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GRAND LODGE.

The meeting of Grand Lodge, a report of which appears in this number of the CRAFTSMAN, which has just closed, was one of the most important and most largely attended that has ever taken place in Canada. The number of delegates and members was over six hundred, and when it is stated that no more than thirty Lodges were represented by proxies, the interest existing in the meeting may be fairly estimated. Throughout the jurisdiction the liveliest interest had been excited in the questions which it was understood would come up for settlement; and members came to the meeting in a spirit of earnestness which could not be mistaken, and with a firm resolve to do, at whatever cost, what appeared most likely to promote the best interests of our beloved order. Efforts, some of them of a very questionable character, had been put forth to prejudice the minds of brethren and lodges on the question of the recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. A publication issued in Toronto in the interests of that body, had for months been almost exclusively taken up with the subject. Articles, not simply arguing the general question, upon which opinions may honestly differ, but containing the basest insinuations against members of Grand Lodge, from the Grand Master downwards, had appeared in its columns; and when Grand Lodge assembled, an extra number of the same publication, filled with the same unmasonic matter, was distributed gratuitously in the hotels of the city and in the rooms where Grand Lodge met. It is to the credit of the craft that these publications had but little effect. Members felt that the occasion was one of too great importance to justify a decision on *ex parte* statements; and they came to the discussion of the question with minds unprejudiced, and with a firm resolve to do whatever, on the facts presented to Grand Lodge, appeared to be right.

We have not time or space in this number to review at any length the decision arrived at, or the grounds upon which that decision was based. It is gratifying to us that the view presented in the CRAFTSMAN has been sustained by Grand Lodge; but it is far more gratifying to believe that the decision is one by which the best interests of Freemasonry in Canada are certain to be promoted. With eighteen loyal Lodges existing in the Province of Quebec; with one of the seceding Lodges, by a unanimous vote, returning to its allegiance; with a positive assurance that already a better spirit is beginning to prevail among the members of the seceding Lodges; the idea of recognition, even on grounds of expediency, could not be thought of, while on grounds of right, no one whose opinion is worth anything holds that there was any constitutional right of secession existing in the Province of Quebec. We believe the decision arrived at will be found to promote harmony much more rapidly than any other that could have been adopted; and believing this we hail the decision with pleasure.

In other respects the meeting of Grand Lodge was eminently successful. An immense amount of business was transacted, and the Board of General Purposes has this fact to rejoice at, that not one single case of appeal or grievance has been left as a legacy to its successor. The business has been completed in a manner reflecting the highest credit upon all concerned.

M. W. BROTHER

THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER KEITH.

In our present number we present the portrait of our venerable and M. W. Bro. the Hon. Alexander Keith, Grand Master of the Province of Nova Scotia, Grand Superintendent of R. A. Masonry, under English authority, and Eminent Commander of the exalted order of Knights Templar, &c., &c., &c., for the said Province, and to whose history, both civil and masonic, we find it would be difficult to do justice within our prescribed limits. Our illustrious Brother was born at Halkirk, Carthness-shire, Scotland, on the 5th of October, 1795, his father being a highly respectable farmer, and Chief of the "Clan Keith," after receiving a liberal education he proceeded, in the year 1812, to Sunderland, England, where he obtained a knowledge of the brewing and malting business from his uncle, an extensive brewer in that place, and in 1817 embarked for Halifax, Nova Scotia, where, on his arrival, he made a business engagement with the late Chas. Boggs, Esq., as sole brewer and manager, and in 1820 he purchased the premises from Mr. Boggs and commenced business on his own account, which, after a lapse of a half of a century, has obtained a world-wide reputation, and secured to its proprietor a handsome fortune, the result of a course of upright and



THE HON. ALEXANDER KEITH,

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

OF THE

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NOVA SCOTIA.

honorable business habits, coupled with sterling integrity of purpose and urbanity of manner.

In the year 1843 Bro. Keith was elected Mayor of his adopted city, and again in 1853 and 1854 received the same honor (having for several years acted as Commissioner in the Court of Common Pleas for the Town of Halifax previous to its incorporation). In 1857 Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria was pleased to appoint Mr. Keith as one of the members of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, of which he was made President in 1867, in place of the Hon. Edward Kenny, recently appointed Administrator of the Government of Nova Scotia. As a major in the militia and a Justice of the Peace, the Hon. Mr. Keith has been ever ready to serve his Queen and country. In the North British and Highland Societies of Nova Scotia, Bro. Keith has repeatedly filled the presidential chairs, and at the present time worthily discharges the duties of chief of the latter. It is questionable whether there is within the Dominion any one individual who has during his life time presided at as many public dinners as has our worthy and esteemed Brother, he having, in his own peculiar and acceptable way, occupied the chair on no less than one hundred and ten such occasions during his public career, which fact alone is sufficient to prove the high esteem in which our distinguished Brother has always been held for his many excellent qualities.

In Masonry, M. W. Bro. Keith was first brought to light in the year 1816, at Sunderland, in the Lodge of St. John, No. 118, Registry of England, and on his arrival at Halifax affiliated in the Lodge Virgin, No. 2, R. E., of which Lodge he is still a member, having served in all the offices and repeatedly filled the oriental chair with honor to himself and much acceptance to his brethren.

In 1819, exalted to the Holy R. A. degree in Royal Union Chapter R. E., in which Chapter, from 1827 till 1833, Comp. Keith alternately filled the offices of Z. H. and J. with much zeal, knowledge and honor, and was subsequently appointed Grand Superintendent of R. A. Masonry for Nova Scotia, under English authority, which high office he continued to hold until the formation, during the past year, of the Supreme Grand R. A. Chapter of the Province of Nova Scotia, over which body he was unanimously elected and installed as the M. E. Grand High Priest.

In chivalric masonry our distinguished Brother has also been very prominent, and the Nova Scotia Encampment owes its present prosperity, if not its very existence, to his untiring zeal and assiduity in the furtherance of its interests; in this department of our "ancient and honorable institution," Sir Knight Keith holds the important position of M. E. Grand Commander for the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

To return to what is termed "Blue Masonry," we find that Bro. Keith has for upwards of a half century been a most active and popular member of the Craft in the maritime provinces; in the year 1839, after having for many years held the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he was on the death of the late R. W. Bro. John Albro, unanimously chosen as his successor in the highly important and honorable office of Provincial Grand Master for Nova Scotia, and in the year 1846 his jurisdiction was extended to the Province of New Brunswick and the Islands of Prince Edward and Newfoundland. In the year 1843 the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Scotland also conferred upon R. W. Bro. Keith the appointment of Provincial Grand Master over the Scottish Lodges holding within the said Provinces, thus the two branches of the Craft (English and Scottish) in these provinces were happily placed under the superintendence of a very popular and universally esteemed Head, and continued so until a recent period, when it became admittedly evident that the union of the Craft under one independent Grand Lodge was a necessity which circumstances seemed to force upon the Lodges in Nova Scotia, and consequently on the 24th of June last, this desirable object was happily consummated, with the entire approval and concurrence of the parent Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and Most Worshipful Bro. Keith was with great unanimity, and the hearty congratulations of the Craft, elected as Grand Master, and installed into that office by our own distinguished and Most Worshipful Grand Master Stevenson, assisted by M. W. Bros. Dr. Bernard, P. G. M., of Canada, and B. Lester Peters, G. M. of New Brunswick.

During the lengthy period in which our venerated Brother Keith has held supervision of the Craft in our sister provinces, many valuable Testimonials, Presentations and Addresses have testified their high appreciations of his sterling integrity and Masonic worth, by the various Lodges under his charge. On one particular occasion M. W. Bro. Keith was specially selected by the M. W. the Earl of Zetland, then Grand Master of England, to settle some delicate matters in dispute amongst the Brethren in New Brunswick, and succeeded in effecting an arrangement, mutually, satisfactory and honorable to all parties concerned.

The laying of the corner stones of many public institutions also form a prominent feature in the masonic career of our worthy Brother, as evidenced by the public records and the numerous Silver Trowels in his possession, and to enumerate which would extend this article much beyond our limits.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Keith is now in his 75th year, and continues to manifest his usual diligence and interest in the dissemination of Light and Truth, and we sincerely trust the Craft in Nova Scotia may long continue to enjoy the paternal care and matured counsels of so venerable and universally esteemed a Head.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

The fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, was opened at the Music Hall, Toronto, on Wednesday last, the 13th inst. Early on Tuesday the brethren began to arrive, and by Tuesday night the hotels were tolerably well filled, and the earnestness of discussions showed that the brethren had come to the meeting deeply impressed with the importance of the occasion, and the responsibility resting upon the Craft in connection with it. On Wednesday morning a large additional number of brethren reached the city, and by the time the hour arrived for opening Grand Lodge, there was a larger attendance than has ever been known for a first day.

Grand Lodge was formally opened at half-past two o'clock. The entrance of Grand Officers, clothed in the new regalia which has just been imported from England, was a very imposing procession. The usual motion, accepting the minutes as read and confirmed, having been passed, and the rules read, the Grand Master delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada:

Another year—a most important one in our history having passed away, we are assembled again in annual communication, to consider measures for the advancement and prosperity of our beloved institution. Let us, with becoming gratitude, recognise the goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe, who has so mercifully preserved us in life and health, bestowed upon us countless blessings, and given us a fair measure of prosperity. Let us also reverently look up to Him for wisdom to direct our deliberations at this communication, so that all we do may be conducive to the promotion of His glory and the well-being of our fellow-men.

I do not intend to occupy much of the time of the Grand Lodge with an opening address, which can be more profitably employed in the consideration of the various important questions that are to be brought forward. I will, therefore, only refer to certain official acts with which it is necessary you should be made acquainted, and perhaps advert briefly to one or two other matters requiring remark.

The number of new Lodges established by Dispensation during the past year, was fifteen. Great care was taken to obtain reliable information as to the need for more Lodges in the respective districts in which they were sought to be located, and the probability of their being able to work without detriment to the Lodges already existing in the immediate vicinity; and I am happy to say that in nearly every instance the replies were most satisfactory. The applications were all accompanied by the usual recommendations, and certificates were also furnished me that the Brethren selected for the position of Worshipful Masters were fully competent to confer the Degrees. It gives me great pleasure to state in this connection that, in March last, the members of "Goderich Union Lodge," No. 720, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, unanimously adopted a series of resolutions, resigning their English Warrant, and desiring, in exchange, a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada. The resolutions were carefully drawn, and all their proceedings being perfectly regular and constitutional, I felt it to be my duty to comply with their request and instructed Grand Secretary to accept their English Warrant, and forward it to the Grand Lodge of England, together with a certified copy of the resolutions adopted by the Lodge. In accordance with previous arrangement, they were to get the nearest vacant number to that which they would have received, had they originally affiliated with this Grand Lodge. The Lodge is therefore now known as Goderich Lodge, No. 33 on our Grand Register.

The following are the names of the Lodges under dispensation, with their location and date of organization, viz.:

1. Credit Lodge, Georgetown, O., 27th September, 1869.
2. Zerodatha Lodge, Uxbridge, O., 11th October, 1869.
3. Mountain Lodge, Thorold, O., 12th October, 1869.
4. Marmora Lodge, Marmora, O., 16th October, 1869.
5. Norwood Lodge, Norwood, O., 16th November, 1869.

6. Zurich Lodge, Zurich, O., 13th December, 1869.
7. Bernard Lodge, Listowell, O., 14th December, 1869.
8. Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal, P. Q., 3rd March, 1870.
9. Sutton Lodge, Sutton Flats, P. Q., 4th March, 1870.
10. Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa, O., 18th March, 1870.
11. Ionic Lodge, Brampton, O., 14th April, 1870.
12. Kerr Lodge, Bell Ewart, O., 14th April, 1870.
13. Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, O., 29th April, 1870.
14. Cameron Lodge, Walkertown, O., 28th April, 1870.
15. Doric Lodge, Park Hill, O., 4th July, 1870.

AFFILIATED.

16. Goderich Union, No. 720, English Register, and now known as "Goderich" Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, O.

