

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

At an Emergent Communication held at the Village of
Stanbridge East, 1st July, A.D. 1884, A.L. 5884,

ALSO AT THE

Fifteenth Annual Communication

HELD AT THE CITY OF MONTREAL,

On the 28th and 29th days of January,
A.D. 1885, A.L. 5885.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

E. R. JOHNSON, Stanstead, P.Q., Grand Master.
JOHN H. ISAACSON, Montreal, P.Q., Grand Secretary.

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

A special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Stanbridge East on the 1st day of July, A.D. 1884, A.L. 5884, for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonies the corner-stone of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in that village, there being present thereat—

M.:	W.:	Bro. E. R. JOHNSON	.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R.:	"	" J. Fred. Walker	.....	<i>Dep. Grand Master.</i>
"	"	" Hon. Thos. Wood	as ...	<i>Grand Sen. Warden.</i>
"	"	" Hobart Butler	"	<i>Jun. "</i>
"	"	" John Benschaw	"	<i>Chaplain.</i>
V.:	"	" W. S. Walker,	"	<i>Treasurer.</i>
"	"	" James Tree	"	<i>Registrar.</i>
R.:	"	" John H. Isaacson	"	<i>Secretary.</i>
V.:	"	" H. E. Channell	as	<i>Sen. Deacon.</i>
"	"	" T. G. Foster	"	<i>Jun. "</i>
R.:	"	" H. Horskin	"	<i>Dir. of Ceremonies.</i>
"	"	" S. R. Whitman	"	<i>Pursuivant.</i>
"	"	" C. P. Taber	"	<i>Steward.</i>
V.:	"	" H. P. Newell	.....	"

And also the following brethren :

Wor. Bro. Robert Doherty	.....	<i>Wor. Master</i>	Prevost Lodge, No. 8.
V.:	Wor. Bro. H. D. Moore	.....	<i>P. " Nelson " No. 9.</i>
M.:	" John H. Graham	.....	<i>Past Grand Master.</i>
R.:	" H. C. Blinn	.....	<i>Dis. Dep. Gr. Master.</i>

R.	Wor. Bro. J. P. Martin.....	Past Dis. Dep. Gr. Master.		
	" " J. A. Tree.....	Wor. Master Stanbridge Lodge, No. 19.		
	" " O. R. Anderson ..	Past " " " "		
	" " John McCabe	" " " " "		
	" " S. H. Sornberger	" " " " "		
	" " A. M. Stone	" " " " "		
	" " T. G. Foster.....	Wor. Master Mon. Kilwinning Lodge.		
R.	" " Taber.....	Past " Browne		
	" " C. A. Perkins.....	Wor. " St. John's, Lodge No. 27.		
V.	" " W. S. Walker.....	Past " Mt. Royal, " 32.		
	" " M. P. Reynolds...	" " Frelighsburg " "		
	" " H. Martin.....	" " " " "		
R.	" " E. E. Spence	" " " " "		
	" " E. Rowell.....	Wor. " " " "		
	" " A. E. Miller.....	" " Brome Lake, " 36.		
	" " H. W. Wood.....	Past " " " "		
	" " Chas. H. Tarbell .	" " " " "		
	" " F. P. William.....	Jun. War. " " "		
R.	" " John Massie, Jr....	Past Master Corner Stone Lodge.		
	" " Geo. Doherty.....	Wor. " " "		
	" " W. H. O'Regan...	" " Sutton Lodge, No. 39.		
	" " W. A. Shelters....	" " Bedford Lodge, No. 59.		

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*—the M. W. the Grand Master on the Throne.

The Grand Secretary read the summons calling the meeting.

The M. W. Wor. Grand Master stated the object of the meeting.

The brethren having been formed into procession marched to the ground where the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the building with Masonic honors was performed by the M. W. the Grand Master, assisted by his Grand Officers. The brethren reformed procession, and returned to the Lodge room where Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.



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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

A. F. & A. M.

AT ITS

Fifteenth Annual Communication.

