masonry as British subjects? If they are not, then you and I, and all of us, are grossly ignorant of the meaning of Masonry. The severance from the parent Grand Lodges is only in name; our mutual sympathies remain undiminished; our friendship and fellowship as strong and well-grounded as ever. Who are they who shall say that we shall not institute our Grand Lodge; to whom are we to look for guidance, but our great Grand Master the great Geometrician of the Universe, under whose direction we now desire to establish this Grand Lodge for the advancement of mankind in those great truths that are inculcated by Masonry. And in the accomplishment of this great and grand design, why should we not have the right of self-government? We are styled Masonic revolutionists by some of our unenlightened Brothers; let us see how far this epithet is justifiable, and let us see whether there are any precedents for the course we have taken. First, Canada, a British colony, is an analogous case to our own Colony, and we have precisely followed their example in letter and spirit. They formed themselves into a Masonic Union; established their Grand Lodges, were duly recognized, and the right hand of fellowship offered to them by other Grand Lodges. I do not think that we could have done better than to follow that precedent in establishing the present Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

"Now let us see how the present Grand Lodge of England was established. It was not established in the same regular and constitutional manner that the Grand Lodges of Canada were, nor is there any analogy in our proceedings and theirs. We have chosen to follow the good example of our Canadian Brethren, and we have not seceded as the four London Lodges did from the Grand Lodge of York. At the time of this secession, we find that there was the Grand Lodge of England, established in the year 926 at York, and having at that time jurisdiction over thirty-two Daughter Lodges. Notwithstanding that there was a Grand Lodge of England, we find that the Masonic body in the south of England or London then numbering four Lodges formed themselves into a Grand Lodge in the year 1717. Thus was instituted the Grand Lodge of England, which has now attained such prosperity and splendour. See Brother Paton's Freemasonry and its jurisprudence, page 243. Now, on referring to our ancient usages and customs, and to Masonic jurisprudence, we will find that the proceedings in 1717 were not legal and constitutional, because no Grand Lodge can be established in any Territory where a Grand Lodge already exists. We have not followed the example of our London Brethren who seceded, but we have followed the legal and constitutional example of our Canadian Brethren; Lower Canada, Grand Lodge of Quebec; Nova Scotia, Grand Lodge of Halifax; and Prince Edward Island. It may be asked by those brethren, who have issued a mandate to our Masonic Brethren not to attend or take part in our ceremony to-day, under what authority we

constitute ourselves a Grand Lodge? It will be charitable to suppose that they have a sufficient acquaintance with the principle of Freemasonry to admit that we are Free and Accepted Masons in every sense of the term; and if they have the knowledge, they will also admit that the legal number of Lodges, (and more than the legal number) have consented to the formation of a Grand Lodge. Well, the fact being that we are regularly constituted Freemasons, and that the legal number of Lodges have consented, formed themselves into a Union, and have met in Convention by their representatives, we have an inherent right to establish our Grand Lodge. And, as the Brethren referred to appear to be somewhat in the dark on the subject of the constitution of Grand Lodges, I will endeavor to enlighten them on this important matter, in reference to the authority under which we have proceeded, and by which we have been guided.

"Brother Paton says, in his Freemasonry and his Jurisprudence, 'It only remains to consider the proper mode of organizing a Grand Lodge in a territory where no such body has previously existed. Perfectly to understand this subject, it will be necessary to commence with the first developmemt of Masonry in any country. Let us suppose, then, that there is a country within whose political bounds Freemasonry has never yet been introduced in an organized form. There may be, 'and, indeed, for the execution of the Law which is about to be explained,' there must be an adequate number of Master Masons; but there is no Lodge. Now the first principle of Masonic Law to which attention is to be directed in this condition of things, is that every territory into which Masonry has not been introduced in the organized form of Lodges is *ground common* to all the Masonic authorities of the world, and therefore it is competent for any Grand Lodge to grant a Charter of Constitution, and establish a Lodge in such unoccupied territory, on the petition, of course, of a requisite number of Masons; and this right of granting Charters belongs to every Grand Lodge in the world, and may be exercised by any that chooses to do so, as long as *no Grand Lodge is organized in the territory*. So that there may be ten or a dozen Lodges working at the same time in the same territory, and each of them deriving its existence from a different Grand Lodge.'

"Brother Chase, in his Masonic Digest, remarks, 'The usual mode of organizing a new Grand Lodge is as follows:—A certain number of Lodges, not less than three, holding Charters from some legal Grand Lodge, or from different Grand Lodges, meet in convention by their representatives, formally resolve to organize a Grand Lodge, and adopt a Constitution, and proceed to elect and install their officers. It is necessary that it be a separate state or territory; that there be no Grand Lodge at that time existing within it; that at least three Chartered Lodges be at the time in active existence within the territorial limits, and consent to the formation of such Grand Lodge; that they meet in convention as Lodges, and not as independent individuals; that they adopt a Constitution, and that the newly elected Grand Master be installed by some Past Grand Master, or by the Senior Past Master present. It is not essential that it should be an independent and sovereign state or territory, but simply necessary that it be a separate and distinct state or territory.

"This is now well settled, and legal Grand Lodges have been formed in Oregon, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska and other territories, and in the Provinces of Canada, &c."

"The Lodges must surrender their old warrants, and take out new ones from the Grand Lodge thus Constituted.

"Now, in tracing the history of Masonry in this colony or territory of New South Wales, we find that about the year 1821, the Grand Lodge of Ireland granted a Charter to the Masons in this colony to hold a Masonic Lodge, and its number was 260, and it was the first Lodge established in Australia; subsequently, other Charters were granted by the same Grand Lodge.

"Then we find the Grand Lodge of England granting Charters or Warrants to several Lodges, and we also find the Grand Lodge of Scotland granting Charters for the establishment of individual Lodges. And up to the present time, any body of Masons who may desire to establish a Lodge under either one or the other of the Constitutions referred to, must obtain a Charter or Warrant from them respectively. Well, some years since, Provincial Grand Lodges were established here under the respective Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland; who have power or authority only to grant Dispensations for a period of two years; but the Charters or Warrants have still to issue from the Grand Lodges named. We find that no Grand Lodge is organized in this territory: then if we desire to organize and establish one that not less than it is required here, three Lodges having legal existence should so organize, and I take it that the power of establishing a Grand Lodge here rests with the Masonic body within the territory of New South Wales, and with them alone.

"I again quote from the same authority, who says: 'In such a case neither of the Grand Lodges that have granted Charters, acquires, by any such act, exclusive jurisdiction over the *territory, which is still open for* the admission of any other Grand Lodge, with a similar power of granting Charters. The jurisdiction exercised in this condition of Masonry by the different Grand Lodges is not over the territory, but over the Lodge or Lodges which each of them has established. But afterwards these subordinate Lodges may desire to organize a Grand Lodge, and they are competent to do so, under certain restrictions. In the first place, it is essential that not less than three Lodges shall unite in forming a Grand Lodge.' Well, we now see that the three Constitutions from whom we derive legal existence, have no jurisdiction over this territory, that the territory is Masonically unoccupied for the purposes of a Grand Lodge. Therefore we have, with more than the essential number of Lodges, organized a Grand Lodge, by which we have obtained territorial jurisdiction over the territory of New South Wales.

"The same authority says: "As soon as the new Grand Lodge is organized, it will grant Charters to the Lodges which formed it, to take effect upon their surrendering the Charters under which they originally acted to the Grand Lodges from which they had derived them. There is no regulation prescribing the precise time at which these Charters are to be surrendered; but it seems reasonable to suppose that they could not be surrendered before the new Grand Lodge is organized and recognized by other Grand Lodges, because the surrender of a Charter is the extinction of a Lodge, and the Lodges must preserve their vitality to give them power to organize the new authority. The Grand Lodge thus formed, by the union of not less than three Lodges in Convention, *at once assumes all the prerogatives of a Grand Lodge*, and *acquires exclusive Masonic jurisdiction over the territory* within whose geographical limits it has been con-

stituted. *No Lodge can continue to exist or be subsequently established in the territory, except under its authority;* and all other Grand Lodges are precluded from exercising any Masonic authority within the said territory. These are all principles of Masonic Law which seem to be admitted, by universal consent, and sanctioned by constant usage, in such organizations.'

"Thus, it will be seen, that we have strictly adhered to Masonic usages and customs in establishing our Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

"Having thus far proceeded regularly and constitutionally, and having duly installed the officers of the Grand Lodge, our next proceeding will be to communicate with other Grand Lodges, and inform them of our proceedings, and seek recognition at their hands, which I have no doubt will be gladly conceded.

"The date of the organization of the principal Grand Lodges, in Europe and America, is as follows:—England, 1717; Ireland, 1730; Scotland, 1736; France, 1756; Germany, 1741; Prussia, 1740; Saxony, 1812; Holland, 1757; Denmark, 1743; Sweden, 1745; Poland, 1784; Switzerland, 1764; Alabama, 1821; Arkansas, 1832; California, 1850; Connecticut, 1789; Canada, 1855; *United Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia*, 1869; *Quebec*, ; Delaware, 1806; District of Columbia, 1800; Florida, 1830; Georgia, 1786; Illinois, 1840; Indiana, 1818; Iowa, 1844; Kansas, 1856; Kentucky, 1800; Louisiana, 1812; Maine, 1820; Massachusetts, 1733; Maryland, 1787; Michigan, 1826; Minnesota; 1853; Mississippi, 1818; Missouri, 1851; Nebraska, 1857; New Hampshire, 1789; New Jersey, 1786; New York, 1781; North Carolina, 1771; Ohio, 1808; Oregon, 1851; Pennsylvania, 1764; Rhode Island, 1791; South Carolina, 1787; Tennessee, 1794; Texas, 1837; Vermont, 1794; Virginia, 1777; Wisconsin, 1843.

"Upper and Lower Canada had each its own assemblv; but there is now but one for both Provinces. Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick are now united under the name of Canada, with the Governor-General and a Parliament (Senate and House of Assembly) common to them all. The Provincial Legislatures for the management of local matters still exists.

"In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, on the 27th of December, 1561, we have an account of a Grand Lodge, which was held at York, Sir Thomas Sackville being Grand Master. The next Grand Lodge, whose communications was of such importance as to entitle it to a place in the records of the institution, was that which was held on the 27th December, 1663, when the Earl of St. Albans was Grand Master, and when several judicious regulations were enacted. But now we arrive at an important era in the history of Freemasonry. In 1716, there were only four Lodges in existence in London, and no others in the whole south of England. These four Lodges determined, if possible, to revive the institution from its depressed state; and accordingly they met in Febguary, 1817, at the Appletree Tavern (whose name has thus been rendered famous for all time) and after placing the oldest Master Mason, who was the Master of a Lodge, in the Chair, they constituted themselves into a Grand Lodge, and resolved, says Preston, to revive the quarterly communications of the Fraternity. On the following St. John the Baptist's day, the Grand Lodge was duly organized, and Anthony Sager was elected Grand Master, who appointed his Wardens, and commanded the Brethren of the four old Lodges to meet him and the Wardens quarterly in communi-

cation. From that time Grand Lodges have been uninterruptedly held, receiving, however, at different periods, various modifications, which are hereafter to be noticed.

"On an occasion such as this, I do not deem it necessary to discuss the principles of our Order—that will be a fitting subject at some future time. We have this day entered upon a large and extensive work, and its success will materially depend upon ourselves; but while we adhere to our Masonic principles, I do not think we need fear the result. We cannot hope to succeed unless we place our reliance on the Great Architect of the Universe, the Beneficent Founder of our Institution. We have the heart to feel, the hand to labor, the eye to behold, the ear to hear, the tongue to proclaim, and all the faculties which make us susceptible of every moral and natural good. May the Great Architect teach us to delight in them, to improve them, and through the healthy order and excellence of created things, to view, contemplate, and adore His uncreated excellence and beauty. Formed as His Temple, and enriched with the ornaments of His creative wisdom, we will look up to Him, to inspire us with virtue, with all which can dignify, refine, and exalt our nature, and render the Temple at least not wholly unworthy of its sacred inhabitant. To this end, let us make the volume of the sacred law—that book of instructive wisdom—the never-erring Square to regulate our conduct; the Compass within whose hallowed circle we shall ever walk with safety and with peace: the infallible Plumb-line and criterion of rectitude and truth. May we be enabled to fill each sphere of duty with exactness and honour, and by our attention to our offices, and to the endearing charities of social life in particular, to win the love of those who unite with us; and as fathers, husbands, friends—as worthy men and worthy Masons,—to distinguish and exalt the profession in which we glory. May this undertaking, contrived in wisdom, be executed in strength, and adorned with beauty, so that it may be an institution where peace, harmony, and brotherly love shall perpetually reign."

The Grand Lodge of England has declined to acknowledge this new Grand Lodge, as no English Lodge joined in its formation, and its members are unknown to the Grand Lodge of England, as they belonged to Lodges under different constitutions. All the English Lodges have been warned not to take any part in the movement.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland terms the new body irregular and unconstitutional, and forbids all communication with it. The Scotch members have all been suspended by an Edict of the Provincial Grand Master, S. C.

SPAIN.

Masonry in Spain has passed through many vicissitudes. For a long time past the fraternity have undergone many

trials and tribulations. Their motives and their benevolent and other objects have not been understood or appreciated. They have been subjected to persecutions unjustifiable in themselves and in violation of good faith on the part of those who were opposed to them. They have been oppressed by Government and persecuted by the clergy. It is a wonder that they have managed to keep up any organization at all with all the power of the Roman Catholic Church in a priest-ridden country against them, and with the civil authorities giving aid and assistance to their opponents.

Their unfortunate position has compelled them, unwillingly, to struggle in defence of the craft against secret machinations and open prosecutions, and, in times now happily past, many noble martyrs have even shed their blood and suffered death for their fidelity to Masonic truth and their firmness in adhering to the Masonic Brotherhood. The condition of these oppressed "Sons of the Light" has often excited our sympathies, and we have now much pleasure in announcing that the dark days of Masonry in Spain appear to have passed away, and a new and brighter prospect is opened for the future.

In 1877, a re-organization took place, and a new impetus was given to the craft, which has since gone on and prospered. There are now a large number of Masonic bodies in working order, which are thus described:—

136 Symbolic Lodges.
12 Royal Arch Chapters.
11 Rose Croix Chapters.
A Most Wise Grand Lodge of Symbolic Lodges.
6 Provincial Mother Lodges.
A Royal Grand Arch Chapter General.
A Sovereign Grand Rose Croix Chapter.
Areopagus of Knights of Kadosh, 30°.
Tribunal of Grand Inspectors and Inquisitors, 31°.
A Sovereign Grand Consistory, 32°.

A Grand Lodge of Administration and Revision of Documents, and

A Supreme Council, 33°, A. and A. Rite.

All these bodies appear to be controlled by the "Most Serene Grand Orient of Spain, the Supreme Power of Spanish Masonry," which has applied to the Grand Lodge of Canada for recognition and an exchange of Representatives.

The difficulty as to our recognizing this Grand Body will arise from the fact that the Grand Orient controls and works degrees which our Grand Lodge, as such, knows nothing about. All the degrees outside of Symbolic or Craft Masonry form a *terra incognita* to our Grand Lodge.

We are, however, happy to hear of the return of a measure of prosperity to Masonry in Spain. We trust that they may prosper abundantly and dispel the shades of darkness and ignorance with the pure light of our beloved Freemasonry.

The Grand Master is M. W. Bro. Juan A. Perez; and the Grand Secretary is R. W. Bro. Pedro P. Castanera, (Madrid.)

EGYPT.

The Grand Orient of Egypt is also an applicant for recognition. This Grand body was started under difficulties, and with some entangling alliances and connections with bodies not belonging to Symbolic Masonry. They, however, freed themselves after a time from these objectionable features, and they now work only the three degrees of Craft Masonry.

The Grand Lodge of England recognized them a few years ago. Recognition had been delayed for some time pending enquiries, and we are informed by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, that England only acted after full investigation, and they were satisfied on all points.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland followed England in recognizing Egypt, and they have exchanged representatives.

Egypt has also since been acknowledged by Scotland, Missouri, Idaho, California, Georgia and some others.

We are without information as to the number of lodges, membership, or other details. There does not appear to be any other Grand Lodge claiming jurisdiction or having any Lodges in Egypt.

The Grand Master is M. W. Bro. S. A. Zola, and the Grand Secretary is R. W. Bro. Professor F. F. Oddi, (Cairo.)

Egypt was the first to protest against the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, and they have since issued the following circular on the same subject :—

A.G.D.G.A.D.U.

Valley of the Nile, Orient of Alexandria,
Dec. 23rd, 1877, Vug. Era.

Grand Secretary's Office of the Grand Lodge of Egypt and its Dependencies, No. 7064 bis.

To all the Masonic Powers in the Two Hemispheres.

S.S.S.

Ill. and Very W. Brethren,—

On the 18th of November, 1876, the National Lodge of Egypt by their circular, No. 5712 bis, raised a cry of alarm against the inexcusable innovation first set forth in September, 1876, and definitely adopted in Sept., 1877, by the Grand Orient of France, with respect to the elimination of a belief in God and in the immortality of the soul from the Masonic Constitution.

By taking the initiative step in so grave a question before any other Masonic Power did so, the National G. L. of Egypt had hoped its voice would have strongly impressed the conscience of the Masonic world, and to such a degree as to prevent the completion of an action unexampled in the history of human institutions.

The Masonic press, and particularly that of England and America, did not fail to support the protest of the G. L. of Egypt, but if we except the G. Orient of Spain, which immediately followed the example, no other power that we know of thought fit to interfere officially, in order to make a timely denunciation of the schismatical tendency of the Grand Orient of France, or at least to protest against it, if that G. Body should absolutely determine to follow it up.

Meanwhile, what had been planned in 1876 was in 1877 actually carried into execution. All on a sudden the G. O. of France, one of the noblest and most important G. Bodies, was left to accomplish its moral suicide, and schismatical division was for the first time intruded upon Symbolic Masonry, which up to that period had formed an universally united and compact family.

The third to protest against this innovation, but after it had become a fulfilled fact, was the M.W.G.L. of Ireland; that of Scotland, of Pennsylvania, the Sup. Comm. of Charleston, and that of England, closely followed the example. The M.W. United G.L. of England

severely blamed the decision of the G. O. of France, and upon a motion proposed by the Pro. Grand Master, the Ill. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, it appointed a special committee to consider the matter maturely and present a report on the same. The authority of M.W. the United G. L. of England is very great—who can doubt it? But "Post factum nullum consilium!" The G. O. of France will consequently be doomed to isolation; while an unanimous and severe remonstrance on the part of the most influential Masonic powers, if presented in time, might have saved her, thus sparing the Masonic alliance such a loss and our Institution such a disgrace.

Whenever the general interests of the Order are in question, the intervention of every power in those projects of reform which another Grand Body may possibly formulate is not only a debt of fraternal unity but an imprescriptable Masonic right. If a fraternal and authoritative admonition had been addressed to the G. O. of France, either from the date of their first innovation or from the time of abolishing the Grand Mastership and reforming the Ritual, we should not have at this day to deplore the consequences, which will not only change the Institution in France, but will also exercise a fatal influence on Masonry in many other countries.

Therefore, the G. L. of Egypt applies to all regular and orthodox Masonic Powers, and more particularly to the M. W. G. L. of England, as being the universal mother G. L., in order that in their wisdom and loyalty they may take into consideration the means of defending our noble institution against the serious dangers which concur in threatening us from every quarter. The innovation adopted by the G. O. of France, under the specious pretext of a most ample toleration, strips our Royal Art of all its most essential and characteristic valuable qualities, such as tradition, universality, morality, idealism of the truth, and toleration itself. To our tradition it has preferred an infinite variability based upon arbitrary caprice; to our tolerant belief in God it has preferred the comfortless sophism of Atheism; to our morality, positivism; to our universality, the peculiarities of schools and of sects; to the poetry of idealism, the inert pretended science; and the so-called scholastic prejudices to the true mass of matter.

This is what must henceforth be the programme of the future for the G. O. of France and its imitators. It is most certain that orthodox Masons who accept the Institution such as it was born on the banks of the Ganges and of the Nile, and as it has been diffused in modern times by the G. L. of England, should never adopt such a programme. But that is not enough. It is necessary that the most energetic and effectual measures should be taken in order that this programme may be denounced, not only as anti-Masonic, but as destructive of all human society. It is indeed very strange there should be so much talk about human solidarity, when Masonic solidarity, the only bond which is instrumental to it, will exist only in name. If the voice of this G. L. of Egypt might find an echo of fraternal approval in the bosom of the Masonic powers of the world, it would propose a more intimate confederative system, a stricter alliance among all Grand Lodges and regular bodies, under the auspices of the M. W. the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, which are the oldest Grand Lodges in the world, based upon a declaration of principles in accordance with the Constitutions and Rituals of the above-mentioned three Grand Bodies, which are the keepers and propagators of Masonic doctrine.

This is what the National G. L. of Egypt has thought it proper to submit to your earnest consideration, but even should its voice in this grave emergency only sound in the desert, even should its forebodings meet the same sad fate as those of the unhappy Cassandra, it will at least have the solid satisfaction of having attempted the most sacred of its duties.

Expecting your fraternal answer to this letter, sent by order of the Grand Master and with due Masonic salutation,

I am, Fraternally yours,

F. F. ODDI, Grand Secretary."

CUBA.

There are two Grand Bodies in Cuba both claiming to be the legitimate and lawfully constituted Grand Lodge of that Island, and each of them denouncing the other as illegal and unconstitutional.

One is called "The Grand Symbolical Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of Colon (English—"Columbus") for Cuba and the other Spanish West India Islands." It was founded in 1859, and its officers are, M. W. Bro. Antonio Govin (Havana,) Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. G. J. Barnet, M.D., (Consulado 69 A., Havana,) Grand Secretary. It has also accredited two Foreign Representatives, Bro. G. Segui y Galiona, at New Orleans (299 Burgundy St.), and Bro. Benjamin Odio, at New York.

The other body is called "The Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Island of Cuba." It was formed on the first day of August, 1876. The officers are M. W. Bro. Gregorio G. Amador, (Havana,) Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Aurelio Almeida, (Zauja 41, Havana,) Grand Secretary. Its Foreign Representative is Bro. Ramon Illa, (29 Second Avenue, New York).

We have received a large number of documents from both of these Bodies, but have no time or space to give even a synopsis of their contents. We will simply refer our readers to the admirable reports on this subject of Bro. J. H. Drummond, in our report of last year (page 64), and in this report under the head of "Maine," where they will find the history

and present state of affairs in Cuba fully and clearly set forth.

ALABAMA.

Fifty-seventh Annual Communication.
Held at Montgomery, December 3rd, 1877.
M. W. Bro. Palmer J. Pillans, Grand Master.
Number of Lodges, 327; represented, 182; initiated, 277; members, 7,829; dues, $8,935.00.

The Grand Master, in his address, says that better days appear to be dawning for Masonry in Alabama. Some dormant Lodges have been recalled to life and vigor, fewer appeals have been lodged, and a more thoughtful and intelligent administration of affairs is apparent in the work of the Masters of Lodges. He appointed R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman their Representative to Canada. He issued dispensations for five new Lodges. He refused a dispensation to confer the degrees out of time; and made decisions as follows:—

"A Brother prosecuting has the right to close.
"Every member present in good standing has the right to vote, he alone being the judge if his relations to the accused forbid it.
"The vote of the Lodge should be taken by call of the roll, on all questions as to guilt, or assessment of punishment, and the W. M. must vote.
"That a Lodge may remit the dues of one suspended for non-payment of dues and restore him to fellowship.
"That public meetings, balls, &c., cannot be tolerated in a Masonic Hall."

The following resolutions concerning Brazil, were proposed by Bro. W. T. Walthall, accompanied by a special report, and were adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That in the recognition heretofore accorded to the 'Grand Orient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio,' and in the intercourse since maintained and still existing with that Most Worshipful Body, this Grand Lodge disclaims any intention to pronounce a decision, or to be understood as expressing or implying an opinion, upon the merits of any existing controversy, or the conflicting claims of different Grand Bodies to Masonic jurisdiction in the Empire of Brazil.
Resolved, That, under present circumstances, it is inexpedient to disturb the relations already existing, or to enter into a consideration

of questions which, nevertheless, should practical occasion arise, may be legitimate factors for the determination of future action.

"*Resolved*, That, while deploring the dissensions, as to matters of organization and government, prevailing among our brethren in Brazil, we are happy to bear witness to their signal exemplification, in conduct, of the true spirit and genuine principles of Masonic fraternity and charity."

Wetumpka Lodge, No. 39, sent three young ladies to school during the past year. Harrison Lodge, No. 246, reports "hard times, money scarce, a long drouth and a short crop."

Bro. Oliver S. Beers has an extensive report on correspondence, (190 pages,) in which Canada does not appear.

M. W. Bro. Henry C. Armstrong, (Suspension,) Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, (Montgomery,) Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

Thirty-ninth Annual Communication.

Held at Little Rock, Oct. 8, 1877.

M. W. Bro. M. M. McGuire, Grand Master.

Lodges, 337; represented, 100; initiated, 449; members, 8,291; new Lodges, 8. Receipts, $3,650.

The Grand Master says things are improving, old Lodges are being revived, and the prospect for the future more promising. They had a severe loss in December, 1876, in the destruction of their Masonic Temple by fire. All the records and books of the office of the Grand Secretary were destroyed. And, as misfortunes never come singly, the same devouring element, in the February following, swept away the office of the Grand Master, with all his letters, papers and books. Bro. McGuire refused a dispensation "to make a farce of our beautiful service by repeating it over the grave of a worthy brother buried about six months before."

The Grand Lodge of Indian Territory was recognized; as also the Grand Lodge of Cuba.

On the subject of physical disqualifications, the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage say:—

"A man who has lost a foot, a leg, arm or hand, cannot be made a Mason, though the missing member be artificially supplied.

"It is important for a man to have a good heart and a tolerably good head to be made a Mason, but legs and feet, and arms and hands, are also important and indispensable, and wood, or cork, and metal, will not supply the place of flesh and bone, nerves and muscles.

"We sympathize with men who have been so unfortunate as to lose their limbs, but we cannot make Masons of all men for whom our sympathies are aroused."

On St. John's College the following resolutions were adopted:—

"That the Trustees have the rents and interest collected promptly when due. Out of this fund they shall pay the interest on the $6,000 debt, the taxes, agents, salary and all other expenses connected with the college. And the overplus, whatever it be, the Trustees may use in running the school, or otherwise, as they may think proper.

"That whatever funds may arise from principal due on notes to the college and sale of real estate, shall be appropriated to the payment of the principal of the $6,000 debt due from the college, until said debt is paid, and then the Trustees may use whatever funds they have or get, as they deem best, so as not to create any debts against the Grand Lodge."

The time for holding the annual meeting was changed from October to January.

The *Jewel*, published by Bro. A. J. Wheeler, in Memphis, Tenn., was made the official organ of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

Bro. George E. Dodge was declared the permanent Chairman of the Committee on Forign Correspondence. Under the head of "Washington" he says:—

"Several things were done which we must either pass by in silence and thus make our notice of our young sister almost unfraternally brief; or, else we must in a fraternal spirit exercise the privilege of an older sister and gently chide. And what we propose to *chide* about is as follows, to wit:—Do not try to organize that 'National Grand Lodge for the United States.' Lay it on the table as you did the proposition to organize a 'Masonic Life Insurance Company,' and if it happens to roll *under* the table so much the better; and 'may the blessings of heaven descend' upon the twenty Lodges and seven hundred and twenty brethren of our Masonic outpost in the new 'Far West.'"

M. W. Bro. John F. Hill (Clarksville), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. L. E. Barber (Little Rock), Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

28th Annual Communication.

Held at San Francisco, Oct. 9, 1877.

M. W. John M. Brown, Grand Master.

Lodges, 203; represented, 194; initiated, 569; members, 12,168; new lodges, 4.

The Grand Master's Address is a very able and interesting document. He visited largely and found the lodges in general working satisfactorily. Their system of inspection has produced excellent results, and their Ritual is thorough and effective. He appointed R. W. Bro. Edward Mitchell as their Representative near Canada. On public installations he says:—

"To repeated applications for permission to hold public installations, I replied, that there is no law against a public installation, yet, in my opinion, the act would be contrary to the spirit of Masonry. In our workings we seek retirement, and refrain from obtruding our practice upon the public notice, nor leave our own quiet ways to please or win the favour of the multitude; and, saving the performance of a required ceremony, which must occur in public, there is no good reason for a departure from the original intention of the Fraternity. Again, as in this jurisdiction the Grand Lodge holds no public installation, it seems proper for subordinate Lodges to follow the example. Your attention is invited to the subject, that you may definitely determine the future action of Lodges in this particular."

The San Francisco Board of Relief received during the year $10,915.76, and expended $9,800.67.

All the Lodges made returns except one in the Hawaiin Islands.

A new way of electing Grand Officers was adopted as follows:—

"At this and at the future Communications of this Grand Lodge the election of Grand Officers shall be held and conducted in the following manner:—

"The Grand Secretary shall cause to be prepared six ballot-boxes labeled with the titles of the six elective Grand Officers to be chosen, and

he shall also cause to be prepared a sufficient number of ballots with the titles of the respective Grand Officers printed thereon.

"The Grand Master shall appoint twelve tellers to receive and deposit the ballots to be cast, being two tellers for each ballot-box.

"The Grand Secretary shall call the roll, and each officer and member of the Grand Lodge shall, when his name or that of his Lodge shall be called, deliver to one of the tellers at each of said ballot-boxes the number of ballots which he is entitled to cast for the office designated on said box.

"When all present shall have voted, the tellers shall open each box separately, and shall call the votes found therein; and the Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary shall each keep a count and tally thereof.

"If there shall be a failure to elect to each and all of the several Grand Offices on the first ballot, the Grand Lodge shall proceed in like manner to vote again for all offices to which there has been such failure to elect."

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico was recognized. "New South Wales" was informed that they would be recognized as soon as they obtained recognition from the Grand Lodges under which their constituted Lodges held their Charters. "Cuba" was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

It was resolved that the installation of Lodge Officers should take place only in Open Lodge, and in the Lodge Room.

The Grand Lodge indulged in a Grand Clam Bake, at Old Sancelito, on the invitation of Bro. George T. Bromley, G. C. B. (Grand Clam Baker), which is reported as "an unqualified and unparallelled success."

Bro. William H. Hill reports on correspondence, and gives a good notice of Canada for 1876.

M. W. Bro. J. M. Brown (Vallejo), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. A. G. Abell (San Francisco), Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

Seventeenth Annual Communication.
Held at Denver, September 18th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. H. M. Orahood, Grand Master.

Lodges, 22; represented, 21; initiated, 112; members, 1,486; new Lodges, 1.

The Grand Master reports peace and harmony. His address is brief and to the point. The Lodges are generally in a prosperous condition.

A special report on "Masonic Asylum" was indefinitely postponed. The report strongly recommended the scheme. One of the members of the Committee (who was afterwards elected G. M.) brought in a minority report, saying that he deemed the project "not feasible, impracticable, and injudicious."

The Grand Lodge of Cuba was recognized.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That whenever Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts neglect for a period of two years to pass examination upon their proficiency, and to take the next degree, their names shall be dropped from the reports of the Lodge."

Bro. Albert G. Mackey, P. G. M., the celebrated Masonic jurisconsult, was present, and delivered an able and interesting address on "The Symbolisms and Traditions of Masonry."

Bro. D. C. Collier reports on correspondence, and notices Canada for 1876. On the "Widows and Orphans Home" question he says:—

"This seems to us sound doctrine. The aggregation of widows and orphans in considerable numbers in a single locality works injuriously. It is better far that our fraternal charity should be bestowed upon widows and orphans in the communities where they live and where they are known, and then in such a quiet way as not to impair their self-respect. Such charity reaches farther and works far better results than that which takes widows and orphans from old homes and associations and herds them together as a mass of unfortunates to condole with each other and dwell on their misfortunes."

M. W. Bro. C. J. Hart (Pueblo), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. E. C. Parmelee (Georgetown), Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

Ninetieth Annual Communication.

Held at Hartford, January 16th, 1878.

M. W. Bro. Edward B. Rowe, Grand Master.

Lodges, 113; represented, 110; initiated, 442; members, 15,016.

The G. M. has congratulations on the harmony prevailing among the Lodges and their general efficiency. He recommends the sending of a Protest to the German Grand Lodge League against their recognition of irregular and clandestine Masonic bodies on this continent. On the Veterans' Association he says:—

"The seventh annual re-union of the Veteran Masons was held at Meriden, June 27th, in the rooms of Meridian Lodge, No. 77. Business engagements of importance prevented me from participating in the exercises of the day, which were of unusual interest. There were present forty *veritable* Veterans, whose combined ages amounted to 3,027 years, averaging over 75 years of age each; truly a very remarkable gathering. A more permanent organization was effected, and a much deserved tribute paid Brother R. C. Naramore, by electing *him* President of the Association. It will be remembered that Brother Naramore first congregated the Veterans, and to him more than any other, belonged the honor; and it may be safely predicted that under his management the Veterans' Association will become a permanent and creditable protege of this Grand Lodge."

