

PROCEEDINGS
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QUÉBEC,
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,
AT ITS
Fourth Annual Communication,

HELD AT
THE CITY OF MONTREAL, P. Q.,

On the 24th and 25th days of September, A.D. 1873,
A.L. 5873.

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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Grand Lodge of Quebec,

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PROCEEDINGS

At the Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held in the "British Masonic Chambers," No. 359 Notre Dame Street, in the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, on the 24th and 25th days of the month of September, A.D. 1873, A.L. 5873.

PRESENT.

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

E. W. Bro. James Dunbar, Q.C.,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Stevens Baker,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " " J. T. McMillan,	Junior Warden.
" " " H. W. Nye, M.A.,	Chaplain.
" " " H. M. Alexander,	Treasurer.
V. " " G. O. Tyler, as	Registrar.
R. " " J. H. Isaacson,	Secretary.
V. " " M. Burnie, as	Senior Deacon.
" " " J. J. Barnard,	Junior Deacon.
" " " C. S. Channell,	Director of Ceremonies.
" " " A. Schwob,	Organist.
" " " Joseph Tees,	Pursuivant.
" " " W. B. Seeley,	Tyler.
" " " W. R. Philbrick,	Steward.
" " " S. R. Whitman,	"

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, B.C.L., Montreal District.
" " " M. R. Meigs, M.D., Bedford District.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro.	Frank Edgar,	Grand Representative of	New York.
" "	James Dunbar,	" "	Ohio.
" "	I. H. Stearns,	" "	New Hampshire.
" "	J. H. Isaacson,	" "	Maine.
" "	J. H. Isaacson,	" "	Vermont.
" "	J. H. Isaacson,	" "	Utah.
" "	M. R. Meigs,	" "	Wisconsin.
" "	Hon. Thos. Wood,	" "	Louisiana.
" "	Hon. Thos. Wood,	" "	Nova Scotia.
" "	Thomas Milton,	" "	Nevada.
" "	G. H. Borlase,	" "	Illinois.
" "	Alex. Murray,	" "	Michigan.
M. "	J. H. Graham,	" "	Connecticut.
" "	J. H. Graham,	" "	Iowa.
E. "	H. W. Wood,	" "	West Virginia.
" "	M. M. Tait,	" "	Montana.
" "	H. J. Pratten,	" "	North Carolina.
" "	George O. Tyler,	" "	Georgia.
" "	O. P. Rice,	" "	Arkansas.
" "	H. M. Alexander,	" "	Argentine Republic.
V. "	H. Butler,	" "	British Columbia.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. Bro.	H. J. Pratten,	P.D.G.M.
" "	Alex. Murray,	P.D.D.G.M.
" "	I. H. Stearns,	"
" "	Frank Edgar,	"
" "	Hon. Thomas Wood,	"
" "	Wm. Miller,	"
" "	M. R. Meigs,	"
" "	Jno. Renshaw,	P.G.S.W.
" "	Thomas Milton,	"
" "	Benj. Burland,	"
" "	C. P. Taber,	P.G.R.
V. "	J. J. Barnard,	P.G.J.D.
" "	George O. Tyler,	P.G. Dir. of Cer.
" "	David Wright,	P.G.Pur.

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V. W. Bro. E. M. Copeland, P.G.S.
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 " " " M. Burnie, "

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 " " " George Thompson.
 " " " William Miller.
 " " " Hon. Thomas Wood.
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GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

- W. Bro. J. B. Charleson.
 " " James Addie.
 " " Wm. Sleeper.
 " " S. M. Sansum.
 " " W. Mead Pattison.
 V. " " S. R. Whitman.
 " " H. L. Jacquays.
 R. " " Rev. Henry W. Nye.
 " " Charles Laperche.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the R. W. the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. H. W. Nye, besought a blessing from the G.A.O.T.U. upon the forthcoming proceedings of Grand Lodge.

At High Twelve, in *ample form*, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was opened, the M. W. the Grand Master, J. H. Graham on the Throne.

Pursuant to the requirement of the Constitution, a Committee on Credentials was named, and the following Brethren composing said Committee, viz., R. W. Bro. Milton, R. W. Bro. C. P. Taber, and V. W. Bro. G. B. Charleson, reported the following as being present and entitled to take part in the business of Grand Lodge :

No. 0.

Albion Lodge, Quebec.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Miller, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.

" " George Thompson, P.M.

No. 1.

St. Johns, Quebec.

W. Bro. H. S. Miller, W.M.

No. 2.

Prevost, Dunham.

W. Bro. T. F. Wood, W.M.

" M. C. Baker, J.W.

R. W. Bro. Hon. Thos. Wood, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.,

W. Bro. W. C. Baker, P.M.

R. " " Stevens Baker, P.M., G.S.W.

" " H. W. Wood, P.M.

" " G. F. Shufelt, P.M.

" W. B. Seely, Grand Tyler.

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- No. 3. *Nelson, St. Armand Station.*
W. Bro. Charles Laperche, W.M.
" " F. H. Throop, P.M.
V. " " E. A. Bourret, P.M.
- No. 4. *Golden Rule, Stanstead.*
W. Bro. H. M. Hovey, W.M.
- No. 5. *St. Andrews, Quebec.*
W. Bro. F. T. Thomas, W.M.
R. " " H. J. Pratten, P.M., P.D.G.M.
" " " James Dunbar, P.M., D.G.M.
- No. 6. *St. George, Montreal.*
V. W. Bro. Joseph Tess, P.M.
" Charles P. Wills, J.W.
- No. 7. *Zetland, Montreal.*
W. Bro. James Cleghorn, W.M.
R. " " J. H. Isaacson, P.M.
V. " " Wm. Johnson, P.M.
" Isaac Richardson, S.W.
" Richard Tyler, J.W.
- No. 8. *Harrington, Quebec.*
W. Bro. Martin Winn, Proxy.
- No. 9. *Hoyle, La Colle.*
Not represented.
- No. 10. *St. Francis, Richmond.*
W. Bro. E. Cleveland, W.M.
M. " " J. H. Graham, P.M.
V. " " M. Burnie, P.M.
- No. 11. *Victoria, Sherbrooke.*
W. Bro. E. S. Foss, W.M.
R. " " G. H. Borlase, P.M.
- No. 12. *Stanbridge, Stanbridge.*
W. Bro. A. M. Stone, W.M.
R. " " M. R. Meigs, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
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" " " I. H. Stearns, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.

V. " " David Wright, P.M.

No. 14.

Clarenceville, Clarenceville.

R. W. Bro. M. R. Meigs, Proxy.

No. 15.

Brown, West Farnham.

R. W. Bro. C. P. Taber, P.M., Proxy.

" Robert McCorkle, S.W.

No. 16.

Royal Albert, Montreal.

R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, W.M., P.D.D.G.M.

" S. Johnston, S.W.

" J. S. Ferguson, J.W.

R. W. " H. M. Alexander, P.M., G.T.

V. " " E. M. Copeland, P.M.

" " " J. J. Barnard, P.M., G.J.D.

No. 17.

Victoria, Montreal.

R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.

" " " J. H. Isaacson, P.M.

" " " J. T. McMinn, P.M., G.J.W.

" " " M. M. Tait, P.M., D.D.G.M.

" " George C. Bown, P.M.

" J. P. Butler, S.W.

No. 18.

Milton, Thres Rivers.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, P.M., P.G.S.W.

V. " " George O. Tylef, P.M.

" W. C. Farnum, S.W.

" W. C. Pentland, J.W.

No. 19.

Tuscan, Lewis.

W. Bro. J. B. Charleson, P.M.

R. " " George Thompson, Proxy.

No. 20.

Ascot, Lennoxville.

W. Bro. Wm. Lane, W.M.

" James Reilly, J.W.

" " James Addie, P.M.

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

- No. 21. *Ashlar, Coaticooke.*
W. Bro. W. H. Cowhard, W.M.
V. " W. Sleeper, P.M.
- No. 22. *Frelighsburg, Frelighsburg.*
W. Bro. E. E. Spencer, W.M.
V. " S. R. Whitman, P.M.
" " S. M. Sansum, P.M.
" " W. Mead Pattison, P.M.
- No. 23. *Doric, Dannille.*
V. W. Bro. W. R. Philbrick, Proxy.
R. " " I. H. Stearns, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
- No. 24. *Chateauguay, Huntingdon.*
W. Bro. S. Morrison, M.D., S.W.
- No. 25. *Shovenegan, Three Rivers.*
W. Bro. J. H. Mitchell, W.M.
" Alex. McKelvie, Jr., J.W.
R. " " Geo. O. Tyler, P.M.
- No. 26. *Abercorn, Abercorn.*
W. Bro. R. F. Hamilton, M.D., W.M.
" " H. L. Jacquays, P.M.
- No. 27. *Corner Stone, Cowansville.*
W. Bro. G. F. Shufelt, Proxy.
- No. 28. *Clarke, Ormstown.*
W. Bro. James Anderson, W.M.
- No. 29. *St Charles, Point St. Charles, Montreal.*
R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, P.M.
" Wm. Young, S. W.
" G. Crawford J.W.
- No. 30. *La Loge Cœurs Unis, Montreal.*
W. Bro. A. Boisseau, W.M.
- No. 31. *Graham, Bolton Centre.*
W. Bro. H. W. McGowan, M.D., W.M.

No. 32.

Excelsior, Actonvale.

W. Bro. H. W. Nye, M.A., P.M., G. Chaplain.

No. 33.

Canadian, Granby.

Not represented.

No. 34.

Mount Orford, Georgeville.

W. Bro. W. M. Keyes, M.D., W.M.

No. 35.

St. George, Quebec.

W. Bro. Martin Winn, W.M.

No. 36.

Burland, St. Johns.

R. W. Bro. B. Burland, W.M.

" N. Joubert, S.W.

" Wm. W. Ryder, J.W.

W. " C. Laperche, P.M.

No. 37.

Prince Consort, Montreal.

W. Bro. George F. Durey, W.M.

" John Lawrence, S.W.

U.D.,

St. Andrews, Montreal.

Bro. Daniel Rose, S.W.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was, on motion, received and adopted.

A very large number of Brethren, from home and foreign jurisdictions being in attendance in the ante rooms, were permitted by the Most W. the Grand Master, to enter Grand Lodge, as visiting Brethren.

The Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of business, were read by the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of the last Annual Communication, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, D.G.M., seconded by R. W. Bro. Henry J. Pratten, and

Resolved.—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication, held on the 25th and 26th September, 1872, having been printed and distributed amongst the Lodges, the same be considered as read, and they are now hereby confirmed.

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The following Order of Business was presented by the Grand Secretary and approved :

1. The Committee on Credentials will report Representatives and Delegates entitled to take part in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.
2. Rules and Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during business will be read.
3. Reading of Minutes of last Annual Communication.
4. Receiving Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges.
5. Grand Master will deliver his address.
6. Grand Secretary's Report.
7. Grand Treasurer's Report.
8. Notices of Motions received.
9. Reports of D.D.G. Masters read.
10. Grand Chaplain will deliver his discourse.
11. Reports of Board of General Purposes.
12. To consider notice of R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar :

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,"

Of R. W. Bro. Meigs :

To amend the Constitution by striking therefrom, all that part thereof which relates to the Board of General Purposes, and to substitute in its place other regulations for transacting the business of Grand Lodge as shall be deemed expedient by Grand Lodge.

13. Election of Officers.

The Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, were introduced and received with Grand honors.

Grand Lodge was then called off from labor to refreshment, to resume business at 2.15 P.M. this day.

At 2.15 P.M. Grand Lodge re-assembled, and proceeded with the business of the Session.

The M. W. the Grand Master, J. H. Graham, delivered to the brethren assembled, his annual address, which was as follows:

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL THE
GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF
THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC:

As loyal and devoted Craftsmen, you have promptly obeyed the summons to assemble in annual communication of Grand Lodge, to render an account of another year's work, to consider well the present state of our grand moral super-structure, and carefully to draft our beneficent designs for our allotted labours in the time to come.

AT HOME

It will delight the hearts of all, that, since the last autumnal equinox, in summarizing the history of the workmen, on the ground floor, in the middle chamber, and in the inmost sanctuary.—I am enabled to report that "peace has been within our walls, and prosperity within our palaces," and that in all our temples many of the good and true have seen "that hieroglyphic bright which none but Craftsmen ever saw."

ABROAD.

It is with peculiar satisfaction that I have the honour to report to Grand Lodge, that, during the eventful year just closed, the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been duly recognized by, and has established fraternal communication and correspondence with, the Grand Lodges of California, Utah, British Columbia, and Hungary in Southern Europe, making thirty-six grand bodies which have recognized this Grand Lodge as the only rightful sovereign Masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec. This includes nearly all the Grand Lodges in North America, and some in South America and in Europe.