At the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, on the 28th and 29th days of January, A.D. 1885, A.I. 5885, was held the Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., there being present thereat :

M. Wor.	BRO. E. R. JOHNSON.....	Grand Master, on the Throne.
R.	" " J. FRED. WALKER ..	Dep. Gr. Master.
"	" " R. W. WILLIAMS....	Dis. Dep. Gr. Master, Quebec and Three Rivers Dist.
"	" " FREDERIC MASSEY.....	" " Montreal Dist
"	" " GEORGE L. PINKHAM.....	" " St. Francis "
"	" " H. C. BLINN.....	" " Bedford "
"	" " C. D. CHITTY.....	" " Ottawa "
"	" " EDSON FITCH.....	Grand Sen. Warden.
"	" " REV. H. NYE.....	" Jun. "
"	" " LEWIS EVANS.....	" Chaplain.
"	" " JERVOIS A. NEWNHAM	" "
"	" " I. H. STEARNS.....	" Treasurer.
"	" " JOHN H. ISAACSON.....	" Secretary.
V.	" " W. LEE.....	" Sen. Deacon.
"	" " T. W. FOSTER.....	" Jun. "

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V.: Wor. Bro. F. H. THORP	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " " W. M. BRIGGS	" Pursuivant.
" " " JAR. H. WHYTE	" Steward.
" " " JOSEPH EDMOND	" "
" " " ALEX. MCKELVIE	" "
" " " ISAAC RICHARDSON	" Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: " " JOHN H. GRAHAM	Past Grand Master.
" " " M. M. TAIT	" "
" " " GEO. O. TYLER	" "
R.: " " T. P. BUTLER	Past Dep. Grand Master.
" " " W. M. LEMESURIER	Past Dis. Dep. Grand Master.
" " " JOSEPH MITCHELL	" " "
" " " H. L. ROBINSON	" " "
" " " C. P. TABER	" " "
" " " FRANK EDGAR	" " "
" " " J. B. CHARLSON	" " "
" " " C. A. HILL	" " "
" " " ARTHUR F. SIMPSON	" " "
" " " TIMOTHY LEE	" " "
" " " ARTHUR LYONS	" " "
" " " F. G. WOTHERSPOON	" " "
" " " GUSTAVUS LUCKE	" " "
" " " A. G. ADAMS	Past Grand Sen. Warden.
" " " JOHN RENSHAW	" Jun. "
" " " JOHN SHAW	" " "
" " " HENRY S. COUPER	" " "
" " " H. W. NYE	" Chaplain.
" " " S. R. WHITMAN	" Registrar.
" " " E. E. SPENCER	" " "
V.: " " E. S. CHANNELL	Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " " D. ANDERSON	Steward.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented in Grand Lodge, R.: Wor.: Bro. Jervois A. Newnham, one of the Grand Chaplains, offered prayer, and Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*.

The Committee on Credentials and Reception reported the follow-

ing named lodges as duly represented and entitled to take part in the proceedings at the present meeting of Grand Lodge—

No. 1.—LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.

R.: Wor. Bro. Alex. Chisholm, W.M.
 " " P. White, P.M.
 " " James Mitchell, P.M.
 R.: " " W. M. LeMesurier, P.M.
 " " George C. Bown, P.M.
 " " C. S. Aspinall, S.W.

No. 2.—ALBION.

Wor. Bro. Charles Knowles, P.M.
 " " H. Griffith, P.M.
 M.: " " J. H. Graham, P.M.
 " " Rev. Robert Keir, S.W.

No. 3.—ST. JOHN'S.

Wor. Bro. W. J. Fraser, W.M.
 R.: " " John Shaw, P.M.
 " " H. J. LeMesurier, J.W.

No. 4.—DORCHESTER.

Wor. Bro. H. G. Perchard, W.M.
 Bro. Rev. J. Frederic Renaud, J.W.

No. 5.—GOLDEN RULE.

Wor. Bro. H. E. Hill, W.M.
 R.: " " H. E. Channell, P.M.
 M.: " " E. R. Johnson, P.M.
 " " C. J. Moulton, S.W.

No. 6.—ST. ANDREW.

Wor. Bro. Henry Russell, M.D., P.M.
 " " J. Langlois Bell, S.W.
 " " W. Noble Campbell, J.W.

