

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

AT AN

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION HELD AT THE VILLAGE
OF DANVILLE, P.Q. ON THE 27TH DAY OF
JULY, A.D. 1871, A.L. 5871,

ALSO, AT ITS

Second Annual Communication,
HELD AT
THE CITY OF MONTREAL, P.Q.,

On the 27th and 28th days of September, A.D. 1871, A.L. 5871.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

J. H. GRAHAM, RICHMOND, P.Q.,
GRAND MASTER.

JOHN H. ISAACSON, MONTREAL,
GRAND SECRETARY.

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PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec,
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at the Village of Danville,
P.Q., on Thursday the 27th day of July, A.D. 1871, A.L.
5871.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, A.M., LL.D., Grand Master,
On the Throne.

R. W. Bro. Thompson, as	Deputy Grand Master.
" " " M. R. Meigs, M.D.,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Thomas Milton,	" Junior Warden.
" " " Rev. C. P. Reid, M.A.,	" Chaplain.
" " " J. H. Isaacson,	" Secretary.
" " " Alexander Murray, as	" Treasurer,
V. " " Daniel Boyd,	" Pursuivant.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Brother William Miller,	Stadacona District.
" " " Isaac H. Stearns,	Montreal District.
" " " Hon. Thomas Wood,	Bedford District.
" " " S. J. Foss,	St. Francis District.

And the Masters, Wardens, and a large number of Brethren from
nearly all the Lodges hailing under the jurisdiction of this Grand
Lodge.

Also, there were present several Brethren hailing from the jurisdic-
tions of England, Scotland, Canada, and of several of the Grand
Lodges of the United States.

The Brethren assembled in the Lodge Room of Doric Lodge, No. 23, in the Village of Danville, and M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, Grand Master, announced that this Especial Communication had been called on the invitation of the Municipal Authorities of Danville and Shipton, and of Doric Lodge, to lay with Masonic honors the foundation stone of the new Town Hall about to be erected at Danville.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*.

The R. W. Bro. Grand Chaplain offered a suitable prayer to the G.A.O.T.U., imploring His aid on this lawful undertaking.

R. W. Bro. Colby announced the order of procession to be had on the occasion, and this having been formed as nearly as practicable in accordance with the Rules laid down in the Book of Constitution, the Grand Lodge was called off, and the procession led by the Danville Brass Band, proceeded to the site of the new building, where the Municipal Authorities of Danville and Shipton were awaiting the Craft. A large number of residents of the neighborhood were present to witness the proceedings.

The procession on arriving at the building halted, and opening to the right and left, faced inwards, the M. W. the Grand Master passed up the centre, being preceded by the standard of Grand Lodge, and his Sword Bearer. The Grand Officers and Brethren followed in succession from the rear so as to invert the order of procession.

The M. W. the Grand Master having arrived at his station on a platform, the Band played a national air, "Rule Britannia."

The Mayor, James Boutelle, Esq., addressed the Grand Master as follows :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,

In behalf of the Municipal Councils of the Town of Shipton, and of the Village of Danville, I heartily thank you for accepting our invitation to lay the Corner Stone of our Town Hall, in accordance with the ancient usages of your Order; and I beg to extend a cordial welcome to you and all the other officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec, and to all the other members of your Fraternity, who have assembled here to day, to assist you in these ceremonies.

The M. W. the Grand Master replied :

MR. MAYOR,

We are grateful for your cordial welcome, and we will now proceed cheerfully to comply with your kind request.

The M. W. the Grand Master then addressed the large concourse of spectators as follows :

Men, women and children here assembled ; be it known unto you all, that we are lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, bound by solemn obligations to aid in the erection of stately and superb edifices—to be serviceable to our Brethren—to practice universal benevolence—and to fear God who is the Great Architect of the Universe.

We have amongst us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed and which no one has discovered. But these secrets are lawful and honorable, and are placed in the custody of Masons who alone have the keeping of them to the latest generation.

Unless our Craft were good, and our calling honorable, we would not have existed for so many centuries, nor would we have had so many illustrious Brothers in our Order ever ready to sanction our proceedings, and contribute to our prosperity.

We are assembled here to-day, in the face of you all, to assist in building a house, which we pray God may prosper in the grand objects for which it is about to be erected, by becoming a place of concourse for great and worthy men, and promoting harmony, prosperity and brotherly love amongst this people and throughout the world till time shall be no more.

Brethren—So mote it be.

G.M.—Our R. W. Grand Chaplain will now implore a blessing from Heaven on our undertaking.

R. W. Grand Chaplain—

Almighty and Eternal God, the glorious Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we, the frail creatures of Thy Providence, humbly implore Thee to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly.

Grant, we beseech Thee, a blessing on this foundation stone. May

the work which has this day been begun according to the usages of our ancient Fraternity, be carried on and completed for the promotion of Thy glory and the good of our fellow men.

Vouchsafe unto us, Oh God, at this and at all times, *wisdom* in all our doings,—*strength* of mind in all our difficulties,—and the *beauty* of harmony in all our communications.

And Oh! Merciful Father! do Thou guide us through all the intricate windings of this our mortal existence,—pass us safely under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, and give unto us an abundant entrance into that temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, where Thou reignest, our God blessed forever. Amen.

Brethren—So mote it be.

For the Architect, Bro. F. R. Bernard, Esq., Mayor of Shipton, then handed the plan of the building to the M. W. the Grand Master for his inspection and approval. He next presented the working tools to the Grand Master, who handed the Square to the Deputy Grand Master, the Level to the Grand Senior Warden, and the Plumb to the Grand Junior Warden.

By command of the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary then read the following statement of what had been deposited in the box now placed by the civic authorities in the cavity beneath the corner stone, and of the coins of the Dominion and of the Realm, which had also been placed therein by the Grand Treasurer.

*Village of Danville and Township of Shipton, County of Richmond,
Province of Quebec, and Dominion of Canada :*

On this 27th day of July, A.D., 1871, being the 35th year of the benign reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty

QUEEN VICTORIA,

And His Excellency LORD LISGAR, being the Governor General of
THE DOMINION OF CANADA,

And His Excellency the Honorable Sir Narcisse Fortunat Belleau
being the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec,

And the following named Gentlemen holding the offices attached to
their respective names:

William H. Webb, Esq., Q.C., of Melbourne, Member of Parliament; Jacques Picard, Esq., of Wotton, Member of the Provincial Parliament for the United Counties of Richmond and Wolfe.

Christopher E. Wurtle, Esq., of Windsor, Warden of the County of Richmond.

Francis R. Bernard, Esq., Mayor, and Messrs. William R. Philbrick, Andrew Montgomery, Michael O'Keefe, William B. Perkins, Wellard B. Hall, and Isaac W. Denison, Councillors of the Municipality of the Township of Shipton.

James Boutelle, Esq., Mayor, and Messrs. R. Johnson, Esdras Manseau, Edward McGovern, Joseph L. Goodhue, Roderick MacLeay, and Augustus E. Lee, Councillors of the Municipality of the Village of Danville, and Timothy Leet, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer of the said Municipalities. The Rev. Louis A. Masson, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church; the Rev. Henry J. Petry, pastor of the Church of England; Rev. W. S. Rae, pastor of the Congregational Church; Rev. John Porter, pastor of the Second Advent Church; Rev. George Washington, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church; and the Rev. William Lyster, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church; and W. E. Jordan, Principal of the Danville Academy, in the said Village of Danville and Township of Shipton.

Messrs. James Boutelle, Robert Johnson, Wm. R. Philbrick, and Andrew Montgomery, the Building Committee appointed by the united action of the Municipal Council of Shipton and Danville.

James Boutelle, Esq., the Architect and Superintendent of the work, and John Greenshields, Esq., the Contractor and Builder of this

TOWN HALL,

the Corner Stone of which is this day laid in the presence of a large concourse of spectators by the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, the entire list of whose present officers, and also the list of the officers and members of the Doric Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Danville, No. 23, Q.R., are herewith deposited in the cavity of this Corner Stone, along with copies of the following current Newspapers and Periodicals, and the following coins of the Dominion:

The "Sherbrooke Gazette," the "Richmond Guardian," the "Stanstead Journal," the "Pioneer de Sherbrooke," the "Coaticook

Observer," "L'Union des Cantons de l'Est," the "Gazette," "News," "Witness," "Herald," and "Star" of Montreal; the "Chronicle," "Journal of Education," and "Le Journal de l'Instruction Publique," of Quebec, and a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec; and of silver coins, one of fifty cents, one of twenty-five cents, one of twenty cents, one of ten cents, and one of five cents, and of copper one of one cent.

Population of the Township of Shipton.....	2,354
and of the Village of Danville	621
Population of the County of Richmond	11,211

And may the Great Architect and Governor of the Universe preserve this Town Hall, and cause His blessing to rest upon it in all the great public purposes of good for which it is about to be erected.

All Glory to the Most High.—Amen and Amen.

The Grand Master then spread the cement with the Trowel, and solemn music was discoursed by the Band, while the stone was lowered to its place by three regular stops.

G. M.—R. W. Brethren, you will now assist me to lay this Corner Stone in its bed according to the rules of architecture.

G. M.—Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, what is the proper Jewel of your office?

G. J. W.—The Plumb, M. W. Sir.

G. M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

G. J. W.—Morally, it teaches rectitude of conduct, and we use it to try perpendiculars.

G. M.—Apply the implement of your office to the foundation stone, and make report.

G. J. W.—M. W. Sir, I find the stone is plumb. The craftsmen have performed their duty.

G. M.—Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, what is the Jewel of your office?

G. S. W.—The Level, M. W. Sir.

G. M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

G. S. W.—Morally, it teaches "equality," and we use it to lay horizontals.

G. M.—Apply the implement of your office to this foundation stone, and make report.

G. S. W.—M. W. Sir, I find the stone to be level. The craftsmen have done their duty.

G. M.—Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, what is the proper Jewel of your office?

D. G. M.—The Square, M. W. Sir.

G. M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

D. G. M.—To square our actions by the square of virtue, and to prove our work.

G. M.—Apply the implement of your office to that portion of the foundation stone that needs to be proved, and make report.

D. G. M.—M. W. Sir, I find the stone to be square. The craftsmen have done their duty.

G. M.—This corner stone having been tested by the proper implements of Masonry, and the craftsmen having skilfully and faithfully performed their duty, it now remains with me to finish the work.

The G. M. gave the stone three blows with his mallet and said:

I declare this corner stone to be well made, and truly laid according to the rules of our ancient and Royal Art. It is well formed, true and trusty, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. grant His blessing upon it, and enable the Craftsmen in safety to conduct and complete this undertaking, according to the grand plan, in peace, harmony, and brotherly love; and by His benign Providence, may he cause that this and every other work which may be undertaken for the embellishment and advantage of this goodly town and village shall be finished, and long used for the promotion of the great ends contemplated by their founders, and for the highest good of this people, and of the entire country.

Brethren—So mote it be.

CONSECRATION.

G. M.—Let the elements of consecration be now applied.

D. G. M.—I scatter the Corn as an emblem of Plenty. May the blessings of bounteous Heaven be showered upon us, and upon this and all like noble undertakings, and may the G.A.O.T.U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom, and gratitude.

Brethren—So mote it be.

G. S. W.—I pour this Wine as an emblem of Joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe, bless this country and all who are in lawful authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress and prosperity may perpetually prevail, and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land.

G. J. W.—I pour this Oil as an emblem of Peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events, cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth, and good will among men,—give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved, provide for and protect the widow, the fatherless, and the suffering poor; and bestow upon us all the consolations of His grace in all the trials and vicissitudes of life.

Brethren—So mote it be.

G. M.—May the All-bounteous Author of Nature, bless the people of this place with an abundance of the *necessaries*, *conveniences* and *comforts* of life. May He assist in the erection and completion of this building, protect the workmen from accident, long preserve the structure from decay and ruin, and grant unto us and to all men an abundant supply of the *Corn* of nourishment, the *Wine* of refreshment, and the *Oil* of joy.

Brethren—So mote it be.

The public grand honors were given.

G. M.—Brother Architect: The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I return to you with my approval, the plan of the superstructure. I also present to you the implements of your profession, in full confidence that as a skilful and faithful workman, you will use them in such a manner that this edifice may rise in order and harmony, and being perfected in strength and beauty may answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit and to the honor of those who have selected you.

Grand Sec.—I now declare this corner stone duly laid according to our ancient customs, by Most Worshipful Bro. John Hamilton Graham,

Doctor of Laws, &c., &c., Grand Master of Masons of the Province of Quebec, assisted by other Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec, on this 27th day of July, in the year of Light 5871, A.D. 1871.

Music by the Band.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipalities of Shipton and Danville, V. W. Bro. T. Leet, P.M. of Doric Lodge, on presenting the Trowel, then said :

M. W. Grand Master—In the name of the Municipal Councils of the Township of Shipton and Village of Danville, and in behalf of the officers and members of Doric Lodge of Freemasons, I have the honor of asking your kind acceptance of this TROWEL.

INSCRIPTION ON TROWEL.

Presented

to

JOHN H. GRAHAM, LL.D., &c., &c.,

M. W. Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Quebec,

A. F. and A. M.,

On the occasion of

Laying the Corner Stone

of

The Town Hall

in

Danville, July 27, 1871.

G. M.—V. W. Sir: You have kindly presented me with one of the most important instruments of our Craft, which I gratefully accept and will immensely prize. I shall take it to my place of residence and will deposit it in a conspicuous place, and I will direct that it be handed down from me to my son, and to my son's son, in a perpetual generation, as a valuable ornament and as an excellent token, an ornament for its surpassing workmanship, which does honor to the silversmith, and an excellent token because, as in operative masonry, its use is to spread the cement which binds all the parts of the building into one common mass, so we are taught by it to spread the well-tempered cement of kindness and affection which tends to unite all

men in one common bond of brotherhood, worshipping and serving the one God and Father of all.

The Grand Master next addressed the Mayor, the other Municipal officers, and the large concourse of people assembled, as follows :

GENTLEMEN,—Mayors and Municipal Councillors of Shipton and Danville: In compliance with your very kind and unanimous request, I have now had the honor, with the assistance of my Brethren, and in the presence of this large concourse, to lay the Corner Stone of your Town Hall, in accordance with the ancient customs of our Fraternity.

The highest commendation is due to you and your predecessors, for the inception of this grand undertaking; and if this superstructure is completed according to your designs, it will be a monument of your wise forethought, and an ornament to your beautiful village, as well as a great public benefit and lasting good to all this people. The spirit of union and harmony which has characterized your efforts, is worthy of great praise and general imitation, and I pray that it may be the will of the Great Architect of the Universe, to spare you to see the completion, and long to enjoy the benefits of this public enterprise, which in all probability will be the best of its kind in the rural portions of the Province of Quebec.

Inhabitants of Danville and Shipton—it affords me peculiar satisfaction to address you on this auspicious occasion. This indeed is, for you a memorable day. These inauguration ceremonies will belong remembered. History will record them, and your posterity will bless you for your benefactions. You are the possessors of a goodly portion of the rich, fertile District of St. Francis, and by your thrift and industry, you are making these hills and valleys to bud and blossom as the rose. Yours, although not the greatest in area, is, in population, the banner Township in Richmond County, and it must be obvious to the most casual observer, that a great and prosperous future is before you and your children. You owe much to your fathers and mothers, who, through many trials and hardships, laid the foundations of your material, social, educational and religious prosperity. Nor can I allow myself to omit congratulating and heartily thanking the many gentlemen of all professions and callings, who in such numbers honor this memorable occasion; and more than thanks should be tendered to the mothers, the sisters, and the sweethearts who, by their

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presence, grace this assemblage, and shed lustre on this auspicious event:—and I am sure that it is the fervent prayer of every one here, that all the sons of this people may be like green olive trees in the house of God, and their daughters be as *corner stones* polished after the similitude of a palace.