Other important and deeply interesting Masonic events are transpiring in both the northern and southern hemispheres, which, in due time, will be reported to you.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Our highly esteemed and Rev. Brother Norman, Master of Arts, &c., of Montreal, has been named by me as the Grand Representative

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of the Grand Orient of Hungary *near* the Grand Lodge of Quebec; R. W. Brother Christopher Stavelly, of Quebec, Grand Representative of California; V. W. Brother H. Butler, M.A., of Bedford, Grand Representative of British Columbia; and R. W. Brother J. H. Isaacson, of Montreal, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Utah, *near* this Grand Body; and I have no doubt that this interchange of representatives, now becoming very general between all the regular Grand Lodges of the world, will materially tend to cement and extend fraternal union and intercourse among the Masonic Brotherhood, in all the nations of the earth.

THE PAST TWO YEARS.

In my last annual address, I forbore discussing therein several subjects of pressing importance, at the instance of one of the contracting parties to certain negotiations then pending. I beg now, therefore, to lay before you certain matters then withheld anent the non-acceptance by this Grand Lodge, of the protocols of the Joint Committees of "Canada" and Quebec, in 1871, which to some, both at home and abroad, seemed to be a cause of regret, while to others, who viewed the conditions proposed as an effort to secure "peace at any price," the result appeared in a somewhat different light. The Committee on the part of Quebec, in the very superabundance of their fraternal desire for the speedy restoration of harmony between the two Grand Bodies, had somewhat overstepped their powers, the more especially in coming to a decision without the concurrence of the R. W. Deputy of the District whose rights and harmony had been invaded and violated, as had then very recently been done by the Grand Officers and Grand Lodge of Canada in duplicating Lodge Number One, under circumstances most grossly and flagranty unconstitutional. Nor was the course of the Canada officials much different in creating in the same District a lodge, in part composed of members then registered as suspended in their own returns, and another composed in part of members of other Grand Lodge jurisdictions.

Add to these and other such-like, the then well known and unfraternal personal attempts of certain of the same Grand Lodge officials to create dissension in another District by persistently attempting to establish a lodge under Canada therein, when from the inauguration

of the movement, the private lodges in said District had been unanimous in their efforts to form a sovereign Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec.

Under these, and such like circumstances, it was probably not to be expected, or perchance desirable, that Grand Lodge should have adopted a report proposing to accept these and some other such lodges, without healing and reconstruction, on an equality with the regular and loyal lodges of our jurisdiction. This seemed to be the view of the situation taken by Grand Lodge, and matters therefore remained in abeyance till a little more than a year ago, when, as you are aware, at the joint instance of the first Grand Master of Canada, (then just re-elected), and our R. W. Grand Secretary, several conferences were had by them, and such communication thereof made to myself, that I felt constrained to announce to Grand Lodge the pleasing intelligence of the prospect of the early adjustment of all constitutional and other differences with the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Of the regrettable failure of the negotiations which followed I need not now particularize further than to say, that (with myself as chairman) having selected six from among the ablest, most eminent, and most prudent Brethren of our jurisdiction, as a Committee of Conference, to meet a Committee to be appointed by the Grand Master of Canada, that he did not constitute the Committee on their part in like spirit and purpose by acting himself as its chairman, and selecting able, well-minded, and judicious Brethren from all sections for deliberation on such important matters affecting the peace and welfare of the whole fraternity, and thus *ab initio* have given an assurance of the speedy realization of what all good and true craftsmen so anxiously desired.

PROCLAMATION AND APPEAL.

On the failure of our endeavours to secure the proposed conference, there remained therefore no other alternative for me, as Grand Master, than to carry out the imperative instructions of Grand Lodge, at our last and preceding annual communications, and, accordingly, on the 4th day of February, 1873, for the weighty reasons therein set forth, I issued a Proclamation suspending Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Canada, until said edict shall have been duly revoked; of all which you have been fully informed.

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Of the same date I also issued an appeal to all the regular Grand Lodges of the world, notifying them of our circumstances and actions, and asking them to uphold and sustain us in the maintenance and vindication of our lawful Grand Lodge sovereignty. Thus far their response thereto has been most fraternal. Vermont and Illinois have taken decisive action and have totally suspended intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Grand Masters of these Lodges have made masterly vindications of the justness and constitutionality of their actions anent Canada. Maine has absolutely forbidden all recognition of members of so-called Lodges, within our jurisdiction, claiming to work under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Louisiana has suspended all intercourse with Canada for other reasons, and fully sustains Quebec in the defence of its rights; other Grand Lodges are withholding present action, hoping for other adjustment of the difficulties, and from many other jurisdictions there comes an all but concurrent expression of the opinion—that the inherent and indefeasible right of every Grand Lodge to sole and exclusive territorial jurisdiction over all members and lodges of Ancient Craft Masons must be maintained. On this fundamental principle, this Grand Lodge was formed, and beyond all peradventure, will maintain it to the end.

FURTHER INVASION BY CANADA.

From the printed report of the address of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of "Canada," at its late annual communication, I have taken the following:—

"During the year I have granted dispensations for the formation of new lodges, &c.: April 26th, 1873, Eddy, held at Hull, Ottawa," and from the report of the proceedings of the Board of said Grand Lodge, it appears that it was recommended, among others, that a warrant be granted to "*Eddy Lodge, Hull, Ottawa.*"

It is probably well known to most of you that the town of Hull is not in Ottawa, Ontario, as many, on reading the above, would be lead to suppose, but it is a large and prosperous town on the north-east bank of the Ottawa River, in the Province of Quebec, and therefore within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The announcement of this new invasion of our jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge of "Canada," and that, too, under the administration

of a Grand Master from whom we had expected better things, will, I am sure, be received by you with profound sorrow.

In view of the nearness of this communication of Grand Lodge, I deemed it most fitting to make special report of this gross invasion of our jurisdiction. I leave this act of Canada to your just condemnation, and that of the Masonic world.

In contradistinction to the above, I beg to inform Grand Lodge that I have recently refused to grant a dispensation for a Lodge to be held in Ontario, on a request not long since made for and in behalf of a large number of Brethren who are residents of that Province.

THE DOMINION.

The increasing general prosperity of the craft in our own jurisdiction, and also throughout the entire Dominion, must be a source of sincere pleasure to every zealous member of the Order. The formation of Grand Lodges, in the several Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia, has doubtless contributed greatly to this grand result.

ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

Along with our published proceedings of last year, I addressed the following autograph letter to the Most Honourable the Marquis of Ripon, Grand Master of England, as also one of like import to the Right Honorable the Earl of Rosslyn, Grand Master of Scotland. Various circumstances have not as yet afforded me an opportunity to reply to an answer thereto received from the Grand Master of England.

RICHMOND, P.Q., April 5, 1873.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England :

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed fraternal reply to my former communication, anent the existence within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge of certain private Lodges still working under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England.

A formal answer thereto, would have been forwarded at an earlier date, but for my desire again to lay this important subject before the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and that the same might be communicated

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to you in our annual proceedings, the publication of which has been unavoidably delayed.

I beg now, herewith, to submit for your consideration the whole of our published proceedings from the formation of this Grand Lodge in order that you may have the means of ascertaining with certainty its position and claims.

I may at the present time be pardoned in formally submitting the following propositions for your own consideration and that of your Grand Lodge, namely:

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, was duly formed in accordance with the constitutions of the fraternity.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec claims the inherent and indefeasible right to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over all Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry situated within the Geographical limits of the Province of Quebec.

It is therefore held by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that the agreement spoken of in your letter as having been entered into between the Grand Lodges of England and Canada, anent certain private Lodges in Canada, remaining under the English Constitution, as long as they desired, &c., is contrary to the well-established principle of Grand Lodge Sovereignty, injurious to the interests of the craft, and of no binding force on this Grand Body.

It is consequently expected that every claim of every other Grand Lodge, to exercise jurisdiction over Lodges within our Territory, will be voluntarily withdrawn, and that said private Lodges will declare their adhesion to this Grand Lodge, and be duly enrolled on its Registry.

I need hardly remind you. M. W. Sir, that this Grand Lodge has hitherto been recognized by upwards of thirty Grand Lodges, as a just and legally constituted Grand Lodge of Free Masons, and as such entitled to sole and exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec.

It furthermore appears to us that the Grand Lodge of England, should be among the foremost to recognize and uphold the principle of the undivided sovereignty of each Grand Lodge within its own territorial limits, and hence it is confidently anticipated by us, that such action

will soon be taken by the United Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of England, as shall remove all causes of difficulty between it and this Grand Lodge, and thereby put out of the way one of the chief obstacles to the unity, harmony, and progress of the craft within this Province, and also be promotive of the highest good of Freemasonry throughout the world.

With sentiments of profound esteem,

I have the honor to be,

Fraternally your obedient servant,

JOHN H. GRAHAM,

Grand Master,

Grand Lodge of Quebec,

[L.S.]

However much we may love and revere the Imperial Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and however much we may desire an early fraternal recognition by them, no such considerations will induce the Grand Lodge of Quebec to waive her right in accordance with what we believe to be the fundamental principles of our constitutions, to assert and maintain sole and exclusive jurisdiction within the Province of Quebec, as is claimed and exercised by England, Scotland, Ireland, and every other regular Grand Lodge of Freemasons throughout the World. If England, Scotland, or Canada, may be permitted to hold jurisdiction over private lodges in the Province of Quebec, and even duplicate old warrants, as both Canada and England have done since the formation of this Grand Lodge, why may not the Grand Lodge of Quebec issue warrants to form lodges within their territorial jurisdiction? If such principles are to prevail, Quebec might in a few months have subordinate lodges in not a few Grand Lodge jurisdictions at home and abroad; but Quebec desires not thus to violate the sovereignty of any other Grand Body, nor is it willing that any other Grand Lodge on whatever pretense, by so-called treaty, or otherwise, should invade its sovereignty.

As well might England, at the close of the revolt of the thirteen American Colonies, in 1776, have claimed to continue political jurisdiction over some county or counties in the now State of New York because at that time many "United Empire Loyalists" therein desired to remain under the Government of England, as for the Grand Lodge of

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England to claim the right to exercise Masonic jurisdiction over any lodge or lodges in the Province of Quebec, after the regular formation and due recognition of an independent Grand Lodge in and for this Province, because such lodges desired to continue under the English constitution. As no such political *imperium in imperio* could possibly subsist consistent with the peace, harmony and prosperity of any nation, so, for stronger reasons, no such multiplied and divided Masonic jurisdiction can constitutionally exist within the same territory. The saddest possible proof of the truth of this proposition has been experienced for a long time in this Province, and is experienced in Ontario also at the present moment, as witness the unseemly contentions and troubles still experienced in that Province, on account of an itinerant lodge in Ontario still under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

It is time, therefore, that such an irregular state of Masonic international affairs should come to an end. Canada, after having secured very general recognition as a Grand Lodge, by her assertion of the principle of Grand Lodge Sovereignty, in an ill hour betrayed her solemn trust, and hence became the source of all our woes, from which she has not been, nor is now free. These things should not be; Grand Lodges are, and should be, peers. The principles of Masonic International Law, should be as well understood and practised as the commonest principles of the fraternity.

The world-wide discussion of the Quebec question has done much to educate the present generation of Masons in the knowledge of the great principles underlying the rightful existence and formation of Grand Lodges, which were so fully understood and acted upon by the fathers of a century ago.

In appealing to the Grand Lodges of the world, as umpires of arbitration in all such Masonic international affairs, it behoves all Grand Bodies to abide by the award of their Brethren, the same as in matters of lesser moment. The Grand Lodge of Quebec has so submitted her case, and, without the least personal intervention, the all but unanimous decision has already been pronounced in her favour, and this should be an end of all controversy in the matter. There are many reasons for believing that the attitude hitherto maintained by England, Scotland, and a few other Grand Lodges, has been chiefly

owing to an unavoidable want of knowledge of Colonial Masonic affairs, which there is good reason for supposing may not exist much longer. Let us all, therefore, pray and labor for the perfect restoration of universal Masonic harmony, which alone comports with the existence of peace on earth and good will among men.

AFFAIRS OF THE CRAFT.

In the Reports of the Right Worshipful the District Deputies—the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and the Board of General Purposes, you will have submitted to you all the details of the affairs of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction, for the past year, and, in their consideration, I am sure that, judging from the past, you will throughout this communication have but one object in view in all your actions—to show who can best work and best agree.

NON-MASONIC BODIES.

