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OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
AT ITS FOUR QUARTERLY AND SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS,
HELD AT HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

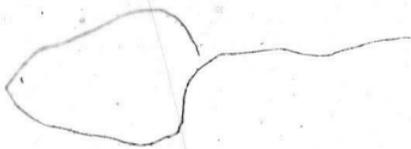
W. H. DAVIES, M. D., GRAND MASTER.
CHAS. J. MACDONALD, GRAND SECRETARY.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provision of Constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the City of Halifax, on Friday the 14th day of September, A. L., 5866, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following Grand Officers and Members present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

W. H. DAVIES, M. D.....M. W. Grand Master.
W.M. TAYLOR.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
JAS. R. GRAHAM...R. W. Substitute Grand Master.
R. J. ROMANES.....R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
W.M. GARVIE.....R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
A. K. MACKINLAY.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
S. R. SIRCOM.....R. W. Grand Registrar.
CHAS. J. MACDONALD...R. W. Grand Secretary.
W. S. MACDONALD...V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.
L. PETITMAITRE.....V. W. Grand Junior Deacon.
RALPH PATRICK.....V. W. Grand Architect.
JAMES FORTUNE.....V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
JAMES MACCOUSH...V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
W. M. ALLAN, JR....V. W. Gd. Dir. of Ceremonies.
JOHN M. HAY.....V. W. Grand Pursuivant.

SCOTIA No. 4	H. J. Marshall, W. M. S. R. Sircom, S. W. George J. Payne, J. W.
VIRGIN No. 5.....	Charles J. Macdonald, Proxy for three.
ALBERT No 6.....	William Taylor, Proxy for three.
QUEENS No. 10.....	W. H. McDaniel, Proxy for three.
St. MARK No. 11.....	William Garvie, W. M. G. T. Smithers, J. W.

On motion of Brother Pryor it was

Resolved, that all Master Masons in good standing be invited to attend this session of the Grand Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed Brothers W. Taylor, J. Jacobs and W. Williams a Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald it was

Resolved that the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge be instructed to forward to the Chairman of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, a copy of their Bye-Laws, and to be by him submitted to the Grand Lodge previous to being approved.

On motion of Brother Jacobs it was

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of considering the practicability of establishing a Masonic Library and Reading Room in connection with the Lodge Room, and that said Committee be authorised to solicit subscriptions from

Subordinate Lodges, to enable them, if deemed practicable, to proceed with the same.

Committee appointed—Brothers J. Jacobs, Wm. Taylor, Wm. Williams, T. H. Pryor, and W. Garvie.

Brother Taylor from Banquet Committee presented a report of the same, which was received and adopted.

There being no further business the Most Worshipful Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in AMPLE FORM.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

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PRECEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provisions of Constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the City of Halifax, on Friday December 14th, A. L., 5866, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following Grand Officers and Members present :

GRAND OFFICERS.

W. H. DAVIES, M. D..... M. W. Grand Master.
WM. TAYLOR..... R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
JAS. R. GRAHAM... R. W. Substitute Grand Master.
R. J. ROMANES... R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
A. K. MACKINLAY..... R. W. Grand Treasurer.
S. R. SIRCOM..... R. W. Grand Registrar.
CHAS. J. MACDONALD... R. W. Grand Secretary.
NEWELL SNOW..... R. W. Grand Lecturer.
L. PETITMAITRE..... V. W. Grand Junior Deacon.
RALPH PATRICK..... V. W. Grand Architect.
JAMES FORTUNE..... V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
JAMES MACCOUSH... V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
W. M. ALLAN, JR... V. W. Gd. Dir. of Ceremonies.
JOHN M. HAY.. V. W. Grand Pursuivant.
J. E. M. TAYLOR..... V. W. Grand Tyler.

DAVID POTTINGER,	} W. Grand Stewards.
GEORGE BROWN,	
C. F. HOPKINS,	
T. H. PPYOR, M. D.,	
GEORGE ANDERSON,	

PAST MASTERS.

R. BRECKIN, Burns Lodge No. 1.
 W. TAYLOR, Burns Lodge No. 1.
 J. R. GRAHAM, Athole Lodge No. 2.
 C. J. MACDONALD, Athole Lodge No. 2.
 A. K. MACKINLAY, Scotia Lodge No. 4.
 NEWELL SNOW, Queens Lodge No 10.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, with the assistance of the Officers and Members present.

The minutes of last Quarterly Communication read and approved.

Brother Graham from Committee on Credentials, reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge, and in attendance:

BURNS No. 1.....	Isaac Melvin, W. M.
ATHOLE No. 2.....	William Williams, W. M. W. H. Brush, J. W.
KEITH No. 3.....	R. J. Romanes, W. M. Joseph Jacobs, S. W.
SCOTIA No. 4.....	H. J. Marshall, W. M. S. R. Sircom, S. W. George J. Payne, J. W.

VIRGIN No. 5.....	C. J. Macdonald, Proxy for three.
ALBERT No. 6.....	William Taylor, Proxy for three.
QUEBENS No. 10.....	Charles McIntosh, J. W.
ST. MARK No. 11.....	George J. Payne, S. W. Geo. T. Smithers, J. W.

On motion of Brother Hopkins it was

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

A communication was read from the members of Virgin Lodge, Wilmot, asking that they be allowed to change the name of their Lodge from Virgin to Davies.

On motion of Brother Hopkins it was

Resolved, that Grand Lodge grant the request of Virgin Lodge to change the name, and that it hereafter be known as Davies Lodge, No. 5.

A Communication was read from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Canada, appointing Right Worshipful Brother A. K. Mackinlay the Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada to this Grand Lodge, with the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden.

On motion of Brother Graham it was

Resolved, that the appointment of Right Worshipful Brother A. K. Mackinlay as the Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada be confirmed.

On motion of Brother Romanes it was

Resolved, that Right Worshipful Thomas Douglas Harrington be appointed as the Representative of this Grand Lodge at the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Canada, with rank of Past Grand Master.

On motion of Brother Snow it was

Resolved, that upon all questions of Masonic Law, Ancient Customs, and Usages, not specially provided for in the Constitution, the Regulations laid down in the Masonic Works of Brothers Mackey, Chase, Simons and Oliver, be accepted and acted upon as proper authority.

Right Worshipful Brother A. K. Mackinlay, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada was announced, and received with customary honors.

Brother Taylor as Chairman of the Committee on Bye-Laws, reported on the Bye-Laws of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 9, which were approved and passed.

On motion of Brother Snow it was

Resolved, that the order of business be changed, and the report of the Committee on Bye-Laws be deferred for the present, to allow Brother Payne's Resolution to be taken up as next in order.

Brother Payne moved and Brother Romanes seconded the following :

Whereas, on the 30th day of November last, the Provincial Grand Master for Nova Scotia, of the Lodges formerly holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, did

constitute and appoint certain persons office-bearers, and members of a so-called Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, under Scottish authority.

And Whereas, the said appointments, or elections, are unconstitutional and illegal, the warrants of some of the Lodges, out of which the so-called Provincial Grand Lodge was formed, having been surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, by a majority of members called for that purpose, by which action, according to all well known and recognized principles of masonic law, they were absolutely dissolved.

And Whereas, the said appointments, or elections are further illegal and unconstitutional, according to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, for the following reasons;

Firstly—That the persons so appointed or elected, were not in the position recognized by Chap. 13. Sec. 3. of the said Constitution, which states that "only such as are Master Masons on the roll of the Grand Lodge, and members of Lodges within the Province can be members of a Provincial Grand Lodge, or office-bearers in a subordinate Lodge."

Secondly—That in order to make an apparent compliance with the said section of the Constitution, certain persons did meet for the election of officers in a so-called subordinate Lodge under Scottish jurisdiction, and did assume certain brethren of other Lodges as members, previous to such election, contrary to the Constitution of the said Grand Lodge of Scotland, as laid down in Chap. 21, Sec. 12, which declares such elections void.

Thirdly—That certain brethren were put in nomination as office-bearers in the so-called Provincial

Grand Lodge, without their consent having been previously obtained and vouched for.

Fourthly—That certain of the so-called office-bearers, being unaffiliated members on the day preceeding their election, were ineligible for office, as appears by Chap. 16, Sec. 2, of the aforesaid Constitution.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nova Scotia is authorized and advised by this Grand Lodge to demand from the Grand Lodge of Scotland the suppression of the said illegal body, so-called the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia under Scottish jurisdiction, and to publish and declare the same as illegal and clandestine in three or more city papers, and such other papers as he may think desirable; and warn all true brethren to hold no Masonic intercourse with any of the members thereof.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be immediately sent to the Honorable Alexander Keith, with an intimation that if he do within three days publicly declare the formation of the so-called Provincial Grand Lodge as illegal, this Proclamation will not be made public, but otherwise the terms of the said Resolution will be strictly carried out."

It was moved in amendment by Brother Hopkins, seconded by Brother Jacobs, that the Proclamation to be issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Master be published in Masonic papers only.

Considerable discussion ensued, and upon the vote being taken, the original motion was declared carried.

On motion of Brother Williams it was

Resolved, that the new warrants be issued at once, and first issue recalled. New warrants to bear same date as original.

The evening being far spent, the Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment until Monday Evening at 8 o'clock.

MONDAY EVENING.

The Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 8 o'clock.

Brother Taylor from Committee on Bye-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, resumed his report.

Scotia Lodge No. 4 Bye-Laws were submitted, and alterations recommended, which were approved and passed.

Burns Lodge No. 1 Bye-Laws were submitted approved and passed.

Queens Lodge No. 10 Bye-Laws were submitted, and with a few alterations approved and passed.

On motion of Brother Taylor it was

Resolved, that should any Subordinate Lodge adopt a code of Bye-Laws the same as those already passed, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to attach his signature to the same

Brother Jacobs as Chairman of Committee on Masonic Library and Reading Room submitted the following report which was received and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Your Committee for the formation of a Masonic Library and Reading Room, beg respectfully to submit the following Report :

That upon receiving their appointment at your hands, they met and deliberated upon the best means to raise funds for the object for which your committee was formed. It was agreed that circulars be sent to all Lodges under this jurisdiction for pecuniary aid. In reply thereto, your committee are proud to say, all the City Lodges, the Scotia Mark, and the Royal Arch Chapter, have voted very liberal grants, also the Queens Lodge of Sherbrooke; and the Albert Lodge of Shelburne : that your Committee have had a room fitted and furnished ; that they have subscribed to several Masonic Periodicals, and that many Brothers have promised donations of Masonic works ; that they have had several volumes of the proceedings of our Sister Grand Lodge kindly placed at our disposal by the Most Worshipful Grand Master; that your Committee intend sending an order by next mail to England for several Masonic Publications, and at an early date to the United States. Many of the most important works by American Brothers being promised as gifts. Your Committee hope to have the room open in two weeks, they thinking it best to wait until sufficient material was collected to make the visit interesting and instructive. Your Committee beg further to report, that a large amount

of the funds placed at their disposal has necessarily been expended in fitting up the room, leaving much less than they at first calculated for the purchase of books, but your Committee feeling that the Brethren generally see, as does your committee, the many advantages that must follow a dissemination of Masonic knowledge, will aid by personal subscription, the efforts of your Committee to increase the funds, and enlarge our sources of information on matters dear to every Masonic heart.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH JACOB,
W. TAYLOR.
W. WILLIAMS,
T. H. PRYOR, M. D.

On Motion of Brother Payne it was

Resolved that the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary be authorized to expend any necessary amount in publishing the proclamation and letter.

Brother Jacobs gave notice that at the next quarterly communication he would introduce a Resolution to the effect, that no subordinate Lodge be permitted to receive more than one Candidate at a time up to the end of the first section of the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Brother W. S. Macdonald gave notice that at next quarterly communication he would move for a Committee to revise Constitution.

There being no further business the Most Worshipful Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in
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CHAS. J. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provisions of Constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the City of Halifax, on Friday March 8th. A. L., 5867, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following Grand Officers and Members present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

W. H. DAVIES, M. D.....	M. W. Grand Master.
WM. TAYLOR.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
JAS. R. GRAHAM....	R. W. Substitute Grand Master.
R. J. ROMANES... ..	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
A. K. MACKINLAY.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
S. R. SIRCOM.....	R. W. Grand Registrar.
CHAS. J. MACDONALD...	R. W. Grand Secretary.
W. S. MACDONALD...	V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.
RALPH PATRICK.....	V. W. Grand Architect.
JAMES FORTUNE.....	V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
W. M. ALLAN, JR....	V. W. Gd. Dir. of Ceremonies.
J. E. M. TAYLOR.....	V. W. Grand Tyler.
DAVID POTTINGER,	} W. Grand Stewards.
C. F. HOPKINS,	
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GEORGE ANDERSON, }	

PAST MASTERS.

R. BRECKIN, Burns Lodge No. 1.
 W, TAYLOR, Burns Lodge No. 1.
 J. R. GRAHAM, Athole Lodge No. 2.
 C. J. MACDONALD, Athole Lodge No. 2.
 A. K. MACKINLAY, Scotia Lodge No. 4.
 C. N. CAMPBELL, St. Mark's Lodge No. 9.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Officers and Members present.

The minutes of last Quarterly Communication read and approved.

Brother Graham from Committee on Credentials, reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge, and in attendance.

BURNS No. 1.....	Isaac Melvin, W. M. W. S. Macdonald, S. W. John Overy, J. W.
ATHOLE No. 2.....	W. H. Brush, J. W.
KEITH No. 3.....	R. J. Romanes, W. M.
SCOTIA No. 4.....	S. R. Sircorn, S. W.
DAVIES No. 5.....	C. J. Macdonald, Proxy for three.
ALBERT No. 6.....	William Taylor, Proxy for three.
ST. MARK'S No. 9.....	C. N. Campbell, Proxy for three.
QUEENS No. 10.....	James R. Graham, Proxy for three.
ST. MARK No. 11.....	Geo. T. Smithers, J. W.

On motion of Brother Fortune it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing be invited to attend this Communication of the Grand Lodge!