Brethren of the Masonic Fraternity, and members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec,—Your alacrity in responding in such large numbers from all parts of the Province, to assist in the pleasing ceremonies of this day, deserves and receives my highest praise and commendation. This is indeed a notable day in the Calendar of our Grand Lodge. This is the first Corner Stone laid under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, which God greatly prospers. This day becomes historic in the annals of the Craft in this Province. It is moreover, to me, a day of peculiar honor and happiness. You and others, by whose affection and favor, the distinguishing perferment of being the first Grand Master of our renowned Grand Lodge, has been conferred—will I know, heartily rejoice in the felicity of having the first official act of this character, transpire during my term of office, in this charming village, the abode of Doric Lodge, and in the County of my residence.

Nor can I forbear congratulating you my Brethren, on the unparalleled success of our new Grand Lodge, which but scarcely twenty months old, is in full, fraternal intercourse with twenty-three Canadian, American and European Grand Lodges, with every prospect of soon being united in the bonds of Fraternity with every *regular* Grand Lodge in the world; and all whose organic acts have now been ratified and confirmed by about 300,000 of our Brethren, after such careful consideration as perhaps has not been given to any other Masonic event of modern times. But my Brethren, let us ever remember that all our successes come from Him who doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and while we continue to act towards one another, and to all men, as faithful Craftsmen, let us ever be mindful to serve Him with fervency and zeal. Amen and Amen.

The R. W. G. Chaplain then pronounced the following Benediction:

May the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob,—the God of our Fathers,—graciously command His blessing upon the labors of

this day, and enable us all so to dedicate and devote our lives to His service, that we display the beauty of true godliness to the honor and glory of His great and holy name.

Brethren—So mote it be

All united in singing the first stanza of the National Anthem, and after three cheers for the Queen, three for the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and three for the people and municipal officers of Shipton and Danville, and their new Town Hall, the Masonic procession was reformed and returned to their Lodge Room, amidst music by the band which led the procession to the door of the Masonic Hall.

The M. W. the Grand Master, again in the most eloquent manner addressed the Grand Lodge, offering his congratulations and thanks.

V. W. Bro. T. Leet, P.M. of Doric Lodge, offered some observations expressing the thanks of the members of Doric Lodge, for the large attendance, and inviting Grand Lodge and visiting Brethren to partake of refreshments.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Miller, D.D.G.M., Stadacona District, seconded by R. W. Brother Grand Chaplain, the thanks of Grand Lodge were given to Doric Lodge for their generous and hospitable conduct.

A vote of thanks was also passed in favor of the Danville Brass Band, for its services during the day, and the W. M. of Doric Lodge was asked to communicate it.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Stearns, D.D.G.M., Montreal District, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thompson; The Grand Secretary was directed, on behalf of Grand Lodge, to thank the different Railroad Companies who had conveyed members to take part in the ceremony at reduced fare.

R. W. Bro. Thompson moved a vote of thanks to the officers of the Municipality of the Township of Shipton and Village of Danville, for the compliment paid by them to this Grand Lodge, by asking it to perform the ceremony of laying the corner stone of their Town Hall, and for the courtesy and urbanity displayed by them on the occasion. This vote was carried unanimously, and the W. M. of Doric Lodge was requested to communicate it to whom it might concern.

After thanksgiving to the G.A.O.T.U., offered on behalf of Grand Lodge, by the R. W. the Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE form.

John B. Clearson
Grand Secy
G. L. of L.

MEM.—Immediately after closing of Grand Lodge as above, the members thereof and visitors, to the number of about 250, sat down to a sumptuous repast, on teetotal principles, provided by Dorio Lodge, and for some hours, and until parting, the utmost harmony and fraternal feeling prevailed.

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Grand Lodge of Quebec,

A. F. & A. M.

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At the Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held in the "British Masonic Chambers," in the City of Montreal, on the 27th and 28th days of September, A.D. 1871, A.L. 5871.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, L.L.D., Grand Master,
On the Throne.

R. W. Bro. Henry John Pratten,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " " M. R. Meigs, M.D.,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Thomas Milton,	" Junior Warden.
" " " Rev. C. P. Reid, M.A.,	" Chaplain.
" " " H. M. Alexander,	" Treasurer.
" " " C. P. Tabor,	" Registrar.
" " " J. H. Isaacson,	" Secretary.
V. " " John Wilson,	" Senior Deacon.
" " " J. P. Martin, as	" Junior Deacon.
" " " George O. Tyler,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " " Charles M. Alexander,	" Organist.
" " " Daniel Boyd,	" Pursuivant.
" " " Wm. B. Seely,	" Tyler.
" " " Wm. Johnson,	" Steward.
" " " G. F. Shufelt,	" "
" " " Wright Sleeper,	" "

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Brother Isaac H. Stearns,	Montreal District.
" " " Hon. Thomas Wood,	Bedford District.
" " " S. J. Foss,	St. Francis District.
" " " William Miller,	Stadacona District.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, Grand Representative of Ohio.

" " " Edson Kemp. " " " " Texas.

" " " S. J. Foss, " " " Mississippi.

“ “ “ J. H. Isaacson, “ “ Maine & Vermont.

" " " I. H. Stearns, " " " New Hampshire.

" " " M. R. Meigs, " " " Wisconsin.

" " " Hon. Thos. Wood, " " Nova Scotia.

" " " Thomas Milton, " " " Nevada.

V. " " C. Judge, " " " Kansas.

R. " " G. H. Borlase, " " " Illinois.

“ “ “ Alex. Murray, “ “ “ Michigan.

“ “ “ W. E. Coquille, “ “ Connecticut.

" " " Frank Edgar. " " " New York.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. Bro. J. S. Bowen, P.D.G.M.

“ “ “ Stevens Baker, P.G.J.W.

“ “ “ Edson Kemp, P.G. Secy.

“ “ “ Frank Edgar, P.D.D.G.M.

“ “ “ J. P. Peavey, P.G.J.W.

“ “ “ Rev. C. P. Reid, P.G. Chap.

V. " " H. M. Alexander, P.G.S.D.

“ “ “ C. Alexander, P.G. Or.

R. " " Alex. Murray, P.G. Pur.

“ “ “ T. Leet, P.G. Steward.

“ “ “ S. J. Foss, P.G.S.

V. " " Geo. Woods, P.G.S.

“ “ “ C. P. Taber, P.G. Reg.

PAST MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Miller.

“ “ “ Geo. Thompson.

“ “ John Alexander.

“ “ Wm. Eadon.

R. " " Hon. Thos. Wood.

“ “ “ S. Baker.

“ “ “ E. Kemp.

" " " H. J. Pratten.

R. W. Bro.	James Dunbar.
" "	Jno. S. Bowen.
V. "	W. E. Coquette.
R. "	J. H. Isaacson.
V. "	Wm. Johnson.
" "	Thos. Featherstone.
M. "	J. H. Graham.
R. "	T. Leet.
" "	M. M. Tait.
R. "	S. J. Foss.
" "	M. R. Meigs.
" "	Horatio Horskin.
V. "	C. A. Rice.
" "	H. Buttler.
R. "	John Renshaw.
" "	John P. Peavey.
V. "	John Wilson.
R. "	J. H. Stearns.
" "	C. N. Beerwort.
" "	Wm. Adams.
R. "	Henry M. Alexander.
" "	Eugene M. Copeland.
R. "	Alex. Murray.
V. "	E. A. Bourret.
" "	W. Sleeper.
R. "	Thos. Milton.
" "	T. G. Farmer.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, and the Grand Chaplain having implored a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U. upon the proceedings,

The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in AMPLE FORM, at high twelve.

The Board of General Purposes, in accordance with the Constitution, having appointed a Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies of Lodges, composed of the following Brethren, viz:—R. W. Bro. Renshaw, V. W. Bro. Bourret, W. Bro. Hunter, and R. W. Bro. T. Leet,—that Committee reported the following as being present and entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge:

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GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

No. 0

Albion, Quebec.

- B. W. Bro. Wm. Miller, D.D.G.M.
" " George Thompson, P.M.
" " John Alexander, W.M.
" " William Eaden, P.M.

No. 1

St. John's, Quebec.

- W. Bro. W. F. LeMesurier, W.M.
" James T. Lowndes, Proxy.

No. 2

Prevost, Dunham.

- B. W. Bro. Hon. Thomas Wood, P.M., D.D.G.M.
" " H. W. Wood, M.D., W.M.
B. " " Stevens Baker, P.M., P.G.S.W.
" " " Edson Kemp, P.M., P.G.Sec.
V " " G. F. Shufelt, I.P.M.
" Allen Vall, S.W.
" Wm. B. Seely, Grand Tyler.

No. 3

Nelson, St. Armand Station.

- V. W. Bro. C. A. Rouret, V.W.M.
" Frs. H. Throop, S.W.
" W. H. Smith, J.W.

No. 4

Golden Rule, Stanstead.

- W. Bro. B. C. Parsons, W.M.

No. 5

St. Andrew's, Quebec.

- R. W. Bro. H. J. Pratten, P.M., D.G.M.
" " C. Judge, W.M.
" " " J. S. Bowen, P.M., P.D.G.M.
" " " Jas. Dunbar, P.M., Mem. B. of G. P.
" Edward Strong, J.W.

No. 6

St. George, Montreal.

- W. Bro. Joseph Tees, W.M.
V. W. Bro. W. E. Coquille, P.M.
" G. T. Dwiey, S.W.
" H. L. LeCappelain, J.W.

No. 7

Zetland, Montreal.

- W. Bro. M. Doyle, W.M.
V. " " Wm. Johnson, P.M.
" John Hay, S.W.
" James Cleghorn, J.W.

- No. 8 *Harrington, Quebec.*
W. Bro. John Hunter, W.M.
" John Hinds, J.W.
R. " " George Thompson, Proxy.
- No. 9 *Hoyle, Lacolle.*
W. Bro. Daniel Sault, W.M.
" " Thomas Featherstone, P.M.
- No. 10 *St. Francis, Richmond.*
W. Bro. W. Burnie, W.M.
M. " " J. H. Graham, P.M.
" " M. M. Tait, P.M.
V. " " Timothy Leet, P.M.
" Arthur Wiclocks, S.W.
" E. Cleveland, J.W.
- No. 11 *Victoria, Sherbrooke.*
R. W. Bro. G. H. Borlase, W.M., P.D.D.G.M.
" " " C. P. Reid, G. Chap.
" " " S. J. Foss, D.D.G.M.
- No. 12 *Stanbridge, Stanbridge.*
W. Bro. J. P. Martin, W.M.
R. " " M. R. Meigs, P.M.
" " H. Butler, P.M.
" " C. A. Rice.
" " Horatio Horskin, P.M.
- No. 13 *Kilwinning, Montreal.*
W. Bro. David Wright, W.M.
R. " " John Renshaw, P.M.
" " " J. P. Peavey, P.M., P.G.J.W.
V. " " Jno. Wilson, P.M., G.S.D.
R. " " I. Henry Stearns, P.M., D.D.G.M.
- No. 14 *Clarenceville, Clarenceville.*
W. Bro. C. W. Beerwort, P.M. and Proxy.
" " Lt.-Col. C. S. Rowe.
- No. 15 *Brown, West Farnham.*
R. W. Bro. C. P. Tabor, W.M., G. Reg.
" " Wm. Adams, P.M.
- No. 16 *Royal Albert, Montreal.*
R. W. Bro. Henry Alexander, I.P.M., G. Treas.
" " " Frank Edgar, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
" " E. M. Copeland, P.M.
R. " " C. M. Alexander, G. Or.
" " Archd. R. Fraser, S.W.

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GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

No. 17

Victoria, Montreal.

W. Bro. J. T. McMin, W.M.

R. " " Alex. Murray, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.

" " James Gibson, S.W.

" " Geo. C. Bown, J.W.

No. 18

St. John's, Mansonville.

Not represented.

No. 19

Tuscan, Levis.

R. W. Bro. Thompson, Proxy.

No. 20

Ascot, Lennoxville.

R. W. Bro. I. Henry Stearns, P.M., D.D.G.M.

No. 21

Ashlar, Coaticook.

W. Bro. Wm. H. Cowhard, W.M.

V. " " Wright Sleeper, P.M.

No. 22

Frelighsburg, Frelighsburg.

Bro. S. M. Sansum, S.W.

No. 23

Doric, Danville.

W. Bro. W. E. Jordan, W.M.

V. " " Timothy Leet, I.P.M., Proxy.

R. " " I. H. Stearns, P.M.

" " J. Mackie, S.W.

" " Wm. E. Boutelle, J.W.

No. 24

Chateauguay, Huntingdon.

V. W. Bro. Daniel Boyd, W.M.

" " James Sully, J.W.

No. 25

Milton, Three Rivers.

V. W. Bro. George O. Tyler, W.M., G. Dir. of Cer.

R. " " Thomas Milton, P.M.

" " Thomas G. Farmer, P.M.

No. 26

Abercorn, Abercorn.

W. Bro. H. L. Jacquays, W.M.

No. 27

Corner Stone, Cowansville.

W. Bro. E. H. Goff, W.M.

R. " " Edson Kemp, P.M., P.G. Sec.

" " " H. W. Wopd, S.W.

" " " P. L. Cowan, J.W.

No. 28

Clarke, Ormstown.

W. Bro. Rev. Wm. C. Clarke, W.M.

No. 29

St. Charles, Point St. Charles, Montreal.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, W.M., G.J.W.

No. 30

La Loge des Cœurs Unis, Montreal.

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

" G. T. Dorion, S.W.

" A. Bourret, J. W.

No. 31

Graham, U.D., Bolton Centre.

W. Bro. Henry McCowan M.D., W.M.

" " P. L. Cowan, Proxy.

No. 32

Excelsior, U.D., Actonvale.

V. W. Bro. T. Leet, P.M. and Proxy.

No. 33

Canadian, U.D., Granby.

W. Bro. Thomas H. Cox, W.M.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

The following named visiting Brethren being in attendance in the ante-rooms, were permitted by the M.W. the Grand Master, to enter Grand Lodge, viz.:

UNDER OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

M. W. Bro. Thos. D. Harrington, P.G.M., G.L. of Can., and G. Z. G. Chap. of Canada.

" " " Josiah H. Drummond, P.G.M., G.L. of Maine.

Grand Rep. of Grand Lodge of Quebec near G. L. of Maine.

" " " Hon. L. B. Englesby, P.G.M., G.L. of Vermont.

Grand Rep. of G. Lodge of Quebec, near G. L. of Vermont.

" " " Parke Davis, G.M., Grand Lodge of Vermont.

" " " John H. Lynde, G.M., Grand Lodge of Maine.

R. " " N. P. Bowman, D.G.M., " " Vermont

" " " Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, G. L. of Maine.

" " " J. L. Mack, Grand Lecturer, G. L. of Vermont.

" " " F. G. Tisdale, Grand Lodge of New York.

" " " D. Burnham Tracy, Kilwinning Lodge, Detroit, Mich.

Grand Rep. of G. Lodge of Quebec, near G. L. of Michigan.

" N. P. Merrett, Mt. Hermon Lodge, Medford.

" Wm. Bresmaird, Senr., Washington Lodge, Burlington, Vt.

Bro. John Bacon, Senr., Gr. Sword Bearer and P.M., Pass
Lodge, No. 27 of Vermont,

- V. W. " H. Pierson, Grand Tyler, G. L. of Vermont.
" F. S. C. McFarland, St. Albans, Vermont.
" H. Ainsworth, P.S., Washington Lodge, No. 3, Burlington.
" W. Henderson, " " " "
" C. P. Currier, " " " "
" Wm. L. Wood, Hartford, Connecticut.
" L. G. Spencer, Passumpsic Lodge, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
" S. Mostin, " " " "
" D. Wilby, " " " "
" W. Stevenson, Prevost Lodge.
" A. H. Hall, Blazing Star Lodge, No. 23, Vermont.
" Geo. H. Clarke, Franklin Lodge, No. 4, St. Albans, Vt.
" Dr. Johnson, Hartford, Conn.
" C. E. Billings, Washington Com., No. 1, Hartford, Conn.
" B. Parker Blanchard, Lodge No. 102, Petersburg, Mich.
" Jno. Warwick, Cornwall, No. 172.
" James Watson, St. Johns, No. 4, Hartford, Conn.
" Jas. B. Pierpoint, Harmony, No. 20, New Britain, Conn.
" Jas. A. Swanston, " " " "
" John W. Johnston, E. C. Washington Com., No. 1.
" James Douglas, Chester Lodge, No. 72, Illinois.
" Thomas W. King, No. 408, E. R.
" Daniel Rose, Elgin, 348 R. S.
" Alfred G. Isaacson, Manitoba, R. of C.
" C. W. Woodford, Ausable River, No. 149, Keensville, N. Y.
W. " R. Handsley, W. M., St. Lawrence, No. 640, E. R.
" W. T. Franklin, C. R.