It has become tolerably well known, even to the outer world, that certain foreign organizations, self-styled Masonic, have been bringing our fraternity into disrepute by their interference in the party politics, and religious sectarianism of their respective countries. It ought to be fully and generally known, that such are not Lodges of Free Masons. Were it possible for any body of the fraternity to be degraded to such ignoble ends, it ought to be, and would necessarily be, repudiated by all Grand Lodges of Freemasons throughout the world, as having removed some of our most ancient landmarks, and no longer entitled to recognition among that brotherhood, which ever will be a bond of union among good and true men, gathered from among all the nations of the earth, and from among all kindreds, classes and creeds, who are worshippers of the ever living and true God, the great architect of all worlds, and the beneficent Father of all intelligences.

MASONIC PAPER.

While there are many very excellent Masonic periodicals published in different jurisdictions, both at home and abroad, and to which I trust that many of you, as you may be able, will subscribe even more liberally than at present, I am of the opinion that a Quebec Masonic paper is a necessity. I trust, therefore, that this important matter may receive such attention, during this session of our Grand body, as that a creditable Masonic publication of some kind may ere long, be permanently established within our jurisdiction.

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TESTIMONIAL.

You will pardon me, I trust, in thus formally tendering you my grateful thanks for the magnificent testimonial so unostentatiously presented to me at the close of the last annual communication of Grand Lodge. Your unlooked for favor will long be remembered by me and mine.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

Now that most of the labors pertaining to the organization and inauguration of this Grand Lodge of Ancient Craft Masonry have been successfully consummated, I deem it peculiarly fitting to call your attention to the special duties now providentially devolved upon you, to take early possession of this whole Province in every department of Freemasonry.

DISPENSATION.

During the past year I have granted a dispensation to form the St. Andrew's Lodge in the City of Montreal. From what I know of the excellent brethren who signed the petition therefor, and the highly favorable report anent said Lodge, made by the D.D.G.M., I have no doubt but that Grand Lodge will be pleased to confirm the same by warrant.

HONORARY RANK.

While being of the opinion, as you are well aware, that Grand Lodge should be very chary in conferring mere honorary rank on Brethren, I feel confident that you will agree with me in the opinion that Grand Lodge, may with the greatest propriety, in accordance with the above rule, confer well-deserved honorary rank upon the following brother. I, therefore, propose that the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden be conferred upon the first Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, our Rev. Bro. C. P. Reid, M.A., Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke.

OTHER SUBJECTS.

There are other subjects and transpiring events, the consideration of which I must now forbear formally submitting to you. The important duties devolved upon you, as rulers of the craft, in Grand Lodge assembled, will, I am sure, receive your zealous attention, and you all will, doubtless, heartily unite in the fervent wish that all our labours may prove to be for the highest good of the Craft within our

own jurisdiction, and also be conducive to the general welfare of the fraternity throughout the world. So mote it be!

JOHN H. GRAHAM,
Grand Master.

Richmond, P.Q.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. Stevens Baker, and

Resolved,—That the address just delivered to this Grand Lodge by the M. W. the Grand Master, be referred forthwith to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to report thereon during the present session, and to print the same in whole or in part as the Board shall see fit.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer, as below, was read, and on motion, also referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon during the present session.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

MONTREAL, September 23, 1873.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Grand Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec :

I have the honor to submit my Financial Report for the past years
The balance on hand at the beginning of the present year was \$989.00
Dues received to this date..... 1402.39

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Grand Secretary's Salary	\$500.00
Burland, Lafiran & Co., on account of Grand	
Lodge Certificate Plate	500.00
Petty expenses per detailed statement of G. Sec'y..	75.00
Postage Stamps	106.43
Stationery	45.25
Advertising and Printing Annual Reports	121.18
Lodge "Des Cœurs Unis," French Constitution..	50.00
Grant for the relief of Bro. Annis	150.38
Engrossing Warrants	35.50
Use of Lodge Room for Annual Communication..	20.00
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Leaving balance in hands of Grand Treasurer..... \$787.65

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HENRY M. ALEXANDER,

Grand Treasurer, G. L. of Q.

The Grand Secretary then read the following report, which was referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon, in the course of the present session :

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,

I have the honor to submit this my report for the past masonic year.

Since the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, but one Dispensation has been granted for the formation of a new lodge, viz. :— that to St. Andrew's Lodge, holding its sittings in this City.

The Charter granted to Canadian Lodge, No. 33, having been called in, the number of Lodges on the roll remains as at the commencement of the year, viz., thirty-eight.

Whilst most of the Lodges have been prompt in making their returns and paying dues, yet some few continue to be delinquent. The arrears are, perhaps, to be accounted for in most cases by the fact, that the accounts of Grand Lodge have been closed this year in order to be balanced, *the day before the meeting of Grand Lodge*, and not kept open as heretofore until the closing of the session.

The amount received by me during the last past twelve months, and paid to the Grand Treasurer, is the sum of \$1402 39. Further sums will doubtless be paid into the Treasury as heretofore during the sitting of Grand Lodge, the practice of some Lodges in persisting to withhold returns and dues until the meeting of Grand Lodge is to be regretted.

I desire to state in explanation of the delay in getting out the printed proceedings of last year, that they were kept back awaiting the negotiations carried on in September and October of last year, between

the Grand Masters of Quebec and Canada, in the hope of publishing at the same time the result of those negotiations.

In obedience to instructions received from the M. W. Bro. Graham, I opened a correspondence with the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in connection with the resolutions of this Grand Lodge, passed at its last annual meeting, touching matters between the two Grand bodies, and I now submit a copy of the correspondence :

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A.F. & A.M.,
Grand Secretary's Office,

W. M. WILSON, E. Q.,

2nd October, 1872.

M.W.G. M., G. L. OF C.,

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER,

I have the honor to state for your information that the Grand Lodge of Quebec at its recent Communication held in this City adopted a preamble and resolutions declaring its desire to see established peace and harmony in the Craft throughout the Globe, and more particularly so in this Dominion, and the Grand Lodge especially declared its anxiety to have healed the present unhappy differences which exist between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Grand Lodge, by its resolutions, has directed the M. W. the Grand Master to appoint a Committee of seven wise and prudent Brethren to meet and confer with any similar Committee which may be named by you from the Grand Lodge of Canada to report at an Emergent Communication to be called of this Grand Lodge within the period of six weeks.

The M. W. the Grand Master desires me to state, that he will at an early period, forward to you an official copy of the preamble and resolutions above referred to, together with the names of the Brethren he may appoint on the Committee.

The M. W. the Grand Master instructs me to express to you his high personal and fraternal regards, his own earnest desire, and that of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to have all matters connected with our respective Grand Lodges speedily and constitutionally adjusted.

I, am, M. W. Sir,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

JOHN H. ISAACSON, G.S., G.L. of Q.

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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

Office of the Grand Master,

SIMCOE, ONT., 7th Oct., 1872.

R. W. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER,

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your official communication of the 2nd inst., with information as to the action taken at your Annual Communication, with reference to the unhappy differences at present existing between us.

I await with much interest the communication, promised in your letter, and shall lose no time in taking such steps as may appear to me to be necessary.

I continue,

R. W. Sir and dear brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

W. M. WILSON,

G.M., G.L.C.

To

R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, Esq.,

&c., &c., &c.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER,

Richmond. P.Q., Oct. 3, '72.

MY DEAR GR. SECRETARY,

After much anxiety, I have appointed the very important Committee, anent G. L. of C. conference:

1. G. M.
2. D. G. M.
3. Gr. Sec.
4. D. D. G. M. Meigs, Bedford District.
5. D. D. G. M. Tait, Montreal District.
6. P. D. D. G. M. Borlase, St. Francis District.
7. P. D. D. G. M. Murray, Montreal District.

At once, please, notify these Brethren of their appointment,—say to them that after much anxious consideration, I have selected them,—that I have the greatest confidence in their prudence and ability,—and express my fervent hope, that when called to meet, a favoring

Providence may enable them all to assemble, and may "Heaven prosper our united endeavors."

Please also to notify G. M. Wilson of our appointments. Request him to communicate names of Committee appointed by him,—and ask him at what time and place he thinks the joint committee could best meet. An early day would best accommodate me.

With kind regards,

Yours fraternally,

J. H. GRAHAM,
G.M., G. L. of Que.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A.F. & A.M.
Grand Secretary's Office,

MONTREAL, 7th Oct., 1872.

JAMES DUNBAR, Esq.,

D.G.M., G. L. OF Q.,

R. W. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER,

I am directed by the M. W. the Grand Master to state for your information that he has been pleased to appoint you one of a Committee of "seven" to be named by him, in accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge at its recent communication, to meet a like Committee to be nominated by the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, with the view to effect, if possible, an adjustment of the present unhappy differences which exist between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The other members of said Committee are the M. W. the Grand Master, the R. W. the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bros. Meigs, Tait, Borlase and Murray.

The M. W. the Grand Master desires me to state, that he has the utmost confidence in your prudence and ability to perform the important duties incumbent to the position to which he has placed you, and he wishes me to express his fervent hope that when the joint-committees are called to meet, a favoring Providence will enable them all to assemble, and that "Heaven will prosper their united efforts."

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I am, R. W. Sir,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary,

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Communications of a similar nature were addressed and sent to each of the other members named on the Committee, and all signified their willingness to act.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

A. F. & A. M.,

MONTREAL, 7th Oct., 1872.

W. M. WILSON, Esq.,

M.W.G.M., G. L. OF C.

M. W. SIR AND BRO.,

I am commanded by the M. W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge to inform you, that in pursuance of a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, adopted at the recent meeting of that body in this City, a copy of which I had the honor to forward to you on the 3rd inst., he has named the following Brethren as a Committee to meet a similar Committee to be named by you for the purposes specified in said resolution:

1. The M. W. the Grand Master.
2. R. W. Bro. Dunbar, D.G.M.
3. " " " Isaacson, G. Sec'y.
4. " " " Meigs, D.D.G.M., Bedford District.
5. " " " M. M. Tait, D.D.G.M., Montreal District.
6. " " " Alex. Murray, P.D.D.G.M., Montreal District.
7. " " " G. H. Borlase, P.D.D.G.M., St. Francis District.

I am requested to ask you to be kind enough to communicate at your earliest convenience the names of the Brethren you may appoint

on such Committee; also that you will suggest the time and place of meeting.

I am, M. W. Sir,

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary,
G. L. of Que.

Telegram from Simcoe.

TO J. H. ISAACSON,
Notary Public,

Been absent, letters received, will appoint a Committee.

W. M. WILSON.

THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A. F. & A. M.
Office of the Grand Master,

RICHMOND, Oct. 10, 1872.

MY DEAR GR. SEC.,

Documents anent Canada difficulty received and considered.

I suppose that in accordance with my request, you have communicated with G. M. Wilson, the resolution passed by our Grand Lodge,—the names of members of Committee appointed by me,—and also my own personal and fraternal regards, as well as my desire that an early adjustment of all mutual difficulties may take place.

I now beg you to say to G. M. Wilson, that I have the greatest confidence in the *ability*, the *prudence*, and the *wisdom* of the eminent Brethren whom I have appointed as Committee for Quebec,—that in my opinion, nearly all things with us augur peace. Various circumstances are favorable, probably much more so than they could possibly be again for a long time, if negotiations should now fail,—which may God forbid.

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I trust soon to hear that G. M. Wilson has appointed a like Committee, and that the time and place of meeting is fixed. At Kingston, or Ottawa, at *high twelve*, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., would be quite acceptable to me. There should be no delay.

"Let us have peace."

Please use all dispatch in these matters.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. GRAHAM,

G. M.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A. F. & A. M.,
Grand Secretary's Office,
MONTREAL, Oct., 1872.

W. M. WILSON, ESQ..

G. M., G. L. OF C.,

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER,

With reference to my recent communication, and your replies thereto, and in accordance with your suggestion. I have communicated your views to M. W. Bro. Graham, and am now instructed by him to state that he is equally anxious with yourself for a peaceful and speedy solution of the difficulties existing between our respective Grand Lodges, and with the view of removing any obstacles or doubts from your mind as to the intent of the resolution passed at the recent communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the objects to be attained by a meeting of the joint-committees, I am desired to say, that it appears to him, that the special points of Masonic law in difference between us need not necessarily form any part of the deliberations. It further appears to him that the chief objects of the Committees would be the devising of some equitable arrangement between the two Grand bodies respectively, which might prove satisfactory to all concerned within these respective provinces, and to the great body of masonry, of which the Craft within these jurisdictions have hitherto formed no insignificant part.

Expressing the hope that I shall at an early date receive a notification from you of the appointment of a Committee on behalf of your

Grand Lodge, and with the assurance of continued esteem from M. W. Bro Graham, in which I most cordially join.

I have the honor to remain,

M. W. Sir and dear Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary, G. L. of Que.

*Copy of Letter to the Grand Secretary of the G. L. of Canada,
transmitted by Grand Master Wilson to Grand Secretary Isaacson.*

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

Office of the Grand Master,

SIMCOE, ONT., 26th October, 1872.