The Most Worshipful grand Master stated, that during recess he had in accordance with a resolution passed in December last, demanded from Mr. Keith a public declaration of the illegality of the so called Provincial Grand Lodge under Scottish authority; but receiving no reply thereto, had, on the 19th day of December, issued a Proclamation, declaring the so called Provincial Grand Lodge illegal and clandestine; and forbid the Brethren of this Jurisdiction holding any Masonic intercourse with the officers or members of the so called Provincial Grand Lodge, or any of the officers or members of the Lodges Athole, Keith and Scotia, holding under the same; and in conjunction with said Proclamation had ordered a letter from the Grand Secretary to be published therewith.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master further stated, that during the recess of Grand Lodges he had issued the following Dispensations for New Lodges:

On January 25th, to a number of Brethren at North East Harbor, Barrington, there to meet under the name and title of HARMONY LODGE, and

appointed Brothers Samuel Perry as Worshipful Master, Thomas Gregory, Senior Warden, Nathan Swaine, Junior Warden.

On January 31st, to a number of Brethren at Wood Harbor, Barrington, there to meet under the name and title of W. H. DAVIES LODGE, and appointed Brothers Andrew Malone, Worshipful Master, Robert Nickerson Senior Warden, Thomas Nickerson Junior Warden.

On January 31st to a number of Brethren at Sheet Harbor, there to meet under the name and Title of EUREKA LODGE, and appointed Brothers D. Fraser Worshipful Master, A. Fraser Senior Warden, J. Balcam Junior Warden.

On February 16th, to a number of Brethren at Truro, Colchester County, to meet under the name and title of TRURO LODGE, and appointed Brothers Hugh McCallum Worshipful Master, A. Busby Senior Warden, R. Duncan Junior Warden.

On February 21st, to a number of Brethren at Tangier, who formerly comprised the OPHIR LODGE, under Scottish Registry; but they deeming it advisable had surrendered their Warrant to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and made application for a Warrant to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. They being desirous to continue working, he had issued a Dispensation empowering them to meet under the name and title of OPHIR LODGE, and had

appointed Brothers A. P. Penery Worshipful Master, D. T. Estey Senior Warden, S. T. Johnston Junior Warden.

On motion of Brother Romanes it was

Resolved That the action taken by the Most Worshipful Grand Master in granting these Dispensations be confirmed.

Applications were received for Warrants from OPHIR LODGE Tangier, and EUREKA LODGE Sheet Harbor, both at present working under Dispensation.

On motion of Brother Graham it was

Resolved that Warrants be granted OPHIR LODGE as OPHIR LODGE No 12, and EUREKA LODGE No. 13.

Application for a warrant was received from a number of Brethren of Amherst Cumberland County, who formerly comprised the Cumberland MCGOWAN LODGE, working under Irish Registry, but they had surrendered their Warrant to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and were now desirous of obtaining a Warrant from this Grand Lodge to enable them to meet as a regular Lodge at Amherst, under the name and title of ACACIA LODGE.

On motion of Brother Graham it was

Resolved That a warrant be granted as ACACIA LODGE, No. 14.

Communications were received from the Grand Oriente de Colon Cuba, appointing Most Worshipful W. H. Davies as the Representative of that Grand Oriente at this Grand Lodge.

Also from the Grand Oriente of New Grenada, appointing Right Worshipful Charles J. Macdonald as the Representative of that Grand Oriente, near this Grand Lodge.

On Motion of Brother A. K. Mackinlay, it was

Resolved That the appointments of Most Worshipful W. H. Davies as the Representative of the Grand Oriente de Colon Cuba, and Right Worshipful Charles J. Macdonald as the Representative of the Grand Oriente of New Grenada be confirmed.

On motion of Brother Sircom it was

Resolved That this Grand Lodge adopt the Representative System, and solicit a reciprocation of the same, and that a Committee of three be appointed to report upon the same.

Committee,—S. R. Sircom, George T. Smithers, R. Breckin.

On Motion of Brother Romanes, it was

Resolved that Brother W. S. Macdonald, W. Taylor, Joseph Jacobs, R. J. Romanes, T. H. Pryor, Geo. J. Payne and C. N. Campbell be a Committee to revise Constitution and report at next Quarterly Communication.

The following Brethren were appointed a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

William Taylor, J. R. Graham, H. Pryor, R. J. Romanes, A. K. Mackinlay, S. R. Sircom, George T. Smithers.

On motion of Brother Mackinlay, it was

Resolved That the charge for Charters to the Lodges which formed this Grand Lodge be \$2.00.

Brother Jacobs' Resolution was deferred until next Quarterly Communication.

There being no further business the Most Worshipful Grand Master after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in AMPLE FORM.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provision of Constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the City of Halifax, on Friday the 14th day of June A. L., 5867, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The following Grand Officers and Members present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

W. H. DAVIES, M. D.....M. W. Grand Master.
WM. TAYLOR.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
JAS. R. GRAHAM...R. W. Substitute Grand Master.
R. J. ROMANES.....R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
A. K. MACKINLAY.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
S. R. SIRCOM.....R. W. Grand Registrar.
CHAS. J. MACDONALD....R. W. Grand Secretary.
W. S. MACDONALD...V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.
RALPH PATRICK.....V. W. Grand Architect.
E. L. SPIKE.....V. W. Grand Jeweller.
JAMES FORTUNE.....V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
W. M. ALLAN, JR.....V. W. Gd. Dir. of Ceremonies.
JAMES MACCOUSH...V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
J. E. M. TAYLOR.....V. W. Grand Tyler.

DAVID POTTINGER,	} W. Grand Stewards.
C. F. HOPKINS,	
T. H. PRYOR, M. D.,	
GEO. ANDERSON,	

PAST MASTERS.

R. BRECKIN, Burns Lodge No. 1.
 J. R. B. FIDLER, Burns Lodge No. 1,
 W. TAYLOR, Burns Lodge No. 1.
 J. R. GRAHAM, Athole Lodge No. 2.
 WM. WILLIAMS, Athole Lodge No. 2.
 R. J. ROMANES, Keith Lodge No. 3.
 A. K. MACKINLAY, Scotia Lodge No. 4.
 NEWELL SNOW, Queens Lodge No. 10.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, with the assistance of the Officers and Members present.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication were read and approved.

Brother Graham from Committee on Credentials, reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge, and in attendance.

BURNS No. 1...	Isaac Melvin, W. M. John Overy, S. W. David Pottinger, J. W.
ATHOLE No. 2.....	W. S. Macdonald, W. M. Ralph Patrick, S. W.
KEITH No. 3.....	Jas. K. Munnis, J. W.
SCOTIA No. 4	S. R. Sircom, W. M. A. Payne, S. W.

VIRGIN No. 5.....	S. R. Sircom, Proxy for three.
ALBERT No. 6.....	William Taylor, Proxy for three.
CONCORD No. 8.....	C. J. Macdonald, Proxy for three.
QUEENS No. 10.....	Newell Snow, Proxy for three.
St. MARK No. 11.....	George J Payne, W. M. Geo. T. Smithers, S. W. Geo. A. Sanford, J. W.

On motion of Brother W. S. Macdonald it was

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

The Resolution of Brother Jacobs which was laid over from last Quarterly Communication was taken up, viz :

Resolved, That no Subordinate Lodge be permitted to receive more than one Candidate at a time, on the first section of the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Which, upon the vote being taken was lost.

Petitions were received from Truro Lodge, Truro, and Eldorado Lodge, Wine Harbor, for Warrants, which were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Brothers W. Taylor, J. R. Graham and W. S. Macdonald.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master stated that during recess of Grand Lodge he had appointed

Right Worshipful Brother Robert Macey as the Representative of this Grand Lodge, at the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York.

On motion of Brother Graham it was

Resolved, That the appointment of Right Worshipful Brother Macey as the Representative of this Grand Lodge, at the Grand Lodge of New York be confirmed.

Brother William Taylor from Special Committee on Charters, reported in favor of granting Warrants to Truro and Eldorado Lodges.

On motion of Brother Sircom it was

Resolved, That Warrants be granted to Truro Lodge, as Truro Lodge No. 15, and to Eldorado Lodge, as Eldorado Lodge No. 16.

Brother Taylor from Committee on Bye-Laws of Subordinate Lodges reported favorably on the Bye-Laws of Truro Lodge, Truro, and Eldorado Lodge, Wine Harbor, which report was received and adopted.

Brother W. S. Macdonald from Committee on revision of Constitution reported.

On motion of Brother Payne it was

Resolved, That the Report of Committee be discussed clause by clause.

The evening being far spent the Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment until Saturday Evening at 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY EVENING:

The Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor, at 8 o'clock in the evening.¹

The Grand Lodge then took up the special order of business, viz: The consideration of the Report of Committee on revision of Constitution, when the remaining clauses were adopted, with some alterations.

There being no further business the Most Worshipful Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in AMPLE FORM.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, convened pursuant to the provision of Constitution, at Masonic Temple, in the City of Halifax, on Friday the 21st day of June A. L., 5867, at 4 o'clock P. M.

The following Grand Officers and Members present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

W. H. DAVIES, M. D.....M. W. Grand Master.
WM. TAYLOR.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
JAS. R. GRAHAM...R. W. Substitute Grand Master.
R. J. ROMANES.....R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
A. K. MACKINLAY.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
S. R. SIRCOM.....R. W. Grand Registrar.
CHAS. J. MACDONALD...R. W. Grand Secretary.
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RALPH PATRICK.....V. W. Grand Architect.
JAMES FORTUNE.....V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
W. M. ALLAN, JR.....V. W. Gd. Dir. of Ceremonies.
J. E. M. TAYLOR.....V. W. Grand Tyler.

DAVID POTTINGER,	} W. Grand Stewards.
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 W. TAYLOR, Burns Lodge No. 1.
 J. R. GRAHAM, Athole Lodge No. 2.
 C. J. MACDONALD, Athole Lodge No. 2.
 WM. WILLIAMS, Athole Lodge No. 2.
 R. J. ROMANES, Keith Lodge No. 3.
 A. K. MACKINLAY, Scotia Lodge No. 4.
 H. J. MARSHALL, Scotia Lodge No. 4.
 JAMES KING, Acacia Lodge No. 14.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Officers and Members present.

The minutes of last Quarterly Communication were read and approved.

Brother Taylor from Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented, and the following Brethren members of Grand Lodge, and in attendance.

BURNS No. 1.....	Isaac Melvin, W. M. David Pottinger, J. W.
ATHOLE No. 2.....	W. S. Macdonald, W. M. Ralph Patrick S. W.
KEITH No. 3.....	Arthur Busby, W. M. James K. Munnis, J. W.

SCOTIA No. 4.....	S. R. Sircom, W. M. A. Payne, S. W.
DAVIES No. 5.....	J. W. Darragh, W. M.
ALBERT No. 6.....	William Taylor, Proxy for three.
CONCORD No. 8.....	C. J. Macdonald, Proxy for three.
St. MARK'S No. 9.....	C. N. Campbell, Proxy for three.
QUEENS No. 10.....	W. H. McDaniel, Proxy for three.
St. MARK No. 11.....	G. S. Payne, W. M. Geo. T. Smithers, S. W.
OPHIR No. 12.....	S. R. Sircom, Proxy for three.
ACACIA No. 14.....	James King, Proxy for three.

On motion of Brother Busby it was

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

The Most Wonshipful Grand Master then delivered the following

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

Again in the good providence of God are we permitted to meet around our common alter in Annual Communication, anew to cement our brotherly ties, and take fresh counsel how we may best advance the interests of our time-honored Institution. And to the Grand Artificer of the Universe ought

our first thanks be offered, that our circle has been unbroken, and our ranks unthinned by the detroying hand of death, and that although some familiar faces are absent, yet we are called to mourn for no dear brother passed into the spirit land. At our last, and I may say our first Annual Communication, we stood as it were a weak and feeble band, engaged in a great work. Before us rolled out the great future, black with lowering clouds, and the stoutest hearted amongst us, felt that it required our most strenous and united efforts to ensure success. That success, brethren, has been achieved, and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is now a fact, indelibly fixed in the masonic history of the world. But much yet remains to be done, and it is my present purpose to direct your attention to a few points worthy of your notice. The great and crying evil we are called upon to remedy at the present day is, that of *unaffiliation*, and this is not the case only in this jurisdiction, but it is felt in every part of the world. Within this Province there is a vast number of unaffiliated masons; brothers who it may be, have in times past been active members, toiling perchance laboriously for the good of our order, and who havin ggiven place to others, have gradually slipped from the fold and are now lost to us; others there may be, and no doubt are, who joined from idle curiosity, and that being satisfied, withdrew; others again from disappointed ambition, and not a few from some private pique or quarrel, and the number combined is large, much too large, I doubt not larger than the affiliated. Now this is a state of matters diametrically opposed to the principles of masonry, and demands your most serious attention. It is the duty of every mason to belong to a Lodge, and to contribute his

fair proportion to the support of a Lodge, and the relief of worthy distressed brothers, and it cannot be too widely known, that it is opposed to the ancient landmarks of our institution to permit any to remain unaffiliated. An unaffiliated mason is, or ought to be as much under the control of the Lodge nearest his residence as is any subscribing member of that Lodge, and it is your duty so to legislate as to make that influence felt throughout the length and breadth of this jurisdiction, thereby building up our Lodges and enable us to carry out more successfully the great masonic characteristic. I urge, therefore, upon you the earnest consideration of this great masonic evil.

The next most serious evil is the too sparing use of the ballot box, or the too indiscriminate making of masons, without proper enquiry into their character. That this is undoubtedly true, none of you will attempt to deny; it is a stain, and a deep one, upon our fair escutcheon, and it becomes our duty to see to it, that this may cease to retard the good of our order. Brethren, far better that twenty good men should be turned from our doors, than that one bad should cross the sacred portals. This fault is apt to occur, particularly in young Lodges, and for manifest reasons: members are few, and those few have to bear heavy pecuniary obligations, which will, of course, be lightened by the admission of new members; truly laudable perhaps in some societies, but subserviant of the first principles of masonry. But you may ask me, where is the remedy? and I answer you, in the choice of your Investigating Committees. I can appeal to the experience of any one who has served on one of these committees, as at present constituted; how often have you attached your name to a petition, simply because some other

brother told you the candidate was a fit and proper person, and you may have been too busy to make the necessary enquiry for yourself. What has been the result? the admission of one whom, had you known his character, would never have been permitted to cross our threshold. Nay, is it not even within our knowledge, that a candidate has been rejected by the votes of the very committee who reported favorably on him to the Lodge, because they wished to throw the responsibility on the Lodge, and were unwilling to do their duty faithfully and impartially. Now the remedy I would suggest, and that I believe would tend materially to lessen the evil, is the choice of a new committee by the Master presiding, on each petition presented to the Lodge, and that the choice if possible be made of those who know most of the petitioner's character, or who reside nearest to him, so that a candid and impartial report may be made. This plan works admirably in neighboring jurisdictions, why should it not operate favorably here?