Requests were received from several Grand Lodges for an exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodge of Canada. The distinguished Brethren appointed to represent these Grand Bodies, near this Grand Lodge, will doubtless in due time present their credentials. I have named and accredited the following Brethren to represent our Grand Lodge near their Grand Lodges, viz.:

- R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Gouley, Grand Sec., near the Grand Lodge of Missouri.
- M. W. Bro. Henry R. Cannon, P. G. M., near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
- M. W. Bro. H. P. Deuel, G. M., near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
- R. W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, G. S. W., near the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.
- R. W. Bro. Samuel C. Fleming (Bellows Falls) near the Grand Lodge of Vermont.
- R. W. Bro. Col. Wm. S. Fish, of Mystic Bridge, near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

R. W. Bro. Thomas W. Chubbuck, near the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

R. W. Bro. William H. Fraser, near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

In consequence of the removal from this country of R. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson, D. D. G. M., for the Bedford District, it was found to be necessary to fill the vacancy thus caused. The Book of Constitution provides that "The Grand Master may, by a written document, direct the Grand Registrar to take charge of any district for which there is not a District Deputy Grand Master," but owing to the peculiar state of Masonic affairs in that District it was to be expected that questions would arise requiring the personal superintendence of the officer in charge. I therefore deemed it of essential importance that some competent brother, resident in the district, should be selected. I communicated my views to the present Grand Registrar, R. W. Bro. Fairbanks, who, in the most courteous manner, concurred therein, and having consulted some of the officers of lodges in that district, I appointed W. Bro. Horace D. Pickel, P. M. of Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetburg, who has since discharged the duties of D.D.G.M. in the district of Bedford, with great zeal and ability.

Emergent communications of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of laying foundation stones, were held at the following times and places, viz.: On the 12th of August, 1869 at Belleville, Ont., foundation stone of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum; on the 16th of May, 1870. at Odessa, Ont., foundation of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On both occasions I had the honor of presiding and officiating.

On the 17th of May, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Seymour, D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Willson, D. D. G. M. for the Hamilton District, R. W. Bro. Harris, Grand Secretary, and others, I had the pleasure of meeting a large number of the Hamilton brethren in the Lodge of Strict Observance, and of witnessing the presentation of a very beautiful address, and an elegant Past Master's Jewel, to V. W. Bro. Pringle, the able and talented W. M. of that Lodge. On the following evening, I enjoyed the privilege of meeting several hundred of the Toronto brethren, assembled in their commodious Lodge Room, under the direction of R. W. Bro. Kerr, the D. D. G. M. for that district, Stevenson Lodge being in session. There were also a number of the officers and Past Grand officers of the Grand Lodge, amongst whom was R. W. Bro. Harman, the present Mayor of the city. On both these occasions the fraternal sentiments expressed afforded evidence of the harmony and good feeling prevailing amongst the members of their respective lodges, and I deem it due to them to acknowledge thus publicly the kindly and fraternal consideration and the bounteous hospitality extended to me by the Brethren of Hamilton and Toronto.

In January I had the great gratification of meeting with the Brethren of New Jersey, at the annual Communication of their Grand Lodge, held at the city of Trenton. This was the first Grand Lodge which I had the honour of visiting in the United States and I was greatly impressed with the strict order which characterised all their pro-

ceedings, and the high respect for authority manifested throughout the session. The reports presented gave unmistakable evidence of the prosperous condition of Freemasonry within the jurisdiction of that State. From M. W. Bros. Canning, Rusling and Whitehead, and R. W. Brothers Pine, Corson, and others, I received the greatest fraternal courtesy.

In pursuance of an invitation extended to me by the Committee of Arrangements, I had the honor of being present at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York, held on the 7th of last month and following days, and of assisting at the laying of the foundation stone of the proposed Masonic Hall or Temple, now being erected at the corner of 6th Avenue and 23rd streets, in the city of New York. Representatives were present from about 600 Lodges, besides many distinguished visitors from sister Grand Lodges, amongst whom were two highly esteemed officers of our own Grand Lodge—R. W. Bro. Seymour, Dep. G. M., and R. W. Bro. McCabe, D. D. G. M. Ontario, M. W. Bro. B. L. Peters, G. M. of New Brunswick, and several of his Grand officers, were also present at that interesting ceremony. The procession was said to be the largest and most imposing Masonic demonstration ever witnessed in the city of New York. The numbers present in the ranks, were variously estimated at from 8,000 to 15,000. The marshaling of this vast number was accomplished with marvellous ease, the column being in motion promptly at the hour agreed upon, reflecting great credit upon the Committee of Arrangements, and especially upon R. W. Bro. Herrick, the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies. From the Grand Master downwards, the Brethren were all clothed alike—the regalia consisting of a white linen apron, white gloves, and the jewel of office attached to the left breast. No collars or other insignia were permitted to be worn in the procession. The foundation stone was laid by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James Gibson, of Salem, N. Y., ably assisted by R. W. Bro. Anthon, Dep. G. M., (now G. M.) and R. W. Bros. Fox, and Judson, respectively G. S. W. and G. J. W. The visiting Brethren were most courteously received by the Grand Officers just mentioned, and by M. W. Brother Simons, and R. W. Bro. Dr. Austin, Grand Secretary, and others. The Banquet was held at the Apollo Hall, on the evening of the 8th, to which all visitors from abroad were invited.

During the year a great variety of questions have been submitted to me for opinion or decision, to all of which I gave such attention as the respective cases seemed to require; and it occurred to me, while performing this duty, that if it were possible to preserve and publish, in a condensed form, the various decisions of Grand Masters from year to year, and the action taken by Grand Lodge on subjects not embraced within the scope of the provisions of the Book of Constitution, it would form a very valuable Canadian Masonic Jurisprudence, which might be often referred to, and prove exceedingly useful alike to Grand Lodge Officers and those of subordinate Lodges.

During the past two years, several *District Grand Lodges of Instruction* have been organized within this jurisdiction, which have been attended with most beneficial results. Two of these were held since our last Annual Communication—one in the District of Toronto and the other in the Ontario District. R. W. Bros. Kerr and McCabe, the D. D. G. M.'s for these Districts, conducted the business with great ability, and the marked success which crowned their efforts must have been extremely gratifying to these R. W. brethren, and to all who had the good fortune to be present at those meetings. I trust that the good example set by these zealous brethren will be followed in every District throughout our jurisdiction. I regard such meetings as one of the most effective methods of imparting masonic instruction, and under proper management they might be made conducive to the speedy accomplishment of what has long been a desideratum—*entire uniformity of work*.

The Reports of the various District Deputy Grand Masters, on the state of Masonry, are on the whole satisfactory. But for the unhappy differences existing in the Province of Quebec, the Craft might be said to enjoy almost undisturbed harmony. Since the Emergent Communication of this Grand Lodge, held on 1st December last, the members of several of our Lodges who had been deprived of their masonic rights and privileges by the action of some of their number, whose sympathies were in favour of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, made application to me to be maintained in the rights guaranteed to them by our own Book of Constitution; and as my action in regard to these Lodges has been sadly misrepresented, I deem it necessary to give, in full, the documents I issued, so that the Grand Lodge may be placed in possession of the facts, and thereby be enabled to understand the true position of affairs. To prevent repetition, the applications are not given here, as the action taken indicates their purport. The following was issued in reference to Victoria Lodge, No. 173:

To all Whom it may Concern,

GREETING:—

Whereas, it has been represented to me, that the Warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of Canada to the Victoria Lodge, No. 173, Montreal, is now, and has been for a period of more than one month, held and retained by a brother, who still declines to place it in possession of the loyal members of that Lodge, and whereas, it appears that W. Bro. Henry J. Gear, W. M., and Bro. J. T. McMinn, the Senior Warden, are not in accord with the membership of Victoria Lodge, twenty-seven of whom have declared their determination to remain true to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada:

Therefore, I do, by these presents, authorize Bro. Robt. Murray, the Junior Warden to summon the meetings of the aforesaid Victoria Lodge, No. 173, G. R. C., until the next election and installation of officers, in the same manner as if the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden were both absent, and in case the Warrant should not be forthcoming or available at the next or subsequent meetings of the aforesaid Victoria Lodge, I further authorize the business of said Lodge to be transacted, and its work performed as heretofore, under the Warrant of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

This done at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this 6th day of December, 1869.

A. A. STEVENSON, Grand Master.

EARLY in January, I received the following communication from R. W. Bro. Walker, D.D.G.M., for the district of Quebec:

QUEBEC, 2nd January, 1870.

A. A. STEVENSON, Esq., G. M. G. L. of Canada.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother—I greet you with the compliments of this festive season, and trust that you may live to enjoy many returns of its cheering association; and that at the next advent of "New Year's Day" you will find yourself free from the many harrassing cares and anxieties which beset you at the close of the year just past, and, I am afraid, beset you still.

In accordance with my promise, I now proceed to give you the details connected with the defalcation of Harington Lodge. It appears that at the meeting of Grand Lodge in Montreal, on the 1st December last, when the representative of the lodge, W. Bro. Burnstein, W. M., went forward to sign his name in the register, it was found that "No. 49 Harington Lodge" had been omitted altogether; and the Grand Registrar then asked W. Bro. Burnstein "if his lodge was still faithful to the Grand Lodge of Canada?" W. Bro. Burnstein's reply, as I have been informed, was "It is, as yet." After some further conversation at the Registrar's table, it was proposed to enter the lodge in the register at the end of the list. To this, W. Bro. McCallum, W. M., who was also present at the time, demurred: and at his suggestion, the "No" and "name" of the lodge were interlined at the proper place. The omission, and the question put to him—a question, he says, not put to any one but himself—seemed to have irritated W. Bro. Burnstein very much, it being, in his opinion, tantamount to a declaration that G. L. considered Harington Lodge as having gone over to the enemy; and on his return to Quebec, kept harping on this string continually and incessantly, and would not listen to any common-sense explanation, that the omission might merely have been a clerical error; while with regard to the question put to him, I myself considered it out of place. I may mention that W. Bro. Burnstein has all along been a sympathiser with the new movement; and dwelling upon what he termed an insult to the lodge, he soon gathered the malcontents around him; and these brethren, aided and abetted by W. Bro. Bowen, late of St. Andrew's Lodge, R.S., worked strenuously in the cause of rebellion; and worked so well, that at the regular meeting, held on the 16th December, when I laid before them the resolution you wanted altered, W. Bro. Tweddell said that the motion was his; that he would not make, or allow to be made, any alteration in it; that if it was indefinite, he was now prepared to make another motion which he hoped would be definite enough. He then made a motion that Harington Lodge join the G. L. of Q. This motion I would not allow to be put; and ably assisted by W. Bro. McCallum and some few members who remained still true to their colors, the motion was modified to read as follows:

"That a committee be appointed to consider the state of Freemasonry in Canada, and the advisability of forming a Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec."

This much being accomplished, and having an important engagement, I retired, leaving W. Bro. McCallum to watch proceedings. Nothing further transpired, ex-

cept the appointment of the committee; and as a proof of W. Bro. Burnstein's Masonic knowledge, he actually appointed me as one of its members, even although apart from my position in the Craft, I was not present at the time. I received due notice of the meeting of the committee, and attended at the appointed time and place, and found the committee to consist of: V. W. Bro. Joncas, W. Bro. Tweddell, Bro. John Hunter, Bro. Nathan Burnstein, Bro. John Hurds, and W. Bro. S. J. Burnstein, W. M., *ex officio*. I then informed the W. M. that he had made a sad mistake, not only naming me upon such a committee, but in appointing such a committee at all, before complying with the regulations laid down for guidance in our constitution. I then told the committee that, as a matter of course, I would not act with them, and pointed out the illegality and unconstitutionality of their meeting then at all. My arguments were quite unheeded; and knowing that all there present were ripe and ready for revolt, I thought it was throwing water on a drowned mouse to talk any longer, so left them to their own inventions. Previous to the committee meeting, summonses had been issued for an emergent meeting for the 23rd December, in which the business was stated to be "to take into," &c., an exact copy of the resolution, leaving out the appointment of the committee I have already quoted, but not a word about the reception of the committee report. The Lodge room was crowded; partisans of malcontents had been gathered together from all conceivable quarters, and I saw at a glance that they would carry all before them, when it came to be a question of numbers. The Lodge having been duly opened, V. W. Bro. Joncas rose to read the report of the committee. I at once protested against any such report being read or received; that the committee and its proceedings were alike irregular and illegal; and that according to the summons no such business was to be entertained that evening. I addressed them at some length on the manner in which the business of the lodge had latterly been conducted; and the opposing party, finding that my remarks appeared to have taken some effect, even upon themselves, agreed to give up reading the report, and quashing the proceeding of the committee. However, it was simply "out of the frying-pan into the fire," for the secessionists fell back upon the motion in the summons, and on that passed a resolution to join the so-called "G. L. of Q.," and to have the officers installed under its registry on St. John's day. To this resolution, we could only muster six dissenting voices; and on its being announced as carried, I at once, in due form, declared Harington Lodge, No. 49, under the G. R. of C., its officers and members, with the exception of such officers and members as remained true in their allegiance to the G. L. of C., duly suspended from all masonic powers and privileges until the decision of the M. W. the Grand Master of the G. L. of Canada, was made known in the matter. I then called all the brethren, faithful to the G. L. of C., to retire with me, which we accordingly did.