No. 7.—ELGIN.

Wor. Bro. Joseph Briggs, W.M.
 V.: " " Wm. M. Briggs, P.M.
 R.: " " Henry S. Couper, P.M.
 " " Daniel Rose, P.M.
 M.: " " J. H. Graham, P.M.
 R.: " " J. H. Isaacson, P.M.

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No. 8.—PREVOST.

Wor. Bro. Earaway, W.M.
 " " Edwin Hall, P.M.
 " " B. A. Longeway, P.M.

No. 9.—NELSON.

Wor. Bro. J. M. Ferris, W.M.
 " " L. G. Burnell, P.M.
 V.: " " H. D. Moore, P.M.
 " " " F. H. Throop, P.M.
 " " B. Millen, S.W.
 " " G. S. Sixby, J.W.

No. 10.—ST. GEORGE.

Wor. Bro. M. Lesser, P.M.
 " " D. D. Mann, P.M.

No. 11.—ST. GEORGE.

R.: Wor. Bro. Rev. Lewis Evans, W.M.
 V.: " " John Wilson, P.M.
 " " " James Fyfe, P.M.
 " " " G. E. Jaques, jun., P.M.

No. 12.—ZETLAND.

R.: Wor. Bro. P. A. Crosby, P.M.
 M.: " " John H. Graham, P.M., P.G.M.
 R.: " " J. H. Isaacson, P.M.
 R.: " " Joseph Mitchell, P.M., P.D.D.G.M.
 " " W. Brewster, P.M.
 V.: " " Henry Dunne, P.M.
 " " T. Simpson, P.M.

No. 15.—ST. FRANCIS.

M.: Wor. Bro. John H. Graham, P.M., P.G.M., proxy.
 R.: " " Timothy Leet, P.M.

No. 16.—VICTORIA.

Wor. Bro. S. Lebourveau, W.M.
 " " M. B. Schofield, P.M.
 " " W. A. Morehouse, J.W.

No. 18.—SHEFFORD.

Wor. Bro. E. J. Raymond, W.M.
 R.: " " Jno. P. Noyes, P.M.
 " " H. L. Robinson, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.

No. 19.—STANBRIDGE.

Wor. Bro. E. J. Scagel, W.M.
 R.: " " H. C. Blinn, D.D.G.M., P.M.
 " " A. M. Stone, P.M.

No. 20.—MONTREAL KILWINNING.

V.: Wor. Bro. T. H. Foster, P.M.
 R.: " " John Renshaw, P.G.J.W., P.M.
 " " I. H. Stearns, *Gr. Treas.*, P.M.
 " " J. Smillie, P.M.
 " " W. J. McLean, S.W.
 " " W. E. Cooper, J.W.

No. 21.—YAMASKA.

Wor. Bro. Thos. H. Cox, P.M.
 " " A. Herbert, S.W.
 " " W. R. West, J.W.

No. 24.—BROWNE

R.: Wor. Bro. C. P. Faber, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.

No. 25.—ROYAL ALBERT.

Wor. Bro. Geo. W. Lovejoy, M.D., W.M.
 M.: " " M. M. Tait, P.G.M., P.M.
 R.: " " T. P. Butler, P.D.G.M., P.M.
 " " " Frank Edgar, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.

No. 28.—TUSCAN.

Wor. Bro. L. A. Farmer, P.M. and proxy.
 R.: " " Edson Fitch, P.D.G.M., P.M.
 " " " J. E. Charleson, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.
 " " " Henry Monk, S.W.

No. 30.—ASCOOT.

Wor. Bro. George Robt. Whyte, W.M.
 M.: " " John H. Graham, P.G.M., P.M.
 R.: " " Arthur F. Simpson, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.
 " " " I. H. Stearns, *Gr. Treas.*, P.M.
 " " " Alton Lindsay, P.M.

No. 31.—ASHLAR.

Wor. Bro. C. A. Wheeler, W.M.
 R.: " " Geo. L. Pinkham, P.D.G.M., P.M.
 " " " Edward McKee, W.M.

No. 32.—MOUNT ROYAL.