To R. W. BRO. T. B. HARRIS, Esq.,

Grand Secretary, &c.,

R. W. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER,

At the Annual Communication of our seceding brethren of the Province of Quebec, held last month, a Resolution was adopted by which a Committee of seven was to be appointed for the purpose of meeting a like Committee from this Grand Lodge, with the object of effecting, if possible, an adjustment of the unhappy difference now existing between us, in accordance with a certain resolution adopted by them at a former Communication.

I have since been officially informed by R. W. Bro. Isaacson of the adoption of that report, and that the following Brethren had been appointed as members of that Committee, viz.: Bros. Graham, Dunbar, Isaacson, Meigs, Tait, Murray and Borlase.

After much careful consideration of the whole matter, I arrived at the conclusion that I could not consistently with the honor of our Grand Lodge or with my duty to her, consent to appoint a Committee on the proposed basis; this decision was promptly conveyed by me to Bro. Isaacson, since which I have received many assurances from members of our fraternity, on both sides of the question, that there did exist an earnest desire for the restoration of friendly relations, and urgently requesting me to afford another opportunity of discussing, and if possible, of settling the difficulties which at present divide us.

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Under these circumstances I intimated to R. W. Bro. Isaacson, that I would not object to appoint a Committee, on the distinct understanding however, that the sole duty of the Joint Committee should be to discuss and consider whether some equitable arrangement, satisfactory and honorable to both parties, can be devised and agreed upon between them, by which these unhappy differences may be forever terminated, and without any reference whatever to the various points of Masonic law on which we are now at issue, or to any resolution formerly adopted on the subject.

Having received official assent and assurances of the strongest character, in accordance with the above proposition, I have appointed the following Brethren as a Committee for that purpose, viz. : White, D.G.M., McKenzie, Chisholm, Erskine, McCuaig, Urquhart and Nivin.

I have now to request that you will, with as little delay as possible, notify the said Brethren of their appointment, and enclose a copy of this letter to Bro. White, for their information and guidance, requesting him to report to me the result of their conference, which I sincerely hope may be in favor of peace and harmony. I would also suggest that the Joint Committee meet at Montreal on the 4th day of November next, *or even earlier*, if that date suits the convenience of the members.

I continue,

R. W. Sir and dear Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

W. M.^h WILSON,

G. M.

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

Office of the Grand Master,

RICHMOND, P.Q., Oct. 30, 1872.

J. H. ISAACSON, Esq.,

Montreal,

MY DEAR GRAND SECRETARY,

Your especial favor, together with enclosures from G. M. Wilson is received.

It is to be regretted that some of the statements of our M. W.

Brother, as viewed from our standpoint, are not quite accurate. I deem it best, however, not to allow such to hinder, or in any way to interfere with the proposed conference, at least as far as we are concerned.

Be pleased to say to our R. W. Brother Thos. White (or whoever may act in behalf of the G. L. of C.) that it seems to me that the preliminary meeting of the Joint Committee, might take place, say, at the St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal, on Monday the 4th day of November, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

I am of the opinion that our first interview should be almost wholly social and fraternal, and it would afford me great satisfaction if the members representing the G. L. of C. would be pleased to accept an invitation to dine with the members of the Committee representing our Grand Lodge,—shortly after our informal interview.

Our first executive session might begin, say, at 7½ o'clock P.M. on Monday eve, and be continued, and adjourned to such times as our joint labors would be completed.

As soon as a mutual understanding as to time of meeting has been arrived at, please summon at once, the members of our Committee, to meet promptly for the consideration of the important business of their appointment.

On matters of special moment and importance, please communicate with me by Telegram. With the utmost confidence in the ability and prudence of our Brethren, and with the best wishes for a happy termination of our joint labors,

I have the honor to remain,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN H. GRAHAM,

G. M., G. L. of Q

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

Grand Secretary's Office,

THOS. WHITE, ESQ.,

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R. W. SIR AND BROTHER,

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ing of the proposed Joint Committees, named on behalf of the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Canada, it seems to him that the preliminary meeting of such Joint Committees might take place at the St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal, on Monday the 4th day of November instant, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The M. W. the Grand Master is further of opinion, that the first interview should be almost wholly social and fraternal, and to that end it would afford him much satisfaction if the members representing the Grand Lodge of Canada would be pleased to accept an invitation to dine with the members of the Committee representing this Grand Lodge shortly after the informal meeting.

M. W. Bro. Graham has desired me to respectfully suggest that the first executive session might begin, say at 7½ o'clock P.M., on Monday and be continued and adjourned to such time as the joint labors will be completed.

I shall be glad to receive your early reply to this letter, the substance of which I have already had the pleasure to communicate verbally to you.

I am, R. W. Sir,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary,

G. L. of Que.

MONTREAL, 28th Nov., 1872.

R. W. BRO. J. H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary, &c.,

DEAR SIR & R. W. BRO.,

Please accept my apologies for not having sooner answered your note. The Committee, as originally appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has been dissolved. But I believe the Grand Master has been in communication with other brethren on the subject, although I have no official information on the matter.

Yours truly and fraternally,

THOS. WHITE, JR.,

D. G. M.

Shortly after receiving the above letter from Bro. White, I learned from several of the Brethren named by the Grand Master of Canada, that they had positively refused to act on the Committee. I therefore, by command of Grand Master Graham, addressed the following letter to Grand Master Wilson :

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, A.F. & A.M.,
Grand Secretary's Office.

W. M. WILSON, Esq.,

Grand Master, G. L. of C.,

M. W. SIR & BRO ,

The M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, has instructed me to address you to ascertain if any decision has yet been arrived at by you or your Grand Lodge in respect to the appointment of a Committee to meet the one named by him and signified to you some months ago.

Your last communication to me on this subject, bears date 2nd Dec. 1872, and it is advisable that the matter should be closed in some form.

I have the honor to be,

M. W. Sir and Bro.,

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary, G. L. of Que.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

Office of the Grand Master,

SIMCOE, ONT., 30th Jan'y, 1873.

R. W. SIR & BRO.,

In reply to your official letter, (without date), received yesterday, I hasten to say, that under present circumstances, I do not consider it expedient to take further action in the matter you refer to.

I have the honor to be,

R. W. Sir and Brother,

Yours very truly,

WM. M. WILSON,

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R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, Esq.,
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Several communications have been received by me within the last few months, touching the advisability of establishing under the auspices of this Grand Lodge a Masonic periodical, which could be viewed as the organ of the Grand Lodge; these letters will be laid before the Board of General Purposes.

I have to report that nearly all the printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the year 1870, have been exhausted, only a few remain in the archives of this office for its use, and I would advise that a new edition be struck, as applications from abroad and from home are being repeatedly made to me for complete copies of our Proceedings since the organization of the Grand Lodge.

Printed Proceedings from sister Grand Lodges are being regularly received, and as they, each and all, contain much useful and interesting matter, I venture to recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to have them properly bound and kept in the Grand Secretary's Office.

All papers, letters and correspondence of this office is herewith submitted.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Tait, District Deputy Grand Master for the Montreal District, read his report:

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec:

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg to lay before you my report upon the State of Masonry in the Montreal District.

This District now contains twelve Lodges, viz.:

St. George, No. 6; Zetland, No. 7, Hoyle, No. 9; Kilwinning, No. 13; Royal Albert, No. 16; Victoria, No. 17; Chateauguay, No. 24; Clarke, No. 28; St. Charles, No. 29; Cœurs Unis, No. 30; Prince Consort, No. 37; St. Andrews, Under Dispensation.

I have visited all these Lodges during the past year, with three exceptions, and I am happy to state that I found each lodge so visited

working in an efficient and constitutional manner, the officers well qualified for the discharge of their important duties, the attendance of members very fair, the minutes of the lodges regularly kept, and that the fees due to the Grand Lodge up to the time I visited them had been paid. I have also been reliably informed that the Lodges which I have been unable to visit, are in a prosperous condition.

On the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, all the Lodges in Montreal, with one exception, assembled at the British Masonic Chambers, where I had the honor to install the respective officers elect.

On the same day I also had the pleasure of organizing the St. Andrew's Lodge, under dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master. I have since visited this Lodge, and found it doing its work well in accordance with the Ancient York Rite; but I deem it proper to say, that I think it is most desirable that uniformity of work should be established in all our Lodges at as early a date as possible. I strongly recommend that the usual Warrant of Confirmation be granted to St. Andrew's Lodge by this Grand Lodge, at the present session.

On the Festival of St. John the Baptist, I had the pleasure, in company with R. W. Bros. Milton and Murray, of visiting Chateauguay Lodge, where we were most kindly received upon that occasion. With the assistance of Bros. Milton and Murray I installed the officers of that Lodge.

It gives me pleasure to announce, that through the liberality of the Lodges in this District, the District Deputy Grand Master is now provided with a very handsome regalia.

The G. A. of the U. has, in his providence, thought wise to remove from our midst, to the G. L. above, as we hope and believe, Brother John Anderson, of Royal Albert Lodge. His body was interred with Masonic honors by his Lodge. We have also to deplore the loss of V. W. Bro. Doyle, P.M. of Zetland Lodge, who died at Whitby on the 6th August last. I am not informed whether he was buried with the honors of the Craft. These are the only deaths reported to me of members of Lodges in this District.

I regret to be compelled to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Canada has again invaded the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge by granting a dispensation during the

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past year to a Lodge styled "Eddy Lodge," in the Village of Hull, in the Province of Quebec.

The only dispensations I have had occasion to grant were to enable Zetland Lodge to inter with Masonic Honors the remains of Brother Charles G. Wand of New York. This was done at the special request of the Lodge with which that departed Brother was affiliated; and also to the same Lodge to inter the remains of Bro. Joseph Carlisle.

In conclusion, I am able to bear testimony to the fact that harmony and prosperity has attended Masonry in this District during the past year.

The whole respectfully submitted.

M. M. TAIT,

D.D.G.M. Montreal District.

Montreal, September 24, 1873.

R. W. Bro. Meigs, District Deputy Grand Master for Bedford District, read his report :

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

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

I have much pleasure in reporting that the Craft throughout this District is prospering.

I have visited all the Lodges in the District during the year, and although the number of members initiated is not as large as in former years, yet a substantial increase has been made in membership.

Canadian Lodge, Granby, P.Q., has ceased to meet, and I have made every endeavor to obtain possession of the Dispensation and Records without success. I have every reason to believe that they are in the hands of V. W. Bro. T. Amyrauld, and would advise that the Grand Secretary communicate with him in regard to the matter.

I granted Dispensation to Prevost Lodge, Dunham, to hold a Festival on St. John's Day, 27th December last, at which time and place the W. Masters elect of Seven Lodges were duly installed.

I regret to be compelled to report, that the Grand Lodge of Canada (so called) still continues to countenance and acknowledge the pro-

ceedings of several irregular and clandestine bodies of Masons, styled lodges, within this District.

It is to be hoped that the G. A. O. T. U. will ere long so change the hearts of our erring and misdirected Brethren, as to induce them to cease from such violation of well established principles of exclusive Masonic Sovereignty.

All of which is nevertheless respectfully submitted.

M. R. MEIGS, M.D., C.M.,

D. D. G. M. Bedford District.

In the unavoidable absence of R. W. Bro. Christopher Stavelly, District Deputy Grand Master for Quebec and Three Rivers District, and of R. W. Bro. T. Leet, District Deputy Grand Master for St. Francis District, the Grand Secretary presented and read their reports :

QUEBEC AND THREE RIVERS.

QUEBEC, 23rd Sept., 1873.

J. H. ISAACSON, Esq.,

G. Sec., G. L. of Q.,

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER,

In conformity with the Constitution, I beg to submit the following report on condition of Freemasonry in the Quebec and Three Rivers District, over which I have the honor to preside, and where there are at present Eight Lodges, all being under the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Albion Lodge, No. 0; St. Johns Lodge, No. 1; St. Andrews, No. 5; Harrington, No. 8; St. Georges, No. 35; all in the City of Quebec. Tuscan, No. 19, in South Quebec. Milton, No. 18; Shawenegan, No. 25, in Three Rivers. I have visited all of the above Lodges, excepting the two latter, and much regret not having been able on account of business to visit those in Three Rivers, though I have frequently had the pleasure of meeting Brethren from those Lodges, and pleased to hear from them that their Lodges are working well, and to report those in Quebec and South Quebec, are also working well. Some of the Brethren of Tuscan Lodge, residing in New Liverpool, are desirous of opening a Lodge at the latter place, but I have advised them for the present to defer it, as I do not think it would be judicious to do so till they are

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I remain,

R. W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

CHRIS. STAVELY,

D. D. G. M. Quebec and Three Rivers District.

ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT,

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

In accordance with the Constitution of Grand Lodge, I beg to submit the following report for the St. Francis District.