On St. John's day, at half-past one p. m., the lodge again met; and after all the members had met together, with a whole host of the Quebec rebel elite, and just as they were about to open, I stood forth in the centre of the lodge-room; and having informed all present that Harington Lodge having been duly suspended, its present meeting was illegal; and that it could hold no meetings until your decision on the subject had been known. I then read the document I have already forwarded to you; and in my own name and that of the brethren whose names were appended thereto, I demanded, three separate times, the surrender into our keeping of the warrant of Harington Lodge No. 49, under the G. R. of C. The W. M. refused to deliver it up; and I then told him always to bear in mind that, no matter what he and his followers might do, he would never have it in his power to say that No. 49 had gone over to an illegal and irregular body of Masons. I left; and I understand that the officers were installed under a dispensation from our friend J. H. G. Of course they have carried away all the books, jewels, &c., with the exception of those of the Treasurer, which are in the hands of W. Bro. McCallum; and I have given him orders not to deliver them up to any one, or obey any requisition from the rebels, until your pleasure is known. I have also heard it whispered, and I believe it is true, that as Bros. Bowen, Veasey, Bowles, Leggatt and Thomson, are the managing men of the Masonic Hall Association, should you send us a warrant, they will not allow us to meet in their rooms. Now, as we have no furniture, jewels, or anything in fact, I would like very much to get your advice on this subject; because, to tell the truth, in all my Masonic reading or experience, circumstances similar to those we are now wading through never came under my observation.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Believe me to remain
yours fraternally,

(Signed)

A. WALKER, D. D. G. M., Quebec.

A protest had been served upon the W. Master, a copy of which follows :

QUEBEC, 27th December, 1869.

We, the undersigned, members of Harington Lodge No. 49, on the Grand Registry of Canada, A. F. & A. M., after due deliberation and mature consideration on the action taken by W. Bro. Burnstein, W. M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. Joncas and Tweddell, and others, members of said Lodge, in unlawfully and unconstitutionally forcing their opinions on us, also members of the said Lodge, and passing a resolution not in accordance with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as the by-laws of Harington Lodge, and the landmarks of the Order, having for its object the joining of an irregular and illegal body of masons, styling itself the "Grand Lodge of Quebec," a body which we do not recognise as being in existence, the more especially as its aim is the dismemberment of the Grand Lodge of Canada; and the said Harington Lodge having, in consequence of such action, been duly suspended by the R. W. Bro. Alexander Walker, D. D. G. M. for the District of Quebec: We hereby affix our names to this document, pledging ourselves to discountenance all such unlawful proceedings, and to demand and keep the Warrant, &c., &c., of Harington Lodge No. 49, Grand Registry of Canada, until the decision of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada is obtained, and we also pledge ourselves at all times to oppose any and all proceedings which may be taken, or attempted to be taken, by seceding brethren already referred to, under the warrant of Harington Lodge No. 49, Grand Registry of Canada.

ALEX. WALKER, D. D. G. M.,
 ARCHD. McCALLUM, P. M.,
 RICHARD HUDSON,
 HENRY SMITH,
 JOHN DONALDSON,
 PETER BROGAN,
 JAMES GLEN JAMIESON,
 T. H. McCORKILL.

With reference to the foregoing, I may here state, that as the warrant, furniture, &c., had been taken possession of by the seceding brethren, and as it appeared that there was no prospect of their being permitted to meet in the room they formerly occupied, I preferred leaving the case to be dealt with by Grand Lodge. Our constitution on the question raised here, is very explicit. Under the head of "Private Lodges," Sec. 33, it is enacted: "As every warranted lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any lodge shall determine to quit the lodge, the constitution or power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided their number be not less than seven, &c., &c." Eight names are appended to the Harington Lodge, protest and demand.

Next follows a copy of the action taken on the application of Browne Lodge, No. 163, viz.:

Whereas a memorial has been presented to me by a number of the members of Browne Lodge, No. 163, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, setting forth: "That in the month of November last past at a meeting of said Lodge, the warrant was treacherously and falsely obtained from the Master, and then and there, without any regular vote of the members of said lodge, certain members of the lodge did then and there rebel against the authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and did then transfer their allegiance to the would-be Grand Lodge of Quebec, together with the warrant, books, jewels, &c., belonging to said lodge, and that since that time the memorialists, members of said lodge, remaining loyal to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and refusing to recognise the authority of the would-be Grand Lodge of Quebec, have, in consequence, been deprived from meeting in their said lodge." Wherefore the Memorialists "pray that a duplicate warrant of said Browne Lodge be granted to them, free of charge, authorising them to meet at the village of Adamsville, county of Brome and the District of Bedford, in the Province of Quebec," &c., &c., &c.

And, whereas, after due deliberation, I deem it to be my duty to comply with the prayer of the Memorialists—Therefore, by virtue of the power vested in me as Grand Master, I do by these presents authorise and empower the brethren, whose names are appended to the memorial, viz: W. Bros. G. H. Kemp, W. M.; Chas Browne, P. M.; E. H. Higgins, P. M.; E. Racicot, P. M.; and Bros. Ira Scott, Thomas Ferguson, David Goddard, Elias Clow, John W. Knight, Peter A. Martin, and William Rider, to continue as heretofore the work and business of Browne Lodge, No. 163 on the registry of

the Grand Lodge of Canada, the meetings of said lodge to be held at the village of Adamsville, aforesaid.

And inasmuch as the election of officers for the present year could not, for obvious reasons, be held at the time provided for in the by-laws, I further authorise the members of Browne Lodge to proceed forthwith to the election and installation of a Worshipful Master, Wardens and other officers, who shall continue in office for the balance of the present year, or until the period fixed by the by-laws for holding such election.

And for the performance of the acts hereinbefore enumerated, this shall be sufficient authority, until the Lodge be placed in possession of the original warrant, or a duplicate thereof be granted.

This done at the office of the Grand Master, in the city of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

A. A. STEVENSON,
Grand Master.

Certain members of Nelson Lodge also forwarded a Memorial, the purport of which may be gathered from the following :

To all to whom these presents shall come,

GREETING,—

Whereas, it appears from a Memorial presented to me, signed by certain Brethren, members of Nelson Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 8 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada, that at the regular Communication of that Lodge, held on the 17th of March last, the Worshipful Master and certain other brethren, constituting a majority of the members present on that evening adopted, without previous notice, a resolution renouncing their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and recognizing the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. That the warrant of the lodge was taken possession of by these seceding brethren, and is yet retained by them. That the Memorialists remain true to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and are desirous of carrying on the work of the lodge as heretofore under that jurisdiction, and they now pray that a duplicate Warrant or dispensation be granted to enable them to do so.

Therefore, having duly considered the Memorial aforesaid, and conceiving it to be my duty to comply with the prayer of the Memorialists, I do, by these presents, authorise and empower R. W. Bro. H. Montgomery, P. M. and Grand Chaplain, V. W. Bro. L. W. Decker, P. M. and Grand Pursuivant, W. Bro. P. E. Luke, P. M. and Secretary, Bro. J. Q. Carr, Senior Warden, Bro. L. Strite, Treasurer ; Bro. D. T. R. Nye, Inner Guard, and Bro. F. A. Hogle, with such others as may be associated with them, to continue the work of Nelson Lodge, No. 8, as heretofore, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and for so doing, this shall be sufficient authority until the original Warrant shall be restored, or a duplicate thereof granted.

This done at the office of the Grand Master, in the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, this second day of May, 1870.

A. A. STEVENSON, Grand Master.

These presents are also to give authority to Nelson Lodge to elect a Worshipful Master and Junior Warden (if found to be necessary) who may serve in these capacities until the period prescribed in the By-Laws for the election of officers.

A. A. STEVENSON, Grand Master.

From the foregoing, Grand Lodge will be enabled to perceive the difficult position in which many Brethren have been placed by the unconstitutional action of those members of Lodges favouring the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and I entertain no doubt that the Grand Lodge will not only extend its sympathy, but its active support, to maintain these Lodges in the exercise of their Masonic rights and privileges.

A further application was made in the month of April, by W. Bro. Dr. Campbell, the W. M. of Victoria Lodge, No. 173, which I subjoin :—

“ Montreal, 26th April, 1870.

ALEXANDER A. STEVENSON, Esq., G. M.

MY DEAR SIR AND BRO.—As you are already aware, early last fall, at the time of the attempted formation of the so-called G. Lodge of Quebec, one or two members of Victoria Lodge, 173, G. R. C., who attempted to transfer the allegiance of the Lodge, took possession of its charter, and had it endorsed by the so-called G. Lodge of Quebec, with a view of the Lodge being continued under the new register. A very

large majority of the members of Victoria Lodge, however, desiring to continue under the G. R. C., applied to you for authority so to do, which you kindly granted, and under this it has worked ever since.

The Lodge is now in a flourishing condition, and finding that there is no probability of regaining their old charter, they are desirous of obtaining the favour of a duplicate from the G. L. of Canada, and I have been requested to ask your kind offices in the matter.

The persecution which Victoria Lodge has had to sustain in consequence of its adhesion to its mother Grand Lodge, leads me to hope that you, as well as the Grand Lodge of Canada, will look favourably upon this request.

I am, Dear Sir and Bro.,

Fraternally yours,

FRANCIS W. CAMPBELL, M. D., &c.,

W. M. Victoria, 173, G. R. C.'s

There is no question whatever in my mind that the brethren of those Lodges are entitled to duplicate Warrants; yet, after mature deliberation, I concluded it would be the proper course to defer taking any action until the meeting of the Grand Lodge. My reasons for this decision were simply these: That in the meantime they were in possession of sufficient authority to continue their work as heretofore; and 2nd, That possibly, in some cases, the originals might have been forthcoming or available previous to that date. The Lodge of Antiquity, and Shawenagam Lodge, No. 134 (whose warrants were abstracted last Fall), are also entitled to be furnished with duplicates.

The Lodges at present working in the Province of Quebec, under our jurisdiction, are eighteen (18) in number, viz:

Lodge of Antiquity.....	Montreal.
Dorchester, No. 4.....	St. Johns.
Nelson, No. 8.....	Phillipsburgh.
St. George's, No. 19.....	Montreal.
Zetland, No. 21.....	do.
Shefford, No. 53.....	Waterloo.
Yamaska, No. 130.....	Granby.
Shawenagam, No. 134.....	Three Rivers.
Aylmer, No. 138.....	Aylmer.
Quebec Garrison, No. 160.....	Quebec.
Browne, No. 163.....	Adamsville.
Victoria, No. 173.....	Montreal.
St. John's, No. 175.....	Mansonville.
Royal Canadian, No. 187.....	Sweetsburgh.
Mount Royal, No. 202.....	Montreal.
Brome Lake, No. 211.....	Knowlton.
Mount Moriah, U. D.....	Montreal.
Sutton, U. D.....	Sutton Flats.

There are still other matters to which I would have adverted, had time permitted, but I have already occupied much more space than I contemplated at the outset. There remains, however, this vitally important question to be considered—What is to be done in the present position of affairs? The question is one which is more easily asked than answered and its consideration may well occasion anxiety in the mind of every member of Grand Lodge. The determination arrived at in this case will be viewed with interest throughout both continents, and its influence will be felt far and wide. Grand Lodge sovereignty is in reality upon its trial, and the masonic world are looking on with deep concern. The line of action adopted now will not only be fraught with momentous consequences to ourselves, but will exercise an immense influence, for good or for evil, upon the future of Freemasonry in other countries. It becomes us, then, to consider well what that action should be, so that no false step may be taken which might prove injurious to Freemasonry, and be a source of regret to us for years to come. Entertaining, as I do, a firm conviction that the conclusions arrived at in December last were based upon correct masonic principle, I cannot be expected to concur with those who are ready to yield everything for the sake of peace, or even a questionable expediency; nor can I bring my mind to believe that Grand Lodge organizations ought to be tossed about, swept away, or destroyed, at the whim or caprice of statesmen or politicians, whenever they may find it convenient

or necessary to make even such alterations as were made here about three years ago. This would, in my humble opinion, be placing the fate and destiny of Grand Lodges in the hands of men who may not even be members of our order. Look at the question from another point of view. Suppose the Local Governments and Legislatures of these four Provinces to be abolished, and the business of the Dominion to be entrusted to only one Government—a mere Legislative Union in fact—would it be necessary, then, (or possible, if necessary) to disorganize the Grand Lodges existing at that time within the Dominion, and form only one Grand Lodge for the entire territory? Certainly not. Yet this is the exact converse of the proposition so boldly advanced, and so strenuously urged by many well-intentioned, though, in my judgment, mistaken brethren.

A retrospect of the two years during which I have had the high honour of presiding over the Grand Lodge of Canada, calls up in my mind mingled feelings of joy and sadness. The calm sunshine, which for a time shed its hallowed influence upon our peaceful path, was, at a later period, followed by a pelting storm, which yet darkens the horizon. Yet, under every variety of circumstances, I have had the kindly counsel and earnest support of many true brethren, and to their credit be it said, that the labours and responsibilities of office have often been lightened and lessened by the active assistance so readily rendered, and the cheering sympathy so opportunely offered, by many of those whom I have now the privilege of addressing.