The last evil to which I purpose at present to call your attention is the irregularity which is daily seen in the attendance of both officers and members on the stated meetings of Lodges. How often do we visit Lodges and find perhaps half the stations filled by brethren not belonging to the particular Lodge open, or if members of the Lodge, not at all capable of filling the position with credit to themselves and honor to the fraternity. How often does even a good Master, one who understands his own portion of the work, have to blush for very shame at the bungling manner in which some of his officers perform their duties, when perhaps visitors may be present who have come to criticise the work, or to acquire

knowledge. How few Lodges are there in which every officer knows his duty, and takes a just pride at being always in his place at the appointed hour. Now then, brethren, ought these things so to be? Should not every officer, from the Master to the Junior Deacon be able to perform at least, his allotted portion with correctness, so that the harmony of the Lodge when at work be not disturbed. Let me then urge strongly on every one of you who has this year accepted office, to see to it that you are regular in your attendance at the meetings of your Lodge, and punctually at the hour, prepared to fill not only your own office, but a higher one if called upon, and that every member feel it equally his duty, always to attend to the meetings of his Lodge, and by his attendance cheer on the officers in the performance of their duties. Depend upon it, nothing is more discouraging to the officers of a Lodge than to see constantly empty benches, and no Master can be found who will be bold enough to go to his Lodge unprepared, if he feels sure of meeting a large assembly who are to look up to him for instruction. Brethren, on these several points I have spoken plainly, as I conceive it my duty as your head to tell you of your faults and aid in their reformation. You have honored me with the superintendance of the Craft in this Province, and it is a duty I owe to myself, while congratulating you on your success, to tell you of your faults. I do it in a spirit of brotherly love, accept it in the same spirit.

Last year when I met you we had only eleven Lodges under our jurisdiction, now I can proudly point you to seventeen,—then we had only seven recognitions, now we have forty-two. True we have had many difficulties and much opposition, and there

is yet much before us. Our English brethren are looking anxiously at our acts, and already preparing to assist us in our great work, and form with us a strong and influential Grand Lodge. Let us meet them then in the spirit of true masons, that of brotherly love; let no paltry jealousies be suffered to creep in or hinder our union. True we have fought the good fight unaided, but let us not in the hour of our triumph, refuse to share the glory with those who are equally with ourselves, members of the universal brotherhood.

Brethren, we are about to separate, some of us will not meet again until our next Annual Communication, and some may ere then be called to give in an account before the Supreme Grand Master of the deeds done in the body. Let us so live then, that when the grim tyrant death approaches, we may but welcome him as a blessed messenger to convey us from this imperfect, to that all perfect and Celestial Grand Lodge, where the Grand Architect of the Universe presides, there to be acknowledged as upright men and masons.

WM. H. DAVIES, M. D.,

Grand Master.

On Motion of Brother A. K. Mackinlay, it was

Resolved, That the Address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master be referred to a Committee of three to report thereon.

Committee,—R. Breckin, Arthur Busby, and A. K. Mackinlay.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees:

On Credentials.—Brothers Isaac Melvin, James K. Munnis, and William Williams.

On Constitution and Regulation.—Brothers W. Taylor, S. R. Sircom, and George T. Smithers.

On Grievances and Appeal.—Brother W. D. Pearman, R. Breckin, and George J. Payne.

On Finance and Audit.—Brothers Jas. Fortune, H. J. Marshall, and W. S. Macdonald.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Arthur Busby, Ralph Patrick, and Isaac J. Wyld.

On Charters.—Brothers James R. Graham, A. Payne, and George A. Sanford.

The Grand Secretary then submitted the following Report :

HALIFAX, N. S., June 21st 1867.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

Your Secretary respectfully submits his annual report for the past masonic year.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, I had the proceedings of Grand Lodge published, and copies thereof forwarded to the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, and also to our sister Grand Lodges.

During the past year, and by the authority of the Grand Lodge, I have issued the following Charters :

OPHIR LODGE No. 12, Tangier, Halifax County.

EUREKA LODGE No. 13, Sheet Harbor, Halifax Co.

TRURO LODGE No. 14, Truro, Colchester County.

ACACIA LODGE No. 15, Amberst, Cumberland Co.

ELDORADO LODGE No. 16, Wine Harbor, Guysboro County.

On January 25th, by order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master a Dispensation was issued to Brothers Samuel Perry, W. M., Thomas Gregory, S. W., and Nathan Swaine, J. W., for a new Lodge at North East Harbor, Barrington, to be called Harmony Lodge.

On January 31st, by the same authority, a Dispensation was issued to Brothers Andrew Malone, W. M., Robert Nickerson, S. W., and Thomas Nickerson, J. W., for a new Lodge at Wood Harbor, Barrington, to be called the W. H. Davies Lodge, making five new Lodges working under Charter, and two under Dispensation, and a total on the roll of seventeen Lodges.

In December I received the Charters which had been ordered from Scotland for some time past, and in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, I issued the same, and recalled those previously issued.

In January last, hearing that many of the brethren belonging to Lodges holding under English authority felt aggrieved at not having been asked to participate in the formation of the Grand Lodge, I issued the following circular letter addressed to the various Lodges in the Province under English authority.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
HALIFAX, January, 1867.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren
of.....Lodge, No.....*

BRETHREN,—

It having come to our knowledge, from various

parts of the Province, that many Lodges consider themselves slighted in not receiving any invitation to assist in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, I have been directed to explain to you the reasons why no invitation was sooner extended, and now to offer to you, in the name of our Divine Art, the right hand of fellowship, and ask your co-operation. You are doubtless aware that the proposal to form a Grand Lodge originated in the Provincial Grand Lodge, under Scottish authority, and a circular was then addressed to the District Grand Lodge, under English authority, asking their co-operation; no action having been taken by them, the Committee considered that they would be exceeding their powers if they issued an invitation after the District Grand Lodge had refused to take any active part. Now that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has been duly formed and recognized as legal by 17 Grand Lodges, and consequently entitled to hold supreme jurisdiction over this Province, the time has certainly come when we may stretch forth our hands to the great brotherhood of Nova Scotia and say, "Come over and help us;" and we now earnestly press upon you the careful consideration of the matter—whether the rule of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, or Nova Scotia, will be most probable to promote the best interests of Masonry, or tend to the development of our great principles, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Now we may adduce many reasons to show you that the rule of the former has not been beneficial, but has retarded the progress of Masonry in this Province. The want of harmony in action and working, resulting from Lodges hailing from the Grand Lodges of different countries, perpetuating local and national feelings, prejudices, and conflicting interests and consequent estrangement of affection amongst the brethren of our order that knows no country and is confined to no race. The manifest injustice of Lodges in this Province being required out of their limited means to contribute to the accumulated funds of the Grand Lodges of Great Britain, in addition to having to support two Pro-

vincial Grand Lodges, and especially as the great proportion of claims for Masonic assistance are made by brethren emigrating from the Mother Country, whilst instances of Masons leaving this for Great Britain in a position to require such relief are rare if they ever occur at all. The Grand Lodge of Great Britain thus doubly tax the Fraternity here by transferring to these shores numberless claimants for Masonic benevolence at the same time that they are receiving from us a portion of our means of affording that assistance.

Secondly—The inconvenience arising from the lengthened period that must elapse in consequence of the distance between us and the Grand Lodges of Great Britain before we can receive replies to our communications, sanction to our proceedings, warrants, diplomas, &c. Even in cases of emergency, instances have occurred of brethren having been deprived of the privileges of the craft, by being compelled to leave for foreign countries before the arrival of their certificates, for which it must be born in mind they had paid previously to their initiation.

And lastly—The appointment of our Provincial Grand Master by the Grand Masters of England and Scotland, who may reasonably be supposed to be practically ignorant of the requirements of the Craft here, causes the efficiency or inefficiency of the administration of our affairs to depend entirely upon the selection of Provincial Grand Masters made for us by the Grand Masters of England and Scotland, and this selection is made without reference to the opinions of the craft here, although they would naturally be the best informed on the subject, and most deeply interested in the result.

All these things then can be satisfactorily arranged by a Grand Lodge on our own territory. Canada suffered exactly as we have done, and she formed a Grand Lodge in the same manner as we have, and is now recognized by all the Grand Lodges of the world. Thus far we have fought the battle of Masonic freedom unaided, except by the sympathies of our English brethren. Now we ask you for more active

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assistance, we invite you to come and cast in your lot with us, and make the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and the craft in this Province, a prosperous and happy, because a united body. By referring to a letter recently published, you will see clearly laid down the legal position we hold, that we are the Supreme Legal Grand Lodge admits of no question, but we do not desire to use coercive measures, but to draw you into the fold by the bands of love. By becoming a part of our Grand Lodge, you obtain also a direct power of controlling your own affairs. Every Lodge is entitled to several Representatives in the Grand Lodge, who can attend to the wants of their respective Lodges, and exert a direct and powerful influence in our Councils; your dues also will be much lighter than they now are, and your diplomas can always be obtained a few days after you complete your work, besides in time we may be able to rear within our own Province some of those Masonic charities, the pride and glory of our Mother country. Come then brethren and strengthen our infant organization, and recognition by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland will, as in the case of Canada, speedily follow.

Truly and Fraternaly Yours,

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary G. L. of N. S.

In December, when the action of the Provincial Grand Master under Scottish authority, compelled the Most Worshipful Grand Master to issue his proclamation regarding the so-called Provincial Grand Lodge, under Scottish authority, I consulted with the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who approved of my publishing the following letter, explaining the circumstances which led to the Proclamation.

To the Freemasons of Nova Scotia.

BRETHREN.—

Most of you are aware that in March last a Grand Lodge was formed in Nova Scotia, in accordance with Masonic law, and due intimation thereof given to the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, and the United States. It was formed by ten subordinate Lodges, and has now eleven on its roll. Already has it been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and sixteen Grand Lodges of the United States, all of whom have welcomed it to the family of Grand Lodges, and acknowledge the legality of its formation, and a representative, duly accredited by the Grand Lodge of Canada, has been appointed by that body at the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, which now is a Supreme, Sovereign body, claiming exclusive Masonic jurisdiction over the territory of Nova Scotia, in accordance with Masonic law as laid down in Mackey, Chase, and Simons, the most eminent authorities who have written on the subject; Oliver, a celebrated English authority, not discussing the matter at all. I shall now cite the law as declared by those authorities. Brother Albert G. Mackey, M. D., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, says:—

“Let us suppose, then, that there is a territory of 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 any territory into which Masonry has not been introduced in the organized form of Lodges is ground common to all Masonic authorities of the world, and therefore that it is competent for any Grand Lodge to grant a warrant of constitution and establish a Lodge in such unoccupied territory, on the petition, of course, of a requisite number of Masons. And the right of granting warrants inures

to every Grand Lodge in the world, and may be exercised by as many as choose 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 one of them deriving its legal existence from a different Grand Lodge. In such a case, neither of the Grand Lodges who have granted warrants 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 warrants. 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. Dermott, without any other authority that I can discover than his own ipse dixit, says that not less than five Lodges must concur in the formation of a Grand Lodge; and Dr. Dalcho, who was originally an ancient York Mason, repeats the doctrine; but if this be the true state of the law, then the Grand Lodge of England, organized in 1717, with the concurrence of only four Lodges, must have been irregular. The fact is, that there is no ancient regulation on the subject, but the necessity of three Lodges concurring, is derived from the well known principles of the civil law, that a College or Corporate body must consist of three persons at least. Two Lodges could not unite in a Masonic College or Convention, nor form that Corporate body known as a Grand Lodge, but not more than three are necessary, and accordingly the Grand Lodge of Texas, which was established in 1837 by three Lodges, was at once recognized as regular and legal by all the Grand Lodges of the United States and other countries. As soon as the new Grand Lodge is organized, it will grant warrants to the Lodges that formed it, to take effect upon their sur-

rendering the warrants under which they originally acted to the Grand Lodges from which they derived them. There is no regulation prescribing the precise time at which these warrants are to be surrendered: but it seems reasonable to suppose that they could not surrender them before the new Grand Lodge is organized, because the surrender of a warrant 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 constituted. 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 the principles of Masonic law which seem to be admitted by universal consent and sanctioned by constant usage in such organizations."

Bro. Geo. W. Chase, Editor of the *Masonic Journal*, says: "The usual mode of organizing a new Grand Lodge is as follows:—A certain number of Lodges, not less than three, holding charters or warrants from some legal Grand Lodge, or from different Grand Lodges, meet in convention by their representatives, formally resolve to organize a Grand Lodge, adopt a constitution, and proceed to elect and install officers. It is necessary that it be separate territory, and that there be no Grand Lodge at the time existing in it."

"The Lodges must surrender their old warrants, and take out new ones from the Grand Lodge thus constituted. Each Grand Lodge has sole and exclusive Masonic jurisdiction throughout the limits of the state or territory within which it is regularly established; there can be but one legal Grand Lodge in a state or territory."

Most Worshipful Bro. John W. Simons, Past Grand Master of New York says:—

"The jurisdictional rights of a Grand Lodge do not extend beyond the boundaries of the country, state or territory where it is located, except where a country is Masonically vacant; that is, having no Grand Lodge established in it, in which case all the Grand Lodges in the world have concurrent jurisdiction there, so far as they may deem it proper to be exercised; so that in a vacant territory one or a dozen Grand Lodges may charter subordinates, and each would be equally justified in so doing. When, however, a majority of subordinates, being not less than three in number, choose to establish a Grand Lodge, then the territory is occupied, and not only are Grand Lodges in other states and countries forbidden to exercise powers in the territory occupied by the new Grand Lodge, but their subordinates (if any) that may have refused to unite in the formation of a Grand Lodge are to be withdrawn or left subject to the disposition of the local authority."