- Wor. Bro. Jervois A. Newnham, W.M.
 R.: " " F. Massey, D.D.G.M., P.M.
 " " " I. H. Stearns, *Gr. Treas.*, P.M.
 " " " David Seath, P.M., and proxy.
 V.: " " W. Simpson Walker, P.M.
 " " Wm. Hill, S.W.
 " " J. E. Doyle, J.W.

No. 33.—FRELIGHSBURG.

- Wor. Bro. M. P. Reynolds, W.M.
 R.: " " S. R. Whitman, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.
 " " " E. E. Spencer, P.G.R., P.M.
 " " " E. Rowell, P.M.
 " " " A. H. Holden, J.W.

No. 34.—DORIC.

- Wor. Bro. G. H. Carson, W.M.
 M.: " " John H. Graham, P.G.M., P.M.
 R.: " " Timothy Leet, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.
 " " " I. H. Stearns, *Gr. Treas.*, P.M.
 " " " M. Lynch, P.M.
 " " " W. U. Stockwell, S.W.

No. 35.—BROME LAKE.

- Wor. Bro. A. E. Mills, W.M.
 " " " R. H. England, P.M.
 " " " A. W. Pettes, S.W.

No. 36.—CHATEAUGUAY.

- Wor. Bro. Charles Marshall, M.D., W.M.
 " " " Peter Macfarlane, P.M.

No. 37.—CORNER STONE.

- Wor. Bro. James Dryden, P.M.
 R.: " " John Massie, jun., P.D.D.G.M., P.M.

No. 38.—MOUNT MORIAH.

- R.: Wor. Bro. A. G. Adams, P.G.S.W., P.M.
 " " " Joseph Martin, P.M.
 " " " A. Kyle, P.M.
 " " " G. R. Dewar, P.M.
 " " " John J. Reed, S.W.

No. 39.—SUTTON.

Wor. Bro. R. T. Macdonald, M.D., W.M.
 “ “ W. H. O'Regan, P.M.
 “ R. Curley, S.W.

No. 40.—PONTIAC.

R.: Wor. Bro. Arthur Lyon, M.D., P.D.D.G.M., P.M., and proxy.

No. 41.—EDDY.

Wor. Bro. Wm. H. G. Garrioch, W.M.
 R.: “ “ C. D. Chitty, D.D.G.M., P.M.

No. 44.—ST. CHARLES.

Wor. Bro. Thos. Highmore, P.M.

No. 45.—CEURS UNIS.

V.: Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Edmond, G.S., P.M.
 “ “ A. Meunier, P.M.
 “ G. Couture, J.W.

No. 48.—MOUNT ORFORD.

Wor. Bro. Erastus Lee, W.M.
 R.: “ “ Robert Ramsay, P.M.

No. 49.—SHAWENEGAN.

M.: Wor. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, P.G.M., P.M., and proxy.
 “ “ John H. Graham, P.G.M., P.M.
 R.: “ “ F. G. Wotherspoon, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.
 V.: “ “ Alex. McKelvie, G.S., P.M.
 R.: “ “ R. W. Williams, D.D.G.M., P.M.
 “ “ W. B. Smith, P.M.

No. 50.—OLIVE BRANCH.

R.: Wor. Bro. C. A. Hill, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.

No. 52.—PRINCE CONSORT.

Wor. Bro. Wm. Bowden, W.M.
 V.: “ “ Wm. H. Whyte, P.M.

No. 53.—ST. ANDREW.

Wor. Bro. Geo. Nelson, W.M.
 “ “ Wm. S. Evans, P.M.
 “ “ Daniel Rose, P.M.
 “ “ J. W. Hannah, P.M.

No. 54.—IONIC.

- Wor. Bro. James Walker, W.M.
 R.: " " Rev. J. Scrimgeour, P.G. Chap., P.M.
 " " C. A. Humphrey, P.M.
 " " John Stewart, P.M.

No. 57.—HOHELAGA.

- Wor. Bro. R. A. Kellond, W.M.
 V.: " " D. Anderson, P.G.S., P.M.
 " " J. W. Anderson, P.M.
 R.: " " J. Frederic Walker, D.G.M., P.M.

No. 58.—MONTARVILLE.