In resigning into your hands the Gavel, with which I was entrusted at the last annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, I can truly say, that although conscious of much unworthiness, and deeply sensible of numerous imperfections, yet I have always endeavoured to discharge the duties of my position faithfully and conscientiously, whether those duties were of a pleasant or of a painful nature; and in divesting myself of the clothing appertaining to the office of Grand Master, permit me to indulge the hope, that in time to come I may be ever encompassed with the broad mantle of your masonic charity.

A. A. STEVENSON, Grand Master.

The reading of the address was frequently warmly applauded, and at its close the manifestation of approbation was loud, and long continued.

R. W. Bro. KALN, moved that the address be referred to the Board of General Purposes, except that portion referring to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, which portion should be referred to a special committee, consisting of M. W. Bros. Wilson, Harrington and Bernard; R. W. Bros. Klotz, De Grassi, and Thompson Wilson; V. W. Bros. John Clark, D. Spry, Harding, C. D. Macdonnell, Bowman, Toms, Diamond, Dunn, Noel, White, Elliott, Billington, Kincaid, Wright, and the mover.

R. W. Bro. MACPHERSON moved in amendment that the special committee be appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master.

A very long discussion ensued, when

V. W. Bro. WHITE moved, in amendment to the amendment, that the report of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to report upon that part referring to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, at the meeting of Grand Lodge to-morrow, it being understood that the Board have their report printed for the use of members, on its presentation to Grand Lodge.

This amendment was finally carried by an almost unanimous vote,—a significant lesson to those who so far forget what is due to Grand Lodge as to summon secret meetings to influence its proceedings.

Several distinguished visitors from the Grand Lodge of New York, including R. W. Bros. C. E. Young, G. J. D., W. J. McCredie, P. D. D. G. M., and John A. Lockwood, P. D. D. G. M.; and W. Bros. W. H. Dee, H. Kleim, John E. Andrews, H. B. McCullough, S. L. Watson, and J. B. King, were received with Grand Honours, and introduced to Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. RAMSAY presented his credentials, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near the Grand Lodge of Canada; M. W. Bro. Bernard for the Grand Lodge of New Jersey; and V. W. Bro. White for the Grand Lodge of Nevada. These brethren were respectively received with Grand Honours, and welcomed in their representative character, a compliment which they each briefly acknowledged.

The several D. D. G. M.'s presented their reports, all of which showed the order to be in a very prosperous condition, those from the Quebec districts being especially interesting, as showing that there is still a strong feeling of allegiance to the Grand Lodge in those districts.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Seymour, the reports were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. Bro. KERR, D. D. G. M., Toronto District, on behalf of the brethren in Toronto, extended an invitation to the members of Grand Lodge to a banquet, on Thursday evening, at the St. Lawrence Hall; and also stated that the news-room of the Mechanics' Institute was at the service of members attending Grand Lodge.

After a number of notices had been given, Grand Lodge was called off until Thursday morning, at 11 o'clock.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MORNING SESSION.

M. W. Bro. Alexander A. Stevenson, Grand Master, presiding.

Grand Lodge having been called to order, It was moved by M. W. Bro. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and unanimously

Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of Canada hastens to convey to the M. W., and Right Honorable, the Earl de Grey and Ripon, its warmest congratulations on his elevation to the high and dignified position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England: this Grand Lodge retaining a grateful recollection of the valuable services rendered by Lord de Grey, when acting as its Representative to the Grand Lodge of England, confidently anticipates that his acknowledged ability, coupled with the great zeal which he has ever evinced in the cultivation and promotion of our divine art, will ensure a continuance of that masonic progress and prosperity which has so eminently distinguished the government of his illustrious predecessor, the Most Worshipful the Earl of Zetland.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and unanimously

Resolved,—That the retirement of the M. W. the Earl of Zetland from the exalted position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, affords an opportunity of which the Grand Lodge of Canada hasten to avail themselves—to express the regret which they, in common with Masons everywhere, feel on his resigning a position, the duties of which he has ever ably and impartially discharged, and at the same time to express their admiration and appreciation of the great ability and unwearied zeal displayed by his Lordship, during the twenty-six years in which he so worthily occupied the masonic throne, and also to assure our Most Worshipful brother that, in retiring from the chair, he carries with him not only the profound esteem and fraternal regards of this Grand Lodge, and of the Craft generally, but also their earnest aspirations that the Great Architect of the Universe may crown his declining years with peace, happiness, and prosperity.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Simpson, and unanimously

Resolved,—That engrossed copies of these resolutions, under the Seal of this Grand Lodge, be now prepared, and that the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to forward them to the distinguished brethren referred to therein.

GRANT TO BENEVOLENT FUND.

In accordance with the notice given, it was moved by M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and unanimously

Resolved,—That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500,) be appropriated from the general funds of Grand Lodge and placed to the credit of the fund of benevolence.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS.

R. W. Bro. W. A. Manning, D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New York, and R. W. Bro. Holwell, P.G.J.W. of the old Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, were introduced and were invited to seats upon the dais.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The President, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following annual and semi-annual reports, on

FINANCE AND AUDIT—ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes has the honor to report for the information of Grand Lodge that the semi-annual meeting of the Board was held in the town of Cobourg, on the 1st and 2nd of February, 1869. The books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, together with the accounts, statements and vouchers submitted for the financial year ending the 31st December, 1869, were carefully examined and found correct; and it has pleasure in stating that the uniform, neat and accurate condition in which they are kept calls for the highest commendation.

During the year the receipts from all sources were \$9,683.48, showing an increase of \$1,070.75 over the previous year, of which the following is a recapitulation :—From Certificates, \$2,627.00; Dues, \$4,420.40; Fees, \$1,585.50; Dispensations, \$431; Warrants, \$140; Constitutions, \$430.97; Proceedings, \$48.61. Total, \$9,683.48.

The Grand Treasurer's statements show the following to be the position of Grand Lodge funds at the close of the year, viz. :—General Fund account, \$24,936.47; Benevolent Fund investment account, \$9,486.41; do Current do, \$878.68; Asylum Trust Fund, \$5,081.01. Total, \$40,382.57. Which are invested as follows :—Dominion Stock controlled by Grand Lodge, \$24,000; do do Asylum Trust Com., \$4,800; Middlesex Debentures at 6 per cent, \$1,600; Bank of Montreal, Toronto, for Asylum account, \$281.01; Bank Commerce, Simcoe, general account, at 5 per cent, \$9,701.56. Total, \$40,382.57.

The Masonic Asylum Trust Fund now amounts to \$5,081.01, and is thus invested : Dominion Stock at 6 per cent \$4,800; in Bank of Montreal, \$281.01. Total, \$5,081.01. The year's expenditure for all purposes was \$5,950.84, being \$2,463.28 over that of the previous year. This increase is made up as follows :—Expenses of Board at Feb. meeting per. res. of G. L., \$288.80; do do July meeting, \$553.46; amount voted to Benevolent Fund \$500; Increase Benevolence, \$1016.10; sundries, \$104.92. Total, \$2,463.28.

ACCOUNTS.

The Board carefully examined a number of accounts, and finding the same to be correct, ordered their payment, the whole amounting to \$1198 81.

BENEVOLENCE.

A large number of applications for relief from deserving widows and orphans, were considered by the Board, and appropriations made to the amount of \$755 00.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

The semi-annual report of the Board on Audit and Finance, exhibited the receipts for past six months to be \$4346 74, as per Grand Secretary's statement.

The Grand Treasurer's statement gives the total amount of funds in hand up to the 30th June, '70, \$41,177 27; which are invested as follows: Dominion Stock, (6 per cent), \$28,800 00; Middlesex debentures \$1,600 00; Asylum Fund, Bank of Toronto, (4 per cent) \$432.31; Bank of Commerce, (5 per cent) \$10, 344.96. Total, \$41,177.27.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD.

The President, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following Report, on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master.

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, having carefully considered that portion of it relating to the unhappy differences existing in a portion of the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, beg to submit the following resolutions for the adoption of Grand Lodge :

1. That, in the opinion of Grand Lodge, nothing has occurred to justify a departure from the principles unanimously adopted by it at its special communication, held at Montreal on the 1st December last, affirming the full Masonic occupation of the Territory over which it has exercised jurisdiction since its formation.

2. That, instead of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec attracting to itself the Lodges working in that Province, the number of Lodges remaining loyal to the Grand Lodge of Canada is the same as in December last.

3. That, in justice to these loyal Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Canada ought not to withdraw that protection over them which was guaranteed when their formation was warranted, and which protection can only be made permanent and assured by a continued assertion by the Grand Lodge of Canada of its jurisdiction over every part of its Territory.

4. That in view of the large number of Lodges in that part of the territory of Grand Lodge, in which exclusive jurisdiction is claimed by the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, who still desire to maintain their allegiance to Grand Lodge, it is not desirable on grounds of expediency to withdraw from the exercise of jurisdiction in the usurped Province.

5. That Grand Lodge trusts that more full discussion and consideration will remove the difficulties which now unhappily prevail, and restore the full authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada over all Masonic Lodges within its jurisdiction.

6. That Grand Lodge regrets that certain Grand Lodges, upon imperfect knowledge as it assumes, have extended a recognition to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

7. That in abstaining for the present, from the exercise of its right of expulsion of Brethren who have been summoned to show cause at this annual communication why they should not be expelled, Grand Lodge is influenced only by a desire to avoid any step which might possibly retard the restoration of Masonic harmony within its jurisdiction.

And with reference to that part of the Grand Master's address referring to the issue of duplicate warrants to certain Lodges, the Board is of opinion that the recommendation of the M. W. Master Master be concurred in, and that duplicate warrants be issued accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. SEYMOUR,
Pres. B. of G. P.

On motion, the Report was received.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. T. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, and

Resolved,—That the various clauses in the Report be taken up *seriatim*.

An admirable suggestion, made by V. W. Bro. Hy. Robertson, that all brethren who desired to address Grand Lodge should speak from the dais, was readily concurred in by Grand Lodge.

FIRST RESOLUTION.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Weller, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Milne, That clause 1 of the Report be adopted.

A discussion arose upon the advisability of requesting the attendance of the suspended brethren, for the purpose of hearing any explanations of their proceedings that they might have to offer, before the consideration of the report of the B. of G. P.

It was then moved in amendment by V. W. Bro. A. Diamond, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington,

That the vote be deferred until after the brethren from Quebec, now under suspension, shall be allowed to be heard in explanation of their conduct in withdrawing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In amendment to the amendment, it was moved by W. Bro. W. McKechnie, and seconded by R. W. Bro. J. V. Noel,

1. That having in view the good of the Craft, the avoidance of scandal, and the promotion of fraternal feelings,

2. *Be it resolved*,—That the following be submitted for consideration to every Lodge in the Province of Quebec owning our allegiance, as well as to those forming the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and that a vote in open Lodge be taken upon it, each brother recording his name along with the word *yes* or *no* :

3. That we will be true in our allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

4. That the decision of the majority so arrived at shall be considered a final settlement of the question at issue in the Province of Quebec, the minority submitting to the same.

5. That this Grand Lodge shall accept such decision, and if in the negative, shall then, at its first meeting thereafter, acknowledge the new Grand Lodge.

6. That the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec shall accept such decision, which, if in the affirmative, and those forming it shall return to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

7. That the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec be communicated with, and requested to act in accordance with this resolution, and if accepted by that body, then our Grand Master be empowered to take such steps as shall by him be deemed necessary to carry this resolution into effect.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Lodge having been called to order, the President, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following Report, upon

WARRANTS

The Board of General Purposes to whom were referred all matters connected with "Constitutions and Regulations," begs leave to report the pleasing fact that there is not one complaint of unconstitutionality in the work of any of the lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The Board having carefully considered and examined with due care the several applications for warrants, from fifteen lodges now working under dispensations, and being satisfied with the regularity and efficiency of their work, and with the manner in which it is recorded, respectfully recommend that warrants of constitution be granted by Grand Lodge, namely :—Credit Lodge, Georgetown; Zerodatha Lodge, Uxbridge; Mountain Lodge, Thorold; Marmora Lodge, Marmora; Norwood Lodge, Norwood; Zurich Lodge, Zurich; Bernard Lodge, Listowell; Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal; Sutton Lodge, Sutton Flats; Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa; Kerr Lodge, Belle Ewart; Ionic Lodge, Brampton; Cameron Lodge Wallacetown; Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa; Doric Lodge, Park Hill.

The Board has much pleasure in calling attention to the perfect manner in which the books of the above Lodges have been kept. In this connection, Mountain Lodge, Thorold, Ionic Lodge, Brampton and Lodge of Fidelity, Ottawa, are deserving of especial commendation.