Now, brethren, I would ask you seriously to weigh these opinions of such excellent authorities, and decide whether the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is a legal body or not. True, you are told by Mr. Keith's proclamation that we are clandestine, and that our lodges are held without proper authority, but I challenge him, or any other Mason, to prove his statement from any Masonic authority in the world; his mere *ipse dixit* can, I imagine, have but little weight compared with the mass of evidence I have adduced. That the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is the Supreme Governing body in this Province cannot be disproved, that it has been legally and constitutionally formed is equally clear,—it has further, then, been duly recognised by seventeen Grand Lodges, its officers have been regularly installed by Most Worshipful Brother Colonel William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master Meson of Canada. What more, then, is necessary? Some of you may ask, did the Lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia regularly surrender their charters? and I answer, yes. Masonic law requires that the surrender must be the act of the majority of members present at a

meeting called specially for that purpose, and that the Master must concur in the surrender. All this, then, was done, and all monies due the Grand Lodge of Scotland were faithfully paid by us. We left the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland faithfully and honorably, and that body can bring no masonic charge against us. Whence then are we proclaimed clandestine? Clearly must it appear to you all, that the only clandestine or irregular Masons are those forming the Lodges, so called, Athole, Keith and Scotia, working under the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland, by virtue of warrants so long since legally surrendered, and consequently extinct, for as Mackey says:—"The surrender of a warrant is the extinction of a Lodge." Now brethren, we place our case in your hands; most unwillingly have we laid this matter open in the public prints. We frankly tell you that we believe it to be a proceeding not in accordance with the spirit of Masonry, but we have so long suffered misrepresentation to be scattered broadcast over the Province without raising a warning note, that we now consider it our bounden duty to state our position fairly to you, and let you judge its merits. We desire no controversy. Much rather would we cement the Craft of Nova Scotia more firmly in the bonds of brotherly love, and thus reflect honor on our ancient institution; but when those who it may be, from disappointed ambition, or other motives, abandon a cause they had so vigorously for a time endeavored to promote, and proclaim those who had the courage to complete the work, clandestine Masons, it becomes a faithful sentinel on the watch towers of Masonry to give forth no uncertain sound. It will be seen by the proclamation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, published above this letter, that he has not, in the least, interfered with the Lodges working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England. Sufficient time will be allowed to permit our English Brethren fairly to consider whether it will not be more to their own advantage to cast in their lot with a Grand Lodge on their own territory, which may be assumed

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to understand their wants better than one 3000 miles away. At the same time, let no one suppose that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia will, in any way, depart from her high mission.—the cementing of the Craft into one body, thereby forever burying in oblivion the unhappy differences that so long have distracted the brethren of Nova Scotia. For Mr. Keith we entertain the highest respect, and have no doubt that he has been led to take his present unfortunate position by the influence of those whose knowledge of Masonic law should have been more extensive before tendering such unfortunate advice.

Fraternally yours,

C. J. MACDONALD, *Grand Secretary.*

During the past year I received reports from the following Grand Lodges, which I have handed to the Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, namely: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Virginia, Washington Territory, and Canada.

I have also to report that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has now received the fraternal recognition of thirty eight Grand Lodges on this Continent, besides several in Europe.

Accompanying this report I present an account current of the transactions of my office for the past year:

C. J. MACDONALD. *Grand Secretary, in account with*

THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA, Dr.

July	6—	To Albert Lodge.....	\$9 25
August	21	St Mark's No. 9.....	13 50
October	1	Davies No. 5.....	26 00
"	1	Queens No. 10.....	9 00

Decem'r	31	To Concord No. 8.....	101 50
February	14	St, Marks No. 9.....	14 50
"	14	Harmony, U. D.....	5 00
March	1	Albert No. 6.....	40 00
"	1	Ophir No. 12.....	15 00
"	22	Acacia No. 15.....	15 00
May	28	Eureka No. 13.....	30 00
"	28	Eldorado No. 16.....	5 00
June	15	Ophir No. 12.....	7 12½
"	20	Burns No. 1.....	59 75
"	20	Queens No. 10.....	57 50
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Voucher 1—By Cash Paid Grand Treasurer...			\$22 75
"	2	" " "	26 00
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer then submitted the following account current with the Grand Lodge for the past year, which was accepted :

A. K. MACKINLAY, *Grand Treasurer, in acc. with*

THE GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

1866.		Dr.
June 16—	To Cash paid Citizen Office	\$56 00
“ 22	“ “ Grand Master.....	120 00
July 29	“ “ “ “	153 00
Sept. 13	“ “ “ “	178 75
“ 13	“ “ A. & W. Mackinlay...	22 75
Oct. 22	“ “ C. F. Hopkins.....	11 50
Nov. 2	“ “ A. Boone.....	8 09
Dec. 20	“ “ For Charters.....	29 44
“ 21	“ “ E. M. Macdonald.....	50 00
1867.		
Jany. 2	“ “ “ “	39 50
“ 2	“ “ For Rent.....	26 42
Feby. 1	“ “ Library on account of Concord Lodge...	25 00
Mar. 4	“ “ Library on account of Albert Lodge.....	10 00
“ 12	“ “	27 00
“ 19	“ “ For Rent	13 25
June 6	“ “ Grand Tyler.....	15 00
“ 20	“ “ Croskill & Bourinot..	20 00
“ 20	“ “ Diplomas, Freight,&c	103 38
“ 20	“ “ On account Concord Lodge for Seal.....	12 00
“ 20	“ “ Postage, &c.....	44 11
	Balance to credit.....	42 92
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June 12—	By Cash from Athole Lodge.....	£300 00
“ 26	“ “ Keith “	300 00
Sept. 20	“ “ Grand Secretary.....	22 75
Oct. 2	“ “ “ “	26 00
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Jany. 1	“ “ “ “	110 50
Feb. 14	“ “ “ “	5 00
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Mar. 1	"	"	"	"	55 00
" 22	"	"	"	"	15 00
" 27	"	"	"	"	35 00
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June 20	"	"	"	"	59 75
" 20	"	"	"	"	57 50
" 21	By Balance.....					42 92

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Respectfully submitted,

A. K. MACKINLAY,

Grand Treasurer.

The Treasurer and Secretarys accounts were referred to a committee, consisting of Brothers W. S. Macdonald, T. H. Pryor, and Ralph Patrick.

The Committee on Grand Masters Address submitted the following report :

HALIFAX, JUNE 21st, 1867.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

The Committee appointed to consider the Most Worshipful Grand Masters Address, beg leave to report, that after a careful perusal, they have much pleasure in recommending the adoption of the same, and that it be entered in the minutes, and published at length in the annual report.

R. BRECKIN,
A. K. MACKINLAY,
A. BUSBY.

The Committee on Grand Treasurer and Secretary's accounts submitted the following report :

HALIFAX, JUNE 21st, 1867.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

Your Committee to whom was referred the examination of the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, respectfully submit the following report :

That they have had the same under examination, and find them correct and properly vouched for, and recommend that they be recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge, and printed with the proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,
W. S. MACDONALD,
T. H. PRYOR,
RALPH PATRICK.

The Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment until half-past 7 o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 8 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year, when the following brethren were declared duly elected, viz :

W. H. DAVIES, M. D.....M. W. Grand Master.
S. R. SIRCOM.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
R. BRECKIN.....R. W. Substitute Grand Master.
WM. WILLIAMS.....R. W. Grand Senior Warden.

ARTHUR BUSBY.....R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
 A. K. MACKINLAY.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 CHAS. J. MACDONALD....R. W. Grand Secretary.
 ISAAC J. WYLDE.....R. W. Grand Clerk.
 REV. C. B. PITBLADO.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
 NEWELL SNOW.....R. W. Grand Lecturer.
 W. S. MACDONALD...V. W. Grand Senior Deacon.
 GEO. W. CLARKE.....V. W. Grand Junior Deacon.
 JAMES KING.....V. W. Grand Architect.
 E. L. SPIKE.....V. W. Grand Jeweller.
 JAMES FORTUNE.....V. W. Grand Bible Bearer.
 W. M. ALLAN, Jr....V. W. Gd. Dir. of Ceremonies.
 JAMES MACCOUSH...V. W. Grand Sword Bearer.
 GEO. ANDERSON.....V. W. Gd. Director of Music.
 ALEX. CAMPBELL, } V. W. Grand Marshalls.
 A G HESSLEIN, }
 J. E. M. TAYLOR.....V. W. Grand Tyler.
 ALEXANDER WADDELL,
 JOHN CAHILL,
 GEORGE W. HALLS,
 ARCHIB'D SUTHERLAND,
 JOHN MACLEAN,
 W. F. WOODBERY,
 LEVI HART,
 W. H. McDANIEL,
 T. A. COSSMANN,
 J. D. VANBUSKIRK,
 D. W. ARCHIBALD,
 JOSEPH COVE,
 LEANDER CROW,
 JOHN J. LOGAN,
 AMAZIAH SMITH,

W. Grand Stewards.

Brother W. Taylor from Committee on Foreign
 Correspondence submitted the following report
 which was received, and ordered to be published
 with annual proceedings :

HALIFAX, JUNE 21st, 1867.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

The Committee appointed to review the Foreign Correspondence, and Reports received from sister Grand Lodges, respectfully submit the following:

We have received the reports of most of the Grand Lodges on this continent, and with scarcely an exception, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has been received among the sisterhood of Grand Lodges. This fact will more fully appear by reference to resolutions under the several notices. In addition to the reports received and commented upon, we are happy to announce the fraternal recognition by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York, this month, of your Grand Lodge. Although it will involve your Grand Lodge in some additional expense, your committee deem it advisable to recommend insertion in your report, of certain extracts from the various reports that are laid before your committee. This we deem particularly advisable at this early period in the formation of your Grand Lodge.

ALABAMA.

The forty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, was held in the City of Montgomery, on December 3rd, 1867. M. W. Bro. Wilson Williams, Grand Master presided, and delivered a very able address. 179 Lodges were duly represented, and we find 233 reported square on the books, with a total of 10,904 members, and the receipts were \$5,504. The report on Foreign Correspondence is an able and lengthy document, from Brother William C. Penick, and reviews the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Lodges. Brother William

C. Penick offered the following resolution which was adopted :—

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Nevada are hereby recognised by this Grand Lodge, and welcomed into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges.

Brother Wilson Williams was re-elected Grand Master and Brother Daniel Sayre Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of this state, held its thirty-fourth annual communication at Little Rock, commencing on the 5th November, 1866. Brother E. H. English M. W. Grand Master presiding. The Grand Officers and Representatives from 108 Lodges present. In the opening of his address, the Grand Master very vividly portrays the serious losses and injuries inflicted by the late war, on the Lodges and Fraternity generally, in that jurisdiction. But as he says, "The masonic tree revives again. There is no permanent decay, no death for masonry." Its perpetuity is sure, guaranteed by the attachment of the craftsmen and its universality. "It is" he says, "lamentably true, however, that as among the bees, there are drones in masonry; some, who, heedless of the oft repeated lesson of industry, neither labor nor learn."

Since the last annual communication the Grand Master has issued sixteen Dispensations for new Lodges. He remarks, that in quantity, these he has necessarily to depend upon the judgment and discretion of the recommending Lodges, as to the propriety of creating a new Lodge, and the qualifications of the first three officers named in the Dispensations. He points out the duty of the Com-

mittee on Charters and Dispensations, to examine carefully the returns of new Lodges, and to see that they send up good work. He also refers to the duty of every subordinate to make returns, and pay its dues to the Grand Lodge annually. He remarks, "If a Lodge is found in neglect of one important requirement of the constitution, the chances are, that it disregards or neglects others, and it is doubtless better for masonry that the charter be withdrawn. *Drones* among the Lodges are as useless as *drones* in the membership."

The Grand Treasurer's account shows an income of \$1,756, and a balance over the current expenses and grants of \$378.

The reports of the several committees are very precise and particular, especially that of the committee on Dispensations and Charters. They recommend, "that in consideration of the very imperfect manner in which the minutes of the various Lodges which they have examined are kept, the Grand Secretary be requested to prepare and publish with the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge, a form for the keeping of the minutes of Subordinate Lodges, and that all Lodges be required to conform thereto."

On the 7th November, the Grand Lodge conferred the second and third Degrees on a brother, who, on motion was declared to be a member of a particular Lodge, and directed to pay his fees to said Lodge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence handed in an excellent report on the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Lodges. They touch on the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, acknowledging the Book of Constitution of the same, and an official letter from our Grand Secretary, in which they say he announces to them our official recognition by the Grand Lodge of

Canada, and many other Grand Lodges, and he expresses the hope that the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Arkansas will grant the same favor. This report having been duly received by Grand Lodge, we may safely conclude that the request of our Grand Secretary has been complied with.

M. W. Brother E. H. English re-elected Grand Master, and W. D. Blocher Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The seventeenth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was commenced at San Francisco, on the 9th day of October, and continued for five days.

At the opening there were present:—the Grand Officers, four Past Grand Masters, five Past Grand Wardens, the Representatives of 122 chartered Lodges, Delegates from four Lodges under Dispensation, and a large number of Past Masters entitled to seats.

At the afternoon session the Grand Master delivered an excellent address. From it the following extracts and ideas may be studied with profit by the brethren of this jurisdiction. In the formation of new Lodges, he says:—“Too much caution cannot be exercised by the Grand Lodge; and the responsibility which rests upon the Grand Master in the initiatory proceedings, is probably as great as any other executive duty confided to him. It is to be feared that in the formation of new Lodges, there have been cases where the high importance of the formulary statements set forth in the recomendatory resolutions of the nearest chartered Lodge, as well as the certificate of the Master indorsing the qualifications of the proposed new Master, have not been as fully weighed, or as conscientiously considered as

it is intended they should be. I recommend critical examination into the affairs of new Lodges under dispensation, before charters are issued."

He particularly points out the constant secrecy of the ballot box, at the votes for candidates for membership, and rejoins, that any known act of disregard in this respect, should never be permitted to go unrebuked or unpunished.

Referring to a case of a Lodge entertaining the petition of a candidate from another jurisdiction, he points out the rule of that Grand Lodge, that twelve months actual residence within the territorial jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge, and six months within the subordinate, next preceding, an application is absolutely required before the petition for degrees can be received.