- Wor. Bro. C. P. O'Connor, W.M.
 R.: " " J. Frederic Walker, D.G.M., P.M.
 " " W. B. Foster, P.M.
 " " E. L. Foster, P.M.
 " " A. W. Smith, P.M.
 " " T. A. Adkins, S.W.

No. 59.—BEDFORD.

- Wor. Bro. M. F. Rice, W.M.
 R.: " " Rev. H. W. Nye, G.J.W., P.M.

No. 62.—CORINTHIAN.

- Wor. Bro. J. A. Richardson, W.M.
 M.: " " John H. Graham, P.G.M., P.M.
 V.: " " Henry Dunne, P.G.S., P.M.
 " " Charles Willis, P.M.

No. 63.—PRINCE OF WALES.

- R.: Wor. Bro. Arthur F. Simpson, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.
 " " Gustavus Lucke, P.M.

No. 64.—KING SOLOMON.

- Wor. Bro. George S. Wheatley, W.M.
 " " C. Byrd, P.M.
 " " W. Byrd, P.M.
 " " H. Walker, J.W.

No. 65.—ARGYLE.

- Bro. C. J. Williams, J.W.

No. 66.—FRIENDSHIP.

- Wor. Bro. J. L. Wilford, W.M.
 R.: " " Arthur F. Simpson, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.

No. 67.—ARGENTEUIL.

- Wor. Bro. W. J. Simpson, W.M.
 " E. H. D. Robinson, J.W.

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All Master Masons in good standing were permitted by order of the M.: W.: the Grand Master to visit Grand Lodge during the session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The following order of business was adopted :

MONTREAL, 2nd January, 1885.

Grand Lodge will be opened at 10 A.M., and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business will be read.

1. Report of Committee on Credentials and Reception will be received.
2. Minutes of last annual meeting read.
3. Grand Master will deliver his address.
4. Grand Secretary will present his report.
5. Grand Treasurer will present his report.
6. Dis: Dep: Grand Masters will present their several reports.
7. Reports from the different Standing Committees will be received.
8. Election and appointment of Grand Officers at 8 P.M. on First day of the meeting.
9. Reports from Special Committees.
10. Motion of W.: Bro. Futvoye

"That Art. 13, pages 8 and 9, of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out all the words after the word "at" in the second line, to the end of the sentence, and inserting the clause "the City of Montreal."

11. Motion of R.: W.: Bro. Gustavus Lucke

"That Art. 13, page 8, of the Book of the Constitution be amended by erasing therefrom the word "last" in the second line of said Article, and substituting therefor the word "second."

12. Motion of V.: W.: W. Simpson Walker

"That Article 94, page 23, of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking therefrom all the words following the word "committee" on the third line until reaching the word "proceed" on the sixth line, and substituting therefor the following words: "shall be selected by the M.: W.: Grand Master immediately after the election of Grand Officers, which nominating Committee shall immediately," &c.

13. Motion of R.: W.: Bro. A. G. Adams

"That Section 43, page 13, of the Book of Constitution referring to election of Grand Lodge officers be amended by striking out the word "nor" in the third line, and substituting in its place the word "except."

14. Motion of V.: W.: Bro. Joseph Martin

"That Article 188, pages 45, and 46, of the Book of the Constitution be amended by striking therefrom all the words after the word "dues" in

the second line, and substituting therefor the following: "unless he has been duly notified by a summons sent to him to appear at the next regular communication of his lodge to show cause why he should not be suspended."

15. Motion of R. W.: Bro. J. F. Walker

"That as it is likely that the time appointed by the Constitution for the election of officers will fall upon the same evening as that named or to be named for the principal Carnival display, the time of said election may be altered if Grand Lodge so decide."

16. Installation of Officers.

17. Unfinished business.

18. Closing Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary read the summons calling the present meeting, also the order of business to be transacted, and the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of its business.

MINUTES.