The Board has also had under consideration the applications for the following new Lodges :—Manitobah Lodge, Bondhead; St. Tammany Lodge, Clarksburg; Aldworth Lodge, Paisley; Havelock Lodge, Watford; Vienna Lodge, Vienna; all of which have been recommended by the District Deputy Grand Masters for the respective districts; but there are no certificates from them, as to the efficiency of the persons nominated for the Worshipful Masters chair in the above lodges. The Board would therefore recommend that warrants of constitution be granted by Grand Lodge, to be issued upon the M. W. the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master, for the respective Districts, being satisfied in the usual manner that the proposed Masters are capable of conferring the three degrees of Craft Masonry as recognized by Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

R. W. BRO. AUSTIN INTRODUCED.

R. W. Bro. Dr. Austin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New

York, was introduced, saluted with Masonic honors, and took his seat upon the dais.

THE QUEBEC QUESTION.

The debate upon the resolutions offered by the Board of General Purposes was continued.

W. Bro. McKechnie, with consent of his seconder, withdrew his amendment to the amendment.

It was conceded by the M. W. the Grand Master, that brethren need not confine their remarks exclusively to the subject matter contained in the amendment, so long as they kept within due bounds.

Eloquent speeches were made by R. W. Bro. V. Clementi, V. W. Bro. Stephens, W. Bro. Racicot, and V. W. Bro. O'Halloran, against the amendment; and by — W. Bros. Crombie and — Keiffler in its support.

A remark having been made that the R. W. the Grand Secretary had in his possession a communication from one of the suspended brethren, in reply to the summons sent him to shew cause,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. T. White, jr., seconded by V. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be requested to read any letters in his possession from brethren who have been summoned to shew cause at this Communication of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the resolutions passed at the Emergent Communication in December last.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution, the Grand Secretary read the following letter:

MONTREAL, 30th June, 1870.

TO THOS. B. HARRIS, Esq., G. Sec. G. L. of C.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO.—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of an official communication from you, under date 13th June, inst., summoning me to appear before the G. L. of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, at its annual communication, to be held in the city of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, on Thursday, the 14th day of July next, to "shew cause why I should not be expelled from the privileges of Free Masonry."

In reply, I have to state that in view of what I conceive to be the illegal, unjust, and arbitrary conduct of the Grand Master and G. L. of Canada towards me by my suspension, subsequent proceedings, and the issue of the above summons, I consider it my duty to decline so to appear and for the reasons:

1st. That being a mason of good standing, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and being answerable to that body alone for my unmasonic acts, and owing and admitting no allegiance to the G. L. of C., this latter body has no legal right whatever to summon me to appear before it, or in any way to adjudicate on my actions.

2nd. That even if the G. L. of C. held jurisdiction over me, it could not call upon me "to shew cause why I should not be expelled," *i. e.*, punished, until *after* I had been accused, furnished with a copy of the specific charges against me, tried and declared guilty—not one of which proceedings has ever yet been adopted.

3rd. That the G. L. of C. has already, at its last special communication, in my absence, on the *ex parte* statements of the G. M. and others, and without giving me any chance of defence, or opportunity to refute such statements, and contrary to all precedents of justice, prejudged my cause and "unanimously and emphatically condemned (my illegal) actions." *Vide* report of Special Committee, clause 3, adopted by G. L. of C.

In conclusion, I desire to state that I make this reply to your communication, and take exceptions to the acts of your G. L. on the grounds above given, from no spirit of disrespect to your G. L., or from any desire to increase or complicate the present difficulties unhappily existing throughout the Craft in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario. And, as an evidence of my sincerity, I hereby declare that I am ready and willing at any time to give to your Grand Lodge, or to any of its officers or members, the fullest information and explanation of my masonic acts, if invited in a fraternal spirit to do so.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours respectfully,

JOHN H. ISAACSON.

It was then moved, in amendment to the amendment, by V. W. Bro. T. White, jr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Jas Seymour,

That the brethren who have been summoned to appear before Grand Lodge to show cause, in accordance with the resolutions of the Emergent Communication at Montreal, in December last, at this Annual Communication, be now called to offer any explanations they may have to make of their conduct.

V. W. Bro. Diamond spoke at some length against V. W. Bro. White's amendment, and good-humoredly declined to notice the repeated cries of "Question! Question!" from members during the latter part of his remarks.

The amendment to the amendment was then put and carried, with but very few dissentients. The suspended brethren were then formally called, without any response, and it having been intimated that R. W. Bro. Isaacson was at the Rossin House, it was decided that a copy of the resolution should be handed to him, and that the debate should be adjourned until his reply was received.

D. D. G. M'S.

In accordance with notice given, R. W. Bro. Rev. V. Clementi moved the following:

That the Constitution be so amended as to vest the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters in the M. W. the Grand Master.

The motion was declared *lost*.

MOTION FOR A RETURN.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. D. Spry, seconded by V. W. Bro. T. White, and

Resolved,—That the Board of General Purposes be instructed to lay before the Grand Lodge, during the present communication, a detailed statement of all amounts paid to officers and members of Grand Lodge, from funds of Grand Lodge, for travelling or incidental expenses since last annual communication, such statement to contain the name of the officers or members to whom such payments were made, the reason for making such payments, and the authority for such expenditure.

R. W. Bro. Seymour, President of the Board, had anticipated the foregoing resolution, and had prepared a return which he proceeded to read.

The return elicited no items of special interest.

PROPOSING MEMBERS.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Allan McLean, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson,

That Section 7, "of proposing members" of the Constitution, be so amended that no candidate for initiation be accepted unless he receive the unanimous vote of the members present.

The motion was declared *lost*.

OTTAWA IN 1871.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, seconded by W. Bro. Chamberlain, and

Resolved,—That the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada be in the city of Ottawa.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, gave notice that at the next Annual Communi-

cation he will move, That the Constitution be amended by striking out Clause 3, under the head "of proposing members," and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

3. No Lodge shall initiate a Candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another Lodge, unless at the request of that Lodge by resolution, which shall be signified in writing under the hand of the Master and Secretary, and the Seal of the Lodge, or by dispensation of the Grand Master, and in case of any initiation by a Lodge at the request of another Lodge as aforesaid, the ballot must be taken in the Lodge making such request, and the fees be paid over to that Lodge immediately after the initiation. The jurisdiction extends in every direction half way to the nearest Lodge—provided always that in a city or town where there is more than one Lodge, each Lodge shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

SPECIAL GRANT.

On motion it was ordered that the sum of \$40 be paid to V.W. Bro. E. Mitchell, chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence in 1869, as a slight acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered by him in the preparation of the Report.

At this point the Grand Pursuivant and Grand Junior Deacon, who had been entrusted with the delivery to R. W. Bro. Isaacson of a copy of the resolution before referred to, returned and handed in the following reply:

ROSSIN HOUSE, 14th July, 1870.

T. B. HARRIS, Esq,
Grand Sec. G. L. of Canada,
A. F. & A. M., &c., &c., &c.

SIR AND BROTHER,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your communication of to-day's date, enclosing copy of resolution passed in your Grand Lodge, and in reply beg respectfully to state, that I cannot but consider the said resolution to be a repetition of the summons already sent to me, to appear before Grand Lodge and shew cause why I should not be expelled, and to which I have already replied; and so am obliged to respectfully decline to appear under said summons. If, however, your Grand Lodge will give me any opportunity of appearing before it without compromising my position as laid down in my reply to the original summons, I shall be happy to do so.

I have the honor to be,

Yours fraternally,

(Signed,)

JOHN H. ISAACSON.

The first resolution was then put and adopted, with but few dissentients. V.W. Bro. T. White moved the second resolution, when

It was moved in amendment by W.M. Bro. M. W. Wilson, seconded by M.W. Bro. T. D. Harington,

That the Grand Lodge of Canada, although still adhering to the conclusions contained in the first and second clauses of the Report adopted at the special Emergent Meeting held at the City of Montreal, on the 1st of December last, but having no desire to assert sovereignty over a province in which the majority of the Lodges, and so large a majority of the brethren, have already declared their desire for separation, and actuated by the true spirit of masonry, hereby recognizes the Grand Lodge of Quebec as a sister Grand Lodge, and cordially extends to her the right hand of fellowship; reserving, however, full control and authority over those lodges in the Province of Quebec which still desire to continue their connection with the Grand Lodge, and requiring also on their behalf a full recognition of all their rights and masonic privileges.

In moving the amendment, M.W. Bro. Wilson stated that he entirely concurred in the first Resolution, he had always maintained, and did so still, that Quebec was occupied territory at the time of the formation of

the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and that that formation was illegal. He, however, was in favor of allowing the Grand Lodges of the world to be arbitrators in this matter, and as several of them had declared in favor of Quebec, he was ready to extend recognition.

M. W. Bro. Harington briefly supported the views of M. W. Bro. Wilson.

M. W. Bros. Simpson and Bernard spoke effectively against the amendment. One of their strongest arguments being, that by extending recognition to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, even on the ground of expediency, they would be doing an incalculable injustice to those Lodges in the disaffected Province who had remained true in their allegiance.

After a few remarks from R. W. Bro. Tully, the vote on the amendment was taken, which was lost by a very large majority.

The report of the Board of G. P., as a whole, was then submitted and adopted. The Grand Lodge was called off to attend a banquet to be given by the Brethren of Toronto to the officers and members of Grand Lodge.

THE BANQUET.

In the evening the brethren were entertained at a magnificent banquet at the St. Lawrence Hall. The room was splendidly and tastefully decorated with flags and banners, and with the bannerets of the different masonic orders. The band of the 10th Royals occupied the orchestra, and two tables, extending the entire length of the room, with a cross table at the head, were liberally filled with the good things provided by the hospitality of the Toronto brethren. Upwards of six hundred masons sat down, the cross table being occupied by R. W. Bro. Kerr, D. D. G. M., Toronto District, in the chair, the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Bernard, P. G. M. and a number of other influential members of Grand Lodge. The good things having been disposed of, the usual loyal and masonic toasts were given, and enthusiastically responded to, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent, the company separating about midnight.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

MORNING SESSION.

Grand Lodge having been called to order,

V. W. Bro. T. White, in the absence of the President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted a further report upon the address of the M. W. the Grand Master.

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes, in reference to the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, begs to report as follows :

The Board learns with pleasure the continued prosperity of the Craft, as evidenced by the formation of new Lodges, and is especially pleased to know that great care has been exercised to obtain reliable information as to the need for more Lodges in the respective Districts in which they were sought to be located, before the issue of dispensations.

The Board also regards with satisfaction the action of Goderich Lodge, No. 720, on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, in resigning their English Warrant, and taking a Canadian Warrant instead. It welcomes the brethren of Goderich Lodge into the fraternity of Canadian Masons, and trusts that it may be but the advance

guard in a general adhesion of Lodges of other jurisdictions, within the territory of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to this Grand Lodge.

The Board approves of the action of the Grand Master in appointing representatives of Grand Lodge near a number of foreign Grand Lodges, and hopes that the friendly correspondence thus established may long uninterruptedly continue.

The appointment by the Grand Master of a D.D.G.M. for the Bedford District, in the place of R. W. Bro. Robinson, who removed from this country, is recommended for confirmation by Grand Lodge.

With regard to the suggestion having reference to the preservation and publication of decisions on questions of Masonic law given by Grand Masters during their term of office, the Board highly approves of the suggestion and recommends it for the adoption of Grand Lodge. In order to give it effect the Board is of opinion that the Grand Master should be requested to submit, as a supplement to his address at the opening of each Annual Communication, all the decisions given by him during the year; that these be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Regulations, whose duty it will be to select such as they may deem of sufficient general importance, for publication in the annual report of proceedings.

The Board approves highly of the establishment of District Grand Lodges of Instruction, and recommends that the special thanks of Grand Lodge be given to those District Deputy Grand Masters, who have, at so much sacrifice of time, established Lodges. They concur with the Grand Master in his opinion that such meetings are among the most effective methods of imparting masonic instruction, and securing entire uniformity of work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, read a report upon Benevolence, in which it was stated that they had carefully considered the claims for relief from 77 applicants, and had appropriated in the aggregate the large sum of \$2456 00.

R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes submitted lengthy report upon grievances and appeals, which was submitted to Grand Lodge and adopted. We learn from the Report that the Board had adjudicated upon all the cases that had been laid before it.

SPECIAL GRANT.

In accordance with notice given

R. W. Bro. C. Kahn moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Mathison, That a special grant of fifty dollars be made to Brother Illing, of New Dominion Lodge, No. 205. Motion lost.

GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

It was moved by W. Bro. S. E. Mitchell, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. J. Gemmill,

That 1,000 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from its formation to the present time be re-printed. That a full index of the same be prepared and also printed. That they then be bound together in the most convenient form, and sold to lodges and the members thereof, at the cost of printing and binding, and that the whole be ready, if possible, on or before the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary to notify all Lodges by circular when ready. Motion lost.