On the inspection of Lodges and kindred subjects he discourses eloquently, and his remarks are well worthy of attention:—

"A careful inspection has been made of every Lodge in this jurisdiction, and the experiences of the Brethren who have officiated as Proxies of the Grand Master, as related by them, are hereunto appended.

"The form of inspection has consisted in soliciting replies to a series of questions, which I had prepared, and which I directed my Proxies to propose to the Lodges in their respective districts. A detailed statement of the condition of each and every Lodge, with endorsement of correctness by the Proxy making the inspection, is herewith submitted, and will require your careful consideration.

"A summary of results attained will be presented you in a special report.

"A careful review of this work confirms me in the following conclusions:—

"Of the grand purposes of Freemasonry and the importance of the mission with which Masons are charged. Theoretically, we have not only been just, but exceedingly generous towards our Subordinates, while practically, like the Priests and Levites of old, we have passed by on the other side.

"Our Subordinates have not so much sinned as they have been sinned against.

"That we have been too ambitious in the way of counting a goodly number of Lodges in our jurisdiction is plainly true.

"That new Lodges have been hastily chartered, without due consideration of the real need of such, is equally true. And true it is that the jurisdiction of some of our Lodges has been encroached upon to such extent that they are but little better than helpless.

"We have had an abundance of legislation in this Grand Lodge, but have failed to provide the proper means of thoroughly distributing the more essential elements of Lodge government.

"We have elaborated upon our ritual until it has well-nigh hidden from view the more practical purposes of our Institution.

"In a word, we have endeavored to administer Masonry in this jurisdiction too economically.

"In every instance where irregularities have existed, investigation has proved that it was farthest from the purposes of the Brethren to violate any law of the Grand Lodge, and the Brethren have ever been earnest in their inquiries for light.

"Have they no just claim upon this Grand Lodge for instruction and guidance? Will this Grand Lodge hold them responsible for a violation of her edicts when no effort is put forth to instruct them in their duties? Shall they give their allegiance and pecuniary support to this Grand Lodge and receive no equitable return?

"The M. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut has ever held an honorable position among the fraternity of Sister Grand Lodges. Shall it be said of us that we have gone backward? Shall it be charged to us that we have forgotten the Masonry of our fathers?

"It is quite time, my Brethren, that we arouse from the state of lethargy into which we seem to have fallen. As 'eternal vigilance is the price of liberty,' so constant and careful watchfulness must be exercised over our Subordinates, if we would transmit unimpaired the grand tenets of our Institution.

"To this end, I recommend that a Grand Lecturer be appointed, whose duty it shall be to visit annually every Subordinate Lodge, and faithfully instruct them in the standard ritual of the jurisdiction, and for this service be paid from the funds of this Grand Lodge.

"And, further, I again earnestly recommend an amendment to our Constitution, whereby provision shall be made for the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, whose duty it shall be, under the immediate supervision of the Grand Master, to officially visit (once at least each year) and examine into the condition of the several Subordinate Lodges. With such assistance, the Grand Master may be relieved of much of the labor that now of necessity devolves upon him, and only by such means can we expect to raise our Subordinate Lodges to that degree of efficiency which is so much to be desired.

"Under our present form of government, the watch-care of one hundred and eleven Lodges is imposed upon your Grand Master, a labor which is unreasonable to exact from any man who has individual business interests to claim his attention. I urge, therefore, these

measures, with perhaps greater energy, because the experiences of my administration have convinced me that they are absolutely necessary."

We also quote one decision:—

"IX. *Question.* Can a Lodge be opened on the E. A. degree in the first instance?

"*Answer.* No. The proper course to follow is, to open a M. M. Lodge, call it off, and then open upon the degree to be worked. The work completed, the Subordinate Lodge is closed—Lodge called on again in the M. M. degree for the purpose of closing in due form."

Prince Edward Island, Dakota, and New Mexico were recognized, and the following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge at Dresden, be instructed to present to the Grand Lodge League of Germany, the protest of this Grand Lodge, against their recognition of irregular and clandestine Masons, and ignoring the well-settled territorial rights of this and other American Grand Lodges."

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence. In his notice of Canada, for 1876, he quotes the "Ontario" Act of Incorporation, and adds:—

"This is the most novel proceeding in the line of constituting Grand Lodges that has yet come to our notice.

"Not one of the Lodges as a Masonic body is represented; but five brethren, by an act of incorporation, constitute themselves a Grand Lodge in the Province of Ontario, over which the Grand Lodge of Canada, with more than three hundred Lodges on her roll, has exercised jurisdiction for twenty-one years.

"The whole proceedings are such a barefaced fraud, that it is useless to discuss the question. On such principles, even the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario might be superseded by another Grand Lodge, as soon as dissatisfaction and jealousies arose among them. We predict a short life and an ignominious death."

M. W. Bro. Dwight Phelps (West Winsted), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Jos. K. Wheeler (Hartford), Grand Secretary.

DAKOTA.

Third Annual Communication.
Held at Yankton, June 12, 1877.

M. W. Bro. H. H. Blair, Grand Master.

Lodges, 6; represented, 6. Receipts, $57.50.

With regard to the two Lodges in this jurisdiction working under the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, the following resolutions were adopted:—

"WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge has received no response to the following resolutions adopted at the last Grand Annual Communication, relative to the Lodges in northern Dakota:—

"WHEREAS, At the time of the organization of this Grand Lodge, June 21st, 1875, there were two Lodges within this Territory working under authority of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, who were invited to meet in convention with the Lodges organized and working under authority of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge within the Territory of Dakota; and

"WHEREAS, The Lodges above referred to were not present, either at the organization or constitution of this Grand Lodge, nor any reply made to the invitations sent; and

"WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Minnesota has continued to exercise jurisdiction within the Territory since the organization of this Grand Lodge, although officially notified thereof, and the assurance being given by our M. W. Grand Master to the M. W. Grand Master of Minnesota, 'that upon receipt of their Charters (those of the Lodges above referred to), he would have them properly indorsed and re-issued to them without delay, and treat them in every respect the same as the Lodges which assisted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Dakota have been treated'; and

"WHEREAS, All the invitations and requests of this Grand Lodge have been received by the Lodges above referred to, and by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, without respect to the rights and dignity of this Grand Lodge; and

"WHEREAS, It has been abundantly demonstrated in the past that two Grand Lodges cannot harmoniously exercise authority within the same jurisdiction; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota has been infringing upon the rights and authority of this Grand Lodge, and that although we cannot undo what has already been done, we protest against the further exercise of authority on the part of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota within our jurisdiction, as the exercise of such authority is, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, unlawful, without precedent, and subversive of the peace and harmony which should exist between all Masonic Lodges.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions, properly endorsed by our Grand Secretary, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, be forwarded to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and that the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge be requested to again open a correspondence with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in regard to this matter.

"*Therefore, be it Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to forward another certified copy of these resolutions under seal of the Grand Lodge to the M. W. Grand Master of Minnesota, and to call his attention to the same."

M. W. Bro. Geo. H. Hand (Yankton), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. W. E. Caton (Elk Point), Grand Secretary.

1878.

Fourth Annual Communication.
Held at Sioux Falls, June 11, 1878.
M. W. Bro. Geo. H. Hand, Grand Master.
Lodges, 7; represented, 6; initiated, 49; members, 281; new Lodges, 1.

The address of the Grand Master is largely taken up with the difficulty with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. He complains that their communications have not received even the courtesy of an acknowledgment. The new Lodge opened is at Pembina.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That in the matter of the Lodges located at Fargo and Bismarck in this Territory, organized and working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, this Grand Lodge of Dakota firmly insists:—

"1. That its jurisdiction is sovereign and exclusive throughout the whole extent and to the boundaries of Dakota Territory.

"2. That two Lodges cannot occupy the same field without confusion, and that the one which is foreign and but temporary should yield to that which is at home, is established and permanent.

"3. That we know no other rule in the United States but that jurisdiction of the several Grand Lodges is limited territorially by the boundaries of the political sub-divisions within which they work, and after which they are named, but,

"4. That in Masonry, unlike political organization, the Grand Lodge of a Territory has all the dignity, sovereignty and exclusive power that pertains to the Grand Lodge of any State.

"5. That we could proceed to reduce to order the material within our jurisdiction, but prefer without passion to reason with the Grand Lodge behind which they claim protection, as a body with sovereign powers and perfect freedom with ourselves.

"*Resolved*, That we again fraternally appeal to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota to cancel all charters from it within our jurisdiction, or take other action such as will release Lodges on our soil, and direct their fealty to this Grand Lodge, and to refrain in future from the exercise of extra-territorial jurisdiction within Dakota."

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Dakota possesses sole and exclusive Masonic jurisdiction throughout the Territory of Dakota, and that no Subordinate Lodge can maintain a lawful Masonic exist-

once in said Territory without acknowledging allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Dakota."

M. W. Bro. Geo. H. Hand (Yankton), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Charles T. McCoy (Bon Homme), Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

71st Annual Communication.
Held at Wilmington, Oct. 3rd, 1877.
M. W. Bro. Thomas N. Williams, Grand Master.
Lodges 22; represented 22; initiated 37; members 1,266.

The Grand Master visited several of the subordinate Lodges and found the good work going on gloriously. He thinks "naught can hinder their continued prosperity except it be an over anxious desire in some to make Masons."

He appointed R. W. Bro. J. B. Trayes as their representative near Canada, and received R. W. Bro. Joseph W. H. Watson, P.G.S.W. as our representative near Delaware.

New Mexico was recognized.

Resolutions were adopted as follows: —

"*Resolved*,—That there shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master a Grand Lecturer, who shall visit each Lodge, during his year of office and exemplify the work of the different degrees, and each Lodge shall defray the expenses of the Grand Lecturer for the visit so made by him."

"*Resolved*,—That hereafter all members who may desire to join or form a new Lodge, shall as soon as a Charter has been granted by the Grand Lodge for that purpose, make application to their old Lodge for a demit, and they shall not be considered members of the new Lodge until said demit shall have been deposited in the new Lodge."

M. W. Bro. Thos. N. Williams (Seaford), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Wm. S. Hayes (Wilmington), Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

67th Annual Communication.
Held at Washington, Nov. 14, 1877.

M. W. Bro. E. G. Davis, Grand Master.

Lodges, 21; represented, 20; initiated, 109; members, 2,750.

The Grand Master recommends the formation of a Board of Relief for the more satisfactory distribution of their charities, and to prevent impositions. He thinks that one-half of their disbursements for benevolence find their way into the hands of unworthy persons. The system he proposes to adopt is similar to the one which has been practised for a number of years past in our principal cities. He made the usual round of grand visitations and found everything in good order, and all working harmoniously. At each visit an address was given by some learned brother. These lectures are characterized as able and eloquent, and were listened to with great attention. He appointed Bro. Henry Robertson as their representative near Canada, and received Bro. J. H. Jochum as our representative near the District.

The new Grand Lodges of Cuba and New Mexico were recognized.

Finances being in need of assistance the sum of $800 was ordered to be assessed on the subordinate lodges *pro rata* according to membership. The motion was carried on a vote of 49 to 88.

Bro. John Lockie, the Grand Lecturer, visited all the lodges and reports them in a healthy and prosperous condition.

The Grand Secretary reports on Foreign Correspondence. The Grand Lodge ordered that this report should be confined to an average of one page to each Grand Body. Canada does not appear.

M. W. Bro. E. G. Davis, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. W. R. Singleton, Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA.

Forty-ninth annual Communication.

Held at Jacksonville, January 8, 1876.

M. W. Bro. Enos Wasgate, Grand Master.

Lodges 58; represented 53; initiated; 86 members 1842; new Lodges, 3.

From the eloquent address of the Grand Master we take the following extract:—

"We may have appreciated and admired the beauty, symmetry and perfection of its ceremonies, its lectures, and its laws, but if we have failed to observe that these are but the avenues which lead us up to the moral edifice beyond, that they are only emblems of the like qualities in the spiritual structure—Masonry itself—then, indeed, our lessons and our toils have been in vain. But the kindly spirit, the sentiment, the charity, the emotion of heart which leads us up with pity, tenderness and love, and prompts and commands us to do good for the love of doing it and of being just and generous—the power which imbues with the essence of Divinity—which expands and purifies, elevates and ennobles the soul, and fills it with the presence of the Infinite, which lifts us upward and onward, and assimilates our natures to the spiritual character of the Heavenly Master and fits and prepares us for the society of angels—*this is Masonry.* All else are but the agencies through which it toils and triumphs."

In future all resolutions or reports which give sanction to a Masonic law are to be submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence before being adopted.

For several reasons it was deemed advisable to refrain from publishing an extended report on correspondence. Bro. Dawkins submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

"*Resolved*,—That the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction be, and are hereby, forbidden to visit, or in any way recognize a body claiming to be the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or from having any associations therewith, or its pretended allegiance.

"*Resolved*,—That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indian Territory, of which M. W. Bro. Granville McPherson is Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. R. P. Jones is Grand Secretary, be and is hereby welcomed to our fraternal recognition, and we recommend a reciprocal representation.

"*Resolved*,—That this Grand Lodge, recognizing the Masonic legitimacy of Masonry in the island of Cuba, but feeling unwilling to sit in judgment and decide at present for ourselves upon the question as to whether the Grand Lodge of Colon or the Grand Lodge of Cuba, should be recognized as the only foreign and exclusive power there, of symbolic Masonry, we deem it expedient to remain neutral, and the brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction on visiting said Island, are hereby left to their own sound discretion as to their Masonic Associations."

M. M. Bro. Wm. A. McLean (Jacksonville), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. D. C. Dawkins (Jacksonville), Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

Ninety-first Annual Communication.
Held at Macon, October 30th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. David E. Butler, Grand Master.
Lodges, 300; represented, 238; initiated, 424; members, 18,195.

On defaulting Lodges, the Grand Master says:—

"Delinquent Lodges are made such by defaulting and delinquent members. The Worshipful Master is sometimes the cause, but more often the great reason is, the absence of wholesome discipline. And the want of discipline often arises from an ignorance of, and an incompetency to discharge the duties of the offices which the members hold. From these causes disorder, disobedience, to rightful authority and great confusion must come. Behind all these reasons lies another fact, more potent still. It is the ease with which new members obtain admittance into too many of our Lodges. The profane are allowed to come in with improper motives, and without sufficient enquiry. And the privileges of Masonry are used for other purposes than the noble one of who can best work and best agree in the practice of our sublime precepts.

"To remedy these evils, the Grand Lodge, at this Communication, would do well to apply its discipline to all Lodges which are in arrears for dues also, to those Lodges which, with incompetent officers, use unwarrantable means to confer the degrees upon those officers who do not enforce the laws of Freemasonry against the vices of drunkenness, profanity, and dishonesty. Such a procedure will cost some money, but the purity of our professions, and the high standing of our Ancient Order is in great peril from these things."

And on the Southern Masonic Female College:—

"The records of the Board of Trustees for the Southern Masonic Female College, and the Report of President Bradshaw, are ready to be submitted to the proper committees. Nothing unusual has taken place in reference to this Institution. The attendance is good, the instruction is thorough, the discipline is firm, and no similar College in the South offers better advantages to young ladies. It is to be regretted that the wealthier brethren do not patronize it more, that the more needy may receive its advantages. President Bradshaw has never tired or relaxed his efforts in its behalf. He deserves the commendation of the Fraternity, as he has already received, time and again, the hearty support and approbation of the Board of Trustees.

"Last June the Board secured the services of President Bradshaw

for another term of . . years. In my judgment, this was wise, and the best selection that could be made.

"For twenty-four years, in office and out, I have watched over and cherished this College as a father would his child. It yet lives, and will live to accomplish much more, if judicious counsels shall guide its interest for the time to come. These years of service in its behalf is to me, a source of joy, and the more is it a pleasure to me because the work was done willingly, without fee or reward and at my own expense. I have done what I could and some good has been the result. I commend the College to your better judgment and more cordial support. This Grand Lodge, at a small expense, can make it an honor to the Fraternity and a fountain of learning for hundreds of our daughters. It is now existing and going on, in spite of your coldness and indifference. What might it not be with your hearty, warm and generous fostering care?"

He laid the corner stone of a Monument to be erected in Waynesboro, to the memory of the Confederate dead. He suggests the reduction of their mileage to one-half, as an easy way of providing funds to pay their bonded debt. On Foreign Correspondence he says:—

"The absence of a report by this committee is, to say the least, of doubtful propriety. That some of the reports heretefore made were needlessly long is true, but that mistake may be avoided. Perhaps the trouble arose by assigning the duty of its preparation to different brethren too often; any learned brother who has prepared one would be better qualified to produce another. Without the committee we are virtually deprived of a knowledge concerning our sister Grand Lodges, which all well-informed Masons in Georgia desire to possess. I recommend the restoration of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in some form."

Action on "Cuba" was postponed, and New Mexico was recognized.

In the report on the Grand Master's address we find the following paragraph:—

"We cordially endorse the recommendation of our Most Worshipful Grand Master relative to the re-appointment of a Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and suggest that due brevity be employed with respect to the subject matter necessarily coming within the province of the annual report on such correspondence."

M. W. Bro. James M. Mobley (Hamilton), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. E. Blackshear (Macon), Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

Tenth Annual Communication.
Held at Boise City, Sept. 11, 1877.
M. W. Bro. E. A. Stevenson, Grand Master.
Lodges 12; represented, 11; initiated, 16; members, 405.

They have an "Orphan Fund," on which the Grand Master remarks as follows:—

"I would respectfully recommend that the standing resolution of the Grand Lodge, creating the Orphan Fund, be incorporated in the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, so that a chance majority can never divert the fund from the laudable object for which it was created, and also that an amendment be adopted by striking out one dollar and inserting fifty cents to be collected from each Mason in the jurisdiction annually. The fund has accumulated to about $4,250, and no part of the interest has been called for or used, consequently one-half of the sum now annually collected, will, I think be quite sufficient for all legitimate purposes. I would further recommend that the money be invested in Territorial scrip or bonds, and that the Board of Trustees be instructed to keep the entire interest and principle constantly invested in these securities, and should a part of the interest fund be at any time required for the support and education of the orphans of deceased brothers, or the children of indigent Masons, a sufficient sum can be readily borrowed on the above-named securities."

Some of the brethren have been killed by Indians in the direful troubles which accompany frontier life. We deeply sympathize with the friends of those who have lost their lives in the defence of all nearest and dearest to them. Bro. Stevenson says:—

"For the last four months our brethren of Northern Idaho have had to pass through all the horrors of a fiendish Indian war. Their Lodge rooms have been darkened with the gloom of sorrow. The cheerful song has been changed to the solemn dirge, and the cup of pleasure to the chalice of woe.

"Some of our brethren have laid aside the plumb, level and square, dropped the trowel and gone to present their work for inspection to our Supreme Grand Master. I have not all their names or I would recall them here and in each particular case assure the widow and the fatherless, that we sincerely, deeply, and most affectionately sympathize with them in their affliction, and pledge every true Mason wherever opportunity offers, to soothe their woes and relieve their necessities. But one has gone from amongst us whose name is recorded as one of the members of this Grand Lodge.

"On the 5th day of July, 1877, Bro. D. B. Randall, Past Master of Mt. Idaho Lodge, No. 9, was murdered by Indians while endeavoring

with his small command to protect the helpless women and children of Camas Prairie from being butchered by the cruel and bloodthirsty savages." * * * *

"On the 14th of June last, Bro. Lewis Day, a Past Master and member of our Lodge, started to carry a message to Fort Lapuae for aid, he passed Cottonwood House a short distance on his way when he was attacked by Indians and wounded, he returned to Cottonwood, and with Norton and others endeavored to return here; they were again attacked by a large force of Indians when he was mortally wounded, and died on the 22nd of June."

Cuba was recognized, and the following resolutions were adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Idaho positively ignore the recognition of the so-called Colored Grand Lodges of the United States, believing them to have been 'conceived in sin and born in corruption,' hence, irregular and clandestine.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Idaho will resist any and all encroachments upon her jurisdictional rights, coming from whatever source they may, and will promptly withdraw all Masonic intercourse from that Masonic body attempting an invasion upon our own, or the jurisdiction of any of her sister Grand Lodges of the United States.

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Orient of Hungary, submit the following:

"We have considered the matter quite carefully, and would respectfully suggest, that the Grand Lodge of Idaho, do not recede from the position taken at our last annual communication, until further information be received."

The position taken last year was that of withdrawal of recognition of Hungary.

M. W. Bro. E. A. Stevenson, (Pioneerville,) Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Chas. Himrod, (Boise City,) Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Thirty-eighth Annual Communication.

Held at Chicago, Oct. 2, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Jos. Robbins, Grand Master.

Lodges, 693; represented, 622; initiated, 1,800; members, 39,388; new Lodges, 6.

The Grand Master refused to allow a Lodge, U.D., to occupy a hall jointly with another organization. He reports two cases of consolidation of Lodges; five Charters surrendered,

and one Charter arrested. On "work" and "instruction" he says:—

"The generally depressed condition and tentative character of business, and the recognized necessity for greater economy among all classes of people, lead *a priori* to the conclusion that the amount of work done by the Lodges during the past year will prove to have been below the average of former years; and I judge from my own observation—as well as from the evidence, negative and otherwise, of the reports of the district deputies—that the report of the proper committee will show the aggregate to be relatively smaller, notwithstanding some exceptional instances of local activity, than ever before. In some of the exceptional cases alluded to, the activity has been so great as to lead to the suspicion, perhaps entirely unfounded, that proselyting may have been resorted to. I prefer to believe that this is not true, but I urge you all, Masters and Wardens, to increased watchfulness to the end that no man may become a Mason who cannot truly say that it is of his own free will and accord. It is a fundamental axiom of Masonic morals that no man should be solicited to join the Fraternity; and if any brother, from the Master down to the youngest Entered Apprentice, is found violating it, it is your duty to see that he is brought to merited punishment. That there has been unusual quiet in the matter of work is indicated by the fact that but two applicants have presented themselves for commissions as Deputy Grand Lecturers: R. W. Bro. James Douglas, of Chester, and W. Bro. Wm. B. Grimes, of Pittsfield, both of whom were commissioned.

"No schools of instruction have been held by the Grand Examiners during the year, as I could see no warrant in equity for requiring or permitting it at the expense of the Grand Lodge, whereby the Lodges who have perfected themselves in the work at their own expense, are further taxed for the benefit of those who make no effort for proficiency. Nor is it in my judgment either just or desirable that anything which tends to keep an authoritative knowledge of the work within a close corporation should be encouraged. Such a knowledge is the birthright of every Lodge and every Mason; and while retaining, in the exercise of my constitutional authority, the Board of Examiners as a standard of reference, and for assistance in determining the competency of those desiring to teach, I do not favor a course that shall tend to give the Board what I am sure none of its members desire,—a monopoly of teaching. I have, therefore, in response to inquiries on the subject, uniformly said that I should be glad, on the recommendation of any one of its members in each case, to give authority to teach, to a sufficient number of competent brethren to place a correct knowledge of the work within easy and economical reach of every portion of the jurisdiction."

His views on the question of reimbursement for the care of the sick and the burial of the dead are excellent:—

"To my mind, if claims for reimbursement for aid extended to destitute brethren may be pressed as a matter of right between individual Masons and Lodges, or between lodges, whether in the same or

different grand jurisdictions, then we had better abandon at once the pretext of charity, and as promptly admit the complete success of the revolution which for some time has threatened to convert our whilom fraternity into a mutual assurance association and mortuary benefit society, with a regular system of debit and credit between its constituent parts.

"There is no Masonic canon which limits my charitable obligations to the members of my own lodge. Yet this is the logical, inevitable conclusion, if I may rightfully claim to be reimbursed for aid extended to all such as are not members of it. Admit this principle, and a Mason's claim to fraternal assistance in distress degenerates into the nature of a letter of credit whose value depends on the financial standing of his lodge in the Masonic Wall Street! Admit this principle, and ability is no longer the measure of Masonic duty in the presence of unrelieved distress, but that duty is to be measured by the soundness or unsoundness of a corporation, perhaps a thousand miles distant, organized on the basis of limited liability of its stockholders.

"Masonry knows no such principle, nor can it without a total subversion of its fundamental law; an utter loss of all that is distinctive and vital."

We also copy some of his decisions and two of the concluding paragraphs of his very able and interesting address:

"1. The fact that charges have been preferred against a brother does not affect his eligibility for office; the lodge is not at the mercy of any single brother who might choose at the eleventh hour to prefer charges against a brother who is its unmistakable choice for some office therein."

"10. The application of a colored Mason to visit may be entertained if he be lawfully made. Masonry knows no distinction of color. The question is not one of race, or complexion, but of legitimacy. The right of visit is possessed equally by all, white or black, who, having been made in a constituent lodge in this jurisdiction, or in a lodge subordinate to any Grand Lodge recognized as legitimate by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, still remains in good standing. None, black or white, possess the right who lack these qualifications.

"12. When the initiation of a candidate is stayed by objection, he may be initiated after the lapse of one year from the time such objection was made and entered on record, without a new petition and election, unless objection is again made."

"32. The care of a sick and destitute sojourning brother is a legitimate burden of Masonry, to be borne to the extent of their ability by the Masons among whom his lot may be cast, without the expectation of pecuniary reward; and so also is the burial of the dead; a duty, the performance of which, in either case, affords no ground for a claim to reimbursement by the Lodge to which a sick or dying brother may belong.

"WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME.

"You will learn from the report of the Grand Secretary that of the Lodges voting on the proposed plan to establish a Widows' and Or-

phans' Home, submitted to them for action at the last session of the Grand Lodge, a very large majority have voted adversely. It will be no surprise to you to learn that I view this final result of our discussion of this question with satisfaction. The observation and reflection of each succeeding year serve to fix more firmly my conviction that the embarkation of Grand Lodges in large monied enterprises is not only a departure from their legitimate functions, but is offering a premium for future discord and perplexity; and I rejoice that our Lodges evince no disposition to hazard the settled harmony of the jurisdiction upon the vain hope that we can succeed where so many others have failed.

"UNDUE PUBLICITY IN MASONIC MATTERS.

"At its last session the Grand Lodge emphatically condemned the prevailing practice of transmitting notice of the business of Lodges by postal card, and ordered that all notices emanating from Lodges, or their officers, should be sent under sealed cover; unless it be the bare announcement of the time and place of meeting, which may be sent by postal card. Notwithstanding this, it is believed that the practice prohibited still prevails widely; presumably because the officers of Lodges are too indolent, or too indifferent, to inform themselves of the law. Another phase of this same evil, certainly not less to be condemned, is the publication of prohibited matters in the daily press. Newspaper notices, at most, should contain nothing more than a simple announcement of the time and place of meeting; yet it is of frequent occurrence that a single issue of a daily paper in the city of Chicago contains several notices of Lodge meetings, advertising the degree or degrees on which different Lodges are to work. The effect of this is to cheapen Masonry in the eyes of the public; and, like many other manifestations of the prevailing disposition to bring Masonry into notoriety, the practice is an alarming departure from the usages and traditions of the Fraternity."

Resolutions were adopted as follows:—

"Whereas, some questions have arisen as to the legality of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory. Therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Correspondence be directed to inquire into the subject, and report at our next Annual Communication.

"Whereas there is a growing sentiment that, to perpetuate the union and harmony of Symbolic Masonry on the Continent of North America, there should be a greater degree of uniformity in the jurisprudence of the several Grand Jurisdictions. Therefore,

"*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to present at our next Annual Communication, their views of the feasibility of a Masonic Congress for the purposes heretofore referred to, and, if such committee determine such an organization practicable, that they be directed to present a plan therefor."

R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, being announced, was introduced by M. W. Bro. D. C. Oregier, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge

of Canada. The R. W. brother was received and cordially welcomed by the Grand Master, who introduced him to the Grand Lodge and invited him to a seat in the East.

Bro. T. T. Gurney presented a special report on Cuba, which was adopted by Grand Lodge. This report is very full and gives minute details of the situation. He concludes with the following propositions and resolutions:—

"*First*, That Symbolic Masonry rests in its equality and independent sovereignty.

"*Second*, That when any portion of this equality and sovereignty is surrendered, it ceases to be Craft Masonry, as recognized by the English speaking jurisdictions of this Continent.

"*Third*, That a lawful charter once surrendered or abandoned, cannot be revived except by competent authority.

"*Fourth*, That there is no power, apart from Independent Sovereign Symbolic Powers, that can authorize the formation of Symbolic Lodges. After much thought, your Committee is reluctantly led to the conclusion that the so-called Grand Lodges of 'Cuba' and 'Colon' are not lawful bodies of Symbolic Masonry, and recommend the adoption of the following:—

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge declines to recognize the 'Grand Lodge of Colon,' or the 'Grand Lodge of Cuba,' both claiming Symbolic Masonic Jurisdiction in the Island of Cuba, as lawful Bodies of Craft Masonry."

Bro. Gurney opens his regular report in this way :—

"Some of our readers have been, and may now be, disappointed in the absence, to any considerable extent, of polemics. We leave that class of review to such eminent controversialists as Bro. Drummond, of Maine; Bro. Singleton, of Washington; and others whom we might place in the list.

"Our ideal of Masonic aspiration, is in seeing better husbands, fathers, sons, and citizens. If we did not believe in the elevating power of the Craft, we should fail to find anything in it worthy of much consideration. That which should most concern man in this life is manhood; and any organization resting in this central thought, that is unable or unwilling to exert its powers in that direction, cannot long retain itself in the friendly regard of the benevolent and beneficent activities of the age. It is for this reason, Brethren, that we give you the best sentiment of our distinguished fraters of other jurisdictions, rather than devote the entire labor of the year to jurisprudence, and controversy. We do not wish to be understood as depreciating either, except when they are held up for the exclusive contemplation of the Craft.

"We take great pleasure in saying that the Masonry of 1876 and '77 is in advance of the Masonry of 1875 and '76. Grand Masters are more trenchant in the administration of rebuke, less active in the

production of homilies, and more active in the enforcement of healthy discipline, and in conserving fraternal welfare.

"The correct view of our relations to the world is also crystallizing into such large proportions, that we may safely rest in the assurance that retrogression is not only improbable, but that Masonic attainments will be, in the near future, commensurate with numerical achievements."

Canada, for 1876, receives due notice. Under Arkansas, he says of side degrees :—

"In the days of our Masonic boyhood, '*side degrees*' were manufactured *ad libitum*. These 'excresences' detracted so much from the dignity of Masonry, that by common consent they were, as we supposed, utterly abandoned. We did not imagine till reading the foregoing, that this foolish practice obtained in any jurisdiction of our country; but in Arkansas, it appears that Lodges are tolerated in conferring *degrees* (?) that carry with them some 'privileges' unknown to those who are not the recipients of such bosh. We think the Grand Lodge has 'jurisdiction' in the matter, and should not suffer the practice of nonsense, to the injury and demoralization of the Craft."

M. W. Bro. Joseph Robbins (Quincy), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. John F. Burrill (Springfield), Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Sixtieth Annual Communication.
Held at Indianapolis, May 22nd, 1877.
M. W. Bro. Frank S. Devol, Grand Master.

Lodges, 541; represented, 480; initiated, 1073; members, 28,101; new lodges, 14.

Among the representatives appointed by the Grand Master during the year, we notice the name of M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, for Canada.

The Grand Master, in consequence of information received as to irregularities in Lodges, issued a circular to each Lodge with 28 questions to be answered. Replies were received from 461 Lodges, showing that 205 Lodges had violated the law in one or more instances. Some of these violations were in trivial matters and nearly all relate to matters of local legislation. One remarkable feature of the result of this enquiry was the establishment of the fact that *seventy-five per cent.* of

the transient applicants for relief claiming to be Masons were subsequently proven to be imposter. On the question of assisting in the erection of a Widows' Home, 91 Lodges answered in the affirmative, and 338 in the negative.

The total liabilities of the Grand Lodge amount to $104,666.67, on account of their new Temple and Hall.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows, on two of the subjects mentioned in the address of the Grand Master:—

"MENDICANT APPEALS.

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as relates to 'Sending out Mendicant Appeals' for assistance to other Grand Jurisdictions by Lodges in our own jurisdiction, respectfully report that we deem the M. W. Grand Master's suggestions on this subject appropriate, and highly approve of the same.

"And your committee would further say that, in their opinion, any Lodge hereafter found indulging in such improprieties will become proper subjects of Masonic discipline by the Grand Master.

"TRANSIENT APPLICANTS FOR RELIEF.

"The Committee on Jurisprndence, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as relates to 'Transient Applicants for Relief,' having considered the matter referred to them, offer the following report:

"That while we consider the M. W. Grand Master's remarks timely and appropriate, we do not see how the remedy for the evil is to be applied, unless the Lodges will take hold of the matter for themselves, and stop this continual drain upon their treasuries.