UNDER JURISDICTION GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

Brothers Leslie, Crawford, D. A. Hart, J. T. Raymore, D. Mac-
Master, Robert McCorkill, John McKenzie, O. G. Brasbridge, Geo.
C. Stephen, E. C. Knight, Thomas Moss, Wm. Young, H. Macfar-
lane, Wm. Melmer, Richard Seale, James King, G. T. Dorion, V.
Lafon, A. M. Malbauf, Jos. Edmond, E. Dorion, G. E. A. Belle, A.
Boisseau, — Verlaque, L. Labonte, W. Gardner, M. D. Perry Aarons,
James Kerr, John Byron, Emanuel Cochinthaler, Robert Young,
John Forester, John Lawrence, Allen Brown, A. A. Bourret,

P. Cowan, Jr., John Greenshields, J. H. Dunning, John W. Smith, Frederick Barnes, M.D., W. Weir, M. Lynch, Henry McVittie, Wm. Eadon, David Rea.

The Grand Secretary read the Rules and Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the transaction of business.

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

On motion of R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. Meigs, it was

Resolved,—That the minutes of the Proceedings of the First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at the City of Montreal, on the 19th of October, 1870, and following day, having been printed and distributed amongst all the Lodges, the same are considered read, and are now confirmed.

A like motion in reference to the Special Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Danville, P.Q., on the 27th day of August last, 1871, convened for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Town Hall, was adopted.

And at one of the clock, p.m., Grand Lodge was called off from labor to refreshment, for the space of one hour.

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The Grand Lodge resumed business at 2 p.m.

M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, Grand Master, on the throne.

The M. W. the Grand Master, announced to Grand Lodge, that arrangements had been made by the Board of General Purposes to hold Divine Service this evening at the Church of St. James the Apostle, at eight o'clock, at which he requested members of Grand Lodge to attend.

The Grand Secretary read the following report :

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

FOR THE PAST MASONIC YEAR 1870-71.

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

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN :

I have the honor to submit my report and account current for the past Masonic year.

In pursuance with instructions received from Grand Lodge,

CHARTERS

have been issued from Grand Secretary's Office to the following lodges,
to wit :

Milton,	No. 25,	at	Three Rivers.
Abercorn,	" 26,	"	Abercorn.
Corner Stone,	" 27,	"	Cowansville.
Clarke,	" 28,	"	Ormstown.
St. Charles,	" 29,	"	Point St. Charles, Montreal.
La loge des Cœurs Unis,	" 30,	"	Montreal.

DISPENSATIONS

Have been granted for the formation of new lodges, as follows :

Graham,	at Bolton Centre,	District of Bedford.
Canada,	" Granby Village,	" "
Excelsior,	" Actonvale.	St. Francis District.

These latter have been all regularly organized.

FINANCES.

Notwithstanding the heavy outlay incident in all cases to the establishment of a new Grand Lodge, which in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec have been very much augmented by the extraordinary efforts made to maintain her position against the opposition she has had to contend with, I am gratified to be able to announce, that every claim of Grand Lodge has been promptly discharged, and there remains this day in the hands of the Grand Treasurer to the credit of Grand Lodge, the sum of\$886.05

And with the Grand Secretary the sum of..... 5.13

Making a total of..... 991.18

INCOME

Of Grand Lodge for the past year, has been derived from following sources, viz. :

From dues of Lodges	\$932.96
" Fees for dispensations.....	75.00
" " Certificates.....	406.00
" " Initiations.....	281.00
" " Affiliations.....	50.00
" " Arrears	2.75

Total..... \$1747.71

EXPENDITURE

As per Report of Grand Treasurer, giving details..... \$1014.17

From the above, I think I shall be pardoned if I venture to indulge in the expectation, that in the future, each year will witness an increasing balance to credit of Grand Lodge, and so in the course of a short time an amount will be accumulated by which we or our successors may be enabled to carry out some one or more of those practically useful Masonic objects to which our attention was drawn by our beloved Grand Master in his address at our last Annual Communication.

SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS AND DUES

To Grand Lodge, in pursuance to the Constitution, under heading "Private Lodges," page 41, sec. 49, are not in all cases regularly made. The neglect of some of the W. Masters to comply with this requirement is somewhat censurable, if it were carried out, Grand Lodge would be benefitted and the labors of the Grand Secretary much facilitated.

On this subject I addressed a communication to each subordinate lodge in April last. Some promptly responded, forwarding the necessary returns and dues, others, however, failed to do so, and I have observed this singular fact, that generally new, and (in a pecuniary point of view) poor lodges, are prompt to meet their engagements to Grand Lodge, whilst the older and richer ones are very dilatory in this duty. All returns and dues should be regularly and punctually made *every six months*, and so every dollar the property of Grand Lodge, instead of being hoarded up by subordinate lodges to swell a useless balance with them, could be placed semi-annually at interest to the credit of Grand Lodge.

Under instructions, I have placed the design adopted for a Grand Lodge Certificate in the hands of Messrs. Burland, Lafracain & Co., of this City. It is at once chaste, elegant and appropriate. From the well-known skill of the above named firm, I have no doubt but that a Certificate will be produced for the uses of the Grand Lodge unsurpassed by anything of its kind. The cost will be heavy,—five hundred dollars at the least will be required to cover it. I hope to be enabled to submit a proof of it to Grand Lodge during the session.

Following lodges have made returns and paid amounts set opposite their respective names during the past year :

No. 0 Albion	\$ 67.50
" 1 St. John's	59.75
" 2 Prevost	45.75
" 3 Nelson	70.00
" 4 Golden Rule	117.37
" 5 St. Andrew's	79.00
" 6 St. George	142.00
" 7 Zetland	38.75
" 8 Harrington	57.00
" 9 Hoyle	30.75
" 10 St. Francis	104.75
" 11 Victoria	72.75
" 12 Stanbridge	59.50
" 13 Kilwinning	181.00
" 14 Clarenceville	19.25
" 15 Brown	31.25
" 16 Royal Albert	43.75
" 17 Victoria	49.50
" 19 Tuscan	35.00
" 20 Ascot	12.50
" 21 Ashlar	85.50
" 22 Frelighsburg	12.75
" 23 Doric	51.00
" 24 Chateauguay	56.00
" 25 Milton	45.75
" 26 Abercorn	11.00
" 28 Clarke	15.25
" 29 St. Charles	61.75
" 30 La Loge des Cœurs Unis	24.25
" 31 Graham	31.00
" 32 Excelsior	21.50
" 33 Canadian	14.75

Total amount\$1747.72

Two Lodges, Nos. 18 and 27 have neglected to make returns and to pay any dues for the last year.

THE NUMBER OF WARRANTED LODGES

Now on the roll is..... 31

THE NUMBER OF LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION

Is 3

Total number of lodges 34

THE CORRESPONDENCE

Of Grand Lodge for the past twelve months has been large and voluminous. I have endeavored, so far successfully, not to let it get into arrears; in every case, where practicable, replies have been sent by return of mail, to all communications addressed to this office, touching the business or affairs of this Grand Lodge.

Independently of my official correspondence, I have received and answered quite a large number of letters addressed to me in my private capacity, from England, Scotland, the United States, British Columbia and Canada. I mention this as tending to shew the great interest which has been, and is being, taken in the interests and welfare of our Grand Lodge.

I desire to state the fact, that many communications addressed to this Grand Lodge have not been pre-paid, several insufficiently paid. I allude to the circumstance with the view to prevent any recurrence of the oversight.

THE PRINTED PROCEEDINGS

Of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, were somewhat late in making their appearance, this was from no fault of mine. Copies have been sent to every Grand Lodge in Europe and America, (this has been reciprocated by most of these Grand Bodies), to each subordinate lodge under our jurisdiction, to all grand officers of the Grand Lodge, to every one of our representatives at foreign Grand Lodges, to every Masonic paper or periodical of the existence of which I know, and to many individual worthy Masons, the warm and earnest supporters of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

I venture to say that the Proceedings of this Communication will be ready for circulation within a period of thirty days.

Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received:

Canada,	Indiana,	Mississippi,	Ohio,
California,	Iowa,	Nebraska,	Rhode Island.
Connecticut,	Kansas,	Nevada,	Texas,
Columbia, Dis. of, Maiae,	North Carolina,	Virginia,	
Florida,	Massachusetts,	New Hampshire,	Vermont,
Georgia,	Michigan,	New York,	Wisconsin.
Illinois,	Nova Scotia,		

All are carefully preserved as being authoritative records, replete with most valuable information.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary, G. L. Q.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Metgs, seconded by R. W. Bro. Hon. Thomas Wood, this report was referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon during the present session of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Pursuivant announced that representatives duly accredited from the Grand Lodges of Maine, Vermont, Ohio, Mississippi and Illinois, were in attendance in the ante-room, and desired to be admitted to Grand Lodge.

The M. W. the Grand Master gave directions for their admittance, and they were received with Grand honors.

The Grand Pursuivant also announced that many members of the Craft from Foreign Jurisdictions were desirous to enter Grand Lodge, amongst whom were the following eminent and distinguished brethren, viz. :—

- “ “ “ Josiah H. Drummond, P.G.M., G.L. of Maine, and
Grand Rep. of Grand Lodge of Quebec near G. L. of Maine.
- “ “ “ Parke Davis, G.M., Grand Lodge of Vermont.
- “ “ “ Hon. L. B. Englesby, P.G.M., G.L. of Vermont, and
Grand Rep. of G. Lodge of Quebec, near G. L. of Vermont.
- “ “ “ John H. Lynde, G.M., Grand Lodge of Maine.
- R. “ “ N. P. Bowman, D.G.M., “ “ Vermont
- “ “ “ Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, G. L. of Maine.
- “ “ “ J. L. Mack, Grand Lecturer, G. L. of Vermont.
- “ “ “ F. G. Tisdale, Grand Lodge of New York.

R. W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, Kilwinning Lodge, Detroit, Mich.
Grand Rep. of G. Lodge of Quebec, near G. L. of Michigan.

The Brethren were introduced by R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, and were received with much enthusiasm. The M. W. the Grand Master heartily welcomed them as visitors, and they were saluted with Grand Honors, and took their seats on or near the dais.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address to the Brethren in Grand Lodge assembled :

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF THE M. W. THE GRAND LODGE
OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PRO-
VINCE OF QUEBEC :

Another year, fraught with its many vicissitudes, has come and gone, and, under the most auspicious circumstances, we have assembled on this, our second Annual Communication, to interchange fraternal greetings, to review the past, carefully to consider the present, and resolutely gird ourselves anew for the labors of the future.

RECOGNITION BY TWENTY-TWO GRAND LODGES.

It is with devout thankfulness that I have the pleasure to report that this Grand Lodge has been duly recognised, and most heartily welcomed into the great family of Grand Lodges, by the twenty-two following important and influential Grand Bodies, namely District of Columbia, Maine, New Hampshire, Iowa, Wisconsin, Texas, Nebraska, Nova Scotia, Nevada, Kansas, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, North Carolina, Connecticut, Indiana, New York, Vermont, and Rhode Island.

The *nine* first of these Sister Grand Lodges extended fraternal recognition to Quebec during the first year of its existence, and the last *thirteen* have done the same not less heartily, since our last annual Communication eleven months ago.

These Grand Bodies represent nearly half a million Freemasons, amongst whom are a host of illustrious Brethren whose well-deserved fame extends over both hemispheres.

These and other no less eminent Brethren (whose Grand Lodges also will soon recognize us) have, in their heroic advocacy of the cause of Quebec, from their rich and varied stores of learning, poured a flood of light on the history, traditions, customs, laws, and constitu-

tions of our Fraternity await the regular formation and rights of Grand Lodges.

The great care bestowed by these Brethren upon the consideration of the questions at issue, the patient painstaking to ascertain all the facts of the case, the prompt recognition by some Grand Lodges, the delaying of final action for a time and for various reasons, on the part of others, and the manifest determination on the part of all, to arrive at, and abide by, a just decision, have been most honorable to them as well as most gratifying to us, and have given to their decisions in our favor, a Masonic and moral weight and force which can neither be gainsaid nor resisted.

I therefore propose that Grand Lodge now express to these Grand Lodges and Brethren our most hearty fraternal thanks, accompanying them with the Grand Honors in most ample form.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following eminent Brethren have been appointed and commissioned by me, as our Grand Representatives near their respective Grand Lodges, and I beg your due confirmation of the same: R. W. Bro. H. J. Martin, near the G. L. of the District of Columbia; M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummond, near the G. L. of Maine; R. W. Bro. Wm. Barrett, near the G. L. of New Hampshire; M. W. Bro. E. A. Guilbert, near the G. L. of Iowa; R. W. Bro. S. Cadwallader, near the G. L. of Wisconsin; M. W. Bro. P. W. Gray, near the G. L. of Texas; R. W. Bro. J. N. Wise, near the G. L. of Nebraska; R. W. Bro. Geo. T. Smithers, near the G. L. of Nova Scotia; R. W. Bro. R. H. Taylor, near the G. L. of Nevada; M. W. Bro. J. H. Brown, near the G. L. of Kansas; M. W. Bro. D. C. Cregier, near the G. L. of Illinois; R. W. Bro. C. A. Woodward, near the G. L. of Michigan; R. W. Bro. T. L. Power, near the G. L. of Mississippi; R. W. Bro. J. K. Wheeler, near the G. L. of Connecticut; R. W. Bro. D. W. Talloott, near the G. L. of New York; and M. W. Bro. Eaglesby, near the G. L. of Vermont. Representatives to other Grand Lodges will be appointed soon.

The following Brethren have also been appointed, or named, as Grand Representatives of these several Grand Lodges, near the G. L. of Quebec, namely:—R. W. Bro. W. B. Colby, from G. L. of District of Columbia; R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, from G. L. of Maine; R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, from G. L. of New Hampshire; R. W.

M. R. Meigs, M.D., from G. L. of Wisconsin; R. W. Bro. E. Kemp, from G. L. of Texas; R. W. Bro. H.P. Leggatt, from G. L. of Nebraska; R. W. Bro. Hon. Thomas Wood, from G. L. of Nova Scotia; R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, from G. L. of Nevada; V. W. Bro. C. Judge, from G. L. of Kansas; R. W. Bro. G. H. Borlase from G. L. of Illinois; R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, from G. L. of Ohio; R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, from G. L. of Michigan; R. W. Bro. S. J. Foss, from G. L. of Mississippi; V. W. Bro. Coquilllette, from G. L. of Connecticut; R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, from G. L. of New York; and R. W. Bro. Isaacson, from G. L. of Vermont.

Should any of these Grand Representatives be present at this annual communication and present their credentials, they will, I am sure, receive from you a hearty fraternal welcome.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

Since our last annual meeting, I have granted Dispensations, to form the three following lodges, namely; the Graham Lodge at Bolton Centre, the Canadian Lodge at Granby, and the Excelsior Lodge at Actonvale.

These were favorably recommended by the D.D.G.M.'S of the respective Districts wherein they are situated, and also by the lodges nearest to them, and I trust they will be found to have made such progress as shall entitle them to receive Warrants of Constitution at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

PRESENTATION.

After the formal dissolution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec and Three Rivers, the Brethren of that Provincial Grand Body, presented their magnificent banner and a large portion of their regalia to this Grand Lodge. Our grateful thanks are due, and will, I know, be heartily and unanimously tendered to these Brethren and lodges for their generous and timely donation.

CONSTITUTION.

The committee appointed by the Board of General Purposes to supervise the printing of the amended Constitution, promptly and faithfully discharged their important duties, and deserve, as I have no doubt they will receive your especial commendation.

WORK.

The committee on the very important subject of work, have held one session, and will probably be able to make report through the Grand Master at some early day.