R. W. Bro. Weller, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following Report, upon

RE-DIVISION OF DISTRICTS.

The Board of General Purposes begs to recommend that the following re-division of the Masonic Districts be adopted:

1. ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, to consist of the Counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton.
2. LONDON DISTRICT to consist of the City of London, the Counties of Middlesex and Elgin, except the Township of Bayham.
3. WILSON DISTRICT, the same as before including the Township of Bayham.
4. HURON DISTRICT, as before.
5. WELLINGTON DISTRICT, as before.

6. HAMILTON DISTRICT, to consist of the City of Hamilton, and the Counties of Wentworth and Halton.

7. NIAGARA DISTRICT to consist of the Counties of Lincoln, Haldimand and Welland.

8. TORONTO DISTRICT, as before.

9. ONTARIO DISTRICT, as before.

10. PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, as before.

11. ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, as before.

12. OTTAWA DISTRICT, as before.

And that any Lodge opened in the Territories, lying north of the present Districts be added by the Grand Master to such District as he shall consider the most convenient.

13. MONTREAL DISTRICT, to consist of the City of Montreal, with the Chateauguay and LaColle Lodges.

14. ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT, to consist of that portion of the late Eastern Township District, comprising the Judicial District of the Eastern Townships and all the Territory east of the District, and all the Territory east of the river St. Francis, and south of the river St. Lawrence.

15. BEDFORD DISTRICT to consist of that portion of the late Eastern Townships' District west of the St. Francis District.

16. QUEBEC DISTRICT to consist of the city of Quebec and the Lodge at Point Levis, and the Territory lying to the north and south sides of the St. Lawrence river below the city of Quebec.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. T. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klutz, and

Resolved,—That the election of Grand Officers be the first order of the day at the afternoon session of Grand Lodge.

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTERS.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by V. W. Bro. C. Sharpe, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. W. Pringle,

That Clause 1, "of D. D. Grand Masters" of the Constitution, be so amended as to allow *Immediate Past Masters* of Lodges to vote in the nomination of D. D. G. M's. for their respective districts.

This resolution required a two-thirds vote, and on a show of hands being taken, was proved to be *lost* by a very few votes.

MASONIC ASYLUM.

The Masonic Asylum Fund Committee presented the following Report, which on motion was received and adopted :

To the Board of General Purposes.

The Masonic Asylum Trust beg leave to submit the following Report :

The Trust regret to state that since the last annual report the munificent offer of the Niagara Lodge of a site, containing two acres of land, on which a three-story brick building had been erected, together with \$3000 in cash, exclusive of \$40 subscribed by the Lodge, has been withdrawn, the building having been sold to other parties.

Communications were forwarded to the Secretary of the Alma Lodge, Galt, making enquiries respecting the offer from that locality, but no answer has been received.

Every enquiry has also been made as to other offers, but no satisfactory information has been procured, all offers being practically withdrawn. The Trust, therefore, have only to submit the above for the information of the M. W. the Grand Lodge, with the hope that the earnestly expressed desires of the members, at former communications of the Grand Lodge, may be speedily and successfully carried out, and that the Grand Lodge of Canada may soon boast of an institution which will reflect credit on the Masonic order in the Dominion, and exemplify to the outer world our cherished maxims of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth."

The Trust have to report the following addition to the Fund, which consists of interest on Dominion Stock, and the small balances on deposit in the Bank of Montreal.

STATEMENT.—Dr. Balance last annual statement, \$4,937.01; interest on Dominion Stock to March 31, \$288; do do on deposits, \$7.30. Total, \$5,232.31. Cr.—By Dominion Stock (cost \$4,836) \$4,800; do balance in Bank, \$432.31. Total, \$5,232.31.

As the Manager of the Bank of Montreal here refuses to allow interest for the future, the Trust have made arrangements to transfer the account to the Bank of Toronto, who will allow four per cent. interest on deposits.

The Trust regret that they have been deprived of the advice and assistance of one of its members, who is also solicitor, R. W. Bro. Harman, who recently sailed for England on business connected with civic affairs; on his return it is their intention to make arrangements for investing the balance in Bank.

KIVAS TULLY, Chairman.
JAMES BAIN.
A. DE GRASSI.

Toronto, July 11th, 1870.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Lodge having been called to order, the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following brethren as Scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers, and for Members of the Board of General Purposes, viz:—R. W. Bro. W. McCabe, V. W. Bro. F. Menet, and W. Bro. Smith.

The ballots having been distributed, the election was proceeded with, and the Scrutineers reported the result as follows:

M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson,	Montreal,	re-elected Grand Master.
R. " " Jas. Seymour,	St. Catharines,	re-elected Deputy Grand Master.
V. " " Thos. White, jr.,	Montreal,	Grand Senior Warden.
V. " " Hy. Robertson,	Collingwood,	" Junior "
R. " " Rev. V. Clementi,	"	" Chaplain (unanimously).
R. " " Hy. Groff,	Simcoe,	re-elected " Treasurer "
V. " " D. McLellan,	Toronto,	" Registrar.
R. " " T. B. Harris,	Hamilton,	" Secretary (unanimously).

By an open vote of Grand Lodge, Bro. John Sweetman, Grand Tyier.

D. D. G., M.'S.

Nominated by the Representatives of Lodges of the various Masonic Districts as District Deputy Grand Masters, and approved by the M. W. the Grand Master:

R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke,	Chatham,	St. Clair	District.
" " " J. Billington,	Strathroy,	London	"
" " " Peter J. Brown,	Ingersoll,	Wilson	"
" " " Isaac F. Toms,	Goderich,	Huron	"
" " " Charles Hendry,	Conestogo,	Wellington	"
" " " E. Mitchell,	Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
" " " Isaac P. Willson,	Welland,	Niagara	"
" " " J. K. Kerr,	Toronto,	Toronto	"
" " " R. Kincaid,	Peterboro',	Ontario	"
" " " E. H. Smith,	Conway P. O.,	Prince Edwards	"
" " " J. F. Chamberlain,	Morrisburg,	St. Lawrence	"
" " " E. C. Barber,	Ottawa,	Ottawa	"
" " " M. Gutman,	Montreal,	Montreal	"
" " " H. D. Pickel,	Sweetsburg,	Bedford	"

ELECTED MEMBERS OF BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

R. W. Bros. Charles D. Macdonell, Henry Macpherson, V. W. Bro. James Bain, M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and M. W. Bro. A. Bernard.

The President on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted

a Report upon the condition of Masonry, shewing the order to be in a flourishing condition throughout the jurisdiction.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

In accordance with notice given, V. W. Bro. J. M. Dunn, seconded by W. Bro. J. E. Harding moved a resolution to amend the constitution in reference to the composition of the Board of General Purposes, which on being put to Grand Lodge was declared lost.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. SIMPSON.

It was moved by W. Bro. W. S. Martin, seconded by V. W. Bro. Allan McLean, and

Resolved,—That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to appoint a committee to obtain a suitable testimonial to be presented to M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P G M.

SISTER GRAND LODGES.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. T. White, seconded by R. W. Bro. I. P. Willson, and

Resolved,—That the M W Grand Master be requested to take such steps as he may deem necessary, either by the appointment of a committee, to draft a statement setting forth the position of Grand Lodge, or in any other way, to place the position of Grand Lodge in relation to that portion of its territory known as the Province of Quebec, before the Grand Lodges of the world.

V. W. Bro. T. White on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following Report upon

RESTORATIONS.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report :

That at its semi-annual meeting in February last, an important question was brought before the Board, having reference to the effect of a removal of a suspension by Grand Lodge, in restoring the brother suspended, in relation to the Lodge which suspended him.

It appears that W. Bro. Cascadden having been suspended by Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Grand Lodge on appeal removed the suspension ; but the W.M. of the Lodge refused him admission to the Lodge. Against this conduct he appealed to Grand Lodge, and upon consideration of the question, it was declared by the Board that removal of suspension by Grand Lodge, did not restore to membership in a private Lodge.

At the present meeting of the Board this decision was reconsidered, and reversed, and the Board now recommends that it be declared a ruling of Grand Lodge that removal of suspension restores the brother to all his rights and privileges as a mason, including membership in the Lodge suspending him.

In reference to the same subject, this ruling is recommended to apply to the case of V. W. Bro. Dettmers, and referred to this Board by the M. W. Grand Master.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTERS.

V. W. Bro. Charles Sharpe gave notice that at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge, he will move that Clause 1, "Of D. D. Grand Masters," of the Constitution be so amended as to allow *Immediate Past Masters* of lodges to vote in the nomination of D.D.G.Ms. for their respective districts.

W. Bro. J. F. Chamberlain gave notice that at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge, he will propose certain alterations in the Constitution, having reference to the Board of General Purposes.

PRIVATE LODGES.

W. Bro. Nancollas gave notice that at the next annual communication he will move that all business in private lodges, in connection with this Grand Lodge, be conducted in the third degree.

D. D. G. M'S.

W. Bro. Chamberlain gave notice that at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge he will move that the expenses, or a certain amount of the expense, of D. D. G. M's be paid by this Grand Lodge.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Credentials were presented by the following brethren : R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, from the Grand Lodge of Texas, R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Harris, from the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Oregon, and M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson from the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and Minnesota, which having been found satisfactory, were accepted by Grand Lodge, and the Brethren were saluted with the usual masonic honors, and invited to take their seats upon the dais.

NOTE OF THANKS.

Resolutions were unanimously passed thanking the Toronto Brethren for their magnificent entertainment to the members of Grand Lodge ; to the Railway and Steamboat Companies ; to the scrutineers of the ballot ; to the committee on Credentials ; and to the Directors of the Toronto Mechanics' Institute for the free use of their reading-room and library. Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

An especial communication of Grand Lodge was held at Drumbo, Ont., on St. John's day, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Episcopal Church, which is about to be erected in that village. M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, P. G. M., acting as Grand Master, assisted by a large number of Brethren, performed the ceremony. Upon arriving at the site, portions of Scripture were read by the Rev. H. Cooper, of Eastwood, and prayers said by the Rev. A. Townley, and D. D., of Paris. M. W. Bro. Wilson delivered an appropriate address, Bro. the Rev. H. Bartlett, incumbent of Princeton, acting Grand Chaplain, after having offered up a prayer, read a document containing the particulars of the erection of the church, which he then placed in a cavity in the stone, together with some coins, &c. A handsome silver trowel was then presented to M. W. Bro. Wilson, and the usual masonic ceremonies were performed. At the close of the proceedings the Rev. H. Bartlett made a few remarks, in the course of which he stated that two-thirds of the whole amount of subscriptions he had received had been contributed by the Craft. Before leaving, the visiting brethren were very hospitably entertained by the members of Blenheim Lodge.

At the installation meeting of Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, on St. John's day, W. Bro. Robert Kemp, the retiring W. M., delivered a very interesting address on his resigning the gavel. He reviewed the events that had transpired during the past year, touching upon them in a true masonic spirit, and spoke feelingly of the harmony that had prevailed amongst the members of the Lodge. We regret that we have not space to publish the address in full. The following is a list of the officers who were installed at the meeting.

W Bro Wm Forbes, W M ; W Bro R Kemp, I P M ; Bros Wm Scott, S W ; H House J W ; W E Millward, Treas ; J N Kitchen, Sec ; Geo Vandyke, Chaplain ; J Chambers, S D ; J McCurrach, J D ; John Vankyke, D of C ; J A Nelles, Organist ; W W Kitchen and J F Carter, Stewards ; E Udell, I G ; W A Cole, Tyler ; B Rodgers and N J Teeter, M B G P ; W. M., S. W., and J. W. Benevolent Committee.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M. OF NOVA SCOTIA.

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA, COMMENCING ON FRIDAY, 24TH DAY OF JUNE, AND CONTINUED ON THE 25TH, 28TH AND 30TH, A.D. 1870, A.L. 5870.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. The Grand Master, the Hon. Alexander Keith, M. L. C., presiding.

The usual reading of minutes and other forms were completed with, and the M. W. Grand Master delivered the following interesting address :

BRETHREN—It affords me sincere pleasure to meet you on the recurrence of this time-honoured festival of our order, fixed by the Constitution for our Annual Grand Communication, and I beg to congratulate you on the harmony which has prevailed among the Craft in Nova Scotia since the union was so happily consummated a year ago. The events of the past Masonic year have tended to strengthen and consolidate our Grand Lodge, and to place it, financially and otherwise, upon a firm basis. Not the least of these was the cordial, prompt and fraternal recognition of our united Grand Body by the Grand Lodge of England, who, by an unanimous vote at their first communication in September, extended to us an expression of their fraternal sympathy and regard. We have also been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It now becomes my duty to lay before you my official acts for the past year, and in doing so I shall be as brief as possible, knowing that a large amount of important business must be transacted before this communication can be brought to a close.