"Under the rules of the Grand Lodge that have always existed in this jurisdiction, each Lodge has a right to collect from its members such sums for charitable purposes as they may see proper, and then to make such disposition of the funds so collected as a majority of the members may, from time to time, determine. And while members of Lodges will continue to vote away their own means to 'worthless tramps' and 'dead beats,' seventy-five out of every hundred of whom, as the Grand Master reports, have no claim whatever upon the fraternity, we suppose the Grand Lodge will have to let them go on their way rejoicing until they themselves see proper to apply the remedy, which they most certainly hold in their own hands.

"Which was concurred in."

Bro. E. L. McLallen reports on Correspondence and notices Canada for 1876.

M. W. Bro. Andrew J. Hay (Charleston), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John M. Bramwell (Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.

1878.

Sixty-first Annual Communication.
Held at Indianapolis, May 28th, 1878.
M. W. Bro. Andrew J. Hay, Grand Master.

Lodges, 535; represented, 484; initiated, 884; members, 26,665; new Lodges, 2.

We copy a few of the decisions of the Grand Master:—

"Charges were preferred and time set for trial; accused died previous to day set for trial. Should cause go on?
"No. Action abated by death."

"Can a dimitted brother retain his office in Lodge?
"No. Only members can hold office."

"Should a Senior Deacon be installed while intoxicated?
"No."

"Can officers be installed by proxy?
"No."

"Does expiration of time for which a brother was definitely suspended restore him without action of the Lodge?
"Yes."

"Can the objection of one brother keep another brother member of the same Lodge from sitting in it?
"No. Objections of no avail; should be overruled."

Bro. Hay thinks the decrease in membership is a subject for congratulation. His correspondence amounted to at least 200 letters. He notices in feeling terms the death of Bro. Harvey J. Hazelrig, P. G. M.

Considerable discussion took place upon the ways and means to provide for the payment of their debt. A proposal to sell the Grand Lodge property was negatived, and the report of the Trustees was carried by 317 to 166.

It was decided to omit the printing of the Report on Foreign Correspondence; also, that recognition of Cuba, New Mexico, and New South Wales be deferred.

The "Widows' Home" project was formally inaugurated, by the organization of "The Masonic Widows' and Orphans'

Home and Infirmary Association of Indiana," with an act of incorporation. Subscription books were opened on the understanding that they should not be called for until they aggregated at least $100,000. It was resolved not to actively urge the matter at present.

A motion to reduce the salary of the Grand Secretary from $1000 to $800 was ordered to lie over till the next annual meeting, and the following was carried:—

"*Resolved*, That in consideration of the embarrassed condition of the treasury of the Grand Lodge, the preparation of the Report on Foreign Correspondence, embracing a review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges, be dispensed with until otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge."

Bro. E. L. McLallen, however, at his own expense, published as an appendix his Report on Correspondence for 1878. Canada, for 1877, receives kindly mention.

M. W. Bro. Robert Van Valzah (Terre Haute), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. William H. Smythe (Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Third Annual Communication.

Held at Vinitia, Sept. 4, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Granville McPherson, Grand Master.

Lodges, 8; represented, 8; initiated, 65; members, 246; new Lodges, 2.

As to the two Lodges which did not join, the Grand Master says:—

"You will remember, brethren, at our last communication you passed a resolution arresting the charters of Flint and Alpha Lodges, and declaring all work done by them, after having received legal notice of your action, illegal and clandestine. Within a reasonable length of time they were formally notified of the action taken by this Grand Lodge, but as yet have done nothing to set themselves right. On the contrary, I learn they still continue their work, entirely ignoring your supremacy. It is for you, my brethren, to say what further action you will take in the premises."

He advocates the abolition of fees for affiliation.

Four District Deputy Grand Masters were ordered to be appointed, one for the Chickasaw Nation, one for the Choctaw Nation, one for the Creek Nation, and one for the Cherokee Nation.

The following report was adopted:—

"Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the M. W. Grand Master as referred to Flint and Alpha Lodges, beg leave to recommend that the resolution passed at the last Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge arresting the charters of said Lodges, and declaring their work illegal or clandestine, be rescinded, and said Lodges relieved from any disability on account of said resolution."

M. W. Bro. J. S. Murrow (Atoka), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. R. P. Jones (Caddo), Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.
Held at Davenport, June 5th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. Henry W. Rothert, Grand Master.

Lodges, 380; represented, 272; initiated, 1,073; members, 17,876; New Lodges, 7.

The Grand Master reports a difference with the Grand Lodge of Scotland on the old question of jurisdiction. A citizen of Iowa, Dr. Hughes, temporarily resident in Edinburgh, was there initiated and thereupon the usual correspondence ensued. Iowa complains that Hughes is her material, and Scotland replies that she cannot recognize the local law of Iowa as to personal jurisdiction, that they have always made Masons of worthy men, no matter where they reside, and that they will continue to do so.

Bro. Parvin has the following in his report as Grand Secretary:—

"X. VETERANS IN OFFICE.

"Of the Grand Secretaries in office when we were seated in the secretariat in 1844 (January 3rd), only Bro. Joseph H. Hough, of New Jersey (our native State), remains in office, having been elected No-

vember 14th, 1843. The only other survivors of the then thirty-one Grand Secretaries are Dr. Mackey, of South Carolina (now of Washington City), and Bro. John B. Hollenbeck, of Vermont, both long since retired from office.

"My name has been officially attached to every dispensation, charter, or Masonic document issued from the office of the Grand Secretary, and the journal of proceedings of all the sessions of the Grand Lodge, prepared by myself during the thirty-three sessions past, since the organization of the Grand Lodge in 1844—for, during the term of my Grand Mastership, Brother Humphreys, my Grand Secretary (who succeeded me as Grand Master), neither prepared or published the proceedings. Nor have I ever been absent from a session, or late but once, when the steamboat on which I was going to Keokuk, in 1850, grounded and detained me a few hours.

"At the beginning of the present century there were in North America only thirteen Grand Lodges—one in each of the original colonies, except Delaware, the thirteenth being in Vermont. Since 1800 there have been organized thirty-three American and seven English (colonial and independent) Grand Lodges, making at this date, fifty-three Grand Lodges of English descent. The oldest Grand Lodge is that of Massachusetts, founded (as a provincial) A.D. 1733; the last, No. 53, Dakota, 1875. Iowa is the thirty-first in the order of time. Of those which ante-date the national government we have, in addition to Massachusetts, the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, 1764; South Carolina, 1776; and Virginia, 1777. In this connection it is well to state that the united independent (present) Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was not constituted until 1792.

"GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND LODGES.

"Joseph H. Hough, New Jersey; elected November 14, 1843.
"Theodore S. Parvin, Iowa; elected January 3, 1844.
"John D. Caldwell, Ohio; elected October 21, 1852.
"James M Austin, M.D., New York; elected June 9, 1853.
"Ira Berry, Maine; elected May 1, 1856.

"OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

"Ira Berry, Maine, 1854.
"William B. Langridge, Iowa, 1858.

"OF GRAND COMMANDERIES.

"Robert McCoy, New York, 1851.
"Ira Berry, Maine, 1856.
"Charles R Armstrong, Georgia, 1860.
"Thomas J. Corson, New Jersey, 1863.
"William B. Langridge, Iowa, 1864.
"Alex. G. Abell, California; elected May 9, 1856.

"In the Grand Lodges of Connecticut, Ohio, and some others, 'Associations of Veteran Masons' have been formed, which hold sessions annually, to talk over old times, during the communications of the Grand Lodges. Such associations are eminently proper, and serve to keep the fires of youth burning brightly, even in a good old age, among those who had borne the heat and labor of long years of early service. Are we old enough to inaugurate such a society among us? The fathers, where are they?"

On the "Scotland-Hughes" question the following report of a special committee was adopted:—

"We heartily approve the action of the Grand Master in protesting against the rule of the Grand Lodge of Scotland allowing its subordinates to make Masons of sojourners, and endorse the utterance of our Grand Secretary, in his letter of January 30th last, that while this Grand Lodge does not desire to punish the recipients of degrees of Masonry in Scotland, or elsewhere, it feels compelled to uphold its own jurisdictional rights. We admit that the Grand Lodge of Scotland is older than our own, and has its own laws, yet, we too, have laws adopted for our protection, laws which have grown out of our experience, and which are the result of our Masonic necessities, and which are similar in character to those recognized and enforced by all American Grand Lodges. And while we earnestly desire the extension of fraternal intercourse with every Masonic power, we cannot purchase it at the expense of our protection, and of interests essential to our welfare.

"We would therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge of Scotland be fraternally requested to so far change her rules as to forbid the making of Masons of persons from Iowa until they become residents of Scotland, and that in the meantime we maintain the right to judge of the worthiness of any persons, residents of Iowa, who, while sojourning under the jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges, are made Masons.

"To this end we offer the following resolutions:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to signify to the Grand Lodge of Scotland that this Grand Lodge feels compelled, as a measure of protection, which experience has shown to be necessary, to re-assert its laws in relation to jurisdiction, and that it fraternally requests that Grand Body to take such action as will prevent the making of Masons of persons from Iowa who are not *bona fide* residents of Scotland.

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge again forbids its Lodges to receive as visitors, or recognize as Masons, residents of Iowa made Masons outside of its own jurisdiction, until such persons shall have been duly healed.

"Your Committee have also considered the letter of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, relative to the appointment of a Grand Representative near that body, and recommend that the Grand Master be requested to accredit such representative, and to invite the appointment of a similar officer of that Grand Lodge near this body, hoping that by the efforts of the brethren so appointed fraternal friendship may be extended, and all chances of misunderstanding removed."

Bro. F. A. Barrow, D. D. G. M., of Glasgow, was appointed Representative near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Cuba and Colon were referred to the Committee on Correspondence to report on next year.

Bro. W. B. Langridge reports on Correspondence. In his opening he says:—

"Before we began this report we were in conversation with two eminent brethren. One said, 'Do not make your report over fifty pages.' We replied by telling him that the other, a short time before, had spoken about as follows: 'The time for long reports on correspondence is past; it was well enough when Bro. Finlay M. King, of New York, inaugurated the fashion of writing them, to discuss everything fully, but now matters have changed—the principles of Masonic law are, to a great extent, settled; great questions are rare; old themes are threadbare; the habit of writing a long report, in which all the straw of fifty other long reports is again threshed over, and the net result is Shakespeare's two grains of wheat in two bushels of chaff, which, when found, are not worth the labor, has settled down into simply an interchange of desultory chat between reporters, interesting enough to them, perhaps, but not holding the attention of any large number of other intelligent brethren, and seldom pays for the expense of printing. If I were you, I would make my report a simple discussion of prominent topics, taking up new legal questions, if any, and briefly reporting the actions of Grand Lodges, but omitting all review of reports on correspondence, thus compressing the whole within not more than twenty pages; then the brethren might be expected to read it, which now not one in a hundred does.'

"Our fifty-page friend complimented us on our readiness to take good-advice, no doubt hoping that we would yield to the ideas of our twenty-page adviser. In our own mind we gave our ear to both, our confidence not wholly to either; but, sitting down, began to read through the forty pamphlets handed in by the Grand Secretary. We saw at once that it was possible to keep within either limit, provided we applied the press to the pamphlets; but the result would be that the report would have the solidity and about the dryness of a package of Shaker herbs—a good thing to use when you cannot get anything fresher, but more fit to complete the stock on the druggist's shelves than to invite the taste or satisfy a healthy appetite.

"But, then, what could be done on the other hand? There was, as our friend said, very little that was new, very little really important, though a vast amount that was interesting in detail, eloquent, elegant in rhetoric, splendid in imagery, noble in sentiment, and all that; but to have extracted a tenth part of it would have bankrupted the Grand Lodge to print it, and would have found no readers—so we knew not which course to take. The result is as it is here, 'What is writ is writ, would 'twere worthier,' oh, brethren, both for your sake and my credit. But such as it is it is, and as this is my last effort of the kind, I trust you will dismiss me with your blessing, bestowing as few kicks and as many half-pence as your generosity, urged on by sympathy for 'superfluous lagging,' may permit. With this much by way of preface, we ring up the curtain and let the trouble begin."

Canada for 1876 is noticed.

M. W. Bro. Z. C. Luse, (Iowa City,) Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. T. S. Parvin, (Iowa City,) Grand Secretary.

1878.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, or "Annals of Iowa Masonry," as they call themselves, certainly carry off the palm for their typographical excellence and their general admirable get-up. With fine portraits, illuminated title-pages and initial letters, bold headings, clear sub-heads, extensive statistical tables and a capital index, they are a pleasure to the reader and a delight to the bibliomanist. Long may Parvin flourish.

35th Annual Communication.

Held at Cedar Rapids, June 4th, 1878.

M. W. Bro. Zephaniah C. Luse, Grand Master.

Lodges, 384; represented, 286; initiated, 846; members, 18,486; new lodges, 4.

On the "Scotland-Hughes" question the Grand Master in his address says:—

"Brother John B. Carpenter, Worshipful Master of Eagle Lodge, No. 12, at Keokuk, wrote to me on the 26th day of December last in relation to the status, and informing me of the wishes of Brother J. C. Hughes, Jr., who, it will be remembered from the correspondence submitted and reports made to this Grand Lodge at its last session, was made a Mason in Scotland in the spring of 1876, while temporarily residing in Edinburgh. Brother Hughes desired to know precisely where he stood Masonically, as he wished to affiliate with one of the lodges in Keokuk. This matter, from our action of last session, had gained considerable publicity in the Masonic world, and various opinions were being expressed, and especially by the leading Masons of our own jurisdiction, some even going so far as to assert the belief that Brother Hughes was a clandestinely made Mason. To such extreme views I could not assent, knowing that he was regularly made, in a regular lodge, and therefore a regular Mason. Yet, on account of such various views being held, I deemed it necessary to fully examine the matter before taking any action in the case. I found no law to prevent any lodge in this jurisdiction from admitting Brother Hughes as a member, he having a regular certificate of withdrawal from the lodge in Scotland, except the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge in 1868, which was referred to by Grand Master Rothert in his address, which said resolution was re-affirmed at our last session, by adopting the report of the special committee made in this case.

"The resolution referred to was undoubtedly the outgrowth of our American system of lodge and Grand Lodge jurisdiction, and was passed as a curative act rather than a law of the Grand Lodge, made necessary on account of so many citizens of our jurisdiction having been made Masons during the late rebellion in the so called army lodges; many of

whom were known to be good men, and such as would be an honor to our institution, but having been irregularly made, must be healed in order to be made regular, according to our system. Brother Hughes having signified his desire to be healed in accordance with our regulations, and thereby be relieved from further embarrassment, I went to Keokuk in person, and after consultation with Past Grand Master Rothert, Worshipful Master Bower, of Hardin Lodge, No. 29, and Worshipful Master Carpenter, of Eagle Lodge, No. 12, it was arranged that a joint meeting of the two lodges be held on the evening of March 28th, for that purpose. At the appointed time a lodge of Master Masons was opened in form by Worshipful Master Carpenter, after which I was introduced and received as Grand Master and took charge of the lodge. Brother J. C. Hughes, Jr., late a member of Cannongate Kilwinning Lodge No. 2, of Scotland, was, after being duly examined and vouched for as a Master Mason, brought into the lodge and caused to kneel at the altar, when Past Grand Master Rothert, at my request, and in my presence, obligated him in accordance with the requirements of our rules and regulations. I then declared Brother Hughes duly healed and entitled to all the rights and privileges of an unaffiliated Mason residing within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

"The Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Iowa having interchanged Grand Representatives since the correspondence was had relative to the above matter, is sufficient evidence that friendly relations now exist between the two Grand Bodies."

With reference to his appointment as our Representative the Grand Secretary says:—

"Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada (*vice* Bro. Mickel, removed from the jurisdiction), dated Sept. 8th, 1877. This we accepted, as being a *quasi* 'foreign Grand Lodge,' in deference to their wishes, while we have declined all American appointments since our resignation of a number of such commissions, with the view of equalizing and distributing such honors."

In his report, he has also the following paragraph on Scotland:—

"XVIII. SCOTLAND-HUGHES AFFAIR.

"As soon as the proceedings of the last communication were printed, we forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Scotland a copy, and wrote fully the action of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in reference to the above case of 'conflict of jurisdiction.' Not having heard from Bro. Lyon (the Grand Secretary), we wrote again in March last, repeating the subject of our former communication. In his reply, of the 25th ult., he expressed great satisfaction that Bro. Hughes had been healed, and by the Grand Master in person, which they esteemed complimentary to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The original question of jurisdiction remains unchanged."

The Library continues to be well taken care of, and

receives numerous additions every year. The Committee say :—

"The Committee on Grand Lodge Library, by your appointment and direction, met at the office of the Grand Librarian, in Iowa City, January 30th, 1878, and proceeded to discharge the duty assigned them. Our library is large and valuable. The collection of it has been the persevering work of an enthusiast. Scarcely a Masonic volume has been published in the English language during the present century but can be found in it; and the works of many of the nations in Continental Europe have been collected. The catalogue published by the Grand Librarian, in 1873, did very much to bring the library to the notice of the brethren; but, by the accumulations of the last five years, the number of volumes are nearly doubled, and consequently that catalogue has lost much of its value.

"The library is now divided into two parts. One copy of each publication owned by the Grand Lodge is placed in the library proper, in a room adjoining the office of the Grand Secretary. It is elegantly fitted up with new cases, tables, and other appliances for a well arranged library room. This part is in a large new building, heated throughout by steam.

"All duplicates and extra publications (proceedings, constitutions, etc.) of our own Grand Lodge, are left in one of the rooms formerly occupied by the Grand Secretary. The main object of this division is to prevent the entire loss of the library by fire. We were informed that the rent paid for both rooms is no higher than that paid for the one room heretofore occupied for ths purpose.

"We found the following volumes ready for the binder:

Grand Lodge Proceedings	81	volumes.
Grand Chapter Proceedings	21	"
Grand Council Proceedings	9	"
Grand Commandery Proceedings	22	"
Periodicals, 8vo	10	"
Periodicals, quarto	10	"
Books	11	"
Total	164	"

"We recommend that these volumes be bound in uniform binding with the series to which each belongs.

"During the past year extraordinary expense has been incurred in fitting up the new library room, adapting it to its intended use, in the manufacture of new and appropriate cases and other furniture, and in removing the books to the new room.

"The books are now classified by Grand Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies, by the names of the jurisdiction to which they belong, and miscellaneous works according to the subjects of which they treat. Any desired volume can be instantly found.

"During the few hours in which we were permitted to peruse these treasured volumes, we discovered that, in the estimation of the fraternity in general, our Grand Lodge holds an exalted rank, and we are of opinion that the careful collection and preservation of a library will perpetuate this enviable prestige. The collection of a library is a work

of all time—our duty to posterity will not allow us to abate our zeal in this noble enterprise.

"Its location, until such time as the Grand Lodge ceases to be itinerant, and becomes fixed in some permanent place in a hall of its own, must of necessity be at the residence of the Grand Secretary, and in connection with that officer as *ex-officio* Librarian.

"We would recommend the following appropriations :—

For binding	$175 00
For periodicals	50 00
For books	100 00

And the allowance of the bills incurred by the Librarian in procuring new furniture and fitting up the library."

Cuba was recognized, and the following resolutions were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Iowa, having learned with surprise and regret that the Grand Orient of France has departed from the ancient landmarks, by blotting from the constitution and ignoring the name of God, and not making a belief in Deity a pre-requisite for initiates, does hereby express its indignation at the course she has taken, and herewith severs all relations heretofore existing between us.

"*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Grand Orient of France, and to each of the Masonic jurisdictions with which we are on amicable relations."

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge re-affirms its former recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as holding and exercising of right exclusive Masonic jurisdiction within and over the Province of Ontario, in the Dominion of Canada ; and further, that it holds the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario as spurious and clandestine, and hereby interdicts all Masonic intercourse between the lodges and Masons of this jurisdiction and those who render obedience to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario and its subordinate bodies."

Bro. Parvin reports on correspondence, and in place of the usual review of Grand Lodges, discusses certain matters, which appear worthy of presentation. We make the following extracts :—

"3. RETURNS OF LODGES.—Several of the Grand Lodges annually publish the returns of their Lodges, which, in such cases as Georgia, Kentucky, and other large Grand Lodges, makes a volume of itself as large as our proceedings, and costs annually thousands of dollars. Some, like Iowa, have discontinued such useless publications, and other Grand Lodges never did publish them. We have heard no complaint since we discontinued the practice, in 1871, except from a very few, who hope for no other method whereby they may expect to see their names in print. We have never known any good to result

from their publication, and know from experience that it doubles the printer's bill to indulge in the practice.

"6. HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL MATTER.—In a few proceedings—Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and others—the Iowa plan of introducing historical sketches is practiced, and portraits of officers who have rendered distinguished services are also introduced in Montana, Nebraska, Missouri, and a few other Grand Lodges. To this some of the Grand Lodges, or rather their representatives, object, and say it is in bad taste. Well, every man to his liking; we are satisfied, and our critics ought to be, for they are not likely to see their shadows or read their biographies in their proceedings—at least till they and their Grand Lodges mend their ways.

"7. INDEXES.—The last but not least valuable part of the volumes before us—and we regret to say that in but a very few cases have we found an index worthy of the name; most are mere tables of contents, and many of the Grand Secretaries do not even furnish so much. They are like the hen, however much her ducks love, they shun, the water, and will not perform the labor essential to the preparation of a good index.

"DECISIONS.—With few exceptions each Grand Master reports, annually, his decisions. Massachusetts never does, and the Constitution is better understood and better observed there than with many where the commentary upon it, by way of decisions, is much larger and more difficult to understand than the original itself. With Job, we may well ask, 'Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words?' In one of the National Grand Bodies a code of some thirty sections was promulgated, and after three years' trial of half a dozen amendments to it, all were voted down, while the decisions upon it are more bulky than the code itself. This shows, to our mind, that the most lamentable ignorance prevails among the officers called to rule and govern, or that they will not read the law, or that they hope for a decision to set it aside for their case, or that they are collecting autographs, and want that of the Grand Master, or for some other reason our wits are unable to search out.

"MASONIC ASYLUMS.—Every few years we have a crusade preached, and now and then one entered upon, to capture some strong hold upon the affections of the brotherhood, under the name of orphan asylum, school for boys and girls, or masonic colleges, etc. Now we are friendly to all these, when projected and upheld aright, but we are no advocate for their adoption by Grand Lodges. Grand Lodges are the governing bodies of Masonry in this country, organized to legislate for the good of the Lodges and the Craft; to determine judicially all questions of law and discipline, and to enforce obedience to the laws promulgated for the good of the order. They are not in any sense dispensaries of charity. If a large fund be bequeathed to them, as the Girard bequest to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, then it is not only right but becomes a duty, to do as they have done, wisely and well, with the means so humanely placed at their disposal. But it is no province of a Grand Lodge to tax its subordinates, or its membership, to raise funds either to found or sustain such institutions. We hold all such taxation as an usurpation of authority, and leading directly to despotism over the bodies it governs. Taxes levied upon Subordinate Lodges are for the support of the Grand Lodge to which they owe obedience—not for the founding of hospitals.

asylums, or halls of learning. A very large majority of the efforts made in this direction have failed, after impoverishing the Grand Lodges and the brotherhood supporting them. Leave all such enterprises, commendable and worthy in themselves, to individual enterprise and endowment, and success may come out of such efforts."

M. W. Bro. J. W. Wilson (Newton), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. T. S. Parvin (Iowa City), Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

Twenty-second Annual Communication.
Held at Topeka, October 17th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. Jacob D. Rush, Grand Master.

Lodges, 164; represented, 94; initiated, 368; members, 6,589; new Lodges, 5.

In the address of the Grand Master we find some good advice at the close of his remarks on the increase of lodges

"Few, comparatively, of the vast numbers who yearly gain admission into our Lodges, ever make genuine, true Masons, and labor for the good of the Order and of mankind.

"Many seek admission through purely mercenary motives, having a vague idea, that by becoming a member of such an ancient, honorable and powerful an institution as ours, that they will in some manner, through its influence, be financially benefitted. Others, again, are attracted to our Lodges through sheer curiosity, and a desire to know of what those ceremonies consist, which have stood the test of so many ages.

"It is needless for me to say that neither of these classes either benefit or adorn our order; but, on the contrary, they hang to us like an incubus, and if not shaken off, will in time almost destroy our entire influence for good. We can best remedy those evils, by strictly guarding the doors of entrance already created, and in forming as few more only as absolute necessity would seem to require."

He appointed a Grand Lecturer, and he thinks that this method of disseminating the work is the best they have tried. It tends to bring to light and corrects many irregularities in the internal affairs and workings of the Lodges, which might otherwise pass unnoticed.

Cuba and New Mexico were recognized.

A Grand Master's Seal was ordered.

The office of Grand Lecturer was continued.

Objections are made to the new Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, because each of the four "nations" composing the Territory is a sovereign independent State. The following were adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the so-called Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory having been organized contrary to the doctrine of exclusive sovereignty universally recognized on this continent, is an illegal body, and that all its acts are without the warrant af Masonic usage or law.

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge fully sustains Alpha Lodge, No. 122, located at Fort Gibson, in the Cherokee Nation, in maintaining its due allegiance, and will continue it on its register and exercise jurisdiction over it during the pleasure of its members, or until a legally organized and duly constituted Grand Lodge shall be erected within the territory of the Cherokee Nation."

Canada for 1876 is noticed by the Grand Secretary in his report on Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. John Guthrie, (Topeka,) Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John H. Brown, (Wyandotte,) Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

78th Annual Communication.

Held at Louisville, Oct. 16, 1877.

M. W. Bro. R. M. Fairleigh, Grand Master.

Lodges, 506; represented, 454; initiated, 890; members, 19,914; amount paid Grand Lodge, $19,133.00; paid Widows' Home by lodges, $17,413.00; new lodges, 2.

We copy a few of the decisions of the Grand Master:—

"9. A candidate must be physically able to give all the signs, due-guards, &c., with his *natural* limbs.

"10. No *ballot* is required upon an application for a dimit—the vote is taken *viva voce*."

"16. However maliciously a black ball may be supposed to have been cast, the offending brother cannot be arraigned.

"17. It is not necessary to open a Master's Lodge in order to open or close a Lodge in a lower degree.

"18. The friends of a brother who died under suspension for non-payment of dues, cannot, by paying his dues, entitle him to Masonic burial.

"19. It is not lawful, even by unanimous consent, to pass an E. A. before he has learned the lecture of that degree. 'Suitable proficiency' means a knowledge of the lecture and the ability to repeat it."

"30. To open or close, the order goes from the W. M. to the S. W thence to the J. W., and thence to the Craft.

"31. The Master should raise the Lodge on opening and closing; the J.W. should raise it only in calling off and on. The Lodge should be called up before the Master gives his order to the West.

"32. The right of visiting a Lodge is qualified by affiliation, and dimission forfeits it. There being, however, no prohibitory statute against it, in this jurisdiction, a visiting dimitted brother usually is admitted by courtesy; but it is one of the prerogatives of a Master to determine what visitors shall be admitted to his Lodge."

"46. A Masonic Lodge-room should not be used for any other than Masonic purposes.

"47. The black ball does not affect the Masonic standing of a dimitted Mason who applies for membership.

"48. The incorporation of a benefit system in Masonic by-laws is antagonistic to the principles and spirit of Masonry."

"54. The Junior Warden should act upon his own opinion, or the Master's, in determining whether a case is grave enough to demand charges. Should he present charges, the Lodge must determine whether they should be invcstigated.

"55. The Past Master's degree is a part of the installation ceremony, and is necessary to perfect the qualification of a newly elected Master.

"56. A suspended Mason cannot enter an open Lodge for the purpose of attending his trial or for any purpose whatever."

This last decision (No. 56) we do not agree with. If a person is summoned to attend at a particular place to stand his trial, he must be admitted to that place. Otherwise he would be denied the right of appearing in his own defence and his trial would not be a fair one. Decision No. 17 would not apply here, where the ordinary business of the lodge is done in the first degree. We also notice it as being contrary to the practice in some other States.

Bro. Farleigh has the following on the condition of the Order:—

"There is much, very much, in the present condition of Kentucky Lodges that is calculated to give pride and pleasure to every true Mason. The *spirit of fraternity*, which is the very essence of the Order, is warm and active. Lodges respect Lodges, and with rare exceptions, avoid infringement upon each other's prerogatives. The sick and distressed are cared for, and often, even the unworthy impecunious traveler, succeeds in imposing upon our charitable proclivities. The State is full of them. Among the country Lodges, particularly, much honor is paid deceased Masons in the burial of the dead. The old fashioned courtesy, for which Kentucky was so famous in earlier days, still survives and is seen to perfection in many Lodges. There is a growing disposition to make the halls of Masonry more attractive; to

increase its social enjoyments; to elevate its moral and spiritual tone. The importance of these things is impressing itself upon an intelligent brotherhood, and it will not be many years until the man of leisure will find such attractions at his lodge as will induce him oftener to leave for an evening the comforts of a warm fireside and the ease of dressing gown and slippers."

We make two other extracts :—

"There is a disturbing element in some Lodges, and which I have been called upon to consider, which I recommend to the attention of the Grand Lodge. I allude to the so-called 'Benefit System,' which forms an essential feature in various societies more or less imitating Freemasonry. That a sick brother be paid *so much a week*, during his disability, whether he need it or not, and that a funeral fee shall be paid to the family of a departed brother, whether the family need it or not, may all be good law for 'life assurance' and 'health assurance' societies, but it is certainly not Masonic law, and is, without question, antagonistic to the basal principles of charity as taught in the Masonic system, and I have so stated my opinion and acted upon it to the extent of suspending the operation of a by-law of St. George Lodge, No. 239, which incorporated this benefit system, until this session of the Grand Lodge. If my recollection serves me, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, some years ago, did, in one instance, disapprobate such a benefit clause in the by-laws of one of her subordinate Lodges and it ought properly be put in the form of a Grand Lodge edict.

"At a period when almost every village in Kentucky is stocked with from three to five affiliations (secret societies, so-called), and many Masons are in membership with them, it would be strange if, in the confusion of rites and ceremonies and covenants, more or less alike, there should not be some 'putting new patches on old garments,' 'new wine into old bottles.' Lest my remark should be deemed invidious, I mention no names. I recognize the undoubted right of every brother 'to try all things,' to belong to as many societies as he chooses, and, if he have time, money and brains to spare, he may make 'Secret Societies' of his own, yet it is my duty to warn the Craft that no fellowship is possible between the one ancient, universal brotherhood and the thousand and one figments of modern brains. No blending of rites can be permitted for a moment, nor can Masons, as such, even know of the existence of other affiliations. This warning is particularly necessary in regard to *funerals*. *The Masonic dead are to be buried Masonically.* When our lines are formed about the grave none can be admitted within them, save the fraternity, the clergy, and the mourners. The world at large is heartily welcome to witness our solemn rites, but only 'without the gate,' and when our last prayer is said, and our last ceremony performed we turn away to our Lodge-rooms, we know nothing and care nothing of what is said and done by those who may close in behind us. The procession, the pall-bearers, the enclosing lines, the last sad rites must be, one and all, *strictly Masonic*. I speak this in all plainness and no one should take offense where no offense is intended. It is only to sustain the character and dignity of *our* Order which, on many funeral occasions, when the ceremonies were in charge of a kind hearted but incompetent Master, have been allowed to trail in the dust.

"Several Grand Lodges have thought it necessary to legislate upon the subject of Masonic Funerals, and all with one accord have announced similar views to those I have just expressed."

The poll in the lodges for the assessment in aid of the "Home" of $1 per member per year for five years resulted in a majority of 1,704 in favor of the assessment. The vote being 5,184 in favor to 3,480 against. The following was adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge, after mature consideration and thorough investigation of the subject, that the late action of this Body, in assessing a tax for the benefit of the Widows' and Orphans' Home, was within the constitutional authority pertaining to this Grand Lodge."

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented resolutions as follows, which were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master to prepare a synopsis of all decisions now in force in this Grand Lodge, condensing them into the smallest space, and laying them down alphabetically; the same, if approved by the Grand Lodge, to go into the proceedings of next year.

"*Resolved*, That it is the bounden duty of the Lodge Secretary to pay over all collections made by him in pursuance of his office to the Treasurer at every regular meeting of the Lodge, and on failure so to do, he renders himself subject to discipline.

"*Resolved*, That the so-called 'Benefit System' is disapprobated by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare and report next year a catalogue of the books and documents in possession of the Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That Part 1, Art. 1, Sec. 3, of the Constitution shall be so construed that no Representative of a Lodge shall take his seat in the Grand Lodge until he has received a receipt in full, from the proper person, for the payment of the assessment heretofore ordered by the Grand Lodge in favor of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home."

The vote on the last resolution was 175 to 170 by the Lodges.

Bro. Thomas Todd reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1876. We notice that the name of M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, who died in 1875, still appears as our representative.