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

Under the direction of the Board, an excellent plate for printing Grand Lodge certificates has been prepared. The design is beautiful, and full of Masonic significance. The work has been skilfully and elaborately executed by Messrs. Burland, Lafican & Co. of this city, at a cost of \$500, and I trust the Certificates may meet the general approval of the Brethren.

LAYING A CORNER STONE.

In compliance with the unanimous request of the municipal Councils of the Township of Shipton and of the Village of Danville, in the County of Richmond, to lay the Corner Stone of the magnificent Town Hall proposed to be erected in their prosperous and beautiful Village, I summoned an Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge on Thursday, the 27th day of July, for the purpose of performing that interesting ceremony in accordance with the ancient customs of our Fraternity. The officers and Brethren responded in large numbers. The day was favorable, and the concourse of spectator, from the surrounding country and from different parts of the Province was large. The officials and people of the vicinity were unbounded in their hospitality, and the exercises appear to have given general satisfaction.

This event will not be without historic interest as being the first of its kind under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The report of the ceremony, if printed in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, may be useful for the future.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

Shortly after the last annual communication, a happy combination of circumstances enabled me to visit the city of Quebec, for the purpose of installing and investing the officers of Grand Lodge resident there. I need hardly say to you the Brethren of the Ancient Capital were, as usual, most kind and courteous. It was an occasion long to be remembered for many reasons, but especially as affording a much-de-

sired opportunity of uniting with the Brethren of that city in doing deserved honor to the highly esteemed and efficient Grand Lodge officers in that District. But I need not assure you how much our P.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. J. S. Bowen, (who during the past year had removed from the city of Quebec to the city of Brooklyn, N.Y.) was missed on that occasion, as he has been in all the deliberations of Grand Lodge.

Early in the Summer, I had the pleasure of formally constituting *La Loge des Cœurs Unis* in this city, to which Grand Lodge granted a Warrant of Constitution at the last communication. Being obliged to leave, however, before the close of the ceremony, the work was well completed by the co-operation of several Grand Lodge officers present. I have reason to believe that this Lodge is doing a good work, and will, I trust, prove a lasting honor to this Grand Lodge and to the fraternity in general.

It also afforded me much satisfaction to be able to accept the repeated hearty invitation of the Officers and Brethren of Corner Stone Lodge at Cowansville, about mid-summer, and witness the presentation of several valuable donations to the Lodge, by its efficient master, and other zealous Brethren,—and it was also a great pleasure to meet there so many of the Grand Lodge Officers of the Montreal and Bedford Districts, and the officers and other members of various Lodges in the vicinity. The hospitality of the Lodge was most generous, and all present seemed to enjoy themselves in a becoming manner.

My informal visits to Montreal have been frequent and of the most pleasant character, and you need not be told that our Brethren here, Masonically and otherwise, ever prove themselves worthy of the metropolitan city of the Dominion.

It has been to me a source of deep regret, that I have been unable to make more numerous official visits, in all parts of our jurisdiction; but the numerous duties devolving upon me in the guidance and direction of G.L. affairs, required my almost constant presence at home, that no opportunity for promoting its welfare might be neglected, and that no important correspondence from home or abroad might remain long unanswered. The Brethren will, therefore, kindly exercise due forbearance and overlook these and other shortcomings.

GRAND LODGE OF BELGIUM.

A Communication has been received from the Grand Orient of

Belgium requesting the establishment of fraternal intercourse between that Grand Body and the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Having reason to believe that the Royal Grand Master of that Grand Orient has caused to be enforced in all Lodges within his jurisdiction a strict adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Fraternity in eschewing all interference in religious sectarianism and party politics and is otherwise making that Grand Body worthy of universal recognition and fraternal fellowship, I have no hesitation in saying to Grand Lodge, that it is my hope and expectation that full inquiry into all the circumstances, will lead to the establishment at an early day, of fraternal intercourse and the interchange of representatives with the Grand Orient of Belgium, and thus help to strengthen the ties which should bind America and Europe more closely together, and so aid in the establishment of peace on earth and good will among men.

G. M. OF ENGLAND.

Shortly after the arrival at Washington, of the M.W. the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, as President of the Joint High Commission, I directed the Grand Secretary to forward an official communication to our noble and Most Worshipful Brother, expressing our highest fraternal regards, congratulating him on his important appointment,—praying that the best results to the nations involved, and to the entire world, might flow from the labors of the Commission, and begging his acceptance of a Banquet in his honor, in the city of Montreal, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

A most courteous reply was received thereto, intimating that circumstances might hasten his departure from Washington to England, immediately after the close of the labors of the Commission, so that he might be unable to visit the Dominion or accept our kind invitation.

GRAND LODGE OF "CANADA."

Although compassion dictates the exercise of virtue of silence anent the doings for the past year, of the Grand Lodge of "Canada," yet candor compels me to say that most of the evils which have afflicted the craft in these *two* Provinces during the past twenty-two months have been almost wholly due to her unfraternal course. However, in view of all the circumstances, the Grand Lodge of Quebec could well

sojourning within her Territorial jurisdiction, are constitutionally amenable to her authority for any Masonic acts which are in contravention of her sovereignty.

Any arrangements which may have been entered into, prior to the formation of the new Grand Lodge, by any other Grand Bodies, anent the continuance of any Lodge according to its own will, under the authority of some other Grand Lodge, yet within the Territory of the newly-formed Grand Body, are contrary to the constitutions of the Fraternity; injurious to the unity, harmony and prosperity of the Craft, subversive of Grand Lodge Sovereignty, and consequently, of no binding force on the new Grand Body.

The enunciation of many other fundamental facts and principles of like importance will be found *in extenso* in our address of date, Nov. 20, 1869, to the Grand Lodges of the World,—in the Statement concerning the G. L. of Quebec, of date April 20, 1870,—in Proceedings and other Documents, issued by this Grand Lodge, and especially in the able Reports of the Committees of Foreign Correspondence and Jurisprudence, of the many Grand Lodges which have recognized us and in others which favor our cause;—also in the elaborate editorials and correspondence in nearly all the Masonic periodicals throughout the world, and in almost any reliable work on Masonic Jurisprudence.

The few articles, or addresses, which have appeared in opposition to the rightful claims of Quebec, have been refuted over and over again, and there is reason to believe that at least some of their authors will recant their erroneous opinions at an early day, as some of the ablest Masons who had been misled by incorrect or insufficient information have heretofore done, to their own honor and to the good of the Craft.

DEATHS.

During the past year we have been called upon again and again, by most solemn admonitions, to regard the uncertainty of human life, the immutable certainty of death, and the vanity of earthly pursuits.

M. W. Brother James Dean, Past Provincial Grand Master of Quebec and Three Rivers, and honorary P. G. M. of this Grand Lodge, is no more. He lived generally beloved; he died deeply and universally regretted. It is fitting that a memorial page of our printed proceedings be dedicated to the memory of this good man and eminent Mason.

Our venerable Brother Magoon, of Doric Lodge, Danville, and our worthy Brother Andrew McKay Smith, of Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke, have passed to their rest since we last assembled in annual communication.

The removal by death of other Brethren will be suitably noticed by the District Deputy Grand Masters.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

On the morning of 15th instant, I received from the Grand Secretary a document of date the 14th, and signed by M. W. Brother A. A. Stevenson, Chairman, and R. W. Brother Thomas White, jr., Secretary of a Committee of seven, appointed by a meeting of representatives of Lodges in this Province, as yet on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of "Canada," asking for a conference anent the existing state of Masonic affairs in this Province, and the restoration of harmony to the Craft therein.

On the evening of the same day I came to this city, and held a council of officers of Grand Lodge and officers and brethren of most of the Q.R. Lodges in Montreal, when the whole subject was carefully considered at length, and in the best possible spirit.

On the 16th I appointed the following distinguished Brethren, namely, R. W. Bro. Pratten, Quebec, D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Meigs, G.S.W., Bedford; R. W. Bro. Milton, G.J.W., Montreal; Rev. Bro. Reid, G.C., Sherbrooke; R. W. Bro. Edgar, P.D.D.G.M., Montreal; R. W. Bro. Isaacson, G. Sec., and W. Bro. M.M. Tait, a committee to confer with the Committee of Brethren aforesaid, on Wednesday, the 20th instant, if practicable, and expressing the hope that all their mutual deliberations would be conducted in a truly Masonic spirit, and that the results of their conference might be a means of restoring peace and harmony to the Craft: and to make report thereof to me immediately after their conference. On the 21st instant the following report was received from the Grand Secretary as the result of the deliberations of the joint committee.

"Whereas unhappily, differences and disputes have arisen, and are now existing in masonry in the Province of Quebec, between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., and her subordinates on the one part, and the several lodges in the said Province still holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada on the other part.

"And, whereas, with the view to terminate and for ever end said

differences and to restore harmony throughout the craft in the said Province, the said lodges, to wit: the said party of the second part, are willing to amalgamate and join with the said party of the first part, to wit: the said The Grand Lodge of Quebec; and the said party of the first part are willing to accept said lodges into their organization or Grand body, the same as if they, the said lodges had originally taken part in said organization.

"And it is agreed by both said parties that all questions, viz., names of lodges, distribution of property in the case of duplicate lodges, and priority of number in the case of all lodges, shall be left entirely to a committee of six, three of whom shall be named from the party of the first part, and three from the party of the second part, with power to said committee to name an arbitrator, and the decisions of said committee and umpire to be final.

"And the committee representing the G. L. of Q. hereby agree to submit the above terms for the acceptance of their Grand Lodge. And the committee representing the lodges under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of C. hereby agree to recommend the above terms to the representatives of the lodges at a meeting to be held by such representatives for that purpose.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution for the consideration of matters of special importance, I have directed the President of the Board of General Purposes to submit the above to a full Board for the most careful consideration, and make report thereon to the Grand Lodge for its action.

The whole subject is of vast importance, and I earnestly entreat you all to deliberate upon it in that truly fraternal and conciliatory spirit which has characterized all our doings hitherto,—to make all possible allowances and concessions consistent with honor,—with the Constitutions of the Fraternity,—and with the dignity and integrity of the Grand Lodge; so that whatever action may be taken by us shall be promotive of the unity, harmony and prosperity of the Craft, both in this Province and in the sister Province of Ontario, and also throughout the world. Blessed indeed, are the Peacemakers.

CLOSING WORDS.

And now, Brethren, as your servant and representative, it becomes me to return to you all my gratitude for your distinguished favors, and for your unceasing kindness and forbearance amidst all my offi-

cial labors, which like most human efforts, have been very imperfect; and I beg all my fellow-officers to accept my hearty thanks for their wise and prudent councils, their untiring co-operation, and the faithful discharge of their respective duties. Nor can I in closing, forbear congratulating you on the unparalleled success of this Grand Lodge. The Great Ruler of the Universe has most signally blessed us with unanimity and prosperity at home, and with hosts of friends abroad. It now therefore, only remains for us, in the exercise of the genuine spirit of our noble Order, to heal all past differences, with whomsoever they may unfortunately have existed, and unitedly strive for the early and perfect completion of the great work so well begun, each one remembering to perform well his allotted task while it is yet day, so that when this transitory life shall have passed away, we may each be received into the Grand Lodge above, with the welcome plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Amen and Amen.

JOHN H. GRAHAM,

Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master was listened to with the greatest interest and attention, and was received with great satisfaction.

R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Meigs:

"That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, just read, be referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report thereon at an early part of the present Session, with instructions to said Board to publish the whole or any portion of said address as said Board should deem prudent."

By request of the M. W. the Grand Master, and at the earnest and repeated solicitations of members of Grand Lodge, the following illustrious visiting Brethren then addressed Grand Lodge in most eloquent manner, viz.:

M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummond, P.G.M., Maine,

" " " Parke Davis, G.M., Vermont.

R. " " F. G. Tisdale, of New York.

" " " D. B. Tracey, of Detroit, Michigan.

The following Reports from District Deputy Grand Masters, for the different Masonic Districts in the Province of Quebec, were read, viz. :—

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

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

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Montreal District :

There are now ten Lodges in this District working under our jurisdiction, viz. :

St. George's Lodge,	No. 6, Montreal.
Zetland "	" 7, "
Hoyle "	" 9, Lacolle.
Montreal Kilwinning, "	" 13, Montreal.
Royal Albert, "	" 15, "
Victoria "	" 16. "
Chateauguay "	" 24, Huntingdon.
Clarke, "	" 28, Ormstown.
St. Charles "	" 29, Point St. Charles.
La Loge des Cœurs Unis,	" 30, Montreal.

During the year I have visited them all, except three, viz. : Hoyle, No. 9 ; Chateauguay, No. 24, and Clarke, No. 28.

It gives me much pleasure to report that the seven I have visited are all in good working order, and that the officers are zealous and attentive to their duties, which show that general interest is taken in the Craft.

I have granted three dispensations during the year : one to St. George's Lodge to hold a Festival on St. John the Evangelist's Day, one to Chateauguay Lodge, to attend Church in Regalia on St. John the Baptist (24th June, 1871), and also one to Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, to attend Funeral of late Bro. Thomas Patterson.

No complaint of any kind has been brought officially before me, which is pleasing to notice, and indicates the fraternal feeling existing among the Brethren under our jurisdiction.

Only one death has been reported to me during the past year, viz., that of Bro. Thomas Patterson of Montreal Kilwinning Lodge. He was buried with Masonic Honors by the Lodge, assisted by Brethren from several of the other Lodges.

It is my duty to report that a new Lodge of A.F. & A.M. has been

organized in the City of Montreal, by the Grand Master of Canada, and which I have been informed has since received its Warrant of Confirmation from the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I would respectfully call the attention of this M. W. Grand Lodge to the necessity of an Established Ritual, and trust that immediate action may be taken in the matter.

I regret that my business avocations have prevented my giving as much time to Masonic duties as I wished.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. HENRY STEARNS,

D.D.G.M. Montreal District.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

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

I regret to report that I have been unable to visit all the Lodges in this District under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but from the information I have received from those Lodges which I was unable to visit, I can safely say that all the Lodges in the District are in a flourishing condition, and are gradually increasing in membership.

Two new Lodges have been organized in this District since the meeting of the Grand Lodge, under Dispensations granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz., "Canadian Lodge" at Granby, P.Q., and "Graham Lodge" at Bolton Centre, P.Q. I was unable to be present at the organization of these Lodges, but have been informed they were regularly organized, and the W. Masters invested according to ancient custom. I have had the pleasure of visiting them recently, "Canadian Lodge" has had some difficulty in procuring a suitable Lodge Room, which has operated against it, that difficulty, however, has been got over, and they are now enabled to go on with the work of the Lodge. "Graham Lodge," under the able supervision of W. Master D. A. Manson, is in a prosperous condition, seven initiations have taken place. I examined the books which were well kept and correct.

I cheerfully recommend both Lodges to the M. W. the Grand

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Lodge, and hope it will be pleased to grant them the usual Warrants of Confirmation.

I have issued during the year three dispensations to hold Festivals, one to Clarenceville Lodge, one to Frelighsburg Lodge, and one to Prevost Lodge, Dunham, with permission to wear regalia.

Since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, a Lodge has been organized in the Village of Dunham, under peculiar circumstances.

It is well known to all, that Prevost Lodge, No. 1, R.C., in 1869 withdrew her allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and assisted in forming the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the members of the Lodge were *unanimous* in their decision, and adhered to it up to the regular communication of the Lodge held on the 27th December, 1870, when nine members of the Lodge presented petitions asking to withdraw from the Lodge, and that Dimits be granted them. The Lodge immediately took action upon the several petitions and granted the Dimits asked for.

On the 7th of January, 1871, the nine above mentioned petitioned the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for a duplicate Warrant of Prevost Lodge, No. 1, R.C., styling themselves members of Prevost Lodge, No. 1, R.C., in good standing.

I have been credibly informed that a duplicate Warrant was granted to them by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and a Lodge has been organized under the name of Prevost Lodge, No. 1, R.C.

I can not consider it other than a Clandestine Lodge, and would recommend that it be dealt with as such.