The Grand Lodge has granted charters to the following Lodges, viz.: Hiram Lodge, Goldenville, as No. 53; King Solomon's Lodge, Digby, as No. 54; Morier Lodge, Cow Bay, C. B., as No. 55. I caused the same to be issued, and such Lodges to be constituted in due and ancient form, by brethren to whom my proxies were given for that purpose. I also, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, issued a dispensation for the establishment of a new lodge at Port Mulgrome, to be called Temple Lodge. The brethren have since made application for a charter, and the same has been placed in the hands of the proper committee :

I regret very much that I have been unable, personally, to visit the subordinate lodges since the revised constitution came into operation, which requires their visitation at least once every year. It is my intention, however, if permitted by the Supreme Grand Master, to comply with that section of the constitution before the first day of December next, in order that each lodge may be subjected to the supervision and inspection thereby contemplated, and which cannot fail to prove beneficial to the lodges visited. Some difficulty having arisen touching the election of the Master of Welsford lodge No. 26, I specially appointed M. W. Stephen R. Sircom, Past Grand Master, to proceed to Windsor for the purpose of having the same obviated, which he did; and everything was satisfactorily arranged, as will be seen from his report of the proceedings, which will be laid before you; and I hereby tender him my thanks for the prompt manner in which he met my wishes on the occasion in question. In consequence of some of the masters-elect not being qualified to be installed under section 6, chapter 14, of the revised constitution, I deemed it necessary in some instances to depute Past Masters to proceed to the country for the purpose of having that section duly carried out. I accordingly duly commissioned Past Masters William Taylor and David Pottenger, of Burns' Lodge No. 10, to install the Master-elect of Truro Lodge No. 43; and P. M. Allen H. Crome, of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, to install the Master-elect of Cobequid Lodge No. 37, which duties they respectively performed in a very satisfactory manner, and reported their proceedings to me. The committee on finance and audit having been added to, by request of Grand Lodge, have been engaged for the last four or five months in investigating the state of the Grand Lodge funds, and the source from whence derived, with a view to bringing financial matters to a satisfactory and equitable adjustment, the result of their labors will be laid before you, and I have no doubt that in this very important and vital particular they will be found to have given every attention to the subject entrusted to them. There are several other committees who have been charged with matters of the utmost moment and importance, whose reports you are doubtless anxious to hear. I therefore bring this brief address to a close, in order that the necessary business of the Grand Lodge may at once be proceeded with; and I sincerely

hope and trust that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless our labors and unite us into a firm band of brothers, who in our lives and conversation may exemplify the great principles of our order, *Faith, Hope and Charity.*

ALEXANDER KEITH,
Grand Master.

This address was most favorably received, and referred to a committee, on whose recommendation it was adopted.

The following officers were duly elected and installed:

M. W. Bro.	Hon. Alexander Keith,	Grand Master.
R. W. "	William Taylor,	Deputy " "
" " "	Allen H. Crome,	Senior Grand Warden.
" " "	Samuel G. Rigby,	Junior " "
" " "	A. K. McKinlay,	Grand Treasurer.
" " "	Benjamin Curran, D.C.L.,	Secretary.
" " "	Newel Snow,	Lecturer.
" " "	Rev. J. C. Richardson,	} Grand Chaplains.
" " "	" W. T. Wilkins,	
" " "	" C. B. Pitblado,	
V. W. "	Robert Wylie,	Senior Grand Deacon.
" " "	John Lawlor,	Junior " "
" " "	H. B. Sellar,	Grand Supdt. of Works.
" " "	Douglas McLeod,	Grand D. of C.
" " "	George Hyde,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" " "	J. B. Norton,	Grand Organist.
" " "	Alexander Waddell,	Grand Pursuivant.
" " "	James Dempster,	} Grand Stewards.
" " "	N. L. Herbert,	
" " "	F. W. Dakin,	
" " "	J. B. Barron,	
" " "	J. A. Fuller,	
" " "	J. Fortune, P.G.J.W.	} Grand Tyler.
" " "	John M. Taylor,	

The Grand Lodge gave a banquet on the evening of the 24th, in the large refreshment room attached to the Grand Lodge room, and there were a large number of brethren present. It was served up in most creditable style by Bro. Edward Davy, and a most pleasant hour was spent. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to; the Most Worshipful Grand Master presiding most pleasantly, as he always does on such occasions. The Grand Lodge resumed labor after the banquet, as the country delegates were anxious to return home as soon as possible. The Grand Master was forced, through press of business, to be absent, and R. W. Bro. J. R. Ritchie, Senior Grand Warden, took the throne, and R. W. Bro. W. Taylor presided at the succeeding meetings, as M. W. Bro. Keith was unable to attend again.

Among the reports submitted by the different committees, was one from the committee on foreign correspondence, which, through pressure of business, they were unable to submit until Tuesday's session, when a large number of the members were absent. In this report they recommended the recognition of the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec.

THE *London Freemason* says that no less than sixteen Freemason lodges claim date prior to 1717, and to have continued to work in a similar way as they at present do.

OUR NEW BRUNSWICK CORRESPONDENCE.

ST. JOHN. N. B., July 8.

There is nothing to report to you from this jurisdiction, except the general prosperity and harmony of the bodies. Our Grand Master, with the Mayor of this city, Bro. T. M. Reed, visited the Grand Lodge of New York at its late session, and participated at the laying of the corner stone. Past Grand Master Clinch visited the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at its late session, but he was not present at the report on the Canadian question. I see that the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has recognised the Quebec organization. I could send you an explanation of this that would surprise you, but it is not well to deal in personal matters.

I understand that intelligence was received from England by a recent mail, that our townsman, R W Bro Robert Marshall, has been elected a member of the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales.

It is said that the number holding this high and important position in Freemasonry in England, is confined to a limited number, and I believe that Brother Marshall is the first and only one in New Brunswick who has been honored with or elevated to this rank.

Please ask your printers to be careful, and not mix up the pages of my manuscript, as they did last month. The names of Frater W. H. Keans, and of Comp. George H. Keans were mis-spelled "Reans."

We copy the following from the Halifax *Citizen's* report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

M. W. Brother Sircom, in the name of Brother Ira Cornwall, jr., general agent for the CRAFTSMAN, presented the Grand Lodge with a very handsome photograph of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which was most enthusiastically received, and a unanimous vote of thanks tendered the Brother for his very valuable present. It is a very handsome specimen of photography, and contains 222 likenesses. The most prominent is Most Worshipful Grand Master Stevenson, who is well known to the Fraternity in this province, from his association with them on the 24th June, 1869.

A Council of Royal Select Masters has been formed in this city, 27th June, 1870, by R. P. Comp. J. Conway Brown, 18^o, Insp. Gen. for Nova Scotia, under authority of the M. P. Gr. Council, R. and S. M., of New Brunswick. This Council is to be named "Chebucto." and the three first named in the warrant are M. E. Comp. S. R. Sircom, as T. I. Master, R. E. Comp. George T. Smithers as R. I. M., and R. E. Comp. James Gossip as I. M., with nine others as members.

MATRIMONIAL.—We notice a very interesting description in the Halifax papers of the marriage of one of the daughters of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Nova Scotia, Hon. Alex. Keith, M. L. C. The fortunate man being Dr. Wickwine, and that the R. W. Grand Chaplain of the New Brunswick Grand Lodge, the Rev. Dr. Donald, assisted in performing the ceremony. We wish the happy couple a long life and a merry one.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE, No. 398, R. E., HALIFAX, N. S.

The members of the Lodge celebrated the anniversary of St. John's day, by a pic-nic at McNab's Island. The steamer *Mic-Mac* which was hired for the occasion, started from the wharf about eleven o'clock, with the party on board, which was a large one, numbering about 200, and proceeded to the Island, after taking a turn up the har-

bour. The fine band of the 78th Highlanders accompanied the party and entertained them with their enlivening strains. On arriving at the Island, the company proceeded to Mr. McNab's grounds, the use of which had been very kindly granted for the occasion, where several marquees had been pitched and a platform for dancing erected, which latter amusement was kept up with great spirit during the day. The company sat down to luncheon about 3 o'clock in regular pic-nic style, and the various uniforms of the military mingled with the gay dresses of the ladies, and the more sober attire of the civilian friends present, presented a very bright and agreeable picture. Altogether a very pleasant day was spent, and although the afternoon turned out rather wet, the sport was not permitted to flag for one moment. The party returned home about half-past eight o'clock in the evening, highly pleased with the day's amusement, and the excellent arrangements which had been made for their entertainment, and they separated, wishing heartily that they might meet again on another similar occasion.

The members of this Lodge met round the festive board on the 1st inst., for the purpose of entertaining a number of the Brethren of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers about to leave here for England in H. M. ship *Tamar*, very shortly, and a very pleasant evening was spent, some capital songs and recitations being given. The following toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honored :

The Queen and the Craft.

The Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family.

The M. W. G. Master the Earl de Grey and Ripon, coupled with the M. W. P. G. Master the Earl of Zetland.

The W. Master in a short but feeling speech, alluding to the approaching departure of the Brethren of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, then gave the toast of the evening :

The health of the Brethren of the R. A. and R. E. leaving the lodge, which was most warmly and heartily responded to.

The next toast was—

The three M. W. Grand Masters of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and the Brethren generally throughout the Dominion of Canada.

Then—The ladies.

The Brethren separated as the "we sma' hours" were drawing on, highly pleased and amused with the evening's entertainment. This Lodge, which is principally composed of military brethren, numbers about 60 members and is in a highly prosperous condition, and we are happy to add that some naval brethren have very lately been added to the roll, so that both branches of Her Majesty's service are now represented in it.

When it was moved that this report be adopted, there were many of the brethren spoke both for and against. Several amendments were put and lost by very small majorities, and the original motion was

put and carried, the vote standing twenty-five for and fifteen against it. Bro. Allen H. Crome then entered a notice of motion to reconsider the report. We learn since that M. W. Bro. Stevenson, Grand Master of Canada, had sent M. W. Bro. Keith a lot of information relating to the movement, which it was his intention to submit to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, but was unable to, as he was unavoidably absent.

The following brethren, W. McDonald, P. M., Charles J. McDonald, P. D. G. M., John D. Nash, P. Senr. G. W., Douglas McLeod, Sec. of Com., being a committee specially appointed to bring in a report of the funds received from the various Grand Bodies forming this united Grand Body, gave a voluminous and congratulatory report, showing the finances to be in a very favorable state; the liabilities of all the Grand Bodies to having been paid, without drawing upon the revenue of the Grand Lodge, for the year just ended.

The state of the funds is as follows:

Received from subordinate lodges of the jurisdiction, and from Brother William Taylor, on account of G. L. of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 1215 43
Accounts paid by Committee as per vouchers, and receipts.....	1027 62
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Leaving a balance on hand of.....	\$ 187 81

The assets of the G. L. are as follows:

Balance of cash in hands of committee as above, and subject to the order of Grand Lodge.....	\$ 187 81
Balance in hands of Treasurer as per account.....	1342 79
Amount of funds of Lake District Grand Lodge, invested in real estate securities.....	2400 00
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In all.....	\$ 3930 60

The amount placed to the credit of the District Grand Lodge is invested by it, the interest only to be drawn and applied to charitable purposes.

The committee on ritual submitted a recommendation which was adopted. The committee is composed of: W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, P. M.; W. Bro. David Pottenger, P.M.; M.W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, P.G.M.; W. Bro. Allen H. Crome, P. M.; R. W. Bro. John D. Nash, P. S. G. W.—five very competent brethren well suited, to this important duty.

Bros. W. A. Hesson, George Fraser, and Stephen R. Sircom, being appointed a committee to frame By-laws for the charity fund, brought in an elaborate report, and among other clauses are the following:

They recommend that every member of each lodge within the province shall pay towards the fund of benevolence one dollar per year, or twenty-five cents per quarter, and to be applied in the following cases:

1. To poor, worthy members of lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the emergency of the case.
2. To poor and worthy Masons resident in the province, not members of any subordinate lodge, being in circumstances to render such membership not a Masonic duty.
3. To poor and worthy Masons being sojourners in the province.

ARTICLE 3RD.

1. The widows and orphans of deceased brethren are to be relieved, as the husbands and parents would be, on the principle stated in the preceding articles.

Many other interesting reports were submitted, but they were entirely of a local nature.

The Grand Lodge by an unanimous vote presented W. Bro. W. S. McDonald with a hundred dollars, as a slight reward for the very valuable services he had rendered the Grand Lodge during the past year as Grand Clerk—which office is now abolished. Several brethren spoke in very high terms of this highly-esteemed brother and his devotion to the Craft.