M. W. Bro. C. H. Johnson (Henderson), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Hiram Bassett (Millersburg), Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

Sixty-sixth Annual Communication.
Held at New Orleans, Feb. 11th, 1878.
M. W. Bro. S. J. Powell, Grand Master.

Lodges, 161; represented, 72; initiated, 189; members, 6,084; new Lodges, 1.

The Grand Master of Minnesota, M.W. Bro. E. W. Durant, was present as a visitor, and was received with appropriate honors.

Bro. Powell disapproves of the solicitation of aid from other jurisdictions to complete the erection of a Lodge Hall. He refused permission to a Lodge for this purpose, and says:—

"I entirely disapprove of this resort to raise money. It may be an easy and convenient way to erect a Lodge Hall, but the material advantage it may be to one Lodge is nothing in comparison to loss of dignity and moral standing it may entail on the fraternity generally."

On their relations with the Grand Lodge of Canada, he says:—

"I have appointed P. G. M. Thos. D. Harington the Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge, at the Grand Lodge of Canada; and R.W. J. C. Batchelor has been appointed the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, near this Grand East.

"You will remember that some years ago, when the Grand Orient of France invaded the most sacred rights of this Grand Lodge, the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada was regarded by us as in sympathy with the aggressive policy of the Grand Orient of France; and, also, in the controvery between the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, the action of this Grand Lodge was subjected to the severest criticism and censure by the Grand Lodge of Canada. The result was a suspension of fraternal relations and Masonic communication between us. At our last Annual Grand Communication this Grand Lodge, in a spirit of concession and conciliation, invited a renewal of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and it is with much pleasure that I now inform you that our overtures were met in a true Masonic spirit, and our fraternal relations, so long disturbed, have been happily resumed, and an interchange of Grand Representatives effected, as above stated."

And on their foreign relations he remarks:—

"There has been no change in our relations with the Grand Lodges of Hamburg and the Grand Orient of France, and there is no immediate prospect of a renewal of fraternal intercourse. As the question which they so hastily and unadvisedly seized upon as an occasion for the violation of the American doctrine of Grand Lodge Sovereignty, and the outrage on this Grand Lodge was of no direct or personal interest to them, and their acts so signally failed to obtain the indorsement of the Grand Lodges on this continent, I have indulged the hope that they would, some day, recede from their false and untenable position and make the amends honorable to this Grand Lodge.

"A re-establishment of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg is possible, as she is already giving evidences of disquietude in her present false position. Not so with the Grand Orient of France. Between us there is run a great gulf fixed, which no Mason can pass. By a solemn decree they have expunged, 'God and the immortality of the soul' from their constitution and ritual.

"In view of our unfriendly relations, it would, perhaps, be in bad taste to subject this action of the Grand Orient of France to severe criticism or denunciation, but I cannot allow this occasion to pass without expressing an emphatic and indignant condemnation of this innovation upon the Body of Masonry.

"The paternity of God, and the fraternity of man, are the inseparable tenets of Masonry. Eliminate the one, and the other is a shadow without a substance; the ritual is stripped of its beauty and impressive solemnity; the great moral design is gone, and the Order is powerless for good. I turn away, with fearful misgivings, from a contemplation of the results of this unfortunate delusion."

An assessment was ordered for Grand Lodge purposes of one dollar per member per year for the next five years.

The application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Colon was referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to report to the Grand Master during the recess of Grand Lodge.

Bro. Geo. H. Braughn reports fully on Correspondence, and notices our proceedings of 1877. He has the following on Egypt:—

"The Official Bulletins of the Grand National Orient of Egypt, to April, 1877, contain only matters of a local character, but we have thought proper to allude to the following, as it gives the origin and formation of the Grand Orient of Egypt. On page 126, we read: 'The Grand Orient was first established in the Rite of Memphis, by virtue of a patent issued by Brother Marconis de Negre, and accepted by Prince Harlim, its first Grand Master. Shortly afterwards it was constituted in the Scottish Rite by the unanimous consent of its members, who had previously the 33rd degree from the Supreme Councils of Italy and Spain, which granted them at the same time their constitutions and authority to work. The first act accomplished by the Grand Egyptian Orient, in its re-organization, was to separate

the high from the symbolic degrees, and to form the Grand Lodge, which is now the only regular and recognized power controlling the three first degrees over the extent and compass of the valley of the Nile."

M. W. Bro. S. J. Powell, (St. Francisville), G. M.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, (New Orleans), Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

Fifty-ninth Annual Communication.

Held at Portland, May 7th, 1878.

M. W. Bro. Edward P. Burnham, Grand Master.

Lodges, 179; represented, 169; initiated, 572; members, 19,486.

The Grand Master reports that no dispensations for new lodges have been asked for. He appointed R. W. Bro. John W. Murton as their representative near Canada, and received M. W. Bro. David Cargill as our representative near Maine. One of his opinions is as follows;—

"3. A lodge attending the burial of a deceased member should perform the service at the grave, even though a Commandery of Knights Templar also perform their service. The custom of burying a Brother as a Master Mason, is more ancient than the existence in this country of an organized body of Knights Templar. While, therefore, there is no clashing between these Masonic organizations, the lodge should perform its own duty or not appear as a lodge."

Bro. Burnham also says:

"The Maine Masonic Text Book, compiled by P. G. M. Josiah H. Drummond, has been published and distributed to the lodges. By its study the lodges will be better enabled to decide the questions which are continually arising, and they will find it very useful as a monitor of the various ceremonies. Wherever the opinions of the compiler are at variance with the action of the Grand Lodge, the latter will continue to be the guide. A careful study of chapter XVIII., relating to Masonic offences, will prove very useful to officers of lodges, and save much labor to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals. Evidently a great amount of time and care was bestowed upon the work, and Bro. Drummond merits the thanks of the Fraternity for the services rendered them. Opportunity should be given during the session to compare the Text Book with our accustomed methods of work and procedure, in order that the discrepancies may be as few as possible, and that the lodges may understand what is expected of them."

The new Masonic Halls were dedicated with impressive ceremonies.

The work was exemplified and sundry points in the ritual were discussed. It was voted that the word "compasses" be used in the work and lectures instead of "compass." Who ever would think of using the word "compass" now-a-days? The school-master must have been abroad, surely.

An assessment of five cents per member was ordered to be levied on the lodges.

The following report on France was accepted, and the accompanying resolution adopted:—

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which was referred so much of the address of the Grand Master as relates to the Grand Orient of France, have considered the matter, and ask leave to report:

"That there is no question that the Grand Orient of France has so far yielded to the demands of French atheism as to strike from the required qualifications of candidates, a belief in God, the Father.

"For this reason, the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Canada, and many of the States of our Union, have abolished all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient.

"The motto of the Grand Orient now is, 'Freemasonry holds to the principle of an absolute freedom of conscience, and to the brotherhood of mankind. It excludes no one on account of his belief.'

"While this Grand Lodge yields to no man or body of men, in its emphatic belief in the freedom of conscience and the brotherhood of man, it recognizes these as a result of a belief in the Fatherhood of God. From time immemorial, a belief in God, the Creator and Father, has been the fundamental principle of Freemasonry, and from *this* principle *all others* flow as results. To abandon this principle, therefore, is to destroy the deep laid foundation upon which our whole Masonic Temple is builded. Our reply to the Grand Orient, is, 'No man or body of men can make innovations in Masonry. To attempt this does not change Masonry, but puts those who make the attempt outside of the pale of the Institution.'

"We therefore recommend the adoption of the acompanying resolution.

"JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, *for the Committee.*

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Orient of France, by amending its Constitution in such a manner that atheists may be admitted as Masons, has ceased to be a Masonic body; and all Masonic intercourse with it, its subordinate lodges, or the members of its obedience, is hereby forbidden."

On Cuba and New South Wales, action was had as follows:—

"*Resolved*, That action upon the question of recognizing the Grand Lodge of Colon or the Grand Lodge of Cuba be postponed until the next Annual Communication, and that we hereby fraternally request the Brethren of both organizations to take measures to secure the unity of Freemasonry under one Grand Lodge in that jurisdiction.

"*Resolved*, That action in reference to recognizing the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, be also postponed to the next Annual Communication, inasmuch as we have not sufficient evidence to determine the regularity of the formation of a Grand Lodge in New South Wales."

Bro. Josiah H. Drummond reports as usual on Correspondence, giving all the North American Grand Lodges. Canada, for 1877, receives due notice. Under the head of "Colorado," Bro. Drummond says:—

"We believe that, without exception in this country, all attempts to establish Masonic Charitable Institutions have, in consequence of the heaviness of the burden laid upon the craft, produced discord and contention; and, with one or two exceptions (and those yet experiments), have finally resulted in failures, to the extent that they have been abandoned by the Grand Lodge and left to take care of themselves.

"In spite of this experience, the object to be attained is so noble, that there is a constant tendency to repeat the experiment: but, as we have elsewhere observed, the Masonic organization is not of a character to manage successfully such institutions: the fundamental idea of Masonic charity is individual action, and our form of goverment is based on that, and is not adapted to carrying on organized charities. We may aid individually and as organizations; but should not take control."

On the same subject, in his notice of New York, he has the following remarks:—

"The Grand Lodge, by a vote of 1,314 to 735, continued the 'fifty-cent tax' indefinitely. While we cannot help regretting the inception of an enterprise which taxes the craft so heavily and tends to create discord, we are bound to say that the members of the Grand Lodge of New York are bound by every principle of honor and honesty to provide means to pay their debt. It matters not that it was improvidently created: it matters not that there may possibly have been bad management: it matters not what other facts exist save the one that the debt has been created, in the name of the craft of New York, by their representatives: they are bound every man of them, to carry such measures as will pay the debt; if they are willing to dishonor themselves as individuals, they have no right to dishonor Masonry: we hope, therefore, that our Brethren in New York will accept the situation, and do all that is required to maintain the honor of the Grand Lodge. We have no doubt that this will be done; but we want it done by unanimous and not majority votes. Other Grand Lodges will do well

to read the Proceedings of New York before indulging in the expensive luxury of building a Temple, an Asylum or a College, on credit.

"The debt was reduced $41,000 during the year, but still amounts to $778,000."

As Bro. Drummond has devoted much attention to the difficulties in Cuba. We give his views and conclusions on this important matter:—

"COLON AND CUBA.

"We had intended to make a special report in relation to the Grand Lodge of Cuba (so called) and the Grand Lodge of Colon; but having finally concluded to recommend that no action be taken this year, we incorporate our discussion in one general report.

"We have received a variety of documents from the 'Grand Lodge of Colon' and the 'Grand Lodge of Cuba,' which a want of time has prevented us from carefully examining. We are indebted to Brother Albert Pike for a full history of Masonic matters in Cuba, of which we have, by his kind permission, availed ourselves in the following discussion.

"In 1859, three Lodges at Santiago de Cuba—two chartered by the Hesperic Grand Orient (in Spain), and one by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina—formed a Grand Lodge.

"Immediately thereafter, Andres Cassard formed the Supreme Council of Colon, Cassard's authority was derived from the Southern Supreme Council, and was restricted to the forming of a Supreme Council only after the formation of a Grand Lodge, and without jurisdiction over the symbolic degrees.

"Unfortunately, Cassard gave them for their Government a *Grand Orient* Constitution, and they undertook to form a Grand Orient, composed, among others, of the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council. But this Grand Orient never organized and never met.

"In 1867, the Grand Lodge adopted Constitutions for the government of Symbolic Masonry and the blue Lodges, putting them in force of its own authority, as the supreme power of Symbolic Masonry. The Supreme Council inquired by what right this was done, and denied the power of the Grand Lodge to do it. In 1868 the dispute was settled by a decree of the Supreme Council putting the Grand Orient *in recess*, and providing for a General Assembly, in three months, to adjust everything, and in the meantime the Supreme Council was to govern all Masonry. But the rebellion broke out, and in consequence the General Assembly was never held; the Grand Lodge could not meet, and the Supreme Council exercised all powers until 1873. In 1874, the Grand Lodge, which had from time to time, asserted its rights, exercised them by the creation, at Havana, of a 'Provincial Mother Lodge,' with power to create and govern Lodges, but *under the Grand Lodge*. But this 'Mother Lodge' became contumacious, encouraged the Lodges to disregard the authority of the Grand Lodge, and proceeded so far in this direction, that on July 28, 1876, the Grand Lodge abolished it by a decree published in the Official Buletin of the first of August, but which could not have reached Havana until three or four days afterwards. By this decree, the

Grand Lodge of Colon resumed its direct authority over the Lodges—which, with all powers of sovereignty over Symbolic Masonry, it had reserved to itself when it agreed to become a part of the Grand Orient, that never met or organized.

"But in the meantime, other events had taken place. On July 2, 1876, the Provincial Mother Lodge, by resolution unanimously adopted, advised its constituents to withhold the dues from the Grand Lodge of Colon: this resolution, the proposer (Bro. Almeida), now the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, in his History of Masonry, characterizes as 'a real rebellion.' About the middle of the same month, many of the members of this 'Provincial Mother Lodge,' undoubtedly expecting that discipline would follow their rebellious acts against the Grand Lodge, conceived the project of establishing a new Grand Lodge, as a means of escaping it. Thereupon Bro. Almeida (as he says) was dispatched to New York to consult 'the Eminent Masonic Jurisconsult, John W. Simons.' Bro. Almeida sailed from Havana on July 22nd. On consulting Bro. Simons, he enthusiastically welcomed the idea of the Havana brethren and commended it in a letter to Bro. Richard Vaux, of Pennsylvania. We fear that the ardent desire of these distinguished Brethren, to separate Grand Lodges from all entanglements with Grand Orients, has led them into a serious error. Bro. Almeida, after his consultation with Bro. Simons, sent a telegraphic dispatch to his co-adjutor in Havana, which was received at midnight of the very day (July 28) on which the Grand Lodge had abolished the Provincial Mother Lodge, and resumed direct authority over the Lodges of its obedience.

"Three days after (on the first of August), some of the Masters, Deputy Masters and Wardens of some of the Lodges at Havana, *without any vote of or authority from their Lodges, and as we believe, without any regular notice at all*, and certainly without any notice to the Lodges on the other side of the Island, met in convention, and assumed to form the Grand Lodge of Cuba, with exclusive jurisdiction throughout the whole Island! In their own official statement, they claim only that they represented Lodges 'faithful to the Mother Provincial Lodge.' Our statement, that these officers who professed to represent their Lodges, had no vote of their Lodges, authorizing them to do so, is based upon allegations in the numbers of the Official Buletin for February and March, 1878, and of which we have seen no contradiction. At any rate, in the official account, no Lodge is mentioned, and it is not shown that any Lodge had met and given authority to its officers to proceed in the matter. Moreover, the short time between the receipt of Bro. Almeida's telegram and the meeting of the Convention, would scarcely give opportunity to call Lodge meetings and act in the premises.

"The Lodges claimed to be represented at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Cuba were nine, viz: Amor Fraternal, Esperanza, Hijos de la Viuda, Cosmopolita, Constancia, Fe, Caridad, Yucayo, and Ciencia y Virtud. In Amor Fraternal, after the formation of the Grand Lodge, the Master endeavored to secure a ratification of his action: of the 28 members present, 21 protested against it, and withdrew, and sent their protest to the Grand Lodge. In Constancia, also, the proposition to confirm the proceedings was opposed by the Senior Wardens, and the Wardens, Orator, and four other officers, and 66 members protested against the action of their Master, and avowed their loyalty to the Grand Lodge of Colon. Also members of Cosmo-

polita and Hijos de la Viuda protested against the acts of their respective Masters.

"We notice, moreover, that nearly all the officers of the Grand Lodge of Cuba were officers in the 'Provincial Mother Lodge,' when it commenced its rebellion against the Grand Lodge of Colon, and were prominent actors in that rebellion. This fact has an important bearing, and should be borne in mind.

"Bro. Ramon Illa, in behalf of the adherents of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, defends their action on the ground that the original Grand Lodge of Colon committed suicide in 1868, by submitting to the Supreme Council, that it was created anew in 1873, and continued to be a part of the Grand Orient until after the first of August, 1876: and, therefore, that the Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of Cuba, had the right to disown and repudiate it. But we think that this was an afterthought, and that, while it is an arrow shot by Bro. Illa, it comes from Bro. Simons' quiver.

"At the time of the attempted formation of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, there were in Cuba the following Lodges, which were not notified to take part, and did not take part in that movement, viz: the three Lodges which formed the original Grand Lodge of Colon, formed in 1859; and one Lodge chartered by it in 1864, one in 1865, one in 1866, one in 1867, and two in 1868, before the alleged suicide—nine in all.

"Bro. Illa says that, in 1873, the Supreme Council re-installed the Grand Lodge of Colon, 'though only as a section *thereof*,' that is to say, as a section of *itself*' but that is not correct, it was as a 'section' of the *Grand Orient*, of which the Supreme Council was a 'section' also: we remark here, that in the Grand Orient system the Grand Lodge is not subordinated to the Supreme Council, as Bro. Vaux assumes, but is *associated with* the Supreme Council in the Grand Orient, with full powers over Symbolic Masonry.

"But all doubts on this point are dissipated by the fact that on August 28, 1874, a compact was made, by which the sovereign rights of the Grand Lodge of Colon over Symbolic Masonry were acknowledged and proclaimed, and to this compact the Havana, Cardenas and Mantanzas Lodges were parties. This compact was actually signed by at least one of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Cuba!

"After August, 1874, the Grand Lodge of Colon was either a regular Grand Lodge or it was not; if it was then regular, it has ever since continued to be, and now is, regular, and the so-called Grand Lodge of Cuba, of necessity, is not. If it was irregular, it involves the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Cuba in a curious absurdity; if it was not regular the 'Provincial Mother Lodge' was a clandestine Body, the Lodges created both by it and the 'Mother Lodge' were and are clandestine, and these Brethren proclaim themselves loyal to a clandestine Body, and united with clandestine Lodges in the formation of a Grand Lodge! For *three* of the chartered Lodges which Bro. Illa says took part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, were chartered by the Grand Lodge of Colon, after, he says, it had committed suicide, and the four Lodges U. D. were created by this 'Provincial Mother Lodge,' herself created by the Grand Lodge of Colon, after he says it committed suicide!

"The Grand Lodge of Cuba cannot be recognized for several reasons:—

: "1. Because there was a regular Grand Lodge then existing in Cuba, or else the Grand Lodge of Cuba was formed by a convention composed in part of the representatives of clandestine Lodges.

"2. Because the officers undertaking to represent their Lodges were not authorized by their Lodges to do so.

"3. Because the Convention was not legally called, nor all, or even a majority of the regular Lodges in the Island notified thereof.

"4. Because a majority of the regular Lodges in the jurisdiction did not participate in the movement: if we regard those chartered before the alleged 'suicide of the Grand Lodge,' *nine* did not participate, and it is not claimed that more than *six* did; if we regard *all* the Lodges, *twenty-four* did not participate, and not more than *nine* did.

"We desire to submit to Bros. Simons and Vaux the following questions, fraternally requesting from them a careful consideration and a direct answer:—

"1. If the Grand Lodge of Colon was not a regular Grand Lodge on August 1, 1876, had it not been irregular during the three years previous?

"2. Is a Lodge, chartered by an irregular Grand Lodge, a regular Lodge?

"3. Were the three Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of Colon between 1873 and 1876, which took part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, regular or irregular?

"4. If irregular, is not the Grand Lodge, which they took part in forming, for that reason, irregular, also?

"5. Are the Masters and Wardens of a Lodge authorized to represent their Lodge in the formation of a Grand Lodge, without a vote of the Lodge empowering them to do so?

"6. Can a minority of Lodges in a given jurisdiction legally form a Grand Lodge for that jurisdiction?

"7. Must not at least, a majority of the Lodges in the jurisdiction be notified of a convention to form a Grand Lodge, in order to make their action valid?

"We are compelled to say, after a very careful examination, that the proceedings of our Cuban Brethren, in their attempt to form a Grand Lodge, were, in our opinion, utterly in conflict with Masonic law, and subversive of the principles upon which all other American Grand Lodges have been formed.

"But in the Hope that the two Grand Bodies will form a fraternal union, we recommend that further action upon this subject be postponed until the next Annual Communication."

M. W. Bro. E. P. Burnham (Saco), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Ira Berry (Portland), Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA.

Second Annual Communication.
Held at Winnipeg, June 18th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. W. N. Kennedy, Grand Master.

Lodges, 6; represented, 5; initiated, 28; members, 316; new Lodges, 1.

The Grand Master reports his duties as being light in consequence of the prevailing harmony. The new Lodge is at Emerson close to the boundary line of Minnesota and Dakota. We make the following extracts from his address:—

"As you are aware all our Lodges do not use the same ritual. There is a diversity in their working.

"It was thought, that if possible some one particular form of work should be prescribed and adopted as the work of the Grand Lodge. But there have been difficulties in the way. Other Grand Lodges have also met them. But I would recommend you, my Brethren, as other Grand Lodges have done, to be very careful that whatever you do, nothing may be done to cause or occasion ill-feeling or discord, so that in grasping at the shadow we may lose the substance. While I would be sorry to do or say anything that would be calculated in any way to lessen the necessity in your eyes of a proper and uniform ritual in the working of our Lodges, I would endeavor to impress upon your minds the vastly greater necessity of establishing and perpetuating by our lives and conduct, in Lodge and out of it, the great principles upon which Masonry is founded. Freemasonry deals more in realities than in rituals, be they ever so beautiful. Forms and symbols are only valuable, as they represent virtues deep seated in the heart. Without this they are worse than vanity." * *

"My attention has been called to the action of a few mistaken brethren in the Province of Ontario under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, forming themselves into what they call the Grand Lodge of Ontario."

"I am glad to see that, almost universally, recognition has been withheld from this so-called Grand Lodge, and I would strongly recommend that you should so express your opinion of such unmasonic conduct. It is so manifestly illegal, and contrary to all the usages and regulations of the Craft, that one wonders how brethren of intelligence could have been so misguided." * * *

"I am glad to see that during the year you have taken occasion to exercise the principles of benevolence and charity for which you have been in the past characterized. Besides private contributions, and as Lodges, you have raised by subscription from among the members, a sum exceeding four hundred dollars, which has been handed over to the Winnipeg General Hospital. This liberal exhibition of Freemasonry was made at the suggestion of our Worthy Brother Symonds, who is always foremost in every good work, and to whom the credit in a great measure belongs. In this city, in consequence of the large influx of strangers, the kind word and the open hand are more often called into requisition than in most places, and I am glad to say, the response has always followed the call."

The two committees appointed to exemplify the two systems of work performed their several duties, and after con-

siderable discussion it was finally resolved that Lodges hereafter constituted should work the "Ancient York Rite," (otherwise the "United States" work). A notice of motion was then given for the next annual meeting to reverse this decision.

Cuba was recognized.

M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Newcombe (Winnipeg), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. John H. Bell (Winnipeg), Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

Held at Baltimore, November 20th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. John H. B. Latrobe, Grand Master.
Lodges, 94; represented, 78; initiated, 92; members, 5,598.

The Grand Master received very few reports from the Grand Inspectors, and pronounces that system a useless one, in so far as being able to obtain through the Inspectors a knowledge of the condition of the Order is concerned. He appointed R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson their Representative near Canada, and received R. W. Bro. Woodward Abrahams as our Representative near Maryland.

The new Grand Lodges of Cuba and New Mexico were recognized.

A committee was appointed to take into consideration and suggest some practical method of relieving the Grand Lodge from its financial embarrassment.

Bro. John S. Tyson reports on Correspondence.
M. W. Bro. J. H. B. Latrobe (Baltimore), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Medairy (Baltimore), Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

One hundred and forty-fourth Annual Communication.
Held at Boston, December 12, 1877.
M. W. Bro. Percival L. Everett, Grand Master.

Lodges, 219; represented, 165; initiated, 1,065; members, 26,214; new lodges, 2.

In the very able address of the Grand Master we find the following remarks on Trial Commissioners and Ritual:—

"Among the leading incidents of my official term the establishment of the new system of trials for Masonic offences must be noticed. This subject was first brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge by a resolution adopted at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1875. It was referred to a committee, who, after mature consideration, presented a plan by which all Masonic offences occurring in this jurisdiction, and which were previously tried by the Lodges, should be tried before commissioners of ability and impartiality, who should be Past or Presiding Masters. Inasmuch as this method of trial involved an important amendment to the Grand Constitutions, it was referred to a committee of learned and eminent Brethren, and as by them amended, after the most careful consideration, received the sanction of the Grand Lodge by a very emphatic majority.

"Under the requirements of the amended Constitution which established the system, I took great pains to appoint (as the commissioners by which the new plan was to be inaugurated) five Brethren of the highest qualifications at my command for such a service.

"Several cases, such as otherwise would have necessarily been brought before the Lodges for trial, have accordingly been heard and considered by the Commissioners of Trials. The success of the new method of trial and its just and beneficent practical object seems to me too clear and obvious for doubt, so that the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in this regard has been amply vindicated.

"During the three years that I had the honor of occupying the position of Deputy Grand Master, under Grand Master Nickerson, it became necessary that I should accompany him in his numerous visitations from Cape Cod and Cape Ann to Berkshire Hills. I thus attained much insight into the state of affairs generally throughout the jurisdiction. The universal complaint was the want of uniformity in the work; changes were constantly made, and finally, at the time of my election as Grand Master three years ago, there were hardly two Lodges in the State working alike. I determined to correct such a state of things, and after my installation I appointed a large and experienced committee to endeavor to restore the Ritual to its original purity. What has been the result? Throughout the jurisdiction the Lodges are working with the greatest uniformity, and vie with each other as to who can work with the greatest excellence."

A committee of the most learned Brethren was appointed to prepare a Digest of Masonic law, and the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge at Copiapo, in Chili, has ceased to exist.

New Mexico was recognized, and action on New South Wales was postponed.

M. W. Bro. Chas. A. Welch (Waltham), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Chas. H. Titus (Boston), Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.
Held at Grand Rapids, January 22, 1878.
M. W. Bro. William Dunham, Grand Master.

Lodges, 338; represented, 337; initiated, 856; members, 25,944; new lodges, 8.

The Grand Lecturer reports a marked improvement in the esoteric work. He held forty Schools of Instruction, and says:—

"I have also made special visits to upwards of thirty Lodges, which seemed to require more instruction than could be obtained in the short session of a School of Instruction.

"All of the Schools, with one single exception, have been very fully attended, and, in fact in several of the Districts every Lodge was represented by their principal officers, and in many cases a large representation of the individual members, and a zeal manifested that has been highly commendable.

"Sometimes differences of opinion would arise among the different Masters as to the correctness of the Standard Work, but all have yielded a cheerful acquiesence in the decisions made in accordance with the same."

The following was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a *beverage*—by Masons—is a Masonic offence; and if a brother persists therein as a business after being duly admonished, it is the duty of the Lodge of which he is a member, to suspend or expell him, in its discretion."

Bro. Wm. P. Innes reports on Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. John W. Finch (Adrian), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. William P. Innes (Grand Rapids), Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

Twenty-fifth Annual Communication.
Held at St. Paul, January 15th, 1878.
R. W. Bro. E. W. Durant, Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges, 124; represented, 105; initiated, 342; members, 6,789; new Lodges, 1.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the death of the Grand Master, Bro. J. C. Braden, which took place on Dec. 9th, 1877, at San Antonio, Texas, whither he had gone for the benefit of his health.

The former Grand Secretary, E. D. B. Porter, is a defaulter to the Grand Lodge for over $1000, and was expelled.

A request of the Grand Master of Manitoba was granted, giving permission for residents of Minnesota, near the boundary line to join the Lodge at Emerson, there being no Lodge south nearer than 150 miles.

Bro. A. T. Pierson reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1877.

M. W. Bro. E. W. Durant (Stillwater), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. A. T. C. Pierson (St. Paul), Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

Sixtieth Annual Communication.

Held at Grenada, February 6th, 1878.

M. W. Bro. John Y. Murry, Grand Master.

Lodges, 314; represented, 229; initiated, 340; members, 10,242.

The Grand Master thinks that more injury is done to Masonry by the bad men within than by the anti-masons without. He also says:—

"ANOTHER DRAWBACK TO FREEMASONRY,

"Is the many other secret societies in this country. Although most of them, and perhaps all, have objects in view most praiseworthy, still I am inclined to believe that a conscientious man who is a Freemason risks something when he joins another secret society. How can he assume new duties until he knows they will not conflict with those he has obligated himself to perform? There may be exceptions, but it strikes me as a rule, that those who hasten to take upon themselves new duties, are apt to relax in the performance of those already binding upon them. In fact, if we discharge well every duty devolving upon us as Masons, we may be perfectly content with the good we have done, as far as any worldly institution resting upon good morals only, could enable us.'

"It is also believed that the higher degrees of Masonry, as organized and worked separately and apart from the Blue Lodge, have seriously injured Ancient Craft Masonry."

We copy one of his decisions:—

"3. That a Masonic Lodge-room should not be used or occupied by persons who are not Masons. My opinion was prayed for in this case by Bro. Theodore Pohl, Secretary of No. 206, who stated that the Masons and the I. O. B. B. had jointly built a hall, and trouble had arisen between these two bodies, as to which should occupy it at certain times, and that the harmony of the Lodge was disturbed about the matter.

"I had the honor, in the year A.L. 5876, to make a decision on this subject, of which your Law Committee failed to take notice at the last session of this Grand Body, further than to say, it was deemed unnecessary to take any action in regard to the matter at that time. I am *very much* afraid the *great* importance of this question has been overlooked, or at least under-estimated by the Grand Lodge, for it is certainly true that the harmony of many Lodges in this jurisdiction has already been disturbed, if not *broken*—by your toleration on this subject. You need not undertake to justify our loose practice in regard to this thing, and tell me that we have precedents here and there. I am aware of that, but what have we to do with precedents? Should we not, like men and Masons, 'rise up as with one voice,' and say away with all *modern* loose practices and innovations on the 'Body of Masonry.' Let us risk nothing simply on the score of *policy*. Why, my brethren, it would be far better that we should hold our meetings 'on high hills or in low vales,' there to talk and work Masonry, than to meet in some room, to which everybody has access, as soon as the Lodge is closed, where jewels, books and records may be inspected, and perchance an original petition, with report of committee on it, or a slip of paper containing a ballot, *might* be picked up and taken away. These things have been done *time* and *again*. I repeat, Masonic Lodge-rooms, where Freemasons *regularly* meet to work, and transact *Masonic business*, should not be built, in the first place, jointly with other bodies, or persons, who are not Masons. Of course I do not mean to say that other stories, or even other rooms in the same story, and detached from it, may not be owned and occupied by persons who are not Masons, and I advised the Lodge in the case before us, to buy the other party's interest or to sell its own, and afterwards rent, and to stipulate in the terms that the room should not be used except by the Lodge. In conclusion of this matter, I would ask in all sincerity, how can we keep the secrets of the Order from getting into the possession of the uninitiated when they are allowed, except at such hours as the Lodge may be at labor, to enter our Masonic abode."

Bro. R. Coffman was received as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Action on Cuba was again deferred.

On France the following report was adopted:—

"The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Address of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the Grand Orient of France, beg leave to report that in its judgment the Grand Orient of France having by its action abrogating the fundamental principle of Masonry that no Atheist can be made a Mason, has placed itself outside of the pale of Masonry, they therefore beg leave to submit the following:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Orient of France having, by its action in abrogating one of the landmarks of Masonry, placed itself without the pale of Masonry, all fellowship and relations with that Body and this Grand Lodge were by that act dissolved and annulled.

"*Resolved*, That the Subordinates of this Grand Lodge are directed to close their doors against all persons owing allegiance to Grand Orient of France."

New Mexico was recognized.

Bro. J. M. Howry reports on Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. Chas. T. Murphy, (Durant,) Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, (Jackson,) Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

Fifty-seventh Annual Communication.

Held at St. Louis, Oct. 9, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Xenophon Ryland, Grand Master.

Lodges, 480; represented, 140; initiated, 875; members, 23,220; new Lodges, 4.

On the death of Bro. George Frank Gouley, the Grand Master says:—

"On the morning of the 11th of April, 1877, our Brother, George Frank Gouley, perished in the destruction by fire of the Southern Hotel, in the city of St. Louis. No event in the history of this Grand Lodge has ever caused such universal sorrow, as that which followed the announcement of the horrible death of this distinguished Mason. George Frank Gouley was born in Wilmington, Delaware, on the 15th day of February, 1832. He was made a Mason in Washington City, and from thence, removing west, he finally located in St. Louis. His first connection with the Grand Lodge was as assistant to Grand Secretary Anthony O'Sullivan, whom he succeeded in office, in 1866. The Masons of Missouri, in appreciation of his real worth and merit, continued him in this office to the day of his death. Sensible of the confidence and esteem of his brethren, he labored most arduously to advance the interests of this Grand Lodge, and to win for her a commanding position in the Masonic world. The reputation and character now sustained attest well the result of his personal labors. While thus unselfishly working for the glory of his own jurisdiction, he never forgot the universality of Masonry, and unconsciously was making for himself a name that will be remembered so long as mortals have need

of brotherly love, relief and truth. The presentment of a sudden and unexpected death called forth the finer sensibilities of his nature, and gave him no time to brood over and cherish animosities. He was constantly guarded in his actions, for fear that offence might be taken when it was not intended, and of the want of opportunity to correct such false impression. A voice seemed to whisper to him,

"'While others set, thy sun shall fall
Night without eve shall close on thee;
And He who made with sudden call
Shall bid, and thou shalt cease to be.'