During the year two deaths have been reported to me in this District, viz., Brother William S. Seaton, of Abercorn Lodge, Abercorn, who died March 7th, 1871, and was buried with Masonic Honors, and Brother Henry Shufelt of Prevost Lodge, Dunham, died March, 1871.

In concluding this report, I beg to thank the Brethren of this District for their courtesy extended to me on all occasions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. WOOD,

D.D.G.M. Bedford District.

ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master and G. Officers of the G. Lodge of Quebec :

In accordance with the Constitution of Grand Lodge, the Deputy of St. Francis District begs to make the following report :

I have during the year visited all the Lodges in my district, and most of them twice.

The Craft generally in my district is in a very prosperous state ; the Lodges are working harmoniously, and adding to their numbers as fast as is desirable, and financially are very prosperous. Owing to certain unfavorable circumstances, Ascot Lodge, just at present is a partial exception to the above pleasing state of affairs, still she is progressing fairly, and no doubt will soon outstrip her sister Lodges in the district.

In answer to a petition from a number of Brethren in Acton, the Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Secretary and others, organized "Excelsior Lodge" in that place, in May last, with Rev. W. Bro. Nye as W. M. I have visited it once since, and think it bids fair to make a strong and prosperous Lodge, and recommend Grand Lodge to grant them a Warrant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. FOSS,

D.D.G.M. St. Francis District.

STADACONA DISTRICT.

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

MOST W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—

I, the undersigned District Deputy Grand Master, for the Stadacona District, have the honor to report, that during the past year I have visited all the Lodges in my District and installed the Officers thereof, with the exception of "Milton Lodge," Three Rivers, the Officers of which, I was informed, were installed through the kindness of R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, assisted by several other talented Brethren.

The four Lodges in the City of Quebec, viz., the "Albion," "St. John's," "St. Andrew's," and "Harrington," I have pleasure to report, are in a very prosperous position. During the past winter

I delivered several Masonic Lectures in the above Lodges, which were well attended and highly appreciated by the Brethren.

The "Tuscan Lodge" at Levis, opposite the City of Quebec, is a young Lodge, it is tranquilly and securely progressing. Its members are not yet numerous, but I trust it will eventually attain to eminence.

The "Milton Lodge," Three Rivers, I have not yet had an opportunity of visiting, but have learned with pleasure that it has obtained a very creditable standing, and is permanently advancing the interests of the Craft, with all the advantages to be derived from talent and respectability amongst its members. It, however, becomes my painful duty to report the death of a much esteemed and worthy Past Master of the above Lodge, W. Bro. John Broster, whom the G.A.O.T.U. was pleased to summons to the Grand Lodge above, on the 26th July, last, to partake in peaceful re-union with the souls of our departed Brethren, everlasting happiness in the mansions above.

The Banner, and part of the Regalia belonging to the late District Grand Lodge of Quebec and Three Rivers. The Banner was presented to your Grand Lodge, by the members of the late Grand Lodge, and the Regalia was purchased by your Deputy, and presented by the Brethren of the Quebec Lodges, for the use of the officers of your Grand Lodge, the same has been placed in the possession of the R. W. Grand Secretary, in accordance with the wishes of the donors.

All of which, I respectfully beg leave to submit.

WM. MILLER,

D.D.G.M. Stadacona District.

Quebec, 10th September, 1871.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton :

The Grand Secretary was directed to reprint the Proceedings of the Convention held at Montreal on the 20th and 21st days of October, A.L. 5869.

Grand Lodge was called off from labor to refreshment to re-assemble again at 7 p.m.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7 p.m.

The Grand Chaplain implored the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. on the proceedings.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Meigs, seconded by W. Bro. C. Judge, the rank of Honorary Past Grand Junior Warden was conferred on R. W. Bro. F. G. Tisdale, of New York, Masonic Editor of Pome-roy's Democrat, as a recognition of the very valuable services rendered by him to this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was then called off, and the members present having been formed into procession, by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, proceeded to the Church of St. James the Apostle, where the following discourse was preached by R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, M.A., Grand Chaplain :

"And they said let us arise and build."—*Nehemiah*, ii. 18.

It would appear that, for a considerable time after their return to Jerusalem from their seventy years captivity in Babylon, the people of Israel did not attempt more than to erect dwellings, each man for his own immediate necessity.

The city itself was still suffered to lie waste, no attempt had as yet been made to repair the walls thereof, and the gates of the city remained as the fire had left them. In short, the people being in great affliction and reproach had no heart to undertake anything beyond what was absolutely required for a bare existence. The news of this sad state of things was carried to Babylon, and so came to the ears of their Brethren who had remained behind, among whom was Nehemiah the Prophet, who fortunately for his countrymen stood high in favor with the king of Babylon.

On hearing this sad account of the state of things at Jerusalem, Nehemiah tells us that he "sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven," and he further tells us that the king noticed that he was sad at heart and asked him the cause; and that upon his telling the king the cause of his sadness, viz.:—that "the City and the Sepulchre of his fathers were still lying waste," and asking for a commission to go and rebuild them, the king sent him with authority to rebuild the city and the sepulchre of his fathers, and gave him the necessary power and facilities.

Accordingly Nehemiah at once went to Jerusalem and lost no time in calling together the rulers and the whole people, and remonstrated with them, and told them of the commission he had received, and how well affected towards them the king was.

The result followed that they determined to rebuild the city and

strengthened themselves for the good work, distributing to the different families among them, separate sections of the wall, according to the number and ability of each. Now in all this, as in a symbol, there is much instruction of the highest importance to us in our capacity as speculative Masons, whose object is the erection of a moral structure, whereof the stones of which it is built, are living men.

Of this moral structure then, the walls of the City and of the Temple, which the people of Israel now proceeded to build, is a striking symbol that intelligent masons will have no difficulty in understanding in all its parts.

Observe then the manner in which the work was distributed among the people, all without exception had a part assigned them. All joined in the cry, "let us rise up and build." Each man accepted the portion of the work that was assigned him; and the result was, that in due time, the whole undertaking, though under great difficulties, was completed.

Observe farther, that though each man's work was separate, yet there was also unity,—there was a common object that each had in view,—each man's work formed part of the one great whole. This circumstance shows that, in all our undertakings, while we seek our own, we should also seek to promote our brother's welfare.

This is what the Symbol before us teaches—this is what true Freemasonry, rightly understood, teaches—this is what charity, as unfolded in the volume of the Sacred Law, teaches. All combine in teaching that none should live wholly to himself—that all should have an eye to the common good in all their undertakings, and above all that, as we are the servants of the Most High, the promotion of His glory should be the paramount object of all our thoughts and labours, herein showing ourselves faithful. God has ordered the course of events by His Providence, that in the end we best promote our own personal interest and well being, according as it is written, saying to every man—"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

Bear in mind, then, that, as a common object to be kept in view, we have entrusted to us the building of a moral and spiritual temple, and of a heaven-like city, of which the structures in which the people of Israel were now engaged, are the type. This heaven-like city is the church of God; this spiritual temple is the whole body of believers in Christ Jesus, the ever-blessed Saviour of mankind. And so

the holy Apostle Paul, when speaking of individual believers, says of them that "they as lively stones are built up a spiritual house," and in another place it is said of them that they "are built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, in whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple of the Lord, in whom ye are also builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

Let us then, in our Masonic labors, carefully search and examine our conscience that we may know whether we are as stones, fit to be placed in the walls of so glorious a temple; and in the mean time let each man, like a good workman that needeth not be ashamed, be diligent in preparing and fitting his particular stone, that is to say, his own heart, according to the design of the great Master Builder, that it may be suited for the place which it was intended to fill, and not when sought for be rejected as unworthy. Yea, let him repent truly of his former sins, and let him, with a full trust in God's help and mercy, labour to reform his manner of life and to seek after that holiness of character, without which, we are told, no man can see the Lord.

And in connection with this preparation of material, for the building of this spiritual edifice, we must recollect that the right ordering and training of our families bear a most important part. For by training these in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, we are preparing living stones wherewith the temple not made with hands is built. The family is the centre and fountain head of human society. Here is the quarry where the stones wherewith the walls of the heavenly city, of which the Earthly Jerusalem was the type, and the holy temple, are hewn out, "made ready" for the place they are afterwards to fill, so that there may be neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house while it is building. (1.Kings, chap. vi. ver. 7.)

It is in the family then that the first principles of divine truth must be first instilled in the young reflective mind. It is in the family that the character of the future man is formed and moulded and fashioned by the training that it then receives either for good or evil. It is in the family where those lively living stones are fashioned by holy discipline, and wise precepts, that make them fit material for the walls of that glorious temple which we are set to build. Take good heed then, beloved brethren, that while labouring here in your respective quarries preparing mat-

erial, such as our Great Master may approve, you make a right use of the working tools of our craft—the square, the compass and the chisel—that when He shall stand with the plumb line in his hand your work may redound to His glory and to your approval as diligent and faithful workmen. But remember that no mere words of advice, no precepts, no councils, no instructions however wise and holy will accomplish this, if by inconsistent, immoral, unholy conduct you take from your admonition all moral weight. You must be worthy masons *yourselves* if you would do the work of masons. Hence as we are instructed, a mason by our ancient charges is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understands his art he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He of all men should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh at the outward appearance but God looketh at the heart. He is bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, to cultivate harmony and to live in concord and brotherly love, avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slandering and backbiting, neither permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices consistent with his honor and safety. In this way let us so exemplify the principles which as masons we profess, that those who are not of us, shall have no occasion to speak of our craft with scorn. Yet how can it be otherwise, when alas ! so many of our order everywhere are immoral and profane, selfish and untruthful, disorderly and unbrotherly towards each other and unmindful of their most important duties. But, my brethren, let it not be so with us ; but let us so live that when at length the time for doing so shall come we may call our children and those we love to the side of our dying bed, and with good old Jacob, the servant of God, lay our hands upon their heads and bless them in the name of the Lord, and say with the Holy Apostle Paul, another faithful servant of the Most High “ Be ye followers of me as I have been of Christ : the things which ye heard and seen of me do, and the God of Peace be with you.”

Live like these good servants of the Lord, and you will prove yourselves to be fit material, perfect ashlar, and at the same time prepare other material such as the Great Master and Grand Architect shall approve as fitted for a place in the walls of the Heavenly Temple, not made with hands Eternal in the heavens.

Again being citizens, members of the great family of man, and of the body politic, we should cherish a spirit of true patriotism,—a pub-

lic spirit—a largeness of heart—a love for our fellow men, and a readiness to aid according to our ability every good and laudable enterprise. Our manner of life should not be selfish; for men are so knit together that none can live to themselves, none can suffer without others suffering with them; none can prosper without others partaking of that prosperity; all ought to feel an interest in the general good. The manner in which this public spirit should practically exhibit itself is exemplified in the Scripture with which our text is connected. So dear was the common object to every Jew then present in Jerusalem that many laboured in building the wall who had no property in the city to protect. It is also worthy of remark that some were so full of zeal in the common cause that after they had completed the work assigned them they were not content to remain idle spectators but each helped his neighbor. Let the example of these Jews teach us the spirit and manner in which we should labor to promote every good and holy enterprise—the well-being of our craft—the interests of our common country—the good of our fellowmen—the advancement of true religion to the end that all things may be settled by our endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. The work we have undertaken is great; let us lose no time in idleness, but labor diligently in building the broken down walls of the heavenly temple and of the holy city that now lies waste and desolate; let us labor hereunto with enlarged hearts one towards another; let us not forget those about us who are struggling with great difficulties even while we are laboring to provide for our necessities; thus, by the help of God, we shall prove ourselves to be worthy masons, and thus all men seeing our good works will join us in glorifying our Heavenly Father.

In conclusion, let me show you how the lesson presented by your consideration is illustrated by the life and teachings of St. John the Evangelist, whose memory is so cherished by all masons, that from time immemorial his festival is observed and honoured as their great day.

He was a Galilean, the son of Zebedee and Salomé, and the younger brother of St. James the Apostle. He is thought to have been the youngest of all the Apostles at the time when he was chosen by the Lord to that great honour. He was a man of a loving, affectionate and sympathetic disposition, as is evident from the style of, and matter

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in his writings. Being of a loving temper himself, he was greatly loved in return by his master Jesus Christ; for not only was he one of the three disciples whom the Saviour permitted to witness his transfiguration and his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, but he is also described as the disciple whom Jesus loved, and it was to him that our blessed Lord, when just about to yield up his life, committed the care of his mother, the Virgin Mary.

From the life and character of St. John, we learn to abound in the practice of charity and love to our neighbors, which ought to be the distinguishing mark of every good mason. Wherein does this charity and love to our neighbors consist? The beautiful parable of the good Samaritan naturally suggests the answer, it consists in doing all manner of good offices and kindnesses to our neighbor. If he be a good man we shall esteem and regard him; if he be honest, but weak in judgment, we shall feel disposed to succor and aid him; if he be wicked we shall seek to reclaim him; if he receives good we shall rejoice with him; if he receives evil we shall sympathise with him; if he has faults we shall desire to shield them as far as we honestly and truthfully can; his honor and good name we shall vindicate. Again, if we ourselves receive evil, charity will make us slow to anger, easy to be entreated, and ready to forgive.

Finally, brethren, strive to imitate the bright and glorious example of St. John the Evangelist, by your brotherly love, your pure and godly lives, your truthfulness and uprightness, always obeying the apostolic injunction, "Honour all men; love the brotherhood; Fear GOD: Honour the King."

After the sermon a collection was taken up in aid of the funds of the Montreal General Hospital, and the amount received paid to the Treasurer of that Institution.

After Divine Service the procession was reformed, and the members returned to the Lodge Room, where the business of Grand Lodge was resumed.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Hon. Thomas Wood, seconded by W. Bro. Dr. Baker, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to Rev. Bro. Ellegood, Incumbent of the Church of St. James the Apostle, and also to Dr. Davis, Organist, and to the Choir of that Church,

for their kind services, and the Wardens for the use of the Church for the purposes of Grand Lodge this evening.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Edgar, seconded by Rev. Bro. W. C. Clarke, and

Resolved.—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the R. W. the Grand Chaplain, for the able and eloquent sermon preached by him this evening to the members of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Meigs, seconded by W. Bro. J. P. Martin :

That whereas it has come to the knowledge of this Grand Lodge, that the Grand Orient of France has invaded the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana by recognizing Clandestine Lodges therein,

Wherefore be it Resolved.—That this Grand Lodge will refuse all communications or intercourse with the Grand Orient of France until that Grand body shall withdraw all assumed or pretended authority from the territory of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

A long debate ensued on this motion, which was carried on the following division :—Yeas 41, Nays 7.

The Grand Secretary was desired to communicate the foregoing to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and also to the Grand Orient of France.

And it being 11 of the clock, p.m., Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again for the transaction of business on the morrow at 9.30 A.M., at which hour it was agreed that the action of the joint committees named, the one by the M. W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, the other by a Convention of Lodges in this Province of Quebec, still under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, should be taken into the consideration of this Grand Lodge.

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THURSDAY MORNING, 28th September, 1871.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9 A.M., this day,—a very large number of Brethren and Visitors being present :

The Roll was called by the Grand Secretary, and the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. was implored by the Grand Chaplain on the proceedings.

R. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas, near this Grand Lodge, was announced and received with Grand Honors.

The Grand Secretary, by direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, then read the following letter which was received on the evening of the 14th September, instant, and the subsequent correspondence connected therewith:

MONTREAL, 14th September, 1871.

J. H. Isaacson, Esq., G.S., &c.,

DEAR SIR & R. W. BROTHER,—At a meeting held at the Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes, yesterday, of the representatives of the Lodges in this Province, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, a resolution was passed declaring the opinion of the meeting that efforts should be made to restore harmony to the Craft in the Province of Quebec by uniting all the Lodges within the Province under one jurisdiction, and appointing a Committee of seven to confer with a Committee or Committees to be appointed by Lodges working under other jurisdictions with that object.

At a meeting of the Committee subsequently held, we were instructed to enquire whether the Brethren for whom you act as Grand Secretary, would be prepared to name a Committee for such conference, and if so, what time it would be convenient for such Committee to meet that appointed at the assembly aforesaid.