The Grand Secretary's report occupies eight pages of closely printed valuable statistics and matter. Four Lodges to whom charters were granted at the preceding annual communication, were all duly constituted and their officers installed; and he further reports that five Lodges had returned their dispensations, the several books of record, and applications for charters. There are besides five Lodges under dispensation, 147 in active existence under this Grand Lodge; one of which is in the Territory of Arigona, and another in the Kingdom of Hawaiian Islands. Referring to past neglect of some Lodges to furnish the necessary information, he points out the requirements of their constitution, that "in all cases of expulsion or suspension, the Master should cause the Secretary to prepare a transcript of the record of trial, and immediately transmit it to the Grand Secretary, together with information of the appeal intended, if there be any."

This report is intended simply for the information of the Grand Lodge, and to be used in case an application is at any time made for restoration. He reports that only "one or two Lodges still adhere to the practice of a separate ballot for each degree, and it is hoped they ere long will assent to the general usage of the jurisdiction." The total income of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year ending 31st July, 1866, is \$16,220.76.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence give a very full and valuable report on about thirty-five Grand Lodges, and make mention of Nova Scotia in the following very favorable manner:—

"We have a circular from the Grand Officers, in due form, dated 22nd March, 1866, announcing the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Nova Scotia; and from what we have seen in the proceedings of other Grand Bodies concerning this new member of the sisterhood, we are satisfied that the necessity for its formation existed, and that it is entitled to our cordial recognition. We trust that the time will come ere long, when each separate political division of this continent will have its own independant Grand Lodge.

Re-elected M. W. Brother G. B. Claiborne, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. A. G. Abell, Grand Secretary.

CANADA.

The eleventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada commenced its proceedings at Montreal on the 11th July, 1866.

Present:— a large number of Grand Officers, eight District Deputy Grand Masters, four Representatives of sister Grand Lodges, twenty-eight Past Grand Officers, forty six Past Masters, and Representatives from 134 chartered Lodges.

The Grand Master alludes in his address, to the request of the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, in March 1866, that he would nominate some brother to proceed to Halifax to install the Grand Master. He states that he preferred consulting the Grand Lodge of Canada. As this question he says, demands the most careful consideration, and recommends that the matter be referred to a special committee. A committee of seven was appointed, Past Grand Master T. D. Harrington, Chairman, who reported as follows:

“That having examined the several documents relating to the formation of a Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia, together with the correspondence entered into by the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and having the advantage of the oral evidence of M. W. Brother W. Mercer Wilson, Past Grand Master, who had made full enquiry at Halifax, it is the opinion of said committee that the new Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is entitled to a prompt and hearty recognition by this Grand Lodge.”

It was then resolved by the Grand Lodge—

“That the report of the special committee on the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia be adopted, and that the Grand Secretary be hereby instructed to announce to the M. W. Grand Master of said Grand Lodge, that the Grand Lodge of Canada cordially recognizes the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and welcomes her as a sister among the family of Grand Lodges of the world.”

M. W. Brother W. Mercer Wilson was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Brother Thomas B. Harris re-elected Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

We have received the report of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Colorado, at its sixth annual communication, held in Central City on the 1st October, 1866.

The Grand Master announces that he had issued two dispensations for opening Lodges; that he had refused permission to Helena Lodge to retain its charter in the Territory of Montana, where a new Grand Lodge has been organized.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of a large number of Grand Lodges, and also a circular letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, asking the recognition of their Grand Lodge. They submit the following resolution and ask its adoption:—

“*Resolved*, That the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge be extended to our sister Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Montana, and that they be welcomed into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges.”

Which report was received and the recommendation contained therein adopted. The income for the year was \$610, and the expenditure about \$550.

The following was adopted:—“In cases where the report of the committee to whom the petition is referred be unfavorable, the report shall not be considered a rejection, and the ballot shall be spread.”

M. W. Brother Chase Withrow was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Brother E. C. Parmelee Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The seventy-eighth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of New Haven, on the 9th May, 1866. W. W. Brother Eli S. Quintard, Grand Master, and R. W. Brother J. W. Paul, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master opens his address by congratulating the Craft upon their continued prosperity.

During the past year he had assisted in dedicating two Masonic Halls, and was present at two Centennial Anniversaries. He speaks very highly of the the working of some of the Lodges, and especially mentions Union Lodge No. 5, which he considers has arrived at a state of perfection. He alludes to the subject of balloting for candidates, which he says "in many cases, tends to promote difficulty and disagreement in our Lodges. This difficulty occurs to my mind from a want of a proper understanding of the line of duty in discharging one of our most important trusts. Many times I have been led to believe that personal or party feelings have been allowed to influence a brother's good judgement. I know of no other remedy in cases of this kind, than for the brother to ask himself the question, applying it to himself,—am I doing as I would wish others to do unto me? and let his own conscience decide." He also calls the attention of Grand Lodge to the manner candidates have been hurried through the degrees, and trusts some plan might be adopted to prevent this growing evil.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by R. W. Brother J. W. Paul, wherein he reviews the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Lodges. He also presents a communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, which was referred to a committee consisting of Brothers Stover, Beecher and Tweedy, and upon motion of Brother Stover, the committee were permitted to make their report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Brother Eli S. Quintard, Grand Master, and R. W. Brother John W. Paul, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

We are in receipt of a pamphlet from this Grand Lodge, containing the semi-annual, several special, and the annual communication, which was held on the 6th November, 1866. M. W. Brother George C. Whiting, Grand Master presiding, at which there were representatives from fourteen Lodges.

The committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, submitted the following report:—

“It appears from the communication before referred to, that the Freemasons of Nova Scotia to the number of ten Lodges, have united in the establishment of a Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. That at a meeting held at Halifax, on the 20th day of March last, said Grand Lodge was organized by the election of Grand Officers. Your committee know of no good reason why the Grand Lodge thus formed, should not be recognized by this Grand Lodge. They therefore report the following resolution:”

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia does hereby fully and fraternally recognize the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia as an independent Grand Lodge, and entitled to the fraternal intercourse existing between all Grand Lodges throughout the world. That we hereby extend to that Grand Body our fellowship and brotherly love, and order that its name be entered on our list of corresponding Grand Bodies.”

The committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted their report, reviewing the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Lodges. There are fifteen Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, having 2,323 members.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

GEORGIA.

This Grand Lodge held its annual communication at Macon, commencing the 31st October, 1866. M. W. Brother John W. Harris, Grand Master presiding, R. W. Brother W. Simri Rose, Grand Secretary, and Representatives from 188 Lodges.

The address of the Grand Master, and the reports of the Deputies and Grand Secretary are quite lengthy, and interesting to the craft, as showing the state of the order in the empire State of the South.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report on a communication from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, asking to be recognised :

“ Your committee are aware of no reason to forbid compliance with this request, and take pleasure in recommending to this body to recognize the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and cheerfully extend to them the right hand of brotherly love, and cordially reciprocate the fraternal regard and kind courtesy so prominently presented in their communication.”

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected for the ensuing year.

ILLINOIS.

The twenty-sixth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Chicago, October, 3rd 1866.

M W. Brother, H. P. H. Bromwell, Grand Master in the East.

The address of the Grand Master bears principally upon matters of local interest. He congratulates the Grand Lodge upon the entire peace and harmony existing amongst the Craft throughout the whole Country, and the unprecedented prosperity they have enjoyed during the last year. He suggests that a special celebration day be observed in honor

of reconciliation and harmony. He says, "As the voice of harmony comes to us from every jurisdiction, while in our own asejnal degree of concord has taken the place of former divisions and disturbances, I venture to suggest, respectfully, but earnestly, to this Grand Lodge, that a day of special celebration in honor of reconciliation and harmony be proclaimed throughout this jurisdiction, to be observed by the Grand Lodge, and all the subordinate Lodges gathered together by districts, according to convenience with appropriate ceremonies."

The Grand Lodge seems to have been particularly unfortunate during the past year, in the loss by death of three of its Past Grand Masters viz. Helm, Herrick, and Hibbard, allusion to whom, is very feelingly made by the Grand Master. Amongst the official acts of the Grand Master is the issuing of seven dispensations; there were also forty-eight issued by the Deputy Grand Master in the absence of the Grand Master, making a total of fifty-five.

We find no report on foreign correspondence, or the acknowledgement of the receipt of any proceedings of other Grand Lodges. Number of Chartered Lodges 458. Under Dispensation 59.

Most Worshipful Brother, Jerome R Gorm, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Brother H. G. Reynolds, re-elected Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The forty-ninth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Indianapolis, May 29th 1866. M. W. Brother, Harvey G. Hazlerigg, Grand Master presiding,

The Grand Masters address embodies much useful

and valuable matter, and we can scarcely review any portion of it without feeling a desire to quote the whole.

There is one question particularly which he disposes of with great ease, one which has been of constant difficulty, viz. that of non-affiliation. He says:

“ Grand Lodges have only to deprive all those who remain unaffiliated of all Masonic rights and privileges, and the evil is cured. This is short, it is simple, it is easy. The Mason who will not bear a small burden, and thereby secure to himself a greater good, is unworthy the name and the associations of Masons, and should be cut off; and the Mason who can not do it, will find no difficulty in retaining his affiliation without it ”

“ It is the voluntary act of the individual to become a Mason, and if he wish, let him as voluntary withdraw, and thereby relieve the Fraternity from all obligations to him, and deprive himself of all claims whatever.

If an individual remain a member of any organization whatever, against his own free will and consent, he will be a very unprofitable and disagreeable companion, fomenting and encouraging discord and confusion wherever an opportunity presents itself. We had better therefore let him depart in peace, heeding him as an alien and a stranger, who has no part nor lot with us.”

The Grand Master refers to a circular which he has received from this Grand Lodge, and taking for granted that its organization was regular, says:—

“ Let us reciprocate the kind expressions of fraternal regard, bid them a hearty welcome into the national family of Grand Lodges, and enter them on the list of our annual correspondents.”

M. W. Brother, Austin, P. G. Master, from the committee of correspondence presented the following report, which was concurred in and the accompanying resolution adopted.

“Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Indiana does hereby recognize the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and most cordially extends to her the right hand of brotherhood, and welcomes her to the family of Grand Lodges on the American Continent.”

The report on foreign correspondence is embodied in the Grand Master's address. He acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Lodges.

Amongst the Grand Master's official acts, is the issuing of seventeen Dispensations.

The Grand Lodge appears in a very prosperous and flourishing condition, having increased its membership during the past masonic year 2784, and having now on its roll 336 Chartered Lodges, and 3 under dispensation.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

IOWA.

We have received the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1866. Its regular twenty-third annual communication was held June 5th, 1866. We notice the affairs of this Grand Lodge are in a flourishing condition. The number of subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction is large, and from the Grand Master's report we find many additions during the past year.

The Grand Master in his address announced the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and most cheerfully and fraternally approved of the request of Brother W. H. Davies, that the Grand Lodge of Iowa give them the right hand of brotherhood.

Brother C. K. Peck was duly installed Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

KANSAS.

The eleventh annual communication of this Grand Lodge was convened at the City of Topeka, on Tuesday, October 16th, 1866.

M. W. Brother Jacob Sayne, Grand Master, presiding. There were representatives present from 33 Lodges.

The address of the Grand Master is principally of a local character, he deplors the loss of R. W. Bro. A. O. Sullivan, late Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri. In referring to his acquaintance with the late Brother, he says:—

“I had the privilege of his acquaintance, and owe to his enlightened instruction whatever I know of those internal beauties of Masonry, which lie beyond the formalities of ritualism. The best tribute I could pay to his memory would be to do credit to his teachings; as it is with gratitude and reverence, I add my humble quota to the fadeless wreath which marks his honored tomb.”

Grand Master Sayne quotes several decisions made by him during the past year, two of which we here annex, deeming them ourselves of considerable importance to the members of our young Grand Lodge.

“Is it proper to initiate, pass, or raise more than one candidate at the same time?”

Answer—“Candidates should be initiated singly, and it is incorrect work, if not positively improper, to confer any portion of either degree upon more than one candidate at a time.”

“The ritual of masonry is solemn and impressive, and when a degree is conferred upon more than one candidate at a time, it is impossible to do justice to the spirit and interest of the degree.”

“Can a person who is maimed, or in whom any of the senses are defective, be received into the order?”

Answer—"Masonry requires physical perfection in the candidate."

"Having no maim or defect in the body, hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered, upright in body, of hale and entire limbs, in no manner maimed, lame or defective."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by R. W. Brother E. T. Carr, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Lodges, also an official notice of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. The papers referring thereto were duly presented, and the following resolution adopted:—

"That the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas recognize the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and extend to her our fraternal greeting."

M. W. Brother M. S. Adams was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Brother E. T. Carr re-elected Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Lodge held its annual communication in Masonic Temple, in the City of Louisville, commencing on the 15th October, 1866. M. W. Brother M. J. Williams, Grand Master presiding, R. W. Brother J. M. S. McCarkle, Grand Secretary, and Representatives from 258 Lodges.

The address of the Grand Master, as well as the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in general, refer almost entirely to local matters, although many acts of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky will serve to give useful hints to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. The Grand Master reports having granted dispensations to thirty new Lodges during the past year.

The Treasurer's report is quite interesting. It shows the Grand Lodge to be worth over \$65,000 while at the same time they pay over \$5,000 in the way of milage and per diem to its representatives.

The following resolution was considered and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Kentucky hereby acknowledge the recently formed Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia as a regularly established Grand Lodge, extend to it the right hand of fellowship, and welcome it to the family of Grand Lodges of this continent."

We also notice that the Grand Lodge sustained the action of a subordinate Lodge, in expelling a brother for acts of repeated drunkenness, which cannot in the opinion of your committee be too highly commended.

The report of the Trustees of the Masonic University, which has been for some years established at Sagoango, shows it to be in splendid condition, and resulting in much good to the cause of education.

By a resolution introduced by P. G. M. Monourrat we see that the institution of masonry is fast becoming popularized in Kentucky, and he recommends the Grand Master to guard with all dilligence the granting of dispensations for new Lodges.

They have also amended their constitution, so that all Lodges shall have the power to make an annual assessment of two dollars, upon all unaffiliated masons residing in their jurisdiction, and on refusal to pay, make them subject to the same rules and penalties governing members of Lodges. The constitution also requires that no brother shall be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time, and that any Lodge admitting a brother to member-

ship, who is in arrears to another Lodge, become responsible for the amount of his arrearages.

M. W. Brother Isaac T. Marten of Cythiana was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Brother J. M. S. McCarkle re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The fifty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction commenced at New Orleans on 11th February, 1866.