"The night came and no eve has yet followed it. His work was done. For the benefit of those who should succeed him, he had carefully arranged the tabular statements published in the Proceedings of 1876. The last important work intrusted to him was finished, happily for us, under his care and supervision, and the history of this Body stands forth completed in the reprint of its early Proceedings. The hand that gave order and harmony to our work for so many years, and that never was empty in answer to the call of charity, is motionless in death. Our column of beauty has fallen, and, weeping, we cannot replace it. The body of Brother Gouley lay in state in this hall for forty-eight hours, guarded by the Sir Knights of St. Louis. No more eloquent tribute to his memory was offered than the silent tear that wet the cheek of so many of the thousands that came to view for the last time the man who had so little selfishness, and whose heart was as full of sunshine as the light which beamed from his face seemed full of benevolence. His remains were carried to the receiving vault in Bellefontaine, by Missouri Lodge, No. 1, escorted by the Grand Commandery of Missouri. As the mournful procession moved through the streets of St. Louis, the assembled thousands testified the universal esteem in which our brother was held, as well as marked the saddest calamity that had ever befallen the city. The remains of Brother Gouley sleep not in the soil of Missouri. It is true, a resting place more sweet and lovely cannot be found than was tendered in Bellefontaine Cemetery, along whose borders the waters of the Mississippi roll, and on whose forests and sloping hills the setting sun always lingers with peculiar brightness. We could not deny the request of the aged mother, that the lifeless body of her boy might be returned to the spot that gave him birth, for we knew she would 'deem the dead more near in native land.' The precious casket was transmitted to Delaware, and deposited in its last resting place in Wilmington by faithful hands.

"To the Masons of Delaware we say, guard well that spot, for we have 'lifted the corner of the sod under that low, green tent, whose curtains never outward swing, and have planted there our hearts.'

"In the name of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, we tender to the widow of our brother our sympathy and affection. There is no sorrow like unto that which has fallen to her lot. We accept with gratitude the expressions of grief and words of comfort that have come from our sister jurisdictions. We hope that he who so often greeted us with welcome at our annual convocations, like the flowers which relieved the sombre darkness pervading this hall when we last saw his familiar features, will stand at the door of the Celestial Grand Lodge, 'golden hearted, clad in white,' to receive us, as one by one we are summoned from labor to refreshment.

"In order that a fitting tribute might be prepared to perpetuate the labors and keep the memory green of our departed brother, a special Memorial Committee was appointed, consisting of Past Grand Masters John D. Vincil, Thomas E. Garrett, and Samuel H. Owens, to report at this time."

The subject of canvassing for office receives from Bro. Ryland merited condemnation.

"We can not permit for one moment the existence of a system of canvassing for office in our Masonic bodies. Recognize it, and you open up the flood-gates for an evil that will sap the foundations of our Institution, destroy its purity and harmony, and make it a stench in the nostrils of every good man. It is a matter of regret that the subject of electioneering for office has to be brought to your attention. It is hoped that this Grand Lodge will take such emphatic action in the premises that no Lodge in this State will ever have the effrontery again to nominate a Brother for any office, much less to canvass other Lodges in his behalf. I feel confident that you will resent, as an insult to your loyalty to principle and your Masonic intelligence, every attempt on this floor and elsewhere made for or against the election of any Mason to any office. Prompted by purer motives, the deserving make no claims to advancement other than by the record of their labors, while the designing spirits, to attract to them the support of the unwary, hesitate not to thrust themselves forward, even if it has to be done by vile insinuations against those who may stand in the way of their selfish ends. Let the honors you have to bestow upon your members be above the reach of such contaminating influences—without money and without price. Let them be withheld from those who seek them by any other emulation than that of who best can work and best agree. It is due to the Brother in whose behalf this action was taken to say that it was done without previous consultation with him, or any knowledge on his part that such action was contemplated."

New Mexico was recognized, and also Egypt, as she has "discarded all work except in the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry." Action on Cuba and Colon was postponed till next meeting.

Bro. Xenophon Ryland was received as the Rrepresentative of Canada.

Electioneering for office was prohibited as being contrary to Masonic usage.

A day was devoted to a memorial service for Bro. Gouley.

The Report on Correspondence is partly by Bro. Gouley and finished by Bro. J. W. Luke. Canada for 1876 is noticed.

M. W. Bro. Thos. C. Ready (St. Louis), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. John D. Vincil (St. Louis), Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

Thirteenth Annual Communication.
Held at Helena, Oct. 2, 1877.
M. W. Bro. Julian M. Vinight, Grand Master.

Lodges, 19; represented, 19; initiated, 31; members, 664.

New Mexico was recognized and Cuba postponed.

The following were adopted:—

"No charter or dispensation for constituting a new Lodge shall be granted to any person or persons whomsoever residing without Montana, if within the jurisdiction of any other Grand Lodge; nor shall any charter be granted to any persons within Montana until after they shall have worked under a dispensation, and shown themselves qualified to confer the degrees and properly carry on the business of a Lodge."

"*Resolved*, That it is the determined sense of this Grand Lodge, that the indulgence in the vices of intemperance, gambling, licentiousness, or profanity, or either of them, by Masons in this jurisdiction, should be promptly suppressed by the subordinate Lodges; and it is enjoined as a constant and special duty of all Masters to counsel, caution, and admonish the Craft in this respect, and in case of wilful persistence, the Lodges shall punish those found guilty of such indulgence by the infliction of adequate penalties."

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence. In his review of our Proceedings for 1876 he says:—

"Grand Master James K. Kerr occupied the *throne*, and gave a good impulse to the business of the session, in a brief address, mostly devoted to his dealings with the disorganizers engaged in starting the Grand Lodge of Ontario, mentioned by us last year. The hope then cherished that those misguided men would soon see their error and return, has not been realized, though the fact that only 48 out of 30,000 clung to their guilty purpose, shows the completeness of the failure, and proves beside how very little real ground of complaint existed in the bill of grievances published to the world. Eden Lodge U. D., seems to have been early entered, like its prototype, by the evil genius of discord and deceit, which, by whisperings of unholy ambition and imaginary grievances, prevailed upon its innocent members to partake of the fatal tree of knowledge, whereby they presently conceived themselves grown to such strength and importance as to be able to found a Grand Lodge of their own. Even the expansion of Prince Hall Lodge into a Grand Lodge, issuing charters and giving birth to

all the negro Grand Lodges of the country, is surpassed by the audacity of Westlake and his co-conspirators. Milton's great epic will furnish many fitting lessons to these erring brothers who now find themselves excluded by the flaming sword of justice from all recognition in the great brotherhood raised up to restore peace and goodwill among men.

"We rather admire the Canadian system of condensing all their important committees into one great standing committee, which they denominate a Board of General Purposes Its method of formation, its frequent meetings, its thorough examination of all matters as they arise, render it a responsible ministry, a senate always in session, limiting and lightening the duties of the Grand Master, and yet more, relieving the Grand Lodge, when in full annual session, by presenting business in such shape as to be readily understood and intelligently and promptly acted on. Some of our largest American Grand Lodges have found themselves forced by necessity to devolve more and more of their ordinary work on Standing Committees, thus approximating to the English system; and it would be a saving of time and money as well as an improvement of their work to advance still further in the same direction.

"No attempt was made to dispose of the Asylum Fund, but the Special Board of Trustees was dissolved, and henceforth it is to appear only as a separate account in the general assets. When grown to maturity, it will doubtless blossom out into some beautiful charity.

"Four thousand dollars was disbursed from the general fund to Boards of Relief and individual applicants for charity.

"Whether this Grand Lodge retain its present name or adopt one better suited to its restricted field, we regard it as one of the most vigorous and creditable representatives of our Order on the continent, and we wish it peace and prosperity proportioned to its abundant merits."

M. W. Bro. Wm. A. Clarke (Deer Lodge), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. C. Hedges (Helena), Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

Twentieth Annual Communication.

Held at Omaha, June 19th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Geo. H. Thummel, Grand Master.

Lodges, 58; represented, 57; initiated, 165; members, 2,989; new lodges, 5.

On their relations with our Grand Lodge the Grand Master has the following paragraph:—

"On the 24th day of June, 1876, official information was received, announcing the suspension of Brother Robert Ramsay, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada. I immediately declared the office vacant, and requested the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada to recommend a suitable person, whom I

would appoint; but, not having received such recommendation, the station remains vacant."

Bro. Warren submitted the following queries, which were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"1. Is it the duty of a constituent Lodge under this jurisdiction, in the event of a member thereof requiring and receiving pecuniary assistance at the hands of a Lodge in a sister jurisdiction, to reimburse the Lodge so rendering assistance the amount thus advanced?

"2. Is it the duty of a constituent Lodge in this jurisdiction to reimburse a Lodge of this or a sister jurisdiction for the expenses incurred in the care and burial of sojourning Masons, members in good standing of such other Lodge?"

The committee reported:

"1. It is, so far as his actual necessities may require.

"2. It is, if the deceased brother was in indigent circumstances."

Which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Lininger (Omaha), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. W. R. Bowen (Omaha), Grand Secretary.

1878.

Twenty-first Annual Communication.

Held at Omaha, June 18, 1878.

M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Lininger, Grand Master.

Lodges, 68; represented, 57; initiated, 197; members, 3,117; new lodges, 4.

In his address the Grand Master says:—

"We have all felt somewhat the great financial depression which has existed, causing so many bankruptcies, defalcations, failures and suicides—producing a feeling of distrust not only in the commercial world, but every class of society has felt its demoralizing influence.

"In my intercourse with different Lodges in this jurisdiction, I find much to admire and commend, and, I am sorry to say, much to condemn. Grand Masters are too apt to give glowing accounts of Masonry in their respective jurisdictions, feeling in duty bound to thus maintain at any cost the honor and dignity of this ancient and honorable institution, which has become a mighty power for good, and commands the respect of great and good men throughout the world. It is not by disguising or concealing the evils practiced by unworthy members that the integrity of the fraternity is maintained, but by recognising them and exercising disciplinary power over the offending parties.

"We regret that we, individually and collectively, as Masons, are not doing all in our power to aid and assist each other in every laudable undertaking. We regret that 'we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and have done those things which we ought not to have done;' that we have not been as charitable in every instance as we should have been; that the destitute widow and helpless orphan have not received due attention and assistance at our hands.

"We regret that so many Masons belong to other secret societies, not but what the objects of these societies are good and praiseworthy, but because we believe that a conscientious man who is a Freemason, risks something when he joins another secret society. How can he assume new duties until he knows they will not conflict with those he has already obligated himself to perform. And again, many innovations of the fundamental laws of Masonry are introduced by these liberal minded men who hold membership in various societies. They are not safeguards for the ancient landmarks of the Order.

"We regret that our Lodges are not properly tiled; too many *secrets* get outside of the Lodge room.

"We regret that members of our beloved institution are known to indulge in the use of intoxicating drinks, profanity, gambling, quarrelling, backbiting, cheating and defrauding—vices which deprave and brutalize a man.

"We regret that many of our members, who are actuated by the true spirit of our Society, and who practice its teachings, are withholding their presence and support because of the evils we speak of.

"We regret that Lodges are slow to notice and bring to discipline those who thus offend.

"Your Grand Master regrets that the necessity of the case compels him to call your attention to these facts, and he appeals to you in the name of Masonry to assist in correcting the evils which threaten to undermine and bring dishonor and reproach upon the fraternity,—a Society that teaches in the strongest manner possible the virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, and the tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth; faith, hope and charity should lead in every good work, and set an example that others may follow."

New Mexico was recognized, action on Colon was postponed, and the protest of Scotland against New South Wales was observed.

M. W. Bro. E. N. Valentine (West Point), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Wm. R. Bowen (Omaha), Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

Thirteenth Annual Communication.
Held at Virginia, June 12th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. Geo. Robinson, Grand Master.
Lodges, 19; represented, 17; initiated, 46; members, 1,515.

The address is very brief, the lodges are in a flourishing condition, and the brethren seem thoroughly imbued with the principles of our great fraternity.

The following resolution was adopted, and the Committee are to report on it at the next meeting:—

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, for the purpose of carefully inquiring and reporting to this Grand Lodge, the advisability of adopting some regulation defining and governing the status of Master Masons residing within this jurisdiction who are members of Lodges in other Grand jurisdictions."

The following resolution was referred to a Special Committee, and the appended report thereon was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That in case of the decease of a member of any constituent Lodge within this jurisdiction, not within the jurisdiction of the Lodge of which he was a member at the time of his death, the Lodge, within whose jurisdiction such brother may die, shall, in no case, present to the Lodge of which the deceased brother was a member, a bill for funeral expenses for burying such brother, or other expenses exceeding one hundred dollars, unless said expenses shall have been incurred in excess of such sum of one hundred dollars, at the special request of the Lodge of which the deceased brother was a member."

"Your special committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Bro. Gaston, limiting expenditures in the burial of a deceased brother who dies outside the jurisdiction of his Lodge but within the confines of our own State, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report, that, notwithstanding we are too well aware of the fact that oft-times extravagance, and even recklessness characterizes the interment of our deceased brethren, thereby presenting an ostentatious display which we deem ill suited to our benevolent 'Art' nevertheless we fail to see the propriety of attempting to legislate in this direction, believing that more of evil than of good results would accrue thereby, and hence it is better to trust to the judgment of those charged with the solemn duty rather than hedge them about with arbitrary instructions or statutory laws.

"We therefore respectfully but earnestly recommend that said resolution be rejected."

Bro. R. H. Taylor reports on Correspondence, and gives our Proceedings of 1876 a good notice. His services were acknowledged by the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:—

"Whereas, By his eminent and laborious services rendered to the Craft in his capacity as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Lodge, our Very Excellent Bro. R. H.

Taylor has reflected credit upon this Grand Body, and honor upon the Masonic Fraternity of this State; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That in consideration of his valuable services to the Craft, the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge is hereby authorized and directed to issue to our Very Excellent Bro. Robert H. Taylor a certificate of life membership, certifying his good standing in the Fraternity for life, so far as his Masonic standing as a Master Mason is affected by his being or not being a contributing member of some constituent Lodge may be concerned; and otherwise, but without fee, in accordance with the Fourteenth Section of the General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Nevada."

We are pleased to notice among the new officers the name of W. Bro. George Gillson, as Grand Sword Bearer. Bro Gillson is a Canadian, and was initiated in Manito Lodge, No. 90, of this jurisdiction, on the same night that the writer hereof received the third degree in the same Lodge, in November, 1861.

M. W. Bro. M. P. Freeman (Elko), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. S. W. Chubbuck (Gold Hill), Grand Secretary.

1878.

Fourteenth Annual Communication.
Held at Virginia, June 11th, 1878.
M. W. Bro. Merrill P. Freeman, Grand Master.

Lodges, 20; represented, 20; initiated, 51; members, 1508; new Lodges, 1.

The following report was adopted:—

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the proposed General Regulation in relation to non-affiliates becoming Life Members, have had the same under consideration, and hereby recommend that said regulation be rejected. We further recommend that General Regulation No. 14, in relation to Life Membership, be abolished, and that the brethren who are now Life Members be permitted to surrender their certificates, and receive back the money paid therefor. The Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for the sum of one hundred dollars each to said Life Members."

The dues to Grand Lodge were reduced from $2 to $1, and all dues for 1879 were remitted.

On France, the following report was adopted:—

"Your special committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address respecting the action of the Grand Orient of France, on the existence of God, beg leave to report as follows:—

"Whereas, The Grand Orient of France has stricken from its Constitution the clause which declares that Masonry is founded on a belief in the existence of a God and the immortality of the soul, thereby poisoning the fountains of Masonic life, exposing our fraternity to the reproach and persecution of our enemies, and endangering the unity and stability of our time-honored institutions, therefore

"*Resolved*, That we deprecate this action of the Grand Orient of France, and we hereby re-affirm our adherence to the ancient landmarks already adopted by this Grand Lodge, believing that there can be no true Masonry without them, to wit:

"1st. A belief in the existence of a Supreme Being,—the Great Architect of the Universe.

"2nd. A belief in the immortality of the soul.

"3rd. Belief in the resurrection of the body."

Bro. R. H. Taylor reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada, for 1877.

M. W. Bro. Henry L. Fish (Reno), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John D. Hammond (Carson), Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Tenth Annual Communication.

Held at St. John, Sept. 26th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, Grand Master.

Lodges, 32; represented, 18; initiated, 141; members, 2,286; new lodges, 1.

The Grand Master thus refers to the great fire and their losses and relief:—

"On the twentieth day of June last, the scourge of fire laid in ashes three-fourths of our city, and we stood appalled at the greatness of the disaster which, for a time, seemed to overwhelm every hope. But the very magnitude of the calamity gave the first incentive to exertion, as from all directions were borne in upon us help for the present and encouragement for the future. Our deep distress awoke the kindliest sympathy, and former rivalries were forgotten and sectional differences disappeared, as from every part of the Dominion, from sister provinces, from the United States, and from the mother country, substantial help and cordial sympathy awoke us to effort, and the few months that have elapsed witness exertion happily made to restore our trade and rebuild our desolated homes.

"In this great distress our beloved fraternity had its full share, the city lodges, having, with their place of meeting, lost all their regalia and Masonic property. Through the forethought of the V. W. the Grand Secretary, the regalia of the Grand Lodge was saved from destruction,

but the valuable library and other property of Grand Lodge were destroyed. Among the individual sufferers, in a few hours rendered homeless and destitute, were many members of the fraternity. A General Masonic Board of Relief was immediately organized; liberal contributions were received from sister Grand Lodges and other Masonic bodies, and from sympathizing brethren, and thus we were enabled to afford some present assistance to those most in need of help. The full particulars of this organization and of the various contributions will be laid before you, and Grand Lodge will make suitable record of the generous assistance and fraternal sympathy which in this time of our deep distress have gladdened our hearts and enabled us to afford substantial relief to our suffering brethren."

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That the consideration of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba be delayed until the next annual session of Grand Lodge."

"*Resolved*, That the warmest thanks of Grand Lodge be recorded to those Grand Secretaries and other brethren in sister jurisdictions who have so generously contributed proceedings, constitutions, &c., towards the re-establishment of the Grand Lodge Library."

"*Resolved*, That the question of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico stand over until the next annual communication of Grand Lodge."

"*Resolved*, That the information given by the Grand Secretary in regard to the doings of the Board of Relief, be embodied in the printed proceedings.

"*And further Resolved*, That the warmest thanks of Grand Lodge be recorded to all who have so nobly contributed to alleviate the distress and suffering of the Masonic victims of the recent fire."

M. W. Bro. R. T. Clinch, (St. John), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. W. F. Bunting (St. John), Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Held at Concord, May 16th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. John J. Bell, Grand Master.

Lodges, 75; represented, 54; initiated, 206; members, 7,647; new Lodges, 2.

The Grand Master visited 32 Lodges. He found their by-laws defective in several cases.

The following report was adopted :—

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence have had under consideration the following proposed resolution referred to them at the last annual communication, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That no less than seven Master Masons be competent to open a Lodge for the transaction of any business.

"And would submit as their opinion upon the questions which seem to be involved:—

"1. That no *landmark* or ancient rule of Masonic law requires the presence of seven Master Masons for the transaction of business. On the contrary, three Master Masons anciently constituted a Master's Lodge.

"2. But it is competent for this Grand Lodge to require, within its jurisdiction, the presence of seven, or any other number it pleases, for the transaction of business, and to prohibit any such business in the absence of such number. But this can only be done by the adoption of a general regulation or an amendment to the Grand Constitution, which can only be accomplished by the proposition being made and lying over according to the regular course in such cases."

Bro. Joseph E. Bennett reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1876.

M. W. Bro. John J. Bell, (Exeter), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John A. Harris, (Concord), Grand Secretary.

1878.

Held at Concord, May 15th, 1878.

M. W. Bro. John J. Bell, Grand Master.

Lodges, 75; represented, 53; initiated, 231; members, 7,688.

The Grand Master records the death of Bro. John A. Harris, for some years Grand Secretary. He was endeared to them by his virtues and his eminent knowledge of Masonry and attachment to the Craft. Bro. Bell reported having appointed M. W. Bro. Weller as their Representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In the report on trials and appeals we find the following:

"One irregularity noticed in this connection is, that those of the witnesses who were Masons were sworn instead of testifying upon their honor as such, as required by the Grand Constitution. Masonry regards no obligation to speak the truth more binding than its own. The swearing of witnesses is without force or effect, being a meaningless ceremony, unknown and unprovided for by our regulations.

"The Grand Constitution distinctly provides that 'witnesses shall testify on their honor, and if Masons, on their honor as such.' Any statement made without these qualifications would not be evidence and could not be received as such. It would be like statements made

in courts of law without the usual solemnity of an oath. No person can become a witness until qualified as required by law, neither can a Mason testify in a Masonic trial until he has pledged himself on his honor as a Mason to testify truly. Therefore the statements made by the several witnesses, being without necessary qualification, should be struck out of the case."

It was also decided that a plea of "*nolo contendere*" was unknown in Masonry and could not be received or allowed.

On "France" it was

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge views with deep sorrow the late action of the Grand Orient of France, in striking from its constitution that great fundamental principle and landmark of Freemasonry, the belief in the existence of God as the Supreme Architect and Ruler of the Universe; and that in vindication of what we hold to be essential to the very existence of our Institution, we feel it necessary to declare, and we do hereby declare, that that organization is no longer a Masonic Body; and all Lodges working under this Grand Lodge, and all Masons of its jurisdiction are hereby forbidden to hold communication with, or in any manner to recognize as Masons, any person, or body of men of its constituency or allegiance."

Bro. Andrew Bunton was received as our Representative.

Bro. A. S. Wait reprots on Correspondence. In his notice of our proceedings for 1877 he has the following paragraph on our Special Communications for laying corner-stones:—

"The large amount of work of this class, which our brethren of Canada have during the Masonic year been called upon to perform, is a gratifying evidence of the high estimation in which the Order in that jurisdiction is held by the public at large. It is in itself a sufficint assurance of the high character of the members there, as well as of the progress they must be making in everything which denotes true prosperity."

M. W. Bro. Solon A. Carter, (Keene), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. George P. Cleaves (Concord), Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Ninety-first Annual Communication.
Held at Trenton, January 16th, 1878.
M. W. Bro. Marshall B. Smith, Grand Master.

Lodges, 146; represented, 136; initiated, 453; members, 12,051; New Lodges, 1.

Cuba and Mexico were recognized, and the following resolution was adopted;—

"*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be recommended to issue a circular letter to the several subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, calling their attention to the matter of the erection of a monument on the the battle-field of Monmouth, and soliciting contributions from the several Lodges for the purpose of aiding this patriotic effort to commemorate that glorious event."

The office of Grand Instructor was abolished by a vote of 131 to 103. It was decided that a Warden-elect, or other elective officer of a Lodge should not be installed, if he is physically incapable of performing the necessary duties of his office.

Bro. James A. Norton reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1877.

M. W. Bro. M. B. Smith (Passaic), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Jos. H. Hough (Trenton), Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO.

This new Grand Lodge asks recognition. A convention was held at Santa Fe on the 7th of August, 1877. Three Lodges were represented, all working under charters from the Grand Lodge of Missouri. A constitution was adopted and officers elected and installed. The new Grand Lodge was then declared organized. A committee was appointed to invite the Lodges in the State to join. The work was discussed and adopted and exemplified on actual candidates.

M. W. Bro. Wm. W. Griffin (Santa Fe), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. David J. Miller (Santa Fe), Grand Secretary.

Everything appears to have been done in due form. They have been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Missouri. We recommend that the Grand Lodge of New Mexico be recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

C. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

NEW YORK.

Ninety-seventh Annnal Communication.

Held at New York, June 4th, 1878.

M. W. Bro. Joseph J. Couch, Grand Master.

Lodges, 718; represented, 666; initiated, 2,954; members, 75,918; new Lodges, 3.

On foreign relations the Grand Master says:—

"In all essential particulars our foreign relations remain unchanged. I learn, however, through our representatives, that misapprehension exists, to a considerable extent, in some of the European Grand Lodges, regarding the true force and effect to be given to the Reports of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence. It appears that prior to the opening of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, a committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania made a lengthy report upon the relations of that body with other Grand Lodges, concluding with certain specific regulations for the guidance of the Pennsylvania Lodges in the reception of visitors from other jurisdictions. This report was reviewed by our Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and some of its positions strongly approved. The bodies composing the German Grand Lodge Diet felt themselves aggrieved by the action of their brethren in Pennsylvania, and when the commendatory report of our committee reached them, the impression arose that the Grand Lodge of New York had assumed the same attitude towards them as that taken by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Our representative near the Grand Lodge of Saxony, R. W. Bro. von Mensch, promptly combatted this erroneous impression and pointed out the fact that this Grand Lodge had taken no action whatever upon the matter. In support of our distinguished representative, I submit for your consideration the statement: That the reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence are considered by us as a matter of information only; that the brethren who make these reports are distinctly understood to give us, in a condensed form, the opinions and acts of Grand Lodges in correspondence with us, and also such individual comments thereon as they may deem wise; that the publication of these reports in our transactions is solely for the information of the brethren; that, in merely accepting and publishing these reports, the Grand Lodge does not undertake to pass judgment upon their contents; that, in fact, these reports cannot have any official or binding character, except when the Grand Lodge shall give such force and effect to the whole, or any portion thereof, by special resolution or other express enactment. Fully appreciating the valuable services of our committee in collating facts and opinions from other jurisdictions, and conceding to them all that is due to the judgment of well-informed brethren, we at the same time readily distinguish between the running comments of a committee and the deliberate acts of the Grand Lodge. If, in their translation of our proceedings, our German brethren shall make this distinction as clear and comprehensive as it appears to us, they will be relieved of a grave misapprehension regarding our relations to themselves."

Bro. Couch recommends the discontinuance of the practice of giving the decisions of the Grand Master the force and character of legislative enactments. In the conclusion of his address he thus touches on France:

"When, therefore, the report comes to us that certain parties profess to practice a Masonic rite in which there is no God, we unhesitatingly declare that such rite is not Masonic, and to call it so is an utter perversion of terms; for, in the full light of our symbolism, of our traditions, and of our world-wide precepts and charges, we know full well, that no atheist can be made a Mason, and that no Godless Temple can be erected on the foundation of Ancient Freemasonry."

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Austin, presented his *twenty-fifth* annual report. He has served under fifteen Grand Masters.

The fifty-cent tax was again adopted by a vote of 1,878 to 696.

The constitution was amended by striking out "sea-faring men" from the exceptions as to residence. Our border lodges will please note this fact. Their law as to residence of candidates for initiation is now as follows:—

"§ 51. No Lodge shall initiate any candidate who is a resident of the State of New York, unless he has been such resident for twelve months next preceding the application for such initiation, and for four months in the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he applies, without the consent of the Lodge within the jurisdiction of which he last previously resided; and no Lodge shall initiate any candidate who is not a resident of the State of New York, without the consent of a warranted Lodge, acting in accordance with the Constitution and Laws (by whatever name such laws may be known) of the Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of which such candidate resides; *provided*, however, this section shall not apply to persons in the United States naval or military service."

About two hours are required to take the vote in Grand Lodge by Lodges, and considerable attention has been devoted towards getting a plan to facilitate this operation. A committee on this subject made a report which was referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws, who also reported thereon. We copy both these reports:—

"The method of taking yeas and nays by call of Lodges as now practiced, is very tedious, consuming about two hours of the time of Grand Lodge in each call. Among its serious results other than such loss of time, is the fact that many delegates leave the hall during roll-call, many of whom fail to return in time to participate in the subsequent proceedings.

"Your Committee do not think it wise at this time to change the existing method of balloting for officers; but to facilitate the taking of yeas and nays in all other cases, they present for consideration and decision the plan set forth in the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That from and after the ——— day of ———, the vote upon every question presented to Grand Lodge on which a call of the roll is ordered, except in the case of a ballot for officers, shall be taken by Masonic districts, in the manner and under the regulations set forth as follows, to wit:

"*First.*—The Delegates from each Masonic District shall be assigned to seats in a body, which will be reserved for them during the entire session, for convenience of communication with each other.

"*Second.*—Each Masonic District shall choose a Chairman *pro tem.* to preside in the absence of its District Deputy Grand Master.

"*Third.*—The Grand Secretary shall provide blanks for taking the yeas and nays in each District, similar as near as may be to a form attached hereto, and containing separate columns, with printed headings for recording the name and number of each Lodge in each Masonic district, the number of votes to which each is entitled, the number of yeas and the number of nays voted.

"*Fourth*—When the yeas and nays shall have been ordered, the District Deputy or Chairman *pro tem.* in each District, shall immediately call the roll of Lodges in such District, record the responses, enter the total result in said District at foot of the blank, and sign the same.

"*Fifth.*—A recess of ten minutes (or longer at the pleasure of the Grand Master) having been allowed for this voting in Districts, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of Masonic Districts, by number, when the District Deputy or the Chairman of each District shall send up his report of the vote on the blank aforesaid, to be announced in detail by the Secretary, and to be recorded by the Tellers after such corrections or changes shall have been made, as any Delegate or Delegates may properly demand to have made, in reference to the record of their votes.

"JAMES W. SIMONTON,
"JAMES M. AUSTIN,
"CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, } *Committee.*"

"1. The plan reported by the Committee of which Bro. Simonton was Chairman, for facilitating the taking and recording of the vote of the Grand Lodge when taken by Lodges, with some modifications which are herewith suggested by your Committee, is approved and recommended for adoption by the Grand Body.

"The taking of the vote by Masonic Districts is not approved. The Districts are very unequal in the number of Lodges, one having only five Lodges, others, fourteen, sixteen, seventeen, twenty-two, twenty-five, many having over thirty, and some over forty Lodges. It seems to your Committee that it would be better to number the seats in the body of the Grand Lodge-room according to seniority, consecutively

from No. 1 on the roll of Lodges to the last warranted Lodge, and place fifty Lodges, whose numbers and locations are adjacent, in separate sections, whose votes shall be taken and reported to the Grand Body by a teller appointed by the Grand Master. Every Representative of a Lodge should be required to occupy the seat having his Lodge number, and vote only in that seat. It will be easy at any time for the Grand Master to know whether a particular Lodge is represented, and easy to communicate with such representative at any time, and the constant call for a particular member will be avoided, and the members also can then easily find each other when necessary. Now it is almost impossible to do this, at times, and always difficult.

"In numbering the seats, it should be done conspicuously, so as to be seen from the Chair, and the even numbers should be on one side of the centre, and the odd numbers on the others.

"In order to carry out the plan reported with the alterations suggested, your Committee report the following regulations, to be added to the Rules of Order of this Body, and numbered as stated:—

"XVIII.—The seats in the body of the Grand Lodge-room shall be numbered in conformity to the numbers of the existing Lodges, according to seniority, consecutively from No. 1 on the roll, commencing in the Grand Lodge-room at the east, and going west, the even numbers on the north side, and the odd numbers on the south side of the centre aisle; the numbers to be placed conspicuously on the seat, so as to be seen from the east. Representatives of Lodges are required to vote at the seats of their several Lodges, according to such numbering.

"XIX.—The Grand Secretary shall cause suitable blanks to be printed for the taking of a vote by Lodges, and containing separate columns, with suitable printed headings, and the names of fifty Lodges by separate sections seated adjacent to each other, with the numbers of such Lodges and the number of votes to which each Lodge is entitled, and columns for entering the yeas and nays, according to the votes of said Lodges.

"XX.—When a vote by call of Lodges shall be ordered, it shall be taken as to Lodges, upon any question pending for consideration before the Grand Body, by tellers appointed by the Chair for each of said sections of fifty adjacent numbered Lodges, who shall immediately call the roll of said Lodges, record the responses, enter the total result thereof, and sign and deliver the same to the Grand Secretary.

"XXI.—For the purpose of taking such vote, time shall be allowed at the pleasure of the Grand Master, whereupon the Grand Secretary shall read the results reported by the tellers, and the Grand Master shall thereupon declare the result.

"XXII.—At any time before the final declaration of the result by the Grand Master it shall be in order for any one entitled to vote to do so, or to correct his vote.

"Your Committee believe that a better attendance of Representatives will be obtained by this plan, as a *vacant seat* will be full notice that the Lodge, whose number it is, is *not represented* during such vacancy, and perhaps those interested will inquire for the reason why such Lodge is not represented.