Yours truly and fraternally,

(Signed,)

A. A. STEVENSON,

Chairman.

(Signed,)

THOS. WHITE, JR.,

Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

Grand Secretary's Office,

MONTREAL, 14th September, 1871, 7.57 P.M.

J. H. GRAHAM, Esq.,

Grand Master, G.L. of Q.,

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR & DEAR BRO.,—On the other side I forward for your information copy of a document received at this late hour.

I shall be glad to have instructions from you as to the nature of the reply I am to give.

For your further information I have to state that I have had verbal communications with Brothers White, Urquhart and McKenzie of

Montreal, and Bros. Lynch, Erskine and the W. M. of Shefford Lodge, from the Country, anent Masonic troubles. They appear anxious for a settlement. I desire to say that all the Craft on the Quebec side in this City, with whom I have conversed, and several Masters from the country entertain similar feelings, all hope that *if it can be done consistently*, it will be well to have matters so advanced that the G. L. of C. supporters might come over to us before the 27th instant, date of meeting of our Grand Lodge.

I write very hurriedly, and remain,

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary, G.L. of Q.

The M. W. the Grand Master stated, that as soon as possible after his reception from the Grand Secretary of the document from Bros. White and Stevenson, just read, he had deemed it his duty to appoint the following Brethren as a Committee to meet any Committee which might be named in the premises, viz., R. W. Bros. J. H. Pratten, M. R. Meigs, Rev. C. P. Reid, Thomas Milton, Frank Edgar, M. M. Tsit, and Grand Secretary.

To the foregoing letter from R. W. Bro. T. White, the following reply was returned :

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A.F. & A.M.

Grand Secretary's Office,

MONTREAL, 15th September, 1871.

Thos. White, Esq., G.S.W., G.L. of C.

R. W. AND DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of a communication of yesterday's date, signed "A. A. Stevenson, Chairman," and "Thos. White, Jr., Secretary," referring to a meeting held at Masonic Hall of representatives of lodges in this Province, working under the jurisdiction of the G. L. of C., &c., &c., and for your information have to state that the said communication has been transmitted to M.W. Bro. J. H. Graham, who has instructed me by telegraph to say it will receive immediate attention.

I am, R. W. Sir and dear Bro.,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary, G.L. of Q.

On the next day, another communication was addressed to R. W. Bro. T. White, on the subject, copy of which is as follows:

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A.F. & A.M.,

Grand Secretary's Office,

MONTREAL, 16th September, 1871.

Thos. White, Jr., Esq., D.G.M., G.L. of C.,

R. W. SIR AND DEAR BRO.,—In reply to your communication of the 14th inst., of which I had the honor to acknowledge the receipt on the 15th, I am directed by the M. W. the Grand Master of the G. L. of Q., to state that he has given the subject matter of said communication his most serious consideration, and that he has been pleased cheerfully to appoint the following prudent and well known brethren as a Committee, to confer with any other Committee to be named by other jurisdictions, for the purposes set forth in your communication, viz., R. W. Bros. H. J. Pratten, D.G.M., M. R. Meigs, G.S.W., Thos. Milton, G.J.W., Rev. U. P. Reid, G. Chap., F. Edgar, P.D.D. G.M., V. W. Bro. Tait, P.M., and the subscriber.

The M. W. the Grand Master desires me to express his fervent hope and earnest expectation, that the result of the proposed conference and mutual deliberations will lead to an early adjustment of all the differences which exist in the Craft, and so by the blessing of the G.A.O. T.U., unity, harmony and prosperity, to the fraternity in the Province will be secured.

The M. W. the Grand Master, requests me further to state, that if quite convenient and acceptable to the Brethren with whom you act, he would suggest Thursday evening next, the 21st instant, as the time for the meeting of the joint committees. Will you kindly inform me if that will suit?

With assurance of fraternal regard and esteem,

I am, R. W. Sir, yours truly,

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary, G. L. of Q.

A letter, as below, was sent to each brother named on the Committee by the M. W. the Grand Master:

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A.F. & A.M.,

Grand Secretary's Office,

18th September, 1871.

R. W. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER,

I am instructed by the M. W. the Grand Master, to state for your

information, that a meeting of representatives of Lodges in this Province, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, (of which meeting M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P.G.M., G. L. of C., was Chairman, and R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., D.G.M., G. L. of C., was Secretary), was held in this city on the 13th inst.—that a resolution was passed thereat declaring it to be the opinion of such meeting that efforts should be made to restore harmony in the Province of Quebec, by uniting all the Lodges within the Province under one jurisdiction,—and that a Committee was appointed at said meeting to confer with other Committees to be named by other jurisdictions with that object.

And I am further directed to inform you, that the M. W. the Grand Master has been pleased to name the following Brethren a Committee to confer as above, viz., R. W. Bros. H. J. Pratten, D.G.M., M. R. Meigs, G.S.W., Thomas Milton, G.J.W., Rev. C. P. Reid, G. Chap., F. Edgar, P.D.D.G.M., V. W. Bro. T. M. Tait, P.M., and the subscriber. The M. W. the Grand Master has desired me to state, that he reposes especial confidence in your prudence and ability, and recognizes your peculiar fitness to discharge the very important duties entrusted to you and other Brethren above named, by above appointment, and he wishes me to express his hope that nothing will prevent your attendance at the proposed conference, which will be holden at this City on Thursday evening next, the 21st instant, at the Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes.

The Grand Master further wishes me to say, that he trusts the result of the joint deliberations of the Committees will be promotive of the highest interests of the Craft within the Province of Quebec.

I am, R. W. Sir and dear Brother,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary, G.L. of Q.

After the above correspondence had been read, the M. W. the Grand Master informed Grand Lodge that a Committee had been named by the Convention of Lodges in Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as follows: M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, R. W. Bros. Thomas White, Jr., Rev. H. Montgomery, M. Gutman, W. Bro. Erskine, and W. Bro. Turner, for the purposes mentioned in the letter dated 14th September last, from R. W. Bro. Thos. White.

That a conference had taken place between these committees, and the following report of their action he desired to lay before Grand Lodge:

MASONIC CONFERENCE.

MONTREAL, 21st September, 1871.

A meeting of joint Committees, one named by the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the other by a meeting of representatives of Lodges in the Province of Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for the purpose of a Conference, having in view the restoration of harmony in the fraternity within the Province of Quebec, was held this evening at the Masonic Hall, Place d'Armes.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Stevenson.	R. W. Bro. H. J. Pratten.
R. " " Thos. White, Jr.	" " " M. R. Meigs.
" " " Rev. H. Montgomery,	" " " Rev. C. P. Reid.
" " " Gutman.	" " " Milton.
" " " Erskine.	" " " F. Edgar.
" " " Turner.	" " " Isaacson.

V. W. Bro. Tait.

On motion of R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, seconded by R. W. Bro. Milton, M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson was unanimously selected to act as Chairman.

On motion of R. W. Bro. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. Montgomery, R. W. Bro. Isaacson was requested to act as Secretary.

The blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. was invoked on the deliberations of the meeting by R. W. Bro. Rev. C. P. Reid.

M. W. Bro. Stevenson then briefly stated the object of the meeting. He read the resolutions passed in the Grand Lodge of Canada, under authority of which a meeting of representatives of Lodges in this Province working under that jurisdiction had been held; and he also read the resolutions passed at that meeting, appointing the Committee, now present with the exception of V. W. Bro. Racicot, who was unfortunately prevented by business from attending. He trusted that this conference would result in the restoration of peace and harmony to the craft in this jurisdiction.

After a short pause, no member of the conference rising to make

any observation, M. W. Bro. Stevenson stated that the Committee of which he was a member, learning that the general meeting could not be held until the evening, had met in the afternoon and had prepared certain resolutions, which they considered might form the basis of a union. He would, therefore, in order to facilitate matters, submit the following:

1. "That all acts done by the Grand Lodge of Canada and that of Quebec, respectively, within the Province of Quebec, and all acts done by the several Lodges hailing from those bodies respectively, so far as the same are legal under the Constitutions of the respective Grand Lodges, be declared to be legal and binding Masonic acts.

2. "That all the Lodges within the Province of Quebec, whether hailing from the Grand Lodge of Canada or from that of Quebec, be re-numbered on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, according to seniority, such seniority being determined by the date of the original warrant, the Lodge being held to be the custodian of the warrant to whom it was originally granted, whether at this time in possession of such warrant or not.

3. "That all Masonic rank acquired either in the Grand Lodge of Canada, or in that of Quebec, as well as that acquired in any subordinate Lodge in this Province, be maintained.

4. "That the Grand Lodge shall be styled 'The United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec.'

5. "That at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, at which the union is consummated, the first business shall be the election of Grand Officers, in which the representatives of all the Lodges shall take part."

After some desultory conversation on these resolutions, R. W. Bro. Reid suggested that the Committee from the Grand Lodge of Quebec should consider the resolutions alone. This was at once acceded to, and the Committee from the Grand Lodge of Canada retired. After a short time they were invited to return, when R. W. Bro. Isaacson submitted the following:

First. That the first resolution submitted should be expunged, and the following substituted, viz.:

"That all acts done by the Grand Lodge of Canada, within the Province of Quebec, and all acts done by the several lodges hailing from that Grand Lodge, so far as they do not conflict with the acts of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and are not antagonistic to the rights of Lodges and individual masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, shall be declared legal and binding Masonic acts.

"That all acts of the Grand Lodge of Quebec within this Province, and all acts done by her several Lodges, shall be declared legal and binding."

"Second. That all the words in the second resolution submitted after the words, 'according to seniority,' shall be struck out and the following inserted in their place: 'Such seniority to be determined by the Grand Lodge of Quebec.'

"Third. That the whole of this resolution, as it stands, being agreed to shall remain.

"Fourth. That the fourth and fifth propositions being objected to *in toto* shall be struck out."

R. W. Bro. White enquired what acts would be considered as antagonistic by the terms of the first resolution? It was replied that acts of suspension would be, and that the issuing of duplicate warrants would also come under this head.

R. W. Bro. White said that so far as suspensions were concerned these were to be removed in the event of agreement; but as to duplicate lodges, it might facilitate matters to state at the outset that as representing the Grand Lodge of Canada, they could consent to nothing which would imperil the existence of any Lodge now working under that Grand Lodge.

A long conversation ensued, embracing all matters in dispute between the parties, but with no apparent prospect of any satisfactory settlement; and the Committees again separated with the object of devising some plan which would meet the mutual objections. On re-assembling, R. W. Bro. White said that the difficulty about suspensions could be met by excepting them in terms in the first resolution; and that as the status of duplicate lodges, in the matter of re-numbering, seemed to be the chief difficulty, he thought it could be met by striking out the words after "warrant," near the end of the 2nd resolution originally submitted, and substituting the following:

"But in cases of duplicate lodges the question of priority be submitted to a Committee of six brethren, to be composed equally of brethren representing the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

And as to the last two resolutions, while they thought they ought to be conceded in the interests of perfect harmony and peace, they would not be pressed.

R. W. Bro. Edgar submitted the following as having been agreed to by the Committee from the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

"1st. That the Committee representing the Lodges in this Province holding warrants and working under and acknowledged by the Grand

Lodge of Canada, express their willingness to join the Grand Lodge of Quebec as it at present exists, upon the following terms and conditions :

" That the Committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec agree to recommend to their Grand Lodge that their lodges be accepted as they stand at present, all questions as to name of Lodge, priority of number, holding of Warrant of such lodges as have duplicate warrants by both Grand Lodges, be left entirely to a Committee to be named two, by ———, and two by ——— ; this Committee to choose an arbitrator, and their decisions on all questions to be final.

" All questions of priority of the other lodges to be settled by the same Committee."

The wording of this resolution was strongly objected to. But as the two resolutions approached each other pretty nearly, it was, after some debate, agreed to appoint a sub-committee to prepare resolutions which might meet the views of both parties as expressed during the conference, and adjourn until the following morning.

The following Committee was chosen for this purpose: M. W. Bro. Stevenson, R. W. Bros. Isaacson, Edgar, White, Gutman, and V. W. Bro. Tait.

And the Conference adjourned at half-past one o'clock, A.M.

MONTREAL, 22nd September, 1871.

The Sub-Committee met this morning in the Masonic Hall rooms, Place d'Armes, and R. W. Bro. White submitted the following draught of Resolutions :

Resolved,—" That this Committee, composed equally of representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada and of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, duly authorised by their respective Grand Lodges to act together in considering the unfortunate differences which separate the Craft in this Province of Quebec, and being influenced by a desire to heal those differences and to restore harmony and peace to Freemasonry within this Province, mutually agree upon the following terms as a basis for union, viz ;

1. " That all acts done by the Grand Lodge of Canada, within the Province of Quebec, excepting acts of suspension arising out of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec ; and all acts done by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, excepting suspensions arising out of differences incident to the formation of the said Grand Lodge, be declared to be legal Masonic acts.

2. " That all lodges within the Province of Quebec, whether working under the Grand Lodge of Canada, or under the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be re-numbered on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Quebec according to seniority ; and that with a view to determining the question of seniority, the duty of such re-numbering be submitted to a Commission to be com-

posed of three brethren to be named by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and three brethren to be named by the Committee representing the Grand Lodge of Canada, who shall have full power to take evidence with a view to arriving at a just conclusion, and who may, if they so desire, select some brother as umpire in case of any serious difference of opinion; the report of such committee to be final.

3. "That all Masonic rank acquired either in the Grand Lodge of Canada or in the Grand Lodge of Quebec, or in any lodge working under those Grand Lodges respectively, be maintained and continued."

"And the Committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec hereby agree to submit the above terms for the acceptance of their Grand Lodge; and the Committee representing the Grand Lodge of Canada hereby agree to recommend the above terms to the Representatives of lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Quebec, at a meeting to be held by such representatives, and to which the Committee are required by the terms of their appointment, to report, and to urge that they be accepted; and that thereupon the said lodges unite with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and request the Grand Lodge of Canada, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Annual Convention of said Grand Lodge, to give up and cede all the territory which it has occupied since 1855 in that part of Canada constituting the Province of Quebec, make all just and proper financial settlements, remove all suspensions, and do all such acts as may be necessary to a full and complete recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

R. W. Bro. Isaacson submitted the following draught Resolutions for adoption:

"Whereas, unhappily differences and disputes have arisen and are now existing in Masonry in the Province of Quebec, between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., and her subordinates of the one part; and the several lodges in the said Province still holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada of the other part;

"And Whereas, with the view to terminate and for ever end said differences and to restore harmony throughout the Craft in the said Province, the said lodges to wit: the said party of the second part, are willing to amalgamate and join with the said party of the first part, to wit: the said The Grand Lodge of Quebec; and the said party of the first part are willing to accept said lodges into their organization or Grand body the same as if the said lodges had originally taken part in said organization.

"And it is agreed by both said parties that all questions, such as name of lodges, priority of number, holding of warrants, and duplicate of warrants in said Province, shall be left entirely to a Committee of six, three of whom shall be named by the party of the first part, and three by the party of the second part, with power to said Committee to name an arbitrator; and the decision of said Committee and Umpire to be final."

The representatives of the Grand Lodge of Canada objected to these resolutions, because under them the Committee would have power to consider the question of the existence of duplicate or other lodges established since October, 1869, by the Grand Lodge of Canada. On the other hand, R. W. Bro. Isaacson explained that there was no such intention, and that the resolution did not give any such power to the proposed Committee. R. W. Bro. White suggested that this should be clearly stated in the resolutions; but as R. W. Bro. Isaacson declined to alter them, it was agreed to submit both draughts to the general Committee.

MONTREAL, 22nd September, 1871.

The Joint Committees assembled at place of former meeting this day, at eleven o'clock, a.m. Present:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, R. W. Bros. White, Isaacson, Reid, Gutman, Milton, Montgomery, Edgar, Erskine, V. W. Bro. Tait, and W. Bro. Turner.

The draught Resolutions, as above, were submitted by R. W. Bros. Isaacson and White respectively. After a long discussion, the Committees separated, and on reassembling the following was submitted and unanimously agreed to:

"Whereas, unhappily, differences and disputes have arisen, and are now existing in masonry in the Province of Quebec, between the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. & A.M., and her subordinates on the one part, and the several lodges in the said Province still holding under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada on the other part.