The rank of Past Deputy Grand Master was conferred upon the following brethren, who have served as Substitute Grand Masters, as that office was also abolished by the revised constitution: R. W. Bros. Chas. J. McDonald, J. R. Graham, Robert Brecken, and Charles White. The Grand Lodge, upon R. W. Bro. Jas. R. Forman declining re-election as Deputy Grand Master, passed a resolution for a committee to prepare an address and suitable testimonial, to be presented to that R. W. Bro. as a token of the appreciation of this Grand Lodge for the most invaluable services during the past twenty-seven years, during which he has held important offices.

R. W. Bro. Foreman thanked the brethren in a very feeling manner, assuring them it would always afford him the greatest pleasure to be of any service to the fraternity; and that he would always look back with pleasure and pride to his connexion with the order.

There was also a resolution moved, and received with great enthusiasm, to present an address to R. W. Bro. H. C. D. Twining, the retiring Grand Secretary; but he declined allowing it to be put, on the ground that he was an official receiving pay from the Grand Lodge, &c. Our R. W. Bro. Twining has served the Craft most zealously for a long time, having served as Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge under the G. L. of England, since 1847.

The credentials of Most Worshipful Bro. Stephen R. Sircom were presented by the Grand Secretary, appointing him representative of the Grand Lodge of California, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; and R. W. Bro. George Fraser, Past Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge, under Scotch jurisdiction, also presented his appointment as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The following committees were appointed by the Grand Master:

Committee on credentials—

W. Bro. T. A. Cossman, P. M.
 “ “ W. T. McDonald, “ “
 Bro. Douglas McLeod, J. W.

Committee on constitution and regulations—

R. W. Bro. J. D. Nash, P. S. G. W.
 “ “ J. Conway Brown, W. M.
 “ “ James Gossup, P. M.

Committee on grievances and appeals—

W. Bro. Jas. Montgomery, W. M.
 " " A. K. McKinlay, G. T.
 " " W. J. Marshall, P. M.

Committee on finance and audit—

W. Bro. Thos. Mowbray, P. M.
 R. " " C.J. McDonald, P.D.G.M.
 " Croker King, J. W.

Committee on foreign correspondence—

W. Bro. George T. Smithers.
 " R. C. Harrelton, J. W.
 " J. Taylor Wood.

Committee on charters—

M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, P. G. M.
 " " W. McDonald, P. M.
 " H. Sillon.

Committee on revising constitution—

R. W. Bro. Allen H. Crome, S. G. W.
 M. " " S. R. Sircom, P. G. M.
 R. " " John D. Nash, P. S. G. W.
 " " " C. J. McDonald, P.D.G.M.
 " " " S. G. Rigney, J. G. W.
 " " " J. R. Graham, P. D. G. M.
 " William Holliday.

The next quarterly communication is to be held at Pictou, in September; and the subsequent one in December is to be held at Windsor.

During the Grand Lodge meeting, the following questions were discussed among others :

Have the members of a lodge, who have applied for permission to form another lodge, right to vote on that question ?

The Grand Lodge ruled that they have.

When are lodges considered to have concurrent jurisdiction ?

The required distance being within two and a half miles, are they to be measured by the direct line, or by the regular traveled road ?

This latter question was referred to the committee.

We also notice that this Grand Lodge have their constitution so framed that they can appeal to the G. L., against the decision of the Chair.

We cannot close this report without rendering our most sincere thanks to R. W. Bro. Dr. Curren, the affable Grand Secretary, for the great courtesy he has shown us.

CAPITULAR MASONRY.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The first Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nova Scotia, was held at the Masonic Hall, Halifax, on Thursday evening, June 23rd, at which was present a full representation of all the Chapters working under this jurisdiction, and also a large and influential attendance of visitors.

In the absence of M. E. Comp. the Hon. Alex. Keith, G. H. P., who, owing to indisposition, was prevented from being present, M. E. Comp

S. R. Sircom, G. K., took the chair, with M. E. Comp. W. A. Hesson, acting as G. K., and M. E. Comp. J. Conway Brown, Grand Scribe.

The minutes of the Grand Chapter, and also a full report from the Committee of General Purposes, which latter embodied all the transactions of the Grand Chapter since its formation (Oct. 15th, 1869,) were read and approved.

Reports from Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were presented, read and approved.

The routine business being concluded, the installation of officers elect for the ensuing year was proceeded with, when the following Companions were duly installed into their respective offices: the installation was performed by M. E. Comp. S. R. Sircom.

M E Wm Twiney, G Treas ; R E Jas Gossip, Sec ; R E W S McDonald, P S ; R E G T Smithers, G R A C ; V E John Schofield, G 3rd V ; V E C W Dimock, G 2nd V ; N F Robt Fraser, G 1st V ; V E W Richards, G Sword Bearer ; V E Douglas McLeod, G Standard Bearer. Grand Stewards—V E Jas Montgomery, V E Edward Graham, Comp J M Taylor, Grand Janitor. Com of General Purposes—M E G K S R Sircom, M E G S J Conway Brown, R E J Gossip, G Sec (*ex-officio*), M E W A Hesson, M E C J McDonald, R E Wm McDonald, R E Geo T Smithers, M E Wm Taylor, M E W Nicholson.

A communication announcing the formation of a Council of High Priests in this jurisdiction, was read to the Grand Chapter and approved. The following are the principal officers: Hon. Alex. Keith, President; S. R. Sircom, Vice-President; J. Conway Brown, Recorder.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were then tendered to Comp. Gossip, Grand Secretary, for his gratuitous services rendered to the Grand Chapter since its formation, after which the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia was duly closed.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 52, SOMERSET.—W Bro David Bertand, W M ; Bros David Davidson, S W ; Henry E Jeffersen, J W ; Wm McIntyre, Treas ; Geo W Sandford, Sec ; Thomas R Harris, S D ; Alfred S Shaw, J D ; John Foster and George W Eaton Stewards ; Henry Gates, Tyler.

PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 47, BARRINGTON.—W Bro James Brettle, W M ; Bros Winthrop Sargent, S W ; Nept Banks, J W ; Oscar Davidson, Treas ; J K Wilson, Sec ; J A Coleman, S D ; Orlando Taylor, J D ; P McLaren, Marshall ; Hervey Doane, Robert Hogg, Stewards ; Edwin S Goudy, Tyler.

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 31, YARMOUTH.—W Bro A Bailey, W M ; Bros S H Pitton, S W ; F S Johnson, J W ; S F Raymond, Treas ; Geo W Tooker, Sec ; W G Cook, S D ; P H Durker, J D ; Robt Patterson, Sen Steward ; O McGill, Jun Steward ; R Hunter, Marshall ; Henry Phipps, Tyler ; C R Bill, Organist.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 20, WOLFVILLE.—W Bro J R Hee, D C L, W M ; Bros Jas W Bigilow, S W ; E N Payzant, J W ; John Rounsefil, Treas ; Jas Caldwell Sec ; James McDonald, S D ; James G Patzquin, J D ; Jas Wilson, Lecturer ; Wm C Beackadder, Tyler.

GRAND BALL AND SUPPER, IONA.—The Brethren of the Prince of Wales Lodge gave a magnificent social ball and supper in their new building, on the 17th ult., in order to raise the necessary funds for the purchase of a new carpet. A committee was appointed to supervise the whole affair, which it ably managed, if we may judge from the high and incessant praises the ball has received at the hands of adepts in the dancing art. It was probably one of the most brilliant scenes ever witnessed in the county. The sober, but tasteful, regalia of the blue as well as the gay trappings of

the chivalrous Knight, contributed each its part in heightening the effect, making altogether a sight never to be forgotten by any one partaking. Amongst Lodges represented, we observed members of St. Paul's, Lambeth; St. John's, Mount Brydges; Beaver, Strathroy; St. Thomas, St. Thomas; Warren, Fingal; St. Mark's, Port Stanley; Spartan, Sparta; Cameron, U. P. Wallacetown, &c., &c. A handsome sum was realised towards the object in view, and, what the committee were still better pleased with, every one, stranger or resident, seemed highly gratified, and none went away dissatisfied. The ladies were dressed in their most bewitching garbs, and were completely irresistible. The behaviour of the brethren was that of masons—unexceptionable.

THE FUNERAL OF A YOUNG MASON.—The funeral of Prince Henry of Bourbon was conducted at the expense of the Masonic Lodges of Madrid, and was very imposing. Thirty policemen opened the procession, with no weapons exposed, but with loaded revolvers in their pockets, and swords under their coats.—Then came 200 paupers bearing candles, a band of music and twenty more police. Next came the hearse, drawn by six black horses, and preceded by two of the Alcaldes of the barrier. The coffin was of bronze, and said to be an exact copy of that in which Enrique's bitterest enemy, Narvaez was buried. The *vintas* (long black ribands attached to the coffin) were borne by four leading Freemasons. Some few Republican Deputies, 500 or 600 members of the Masonic lodges, walking six abreast, followed; then another band of music, 1500 to 2000 citizens, and about 20 carriages closed the procession. There had been some fears of a disturbance, or an anti-Montpensier demonstration, owing to anonymous placards appearing on Monday night on the walls, merely announcing "The funeral of the Victim of his love of liberty and of the National Independence will take place tomorrow at 1 o'clock." On the door of the house of the deceased there appeared a placard which read thus: "Here lived a Bourbon, the only loyal one of his race, who for speaking the truth died on the field of honor! R. I. P." The funeral was perfectly non-political.

THE LATE BRO. EDWARD HERBERT.—It is a remarkable circumstance that the massacres near Athens, so remote, should have affected the families of the Earls De Grey and Carnarvon, postponed the installation ceremonies at Freemasons' Hall, and interfered with the arrangements of many hundred leading members of the Masonic Craft. It is, likewise, worthy of note that one of the victims, a near relative of the D. G. M. designate, namely, Bro. Herbert, was a member of our Order. Being engaged in the diplomatic service as a Junior, with little rest and no long sojourn in any place, he could take no active part in Masonry, for in some of his places of residence no lodges existed. At Constantinople, however, he acted as private Masonic Secretary to R. W. Bro. Sir H. L. Bulwer, the D. G. M. for Turkey, and Ambassador, and was much esteemed for the courtesy and kindness of his manner, and his desire to oblige those brethren who had communications to make to the G. M.

THE seven Masonic Lodges in Hungary—two in Pesth, one in Temesvar, Oedenburg, Baga, Presburg, and Arad,—on the 31st January last united themselves in forming a Grand Lodge of Hungary. The constitution is modelled after those of the South German lodges. The principles of the lodges are declared to be independent of religious creeds or political parties.

CONSECRATION OF THE FREEMASONS' HALL, ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On the 31st May, 1869, was laid with due solemnity the foundation-stone of the new Hall in Flinders-street for the use of the English Constitution. The importance which the Order has attained in the colony was felt to warrant the erection of a special building. From various sources money was collected, until it was thought safe to enter upon an undertaking designed to cost between £4,000 and £5,000. On Tuesday, March 22, the ceremonial of consecration and opening occurred, and without doubt exceeded in grandeur and success any display that has as yet been attempted in connection with the Masonic Craft in South Australia.

The delay in issuing the current number, is attributable to the desire of placing before our readers an extended report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which closed its fifteenth annual session at low twelve of Friday, the 15th inst. A large portion of our space is taken up with the report, to the exclusion of other matter, but we can assure our subscribers, that the report, lengthy though it be, will amply repay a careful perusal.

At Rest.

DIED.—At Montreal, on the 8th inst., Brother F. A. Spaulding, Junior Warden Zetland Lodge, No. 21, in the 23rd year of his age.

Brother Spaulding was preparing to attend the annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and parted company with a number of brethren on the evening of the 7th who were preparing for the same mission. On the following day they were shocked to learn that he was no more. He was most deservedly and universally respected by his brethren in Montreal, and by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Our deceased brother was interred with Masonic ceremonies in Mount Royal Cemetery.

At the last regular meeting of the New Brunswick Council of Royal and Select Masters, the following office bearers were installed for the year by M. P. Grand Master Hatheway :

Henry Duffell, Thrice Illustrious Master; Dr. T. A. D. Forster, Right Illustrious Master; Charles U. Hanford, Illustrious Master; Rev. Geo. J. Caie, Chaplain; Peter Campbell, Recorder; B. S. Black, Treasurer; Dr. E. L. Barteaux, Master of Ceremonies; Thos. A. Peters, Captain of Guards; G. Fred'k Ring, Conductor of Council; Henry Card, Organist; G. H. Whiting, Steward; Henry Brown, Sentinel; W. Colebrook Percy, F. L. Lewin, D. R. Munro, Committee of Finance; Robert Marshall, Hall Committee.

A warrant has been applied for a Council of these degrees in Halifax, with Bro. Sircom at its head, and we also hear that some "Canadian" brethren are likely to apply. These are purely American degrees, and although interesting enough when properly worked, they are not of the same value to Royal Arch Masons exalted under the English or Scotch ritual, as they are to those exalted under the American, in which ritual the main portion of the degree is left out, and a great object, in a measure, lost to sight.