"It will also be some protection against unlawful voting by persons not entitled to represent the Lodge, as the exposure of such unlawful act would then be made easier than now."

On France, the following resolution was adopted :—

"WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of this Grand Lodge that the Grand Orient of France has caused to be stricken from their Constitution that part of the 'Ancient Landmarks' requiring a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, which action we believe to be contrary to the spirit and Teachings of Ancient Freemasonry and destroying one of its most vital principles.

"*Resolved*, That we refuse to recognize as a Freemason any person initiated, passed or raised in a Lodge where the existence of a Supreme Being is denied or ignored."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, composed of five of the most eminent Past Grand Masters, differed from the Grand Master on two points, but the Grand Lodge sustained the views of the Grand Master.

Bro. John W. Simons reports on Correspondence. In his notice of New Jersey he says:—

"One decision presented by Grand Master Smith, but subsequently withdrawn, appears to us worthy of a moment's consideration. It is in these words:

"'1. *Seven* being the number required in order to obtain or hold a Lodge warrant, a Lodge cannot legally be opened for the transaction of business or for work, until seven Master Masons—including a brother qualified to preside—are present.'

"It has been well said that, although men die, principles live, and so it comes that questions arise from time to time which can only be properly decided by a reference to principles rather than the acts of men, and it sometimes happens that, notwithstanding all that has been said and printed in relation to the jurisprudence of the Craft, questions arise which have not been authoritatively decided, and in the solution of which we must be guided by the analogies and principles of the institution, rather than by the dicta of Grand Lodges, Grand Masters, or Masonic jurists. The correctness of this position is reinforced by the established fact that the direction of Masonic affairs is constantly passing from one set of hands to another by the natural course of events, so that bethren who, ten or fifteen years ago, were *au fait* in the history and jurisprudence of the Fraternity, and who were looked up to and acknowledged as authority, have, in a majority of instances, passed from the scene of action, leaving their places to be filled by others quite their equals in all respects, save that of lengthened experience. Then again, we find a disposition daily becoming more manifest, to make what in modern parlance we term 'fine points,' arising from actual experience or the discussion of mooted questions, suggestive at all events of the fact that the whole field of Masonic argument has not yet been exhausted, notwithstanding the countless volumes and endless discussions in magazines and newspapers.

"Now, on the subject of the above decision there is no general accepted law. Some two or three Grand Lodges have, if our memory serves us correctly, enacted statutes in conformity with the above decision, but in the main it is an open question to be decided, as we have already intimated, by the analogies of the case. To reach this point we must separate the ritualistic from the business Lodge; for, while the former is purely ceremonial, the latter depends on the written law. If we look back to any period antedating the revival in 1717, we shall find that there were no Lodges in the sense of the present organization. That is to say, they had no fixed membership and required no authority but that of the Sheriff for holding their meetings. They met at some convenient place, conferred the first degree, and when the meeting closed the Lodge dissolved, perhaps never again to be composed of precisely the same elements. These Lodges were purely ritualistic, and it is not at all likely that the brethren gave much time to the consideration of a quorum or other matters of law. After the establishment of the Grand Lodge of England, matters so far changed that Lodges were required to have the warrant, of the Grand Master and it was declared that every brother ought to belong to some Lodge, thus inaugurating a fixed membership for each Lodge, but the body of the Craft still remained Entered Apprentices, the business as well as the ceremonies being transacted in a Lodge opened on the First Degree. Later on the Lodges were authorized to confer the second and third degrees; but it was not until within a comparatively recent period that it became the practice to make only Master Masons members, and to require the business of the Lodge to be transacted in the Third Degree instead of that of Entered Apprentice. It will thus be seen that the conditions of a Lodge and its membership have undergone a complete revolution, and that, following out this change, it would seem that as not less than seven Master Masons can be formed into a Lodge, that a warrant, when granted, cannot be surrendered so long as seven members desire to continue its labors; so, logically, seven members ought to be required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. That is our opinion, and we think the question worth settling by those in authority."

Canada for 1877 receives due attention. He says that "financially" our "Grand Lodge stands far ahead of any other on this continent at least, its actual investments being something over $58,000." He also says:—

"In the report of the Board of General Purposes we find an item, courteously expressed which still contains the germ of correct Masonic doctrine. This is the way of it. The Grand Master being about to visit the mother-country, during which visit the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge would occur, directed that event to be so far postponed that no business should be transacted at the regular time, except to meet and call off till a period when the Grand Master in person could be present. Referring to this, the Board say:

"'The Board, while highly appreciating the honorable sentiments expressed by the M. W. the Grand Master, cannot agree with him

in the necessity, nor recommend as a precedent, his direction for a postponement as given to the Grand Secretary. The day for the holding of the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge for the transaction of its business being fixed by the Constitution, that day can only be changed as directed by the Constitution.'

"The point to which we desire to direct attention is, that the Constitution is the supreme law, and that the Grand Master, who of right commands our loyalty and obedience, cannot by any inherent power of his office change the Constitution nor relieve us of the duty of fealty and allegiance to its requirements. Another phase of the same subject occurs in a proposition to clothe the Grand Master with power to restore certain adherents of the spurious Grand Lodge of Ontario, declared by the Grand Lodge of Canada expelled. The Board held that persons expelled by the Grand Lodge could only be restored by that body in open session. The Grand Lodge took the opposite view, and gave the desired power. We concur with the latter, on the ground that a discretionary act of the Grand Lodge may be performed by its agent duly authorized, as well and as fully as by itself, as where on a proposition to grant a warrant to a new Lodge, an act which is certainly not within the powers or prerogatives of the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge may by vote clothe him with power to act for it in a special instance."

Bro. Simons has his usual review of European Masonry, which is very interesting. We copy part regarding Italy:—

"The development of Masonry succeeds very slowly; it meets with too many difficulties, which nowhere else are known or are very difficult to comprehend. The nobility, the military, and the public officials, with very few praiseworthy and courageous exceptions, refuse to enter the Fraternity; the former is mostly in the hands of Jesuits. The military officers and the public officials fear in it odious political movements and persecutions of the direct superiors, because the leaders in the northern part are mostly old carbonaires. The members are almost exclusively men of letters, lawyers, physicians, and merchants, only free and independent men, and even those have to use the utmost caution that their names are not published in the clerical papers, and their domestic peace be not disturbed. There is in my Lodge at least one-third of married brethren whose wives do not know that they are members of our brotherhood.

"The Grand Orient of Italy has on its Register nearly one hundred and fifty Lodges, but there are hardly one hundred which work regularly and pay their dues; one-third of those are foreign Lodges in Turkey, Egypt, Roumania, etc.

"There is also a continual commencing and disappearing of small Lodges; for example, an old, able, and active brother, under the impulse of doing something beneficial to the Fraternity, tries to induce some good friends and acquaintances to apply for a Patent, and fifty lires are immediately sent to the Grand Orient at Rome; the Charter and the necessary documents are sent and received, and the new Lodge is created. It works in the beginning delightfully, but if the least thing happens which prevents the founder from participating regularly in the work of the Lodge, the beautiful edifice tumbles down in a trice, nobody pays dues, and very often Masonry is exposed on

account of profane debts; but what is more, the financial situation of the Grand Orient is suffering thereby.

"The Grand Orient permits the several Lodges a praiseworthy and entirely free action within the limits of the statutes. It does not even ask for an annual return, and on that account is powerless to secure for itself the small annual dues. In this respect the general meeting which is to take place next summer, will and must take decisive steps. A measure proposed by me and adopted unanimously by the Grande Consiglio, is already in operation, namely, to have a list printed and distributed among the Lodges, wherein the names of the regular Lodges, of those in arrears, and of the negligent ones, are published under three divisions.

"The Grand Orient, although using great efforts and making liberal concessions, did not succeed in uniting the formerly existing and self-governing Masonic authorities; they really consist only of a few persons, as, for example, the 'Supreme Consiglio di Torino die 33°,' not even having a Lodge of its own, tries to find acknowledgment in foreign lands by pretending to be in possession of important documents.

"There was made, as you know, last year in Catania, Sicily, and Naples, the experiment of creating new Masonic authorities, the first one working the Memphis system and entirely unimportant, and the last one, at whose head an ex-clergyman, Anghera, stands, favors the high degree system in the most orthodox manner.

"All this can only be set aside gradually by a quiet and correct management of the Grand Orient at Rome, and it will, as can be foreseen, die out in several Lodges, and by the indolence and weariness of the leaders.

"Since these so-called centres exercise exclusively the high degree system, there is a wonderful pressure for the symbolic system of St. John's Lodges; there are about twenty such Lodges in existence; in more than ten others, Scotch Lodges, the question of joining is the order of the day; and although all the active members of the Grand Orient belong to St. Andreas' Lodges, they admit that the symbolic Lodges are their best ones."

M. W. Bro. Edmund L. Judson (Albany), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. James M. Austin (New York), Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Ninety-first Annual Communication.

Held at Raleigh, Dec. 4th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Horace H. Munson, Grand Master.

Lodges, 287; represented, 218; initiated, 292; members, 9,881; new Lodges, 3.

Prosperity is increasing, harmony generally prevails, and the song of a happy people once more fills the land. On their Orphan Asylum, the Grand Master says:—

"I approach this subject with some trepidation, consequent upon a conscicusness of my inability to do justice to such a vast and noble enterprise. But few of us, I imagine, brethren, have a just conception of the magnitude of this work. Situated as the Asylum is, in a spot inaccessible by rail, but few, except those living continguous thereto, have an idea of the splendid property there belonging to us. In the County of Granville, twelve miles from the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, upon the suburbs of the village of Oxford, amid a beautiful grove of between three and four hundred oaks, stands the Orphan Asylum. Built of brick, four stories high, a Romanesque style of architecture, the whole with its spire, domes and finales, presents to the beholder a model of wisdom, strength and beauty. Within its walls are nearly sixty rooms, divided into school, printing, sleeping and office apartments, including a spacious chapel, capable of comfortably seating seven hundred and fifty persons, while a large and substantial building in the rear furnishes rooms for cooking and eating purposes. Upon the premises of one hundred and nine acres are bathing, washing and stabling houses, and seven springs, nearly all in order, whence pure water for man and beast continually flows. A portion of the land is covered with a fine growth of young trees, a part is laid off for garden purposes, while ample pasturage for the blooded stock of cows and hogs gives promise of an abundance of milk, beef and pork in time to come. A matron and corps of teachers, under the control and direction of our worthy superintendent, preside over the moral, physical and intellectual growth of the orphans. From one hundred to one hundred and twenty children are here gathered together, whose happy countenances index the contentment reigning within. A visit made in June last impressed me as I never was impressed before, with the fact that the establishment of an Orphan Asylum in this beautiful spot was indeed a grand achievement —worthy of the Order with whom it originated. Under the guidance of its energetic superintendent, and the blessing of Almighty God, it has gone forward in the line of its duty year after year, till now, it is firmly fastened in the affections of our people. Long may it be ere silence reigns in its halls, but with every increase of childish voices may the means for their sustenance correspondingly appear. The great heart of the people of the Old North State, from the mountains to the seaboard, is waking up to the necessity for a continuance of this great work, and if Masons do their duty it will not, it cannot fail. Let us see to it, brethren, that we keep alive within our breasts its continual needs; that we manifest our love and affection by a constant, steady stream of benevolence, so that in the years to come, our children's children may point to it as the proudest monument of North Carolina Freemasonry."

Bro. George W. Blount, P.G.M., was received as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

From the report of the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum we obtain the following details:—

Number of Orphans reported last year	103
Admitted since last report	53
Total	156

Discharged		
Ran away	26	
Total	6	
Leaving now at Oxford	—	32
The cash receipts to December 4, have been		124
The disbursements have been	$8,944 11	
Leaving in hand to-day	8,865 74	
	78 37	

"Some Lodges not mentioned in this list, as for example, Adoniram, No. 149, have made liberal contributions in kind. Some of those contributing cash, as for example, Berea, No. 204, and St. John's, No. 1, have also contributed freely in kind. The members of some Lodges have also contributed nobly as individuals, especially at our orphan entertainments. But these are the exceptions and the general fact remains that more than half the Lodges and more than half the Masons have entirely disregarded the claims of the orphans. Many lodges have never appointed a committee on the Orphan Asylum. Some have never given a cent, and some officers of Lodges, when present at our orphan entertainments, have declined to receive and hand over the money which the people had brought and expected to give. Many individuals and several Lodges have done their whole duty, and some have been liberal beyond their means; but the burden of supporting the orphan work has not been fairly distributed. Neither has the amount of cash received been sufficient to justify the purchase of some things really needed; but by using fruits and vegetables very largely, by raising pork, by fattening beeves, by selling blooded pigs, by requiring the girls to do all the cooking, by discharging the hands usually hired for heavy work, by doing without a steward, and by rigid economy in every department, we have been able to keep the premises in good repair, to enclose a large pasture for the stock, to erect a two-story building for the use of the boys, and to feed, clothe and teach an average of one hundred and twenty orphans.

"After an experience of five years, we find that the food, clothing and instruction of each orphan will cost about five dollars a month, and the repairs and incidental expenses will add another dollar, making a total expense of six dollars a month for each orphan in the institution. The work need not cost any more; but, to be well done, it ought not to cost any less."

We also copy the report of the Committee on the Asylum, that our readers may see something of the taxation required to keep up an establishment of this kind. The cost is about $72 per annum for each inmate, and the Lodges are bound to pay $5 for each initiation, and also a *per capita* tax of 60 cents per annum to the Institute.

"The Committee on the Oxford Orphan Asylum, to whom was referred the report of the Superintendent, Bro. J. H. Mills, have had the same under consideration and submit the following recommendations for the consideration of this Grand Lodge:

"1. That the orphan work be continued under its present regulations.

"2. That orphan children be received from eight to twelve years of age, and discharged at sixteen, or earlier, at the discretion of the Superintendent, subject to the control of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

"3. It shall be the duty of every Lodge, to pay to the Orphan Asylum five dollars for every person initiated, and not less than five cents a month for every member on its roll, and to state in its annual returns to what extent this duty has been performed.

"4. That M. W. Grand Master appoint an agent or agents for the purpose of canvassing the State to raise funds for the immediate support of the orphan work, for an endowment fund, and to secure subscriptions to the *Orphans' Friend*, and that he or they be allowed such commissions for his or their services as may be agreed on by the persons so selected and the Grand Master.

"5. That the *Orphans' Friend* be adopted as the organ of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master furnish for publication in the same such decisions from time to time on Masonic law as he may deem proper, and others are invited to use it as a means of Masonic correspondence.

"6. That an appropriation of $2,000 be made for the support of the Orphan Asylum for the current Masonic year, and the Grand Master issue a special circular to each Subordinate Lodge urging their prompt compliance with the recommendations of the Grand Lodge for the support of this munificent charity.

"7. That we cordially approve and endorse the general management of the Orphan Asylum by its present able, efficient and energetic Superintendent, and recommend his work to the liberal support of all generous and benevolent persons throughout our State.

"In closing this report we express the hope that Bro. Mills may find it convenient to continue in this work which was so auspiciously begun and successfully prosecuted by him."

On France the following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That we denounce this innovation upon one of the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry, as a blot upon civilization, the entering wedge by which Masonry will be brought into disrepute, and ultimately be made a by-word and reproach to Christianity; that the seal of condemnation of this Grand Body should be put upon this movement in its incipiency, not to explain the belief of this Grand Lodge, but that those who are to come after us shall be apprised of the unmistakable position taken upon this question, and have the benefit and support of those who have gone before them."

M. W. Bro. H. H. Munson (Wilmington), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. D. W. Bain (Raleigh), Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Twelfth Annual Communication.

Held at Halifax, June 6th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, Grand Master.

Lodges, 67; represented, 53; initiated, 362; members, 3,499.

The new Freemason's Hall, in Halifax, was dedicated with with imposing ceremonies.

The following from the Rev. Dr. Robertson, of Middleton, N.S. refers to the Bible used on the occasion :—

"Some years ago a large folio bible came into my possession, of which an old gentleman of the name of Lee, living near Fredericton, New Brunswick, gave me the following account: It is a matter of history, that the late Rt. Reverend Dr. Charles Inglis, Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, and the first Colonial Bishop in the British Dominions, was Rector of Trinity Church, in the city of New York, during the Revolutionary struggle which terminated in the independence of the United States of America. On one occasion the more violent of the revolutionists determined to show their zeal for the cause which they had espoused by threatening vengeance, even to the death, against the Rector and his congregation, as being the most prominent representatives of British interests in the community.

"With this dire intention they sent a notice to Dr. Inglis, to the effect that if he prayed for the King and the Royal family in the course of the usual service of the church on the following Sunday, a party of resolute men would then be in the gallery ready to fire and shoot him dead on the instant. Most men would quail under such a threat, and be anxious to adopt every possible precaution to thwart so vile a project. Not so the courageous and devoted Rector of Trinity. He went through the service with his accustomed placidity, praying for King George and the Royal family with more than his usual fervency, and doubtlessly expecting that every passing moment would be his last. But no catastrophe occurred. The impressive service of the Episcopal Church was not once interrupted. The would-be assassins were so overawed by the solemnity of the scene and the resolute and fearless manner of the Rector, that their hands were paralyzed, and their deadly resolutions completely dissipated. They sat quietly in their seats during the whole service. The spirited conduct of Dr. Inglis, on this trying occasion, immediately became the theme of much commendation and praise, as indicating a deep-rooted and heartfelt attachment to the Royal cause; the fame of his courage and patriotism reached the ears of King George III., who was unusually impressed with this singular instance of fearless devotion to his interests, and desired to ascertain in what manner he could most appropriately make known to the Rector of Trinity the Royal approbation of his conduct.

"After some consideration, His Majesty ultimately resolved to transmit to Dr. Inglis a magnificent Bible and Prayer Book, folio size, and splendidly bound, with the Royal monogram on the covers, as a small token of recognition of fearless devotion to the Royal cause under very trying circumstances. In due time the books were received in New York, and very probably were used on the reading desk of

Trinity Church. After the war was over and the terms of peace finally arranged, the Rector of Trinity and his family, still animated by the same loyal principle which they had cherished throughout the contest, emigrated to Nova Scotia and settled in Aylesford, Kings County. The Royal gift, the Bible and Prayer Book, formed part of their movables, and found fitting employment in giving appropriate expression to the devotions of the family. But they were not destined to remain permanently in their new abode.

"The Bishop's son-in-law, the Rev. Mr. Pidgeon, became in due time Rector of Fredericton, N. B., and to his keeping the books were carefully consigned for the special benefit of his new charge then in the wilderness. There he left them, and there they remained until the old church was taken down to make room for the new cathedral. Of course the new edifice must be furnished with new books of a modern pattern. The volumes with the royal monograms, now grown faded and somewhat battered from long and honorable usage, were thrown on one side and found a last resting-place in the vestry of the new building. It was there that I saw them, and their very appearance suggested the idea that a more useful purpose than occupying a corner of a vestry might be found for them. So I ventured to ask the proper authorities that those substantial volumes might be rendered very useful in my extensive Parish, where such books are necessarily scarce. My proposition was accepted. And the royal gift to the late Dr. Charles Inglis was duly delivered into my possession. The Prayer Book is now on the Communion Table of Trinity Church, Wilmot, and the Bible is in the new church at Farmington, Wilmot, six miles from Clermont, where it first landed in Nova Scotia." J. R.

The Bible was afterwards presented to Grand Lodge.

The following letter addressed to the Grand Master, was received after the close of the Grand Lodge:—

"MIDDLETON, July 14, 1877.

"DEAR SIR,—

"Mr. Avery has sent me your note to him, dated the 25th ult., in reference to the Bible of historic interest which belonged to the first Bishop of Nova Scotia, and which was used on a recent occasion at the opening of the new Masonic Hall in Halifax.

"Although I have not the honor to belong to the Masonic Confraternity I have always approved of their principles and benevolent actions. I feel, therefore, much pleasure in presenting, through your hands, the said Bible to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, well assured that it will be justly appreciated, reverently used, and preserved with care. It came into my possession on the sole condition that it should be used in one of our churches or places of public worship. And in the present disposal of it, I believe the spirit of that condition still preserved. I am glad to learn that the living heirs or descendants of the Right Rev. Dr. Charles Inglis, who, in fact, have a clearer title to the book than I, will readily concur in the present arrangement.

"I remain,

"Dear Sir,

"Yours very truly,

"JAMES ROBERTSON.

"COLONEL J. W. LAURIE,
"&c., &c."

The annual dues to Grand Lodge were increased from 60 cents to 75 cents.

The following resolution was offered by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, and seconded by W. Bro. E. E. Tupper:—

"Whereas, the lady friends of Freemasons in this city have, for the last two months, most earnestly and zealously exerted themselves in preparing for a Fancy Sale, in order that this Lodge Room should be suitably furnished.

"*Therefore resolved*, That the Grand Lodge tender to the ladies its hearty thanks and grateful acknowledgments, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to send to our lady friends a copy of this resolution."

It is almost needless to state that the above resolution was unanimously, and most enthusiastically adopted—a hearty recognition of voluntary and valuable services rendered.

Attention having been called to the fact that the Representatives of Virgin Lodge, No. 3, established in the year 1782, were clothed in white aprons and collars, thus differing in color from that of the clothing of the brethren from other Lodges, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. D. C. Moore, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. W. Downie, and

"*Resolved*, That the members of Virgin Lodge be permitted to continue the use of the same color in their Masonic clothing, as that worn by the Lodge for so very long a period."

Bro. A. H. Crowe reports on Correspondence. In his notice of Canada for 1876 he says:—

"The report from the Board of General Purposes—an institution, by the way, which might with profit become a part of our own governing body—embraces, among other things, its statement of account; but we fail to see the propriety of so publicly parading the names of those whom necessity may have compelled to reluctantly ask for relief. Brethren, let your justice and equity be tempered with mercy, lest the cry be heard, 'O save me from my friends!' Kindness ceases to be valuable when it is paraded before men, and blazoning before the world the relief afforded to the distressed takes away all merit from the deed."

M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie (Halifax), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Benj. Curren (Halifax), Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

Sixty-eighth Annual Communication.

Held at Columbus, Oct. 16th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. C. A. Woodward, Grand Master.

Lodges, 480; represented, 201; initiated, 1,132; members, 29,296; new lodges, 8.

The Grand Master refused to sanction appeals by lodges for outside aid. He believes in encouraging Masonic literature. Their *Masonic Review* is in its fiftieth volume, and is now the oldest Masonic periodical in the world.

A memorial on the "Coloured Question" was laid on the table.

Bro. Charles A. Woodward was received as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Action on "Cuba" and "New Mexico" was deferred.

The following was lost:—

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be directed to correspond with all the Grand Lodges of the United States, with which we are in communication, upon the subject of the lodges of colored Masons, with the view of agreeing upon some course of action in regard to said lodges which shall be acceptable to the majority of said Grand Lodges, with instructions to report to the next communication of this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and discourses at considerable length on some historical matters.

M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Cunningham (Newark), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. J. D. Caldwell (Cincinnati), Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

Twenty-seventh Annual Communication.

Held at Portland, June 11th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. J. H. Kunzie, Grand Master.

Lodges, 58; represented, 58; initiated, 135; members, 2,384; new lodges, 1.

On their condition the Grand Master says:—

"From these reports and my own personal inspection, I find not over two-thirds live, energetic working Lodges, and the balance sadly lacking vitality and force. 'Tis true, Peace and Harmony prevails; but, alas! in the case of these one third, it is but synonymous of stagnation. The lack of attendance at Lodge meetings, the want of interest in Masonry, the number who are stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues, and the numerous non-affiliates who persist in remaining so, although residing within convenient distance to a lodge, all show to the thinking and observant Mason that a time has come in our history which demands of us action and persistent effort in unison, or we cease to advance, and but hold our ground, if we do not retrograde. Further on I shall make a few suggestions and recommend some few ways to remedy this condition. Considering the present depression of all branches of trade, industry and financial interests, it is highly creditable to the few earnest workers in each Lodge, who are the nucleus and standard bearers in the same, that our Lodges, as a rule, have good halls, jewels, and working tools, and the few who have not these necessaries should by all means endeavor, even at some personal sacrifice, to procure them. Some few of the Lodges need a change in their hall structures, which will give them a better ventilation, a matter too often overlooked, although of such paramount importance to the health and comfort of brethren. I make these remarks in a general way, feeling and knowing, as I do, that it only requires to attract the attention of the brethren who are so placed for them to see their importance and correct these drawbacks to the prosperity of their Lodge."

We quote two of his decisions. We first illustrate their mode of work on a ritualistic question about which we find considerable diversity of opinion, and the second shows the extreme length to which they find themselves carried by the doctrines of "objection after ballot" and universal ballot:—

"Question No. 2. Can three Master Masons raise a candidate, and can a less number than seven transact the regular business of a Lodge, such as receiving petitions, balloting, ordering furniture, etc?

"Answer. As three can open a Lodge of M. M. for work according to the ritual, three besides the Tyler can raise, and five M. M. pass a candidate, consistent with Ancient Craft regulations. But as it requires seven M. M. to obtain a dispensation or charter to form a Lodge, it requires that number to do Lodge business."

"Question No. 5. Can a brother who is a member of a Lodge in the Jurisdiction, but who is *not* a member of the Lodge, object to the advancement of a candidate without giving his reasons for so doing?

"Answer. He can; for universal ballot as enunciated by edict No. 59 carries with it universal objection, without reason being required from an objector who is not a member of the Lodge, but is of a Lodge in the Jurisdiction; provided, objector does not make known to the Lodge his reasons, in which case it becomes the property of the Lodge to decide on its merits. In fact, so far as ballot and objection is concerned, Resolution No. 59 makes us one Lodge in the Jurisdiction."

Cuba was recognized.

Bro. S. F. Chadwick reports on Correspondence. In his notice of Canada for 1876 he says:—

"The case of the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, is presented at length. From all we can learn, the Grand Lodge of Ontario does not stand on justifiable grounds. We hope our brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ontario will deeply consider the step they have taken. If we receive their reasons for their actions, we cannot see why another Grand Lodge cannot be formed to supersede the Grand Lodge of Ontario the moment some few corns begin to ache, or jealousies arise. We are viewing this as a jurisdictional question only. If it were one of Grievance, the place to settle that would be in the old fold where it arose. As a jurisdictional matter, Canada is the patient sufferer. We hope to see the whole thing adjusted on principles of Masonry. To admit the wrong, and nobly do the right, is a golden feature in our Order.

"We admire the custom in this jurisdiction of having the corner-stones of edifices laid by the Fraternity. We notice that corner-stones were laid at Special Communications for Protestant, Episcopal and Methodist Churches, and other buildings—some nine, altogether. Imposing ceremonies marked every occasion."

M. W. Bro. Robert Clow (Dallas), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. R. P. Earhart (Portland), Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Robert Clark, Grand Master.

Lodges, 375; represented, 205; initiated, 1,334; members, 37,811.

We copy a portion of the report of the Library Committee on their history:—

"The Library Committee would report that during the year just closing, they have, in accordance with the authority granted them at the December Communication, 1873, issued the first part of the original minutes of this Grand Lodge from 1779.

"In order to place the Grand Lodge in its proper position as regards its being the oldest Grand Lodge in America, a short but concise history of the establishment of Freemasonry in this country has been prepared from authentic authorities now extant, which proves beyond a reasonable doubt, that Masonry was first established in this city about the year 1730.

"Step by step can be traced the ineffaceable marks of the existence

of genuine Freemasonry here, and the connection between the Moderns and Ancients is made clear.

"It may not be known that the earlier minutes of the Grand Lodge prior to 1779 have been lost or mislaid, nothing is known of them previous to that time. In order to trace the earlier history we have given full extracts from the minutes of Lodge No. 3, from 1767.

"Part 1, just issued, brings the minutes down to 1786, at which time the Grand Lodge separated from the Grand Lodge of England, ceasing to be a Provincial Grand Lodge, and becoming the present Grand Lodge of the ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the old constitutions for Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

The following are extracts from the address of the Grand Master, who declined a re-election:—

"The duty in the East is full of anxious care and surrounded with great responsibilities; the wisdom of training the Grand Master for these duties, by service in the South, the West, and as Deputy Grand Master, before assuming the Oriental Chair, thereby making him familiar with the constantly recurring questions which he has to meet as your presiding officer, is manifest by the experince every year brings.

"No one should solicit the favor of the craft for the South. The selection should anticipate the election, so that the qualifications alone which are essential should have been made conspicuous in the brother on whom the honor is voluntarily bestowed. I may at this time be permitted to warn the fraternity against the almost imperceptible approach of influences which, from the force of associations, if not prevented by the highest human wisdom, may possibly so weaken the fundamental and primary principles on which the Grand Lodge rests for her honor, dignity, and Masonic supremacy, as to become a serious disaster to the whole institution."

"It is a cause of just pride to the fraternity under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, that within the past few years the evidence of respect of the other Grand Lodges of the United States for our Grand Lodge has increased and grown in a very marked degree. It was once, and not unfrequent that our sister Grand Lodges seemed to take pleasure in the utterances of what was no doubt regarded by them as innocent or harmless attempts at cynical criticism on what they deemed the exclusiveness and self-conceit of this Grand Lodge. We were twitted with the paucity of the official published proceedings, the absence of disquisition, either in the Grand Masters' addresses or other official papers that were presented in print for public perusal. or for that of the brotherhood.

"Pennsylvania modestly listened to all this with a patience inexhaustible as its prudence, and waited for that coming time when the policy of this Grand Lodge would be vindicated by the common acquiescence of the Craft in the propriety of its course. This time has come. When, now the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania speaks to those who wish to hear, on subjects which directly and unquestionably concern the common welfare of all Freemasons, it is with profound satis-

tention that we find her words are not unnoticed, or her views unheeded.

It is rarely that Pennsylvania deems it her province, or her duty, to interfere on questions which pertain to the well-being of Masons outside of her own borders. The reason must be one of such importance as to justify it on the strictest interpretation of that paramount duty which only permits it. Such occasions have occurred, and may occur again, when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania accepts the responsibility of expressing her opinions. It has ever been done in the closest obedience to that "charity that suffereth long and is kind," and thinking no evil, performs a duty under the solemn sense of its obligations.

"There can be no contention, when perfect love casteth out all other considerations than those which relate to the integrity of the landmarks, usages, and customs of the fraternity, which cannot be assailed anywhere without producing the remonstrances or, if need be, the resistance of those whose obligations enforce every effort in their defence.

"In noticing the increasing respect which is manifested by our sister Grand Lodges for our jurisdiction, I feel it an opportune moment to make these remarks, and at the same time to offer to them severally the gratification this has produced, and which I here desire emphatically to express."

The newly-elected Grand Master also delivered an address, which concludes with the following notice of a noble bequest:—

"The memorable device of our late Brother Stephen Girard, to the Grand Lodge, of a fund known by us now as the 'Stephen Girard Charity Fund,' for the relief of poor and destitute Master Masons, and which has diffused such substantial charity to many whose needs have been shielded from the cold neglect of all but those Brethren who quietly administer Masonic relief, excited the benevolence, animated the Masonic heart, and caused our lamented Brother Past Master Stephen Taylor to a like act of Masonic beneficence. Within a few days Brother Taylor departed this life, beloved and respected by his Brethren in Masonry, and indeed by all who knew him. A long life of fidelity, integrity, and virtue, closed amid the poignant sorrows of his family and friends.

"By his will he has devised to this Grand Lodge a sum of $10,000, which on the happening of proper conditions, will become the property of the Grand Lodge, and its income is then to be devoted to the most enlarged and benevolent intentions of the testator.

"The Craft are its beneficiaries, and it will be known as 'The Stephen Taylor Bequest.'

"Thus the virtues which our fraternity teaches are consecrated by the devotion in life of true Masons, and when ability and opportunity permit, are hallowed by its latest act."

Bro. Richard Vaux reports on Correspondence. In his opening remarks he says:—

"When we see that a 'Grand Orient,' professing to represent Freemasonry within its geographical boundaries, established or governed by secular power, depending on the political authority of the land for its existence, without the power of exercising a right inherent in all sovereign Grand Lodges of true Masons, yielding obedience to profane dictations, engrafting in the body of Freemasonry unknown and unheard of novelties, claiming the right to disturb the harmony of Grand Lodges by violating or destroying their supreme authority, and after bringing discord and confusion within its own borders, hoping to escape condemnation by assailing other jurisdictions, and ending the catalogue of offences against the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry by proclaiming the abolition of all acknowledgment of God as essential under its jurisdiction—then we think there is some justification for our fears. Against such a counterfeit specimen of a Grand Lodge of our Craft we utter our solemn condemnation. We denounce it as false to Freemasonry. We reject all association with it. It is a dead branch on the body of Freemasonry. Let it be a herald of its own fate.

"Without any desire to renew the expression of our views as to the condition of Masonry in Germany under the 'Grand Lodge League,' and the extraordinary proceedings styled Masonic which resulted in the formation of that 'League, we cannot consent that the novelties which have been thus presented to the Craft in the United States should be excluded from this reference.