The Grand Secretary then read the minutes of the Emergent meeting of Grand Lodge, which was held at East Stanbridge, on the 1st July, A.D., 1884, A.L. 5884, which were duly confirmed.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, held in the city of Sherbrooke on the 30th and 31st days of January, A.D., 1884, A.L., 5884, when on motion of R.: Wor.: Bro. [Edson Fitch, seconded by V.: Wor.: Bro. Channell, it was

Resolved—"That the minutes of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, at its Fourteenth Annual Communication, having been printed and distributed amongst the different subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction, the said minutes shall be considered as having been read, and they are hereby confirmed."

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

The following Grand Lodges were represented by their duly accredited representatives:—

British Columbia.....	By V.: W.: Bro. D. Anderson.
California.....	" R.: " " Edson Fitch.
Colorado.....	" V.: " " D. Seath.
Delaware.....	" M.: " " Geo. D. Tyler.
Greece.....	" R.: " " Robt. Ramsay.

Idaho.....	By R. W. Bro. John Renshaw.
Illinois.....	" " " Alex. Chisholm.
Indiana.....	" M. " " E. A. Johnson.
Indian Territory.....	" R. " " P. A. Crossby.
Iowa.....	" " " H. E. Channell.
Ireland.....	" " " B. Burland.
Kentucky.....	" " " Joseph Mitchell.
Maine.....	" " " J. H. Isaacson.
Maryland.....	" " " J. Fred. Walker.
Minnesota.....	" " " J. P. Noyes.
Manitoba.....	" " " Wm. H. Whyte.
Missouri.....	" " " H. L. Robinson.
New Brunswick.....	" " " T. P. Butler.
New Hampshire.....	" " " J. H. Stearns.
New Mexico.....	" " " Robt. Ramsay.
New York.....	" M. " " M. M. Tait.
New South Wales.....	" R. " " G. Lucke.
Oregon.....	" V. " " W. S. Evans.
Peru.....	" R. " " H. W. Nye.
Rhode Island.....	" " " F. Massey.
South Carolina.....	" " " Chas. Knowles.
Spain.....	" " " A. G. Adams.
Tennessee.....	" " " J. B. Charleson.
Utah.....	" " " T. Leet.
Virginia.....	" " " W. Simpson Walker.
Wisconsin.....	" " " A. F. Simpson.
Wyoming.....	" V. " " John Wilson.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered the following address—

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN IN GRAND LODGE ASSEMBLED :

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to this our fifteenth annual convocation.

After an absence of two years we return to the city of Montreal, the place of our nativity.

During this interval we have visited the ancient city of Quebec and the young and flourishing city of Sherbrooke. Our recollection of these events is exceedingly pleasant and our work there we trust profitable.

Here, in the Metropolis, we may mark our own and our country's progress with a greater degree of satisfaction than elsewhere. We revert

to both with pride. At the expiration of fifteen years we find ourselves occupying a prominent position in the Masonic world and our Province an integral part of a great federation extending from one ocean to the other. With the onward march of national events Freemasonry has kept apace, and as the tide of emigration has rolled to the westward there has the meteor flag of our beloved order been unfurled, inviting the lovers of the true, the pure and the noble to enlist beneath its folds.

Recognizing the guiding hand of the Supreme Being in all this, we would humbly thank Him for His many kindnesses and earnestly pray that He will continue to bless our native land and our time honored institution.

“What land more beautiful than ours?
 What land more blest?
 The South with all its wealth of flowers,
 The prairies of the West?
 O, No, there is not a fairer land
 Beneath heaven's azure dome
 Where peace holds plenty by the hand
 And freedom finds a home.”

Loyalty to the State, to religion in its highest and broadest sense and to the fraternity are foundation stones upon which the superstructure of Freemasonry stands. The past has been a series of successes and triumphs, and resting now on such a basis we hopefully, confidently look to the future. Now perhaps more than at any other period of our world's history should the essentials of pure Freemasonry be well defined and be well understood, in order that the genuine may be severed from the spurious, in order that the Great Lights may dispel whatever of darkness or error exists.

We are not an aggressive organization. We are not levellers. We are not demolishers of characters, theories, or principles. But builders, erectors of moral edifices which we trust will stand, when those built by our illustrious predecessors, operative Masons, will have passed away.