Grand Master, W. M. Perkins, Presiding.

A large number of officers, representatives and members were present.

At the opening, the Grand Master delivered a very instructive address, referring to a clause of their constitution, which forbids the re-consideration of the ballot; the Grand Master says "neither you nor I, nor any one else, can properly know how others have voted, nor why unfavorable ballots have been cast. No member should ever by act or word, expose his own ballot; if one may say he has voted favorably, others of course can, and they will, do the same, and thus the secrecy of the ballot will be practically done away with."

From the reports of the Deputy, and the District Deputy Grand Master, we are led to the belief that the order is reviving and will no doubt regain and recover from all the serious drawbacks it must have had during the years of war and trouble.

During the year, to 31st Jan. 1867, the income derived from dues to Grand Lodge was \$5,415 52 from diplomas \$185, from charters and dispensations \$590. The total income from various sources was \$25,815.

The committee briefly reviews the proceedings of 33 different Grand Lodges. This committee acknowledge the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for 1866. They remark, "that many difficulties and crying evils seem to have long existed on account of the remoteness of the seat of government, which could only be cured by the formation of a Grand Lodge. There can be no doubt, we think, of the advisability of the step taken by our brethren of Nova Scotia, and we think it will result favorably for all concerned. We certainly think that our hemisphere is sufficient for the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge, and take great pleasure in appending to our report the usual resolution of recognition, and recommend its adoption."

The following resolution was submitted and adopted by the Grand Lodge, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana hereby cordially extends the hand of fellowship and recognition to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and welcomes her into the circle of corresponding sister Grand Lodges."

M. W. Bro. Abel J. Norwood was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. E. Bachelor, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The Grand Lodge of Maine held its regular communication on the first Tuesday of May 1866.

The report before us contains much valuable information. We notice that during the year the Grand Master had issued six dispensations for new Lodges, at the same time declined to issue three others; this shows that the interests of Masons are well cared for in Bro. Prebles hands, and speaks well

for the standing of Lodges in the state of Maine, and although it is well to multiply Lodges, it is also necessary to guard against all inroads which may bring discredit on the Craft. We find in the proceedings, that a resolution was offered by Brother Burnham, and passed, in which the Grand Lodge of Maine, recognizes the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

We notice with deep regret the removal by death during the past year, of four Past Grand Lodge officers, the Grand Master in his address pays a just tribute of respect to their memories. In looking over the Treasurers accounts, we find a large amount is funded, the interest of which is expended in the relief of deserving brothers. Bro. T. J. Murray, was duly elected Grand Master.

MARYLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland, held its Semi-annual communication on the 14th May 1866.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master in his address congratulates the body on the fraternal communication with all sister Lodges. We notice that a new Masonic Temple has lately been purchased, and the Grand Master urges upon the brethren the necessity of investing their surplus funds in the building. This is a praiseworthy effort on the part of our brethren, and speaks well for the success of Masonry in the State of Maryland. We find in the proceedings the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Maryland extend toward the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and Nevada our fraternal recognition and congratulation, and welcome them as Most Worshipful Grand Bodies of the great family of the Mystic Tie."

M. W. Bro. John Coats, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Jacob H. Mediary, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Not officially but through the kindness of a Worthy Brother we have the report of this jurisdiction before us for 1866.

The business of this Grand Lodge is done very regularly at stated Quarterly Meetings and at an Extra one on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. The report of the committee on the Grand Master's address is handed in at the meeting in March, although the address was delivered in December; an excellent rule, no doubt, where time and consideration is so much needed, and all haste should be dispensed with. It, however, throws back the opinion of the committee on the address given this year until probably this time next year, before which time we will likely not know how they receive the remarks of the Grand Master on the formation of a Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia. In his opinion "the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland constitute, Masonically speaking, a joint proprietary over the Province of Nova Scotia, with an exclusive right to control and govern the Lodges within its jurisdiction, and any interference by a foreign body with this right would be as irregular and unlawful as would be the interference of either of the Grand Lodges above named with the government of the Masonic jurisdictions of the United States." The Most Worshipful Grand Master will readily admit that we entirely dissent from this view of the case, and we beg to refer to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory regarding the opening of a Lodge by that Grand Lodge in British Columbia,

another of the dependencies of the British Crown. We do not know how the Grand Lodge has treated the question. The Grand Master submitted the whole subject, with the accompanying papers, to the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

The report before us does not give any information in the shape of Foreign Correspondence. The local matters are very neatly and fully treated on by the District Deputy Grand Masters. The statistics of the jurisdiction are not very clearly given, and there is a total absence of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

MINNESOTA.

This Grand Lodge met at City of St. Paul, to hold its fourteenth annual communication, Oct. 23, 1865.

D. G. M. Hubbed presiding, assisted by Grand officers of twenty-five Lodges, represented the first day, ten addition at the second session.

The Grand Master's address after referring to matters connected with the interests of the jurisdiction, points out two questions submitted to him for decision. The first being whether a Lodge could interfere in, and try business matters between brethren, and the other upon the question of physical or personal defect. The first question he does not decide, and referred the same to a committee. In the second case it appears an applicant, the son of a member of the Grand Lodge, lost a leg, which was replaced by a skillful imitation limb, so good as not to be observed. The Grand Master asks, "Is the door of Masonry to be barred against this man, who can pass through all our ceremonies readily, and has no physical maiming which would in the least interfere with his becoming a shining light in masonry? In the operative days

our order required the physically perfect youth; in our days the spirit of our institution finds more need of perfection, or struggles towards it, at least, of a different and higher type."

A considerable portion of the address is devoted to the consideration of the "Esoteric" work of Masonry.

He submits that we try to preach too much in our ceremonies, and are too verbose in our lectures; that whilst the various authorities on work, as Preston, Webb, &c., have the same facts and traditions, (which are wonderfully concurrent.) they have each tried to fill them out in their own way, and that it would be better for "officers and brethren, instead of being contented with fluency in parrot-like repetition, to study to *act* their part, and in a few well chosen words, make our symbols and ceremonies tell their own story with an emphasis that shall install them as monitors for all future time."

There appears fifty-two Lodges, and two Lodges Under Dispensation on the roll of the Grand Lodge with dues to the amount of 2,524 75.

M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash, Grand Master, R. W. Bro. W. S. Comb, Grand Secretary.

No reference is made to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

MISSOURI.

The forty-ninth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in St. Louis, 28th May, A. L. 5866.

M. W. Bro. J. F. Houston, Grand Master presiding, with a large assemblage of Grand officers and representatives from upwards of 160 Lodges.

The Grand Master's address occupies some twelve pages of closely printed matter, and is an able and

eloquent production. Did space permit, many extracts might be made in connection with matters of great interest to the Craft. But there is unfortunately the trouble, that where so much is good, to cull the best.

Great dissatisfaction exists in this jurisdiction in regard to the trouble arising from the Army Lodges formed during the war, which appear to have been got up by unworthy brethren, from the most mercenary motives; who appear to have had no other view in their minds than to make as many persons Masons as possible, and at the same time make as much money at the same rate so long as the "trap" lasted. The Grand Lodges which acted so injudiciously as to grant the power to perpetrate this great evil are the most to blame, as besides the certain bad results inevitably occurring, the question of infringement upon jurisdiction of various Grand Lodges, could not but be prejudicial to the best interests of the order.

Twenty-three Lodges were formed Under Dispensation during the year.

This jurisdiction has over two hundred Lodges and a membership of upwards of ten thousand; it is divided into sixteen Masonic districts, each in charge of a District Deputy Grand Master, the reports from whom show the Craft in a flourishing condition.

The Grand Secretary in consequence of ill health, presents the report of Foreign Correspondence by "substitute." This report is very full and apparently exhaustive, the proceedings of various Grand Lodges are thoroughly reviewed and commented upon, from the extracts given it is too apparent to one beyond the United States lines, that there is yet

a rankling sore underlying the whole current of thought, these reviews, in reference to the many vexed questions arising from the internal dissensions in the country during the war; time alone can remedy this great evil.

No reference is made to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in the report.

There is also contained in this volume, extracts from Foreign Correspondence, New York, with the various European Grand Bodies, which well repays perusal, as giving information upon many subjects new to the members of this jurisdiction.

R. W. Bro. Rev. J. D. Vincil, Grand Master.

NEVADA.

The second Communication of this young sister Grand Lodge held in Virginia City, Sept. 18 to 21, 1866, is before us, and it is pleasing to notice the ability manifest in its management.

The annual address, by Grand Master Joseph DeBell, is sound and business like, speaking at once to the point. In this jurisdiction the Grand Master had to decide upon the right of "Mormons" claiming to be Masons to visit; in effect laying down the principle that people of that sect, who are known to be polygamists, are living in violation of what is known to be the proprieties and decencies of life, setting at nought the moral law as laid down in our Great Light, as well as in contempt of the laws of the land, are not suitable to be made Masons, and consequently cannot enjoy the privileges of those brethren who obey the moral laws as well as the laws of the land.

A page of mourning is devoted to the memory of M. W. Bro. W. H. Howard, Past Grand Master,

California, and a prominent member under the registry of Nevada.

This Grand Lodge numbers 10 Warranted Lodges and one under Dispensation, members 654, Grand Lodge dues \$1706.

At a Special Communication the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. L. Currie, assisted by the Grand Lodge and brethren, laid the corner stone of the Branch Mint, U. S., after which an able oration was delivered by V. W. R. H. Fayton, Grand Secretary.

The committee on Foreign Correspondence made a full report and reviews the various proceedings carefully. A summary of recent decisions and acts of the various Grand Lodges was made and classified. No mention or reference in report to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

R. W. J. C. Currie, Grand Master, V. W. R. H. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

M. W. J. Everett Sargent, Grand Master, R. W. Hon. Horace Chase, Grand Secretary.

This Grand Lodge held its Annual Communication at Concord, June 13, 1866, with a large number of representatives and visitors present.

The Grand Master's address has reference principally to matters of local interest. There is in the address good, wholesome advice in reference to proficiency before advancement in the craft; also as to the attempts to introduce new teachings and new language for the teachings of Ancient Freemasons. I envy no man's literary taste who cannot discover harmony and beauty in our most ancient Masonic records. Similar attempts have been made to

modernize the style and phraseology of the sacred Scriptures. I prefer the old fashioned Bible and old fashioned Masonry. There appears to be great trouble amongst our brethren in the United States, in connection with the rights of Masons who claimed to be made in what are termed Military Lodges. In fact, in most of the proceedings examined it seems to be the grievous error into which our brethren have been led by the unhappy war throughout this country, and has been the cause of a great amount of collision between various jurisdictions, for the reason that some Grand Lodges, ignoring the principle now well established—that no Grand Lodge can Masonically grant dispensation to form Lodges and make Masons within the jurisdiction of another—have formed such Lodges within the various army corps, which appear to have made or pretended to make Masons, under a tent or any convenient place, to the great scandal of the regular brotherhood.

The adoption of the following resolutions are noted :

Resolved, "That any Mason within this jurisdiction who shall hereafter buy, sell, lend or use any printed book purposely to contain the Masonic Work shall be liable to suspension or expulsion."

The Grand Secretary gave notice of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and it was voted that the same be regularly recognized, enrolled and corresponded with as a regularly constituted Grand Body.

Remainder of report is filled up with District Deputy Grand Master's reports.

This Grand Lodge roll shows 62 Lodges, a membership of 4712, 709 initiated, and \$1063 50 Grand Lodge dues.

NEBRASKA.

This Grand Lodge held its ninth Annual Communication, in the Masonic Hall, Nebraska City, on the 21st June, A. L. 5866, and was opened in ample form by M. W. Bro. R. W. Freknass, Grand Master.

Five Lodges present by representation.

The Grand Master's address has principally referred to matters of local interest. Two questions are decided therein in the negative. They are, first:

"Is it lawful for a Lodge of Masons to convene for work on the Sabbath day? The answer is given to the effect that the law of the land, as well as the ancient written law, is as much violated if an individual brother resorted to his usual avocation upon that day; the ancient charges saying: "All Masons shall work honestly upon working days, that they may live creditably upon holy days, and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confined by custom, shall be observed."

The second point referred to is "whether it is lawful to confer the degrees of the order upon an applicant who can neither read nor write?" The answer given submits that although there is no written law particularly governing the very nature of the institution demands that persons unable to write should not be initiated, as being incapable of understanding our principles thoroughly, quotes Mackey, and the Constitution of England, which enacts that any individual so circumstanced is consequently ineligible for admission.

These are the only points in Masonic Law referred to in this address.

The Committee on jurisprudence answered the following questions propounded by brethren.

1st. Can a Lodge Under Dispensation admit Master Masons to membership upon demits ?

Ans. That no known form of dispensation gives to such Lodges the power referred to, and consider that no Lodge Under Dispensation can legitimately exercise such power.

2nd. Is a person who has lost his index finger of the right hand, and whose middle finger is stiff so that he cannot straighten it, eligible to be initiated ?

Ans. Yes.

3rd. Whether a Grand Lodge has power to demit members from subordinate Lodges ? which is answered negatively, on the ground that the compact by demit must be a joint act of the Lodge and its members.

The staistical report shows nine warranted Lodges, and three under dispensation ; with a membership of 475 Master Masons, 32 Fellow Craft and 70 Entered Apprentices. Grand Lodge dues amount to \$831. This report contains a very able and eloquent oration by R. W. Bro. O. H. Irish, also a sermon by Past Grand Chaplain Rev. Bro. Betts. The formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is referred to, and the hope expressed " that the most cordial relations may ever subsist between this new Grand Lodge and our own."

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence presents an able and full review of the proceedings of the various sister Grand Lodges. Amongst the forms in the appendix the following are noted. Form of *Dispensation* to form a new Lodge, and form of petition for *Charter*, when the said Lodge Under Dispensation desires that its existence may be perpetuated. Being two separate and distinct petitions to procure the necessary documents.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. R. W. Furnas. R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro J. N. Wise.

NEW JERSEY.

The eightieth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Trenton on 17th Jan. 1867.

A very large attendance of officers, past officers, representatives and members.