"The principal objection to this 'German Diet' of so-called Masonic bodies is that it arrogates to itself a sort of Tutonic supremacy over the craft. The phlegmatic arrogance by which rationalistic dogma asserts itself in cities and citadels of the modern 'illuminati' in the land of the language of the Nibelungen Lied, the Vilkena Saga, the Empire of the Hohenshaufens and the country of Gœthe, may be appreciated by the universities, or defended by disciples of the doctrine of evolution, which rejects the concrete wisdom of mankind and accepts hypothesis that are made from hypothetical premises; but the ancient Craft cannot follow such examples, or defend such teachings as applicable to its landmarks.

"Freemasonry is a law unto itself. Its virtues, its principles, its peace, security and perpetuity depend on its isolation from the profane, and their ever-shifting purposes for what they term 'progress.'

"The world to-day is filled with witnesses of a destruction which has signalized consequences of new theories, in conflict with accepted truth.

"To protect our landmarks, to preserve their integrity unimpaired in our jurisdiction, we labor in that sublime faith which is 'the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.'

M. W. Bro. Jas. Madison Porter, Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. John Thomson (Philadelphia), Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Second Annual Communication.
Held at Charlottetown, Feb. 21st 1877.

M. W. Bro. John Yeo, Grand Master.

Lodges, 9; represented, 8; initiated, 24; members, 584; new lodges, 2.

The Grand Master reports their recognition by 14 additional Grand Lodges. Harmony prevails.

A motion to have semi-annual meetings instead of the present quarterly meetings was lost.

England and Scotland are still silent on their formation.

M. W. Bro. John Yeo (Port Hill), Grand Master:

R. W. Bro. B. W. Higgs (Charlottetown), Grand Secretary.

1878.

Third Annual Communication.

Held at Charlottetown, Feb. 20th 1878.

R. W. Bro. John W. Morrison, Deputy Grand Master.

Lodges, 11; represented, 9; initiated, 33; members, 566.

The Grand Master was absent from the Province. His address was read. Twelve additional Grand Lodges have extended recognition, making 34 in all.

A motion to require one black ball to reject instead of two, was lost.

Recognition of Cuba was deferred.

Quarterly meetings were abolished and semi-annual adopted.

M. W. Bro. John Yeo (Port Hill), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. B. W. Higgs (Charlottetown), Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

Eighth Annual Communication.

Held at Montreal, Sept. 26th, 1877.

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

Lodges, 62; represented, 55; initiated, 262; members, 2810; new Lodges, 3.

In his address the Grand Master has the following on Foreign Relations:—

"The increase of Freemasonry during the past few years has been very remarkable, and particularly in the United Kingdom, where, according to recent authority, it has been computed that nearly one out of every four or five men of the upper and middle classes is a Mason. The Grand Lodge of England has now three Princes occupying the three first chairs,—the Prince of Wales being Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, Senior Grand Warden, and Prince Leopold, Junior Grand Warden.

"In the month of May last, the gratifying intelligence was received that at their previous quarterly communication, held at Edinburgh, the Grand Lodge of Scotland unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Regarding this resolution as extending to our Grand Lodge the recognition we asked for in the early part of the year, as a legally constituted and established Grand Lodge, having and exercising supreme Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec, I cheerfully acquiesced in the suggestion, by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of the name of Bro. Robert Wylie, of Mother Kilwinning Lodge, as Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and Sir Michael Robert Shaw-Stewart, Baronet, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scotland, has honored me with a Commission appointing me to be the Representative in this Province of his Grand Lodge. The correspondence on the subject of this important recognition has been printed, and will be submitted for your consideration.

"A copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at is seventh Annual Communication, was forwarded in February last to the Grand Lodge of England, but no action seems to have been taken with reference to the question raised by your resolutions.

"Neither has the Grand Lodge of Missouri as yet receded from the position it assumed towards us, though I have every reason to believe that if Bro. Gouley, the well-known Secretary of that Grand Lodge, who lost his life at the destruction by fire of the Southern Hotel, at St. Louis, had been spared, he would have endeavored to have secured for us a fair and satisfactory settlement, if not the full advantages of the North American doctrine as to exclusive jurisdiction.

"Repeated enquiries having been made as to the attitude of this Grand Lodge towards the so-called 'Grand Lodge of Ontario' and its members, I deemed it necessary to interdict all intercourse or Masonic communication with the Lodges under that organization, and the several members thereof, until you shall have taken action in the premises. This imperative step was justified by the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at its 21st Annual Communication, officially brought under my notice, and I could not but respect its sentence of expulsion, pending your decision. A similar course was adopted by the Grand Masters of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Louisiana and other States. I am not aware that the doctrine contended for by the so-called 'Grand Lodge of Ontario' has been admitted by any regular body of Masons, nor that it has had recognition extended to it by any other Grand Lodge than that of Texas, which was soon withdrawn. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada will be laid before you, with a copy of my circular."

"The Grand Lodge of Canada at its last meeting passed resolutions:—1. That the bequest of the late Bro. Edward Moss, towards the erection of a Freemasons' Widow and Orphan Asylum, should be drawn and paid over to this Grand Lodge; and, 2nd. That the amounts contributed to the Asylum Fund by the Lodges in this Province, then holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada, should, with interest, be placed to their credit respectively. This honorable mode of dealing with both those benevolences cannot but meet with your admiration, and deserves, as it will doubtless secure, your warmest thanks."

The numbering of the Lodges was completed, and the following resolutions carried:—

"That no Mason shall belong to more than one Lodge at the same time (except he be an honorary member, as provided for by the Constitution).

"This, however, not to apply to Brethren who are members of more than one Lodge at the time of passing this resolution.

"Any member of a Lodge wishing to affiliate with another Lodge must present his application in the usual form, and if his application be accepted in said Lodge, his membership shall remain in abeyance until his dimit from the former Lodge to which he belonged is surrendered to the last mentioned Lodge, when he shall become a full member."

A beautiful and costly Tea Service was presented to Bro. John H. Graham, P. G. M., a well-deserved tribute for his many and valuable services.

The following are the reports of the Board of General Purposes on the address of the Grand Master, and on the state of Masonry:—

"That the thanks of this grand Lodge are due to the Grand Master for his able and interesting address.

"That the growth in numbers and financial prosperity of the Craft generally, and not merely in this Province of Quebec in which we are more immediately interested, but also in every country, is the subject of sincere congratulation.

"That the Board is pleased to notice that at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held at Edinburgh, that Grand Lodge unanimously resolved to open fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and that an interchange of representatives has been agreed upon, a proceeding which must of necessity further and increase the friendly relationship which already exists between the two Grand Bodies, but your Board is still compelled to refer to the existence in the city of Montreal of a Lodge hailing from and recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a fact which seems inconsistent with the Supreme Masonic Jurisdiction in this Province, which is claimed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and which

seems to have been practically admitted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Your Board hopes that by further correspondence between the two Grand Bodies this difficulty may be arranged. Your Board equally regrets that a difficulty of a somewhat similar nature with the Grand Lodge of England is still unsettled. The action taken by the Grand Master in reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario will no doubt be approved by this Grand Lodge, at all events until further information as to the objects of the members of the Craft who have undertaken to form and organize the said so-called Grand Lodge, and the propriety or necessity of such organization shall have been supplied. This matter, however, is referred to in a separate report of your Board.

"The reference to the bequest of the late Brother E. Moss, and also as to the amounts heretofore contributed by the Lodges in this Jurisdiction to the Masonic Asylum Fund have been received with much satisfaction, and the Board recognizes with thanks the efforts of R. W. Bro. Lesser, who has contributed in no small degree to the attainment of this object.

"With reference to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and its claims for recognition by this Grand Lodge, the Board is of opinion that it would be desirable to await fuller information as to the condition of Masonry in that jurisdiction before action be taken in this matter.

"The Board in conclusion, congratulates Grand Lodge upon the prosperity which the Craft now enjoys in this Province, and its future prospects of influence and usefulness."

"The Board is pleased to be able to report that the state of Masonry in this Province, as shown in the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, is most satisfactory; the report of the Grand Secretary shewing that nearly all the Lodges have made prompt and proper returns, and the accounts of the Grand Treasurer shewing a good and sufficient sum on hand to meet all the requirements of Grand Lodge.

"The Board begs to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to the request of the Grand Secretary that the returns from the Subordinate Lodges should be made in the prescribed form, and in due time; and hopes that in future these details will receive the necessary attention from Worshipful Masters and Secretaries of Lodges.

"The Board is gratified to learn the prosperous condition of the several Districts as shewn in the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and hopes that in future each Lodge will receive at least one visit in the year from the District Deputy Grand Master of the District.

"There is one exception, however, to the harmony which exists throughout the Craft in this jurisdiction, and that is contained in the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for the Montreal District.

"The Board regrets to learn from this report that there are still Lodges in that District working under Warrants from other Grand Lodges, and not acknowledging the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

"In view of the fact that all possible means have been exhausted by this Grand Lodge, to bring about an amicable settlement with these Lodges working under Foreign Grand Lodges, without effect, the Board recommends that the proper steps be now taken to establish

the authority of this Grand Lodge over all Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction."

Resolutions were adopted regarding the Lodges working under foreign warrants as follows:—

"*Resolved*, That in consideration of the recognition of this Grand Lodge—through the establishment of fraternal relations in the interchange of Grand Representatives—by the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and in view of the fact that there still exists in this jurisdiction, a Subordinate Lodge working under Charter from that Grand Body, as well as three Subordinate Lodges working under Charters from the Grand Lodge of England; therefore, it is expedient, that a definite period be now fixed, when those several Lodges shall return to their respective Grand Lodges their Charters, and receive from this Grand Lodge a Duplicate thereof, so that the Supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec may be preserved intact in accordance with the well understood regulations defining the Territorial Jurisdiction of Grand Lodges on this continet.

"And, inasmuch as the interests of the Craft in this jurisdiction require that no unnecessary delay shall ensue in carrying out this resolution, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master is hereby instructed to cause the same to be communicated forthwith to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland respectively, with a respectful notification that their several Subordinate Lodges shall on or before the 1st of January next comply with the terms thereof."

M. W. Bro. M. M. Tait (Montreal), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson (Montreal), Grand Secretary.

We have also received a Proclamation of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, issued by Grand Master Tait, on June, 28th, 1878, and an answer to the same issued by Dr. George A. Baynes, "Provincial Grand Master of Scottish Freemasonry at Montreal," in August, 1878.

The Proclamation recites that Scotland has issusd Warrants for two new Lodges in Montreal, and that this is an unjustifiable and unlawful invasion of the territory of Quebec after her unconditional recognition by Scotland, and it declares such Lodges irregular and illegal, and non-intercourse with Scotland and all Lodges and brethren in obedience thereto.

The correspondence is given in full, and the circular concludes with an appeal for the the sustaining of the action of the Grand Master in vindication of Grand Lodge Sovereignty.

The answer of Bro. Baynes gives the action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland since April last as follows:—

"The Grand Lodge of Scotland in May last adopted unanimously the report of its Foreign and Colonial Committee, which, among other things therein referred to, and after reference to the application made for the erection of the Argyle Lodge at Montreal, thus proceeds: 'In respect this Grand Lodge does not recognise the pretended Grand Lodge of Quebec, which now seeks the exclusive jurisdiction of the District of Montreal, and which jurisdiction has been relinquished by the Grand Lodge of Canada; the Committee recommends the Grand Lodge to grant the prayer of the petition (for the Argyle), particularly as the Grand Lodge of Scotland exercises jurisdiction over Lodges at Montreal instituted by it long prior to the existence of any Grand Lodge in Canada, pretended or real.' And subsequently, at its meeting on the 5th of August, adopted the following reports of its Grand Committee:

"The Grand Secretary tabled a petition from the Lodges Elgin, No. 348, King Solomon, No. 622, and Argyle, No. 625, praying for the erection of a Provincial Grand Lodge by the name and title of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal, and recommending the appointment of Bro. Dr George A. Baynes as Provincial Grand Master. The Grand Secretary also reported the consecration of the two newly constituted Lodges at Montreal. Bro. Dr. George A. Baynes, R. W. M., of Elgin, No. 348, was Installing Officer, and was supported on the occasion by Brother the Honorable Judge Badgley, English District Grand Master of Montreal, and upwards of one hundred visiting brethren.

The Grand Secretary stated that in terms of remit the Sub-Committee on Foreign and Colonial affairs had drawn up the following Report, which he would read:—

"The Committee having considered the Communication from the body styling itself the Grand Lodge of Quebec, dated 17th May last, and a 'Proclamation' by its Grand Master, dated 21st June last, begs to report that the Grand Lodge in agreeing in February, 1877, to acknowledge Quebec as a Grand Lodge expressly reserved its jurisdiction over its Lodge the Elgin, at Montreal, in the event of that Lodge desiring to continue its connection with Scotland. This qualified resolution the body at Quebec has refused to accept; and it has imperatively demanded that the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England shall within a given period recall the Charters of their respective Lodges in the Colony, and that these Lodges shall thereupon apply for new Charters from it.

"The Grand Lodge of Scotland, when it passed the resolution in question, was not informed of the claim advanced by Quebec to absolute and exclusive jurisdiction within the Province of Lower Canada. In its application of January 6, 1877, for recognition, it simply 'sim-

cerely desired recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and to be in fraternal intercourse with it.' Grand Lodge, in disposing of the application, was thus not aware of Quebec's pretentions, and that its demand was not only for recognition but also for renunciation by Grand Lodge of its hitherto undisputed jurisdiction over its own daughter Lodge at Montreal, and that, too, against the wish of that Lodge, which was in existence long before the formation even of the Grand Lodge of Canada itself.

"Had the body at Quebec frankly stated its demands in its application, the present difficulty would not have occurred, for Grand Lodge would have refused its recognition on such conditions. It had from the first been of opinion that a Grand Lodge at Quebec was unnecessary, and it was only induced to accord its qualified recognition, on the representation that the Grand Lodges of Canada and England had given theirs. But it now appears that the latter Grand Body had also qualified its recognition in terms similar to those of Scotland, and that the Quebec Body, with characteristic modesty, had refused its acceptance.

"In such circumstances the resolution to recognize Quebec to any extent has fallen, and that by its own act. It has thus no cause of just complaint, for Scotland is under no obligation to recognize it, and Scotland in declining to do so has exercised its undoubted right. The terms on which it offered recognition are those that have in every other similar case been exacted and readily agreed to. They are only insisted on in places where daughter Lodges desire to retain their connection with their mother Grand Lodge, and when, through time, that desire dies out, Scotland readily renounces her jurisdiction in such localities.

"The Committee desires to remind Grand Lodge that in recognizing the Grand Lodge of Canada, similar conditions were agreed to by that Grand Body, and that the closest alliance and harmonious intercourse has throughout existed between the two Grand Lodges.

"We are not told on what ground Quebec pretends to have a more extended title than that of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It seceded from that Grand Lodge, and by importunity succeeded in getting it to relinquish in its favor its jurisdiction over the Province of Lower Canada. But the relinquishment of that jurisdiction did not and could not convey the jurisdiction of other Grand Bodies which it did not possess. The Grand Lodge of Canada conferred no right other than its own; and if the right to govern the English and Scotch Lodges belonged to the Grand Lodges of those countries it still remains with them.

"The Body at Quebec having declined to accept of the recognition of Scotland on the terms offered it, is not in its eyes a lawful Masonic power, and the Grand Lodge of Canada, having ceased to exercise jurisdiction in the province, the district has become open territory, and is now in the same position as it was prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada. In consequence, the Grand Lodge of Scotland has authorized the formation of two other Lodges at Montreal.

"Among the documents submitted to the Committee, there was a copy of a letter written by the Past Grand Master of Scotland, the deceased Earl of Dalhousie, in which that noble Brother expressed his opinion in a question with the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which claimed a right to object to an American citizen, resident in Scotland, being admitted to the Craft in Scotland, that it was wrong in that pre-

tention, but his Lordship added that 'if the Grand Lodge of Scotland had proposed to erect a Lodge hailing under her banner in Missouri [a foreign State], that would have been an invasion of its jurisdiction which could not be justified.' This opinion is at variance with the practice of several European Grand Lodges; but the Committee accept it as correct. There is, however, no analogy between the two cases. The noble Past Grand Master rightly assumed in making his remarks that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, admitted the genuineness of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and that it had exclusive jurisdiction within its bounds. But the Grand Lodge of Scotland denies that the body at Quebec is a genuine Grand Lodge, and that it has such jurisdiction there.

"The Grand Lodge of Scotland does not know of any Masonic power exercising at present jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec other than itself and the Grand Lodge of England.

"In conclusion, the Committee has to remark that the pretended Grand Lodge of Quebec founds its claim to independence on the erroneous principle that any number of Masons are entitled to absolve themselves of their oaths of allegiance to their Mother Grand Lodge, and to constitute themselves into a separate Grand Lodge; and it claims exclusive jurisdiction over a part of the Queen's dominions on the ground that 'Political and Masonic boundaries should be conterminous.' It forgets, in advancing the latter proposition that on that ground it should itself have no existence. The Province of Quebec is not a sovereign State like one of those forming the United States of North America. It is merely a Province of Canada, a dependency of the British Crown.

"The Committee, in the circumstances above stated, has to recommend that Grand Lodge should take no further notice of this matter, unless the pretended Grand Lodge at Quebec chooses to intimate its readiness to accept of the qualified recognition which this Grand Lodge and that of England have expressed their readiness to accord.

"As regards an application by the Scotch daughter Lodges at Montreal for the creation of a Provincial Grand Lodge there, the Committee recommend Grand Lodge to grant the prayer of this petition, in order that its Lodges may be placed in as advantageous a position as those of England, which have long had a District Grand Master presiding over them, and as the Lodges have suggested Brother Dr. George A. Baynes for the office of Provincial Grand Master, the Committee recommend his appointment; and further, it suggests that a cordial vote of thanks should be accorded to that distinguished Brother for his loyalty to Grand Lodge under trying circumstances."

"It was moved by Brother William Hay, Architect to the Grand Lodge, P. M. No. 56, 'that the report be approved of, and that Grand Lodge be recommended to grant the prayer of the petition for the erection of a Provincial Grand Lodge in Montreal.' The motion was seconded by Brother F. A. Barrow, Grand Senior Warden, and unanimously agreed to."

Our opinion of this unfortunate difficulty is that Scotland is clearly in the wrong. Whatever may be said as to her right to protect her daughter Lodges, which were in exist-

ence when the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed, it is beyond a question that she had no right to establish any new Lodges in that territory, after her recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The excuse offered, that they were "not informed of the claim advanced by Quebec to exclusive jurisdiction," seems to us childish in the extreme, and the formation of new Lodges and the attempted creation of a Provincial Grand Lodge look like measures of retaliation dictated by feelings of vindictiveness which should find no place in the Masonic Brotherhood.

RHODE ISLAND.

Eighty-seventh Annual Communication.

Held at Providence, May 21st, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Nicholas W. Slyck, Grand Master.

Lodges, 31; represented, 30; initiated, 92; members, 4,326; new lodges, 4.

Cuba was recognized. The following resolution was adopted.

"*Resolved*, That the practice of furnishing information concerning the doings of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of publication in any newspaper or magazine other than the official organ of this Grand Lodge, be, and the same is, hereby prohibited."

Bro. Chauncey Bennett was appointed as their Grand Representative near Canada. The following were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island deems it necessary to declare and hereby does declare that each State and Territory within the United States, wherein there is now existing a Grand Lodge recognized by and in fellowship with this Grand Lodge, is a separate and distinct Masonic jurisdiction, under the sole government of the Grand Lodge so recognized.

"*Resolved*, That the above declaration being the fundamental law of Masonry, the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island has never acknowledged and will not acknowledge the right of any Grand Lodge or Grand Orient to claim, hold, or exercise Masonic authority over any portion of any State or Territory wherein already exists a regularly recognized Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That it is not within the power of any Grand Lodge to legally surrender any portion of its authority or jurisdiction to any other Grand Lodge or Grand Orient or to permit any other Grand Lodge

or Grand Orient to exercise concurrent authority within its own territorial jurisdiction.

"*Resolved*, That if at any time any Grand Lodge recognized by and in fellowship with this Grand Lodge, shall surrender its sole and exclusive territorial jurisdiction to any other power or authority, or shall recognize any other Grand Lodge or Grand Orient as holding jurisdiction within its territory, then and in that case this Grand Lodge will cease to hold Masonic fellowship with such Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master of Masons of this jurisdiction be, and he is, hereby requested whenever it shall come to his knowledge that any Grand Lodge has so surrendered its authority or divided its jurisdiction, to issue his edict suspending all Masonic intercourse with said Grand Lodge and forbidding all Masonic fellowship between the Lodges and members of this State and the Lodges and members of the jurisdiction under the Grand Lodge aforesaid."

M. W. Bro. C. R. Cutler, (Warren), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Edwin Baker (Providence), Grand Secretary.

1878.

Eighty-eighth Annual Communication.
Held at Providence, May 20th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. Charles R. Cutler, Grand Master.

Lodges, 33; represented, 31; initiated, 85; members, 4,327; new lodges, 2.

The Grand Master visited nearly all the lodges, and was well received.

Action was deferred as to the new Grand Lodges of New Mexico, Indian Territory and New South Wales.

Bro. Ariel Ballon, Past Grand Master, presented his credentials and was received as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The monument to Roger Williams, the founder of the City of Providence, in 1636, was dedicated with great ceremony.

M. W. Bro. C. R. Cutler (Warren), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Edwin Baker (Providence), Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

One hundred and first Annual Communication.
Held at Charleston, December 11th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. W. G. De Saussure, Grand Master.

Lodges, 182; represented, 158; initiated, 124; members, 6,918.

The Grand Master visited a number of lodges, and found the principles of Masonry well maintained. The disturbed condition of the State caused the work of the Lodges to be comparatively light. He appointed Bro. T. C. MacNabb to be their Representative near Canada.

A Digest of Decisions was received from a Special Committee and ordered to be published with the proceedings.

It was proposed to hold a Centennial celebration in 1877, and Bro. Wm. N. Blake was selected as the orator for the occasion at the meeting in 1876. He, however, declined, as he believed that Grand Lodge could not justly date its existence prior to 1817. The following is the report of the Committee on this subject:—

"That as is well known, Masonry was inaugurated in South Carolina in the year 1736 by the organization of Solomon's Lodge. The first inception of Grand Lodge Masonry seems to have been in the year 1737, when the Provincial Grand Lodge was first organized. In the year 1754 the Provincial Grand Lodge was re-organized and put upon a firm basis. This occurrence was commemorated by this Grand Lodge by full and impressive Centennial exercises held in the year 1854. In these exercises our distinguished brother A. G. Mackey took full part as appears by the published proceedings of the occasion.

"The next prominent event in the history of Grand Lodge Masonry in South Carolina occurred in the year 1777, when, to use the words of Worshipful Master W. G. DeSaussure in his address delivered at the last Annual Communication, 'the Provincial Grand Lodge declared itself the Independent Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina.' This certainly marked the epoch when for the first time in the History of Masonry there existed in South Carolina a Grand Lodge claiming and exercising jurisdiction within the State, independent of any other or outside authority. Whether this Grand Lodge be the same to-day as then existing or not, it certainly has succeeded to the authority and position then claimed and exercised by such Grand Lodge. To use again the language of Brother DeSaussure in the address referred to. This year is 'consequently the Centennial

year of the Independent Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina, of which Colonel Barnard Elliott was first Grand Master."

"Your Committee, however, concur with Brother Blake in his position, that this cannot be considered the Centennial year of *this* Grand Lodge, considering as he does, this Grand Lodge to be the corporate Body chartered in 1817 and still existing under such charter. It is well established that a corporation derives its existence simply and only from the act of the higher body which incorporates it. As then this charter was granted only in 1817, it follows that the present corporate entity known as the Grand Lodge of A. F. M. of South Carolina could not have existed prior to that date.

"But as this is certainly the Centennial year of the first organization of an Independent Grand Lodge in the State, and as it is equally true that while this present Grand Lodge may not be the same to-day as then existed, it certainly has succeeded to the position then for the first time occupied by such Grand body, and as this present Grand Lodge has already in the year 1854 celebrated the Centennial of the first Provincial Grand Lodge in this State, it seems to your Committee only proper that some fitting celebration be had of the present interesting and important occasion."

An ancient book was presented to the Grand Lodge, having the following history:—

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of A. F. M. of South Carolina:

"Dear Brother,—In 1873, a lady of my congregation placed this old book in my hands, asking me to dispose of it as seemed best. Her account of it is this: Three weary travellers called for refreshments at her father's residence, more than forty years ago. After dinner they slept awhile, and arose hurriedly, and in haste continued their journey. On entering the room which they had occupied she discovered this book, which she supposed had dropped from the pocket of one of the travellers. She presented it to her father for examination, who was at that time very ill, and died in a few days thereafter. He informed her that it was the pocket Manual of a Master Mason, and requested her to keep it as a sacred trust until the owner called for it. The travellers never returned. Her father died, and for more than *forty years* she kept the book concealed from human view, believing that it contained secrets, which, if discovered, would subject her to the hate of the Masonic Fraternity. Learning that I am a Free and Accepted Mason, and being at that time her pastor, she trusted me with the book, which bears some marks of age. I transmit it to you, by Brother J. N. Busby, of Monticello, who will vouch for me. The volume is at your disposal, and may prove of some interest because of its antiquity—there being on page of the Multiplication Table this note: 'Made this first day of February, 1761.'

"Yours fraternally,

J. M. BOYD."

Bro. A. Doty, jr., was received as our Representative.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. B. W. Ball (Laurens, C. H.,), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Chas. Inglesby (Charlestown), Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

Sixty-fourth Annual Communication.

Held at Nashville, November 12th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Elihu Edmundson, Grand Master.

Lodges, 409; represented, 339; initiated, 518; members, 17,911; new Lodges, 2.

The Grand Master delivered a comprehensive address, chiefly on local topics. Among the representatives appointed we notice the name of Bro. S. B. Harman for Canada.

A charge appears in the cases of appeal for "intentionally misrepresenting the character of a horse to a Master Mason." Surely Masons could find some better work to do than trying cases of such a nature. We keep all such matters carefully out of the Lodges here.

The following report was adopted:—

"The Committee have examined the question propounded by Bro. McNutt, as follows: 'Is it the sense of this Grand Lodge that a Subordinate Lodge is bound to grant a dimit to a member who has voluntarily assumed the ratable payment of an extraordinary debt before he has discharged his *pro rata* of the same, simply upon payment of his annual Lodge dues proper?' The Committee is of the opinion that as the Lodge has no power to make an extraordinary assessment on its members, we know of no authority by which the Lodge can withhold a dimit for the failure of a Brother to pay such an assessment."

A Memorial page is set apart to the memory of our late beloved Grand Secretary, Thomas Bird Harris. "A skilled workman! A tried companion! A perfect Master! 'For this our heart is faint, for this our eyes are dim!'"

Bro. George S. Blackie reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1875. We give him a cordial welcome back. At the end of his report we find *inter alia* the following resolutions:—

"*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee assures the Grand Lodge of Canada of its sympathy with them in the loss of R. W. Bro. Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Secretary of Canada, and Grand Representative of Tennessee."

"*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee heartily welcomes the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory into the sisterhood of American Grand Lodges, and has pleasure in extending to her fraternal relations.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of New Mexico having been regularly formed in August last, the M. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee takes pleasure in welcoming her youngest American sister, and extends to her recognition and neutral representation.

"*Resolved*, That it having appeared to her satisfaction that the Grand Lodge of Colon was a defunct Masonic body at the time of the formation of the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, and that the latter Grand Lodge was formed on unoccupied Masonic territory, the M. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee enrolls with pleasure the name of her island sister, the Grand Lodge of Cuba, among those bound to her in amity and correspondence.

"*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Lodge Alpina, Switzerland, in separating herself from other organizations, and assuming sole control of the Symbolic Degrees in that country, has knit closer the bonds which unite her with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and the other American Lodges, and has set an example which we hope to see followed by other European Masonic powers.

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee, the Grand Orient of France, by erasing from its Constitution the belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe and the immortality of the soul, has made a concession to atheism and atheists, which takes away the basis of all their degrees, and that therefore the so-called Masons of that obedience are no longer to be regarded as a part of the great Masonic family."

M. W. Bro. Americus V. Warr (Rossville), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. John Frizzell (Nashville), Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

Forty-second Annual Communication.
Held at Houston, Dec. 13th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. Marcus F. Mott, Grand Master.

Lodges, 397; represented, 145; initiated, 1,190; members, 16,856; new Lodges, 13.

The Grand Master has the following on their condition :—

"From all the information I have been able to gather I am satisfied that the moral tone of Masonry in Texas was never better than now. There has been less comparative increase of membership than at some

former periods of its history, which of itself is an auspicious omen. Lodges have given more attention to the exclusion of unworthy material. The portals have been more closely guarded, and the moral qualifications of candidates more strictly inquired into. Gambling, intemperance and kindred vices have been warred against, discipline enforced and the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge generally observed and respected. The spirit, philosophy and teachings of the Order are being better understood and its great moral design more appreciated. Still, much remains to be done in this direction. There is yet much groping in the darkness by those who have been accustomed to consider the Ritual and Lectures as the sum and substance of Masonry—though I am happy to say that inquiry is awakening and the moral beauties and sublime truths of the Order are being daily more and more unfolded in the light of earnest investigation. When every Mason in this jurisdiction comes to understand that Masonry means something more than lectures, attendance upon Lodge meetings, and the payment of Lodge dues—that it is something higher, nobler and better than a mere mutual aid association; a brighter future will take the place of the already bright present. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man find ample expoeition in the spirit of our institution. It reaches into and touches the hearts and homes of men, their happiness and their moral welfare. It guides them into the sweet paths of virtue and holds out the hope of a glorious immortality. 'Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace.'"

He thinks they have too many weak Lodges, and that their increase is to be deplored. On their historical matters he says:—

"An interesting incident in the early history of Masonry in Texas has just been brought to light. Forty-nine years ago, and eight years before Texas achieved her independence upon the battle-field of San Jacinto, Bros. Stephen F. Austin, the father of Texas, Ira Ingram, the first Speaker of the Congress of the Republic of Texas, H. H. League, Eli Mitchell, Joseph White and Thomas M. Duke, met together at the little village of San Felipe, on the Brazos River, in the first Masonic Convention ever held upon the soil of Texas. These distinguished pioneers and settlers of this great State must hereafter rank with Bros. John A. Wharton, Asa Brigham, James A. E. Phelps, Alex. Russell, Anson Jones and J. P. Caldwell as the earliest patrons and promoters of Masonry in Texas, and go down into history with this additional halo of glory around their memories.

"In November last. Bro. Guy M. Bryan, of Galveston, who is the custodian of the papers and archives of Stephen F. Austin, handed me a document found by him among Gen. Austin's papers, containing the proceedings of this Convention and desired me to present the same to this Grand Lodge. It is accompanied by a paper in Spanish which proves to be the form of a petition or Dispensation for a new Lodge. Before removing to Texas, Bro. Stephen F. Austin was a member of St. Louis Lodge, No. 3, holding a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at the town of St. Louis, in what was then the unoccupied Masonic Territory of Missouri. His status as a M. M.

being established, there can be no question of the authenticity of the documents, and I have deposited them with the Grand Secretary in accordance with Bro. Bryan's request to await your pleasure.

"The Convention met for the purpose of petitioning the Grand York Lodge of Mexico for Dispensation for a Lodge at San Felipe. About that time and afterwards, intense excitement existed in Mexico, on the subject of suppressing the Masonic Societies in obedience to a Bull fulminated against them by the reigning Pope. Indeed, in a short time, all the men of influence in the country were arrayed upon the side of one or the other of the political factions, which were said to be under the guidance of the several Scotch and English Lodges. The 'Escoses' (or Scotch) Lodges were composed of large proprietors and persons of distinction, and were mostly men of moderate and conservative principles. The "Yorkanos" (or York Masons) were opposed to the Central, or Royal, government and were in favor of the entire expulsion of the Spanish from Mexico. Towards the close of 1827, Don Jose Montano published his plan for the forcible reform of the Government, in order to counteract the growing influence of the Yorkanos. Civil war soon after raged, and in the struggle that followed, the rival Masonic bodies lost their power and prestige, and were rent into fragments. Disaster will always follow when Masonry goes beyond her legitimate sphere and enters into the domain of things which concern her not. Owing to this distracted state of affairs the enterprise of forming a Lodge at San Felipe was permitted to die out.

"The document alluded to, being an important contribution to our history, I copy it in full, so that it may be published in our Proceedings for the information of the Craft in this jurisdiction, and for the benefit of the future historian of our Order in Texas:

"'At a meeting of Ancient York Masons, held in the town of San Felipe de Austin, on the 11th day of February, 1828, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of petitioning the Grand York Lodge of Mexico, for granting a Charter, or Dispensation for organizing a Subordinate Lodge at this place, the following brothers were present: Bros. H. H. League, Stephen F. Austin, Ira Ingram, Eli Mitchell, Joseph White, G. B. Hall, and Thos. M. Duke.