The whole number of Lodges in this District is Eight, all of which I have had the pleasure of visiting during the past year and found them working with zeal and harmony generally. I regret to find that some of the Lodges have been compelled to suspend some of their members for non-payment of dues; no other masonic complaint has been reported me.

From the information that I have received as regards the number of candidates rejected as well as those accepted, I should judge that the Lodges would progress with zeal and harmony.

During the year I have been informed of the death of Bro W. F. Annis of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 4, and Bro. Henderson of Excelsior Lodge, No. 32, both were buried with Masonic honors.

The \$150 placed in my hands for the relief of Bro. W. F. Annis, by Grand Lodge, together with contributions from private Lodges in this District for the same purpose, I applied to his assistance through R. W. Bro W. B. Colby, and W. Bro. C. S. Channel, and I have every reason to believe that the same was expended with economy and fidelity, and from the circumstances of his case, and in consideration of the large amount expended for his assistance by Golden Rule Lodge and the personal liabilities of individual members for debts incurred during his sickness, I would recommend that if application is made to

Grand Lodge, and its funds will allow, to grant further aid towards paying said liabilities.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TIMOTHY LEET,

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

The above reports of D. D. G. Masters were, on motion made by R. W. Bro. Pratten, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn, referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The Board of General Purposes, through its President, submitted the following report for the consideration of Grand Lodge :

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report, that they have carefully investigated the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's Books, Vouchers, Statements, and Accounts, and find the same correct.

The Grand Treasurer shows expenditures for expenses necessary for Grand Lodge, which will not have to be repeated, such as cost of Copper plate for Grand Lodge Certificates, Donations, &c., &c., &c.

The Grand Secretary reports that about two hundred and fifty dollars are still owing the Grand Lodge as arrears of dues, &c., and the Board would urge upon Subordinate Lodges who have failed to send in their dues in full, to do so at once, and in future to avoid procrastination in this.

In conclusion, the Board congratulates Grand Lodge on the prosperous state of its finances.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, seconded by R. W. Bro. Hon. Thomas Wood, and

Resolved,—That the Report just read, referring to the Finances of this Grand Lodge, be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Pratten, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the increase of Salary to Grand Secretary, just read, be received and adopted.

A suggestion was made to Grand Lodge, that as several of the members would have of necessity to leave the City this evening, it

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would be advisable that the Election of Officers of Grand Lodge should take place at as early a period as possible ; and it was moved by R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. J. Pratten, and

Resolved,—That the 13th item, as laid down in the Order of Business, viz., the Election of Officers of this Grand Lodge, for the forthcoming Masonic year, be now taken up.

A majority of the Past Masters and Representatives of the Lodges for each District present at this Communication of Grand Lodge, made the following nomination for District Deputy Grand Masters, viz. :—

R. W. Bro. CHR. STAVELY, Quebec,	Quebec and Three Rivers District.
" " " THOMAS MILTON, Montreal,	Montreal District.
" " " STEVENS BAKER, Dunham,	Bedford District.
" " " E. W. WISWELL, Sherbrooke,	St. Francis District.

R. W. Bros. J. H. Pratten, George Thompson and William Miller were chosen as scrutineers, and the Election of Officers was proceeded with.

The Ballots were distributed, and the following Brethren were declared duly elected :

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

R. W. Bro. JAMES DUNBAR, Quebec, re-elected Dep. Grand Master.

" " " J. T. MCMINN, Montreal, Grand Senior Warden.

" " " J. C. MARTIN, Stanbridge, Grand Junior Warden.

" " " REV. H. W. NYE, Actonvale, re-elected Grand Chaplain.

" " " H. M. ALEXANDER, Montreal, " Grand Treasurer.

" " " GEORGE O. TYLER, Three Rivers, Grand Registrar.

" " " J. H. ISAACSON, Montreal, re-elected Grand Secretary.

" STRUTHERS, Montreal, by acclamation, Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to approve of the nomination made of District Deputy Grand Masters, and confirmed the same, in consequence the following were declared to be the District

Deputy Grand Masters for the several Districts in this jurisdiction, viz.:

R. W. Bro. CHRIS. STAVELY,	Quebec and Three Rivers District.
" " " THOMAS MILTON,	Montreal District.
" " " STEVENS BAKER,	Bedford District.
" " " E. W. WISWELL,	St. Francis District.

Elected Members of Board of General Purposes :

R. W. Bro. ALEX. MURRAY,	Montreal.
" " " GEORGE H. BORLASE,	Sherbrooke.
" " " HENRY J. PRATTEN,	Quebec City.
" " " M. M. TAIT,	Montreal.

in the place of R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, chosen as District Deputy Grand Master, and who is a member of the Board in virtue of that office.

R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray gave notice, that he would, at an early stage of the evening's business, move, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, the following resolution :

Whereas, since the organization of this Grand Lodge, under the name and title of "The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons," claiming, and now recognized by a majority of the sister Grand Lodges of the world, to exercise Supreme Masonic Jurisdiction in and for the Province of Quebec, there nevertheless have existed, and still continues to exist, in said Province, Subordinate or Private Lodges of Masons, exercising all the rights and privileges of the fraternity, whilst at the same time owing no allegiance to, and otherwise utterly ignoring the prerogatives of this Grand Lodge, and whereas these Subordinate Lodges, are upheld and maintained in these proceedings by the Grand Lodges of Canada, England and Scotland respectively, from whom they claim to hold and possess sufficient authority for their continuance of such acts in violation of the well recognized authority and privileges of this Grand Lodge, and whereas this Grand Lodge has from time to time by Edicts of the M. W. the Grand Master, as well as by resolutions emanating directly from itself when constitutionally assembled, asserted and maintained its inherent right to absolute Masonic Supremacy, within said Province, and having also from time to time made such representations to the aforesaid Grand Lodges of Canada, England and Scotland, as to the desirability of securing to this Grand Lodge, a harmonious and peaceful exercise of its prerogative as a Supreme Governing Masonic Authority in said Province, so that the good of the Craft, and the well-being and prosperity of the several subordinate

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lodges may be happily secured; and whereas, up to this date, there has not been manifested on the part of said Grand Lodges of Canada, England and Scotland any desire to accomplish this result, except on terms such as would not become the dignity and honor of the Grand Lodge to accept.

And whereas, this Grand Lodge firmly maintains and believes that the position assumed by her, and so largely endorsed by the sister Grand Lodges of the world, is in strict accordance with the laws governing the formation of Grand Lodges, said position having been fully and clearly defined in the Address issued to Grand Lodges throughout the world, as well as in the several edicts and resolutions heretofore referred to; and has never seen any reason to swerve from that position; yet, nevertheless, believing that the Grand Lodges of Canada, England and Scotland aforesaid, are on their part equally conscientious in the maintaining of the position assumed by them, and this Grand Lodge still recognizing the desirability of, and being especially anxious to secure a thorough peaceful and harmonious settlement of the many vexed questions to which this unhappy and unfraternal state of masonry in this Province has given rise; therefore be it—

Resolved,—That having full confidence in the wisdom and fidelity of the following Brethren of this Grand Lodge, viz., M. W. Bro. Graham, G.M.; R. W. Bros. Dunbar, D.G.M., M. M. Tait, D.D.G.M., M. R. Meigs, D.D.G.M., G. H. Borlase, P.D.D.G.M., Alexander Murray, P.D.D.G.M. and J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, they be and are hereby appointed a Committee to take such steps as to them shall seem fit whereby a termination may be put to the present unhappy and anomalous state of Masonry in this Province, said Committee having full powers to make such final adjustment of all differences between the said Grand Lodges of Canada, England and Scotland and this M. W. Grand Lodge, in accordance with the dignity and honor of this Grand Lodge, provided always, such Committee as representing this Grand Lodge, shall at all times be placed on a footing of the most perfect equality as regards rights and powers, as shall such other Committees appointed, or to be appointed by the said Grand Lodges of Canada, England and Scotland.

R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson gave notice, that he would, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. J. Pratten, move the following amendment to the above resolution:

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of Quebec always deploring the estrangement existing between it and the Grand Lodge of Canada, has made, but unsuccessfully, repeated advances to the Grand Lodge of Canada with the view to terminate all difficulties between the two Grand Bodies; nevertheless the Grand Lodge of Quebec sincerely desiring the peace and harmony of the Craft throughout the Dominion, is yet willing to receive

and favorably to consider, and now fraternally invites, any communication from the Grand Lodge of Canada, or from any of its Lodges in the jurisdiction of Quebec, which may tend to the restoration of unity.

The proposed motion and the amendment thereto were ordered to be printed as soon as possible, for distribution to members of Grand Lodge.

And at 5.30 P.M., Grand Lodge was called off from labor to refreshment, to re-assemble at 7.30 P.M

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7.30 P.M., the M. W. the Grand Master on the Throne.

R. W. Bro. H. W. Nye, Grand Chaplain, delivered the following discourse:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

I propose, on the present occasion, to direct your attention to two great branches of Masonic duty, viz., to the duty which a Mason owes to God, and that which he owes to his fellow men, and more especially to his brother Masons.

A true Mason *fears*—that is, *reverences, obeys, worships*—God.

Never was a more baseless calumny invented than that which asserted Masonry is hostile to religion. It is true, historically, that Masonry has always manifested a close affinity with religion, and you, my brethren, who have been initiated into its mysteries, know that the very first step on which your feet were planted in seeking admission to the Masonic Temple was—Faith in God. Our great patron, King Solomon, pronounced the “fear of the Lord” to be “the beginning of wisdom,” and Free Masonry recognizes this fact by decreeing that no atheist shall be made a Mason. While tolerant as to religious creeds, and affording a platform on which all sects and parties may meet for purposes alike useful to all, the candidate for *Masonry* must be able to say his “trust is in God,” and to kneel reverently at the Altar on which lies open before him the Holy Bible as the great light on Masonry. The man who has thus knelt, and who can wantonly assail the Holy Scriptures, or treat with contempt the name of wor-

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ship of the one Jehovah, is as false to his Masonic obligations as he is to his manhood and his highest necessities. *Masonry* teaches him reverence, and must ever lead the thoughtful enquirer to feel that he needs help from above to wear worthily the emblems of innocence and the badge of Masonry. The initiate who feels no need of heavenly wisdom, and a Divine blessing on his labours, gives painful evidence that he neither apprehends his own necessities nor the work before him. The *true Mason*, on the other hand, cannot fail to feel that he needs religion to aid him in meeting his Masonic obligations and discharging his varied duties. How can he do otherwise? *He* finds before him, in his search for light, the Holy Bible as the Great Light of Masonry as it is the Light of the World. He professes to put his trust in God, and is taught to implore His aid in all lawful undertakings. He cannot consistently engage in labor on which he may not honestly implore that blessing. I therefore repeat the true *Mason fears God*. But, secondly, a true Mason loves the Brotherhood to which he belongs. Brotherly love is the very atmosphere in which he "lives and moves and has his being." It is the golden link which indissolubly binds him to every member of this world wide fraternity, whether "neath southern skies he burns, or freezes 'mid Arctic snows." And it is this feature of our Order, my brethren, which probably constitutes its greatest charm, and procures the greatest admiration from the world at large. Nor is this to be wondered at, for it arises from and is found to meet the necessities of our nature. Man has a social nature; he is made for society. It is not good for him to be alone, or to be insulated even in the midst of the busy throng. But he also wants congenial society. How shall he secure it? He must either find or create it. Masonry seeks to avail itself of both methods. By the free use of the ballot, preceded by as free a spirit of enquiry, Masons are taught to reject those in whom there is no hope of improvement or assimilation, while they welcome those, not pure and faultless indeed, but of whom there is a reasonable hope that they will reverence truth, and recognize partially the moral precepts and vows of fraternity, which are the basis of brotherhood. Is such an one willing to wrestle with infirmity, and has he principles of honor and the elements of a sterling manhood which the discipline of the order may develop into vigorous life? If so, then give him a brother's hand,—

throw around him a fraternal shield, and let the light of hope beam on his path, and the power of a pure example encircle him. If he is found worthy, there will thus grow up a more generous fellowship—a new link in the golden chain which is to draw into closer union the sons of earth. But it is in the day of sorrow and the hour of danger that this great principle of brotherly love most strongly asserts itself. When cold penury or wan disease has laid its hand upon us, then it is that we most feel the necessity for sympathy—for the brother's kind word, and the brother's protecting arm. Masonry ministers to this want, wherever members are true to their obligations and are governed by their principles. They may meet as strangers, but they have only to drink the *cup of sorrow* and give signals of *distress*, to find cordial sympathies leaping to the bed-side of sickness and the chamber of death. Let the husband and father come down to the borders of the grave and encounter the grim tyrant of the dark domain, and he can somewhat more cheerfully speak the last farewell to wife and children, if he may leave for them the legacy of a true Masonic life, encircled by living men who have worthily knelt around the altar of Masonry. Masons are untrue to their trust and unworthy of their order if they do not encircle a brother's grave, and a brother's sorrowing household, with a somewhat intenser sympathy and a somewhat livelier charity than they would have felt without the discipline of the order. It is sometimes urged that the obligations and duties to which I am now referring are inconsistent with the general good. That, because we pledge special aid and fraternity to each other, we shall be less fraternal and benevolent to others. But is this a natural and necessary result? Because a man has, and provides well for a family of his own, is he a worse neighbor and citizen? If he is a useful inhabitant of a town or village, is he therefore at variance with the interests of his country or his race? Because he is a useful, active member of a particular religious organization, is he, therefore, a worse neighbor, friend, or citizen? Because he loves his *home* and *country*, and is true to them, is he thereby an enemy to the race? Just the reverse of this is true in other matters. It must be so in masonry, unless a man violate his vows. The stream of Brotherly Love, while it will flow most freely and richly towards those who are bound to him by special ties, will not be confined within any boundaries, but will grow, and

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widen and expand, until it bears on its broad bosom the hopes and fears, the interests and aspirations of the whole great Brotherhood of Man. I have already said that it is this feature of our Order which to many constitutes its greatest charm. I may add that it is this which gives it its greatest moral power, and constitutes its highest claim on the good will of the statesman, the Patriot and the Christian.