"And, whereas, with the view to terminate and forever end said differences and to restore harmony throughout the Craft in the said Province, the said lodges, to wit: the said party of the second part, are willing to amalgamate and join with the said party of the first part, to wit: the said the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the said party of the first part are willing to accept said lodges into their organization or Grand body, the same as if they, the said lodges, had originally taken part in said organisation.

"And it is agreed by both said parties that all questions, viz, names of lodges, distribution of property in the case of duplicate lodges, and priority of number in the case of all lodges, shall be left entirely to a committee of six, three of whom shall be named from the party of the first part, and three from the party of the second part, with power to said committee to name an arbitrator, and the decision of said committee and umpire to be final.

"And the committee representing the Grand Lodge of Quebec, hereby agree to submit the above terms for the acceptance of their Grand Lodge.

And the committee representing the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, hereby agree to recommend the above terms to the representatives of the lodges at a meeting to be held by such representatives for that purpose."

The Conference then adjourned.

A. A. STEVENSON,

Chairman.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Secretary.

R. W. Bro. Meigs, to whom the above resolutions had been submitted, having expressed his dissent therefrom, declined being present to vote.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, seconded by W. Bro. C. Judge, and

Resolved,—That the vote on the discussion about to take place, anent the action of Joint Committees, be taken, if need be, by the roll call of delegates, each delegate to answer his name as called, and then to give the votes to which he is entitled.

It was then moved by R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, and seconded by R. W. Bro. Milton :

"That the report of the Special Committee, as embodied in the foregoing 'protocol,' be received and adopted by this Grand Lodge."

After discussion, an amendment by R. W. Bro. Meigs was laid before the Grand Lodge, as was also an amendment to the amendment, moved by R. W. Bro. James Dunbar.

During the discussion which followed, M. W. Bro. Thomas D. Harrington, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was announced as being present in the ante-room and desirous to visit this Grand Lodge.

This announcement was received with evident symptoms of great gratification, and after a few moments spent in making preparations to receive the illustrious brother in a manner becoming his exalted position and worth, he was admitted into the lodge and received with Grand Honors and the utmost enthusiasm.

The M. W. the Grand Master descended from the throne, and meeting M. W. Bro. Harrington in the body of Grand lodge, the two eminent Brothers exchanged a warm greeting, and M. W. Brother

Harrington took his seat on the dais at the left of the Grand Master, and was again welcomed with the heartiest applause, which he acknowledged in a most feeling and becoming manner.

The Board of General Purposes made the following report on the report of Grand Secretary :

MONTREAL, September 27, 1871.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec :

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows, that they have carefully considered Report of Grand Secretary, and congratulates Grand Lodge upon the very great progress made by Grand Lodge of Quebec, as represented by said Report, and the Board gladly avails itself of this opportunity to congratulate Grand Lodge upon possessing a Grand Secretary able and willing to devote the necessary time and ability required to fill the office of Grand Secretary in so perfect a manner.

S. J. FOSS,

Chairman.

The Board of General Purposes also reported in favor of an increase of one hundred dollars per annum to the Grand Secretary's Salary.

Both reports were received and adopted.

The Board further reported to recommend an allowance of one hundred dollars to the M. W. the Grand Master, towards compensation for expenses incurred by him for stationery, postages, &c., &c.

Report received and adopted.

The Board reported also in favor of the payment of thirty dollars to the Grand Tyler for his two years services to this Grand Lodge.

This report was received and adopted.

The subject of the action of Joint Committees was then resumed, and R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray withdrew his motion in favor of the following substantive motion :

Moved by R. W. Bro. Dunbar, seconded by R. W. Bro. Bowen :

"That the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Resolutions be struck out, and the following substituted :

"That the Grand Lodge of Quebec being sincerely desirous of ending said unhappy differences and restoring harmony in the Craft in this Pro-

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vince, will receive under its jurisdiction any Regular Lodge now existing in the Province of Quebec under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, but not any such lodge established by duplicate warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada, within the territory and jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that a Committee of—of this Grand Lodge be now appointed to confer with a Committee of equal number to be named by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Canada to effect a settlement upon this basis; said Committee of this Grand Lodge to report to the Grand Master within six months, who is hereby requested to call a Special Meeting of Grand Lodge to ratify the action of the Committee."

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. Meigs, seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. W. C. Clarke:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been for the last two years the Supreme Masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec, and has been recognised as such by twenty-three Sovereign Masonic Bodies: and whereas the Grand Lodge of Canada, in violation of the well-established principles of Grand Lodge supremacy, has persistently and repeatedly invaded and continues to invade the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge,—therefore be it

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge re-assert her supremacy as the Sovereign Masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec.

That all acts of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the formation of Lodges, and the issuing of duplicate Warrants, in this Province since October 20, 1869, were and are hereby declared to be irregular and an infringement of the rights of this Grand Lodge.

That the Grand Secretary be instructed to invite all Lodges, that were in existence prior to October 20, 1869, in our territory, to affiliate with this Grand Lodge, with the same rights and privileges as if they, the said Lodges, had assisted in the formation of this Grand Lodge.

That the Grand Master be authorized to proclaim at any time before the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, as may seem best to him, non-intercourse with any lodge or pretended lodge in this jurisdiction that persistently refuses to recognise the supremacy of this Grand Lodge.

That to all lodges irregularly formed since October 20, 1869, this Grand Lodge is disposed to extend all the clemency that is consistent with the maintenance of the integrity of this Grand Lodge, and the Constitution of the Order, even to the issuing of new Warrants and healing of work already done, provided always that the rights of lodges already recognized by this Grand Lodge be not in any way infringed.

That the Grand Master be authorized to order the foregoing to be communicated at such time as may seem expedient to him to those Grand Bodies that are already in fraternal correspondence with this Grand Lodge,

and request their co-operation and assistance in maintaining the authority and supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in the Province of Quebec, and vindicating the sovereignty of Grand Lodges in their respective territories.

A long and animated discussion ensued; the following Brethren taking part therein, R. W. Bros. Alex. Murray, Meigs, Kemp, Rev. W. C. Clarke, Isaacson, Dunbar, Hon. Thos. Wood, V. W. Bro. G. O. Tyler, W. Bro. Wood, and others.

The Grand Lodge was called off for the space of one hour at 2.30 o'clock, p.m., to enable members to reflect on the important subject before Grand Lodge.

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Grand Lodge resumed labor at 3.30 p.m.

Prayer to the G.A.O.T.U. was offered by Rev. Bro. W. C. Clarke.

The Board of General Purposes reported on District Deputy Grand Masters' Reports as follows:

R E P O R T .

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are gratifying proofs of the general prosperity and harmony of the Craft. The District Grand Masters for the Districts of Montreal and Bedford, bring under notice two violations of the rights of Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Canada, in establishing two lodges in their respective Districts. The question presented by these facts is one of the utmost importance, but in view of the recent conference held by the Committee of this Grand Lodge, and a Committee of Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Board abstains from characterising the conduct of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and from recommending any action thereon, until the Grand Lodge shall have dealt with the report of said Conference.

The Board recommends that Warrants be granted to "Excelsior" Lodge, Acton, "Graham" Lodge, Bolton Centre, and "Canadian" Lodge, Granby, which have been working under Dispensation.

JAMES DUNBAR,

Chairman.

On motion of R. W. Brother Pratten, seconded by W. Brother Featherstone:

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The Report of the Board of General Purposes on District Deputy Grand Masters' Reports, was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar gave Notice of Motion for next Annual Communication :

That Clause 1 of Article in "Proposing Members," be altered as follows, to omit the words after "which" in the fifth line "he is or," to add to the said clause the following words : "no brother is permitted to be a member of more than one lodge."

R. W. Bro. Miller gave notice for next Annual Communication to amend the Constitution by erasing the word "Stadacona," and insert in its stead the words "Quebec and Three Rivers."

R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns gave notice for the next Annual Communication, to amend Art. 12, under heading "Private Lodges," so as to read "twelve months," instead of "six months," as the time at which a candidate having been rejected may be ballotted for again.

R. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, in pursuance of his notice at last Annual Communication, then moved, seconded by W. Bro. Goff :

That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be changed in so far as that the Annual Communications shall be held alternately in the several Masonic Districts of this Province.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

R. W. Bro. S. J. Foss gave notice, that at the next Annual Communication he would move :

That Article 3, in page 49 of the Constitution be changed by omitting the word "initiated," and inserting in its place the words "receive the petition of," by omitting the words "without the consent by a resolution of that lodge, which shall be signified in writing."

W. Bro. C. Judge gave notice for the next Annual Communication to amend the Constitution by adding to Article , on Regalia of D.D.G.M., the words following, to wit :

"Nevertheless the D.D.G.M. may be permitted to wear a chain similar to that allowed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England for Provincial Grand Masters."

The Election of Officers of this Grand Lodge, and for four members of the Board of General Purposes, was then proceeded with, and the M. W. the Grand Master named the following Brethren as scrutineers of the Ballot, viz. :

R. W. Bros. Alex. Murray, Leet, and W. Bro. Goff.

The ballots having been distributed, the following Brethren were declared duly elected, viz.:

M. W. BRO. JOHN HAMILTON GRAHAM, of Richmond, unanimously re-elected Grand Master.

R. W. BRO. JAMES DUNBAR, of Quebec, Deputy Grand Master.

" " " THOMAS MILTON, of Montreal, Grand Senior Warden.

" " " H. W. WOODS, M.D., of Knowlton, G. Junior Warden.

" " " REV W. C. CLARKE, of Ormstown, Grand Chaplain.

" " " H. M. ALEXANDER, Montreal, re-elected G. Treasurer.

" " " TIMOTHY LEET, of Danville, Grand Registrar.

" " " JOHN H. ISAACSON, of Montreal, re-elected G. Secretary.

By an open vote of Grand Lodge:

BRO. WM. SEELY, of Dunham, was re-elected Grand Tyler.

The following named Brethren having been nominated by the Representatives and Past Masters of the lodges of the several Districts in this Province, to be District Deputy Grand Masters, were approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz.:

R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, Montreal, for Montreal District.

" " " M. R. MEIGS, M.D., Stanbridge, Bedford District.

" " " S. J. FOSS, Sherbrooke, St. Francis District.

" " " WM. MILLER, Quebec, Stadacona District.

Elected Members of the Board of General Purposes:

R. W. Bro. I. H. TEARNS, Montreal District.

" " J. P. MARTIN, Bedford District.

" " " GEO. H. BORLASE, St. Francis District.

" " " C. JUDGE, Stadacona District.

The place on the Board of R. W. Bro. James Dunbar having become vacant, in consequence of his resignation thereof on his election as Deputy Grand Master, W. Bro. Hunter of Quebec, was nominated by the Grand Master to fill the same for the unexpired term Bro. Dunbar should have served.

The following Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge were then installed by M. W. Bro Josiah H. Drummond, Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Maine,

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duced by M. W. Bro. J. H. Lynde, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Maine.

The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, he having been introduced by the M. W. Bro. Park Davis, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

The District Deputy Grand Masters,
 " Grand Senior Warden.
 " Grand Junior Warden.
 " Grand Chaplain.
 " Grand Treasurer.
 " Grand Registrar.
 " Grand Secretary.
 " Grand Tyler.

M. W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond then eloquently addressed Grand Lodge, congratulatory of the election.

On motion of R. W. Bro. S. J. Foss, seconded by R. W. Brother Dunbar, it was

Resolved.—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to M. W. Bros. J. H. Drummond, J. H. Lynde, and Park Davis, for their kind and able services rendered in installing Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge.

It was moved by W. Bro. Hobart Butler, seconded by Bro. Cowan and

Resolved.—That this Grand Lodge recommends to its several subordinate lodges to pay all the necessary expenses incurred by their several District Deputy Grand Masters, whilst making their tours of inspection.

The debate on the action of the Committee named by the M. W. the Grand Master to act with a Committee named by the lodges in this Province still under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada was resumed.

R. W. Bro. Dunbar, by the consent of the seconder, withdrew his motion on this subject, and the amendment of R. W. Bro. Meigs then became a substantive motion, and after a long discussion was carried, — Ayes 47, nays 4, amidst great applause.

The Grand Lodge was called off from labor to refreshment, at 6 P.M., and members and visitors were entertained by Grand Lodge at a sumptuous Banquet, conducted on temperance principles, at which able addresses were delivered by the M. W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bros. Davis, Lynde, Drummond, Tisdale, and other distinguished Brethren.

The Grand Lodge was again called to labor at 11.50 P.M.

A letter from M. W. Bro. J. Anthon, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, one from R. W. Bro. Talcott, Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of New York, and a telegram from R. W. Bro. Robert Ramsay of Orillia, Pro. Ont., were read by the Grand Secretary, in which each of those Brethren expressed their regret at his inability to be present at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Bowen, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, it was

Resolved,—That the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to appoint a Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the ensuing year.

The M. W. the Grand Master named the following as such Committee, viz.: R. W. Bros W. C. Clarke, Frank Edgar, and Grand Secretary.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following report on the Grand Master's address:

Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A.F. & A.M., in Second Annual Communication assembled:

The Board of General Purposes to whom was referred the Annual Address from the Throne, begs leave most respectfully to report, that having carefully weighed and considered the able, lucid, and truly masonic address of the M. W. Grand Master, the Board with unfeigned pleasure is able to felicitate the M. W. the Grand Master and this Grand Lodge upon the many tokens of Divine regard vouchsafed to them during the past year, to this Grand Lodge an eventful one, and yet one on which they can ever look back with the deepest gratitude, upon the unusual success which crowned those efforts that have been put forth in order to complete the work so wisely begun and so harmoniously carried forward until now when the Grand Lodge of Quebec can rejoice in possessing a Masonic Temple, whose foundation is laid deep on the inherent principles of masonic right and truth, and whose symetry and structure is the admiration of already twenty-three of our sister Grand Lodges of the Continent of America, and the Board indulges in the well grounded hope that ere another year shall have passed, the sopestone will be laid amid the congratulations of the entire Masonic world, or at least of all such as aim at

making our noble Fraternity what it inherently is, a universal bond of brotherhood, when mistrust and acrimony shall give place to confidence and friendship, and when we and all Masons sojourning in our fair Province shall strive only to emulate each other in the practice of our cardinal virtues, "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

The Board most heartily congratulates this Grand Lodge upon the presence of so many of the most distinguished Masonic jurists of America, and accepts their presence as the most satisfactory evidence of the entire correctness of the principles for which this Grand Lodge has contended since its inception, and cheerfully unites with the Grand Master in the expression of our lasting indebtedness for our success to the able advocacy of these distinguished Brethren.

The Board avails itself of this opportunity of uniting with the Grand Master in recording its sense of the obligation under which this Grand Lodge is placed to the Brethren of the late Provincial Grand Lodge of Quebec and Three Rivers, English Register, for the magnificent banner and regalia presented to this Grand Lodge by them.

The Board hopes that a more perfect knowledge of the Grand Orient of Belgium, will enable this Grand Lodge at no distant day to establish fraternal relations with that Grand Body, and thus add another link to the Masonic Chain that now binds the two continents.

The Board records its sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in its struggles with the Grand Orient of France, for the establishment of principles, in some points similar to those for which this Grand Lodge has always contended, and recommend to this Grand Lodge to give such an expression of opinion on the matter as to them may seem masonically just.

With respect to the relations between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada, and also with regard to those fundamental principles which should govern masons and lodges subordinate and supreme, the Board would only recommend this Grand Lodge to adopt the views of the Grand Master as set forth in his address as their oft affirmed sentiments and opinions; and trusts that the day is not far distant when the Grand Lodge of Canada will consider it to be alike her duty and honor to be on the most fraternal terms with her young sister of Quebec.

The Board reiterates the sentiments of the Grand Master on that most vital of social questions "Temperance," and earnestly trusts

that every member of this Fraternity will consider it as a duty which he owes to himself, his country and this Grand Lodge, to abstain from all excess, and carefully to guard and control all customs and habits which may lead to excess.