M. W. Bro. W. S. Whitehead, Grand Master, presiding. Immediately after opening Grand Lodge the Grand Master delivered his annual address. And what he touches on in this address, and he handles a great many points, he does so in a most workman-like manner. One subject, that of incorporating Lodges, the Grand Master altogether disapproves of. His objections are exceedingly weighty. Should any of the Lodges in this jurisdiction incline to become incorporated your committee would recommend a due consideration of the arguments here given before really entertaining such a step. The views of the Grand Master on this subject were concurred in by the Special Committee, and the Committee on jurisprudence. This last committee "Earnestly recommends the Grand Lodge to institute proceedings to induce subordinate Lodges to have these acts repealed."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Lodges, Nova Scotia among the number.

This committee has extracted very largely from our Proceedings, giving fully and fairly the reasons for the formation of a Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia, and the several steps taken by the brethren here in this important work, up to the installing of our Grand Master, by Past Grand Master, Bro. W. M. Wilson, of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In conclusion the committee remarks: "We are inclined to the belief that our brethren of Nova Scotia have taken a prudent and wise course in their declaration of independence of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. They have our best wishes for their happiness and prosperity in their undertaking, and we welcome them among the great family of Grand Lodges on this continent.

The income of Grand Lodge from dues of Lodges, Dispensations, &c., for the year amount to \$3,844.

The Lodge numbers, 80. Members returned, 5,986.

M. W. Bro. W. S. Whitehead, was re-elected Grand Master, and Bro. Jos. H. Hough, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Your Committee are in receipt of no report from this State later than 1864, though from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Lodge of Georgiana, we get the following from the report of 1866.

"M. W. Bro. John W. McCormick, Grand Master, delivered a short but exceeding instructing address. Its character may be judged of by a few extracts:

Let each brother ask himself the question: have I studied the beauties and excellencies of the Order? Have I explored the history, and traced out the origin and erridite meaning of the symbols? Or have I supinely rested content with the knowledge I received at the pedestal? If so, you are not prepared to find in our Royal Art those lessons, which adorn the path of life, and cheer the bed of death. * * * The Mason in working out the problem of his mission, is never *off*, but is continually advancing from lower to higher travelling out of the sphere in which he is, onward and upward to a better.

OHIO.

The fifty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was held at Toledo, October, 16th, 1866. Two hundred and thirty-five Lodges were represented.

In his address the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thos. Sparrow, pays a fitting tribute to those most eminent Masons, Bros. Thos. Conim, Wm. B. Hubbard, and Lewis Cays, all of whom were Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thos. Sparrow was re-elected, and Bro. John D. Caldwell, re-elected Grand Secretary.

From the annual report of the Grand Treasurer, it appears that \$16,688 was expended during the last year, leaving a balance of \$3,813.

The committee to whom the communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was referred, reported as follows :

Resolved, 1st That the Grand Lodge of Ohio rejoice to learn that another member is added to the family of Grand Lodges, and cheerfully and with satisfaction acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, a sister Grand Lodge, and do most cordially extend to her the right hand of friendly greeting and brotherly love.

Resolved, 2nd That we earnestly solicit that friendly and brotherly intercourse and courtesy from the M. W. Grand Master, officers and brethren, of the Nova Scotia Grand Lodge, that is customary between sister Grand Lodges.

OREGON.

This Grand Lodge held its sixteenth annual communication in June, 1866. M. W. Grand Master, Bro. S. F. Chadwick, Presiding, who congratulates

the Craft on the harmony which existed, and reminded them of the duties of Masons to Masonry, and to their respective Lodges.

Thirty-six Lodges were represented, and thirty-eight were reported as enrolled.

Alluding to Nova Scotia, the committee on Foreign Correspondence reported: "That the Grand Lodge of Oregon hail with pleasure the organization of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and tender to it our fraternal recognition, with our cordial wishes for its growth and prosperity."

RHODE ISLAND.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge show that this body met in Providence, June, 25th, 1866. 5866.

M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Thos. A. Doyle, Presiding, with a full staff of Grand Officers, and representatives.

The Grand Master's address is entirely of Local character, recapitulating his official acts for the year, which appear to have been onerous, but well attended to.

In the Grand Secretary's report the following appears. "Another Grand Lodge waits for a fraternal recognition by this Grand Lodge, viz. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. The request of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia referred to, is presented and read, and referred to a committee of three Past Grand Masters to examine and report upon."

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

The tabular statement shows eighteen Chartered Lodges, and two Under Dispensation. Members 2,394. One Lodge has 346 members, another 394. Average of members per Lodge, is over 100. Funds received \$1,415.00

M. W. Bro. Hon T. A. Doyle, Grand Master, and
R. W. Bro. C. D. Green, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Richmond, on the 10th day of December, 1866.

M. W. Bro. Edward H. Lane, Grand Master, presided and delivered a very appropriate address. Twenty-seven dispensations for new Lodges were issued during the year.

Bro. J. P. Little, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his report which was accepted, wherein he states that among the number we welcome for the first time among Grand Lodge reports are the Grand Lodges of Montana and Nova Scotia.

M. W. Bro Edward H. Lane, was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Dove, Grand Secretary

WASHINGTON.

We have received the report of this Grand Lodge for 1866. The annual communication commenced on 19th September last, presided over by the Dep. Grand Master, R. W. Bro. W. H. Wood.

A letter from the Grand Master is appended to the report dated 10th August, at Philadelphia. Grand Master Evans, regrets his continued absence from the territory since February last. After giving an outline of official duties performed, he says "May this apologetic letter afford the evidence of the regret I feel that I cannot meet with you, and full as strongly indicates my sincerest wish that your session may be pleasant to each and all of you, that

your labors may be such as to benefit our noble Institution."

The Deputy Grand Master, in his address, alludes to an application from British Columbia, regarding authority to hold a Lodge in that Colony. His reply was "That upon a petition, meeting the requirements of that Grand Lodge, a Dispensation would be granted them." The Worshipful Master of the Lodge at New Westminster, British Columbia, refused to recommend the petitioners, telling them that they apply to either the Grand Lodge of England or Scotland. The Deputy Grand Master replies, that in case they failed on the same grounds to obtain the necessary recommendation from a Lodge in the colonies, the Dispensation would be granted on the recommendation of Port Townsend Lodge, in the Territory of Washington.

There is not, he says, nor never was a Grand Lodge, either in Vancouver Island or British Columbia, hence, both colonies are open ground to all Masonic bodies and I know of no precedent or law requiring Masons, under such circumstances, to apply for a Dispensation to a particular Grand Lodge, "unless that particular Grand Lodge has acquired the sole Masonic jurisdiction over that State, Territory or Colony."

The question was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. They say "The case is so clear to your committee, that they are well convinced of the correctness of the conclusion arrived at, which is: "that, in as much as the objection raised by the Master of the Lodge at Westminster seems to be frivolous and wholly untenable—more the result of national prejudice than a wise discernment of that fraternal liberality which entitles our Order to the

name it bears, and which ensures to all the equal right to choose freely and voluntarily those whom we serve, as also those who shall serve us, having in that choosing an ever jealous regard to the sacred rights of others—we believe the Dispensation should issue upon the recommendation, as suggested by the Deputy Grand Master, and so recommend.”

The committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of some twenty-three Grand Lodges. In their report they say. “We have received official notice of the organization of a Grand Lodge for the Province of Nova Scotia, and also for the Territory of Montana, to each of which, we extend the hand of fellowship and fraternal welcome.” Their report was unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge. The number of Lodges in this jurisdiction is eleven.

M. W. Bro. T. M. Reed, elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. W. H. Wood, Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. TAYLOR,

A. K. MACKINLAY,

(Signed) G. T. SMITHERS,

S. R. SIRCOM,

JAS. R. GRAHAM,

On motion of Bro. Sircom, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure 150 copies of Constitution, and 150 copies of proceedings of Grand Lodge, and that three copies of the proceedings be forwarded each Grand Lodge, and three copies to each subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction.

There being no further business, the M. W. Grand Master, after the usual ceremonies, declared the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia closed in ample form.

CHAS. J. MACDONALD,

Grand Secretary.

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OF
CONSTITUENT LODGES.

BURNS LODGE, No. 1.
HALIFAX CITY.

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS :

ISAAC MELVIN. *Worshipful Master,*
JOHN OVERY. *Senior Warden,*
DAVID POTTINGER. *Junior Warden,*
JAMES FORTUNE. *Treasurer,*
WILLIAM TAYLOR. *P. M. Secretary,*
RALPH PATRICK. *Senior Deacon,*
ALEXANDER WADDELL, *Junior Deacon,*
JAMES MACCOUSH, } *Stewards,*
EDWARD CARR. }
J. E. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler.*

MASTER MĀSONS :

R. Breckin, P. M.	Lewis S. Drane,
J. R. B. Fidler, P. M.	Leonard Nickerson,
Duncan Waddell,	Nehemiah Banks,
James Griffin,	W. H. Pye,
James Carr,	John Cawsey
Jas. H. Smith,	J. G. Payne,
John Rood,	William Moir,
Daniel Crocket,	Geo. McAllister,
James Ryan,	Adam McKay,
Thomas Vesey,	J. W. Flynn,
James Maccoush,	Jeremiah Sullivan,
John Roddick,	Thomas Tobin,
Levi H. Verge,	John P. Chatwin,
J. J. Armstrong,	William Stevens,
W. H. Frederick,	W. M. Cameron,
Donald Scott,	J. F. McDonald,

Chas. H. Palmeto,	Wm. Clements,
J. Nelson Banks,	John Fleming,
D. H. Fowler,	Samuel D. Kelly,
James Parker,	Matt. C. Thompson,
Allan Rood,	Alex. Graham,
John Kenedy,	Lawrence Tomlinson.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

W. H. Wylde,	Geo. P. Thompson,
John Lang,	A. M. Campbell,
Thos. Chelwyne,	T. Colburn,
J. C. McPhee,	Edward Sayre,
Samuel Mosher,	Thos. McDonald,
Rufus Acker,	William Allen,
James Page Wood,	W. M. Logan,
Moses C. Stanley,	Samuel Stamp.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

John Brannen,	James Hunter,
James Reid,	Henry Myer,
H. C. Stirling,	John H. Brown,
John A. Steel,	Daniel Nickerson.

ATHOLE LODGE, No. 2.

HALIFAX CITY.

Meets on the second Monday of each month.

OFFICERS:

W. S. MACDONALD, *Worshipful Master*,
 RALPH PATRICK, *Senior Warden*,
 ALEX. ROCKWELL, *Junior Warden*,
 H. A. TAYLOR, *Treasurer*,
 LOUIS PETITMAITRE, *Secretary*,
 C. J. MACDONALD, P. M., *Senior Deacon*,
 JOHN C. POTTS, *Junior Deacon*,
 E. W. DAVIS, } *Stewards*,
 J. D. SMITH, }
 J. E. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS :

Jas. R. Graham, P.M.	J. Barnstead.
J. Allan, P. M.	J. E. Keating,
E. J. Lordly, P. M.	E. Mosely,
John McCulloch.	D. McDougall,
Thomas Short, P. M.	R. E. Noble,
James Smith,	W. Nisbet,
James Graham,	G. Porter.
Alex. Macdonald,	John Rhind,
Frederick Major.	Robert Savage.
W. Williams, P. M.	James Shand, Jr.
Charles Brown,	Joseph S. Shaw,
G. S. Brown,	James A. Wilson,
J. Cecconi,	Patrick Walsh,
Thomas Cecconi,	J. R. Willis.
W. Brush.	

FELLOW CRAFTS :

Elisha Perry,	J. Jannawick,
John Cahill,	Chas. J. Clements,

ENTERED APPRENTICES :

Welcome L. Gardner.	Alexander Perry,
	Alexander Kennedy.

KEITH LODGE, No. 3.

HALIFAX CITY.

Meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS:

ARTHUR BUSBY, *Worshipful Master,*
 W. D. PEARMAN, *Senior Warden,*
 JAMES K. MUNNIS, *Junior Warden,*
 E. L. COLEMAN, *Treasurer,*
 ISAAC J. WYLDE, *Secretary,*
 GEORGE W. HALLS, *Senior Deacon,*
 ROBERT G. DUNCAN, *Junior Deacon,*
 JOHN M. HAY, } *Stewards,*
 W. L. LOWELL, }
 J. E. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS :

R. J. Romanes, P. M.	W. W. Jones,
W. H. Davies,	H. J. Marshall,
John Eckersly,	Joseph Jacobs,
F. W. Fishwick,	A. G. Hesslein,
R. P. Mitchell,	C. F. Hopkins.

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 4.

HALIFAX CITY.

Meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS :

S. R. SIRCOM, <i>Worshipful Master,</i>	
A. R. PAYNE, <i>Senior Warden,</i>	
C. F. VOSE, <i>Junior Warden,</i>	
J. L. MACKEY, <i>Treasurer,</i>	
A. H. WOODILL, M. D., <i>Secretary,</i>	
T. H. PRYOR, M. D. <i>Senior Deacon,</i>	
W. ROBERTSON, <i>Junior Deacon,</i>	
F. C. MAHON,	} <i>Stewards,</i>
T. S. FOWLER,	
J. E. M. TAYLOR, <i>Tyler.</i>	

MASTER MASONS :

H. V. Marshall, P. M.	A. Sutherland,
A. K. Mackinlay, P.M.	H. H. Worrall,
George J. Payne,	J. D. H. Brown,
J. Laidlaw,	H. McCallum,
W. M. Allan, Jr.	H. P. Burton,
Arthur Cowie,	W. H. Davies,
M. F. Eagar,	J. McDonald,
D. B. Woodworth,	A. M. Payne,
Jas. C. Richardson,	R. Stather,
John Messervy,	George Emy,
Robert Brehm,	Joseph H. Jost,
J. E. Cook,	M. Brown,
James Jackson,	H. N. Silver,
W. M. Moran,	William Amy.

DAVIES LODGE, No. 5.

WILMOT, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS:

JAS. W. DARRAGH, *Worshipful Master,*
 ALFRED GATES, *Senior Warden,*
 T. R. FULLERTON, M. D. *Junior Warden,*
 NELSON PEARCE, *Treasurer,*
 WILLIAM S. WOODBURY, *Secretary,*
 EGBART S. WOODBURY, *Senior Deacon,*
 WILLIAM A. CALNACK, *Junior Deacon,*
 D. W. LANDERS, } *Stewards,*
 JAMES RAY, }
 JONATHAN WOODBURY, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS.