"'On motion of Bro. Ira Ingram, and seconded, Bro. H. H. League was appointed Chairman, and Bro. Thos. M. Duke Secretary.

"'On motion of Bro. Stephen F. Austin, and seconded, it was unanimously agreed that we petition to the Grand York Lodge of Mexico for a Charter or Dispensation to organize a Lodge at this place, to be called the Lodge of Union.

"'On balloting for officers of the Lodge, the following brethren were duly elected: Bro. S. F. Austin, Master; Bro. Ira Ingram, Senior Warden, and Bro. H. H. League, Junior Warden.

"'(Signed) H. H. LEAGUE, Chairman.

"'Attest:

"'THOMAS M. DUKE, Secretary.'

"There is something peculiarly touching and interesting in this record. Those noble men, standing upon the confines of civilization, seeking to establish an Empire in the almost untrodden wilds of Texas, and looking forward with prophetic ken to the time when the 'wilderness would blossom as a rose,' and 'tower'd cities and the busy hum

of men' usurp the resort of the Indian and the home of the wild beast —seemed to feel that Masonry was a necessary incident to the civilization of the Anglo-American. They sought to invoke its beneficient teachings and humanizing influences in aid of their grand undertaking. No higher tribute was ever paid to our Order. No nobler estimate of its wisdom and truth ever imprinted upon the records of time."

New Mexico was recognized, and as to the Grand Orient of France the following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Orient of France, in abolishing from the foundation of its Constitution the assertion of the existence of God, and the immortality of the soul, and so opening its doors to atheism, had made a fundamental change in its character, and we can no longer recognize it as a part of the Masonic body."

To properly disseminate the work, the system of having Grand Lecturers was adopted. Two were elected at a salary of $2,000. They are to spend their whole time in visiting the lodges and imparting the work.

Bro. E. H. Cushing has a splendid report on Correspondence. We are glad to copy some of his opening remarks:

"Another question of some interest is as to the Scope and Value of Correspondence Reports. There are, no doubt, many devoted Masons who regard these reports as of no value, and who never take the trouble to read them. It is quite likely that not one in twenty Masons in the State of Texas know that there is such a Report made to the Grand Lodge and published in the Proceedings from year to year. The question very naturally arises, whether it is right to tax the nineteen who don't care for the Reports for the benefit of the one who does? Our own opinion is, that in all communities the intelligence of less than one-twentieth practically controls the balance.

"As to the value of the knowledge thus imparted, that depends a good deal on the skill of the reporter in his work. But that the reports of such brethren as Drummond, of Maine, Simons, of New York, Pierson, of Minnesota, to mention no others, have contributed vastly to the substantial character of the Institution as it now exists there can be no doubt. These brethren challenge and discuss all points, and their discussion and that of other intelligent brethren serves to unify the Masonic idea all over the land.

"A point that is developed by the statistical tables of the Vermont Committee is worthy of especial attention. It is that two-thirds of all the Lodges and more than two-thirds of all the Masons on the face of the earth are in America and under the so-called York Rite, and when Grand Lodges and Grand Orients, with great names and greater pretensions, undertake to assert themselves in the face of this preponder-

ating majority, and to encroach upon what American Masons regard as their reserved rites, they are placing the ban upon themselves and not upon us. We can stand non-intercourse as long as they can. Again, of all the lodges known to us, say 13,000 in round numbers, over 11,000 are of the so-called York Rite, leaving but about 1,600 for the so-called Scottish Rite, and showing that although very many York Rite Masons participate in the companionships of the other Rite in the fancy degrees—we cannot call them *higher* degrees—yet the prevailing sentiment of the fraternity is to the simplicity of the York Rite and to the three or Symbolic Degrees of that. Less than one-fourth of them ever go beyond.

"Great charitable institutions have been undertaken in some jurisdictions and are talked about in others. We refer to the discussion of this subject copied from the Proceedings of Mississippi. Our opinion, unfavorable to such institutions, as heretofore expressed, is strengthened by experience of others. We cannot have a Masonic College, or a Masonic Orphans' Asylum, or a Masonic Widows' Home without expending double the money necessary to secure education or care in institutions of a more general character. To create an adequate foundation for such an institution would require a most burdensome tax, and one that the Masons of Texas will never submit to pay, especially if it appears to them that the promotors of such charities may possibly have a personal interest in their success.

"Some animadversions upon the Past Master's Degree have appeared in former reports. These have attracted attention elsewhere, and while it seems that the majority is in favor of retaining that illogical ceremony in the Masonic Body, still there has developed quite a large minority in favor of abolishing it, and making all there is of any value a part of the installation ceremony, and open to every member of the Lodge. Conversation with leading Masons in our own jurisdiction leads to the belief that those entertaining this view among us may possibly be more than a minority. If the Degree is to be abolished it can better be done in Texas than in any other jurisdiction.

"The Ohio attempt to recognize the illegitimate offspring of Prince Hall so-called Masonry, has failed, and it met no favor except among a very small number of Grand Lodges and Reports. It is safe to say that four-fifths of the Masons of the United States were opposed to it."

M. W. Bro. Norton Moses (Stricklinge), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. G. H. Bringhust (Houston), Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

Sixth Annual Communication.
Held at Salt Lake City, November 13, 1877.
M. W. Bro. Joseph M. Orr, Grand Master.
Lodges, 6; represented, 6; initiated, 36; members, 367.

The Grand Master says the Lodges are healthy and prosperous. On France he remarks:—

"When the Lodges of France struck from their constitution the name of the "GREAT I AM," they violated one of the most ancient and revered landmarks of our institution. France ought to learn something from history, and remember that when infidelity wrote over the church yards of France, 'Death is an eternal sleep,' their nation suffered, and that Order of Brotherhood which teaches man 'to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before his God,' received a wound from which France never recovered."

We also give his conclusion, which shows their relations with Mormonism:

"In concluding my remarks I have only a few words to say: Twelve years ago there were no Masonic Lodges in this territory, and now, with a population of about 150,000 inhabitants, we have only six subordinate Lodges, but that is not discouraging to the brother who studies our history as Masons, and who understands the embarrassments with which we are surrounded; our prospects, however, for the future are every day growing brighter. I have seen, during my residence in Utah, many bad men acquire power, and fall because of their evil acts. I have seen good men driven from the Territory by the intolerant rule of a fanatical priesthood, while others fell beneath the stroke of the assassin's dagger, from which the bravest men recoil. It is not so now. The time has passed when men are compelled to obey the edict: 'Do as you are told and ask no questions.'

"We now have our railroads and telegraphs, and better than all, we have our mines, miners, and mechanics—the one yielding wealth, the other power and influence—and to-day our gulches and mountains, from Bear Lake to St. George, are giving up their hidden treasures to the honest miner, aided by giant powder, the pick, the shovel, and the drill. These men know their rights and 'knowing dare maintain,' while the governing power of this great nation seems indifferent to the welfare and good morals of this Territory. Yet the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, with that silent, unknown power peculiar to the 'GREAT I AM,' is doing the work of reform and bringing 'order out of chaos.' Truly,—

'God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform,
He plants His footsteps on the sea,
And rides upon the storm.'

"Right here I call to memory those beautiful sentiments expressed by a German poet more than three hundred years ago; they are worth repeating;

'Though the mills of God grind slowly,
Yet they grind exceeding small;
Though with patience he stands waiting,
With exactness grinds he all.'

"Justice will prevail. It is said to be 'blind and slow,' yet it gropes its way along with unerrring certainty, and will in time overtake us

all. Justice is radical, it knows no compromise. This is the idea that controlled our brothers when they established the first Masonic Lodge in Utah.

"We say to the Priests of the Latter-day Church, you cannot enter our Lodge-rooms—you surrender all to an unholy priesthood. You have heretofore sacrificed the sacred obligations of our beloved Order, and we believe you would do the same again. Stand aside; we want none of you. Such a wound as you gave Masonry in Nauvoo, is not easily healed, and no Latter-day Saint is, or can become a member of our Order in this Jurisdiction.

Brothers, I hope you will continue to be controlled by these principles of justice and right, always having in view the welfare of the Fraternity, for if you allow apathy or indifference to lay one hand on conservatism, the other on radical principles, and drag the latter poinard and chafing into the sepulchre of the former, there is an angel, bright winged and beautiful, that will spring upon the motley wreck and lift from the brow of man the wreath that never bore a taint, and mark the epitaph of blighted energy with a tear."

New Mexico and Cuba were recognized.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1876.

M. W. Bro. John S. Scott (Salt Lake City), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

Eighty-fifth Annual Communication.

Held at Burlington, June 13th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Henry H. Smith, Grand Master.

Lodges, 96; represented, 85; initiated, 269; members, 8,896.

We make a few extracts from the address of the Grand Master:—

"I do not think there is now a Subordinate Lodge in Vermont which does not approve the action of its representatives in establishing Grand Lodge dues, or one which does not see the necessity therefor, and a willingness to respond. With this earnest co-operation of our Lodges we can take our modest stand in the constellation of American Grand Lodges, and make ourselves comfortable, if we cannot erect a temple."

"We are held together by a moral force, and we ought to understand the extent of it. The simple profession of a desire to do good to our fellows is something toward the accomplishment of that broad

Charity to which we are bounden as a duty, but the doings of all those things which our Great Light and our ritual teaches, and refraining from all those hurtful things so strongly condemned therein will alone make us true and perfect Craftsmen in the Temple prepared for us by that blessed Creator before whom we should so willingly and lovingly bow in unquestioning obedience.

"The appeal must be directly to each of you, my Brethren, and neither your Lodges or your Grand Lodge can answer or atone for you, and it is your duty as the Masters and leaders of the hundred Lodges of Masons in this State who look up to you as their teachers, to go back to them and inculcate the true meaning and scope of our symbolism.

"Tell them what original Masonry was, and what the object and benefit of Lodge membership is; explain to them the rights and privileges accruing from a central organization clothed with legislative, judicial and executive functions, delegated expressly in their behalf and interest, and for their benefit—the duty of whose officers it is to work and watch unceasingly for them, doing a work they could not do if they had the authority and desire, being scattered all over the State and not easily accessible to each other.

"You, as their teachers, are bound to give the Craft good and wholesome instruction, and they have the right to expect and claim it of you, and as a great civilizing and enlightening power, you should see to it that the cause educational doth not languish in your hands."

"I suppose that not more than one-third of the members of Lodges attend the Communications with regularity, and there ought to be, and it is possible there is, some reason for it more or less weighty; and, perhaps, in looking it over, we shall find ourselves responsible in a great measure. The number of Lodges in this State is virtually restricted to about one hundred. The State is old and the territory parceled out as conveniently as may be. There is hardly a place in the State for another Lodge at present, and possibly not for years to come, particularly if our population is decimated as rapidly in the future as in the past decade by emigration of our young and working members. So the establishment of new Lodges, and growth of old or new, has not been so rapid as to introduce poor material to any alarming extent.

"Harmony has prevailed generally, so non-attendance cannot be charged to ill feeling or dissension among the Craft, and I cannot think that the payment of that "almighty quarter" for Grand Lodge dues has anything to do with it, so the only logical and reasonable conclusion seems to be that the fraternity have allowed themselves to lapse into that dangerous indifference and lack of interest which is a condition precedent to utter uselessness, or possibly absolute dissolution."

"FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

"I have read, with the deepest interest, every report received during the past year, and very many old ones kindly furnished me by our Grand Secretary, and I can truthfully say I have gleaned from them more information than from all other sources combined. These reports are absolutely invaluable to any one desiring to inform himself thoroughly, and especially to the Brethren who are elected to oversee the Craft and keep that vigilant watch over their interests which ever increasing necessities demand. We could not afford to be de-

prived of this compendium of facts, opinions and decisions from all over the world, accompanied, as it usually is, by its keen criticisms and suggestions. By all means let our report be made and printed as usual."

In the report of the Committee on republication, we find the following, among other historical matters :—

"There is still another matter that should not be omitted. I refer to the history of anti-masonry in this State. It is a singular fact that in a State of this size, a State whose people consisted of intelligent citizens, a State whose freedom and independence was procured at the expense of our ancestors' blood, that such a bitter, unrelenting, deadly feeling of hate should have existed in the hearts of that portion of the people called anti-masons. Nevertheless, it is a fact that is supported by history. A presidential election occurred during the anti-masonic period, and of all the States in the Union, Vermont was the only State whose full electoral vote was cast for the anti-masonic candidate. Two anti-masonic conventions were held at Montpelier, one in 1829, the other in 1830.

"Pamphlets purporting to reveal the grand secret of Masonry were printed and scattered from one end of the State to the other. An anti-masonic paper was published at Middlebury. Complete collections of anti-masonic literature were placed in the various universities in the State. Clergymen were compelled to stand in their pulpits and either publicly renounce Masonry or be dismissed from the church. Some submitted to this demand, some did not, and some took a middle ground, which was not to meet with the Craft until the storm had passed. Now and then there was a clergyman who would boldly stand out, and no threats could induce him to relinquish his Masonic associations. Of this class Rev. Kittridge Haven, recently deceased, was one. Amidst the anti-masonic storm he was waited upon by a committee and requested to deliver an address at Corinth. He informed them that his engagements were such that it would be almost impossible for him to comply with their request. They went away, and in a day or two he learned that they had failed to find a speaker, and were about to abandon the matter. He consulted with his wife and another lady, and they said, "Kittridge, live or die, go and deliver the address!" He put a boy on a horse and sent him nine miles to notify the committee he would speak, and he did. The address delivered upon that occasion I have. I could relate other incidents of this character, but want of space prevents."

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1876.

M. W. Bro. H. H. Smith, (Rutland), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Henry Clark (Rutland), Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

Held at Richmond, December 10, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Richard Parker, Grand Master.

Lodges, 200; represented, 119; members, 9,234.

The address of the Grand Master gives the following information as to their condition and prospects:—

"We should likewise be truly grateful for the improved condition of our political, social, and business relations; for the harmony that extends throughout our wide country; and for the rich harvests which have rewarded our toils, and are the promise of increased activity in all the avocations of life.

"As we constitute a portion of the body politic, we must expect to share in its blessings, and to be subjected to its sufferings; for whatever affects the body of a community, of necessity affects each of its several parts. In times of disturbance and monetary depression, Masonry may languish, but her revival to fuller life may be looked for with the return of peace and general prosperity."

Their one-hundredth anniversary will occur on the 13th of October, 1878. He recommends its appropriate observance. The new edition of the Text Book is ready for use. We fully approve of the following remarks:—

"Being informed by a District Deputy Grand Master that a member of one of our most flourishing Lodges, consisting of Christians and Jews, had publicly and seriously avowed that no Jew should be admitted within the Lodge; thereby causing great detriment to it, and exciting one class of its members against the other; each threatening to exclude by their ballots every canditate of the opposite religious persuasion; I held such conduct to be so grossly unmasonic, that it should not be overlooked; that no one had a right to set up his narrow opinions against one of the fundamental principles of Masonry. All it requires on this subject from a candidate for initiation into its mysteries, is that he have a sincere belief and trust in God. Beyond this, it is not lawful for any Mason, or body of Masons, to impose any religious test upon a candidate for admission. If he have the necessary moral and physical qualifications, as prescribed in our Book of Constitutions, the doors of our Lodges should be as wide open to a Jew as to a Christian. Moreover, a Lodge is not compelled to submit to its destruction, in deference to the wilfulness or prejudice of any one of its members. Whilst the secrecy of the ballot is not to be interfered with, and no enquiry is permitted as to how a member has voted, even though such vote be injurious to the welfare of the Lodge; it is wholly different when one seriously avows his purpose to use the ballot in order to violate one of the great principles on which our Institution is founded. Such an avowal, deliberately made, proves the offender to

be wanting in that charity which a Mason must have and practice. I therefore instructed the District Deputy Grand Master to warn the offending Brother that unless he wholly abandoned this erroneous principle, and would heartily conform his conduct to what Masonry requires, he would be subjected to a trial, and required, unless he did so abandon it, that the District Deputy Grand Master should see that charges, with proper specifications, were preferred. And as other members had threatened retaliation (which though natural, was very unmasonic), I instructed him to administer a sharp rebuke to them."

A suitable monument is to be erected over the remains of their late Grand Secretary, Dr. John Dove. All the Lodges are to have an opportunity of contributing. The Grand Lodge appropriated $250.00.

A committee was appointed to consider the proposed Centennial Celebration, with power to act, if deemed expedient.

Bro. W. F. Drinkard reports on Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. B. R. Wellford, Jr. (Richmond), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. W. B. Isaacs (Richmond), Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

Twentieth Annual Communication.

Held at Olymphia, Sept. 26th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Platt A. Preston, Grand Master.

Lodges, 22; represented, 19; initiated, 74; members, 808; new lodges, 2.

The Grand Master in his address says:—

"On the 22d, of the present month, I forwarded a commission to R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, of Preston, Canada, as representative of the Grand Lodge of Washington, near the Grand Lodge of Canada, and recommended the appointment of R. W. Brother Oliver P. Lacy to a similar position for Canada, near this Grand Lodge."

"Washington Territory is now assuming a position of considerable importance among the States and Territories of our country. Its many resources for industrial pursuits, its extensive bodies of beautiful timber, convenient harbors, rich soil, numerous water privileges, and many other substantial attractions are now influencing thousands of people to seek permanent homes within her geographical boundaries. It is therefore of great importance to our common interests, that individuals and organized bodies do what they reasonably can to promote the best interests of our territory. I think I shall not be accused of egotism, when I assume that Masons and Masonic bodies hold no

second place among men and institutions. The proceedings of Grand Lodges in the various jurisdictions in the United States are probably read by a larger number of persons, and with greater interest, than are those of any other organized body of men. The committees in the various jurisdictions are continually collecting interesting matter, and are correcting errors which have gradually and inadvertently crept into the minds and practices of Masonic Lodges and individual Masons."

Cuba was recognized, the time of meeting changed from September to the first Monday in June, and the following was adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That all persons claiming to be Master Masons hailing from any Lodge not within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and having no proper personal avouchment, applying for visitation to any of the Lodges in this jurisdiction, or who may desire to obtain pecuniary or other assistance from any Lodge, shall, before they be allowed to visit such Lodge, or before such pecuniary or other assistance be granted to them, be required to produce and exhibit a properly attested Diploma, Certificate, or other satisfactory, documentary evidence of their Masonic standing at the time of making such visit, or applying for such relief.

"And, in order that the brethren of this jurisdiction may act in conformity with the spirit of this resolution, we do earnestly recommend all brethren of this jurisdiction to obtain diplomas and to have the same with them when travelling beyond the limits of this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. R. C. Hill (Coupeville), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. T. M. Reed (Olympia), Grand Secretary.

1878.

Twenty-first Annual Communication.

Held at Olympia, June 5th, 1878.

M. W. Bro. Robert C. Hill, Grand Master.

Lodges, 24; represented, 22; initiated, 84; members, 902; new Lodges, 1.

The address of the Grand Master is mainly confined to a recital of his official acts. The condition of the Lodges is satisfactory. Representatives were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Cuba. On physical disabilities he says:—

"But after a careful examination of the authorities, the history of Masonic legislation upon the subject, I cannot believe that the fact of Masonry having become *speculative* should affect the settlement of this question. Masonry is an old institution founded upon *old* history, *old* customs, *old* usages. As we all know, *there are ancient landmarks which admit of no change*, either to keep pace with a progressive or retrogressive age. These too must be implicitly obeyed and strictly preserved, for they give the institution its identity. That conservative character secures to Ancient Craft Masonry its great wisdom and beauty; its entire strength depends upon its unchangeableness through mutations of time. It would seem impossible that the Rule prescribed by the traditions, customs and laws of Masonry, could be other than uniform. It would never do to leave to every one using the ballot, the province of measuring a defect and adjudging whether or not it amounts to disqualification. The Rule should be inflexible; that Lodges should not act upon the petition of any candidate, except 'he be of entire limbs.'"

Funds were provided to sustain the Grand Lodge Library by the adoption of the following resolutions:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master elect, after installation at each annual session of Grand Lodge, be and he is hereby authorized and requested to appoint a Library Committee, to serve for one year during the interim of Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be, in connection with the Librarian, to have general supervision and control of all matters relating to the finances, purchase of books, and incidental expenses of the Grand Lodge Library.

"*Resolved*, That all moneys hereafter received for dispensations issued by the Grand Master for the organization of new Lodges, or for any special purpose, in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution and Statutes of this Grand Lodge, be set apart to the Library Fund. That said Library Fund, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated only for Library purposes, and be expended by the Librarian under such directions and restrictions as the Library Committee or the Grand Lodge, may, from time to time impose."

A proposal to have bi-ennial meetings was deferred till next year.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1876 and 1877.

M. W. Bro. E. P. Ferry (Olympia), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. T. M. Reed (Olympia), Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Thirteenth Annual Communication.

Held at Martinsburg, November 18, 1877.

M. W. Bro. G. W. Atkinson, Grand Master.

Lodges, 76; represented, 72; initiated, 158; members, 3,865.

The Craft is in as prosperous a condition as can be expected during the prevailing hard times. "Men do not spend money these days unless it is a matter of positive necessity." Bro. Atkinson also says:—

"It is said that when Napoleon had marched his victorious legions into Egypt, and as they passed up the valley of the historic Nile, beheld those grand old monuments which carry the mind back to a period almost coeval with the flood, and when his soldiers were fainting from fatigue, he electrified them with this glowing utterance:—"Soldiers, remember, from the summits of those pyramids forty centuries are looking down upon you." This expression, my brethren, affords a striking illustration of the solemnity and reverence of age; and we might truthfully add that the beauty of the sentiment applies to Freemasonry more forcibly than to any other institution, either living or dead. Masonry comes down to us hallowed not only with the reverence of age, but it is connected also with blessed associations, and is mantled in eternal glory. Its associations are indeed covered over with the dust of centuries, and are hallowed with memories dear to those who have been industrious enough to study out its mysteries and master its precepts.

"We glory in the antiquity of our Institution not so much because it has continned to live amid the storms of forty centuries or more, but because it has survived all opposition, and presents itself to-night as a monument of victory over error and superstition, which none but a worthy and an honorable institution could have accomplished. During that time Empires have perished, Thrones have crumbled, and grand Cities have mouldered into dust; but through all the persecutions that wicked men could bring to bear against it, the grand old edifice of Freemasonry stands unshaken, as bright as a pillar of fire, and as glorious as an army with banners. Ours, then, is an aged institution, and yet it is not too old to do good. While it is more ancient than the civilization of both Europe and America, and its organization even ante-dates by centuries the language which we speak, still its mission is not yet accomplished, nor will it be until sorrow and suffering shall have left the world, and men and nations need no longer to fellowship together."

Nothing of particular importance appears in the Proceedings

M. W. Bro. George Baird (Wheeling), Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. O. S. Long (Wheeling), Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Thirty-third Annual Communication.
Held at Milwaukee, June 12th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. J. P. C. Cottrill, Grand Master.

Lodges, 188; represented, 168; initiated, 591; members, 10,688; new lodges, 4.

The Grand Master reports the fraternity gradually increasing both in numbers and influence.

The following reports were adopted:—

"Your Committee on Chartered Lodges, to whom was referred the memorial of Smith Lodge, No. 31, in reference to a claim made by said Lodge against Western Star Lodge, No. 14, for expenses incurred by the former Lodge, in the care of a member of the latter Lodge, respectfully report that a part of the statements set forth in the memorial, are disputed by the representative of Western Star Lodge, and your Committee has not sufficient evidence before it to decide the case upon its merits.

"In the opinion of your Committee, as a matter of Masonic courtesy and duty, a Lodge should refund to another Lodge giving Masonic relief to one of its members, the amount expended by such Lodge in good faith for such purpose, but that the Lodge granting relief should use ordinary discretion, and take suitable precautions to ascertain the circumstances of the brother claiming relief, and notify the Lodge from which the brother hails, without unnecessary delay. We recommend that the matter be referred to the M. W. Grand Master to investigate, and take such action, if any, as he may deem expedient."

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence recommend:

"*First*, As to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, the following resolution —

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge refuses to recognize the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario as one of the Grand Bodies of Masonry, or as a legally constituted Grand Lodge,

Second, As to the Grand Lodge of Cuba, that for want of time to make due investigation, the further consideration be postponed until our next Annual Communication."

Bro. John W. Woodhull reports on Correspondence, and

notices Canada for 1876. He was voted $15 additional compensation "on account of the briefness of the report."

M. W. Bro. J. P. Cottrill (Milwaukee), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John W. Woodhull (Milwaukee), Grand Secretary.

1878.

Thirty-fourth Annual Communication.

Held at Milwaukee, June 11th, 1878.

M. W. Bro. J. P. C. Cottrill, Grand Master.

Lodges, 188; represented, 177; initiated, 515; members, 10,703; new lodges, 1.

The Grand Master recommends the construction of a Masonic Temple. The Craft are in a condition of full harmony, zeal and prosperity.

Bro. John Crawford, over sixty years a Mason, was introduced to the Grand Lodge, and heartily greeted.

Indian Territory, Dakota, Prince Edward's Island, and Manitoba, were recognized. Cuba, New Mexico, and New South Wales were postponed for the present. On France, the following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That in view of the fact that the Grand Orient of France has eliminated from its Constitution, as Masonic principles, belief in God and the immortality of the soul, and has substituted therefor simply the loose, vague, and indefinite phrase, 'freedom of conscience,' that all Masonic recognition of said Grand Orient, and of any Lodge or person claiming to be a Mason under its jurisdiction or owing fealty to said Grand Orient under its amended Constitution be hereafter withheld."

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence, and notices Canada for 1877.

M. W. Bro. C. F. G. Collins (Beloit), Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John W. Woodhull (Milwaukee), Grand Secretary.

WYOMING.

Third Annual Communication.
Held at Evanston, October 9th, 1877.
M. W. Bro. Fred E. Addoms, Grand Master.
Lodges, 5; represented, 5; initiated, 27; members, 300.

Among the Representatives appointed we find Bro. James E. Gates, from Canada, and Bro. R. P. Stephens, to Canada.

New Mexico and Cuba were recognized.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence. In the concluding portion of his report we find the following paragraph:—

"In looking over the vast field of Masonry, we are pleased to say that we find general prosperity and success attending it. A most healthful spirit pervades our Order everywhere, with exception of a few contentions, of unimportant character, which have unhappily arisen between different jurisdictions, but which, we are glad to say, have either been or are about to be settled in peace and harmony.

"Time has left his mark upon the body of the fraternity during the past year. Many are the seats that are empty in our Lodges which were formerly filled by brothers who had earned our esteem and veneration. The losses sustained by Missouri and Virginia in the deaths of their respective Grand Secretaries are felt over the entire globe, Egypt having paid a most touching tribute to the memory of our late R. W. Bro. Gouley.

"The unanimity of our sister Grand Lodges in refusing recognition to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario is evidence of a co-operation seldom met with in any other institution, and ought to convince us that the "Ancient Landmarks" are held aloft by Masonry on the American continent."

M. W. Bro. Orlando North (Evanston,) Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Tonn, (Evanston), Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.

We again acknowledge our indebtedness to Bro. J. H. Drummond, for the following Table of Statistics:—

TABLE.

GRAND LODGES.	Members.	Raised.	Admitted and Restored.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Sus. for non-pm't of dues.	Died.	Rejected.
Alabama	7829	242	501	381	21	16	568	148	64
Arkansas	8291	347	435	395	22	25	322	210	....
British Columbia	312	15	26	14	0	0	2	6	6
California	12168	574	662	486	8	10	354	162	222
Canada	17220	1510	501	862	3	30	503	181	....
Colorado	1486	120	105	71	3	....	59	13	56
Connecticut	15016	441	106	162	8	9	138	155	149
Dakota	253	....	1	2	....	....	*5	2	....
Delaware	1266	36	12	16	0	2	....	12	3
Dist. of Columbia	2750	126	76	46	2	0	149	38	....
Florida	2212	115	156	80	2	....	*55	39	38
Georgia	13195	393	317	593	60	....	*622	189	120
Idaho	405	20	8	21	2	2	....	6	4
Illinois	39388	1813	884	1325	65	....	1498	417	535
Indiana	28101	1162	646	1061	204	59	495	335	....
Indian Territory	260	36	17	23	0	0	4	1	....
Iowa	17876	1056	561	878	16	33	....	116	....
Kansas	6589	305	426	305	8	7	282	63	....
Kentucky	19914	890	590	862	40	....	*1484	271	....
Louisiana	6034	149	167	175	4	....	*290	133	....
Maine	19436	572	829	296	7	4	262	211	201
Manitoba	316	35	23	29	0	0	5	5	....
Maryland	4598	92	5	66	4	....	100	38	....
Massachusetts	26214	1005	1359	543	4	0	878	271	360
Michigan	27055	1058	566	701	46	....	*669	238	448
Minnesota	6739	374	232	232	4	10	150	44	....
Mississippi	8416	265	433	427	13	28	602	148	....
Missouri	23220	780	824	873	85	82	336	295	339
Montana	664	25	25	34	1	3	16	12	15
Nebraska	2889	139	289	112	5	....	*57	16	....
Nevada	1515	51	79	62	2	0	58	8	29
New Brunswick	2236	139	56	104	1	....	*100	20	....
New Hampsbire	7647	206	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Jersey	12051	453	265	201	7	4	326	154	....
New Mexico	165	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
New York	78913	3081	1346	1246	41	16	5167	917	816
North Carolina	11710	245	117	173	17	26	239	114	86
Nova Scotia	3499	327	115	159	0	8	141	47	78
Ohio	29296	1132	1040	728	159	24	1744	324	....

Grand Lodges.	M.	R.	A. & R.	W.	E.	S.	S. for n.p.d	D.	R.
Oregon	2384	155	108	114	9	6	42	27	48
Pennsylvania	38236	1334	372	424	....	....	*1328	461	....
P. E. Island	584	22	9	....	0	0	3	3	....
Quebec	2810	219	78	128	....	....	*101	30	....
Rhode Island	4326	91	86	90	0	3	....	51	51
South Carolina	6913	262	....	195	....	....	344	93	15
Tennessee	17911	479	532	864	31	314	488	275	....
Texas	16850	921	1120	1134	52	....	304	297	369
Utah	367	29	19	17	0	1	2	2	12
Vermont	8646	216	71	137	3	2	95	76	78
Virginia	10108	....	89	338	11	15	223	121	....
Washington	808	53	63	42	0	5	18	9	22
West Virginia	3365	172	113	95	7	7	172	46	52
Wisconsin	10688	550	264	348	7	19	249	91	211
Wyoming	300	29	15	10	2	0	2	2	....
Total	592543	23861	16744	17681	986	770	21051	7038	4374

* Including suspensions of all kinds.

COMPARISON OF STATISTICS.

	1878. Gr. Lodges.	1878. Totals.	1877. Gr. Lodges.	1877. Totals.	1876. Gr. Lodges.	1876. Totals.
Members,	54	592,443	52	602,089	50	594,617
Raised,	51	23,861	50	30,695	48	34,208
Admissions, &c.,	51	16,744	46	17,976	46	19,231
Dimissions,	51	17,681	49	18,920	47	18,475
Expulsions,	48	986	49	1,039	47	908
Suspensions,	37	770	37	1,064	31	775
" npt. dues,	48	21,051	49	17,261	47	15,984
Deaths,	52	7,038	50	7,102	48	6,804
Rejections,	29	4,374	28	6,142	28	6,340

"It will be seen that there has been a falling off in the total membership. This is the first time we have had occasion to report this fact. The dimissions exceed the affiliations, both of which, however, have decreased during the year. But the suspensions for non-payment of dues have increased about *four thousand* in *forty-eight* out of the *fifty-four* Grand Lodges, showing that the 'pruning process' is still going on. The reduction in membership is owing, to quite an extent, to the surrender or forfeiture of charters: for instance, our membership in Maine has fallen off, but if the members of a Lodge, whose charter has been surrendered during the past year, should be counted, there would be a small increase. But there is one consolation—although the *number* has decreased, we believe the *average quality* of the membership has increased."

CONCLUSION.

We are regularly in receipt of *La Chaine D'Union*, a Monthly Magazine published in Paris, France, for which we

return thanks. Its editor is Mons. Hubert, one of those noble-minded French Masons who adhere to the truth under very trying circumstances. Bro. Hubert is resisting the present tendency towards atheism in France, by every means in his power, and deserves all honor and praise for his fidelity to the correct principles of Freemasonry.

We have also to acknowledge the receipt of the *Official Bulletin* of the Grand Orient of Egypt; the *Official Bulletin* of the Grand Lodge of Colon, (Cuba); the *Voice of Hiram*, the official journal of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and the Proceedings of the last named Grand Lodge from 1876 to 1878.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

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Chairman.

Collingwood, Ont., Canada,
December 17th, 1878.