It is the duty of all Masons to increase in knowledge of those great principles which as Masons should guide them through life, to this end the Board recommends the early study of the Volume of the Sacred Law, and such works on Masonic literature as tend to make them wiser masons and better men. While the Board does not claim that masonry is Christianity, yet it ventures to assert, that the principles of masonry are not in antagonism with those of Christianity, but on the other hand are in perfect accord with them.

In conclusion, the Board joins in paying a tribute of respect to the memory of those Brethren who have been called during the last year from the labors of earth to the refreshments of Heaven.

The Board recommends the adoption of the Address, and records its sense of the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, to the M. W. the Grand Master.

All of which is submitted in the name of the Board,

W. C. CLARKE,

Vice President.

The report was read and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Bowen, seconded by R. W. Brother Dunbar, and

Resolved—That a vote of thanks be given, and the same is hereby tendered to the Trustees of the British Masonic Chambers for the use of their Rooms for the purposes of the present Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Bowen, seconded by R. W. Brother Featherstone, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the directors of "The Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada," and to the directors of "The Vermont Central Railway," and the directors of the "The Massawippi Valley Railway," for their kindness in granting the delegates and visitors to this Grand Lodge tickets to and from Montreal at single fare.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Bowen, seconded by V. W. Brother Coquillotte, and

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Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to John Lovell, Esq., of this City, the proprietor of the "Daily News" newspaper, for his courtesy in publishing so early the Grand Master's address, and for other kindnesses to this Grand Lodge often and cheerfully rendered.

No further business offering, the Grand Secretary read the rough minutes of the proceedings to the close, which were approved.

The labors of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in **AMPLE** form with solemn prayer.

ATTEST.



John B. Leachon
Grand Secy
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OFFICERS APPOINTED BY G.M.

Subsequently the M. W. the Grand Master has been pleased to make the following appointments:

V. W. Bro. C. JUDGE, Quebec,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" " " C. S. ROWE, Clarenceville,	Grand Junior Deacon.
" " " E. C. BARRON, Quebec,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " " C. M. ALEXANDER, Montreal,	Grand Organist.
" " " DAVID WRIGHT, Montreal,	Grand Pursuivant.
" " " E. M. COPELAND, Montreal,	Grand Steward.
" " " H. L. JACQUAYS, Abercorn,	do.
" " " M. BURNIE, Richmond,	do.
" " " D. SALT, Stottsville,	do.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES

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

Arkansas.....	Luke E. Barber	Little Rock.
Columbia, District of	Noble R. Larner	Washington.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Georgia	J. Emmett Blackshear.....	Macon.
Illinois.....	Orlin H. Miner	Springfield.
Indiana.....	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	Theodore S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
Kansas.....	E. T. Carr	Leavenworth.
Maine	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Michigan	James Fenton.....	Detroit.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Nebraska	R. W. Furness.....	Brownsville.
New Hampshire	Abel Hutchins	Concord.
New York.....	James M. Austin, M.D.....	New York.
Nevada.....	W. A. M. Van Bakkelen.....	Virginia.
Nova Scotia.....	Benj. Curren, D.O.L.	Halifax.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Rhode Island.	Charles D. Greene	Providence.
Texas	Geo. H. Bringham	Houston.
Vermont.....	Henry Clarke	Rutland.
Wisconsin.	Thos. H. Logan	Wheeling.

REPRESENTATIVES

IN THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

R. W. Bro.	W. B. Colby.....	Stanstead,
		From Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.
" " "	J. H. Isaacson.....	Montreal,
		From Grand Lodge of Maine.
" " "	I. H. Stearns	Montreal,
		From Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.
" " "	M. R. Meigs.....	Bedford,
		From Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.
" " "	E. Kemp.....	Nelsonville,
		From Grand Lodge of Texas.
" " "	H. P. Leggatt.....	Quebec,
		From Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
" " "	Hon. Thomas Wood.....	Dunham,
		From Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.
" " "	Thomas Milton.....	Montreal,
		From Grand Lodge of Nevada.
V. " "	C. Judge	Quebec,
		From Grand Lodge of Kansas.
R. " "	G. H. Borlase	Sherbrooke,
		From Grand Lodge of Illinois.
" " "	Frank Edgar.....	Montreal,
		From Grand Lodge of Iowa.
" " "	James Dunbar.....	Quebec,
		From Grand Lodge of Ohio.
" " "	Alexander Murray	Montreal,
		From Grand Lodge of Michigan.
" " "	S. J. Foss	Sherbrooke,
		From Grand Lodge of Mississippi.
V. " "	W. E. Coquilette	Montreal,
		From Grand Lodge of Connecticut.
R. " "	Frank Edgar	Montreal,
		From Grand Lodge of New York.
" " "	J. H. Isaacson.....	Montreal,
		From Grand Lodge of Vermont.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1871.

PRESIDENT.

R. W. B. JAMES DUNBAR, Deputy Grand Master, Quebec.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE (BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.)

M. W. Bro. JOHN HAMILTON GRAHAM, Grand Master, Richmond.

R. " " THOMAS MILTON, Grand Senior Warden, Montreal.

" " " H. W. WOODS, M.D., G. Junior Warden, Knowlton.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, (BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.)

R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, Montreal, for Montreal District.

" " " M. R. MEIGS, M.D., Stanbridge, Bedford District.

" " " S. J. FOSS, Sherbrooke, St. Francis District.

" " " WM. MILLER, Quebec, Stadacona District.

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

R. W. Bro. I. H. STEARNS, Montreal District.

" " " J. P. MARTIN, Bedford District.

" " " GEO. H. BORLASE, St. Francis District.

" " " C. JUDGE, Stadacona District.

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. FRANK EDGAR, Montreal.

" " " H. J. PRATTEN, Quebec.

V. " " E. A. BOURET, St. Armands.

" " " H. M. HOVEY, Stanstead.

MEMBERS OF BOARD RETAINING OFFICE FOR ONE YEAR.

V. W. Bro. W. E. COQUILLETTE, Montreal.

" " " C. A. RICE, Stanbridge.

" " " THOS. HART, Richmond.

" " " E. H. HANNAFORD, Montreal.

" " " JOHN ALEXANDER, Quebec.

" " " HOBART BUTLER, Dunham.

" " " T. G. FARMER, Three Rivers.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1871-2.

M. W. Bro.	JOHN HAMILTON GRAHAM, LL.D.,	Richmond,	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro.	JAMES DUNBAR,	Quebec,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " "	M. M. Tait,	Montreal,	D.D.G.M., Montreal District.
" " "	M. R. MEIGS, M.D.,	Stanbridge,	" Bedford District.
" " "	S. J. FOSS,	Sherbrooke,	" St. Francis District.
" " "	WM. MILLER,	Quebec,	" Stadacona District.
" " "	THOMAS MILTON,	Montreal,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	H. W. WOODS, M.D.,	Knowlton,	G. Junior Warden.
" " "	REV. W. C. CLARKE,	Ormstown,	Grand Chaplain.
" " "	H. M. ALEXANDER,	Montreal,	Grand Treasurer.
" " "	TIMOTHY LEET,	Danville,	Grand Registrar.
" " "	JOHN H. ISAACSON,	Montreal,	Grand Secretary.
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" " "	C. S. ROWE,	Clarenceville,	Grand Junior Deacon.
" " "	E. C. BARRON,	Quebec,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " "	C. M. ALEXANDER,	Montreal,	Grand Organist.
" " "	DAVID WRIGHT,	Montreal,	Grand Pursuivant.
" " "	WM. SEELY,	of Dunham,	Grand Tyler.
" " "	E. M. COPELAND,	Montreal,	Grand Steward.
" " "	H. L. JACQUAYS,	Abercorn,	do.
" " "	M. BURNIE,	Richmond,	do.
" " "	D. SALT,	Stottsville,	do.

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURN OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1871.

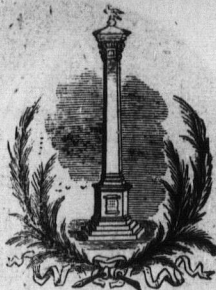
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0	Albion	Quebec	11	9	7	2	0	1	0	0	50
1	St. Johns	Quebec	10	8	5	2	17	1	0	0	49
2	Prevost	Dunham	4	3	3	4	14	1	0	0	47
3	Nelson	St Armands	9	4	4	1	1	0	0	1	39
4	Golden Rule	Stanstead	11	6	6	0	5	0	2	0	133
5	St. Andrew	Quebec	8	4	3	3	4	0	0	1	67
6	St. George	Montreal	31	22	21	2	8	1	19	1	96
7	Zetland	Montreal	10	6	3	7	3	0	0	0	41
8	Harington	Quebec	9	8	7	1	0	0	19	0	35
9	Hoyle	Lacolle	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	26
10	St. Francis	Richmond	6	6	7	0	9	0	0	0	43
11	Victoria	Sherbrooke	11	10	8	1	8	2	4	0	64
12	Stanbridge	Stanbridge	9	9	9	3	1	0	5	0	62
13	K. Iwinning	Montreal	28	19	18	2	29	4	33	0	142
14	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	21
15	Brown	West Farnham	6	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	35
16	Royal Albert	Montreal	4	3	3	7	9	0	0	0	56
17	Victoria	Montreal	5	5	5	2	9	0	0	0	18
18	St. John's	Mansonville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
19	Tuscan	Levis	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	27
20	Ascot	Lennoxville	6	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	35
21	Ashlar	Coaticooke	5	5	4	2	3	1	0	0	56
22	Frelighsburg	Frelighsburg	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	23
23	Doric	Danville	5	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	49
24	Chateauguay	Huntingdon	5	3	2	1	9	1	0	0	32
25	Milton	Three Rivers	5	2	3	4	2	1	0	0	34
26	Abercorn	Abercorn	3	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	16
27	Corner Stone	Cowansville	6	6	5	1	7	0	0	0	22
28	Clarke	Orms town	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	16
29	St. Charles	Unis Pt. St. Charles.	17	10	8	6	2	0	0	0	33
30	La Loge des Cœurs	Montreal	10	8	3	10	1	0	0	0	33
31	Graham	Bolton	7	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	14
32	Excelsior	Actonvale	18	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	18
33	Canadian	Granby	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
34	Mt. Orford	Georgeville
TOTALS			277	201	171	64	147	15	82	3	1496

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1	St. John's	Quebec	Second Wednesday	W. F. LeMesurier	W. H. I. Miller
2	Prevost	Dunham

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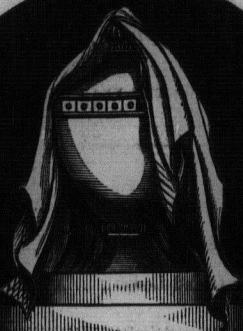
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1	St. John's.....	Quebec.....	Second Wednesday.....	" W. F. LeMesurier.....	" H. J. Miller.
2	Prevost.....	Durham.....	Tuesday on or preceding full moon.....	" H. W. Woods, M.D.....	" Stevens.
3	Nelson.....	Phillipsburg.....	Thursday.....	" E. A. Bourret.....	" P. Smith.
4	Golden Rule.....	Stanstead.....	Tuesday.....	" R. C. Parsons.....	" Jerome T. Flint.
5	St. Andrews.....	Quebec.....	First Wednesday.....	" C. C. Judge.....	" F. S. Thomas.
6	St. George.....	Montreal.....	Second Tuesday.....	" Joseph Teas.....	" James F. Raymore.
7	Zetland.....	Montreal.....	Third Tuesday.....	" M. Doyle.....	" Chas P. St. Jacques.
8	Harrington.....	Quebec.....	Third Thursday.....	" John Hunter.....	" Wm. Jacques.
9	Hoyle.....	Lacolle.....	First and Third Tuesday.....	" Daniel Salt.....	" G. Moore.
10	St. Francis.....	Richmond.....	First Thursday.....	" M. Burnie.....	" W. Brooke.
11	Victoria.....	Sherbrooke.....	Second Tuesday.....	" G. H. Borlase.....	" A. D. Bostwick.
12	Stanbridge.....	Stanbridge.....	Wednesday on or preceding full moon.....	" J. P. Martin.....	" M. V. Bryan.
13	Kilwinning.....	Montreal.....	Second Monday.....	" David Wright.....	" W. H. Hall.
14	Brown.....	W. Farnham.....	Friday on or preceding full moon.....	" C. P. Taber.....	" Hy Bowker.
15	Royal Albert.....	Montreal.....	First Wednesday.....	" J. J. Barnard.....	" John Anderson.
16	Victoria.....	Montreal.....	First Monday.....	" J. T. McMinin.....	" Wm. LeMesurier.
17	St. John's.....	Mansonville.....	Wednesday on or preceding full moon.....	" D. A. Manson.....	" James Churchill.
18	Ascot.....	Lenoxville.....	Monday.....	" D. F. Robertson, M.D.....	" E. W. Akhurst.
19	Ashlat.....	Coaticook.....	First Wednesday.....	" Wm. H. Cowhard.....	" John McKenzie.
20	Tuscan.....	Levis.....	First Thursday.....	" Moses Cass.....	" D. Derick.
21	Clarenceville.....	Clarenceville.....	Third Thursday.....	" C. S. Rowe.....	" Bingham Kraus.
22	Freleighsburg.....	Freleighsburg.....	Monday on or preceding full moon.....	" R. S. Whitman.....	" Wm. H. Lynch.
23	Doric.....	Danville.....	Wednesday.....	" W. E. Jordan.....	" D. Cameron.
24	Chateauguay.....	Huntingdon.....	Second Tuesday.....	" D. Boyd.....	" W. C. Farnum.
25	Milton.....	Three Rivers.....	First Wednesday.....	" G. O. Tyler.....	" B. Seaton.
26	Abercorn.....	Abercorn.....	First Thursday after full moon.....	" E. L. Jacquays.....	" Peter Cowan, Jr.
27	Corner Stone.....	Cowansville.....	Wednesday on or preceding full moon.....	" E. H. Goff.....	" Joseph Patnaude.
28	Clarke.....	Orms town.....	Second Wednesday.....	" Rev. W. C. Clarke.....	" H. T. Loomis.
29	St. Charles.....	Pt. St. Charles.....	Fourth Tuesday.....	" Thomas Milton.....	" A. Bolté.
30	La Loge des Cœurs.....	Pt. St. Charles.....	Fourth Wednesday.....	" A. Schwob.....	" Charles E. Traver.
31	Graham.....	[Unit] Bolton.....	Tuesday on or preceding full moon.....	" D. A. Manson.....	" Brock Cart-t, M. D.
32	Excelsior.....	Actonvale.....	"	" Rev. H. W. Nye.....	" T. Amyrauld.
33	Canadian.....	Granby.....	First Wednesday.....	" Thos. H. Cox, M. D.....	" A. McEwen.
-	Mount Orford.....	Georgeville.....	"	" W. M. Keys, M.D.....	



AT REST.

NAMES.	LODGE.
John Broster	Albion, No. 0
James Dean	St. Johns, " 1
Henry Shufelt	Prevost, " 2
Wm. Brodie	St. George, " 6
Andrew McKay Smith.....	Victoria, " 11
C. B. Robin.....	Do, " 11
David Maysenholder	Montreal Kilwinning, 13
E. I. Bancroft	Do do
Thos. Patterson	Do do
Robert Standish	Do do
Geo. E. Phillips	Clarenceville, " 14
J. C. Furnace	Ashlar, " 21
Rev. Alex. Wallace.....	Chateauguay, " 24
John Broster	Milton, " 25
Wm. S. Seaton	Abercorn, " 26





In Memoriam.

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

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PAST PROVINC'AL GRAND MASTER,
— OF —
QUEBEC & THREE RIVERS,
E. R.

Honorary Past Grand Master
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

DIED

On 3rd November, A.D. 1870.

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RECAPITULATION

OF RETURN OF LODGE FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1871.

Lodges working under warrants.....	34
“ “ “ dispensation	1
“ represented in Grand Lodge	29
“ organized.....	35
“ working	35
Initiations reported.....	277
Passings “	201
Raisings “	171
Joinings “	64
Resignations “	147
Deaths “	15
Restorations “	3
Members in good standing	1496