Free Masonry has ample work to do in all states and nations in hastening the brotherhood of man. In this Canada of ours there is sufficient need that it should spread the cement of *Brotherly Love* to counteract the sectional, political, and sectarian tendencies to alienation and strife. In the *religious* world, too, I am sorry to say, there is need of Masonic labor to realize the *unity* for which every true worshipper of the Great Jehovah ever hopes and prays. It ought not so to be, but it is true that in the Masonic circle there is a tie of brotherhood which makes religious men more *truly fraternal*, and not merely to *express* more of that union which is so essential to religious joy and usefulness, than they are wont to have outside of that circle. And surely, if ever age or country had need of all the forces that can be made available for so great a result, our young Dominion in this, the hour of her youth and danger, has the need. Here, within our borders, we have a community composed of races widely different in origin and idiosyncrasy, and the tide of emigration is constantly bringing in waves of population from the elder world, to find a home and country under the broad shelter of our free institutions, our just and equal laws. To unite and assimilate these varied people is a task which will require Masonic cement and Masonic charity. Let us each strive, in his own humble sphere, faithfully to use the *Trowel* and spread the *cement* of affection and kindness which unites all the members of the Masonic family, wherever dispersed, into one membership of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

I have now, Brothers, endeavored with appropriate brevity, to urge upon you the observance of the two great Masonic virtues which I mentioned at the outset of my address. Of the many minor qualities which are essential to the perfect character of a true Mason, it is unnecessary now to speak. Let me conclude by urging upon you as a Grand Lodge, and as individual brethren, the absolute necessity of a strict adherence to these principles. The words of the great Teacher

"By their fruits shall ye know them," are as applicable to us as Masons, as to those to whom they were at first addressed. Let us then look well to our altars and the discipline of our home circles. Let every young man feel that if he would gain admission, and be a worthy member, he must be prepared to lead a thoroughly moral, temperate and upright life. You will also feel the necessity of a thorough instruction in the symbolism and moral principle of the order, that you may write impressive lessons on every heart. You will feel the importance of the rough discipline, using forbearance, fidelity and charity, but cutting off, when all efforts to reclaim offenders are exhausted. I need not urge upon you a hearty co-operation with your fellow citizens in all laudable efforts for human improvement and reform: your principles and pledges will ever prompt you to this, and will, I trust, not be disregarded. And above all, let us look well to our own ways, studying ever, by the judicious use of the Gavel, to break off all the excrescences of our frail, human character, and preparing ourselves by the aid of the Great Architect of the Universe to take our place as polished stones in the Eternal Temple, where He forever presides, forever reigns. And let us not be discouraged by any temporary failures. Encompassed as we are by dangers and infirmities, we shall doubtless meet with many an obstacle and perchance with many a fall in our onward path. The Apron, now so white, will be soiled with many a stain; the Plumb line will be fretted into many a strand, but only let us strive faithfully, earnestly, manfully, to do our appointed work, and we shall not fail of our promised reward. Yea the Supreme Grand Master will Himself be with us, cheering us by His smile, aiding us by His help, and, when the life work is accomplished, He will pronounce the welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of thy Lord." So mote it be. Amen.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. Tait, it was

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge is greatly indebted to the R. W. the Grand Chaplain for the very excellent and *apropos* discourse just delivered, and the thanks of Grand Lodge are hereby tendered for the same.

The Grand Chaplain acknowledged the vote, and expressed himself much gratified that his discourse had been so favorably received,

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At the request of a member of Grand Lodge, and with the permission of the Grand Master, the following letter to the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was read for the information of Grand Lodge:

RICHMOND, P.Q., April 7, 1973.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Freemasons of Scotland.

M. W. SIR & BRO.,

Believing that you will be of the opinion that the time has fully come for the consideration and adjustment of matters affecting the relations of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I have now the honor of forwarding you this communication anent the same; and I have also directed our Grand Secretary to transmit to you the published proceedings of this Grand Lodge from its formation, in order that you may have the means of ascertaining with certainty its position and claims.

You will, doubtless, M. W. Sir, pardon me, considering the circumstances, in thus formally submitting to you the following:

The Grand Lodge of Quebec was duly formed in accordance with the Constitutions of the Fraternity.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec claims the inherent and indefeasible right to exercise undivided jurisdiction over all Lodges of Ancient Craft Masonry, situated within the geographical limits of the Province of Quebec.

It is therefore held by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, that any understanding or agreement existing or entered into between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Canada, anent certain private Lodges remaining in Canada, under the Scottish Constitution, as long as they desired, &c., is contrary to the well established principle of Grand Lodge sovereignty, injurious to the interest of the Craft, and of no binding force on this Grand Lodge.

It is consequently expected that any claim of any other Grand Lodge to exercise jurisdiction over any Lodges within our territory, will voluntarily be withdrawn, and that said private Lodge or Lodges will declare their adhesion to this Grand Lodge, and be duly enrolled on its registry.

I need hardly remind you, M. W. Sir, that the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec has hitherto been recognized by upwards of

thirty Grand Lodges, as a just and regularly constituted Grand Lodge of Freemasons, and as such, entitled to exercise sole and exclusive jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec.

It further appears to us that the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Scotland, should be one of the foremost to recognize and uphold the principle of the exclusive sovereignty of each Grand Lodge within its own territorial limits, and hence it is confidently anticipated by us, that such action will soon be taken by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, as shall remove all causes of difficulty between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and put out of the way one of the chief obstacles to the unity, harmony and progress of the Craft in this Province, and be promotive of the highest good of Freemasonry throughout the world.

With sentiments of profound esteem,
I have the honor to be,

Faternally your obt. servt.,

JOHN H. GRAHAM,
Grand Master, G. L. of Q.

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The Grand Secretary stated, that as yet no reply had been received to the above communication.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following report:—

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:—That they have considered the complaint made by Tuscan Lodge, No. 19, G. R. Q., in which it is stated that one "Parry," a Master Mariner, Master of the ship "Irene," then lying at New Liverpool Cove, on the south side of the River St. Lawrence, in the Port of Quebec, was on the 8th September, 1873, initiated in St. George's Lodge, No. 35, G. R. Q., and which act it is claimed was a violation of the Constitution. Your Board are of opinion, that the vessel in question being at the time of Mr. Parry's initiation in the Port of Quebec, the Lodges both in Quebec and Levis had equal and concurrent jurisdiction, and that the complaint made cannot therefore be sustained.

With reference to the letter of R. W. Bro. Staveley, D.D.G.M., of the District of Quebec and Three Rivers, which has also been submitted to them in connection with this matter, your Board are of

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opinion that the section of the Constitution which requires that a candidate shall have been a twelve months' resident, or shall bring a certificate from the Lodge nearest his place of residence, does not apply to the case of mariners who appear to be especially excepted. Your Committee are further of opinion, that the delay to intervene between degrees when dispensations are granted for conferring them within a shorter time than one month, should in no case be less than seven days, and the Masters of Lodges should be particular in the strict observance of this rule, and that the notice of seven clear days required for the holding of Lodges of Emergency, cannot be dispensed with, even for the purpose of conferring degrees upon mariners.

The report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes reported, recommending the following money grants to be made, viz :

That the sum of five hundred dollars of the funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer be placed at the disposal of a Committee for the purpose of procuring the necessary and proper regalia, lights, &c., for this Grand Lodge, said Committee to consist of R. W. Bros. Dunbar, Isaacson and H. M. Alexander.

That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to the M. W. the Grand Master for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by him during the past year for stationery, postage, &c.

That the sum of fifty dollars be placed at the disposal of a Committee, consisting of R. W. Bros. Dunbar, Isaacson and Edgar, to be used by them in procuring the publication of a Journal, (either quarterly or monthly), containing information in reference to Masonry at home and abroad, copies of said journal to be sent to each member of this Grand Lodge,—or in any manner they may think proper in furtherance of this plan for the promotion of the interests of this Grand Lodge in this matter.

That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer to the extent of seventy-five dollars to cover the incidental expenses attendant on this Grand Lodge Communication.

On motion of W. Bro. Brown, seconded by W. Bro. Tees, the report was received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. Edgar, with the permission of Grand Lodge, withdrew his notice of motion, No. 12, on Order of Business.

R. W. Bro. Meigs stated that he was not prepared at the present time to submit his motion to Grand Lodge referring to the Board of General Purposes, notice of which he had given at the last Annual Communication, and asked that the matter might remain over for a year. This request was acceded to.

A Telegram received from M. W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, expressing the hope that the labors of Grand Lodge would be conducive to the settlement of all difficulties now existing, was read to Grand Lodge, and received with much approbation.

The attendance at Grand Lodge at this period being very large, a desire was expressed by several brethren, that R. W. Bro. Murray should introduce the resolution of which he had given notice in the afternoon's session, and it was

Moved by R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton :

Whereas, since the organization of this Grand Lodge, under the name and title of "The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons," claiming, and now recognized by a majority of the sister Grand Lodges of the world, to exercise Supreme Masonic Jurisdiction in and for the Province of Quebec, there nevertheless have existed, and still continue to exist, in said Province, Subordinate or Private Lodges of Masons, exercising all the rights and privileges of the fraternity, whilst at the same time owing no allegiance to, and otherwise utterly ignoring the prerogatives of this Grand Lodge; and whereas these Subordinate Lodges, are upheld and maintained in these proceedings by the Grand Lodges of Canada, England and Scotland respectively, from whom they claim to hold and possess sufficient authority for their continuance of such acts in violation of the well recognized authority and privileges of this Grand Lodge. And whereas this Grand Lodge has from time to time by Edicts of the M. W. the Grand Master, as well as by resolutions emanating directly from itself when constitutionally assembled, asserted and maintained its inherent right to absolute Masonic Supremacy within said Province, and having also from time to time made such representations to the aforesaid Grand Lodges of Canada, England and Scotland, as to the desirability of securing to this Grand Lodge, a harmonious and peaceful exercise of its prerogative as a Supreme Governing Masonic Authority in said Province, so that the good of the Craft, and the well-being and prosperity of the several subordinate

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lodes may be happily secured. And whereas, up to this date, there has not been manifested on the part of said Grand Lodges of Canada, England and Scotland any desire to accomplish this result, except on terms such as would not become the dignity and honor of the Grand Lodge to accept.

And whereas, this Grand Lodge firmly maintains and believes that the position assumed by her, and so largely endorsed by the sister Grand Lodges of the world, is in strict accordance with the laws governing the formation of Grand Lodges, said position having been fully and clearly defined in the Address issued to Grand Lodges throughout the world, as well as in the several edicts and resolutions heretofore referred to; and has never seen any reason to swerve from that position; yet, nevertheless, believing that the Grand Lodges of Canada, England and Scotland, are on their part equally conscientious in the maintaining of the position assumed by them, and this Grand Lodge still recognizing the desirability of, and being especially anxious to secure a thorough peaceful and harmonious settlement of the many vexed questions to which this unhappy and unfraternal state of masonry in this Province has given rise; therefore be it—

Resolved,—That having full confidence in the wisdom and fidelity of the following Brethren of this Grand Lodge, viz., M. W. Bro. Graham, G.M.; R. W. Bros. Dunbar, D.G.M., Mr. M. Tait, D.D.G.M., M. R. Meigs, D.D.G.M., G. H. Borlase, P.D.D.G.M., Alexander Murray, P.D.D.G.M. and J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, they be and are hereby appointed a Committee to take such steps as to them shall seem fit whereby a termination may be put to the present unhappy and anomalous state of Masonry in this Province, said Committee having full powers to make such final adjustment of all differences between the said Grand Lodges of Canada, England and Scotland and this M. W. Grand Lodge, in accordance with the dignity and honor of this Grand Lodge, provided always, such Committee as representing this Grand Lodge, shall at all times be placed on a footing of the most perfect equality as regards rights and powers, as shall such other Committees appointed, or to be appointed by the said Grand Lodges of Canada, England and Scotland.

Moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. J. Pratten:

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of Quebec always deploring the estrangement existing between it and the Grand Lodge of Canada, has made, but unsuccessfully, repeated advances to the Grand Lodge of Canada with the view to terminate all difficulties between the two Grand Bodies; nevertheless the Grand Lodge of Quebec sincerely desiring the peace and harmony of the Craft throughout the Dominion, is yet willing to receive and favorably to consider, and now fraternally invites, any communication

from the Grand Lodge of Canada, or from any of its Lodges in the jurisdiction of Quebec, which may tend to the restoration of unity.

A long debate ensued, the following Brethren taking part therein : R. W. Bros. Murray, Milton, Isaacson, Tait, Meigs, George Thompson. Hon. Thomas Wood, Addie and the Grand Chaplain.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Nye, seconded by R. W. Brother McMinin :

That the motion and amendment now under discussion be ordered to be laid on the table to be taken up on the morrow at 10 o'clock A.M.

On being put to Grand Lodge, this motion was declared lost.

R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson's amendment was then put and carried amidst much approbation.

The Board of General Purposes submitted a report, recommending the granting of a Warrant to St. Andrew's Lodge.

The Report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes submitted a report, advising that Bro. T. Anyrauld of Canadian Lodge, No. 33, Granby, to whom was delivered the Charter of said Lodge, should be summoned to appear before the Board.

Report received and adopted.

A letter from M. W. Bro. Park Davis, Grand Master of Vermont, tendering his best wishes to Grand Lodge, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

The Grand Secretary reported that it was inadvertently omitted to be stated in the last year's printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge, that Grand Lodge had adopted the Report of the Board of General Purposes, made in the appeal case of Bro. Hiram Leet of Doric Lodge, No. 23, and requested that the omission should be rectified.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Milton, seconded by R. W. Brother Murray, it was

Resolved—That in-as-much as this Grand Lodge did at its last Annual Communication receive and adopt the report just referred to by the Grand Secretary, that officer is hereby directed to rectify the omission by the proper notice in the printed proceedings of the present session.

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The Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Deputy Grand Master, reported for the information of Grand Lodge, that the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which had been sent to Quebec City for the concurrence of R. W. Bro. Dunbar, one of the Committee, had been unfortunately left by that R. W. Brother, with other papers, in the Court House in that City, and been burned by the fire which had destroyed that building.

At 11 P.M. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

Thursday Morning, 25th September, 1873-5873.

Grand Lodge resumed labor this morning at 10 o'clock A.M. precisely, the M. W. the Grand Master on the throne, and a large attendance of members and many visitors being present.

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

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following report on the State of Masonry in the Province of Quebec:

STATE OF MASONRY.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the Reports of the D.D.G.M.'s, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, beg to report:

1. They are pleased to be able to report that the state of Masonry in this Province, as shewn by the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s, is most satisfactory. Nearly all the Subordinate Lodges have been visited during the year, and found without exception to be working with zeal and harmony.

2. The Board learn from the report of the Grand Treasurer, that the finances of Grand Lodge continue in a satisfactory condition; that there are no claims remaining unpaid, and a substantial balance in his hands sufficient to meet all reasonable requirements of the Grand Lodge for some time.

They are also pleased to see that the Subordinate Lodges continue to meet their financial obligations to Grand Lodge with promptness and fidelity.

3. From the Grand Secretary's report, the Board learn that a dis-

pensation was granted during the year for the formation of St. Andrew's Lodge, in the City of Montreal, and they recommend that a Warrant be granted to this Lodge in accordance with the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master and D. D. G. M.

The Board approve of the steps taken by the Grand Secretary in his efforts to procure the establishment of a journal or periodical in the interests of the Masonic fraternity of this Province, and recommend that all the aid and assistance possible be given him by Grand Lodge, and the Board trust his efforts will be successful.

Referring to the report of the D.D.G.M. for the Montreal District, the Board recommend to the D.D.G.M.'s and other officers of Grand Lodge, as well as the Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges, the greatest care and circumspection in the matter of conferring masonic burial on deceased brethren not members of Lodges under this jurisdiction. No unaffiliated mason is entitled to Masonic burial; and in the case of request for Masonic burial being made on behalf of a deceased brother who has been a member of a Lodge under another jurisdiction at the time of his decease, the request should be approved by that Grand Lodge or its representative in this Province.

The Board recommend, in reference to the request of the Grand Secretary for authority to publish a new edition of the Printed Proceedings of Grand Lodge for 1870, that an estimate of the cost of publishing a new edition of these Proceedings be presented to the Board of General Purposes at the semi-annual meeting, together with a special Report of the Grand Secretary on the subject of printing a new edition of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge to this time, and making provision for the proper care and keeping of the Reports of Foreign Grand Lodges received by this Grand Lodge.

The Board congratulates the Grand Lodge on the satisfactory condition of all Lodges working under its jurisdiction.

The report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following report on the M. W. the Grand Master's address:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board beg to report as follows:

That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to the M. W. the

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Grand Master, for his very able and interesting address, disclosing as it does, a very satisfactory state of affairs, both as regards the interests of the Craft in the Province, and the relations of this Grand Lodge in respect to foreign jurisdictions.

That it is much to be regretted that the earnest efforts of this Grand Lodge, both at and since its last session, to effect a settlement of the differences which unfortunately still exist between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada, should not have succeeded in attaining the desired result, and that the action of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada, both in this matter, and also by persisting in and continuing acts of aggression upon the territory of this Grand Lodge, should have rendered it necessary for the M. W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge to issue the edict mentioned in his address, by which Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Canada has been suspended.

That while the necessity and justice of this step is fully admitted, the Board desires to express a hope that a reconciliation and amicable settlement of these difficulties, upon fair terms, may yet be effected, and a belief that any action in that respect which may be taken by the Grand Lodge of Canada, will receive the favorable consideration of this Grand Lodge.

The report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes made the following report on the matter of the complaint of Bro. McCorkle against W. Bro. J. Mead Patterson, which had been submitted last year :

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that having examined the charges (paper No. 1), and the documents and evidences filed in support thereof, they are of opinion, that Brother McCorkle has failed to prove the said charges, and therefore recommend the dismissal of the complaint.

After some observations on the subject from Bro. McCorkle, the report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes submitted the following report :

That inasmuch as the petition of Bro. W. H. Hall has for its object the erasing from the Minutes of Kilwinning Lodge, the record

of a proceeding which actually took place in that Lodge, such erasure is beyond the powers of Grand Lodge, and the petition cannot be allowed.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Meigs, seconded by Bro. Cowan,—That the report be received and adopted.—*Carried.*

On motion of R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, it was

Resolved,—That as a tribute of respect, and as an acknowledgment of past services rendered to the Craft in this Province by B. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, of Sherbrooke, P. G. Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, the honorary rank of Past Grand Senior Warden be and is hereby conferred upon said Brother Reid.

The following Brethren were named as a Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the following year, viz., R. W. Bros. Murray, Edgar and Grand Secretary.

The following Officers of Grand Lodge were then installed and invested in their respective offices by the M. W. the Grand Master, ably aided in the ceremony by R. W. Bros. Thomson and Meigs, viz.:

R. W. Bro. J. T. McMinn,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " " J. C. MARTIN, (by proxy)	Grand Junior Warden.
" " " THOMAS MILTON,	D.D.G.M., Montreal District.
" " " STEVENS BAKER,	" Bedford District.
" " " GEORGE O. TYLER,	Grand Registrar.
" " " STRUTHERS,	Grand Tyler.

The M. W. the Grand Master briefly addressed Grand Lodge, impressing on the Brethren a continuance of that wise, prudent, and fraternal course which has always heretofore marked their intercourse with the brethren in the Province who do not as yet acknowledge the authority of this Grand Lodge, assuring them that in so doing they will be rendering the Craft generally great service, and tend to a happy solution of the present unfortunate difficulties.

The Grand Master also happily referred to the labors of many distinguished brethren in preparing for publication a general history and summary of the Craft, and the laws governing it, making special reference to the publications of M. W. Bro. Scott of Louisiana and M. W. Bro. Drummond of Maine.

W. Bro. Addie moved, seconded by W. Bro. Foss :

That the Committee already named on work, be requested to prepare and exemplify the Ritual for this Grand Lodge by the next Annual meeting.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray, 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," "The Vermont Central Railway Company," "The Mississippi Valley Railway Company," "The South Eastern Counties Railway Company," and "The Richelieu Company of Steamboats," for their kindness in granting the Delegates and Visitors of this Grand Lodge tickets to and from Montreal at single fare.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, 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 present communication.

R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton being present was requested to give effect to this last vote.

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

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Grand Chaplain offered solemn prayer, and the present communication was closed in AMPLE form at 11.45 P.M.

John H. Leachman
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LIST OF GRAND LODGES

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

Alabama	D. Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Luke E. Barber	Little Rock.
Argentine Republic		
Belgium	Gustav Washer	Brussels.
Brazil	Dr. A. Freire de Amaral	Rio Janeiro.
British Columbia	H. F. Heisterman	Victoria.
California	Leonidas E. Pratt	San Francisco.
Columbia, District of	Noble R. Larner	Washington.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford.
Georgia	J. Emmett Blackshear	Macon.
Hungary	Antoine Richter	Pesth.
Idaho	L. F. Cartee	Boise City.
Illinois	Orlin H. Miner	Springfield.
Indiana	John M. Brainwell	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Iowa City.
Kansas	E. T. Carr	Leavenworth.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Michigan	James Fenton	Detroit.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Montana	Hez. L. Hosmer	Virginia City.
Nebraska	R. W. Furness	Brownsville.
New Hampshire	Abel Hutchins	Concord.
New York	James M. Austin, M.D. ..	New York.
Nevada	W. A. M. Van Bokkelen ..	Virginia.
Nova Scotia	Benj. Curren, D C.L.	Halifax.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Rhode Island	Charles D. Greene	Providence.

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Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry Clarke	Rutland.
West Virginia	O. S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	W. T. Palmer	Milwaukee.

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.

R. W. Bro.	Alexander Murray	.....Montreal, From Grand Lodge of Michigan.
" " "	S. J. Foss	.....Sherbrooke, From Grand Lodge of Mississippi,
M. " "	J. H. Graham	.....Richmond, From Grand Lodge of Connecticut.
R. " "	Frank Edgar	.....Montreal, From Grand Lodge of New York.
" " "	J. H. Isaacson	.....Montreal, From Grand Lodge of Vermont.
" " "	H. W. Wood, M.D.	.....Knowlton, From Grand Lodge of West Virginia.
" " "	D. Thomas	.....Sherbrooke, From Grand Lodge of Alabama.
V. " "	J. Alexander	.....Quebec, From Grand Lodge of Idaho.
" " "	Hon. Thomas Wood	.....Dunham, From Grand Lodge of Louisiana.
" " "	M. M. Tait	.....Montreal, From Grand Lodge of Montana.
V. " "	A. W. Hamilton	.....Melbourne, From Grand Lodge of South Carolina.
R. " "	George O. Tyler	.....Three Rivers, From Grand Lodge of Georgia.
" " "	H. M. Alexander	.....Montreal, From Grand Lodge of the Argentine Republic.
V. " "	C. A. Rice	.....Bedford, From Grand Lodge of Arkansas.
R. " "	H. J. Pratten	.....Quebec, From Grand Lodge of North Carolina.
M. " "	J. H. Graham, LL.D.	.....Richmond, From Grand Lodge of Iowa.
Rev. " "	Norman, M.A.	.....Montreal, From the Grand Orient of Hungary.
R. W. " "	Christopher Staveland	.....Quebec, From the Grand Lodge of California.
V. " "	H. Butler, M.A.Bedford, From the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.
R. " "	J. H. IsaacsonMontreal, From the Grand Lodge of Utah.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGES

NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

R. W. Bro.	J. H. Martin	District of Columbia.
M. " "	J. H. Drummond	Maine.
R. " "	Wm. Barrett	New Hampshire.
" " "	E. A. Gilbert	Iowa.
" " "	S. Cadwallader	Wisconsin.
M. " "	P. W. Gray	Texas.
R. " "	Wise	Nebraska.
" " "	G. T. Smithers	Nova Scotia.
" " "	R. H. Taylor	Nevada.
M. " "	J. H. Brown	Kansas.
" " "	Dewitt C. Cregier	Illinois.
R. " "	C. A. Woodward	Michigan.
" " "	T. L. Power	Mississippi.
" " "	J. R. Wheeler	Connecticut.
" " "	D. W. Talcott	New York.
M. " "	L. B. Engesley	Vermont.
R. " "	D. B. Tracey	Illinois.