W. E. Woodbury,	John Harris,
George V. Ince,	Norman Spinney,
Beniah Spinney,	Henry McMahon,
Gilbert Fowler,	William Risteen,
James Gates,	John Anthony,
E. H. Gates,	Charles Brenton,
Joel Fales,	Beniah Baker,
James Ward,	Traviss Brenton,
Peter Nickolson,	Joseph Harris,
Ingran Slocomb,	James Roy,
George Harris,	Hugh Herd,
Joan Anderson,	George Munroe,
Alfred Marshall.	

FELLOW CRAFT:

John Primrose, M. D. Jacob Miller.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

David E. Goucher,	Henry Munroe,
A. D. Munroe,	George McMahon.

ALBERT LODGE, No. 6.

SHELBURNE, SHELBURNE COUNTY.

Meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS:

WM. B. STEPHENSON, *Worshpsful Master*,
 JOHN BOWER, *Senior Warden*,
 ABRAHAM McLEAN, *Junior Warden*,
 JOHN BOYD, *Treasurer*,
 JOHN A. PURNEY, *Secretary*,
 REV. E. M. CLARK, *Chaplain*,
 EDWARD B. BINGAY, *Senior Deacon*,
 JACOB FORD, *Junior Deacon*,
 JOSEPH COLLIE, } *Stewards*,
 RUFUS UTLEY, }
 CALEB E. ALLEN, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

N. W. White, P. M.	Israel Hersey,
William Condon, P.M.	John McPherson,
James Hogg,	E. J. Murphy,
George A. Cox,	Elworth Huey,
P. Fraser,	William Williams,
James Dexter,	John Picket,
William Frith,	John S. Smith,
J. A. B. Johnstone,	Samuel W. Burns,
William McLean,	Edward A. Dunn,
Joseph Walters,	Robert S. Owen,
John H. West,	Robert Copstick,
Robert B. Deal,	Joshua Nickerson,
Israel R. Bruce,	Joseph Elliot,
Robert G. Irwin,	James A. Rooney,
John McLean,	Samuel H. Cox,
John A. McOwans,	Arthur Hood,
Samuel Muir, 2nd	J. S. Hawkesworth,
Charles Bower,	John Etherington,
Rufus P. McKenay.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Elizah Hagar,	Lathrop Freeman,
Freeman Pentz,	Thomas D. McLean,
George Dunn,	Charles Newbury.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Archibald Wall,	M. Collins,
W. J. Cox,	Robert Dale,
Isaac W. Allan,	D. A. Swaine,
E. K. Kendrick.	

CONCORD LODGE, No. 8.

BARRINGTON, SHELburnE COUNTY.

OFFICERS:

J. J. CLARK, M. D. *Worshipful Master*,
 FREEMAN NICKERSON, *Senior Warden*,
 THOMAS NEWELL, *Junior Warden*,
 A. M. GRAY, *Treasurer*,
 B. F. McCOVEL, *Secretary*,
 JOHN CAMERON, *Senior Deacon*,
 RANDALL McKINNON, *Junior Deacon*,
 WILLIAM D. NICKERSON, } *Stewards*,
 D. G. DALEY,
 MACALLUM NICKERSON, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

Amaziah Smith,	R. G. Smith,
William B Smith,	James B Kenney,
Lewis Nickerson,	Job Kenney,
Peter Kenney,	Rodney Cunningham,
R. Smith,	Crowell Smith,
James McKinnon,	Zephengiah Newall,
W. E. Nickerson,	Ephraim Newall,
John W. Kenney,	Theodore Newall,
Cyrus Nickerson,	John J. Kenney,
Alfred Nickerson,	David Duncan,

John G. Nickerson,	Thomas Smith,
John Horner,	William Monigrey,
Samuel Crowell,	James G. Crowell,
David Powell,	Smith McGregor.

ST. MARKS LODGE, No. 9.

BADDECK, CAPE BRETON.

Meets on the third Thursday of each month.

OFFICERS:

C. N. CAMPBELL, *Worshipful Master*,
 WM. KIDSTON, Sen'r, *Senior Warden*,
 HENRY A. FOYLE, *Junior Warden*,
 ROBERT ELMSLY, *Treasurer*,
 LEVI HART, *Secretary*,
 J. G. A. McKEEN, *Senior Deacon*,
 JOSEPH PRYOR HULL, *Junior Deacon*,
 ALEXANDER BAINE, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

W. Kidston Jr., P.M.	James L. Rice,
Alexander Munro,	Stephen Atwater,
A. F. Haliburton,	Jacob S. Hart,
John Munro,	John T. Cameron,
Samuel C. Campbell,	Neil W. McKenzie,
Angus Melvor,	William Bingham,
Norman McL. McRae,	George M. Bishop,
Barclay E. Tremain,	Donald McRae,
John A. Campbell,	Kenneth R. McKenzie,
Donald Matheson,	E. L. Boydon,
D. J. McKenzie,	Duncan McDonald,
	Rupert G. Zwicker.

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Douglas McColl,	A. J. McRae.
Allen Mackintosh,	Alexander Doggett,

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

John H. McLeod,	Kenneth McKenzie,
Edward D. Tremain.	

QUEENS LODGE, No. 10.

SHERBROOKE, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.



Meets every Tuesday evening.

OFFICERS:

Worshipful Master,
 JOHN McNAB, *Senior Warden*,
 DANIEL MACDONALD, *Junior Warden*,
 ZEBIAH HEWIT, *Treasurer*,
 W. H. McDANIEL, *Secretary*,
 JOHN POWER, *Senior Deacon*,
 W. MITCHELL, *Junior Deacon*,
 ALEXANDER FISHER, } *Stewards*,
 DONALD MURDOCH, }
 JAMES C. McKENZIE, *Tiler*.

MASTER MASONS:

Newell Snow, P. M.	Albert Elliot,
A. K. White, P. M.	Alexander Falconer,
Alexander Fraser,	Hugh McDougall,
R. W. Macdonald,	John C. Archibald,
Robert Wright,	Ephraim Archibald,
James Little,	Henry Archibald,
Solomon Johnston,	R. J. H. Weir,
David Grant,	William Kirk,
Neil McEachern,	John Pitblado,
Malcolm McAuley,	Donald McDonald,
Walter Black,	William May,
John D. Frazer,	John McLane,
John A. Stewart,	Neil McLane,
Charles S. McIntosh,	C. B. Pitblado,
W. E. Irish,	John Cameron,
Danl. McDonald, Jr.	James A. Fraser,
Joseph McKeen,	Stephen J. Nichols,
William Murdoch,	William Clark,
Angus Sutherland.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Hugh Robinson,	George Purdy,
Alfred McDaniel,	James Cameron,
Thomas Hollis.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Jeremiah Kelly,	Samuel Phillips.
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THE LODGE OF St. MARK, No. II.

HALIFAX CITY.

Meets the first Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS:

GEORGE J. PAYNE, *Worshipful Master,*
 GEORGE T. SMITHERS, *Senior Warden,*
 GEORGE A. SANFORD, *Junior Warden,*
 B. F. STAPLES, *Treasurer,*
 W. S. MACDONALD, *Secretary,*
 GEORGE ANDERSON, *Senior Deacon,*
 T. A. COSSMANN, *Junior Deacon,*
 A. FAULKNER, } *Stewards,*
 E. L. SPIKE, }
 J. E. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS:

William Garvie, P. M.	W. DeWolfe Hall,
S. R. Sircom,	John G. Allison,
Charles J. Macdonald,	John Scholfield,
J. R. Hewitt,	Charles C. Nichols.

OPHIR LODGE, No. 12.

TANGIER, HALIFAX COUNTY.

Meets on first Thursday of each month.

OFFICERS:

A. P. PENERY, *Worshipful Master,*
 CHARLES CUMMINGS, *Senior Warden,*
 S. L. JOHNSTON, *Junior Warden,*
 ALFRED FROUD, *Treasurer,*
 J. D. VANBUSKIRK, *Secretary,*
 R. W. EMMETT, *Senior Deacon,*
 ROBERT JAMIESON, *Junior Deacon,*
 HENRY McLAUGHLIN, } *Stewards,*
 M. L. HEMLY, }
 JAMES CRAIG, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS:

D. Y. Estey, Daniel McKay,
 James Miller.

EUREKA LODGE No. 13.

SHEET HARBOR, HALIFAX COUNTY.

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

OFFICERS:

ALEX. FRASER, *Worshipful Master,*
 JOHN H. BALCOM, *Senior Warden,*
 W. SMITH, *Junior Warden,*
 M. McFARLANE, *Treasurer,*
 D. W. ARCHIBALD, *Secretary,*
 JOHN McPHEE, *Senior Deacon,*
 FREDERICK TROTT, *Junior Deacon,*
 MATTHEW HENLEY, } *Stewards,*
 HENRY DIXON, }
 S. SMITH, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS:

D. Fraser, P. M.	Charles Farnell.
W. Whitnebber,	Wm. Pearson, M. D.
James McLeod,	William Hall,
John A. Watts,	John A. Farnell,
George Smith,	James A. Lindsay,

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Thomas Reynolds,	Archibald Hall,
David Little,	Edward Belmore,
	Henry McDonald.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

William Danförd,	Alexander Parker.
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ACACIA LODGE, No. 14.

AMHERST, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

OFFICERS:

JOSEPH COVE, *Worshipful Master.*
 C. K. MORSE, *Senior Warden.*
 W. J. GIBSON, *Junior Warden.*
 JAMES KING, *Treasurer.*
 JOHN POWERS, *Secretary.*
 O. A. SHARP, *Senior Deacon.*
 DAVID McANDREW, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. C. PHILIPS, *Tyler.*

MASTER MASONS.

W. H. Burton,	James C. Miller,
Gilbert Seaman,	W. C. Bowser,
John W. Cove,	John White.

TRURO LODGE, No. 15.

TRURO, COLCHESTER COUNTY.

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

OFFICERS:

HUGH MACALLUM, *Worshipful Master*,
 ROBERT DUNCAN, *Senior Warden*,
 ALEX. C. PAGE, M. D. *Junior Warden*,
 JAMES CAFFERY, *Treasurer*,
 GEORGE CAMPBELL, *Secretary*,
 L. J. CROWE, *Senior Deacon*,
 GEORGE P. NELSON, *Junior Deacon*,
 JAMES J. DICKSON, } *Stewards*,
 W. BLAIR, }
 D. FRASER, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

George Donkin,	H. R. Prince,
D. Nelsen,	J. K. Blair,
H. J. Lawrence,	William McLeod.

FELLOW CRAFT:

Gardner Clish.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

James Archibald,	James J. Hamilton.
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ELDORADO LODGE, No. 16.

WINE HARBOR, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Meets on the first Thursday of each month.

OFFICERS:

PETER GUNN, *Worshipful Master*,
 GEORGE W. CLARKE, *Senior Warden*
 ALEX. E. CAMERON, *Junior Warden*,

D. R. MACPHERSON, *Treasurer*,
 JOHN J. LOGAN, *Secretary*,
 ALEX. MACPHERSON, *Senior Deacon*,
 DAVID KEITH, *Junior Deacon*,
 GEORGE MUNROE, *Tyler*.

MASTER MASONS:

W. G. Johnston,	James A. Fraser,
Andrew McLean,	Donald McKay.
John Rood,	Jacob Anderson,
Daniel McQuarrie,	John Dickson,
George Thompson,	Alexander Anderson.

HARMONY LODGE, U. D.

NORTH EAST HARBOR, BARRINGTON.

Meets on the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS:

(SAMUEL PERRY, *Worshipful Master*,
 THOMAS GREGORY, *Senior Warden*,
 NATHAN SWAIN, *Junior Warden*,
 THOMAS PERRY, *Treasurer*,
 S. H. GREENWOOD, *Secretary*,
 ANTHONY D. PERRY, *Senior Deacon*,
 SAMUEL GREENWOOD, *Junior Deacon*,
 RUFUS McKENNY, } *Stewards*,
 JAMES McKENNY, }
 THOMAS S. PERRY, *Tyler*.

W. H. DAVIES LODGE, U. D.
WILMOT, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

Meets on the first Monday of each month.

OFFICERS:

ANDREW MALONE, *Worshipful Master,*
ROBERT NICKERSON, *Senior Warden,*
THOMAS NICKERSON, *Junior Warden,*
S. K. WOOD, *Treasurer,*
WILLIAM S. BRANNON, *Secretary,*
ELIJAH NICKERSON, *Senior Deacon,*
JAMES NICKERSON, *Junior Deacon,*
JAMES McCORNISKY, } *Stewards,*
JONATHAN SMITH, }
ABRAHAM MALONE, *Tyler.*

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Arkansas.....	William D. Blocher.....	Little Rock.
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Mississippi.....	D. P. Porter.....	Jackson.
Minnesota.....	W. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
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Tennessee.....	Charles A. Fuller.....	Nashville.
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Virginia.....	John Dove, M. D.....	Richmond.
Vermont.....	Henry Clark.....	Poultney.
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District of Columbia.....	Noble B. Lauer.....	Washington.
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Grand Lodge of Ireland.....	John E. Hyndman.....	Dublin.
Grand Lodge of Scotland.....	William A. Laurie.....	Edinburgh.
Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.....	Chas. J. Macdonald.....	Halifax.

ADDENDA TO GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary cannot close his report without bringing to the notice of the members of Grand Lodge the name of Illustrious Bro. ANDREAS CASSARD, as the kindness and assistance extended to our new organization when in its infant state by this esteemed Brother deserves more than a passing notice. Through his instrumentality the most fraternal relations have been entered into with the following Grand Lodges and Orients, whereby we have been placed in correspondence with them and distinguished brethren appointed representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at those Grand Bodies and brethren here duly accredited as Representatives of those Grand Bodies, viz :

GRAND ORIENT OF	REPRESENTATIVE OF	REPRESENTATIVE TO
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Chill.....	W. Williams.....	Jose. R. Brunet.
Italy.....	W. Taylor.....	Filepp de Cordova.
Portugal.....	R. Breckin.....	Joco. Vicente d Olweira
Dominican Republic.....	Jas. R. Graham.....	Sully Dubriel.
Uruguay.....	Isaac Melvin.....	Guellen Hoffman.
Venezuela.....	Vicente Amengual.

CHARLES J. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.