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY G. M.

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

V. W. Bro.	JAMES GIBSON, Montreal,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" " "	E. S. Foss, Sherbrooke,	Grand Junior Deacon.
" " "	G. F. DUREY, Montreal,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" " "	JAMES ADDIE, Lennoxville,	Grand Organist.
" " "	JAMES CLEGHORN, Montreal,	Grand Pursuivant.
" " "	H. S. MILLER, Quebec,	Grand Steward.
" " "	G. C. BOWN, Montreal,	Do.
" " "	H. W. MCGOWAN, M.D., Bolton Centre,	Do.
" " "	W. M. KEYES, M.D., Georgeville,	Do.

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEARS 1873-4.

PRESIDENT.

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R. " " J. T. MCMINN, Montreal, Grand Senior Warden.

R. " " J. C. MARTIN, Stanbridge, Grand Junior Warden.

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R. W. Bro. CHR. STAVELY, for Quebec and Three Rivers District.

" " " THOMAS MILTON, Montreal, Montreal District.

" " " STEVENS BAKER, Dunham, Bedford District.

" " " E. W. WISWELL, Sherbrooke, St. Francis District.

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R. W. Bro. ALEX. MURRAY, Montreal.

" " " GEORGE H. BORLASE, Sherbrooke.

" " " HENRY J. PRATTEN, Quebec City.

" " " M. M. TAIT, Montreal.

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER

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" " " JOSEPH TEES, Montreal.

" " " A. F. HAMILTON, M.D., Abercorn.

" " " MARTIN WINN, Quebec.

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" " " W. B. COLBY, Stanstead.

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" " " D. THOMAS, Sherbrooke.

V. " " GEO. O. TYLER, Three Rivers.

" " " E. M. COPELAND, Montreal.

R. " " C. P. TABOR, West Farnham.

V. " " A. BOISSEAU, Montreal.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1873-4.

M. W. Bro. JOHN HAMILTON GRAHAM, Richmond,	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. JAMES DUNBAR, Quebec,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " " CHR. STAVELY, Quebec, D.D.G.M.,	Quebec and Three Rivers District.
" " " THOMAS MILTON, Montreal,	Montreal District.
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" " " REV. H. W. NYE, Actonvale,	Grand Chaplain.
" " " H. M. ALEXANDER, Montreal,	Grand Treasurer.
" " " J. H. ISAACSON, Montreal,	Grand Secretary.
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" " " W. M. KEYES, M.D., Georgeville,	Do.

20	Ascot	20.75	5.00	10.00	35.75
21	Ashlar	no returns
22	Frelighsburg	18.75	4.00	4.00	.....	.....	.....	26.75
23	Doric	23.75	2.00	7.50	.....	.....	.....	33.25
24	Chateauguay	17.00	1.00	7.50	2.00	6.00	.....	33.50
25	Shawenegan	12.75	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.75
26	Abercorn*	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.00
27	Corner Stone .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	no returns	.....
28	Clarke	9.00	1.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....	20.00
29	St. Charles	24.50	16.00	28.00	.....	20.00	.....	88.00
30	La Loge des Oeufs Unis	19.25	3.00	14.00	.50	.....	.....	36.75
31	Graham*	10.00	6.00	14.00	.....	4.14	.....	34.14
32	Excelsior .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	.....	20.00
33	Canadian .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	no returns	.....
34	Mount Orford .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	St. George	11.00	12.00	24.00	.50	.....	.....	47.50
36	Burland	12.75	6.00	16.00	2.50	.50	20.00	57.75
37	Prince Consort	21.25	28.00	52.00	.....	2.00	20.00	123.25
38	St. Andrew*	10.50	9.00	.....	10.00	3.00	.....	32.50
		691.25	198.00	365.00	10.00	20.00	92.25	1393.64

* Those marked * have made returns as included in above table for six months only; subsequently to closing the Treasurer's books, and during Session of Grand Lodge the following Lodges have paid further dues: Abercorn for 6 months, Ashlar for 12 months, Albion 6 months, St. Andrew No. 5, 6 months, Hoyle 12 months, Browne 6 months, St. Andrew, No. 38, 6 months, Royal Albert 6 months.

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURN OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1873.

No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Sus. N.P.D.	Reinstated.	Members.
0	Albion	Quebec City	6	4	5	0	2	0	11	1	44
1	St. Johns	Quebec City	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	51
2	Prevost	Dunham	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	51
3	Nelson	St. Armands	2	3	1	0	6	0	0	1	33
4	Golden Rule	Stanstead	10	7	8	0	3	1	10	0	123
5	St. Andrew	Quebec City	7	7	4	2	8	2	5	2	69
6	St. George	Montreal	18	10	4	1	18	0	6	0	91
7	Zetland	Montreal	15	10	8	0	4	1	0	0	46
8	Harington	Quebec City	5	5	4	0	2	0	5	1	39
9	Hoyle	Lacolle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
10	St. Francis	Richmond	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	45
11	Victoria	Sherbrooke	3	3	3	1	8	1	10	2	56
12	Stanbridge	Stanbridge	3	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	69
13	Kilwinning	Montreal	21	23	16	3	10	0	0	3	156
14	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	14
15	Brown	West Farnham	4	4	4	0	2	0	0	0	29
16	Royal Albert	Montreal	9	11	10	4	3	1	0	0	83
17	Victoria	Montreal	7	8	7	4	0	0	0	0	28
18	Milton	Three Rivers	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	44
19	Tuscan	Levis	5	4	3	1	2	0	0	0	40
20	Ascot	Lennoxville	5	5	5	0	3	0	15	0	35
21	Ashlar	Coaticook	17	17	17	2	0	0	0	0	77
22	Frelighsburg	Frelighsburg	7	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	29
23	Doric	Danville	3	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	48
24	Chateaugay	Huntingdon	2	2	3	1	3	0	0	0	36
25	Shawenegan	Three Rivers	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	27
26	Abercorn	Abercorn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
27	Corner Stone	Cowansville	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	35
28	Clarke	Orms town	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	19
29	St. Charles	Point St. Charles	16	12	14	0	5	0	0	0	53
30	La Loge Cœurs	Montreal	3	3	1	1	5	2	0	0	38
31	Graham .. [Unit]	Bolton Centre	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	17
32	Excelsior	Actonvale	5	4	4	0	7	0	1	0	26
33	Canadian	Granby	War ran			Cance		led.			
34	Mount Orford	Georgeville	8	7	7	0	1	0	0	0	24
35	St. George	Quebec City	12	10	13	0	2	0	0	2	26
36	Burland	St. Johns	9	6	6	1	1	0	2	0	26
37	Prince Consort	Montreal	29	21	17	3	1	0	1	0	49
38	St. Andrew	Montreal	7	7	7	5	0	0	0	0	55
TOTALS			266	221	196	33	100	8	71	15	1781

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RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1873.

No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
0	Albion	Quebec City	Second Friday of every month.
1	St. Johns	Quebec City	Second Wednesday " "
2	Prevost	Dunham	Tuesday on or preceeding full moon.
3	Nelson	St. Armand	Thursday " " "
4	Golden Rule	Stanstead	Tuesday " " "
5	St. Andrew	Quebec City	First Wednesday.
6	St. George	Montreal	Third Tuesday.
7	Zetland	Montreal	Second Thursday.
8	Harington	Quebec City	Third Thursday.
9	Hoyle	Lacolle	First and Third Tuesday.
10	St. Francis	Richmond	First Thursday.
11	Victoria	Sherbrooke	Second Tuesday.
12	Stanbridge	Stanbridge	Wednesday on or preceeding full moon.
13	Kilwinning	Montreal	Second Monday.
14	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Third Thursday.
15	Brown	West Farnham	Friday on or preceeding full moon.
16	Royal Albert	Montreal	First Wednesday.
17	Victoria	Montreal	Fourth Monday.
18	Milton	Three Rivers	First Wednesday.
19	Tuscan	Levis	First Thursday.
20	Ascot	Lennoxville	Monday on or preceeding full moon.
21	Ashlar	Coaticooke	First Wednesday.
22	Frelighsburg	Frelighsburg	Monday on or preceeding full moon.
23	Doric	Danville	Wednesday " " "
24	Chateaugay	Huntingdon	Second Tuesday.
25	Shawenegan	Three Rivers	Second Wednesday.
26	Abercorn	Abercorn	First Thursday after full moon.
27	Corner Stone	Cowansville	Wed. on or preceeding full moon.
28	Clarke	Orms town	Second Wednesday.
29	St. Charles	Point St. Charles	Fourth Tuesday.
30	La Loge Cœur	Montreal	Fourth Wednesday.
31	Graham [Unit]	Bolton Centre	Tuesday on or preceeding full moon.
32	Excelsior	Actonvale	" " " "
33	Canadian	Granby	Warrant Cancelled.
34	Mount Offord	Georgeville	
35	St. George	Quebec City	
36	Burland	St. Johns	First Monday.
37	Prince Consort	Montreal	Fourth Tuesday.
38	St. Andrew	Montreal	Second Tuesday.

SUSPENDED EMBERS.

Albion No. 0.

Fuchs, Henry Adam Chris.	Hamond, Eugene	Davis, Jacob
Butler, James	Langlois, Jean Bap.	Holkott, Geo. Abr.
Banfield, Edwin James	Aubut, David	Mullen, John
Wyse, Horatio	Decelles, Eloi	

Golden Rule, No. 4.

Anderson, Charles F.	Judd, William	Shurloff, Albert
Ayer, Lyman	Ladd, James G.	Trihey, Thos. B.
Baldwin, Dutton P.	Murray, Alexander	Wilcox, R. N.
	McKenzie, Saml. D.	

St. Andrews, No. 5.

Andrew, Horace J.	Taylor, John	Ralph, Benj. R.
Richardson, C. R.	Carter, John	

St. George, No. 6.

Lilley, Thos.	Powell, W. H.	Carey, E.
Severid, Peter	Carlisle, John	Labonté, Louis

Harrington, No. 8.

Noble, G.	Joncas, Charles	Couture, Felix Joseph
Highman, Wm.	Lyon, David	

Victoria, No. 11.

Dowlin, L. W.	Stevens, S. A.	Unsworth, John H.
Bliss, Anson	Deans, Jas.	Armstrong, J. E.
Small, Robert	Johnston, E. A.	Way, Christopher
	Farwell, Lemuel	

*Stanbridge, No. 12.—Fletcher, Charles Augustus**Clarenceville, No. 14.*

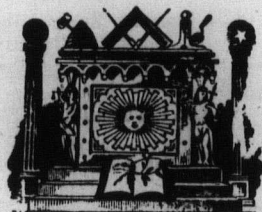
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Ascot, No. 20.

Johnston, Samuel	Harris, Thos. B.	Milton, Thos.
Caple, Geo. B.	Sanborn, G. L.	Jackson, Henry J.
Caple, Edward	Mills, Hiram	Wiswell, Geo. T.
Stanley, Otis J.	Reid, Jas., Jr.	Parkinson, Wm.
Darnally, C. R.	Adams, J. W.	Smith, Joseph F.

*Shawenegan, No. 25.—Gatliff, Edward M.**Excelsior, No. 32.—Ritchie, Damase, U.M.C.**Burland, No. 36.—Black, John, U.M.C. Black, Henderson, U.M.C.**Prince Consort, No. 37.—Lilley, Thomas*


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AT REST.

NAMES.	LODGE.	
Annis, William F.	Golden Rule.	No. 4
Campbell, George	St. Andrews,	" 5
Kent, Robert	Do.	
Doyle, Matthew	Zetland,	" 7
Harris, T. B.	Victoria,	" 11
Anderson, John	Royal Albert.	" 16
Picault, Alfred.....	Cœurs Unis,	" 30
Picault, Charles	Do.	" 30





RECAPITULATION

OF RETURN OF LODGE FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1873.

Lodges working under warrants.....	38
" represented in Grand Lodge	37
" organized	39
" working	38
Initiations reported.....	266
Passings "	221
Raisings "	196
Joinings "	33
Resignations "	100
Deaths "	8
Suspended	71
Restorations	15
Members in good standing.....	1781