Possibly pure and undefiled Freemasonry was never more needed than at the present moment. There is a spirit of unrest, uneasiness and uncertainty abroad in the land, as well as of open antagonism to long and well established truths and dogmas. Many a seemingly well fortified theory has tottered if not fallen beneath these assaults. The high prerogative of English Freemasonry is to defend the ancient landmarks against all assailants, whether they be of the Grand Orient of France or of any other origin.

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Change is succeeding change with lightning rapidity. There is occasion of fear for, as well as confidence in the future. Let us hold fast the truth as we have received it, and transmit the same, spotless and untarnished to our successors.

At Rest.

Not until the Celestial Lodge is complete, not until the last wanderer is gathered home, will Masons cease to weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn.

During the year now closing, a Royal Brother has passed away. Our Queen has been called upon to shed bitter tears over the bier of a son and a Mason. Canadians deeply sympathize with Her. The Craft everywhere deplore His untimely death. H. R. H. Prince Leopold took an active interest in Freemasonry. Masonic charitable institutions received his aid and assistance. At the time of his decease he was Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire and Past Grand J. W. of the Grand Lodge of England. He was associated with the higher degrees, and was an honorary member of the Supreme Council 33'. I would suggest that Grand Lodge present an address expressive of our sympathy to Her Majesty the Queen, and to the widow of our deceased brother in this their hour of deep affliction.

R. W. Brother James Bowen, of Quebec, Senior Grand Warden of this G. L., departed this life at the city of Quebec deeply lamented by a large circle of friends and brethren.

Our lamented brother was a member of Tuscan Lodge No. 28. He was a faithful man, and a zealous Mason. As a token of respect for his memory I requested the Grand Secretary to require the Lodges in this jurisdiction to drape in mourning for the remainder of the year.

On the 24th day of February I received the melancholy intelligence of the death of R. W. Bro. W. B. Colby of Stanstead, a member of Golden Rule Lodge No. 5. Our departed Brother was made a Mason in eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and ever took a deep interest in all that appertained to the welfare of the craft. He had advanced to the higher degrees, and at the time of his decease was Past Eminent Preceptor of Sussex Preceptory.

I have also to chronicle the death of R. W. Bro. Thos. Simpson, of Montreal. A member of Royal Albert Lodge. Our deceased brother was at time of his death, Grand Representative of the G. L. of Minnesota, near this G. L. His kindness of heart, gentleness of manner, and sterling qualities were well known to the brethren]

John W. Merry, of Golden Rule Lodge, departed this life at Sherbrooke, after a protracted, and most painful illness. A large concourse of Masons, and mourning friends, followed his remains, to their last resting place.

A masonic veteran has gone, possibly the oldest in the Province, Captain James Ball, recently died at the advanced age of ninety-seven. He was made a Mason in Prevost Lodge in 1823. His funeral was largely attended, and was conducted under the auspices of Brome Lake Lodge.

On the 17th inst., by the accidental discharge of a revolver, Bro. S. Brooks Sanborn, was fatally wounded, and died in a few hours after. Our brother was a worthy son of a most worthy father, the late Judge Sanborn. He was a member of Prince of Wales Lodge, Sherbrooke. He was universally esteemed and respected. Attending his funeral, which took place on the 21st inst., was a large gathering of friends and Masons. It was my mournful duty to read our burial service on the occasion. He rests in peace. Above his remains, winter's cold white shroud is spread. An iron shaft has pierced the hearts of near and dear relatives. They have our sympathy. Beyond the winter there blooms a perennial spring, and beyond the darkness there beams the brightness of an eternal day.

The last enemy has invaded other jurisdictions; esteemed and faithful brethren have been taken away. They, with our loved ones, have passed over the dark river to join "the silent majority," in that land "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest." Hopefully, trustingly, the sprig of acacia has been deposited in their graves, in full faith and confidence, that it with them will live on the immortal shore.

DISPENSATIONS.

These have mostly been for the wearing of regalia on public and festive occasions.

The G. M.'s prerogative has been seldom exercised. I earnestly advise the brethren to adhere as closely as possible to the strict rendering of the Constitution. By so doing dispensations out of the ordinary course of events will be rarely required. Mount Meriah Lodge requested dispensation to raise a brother from the floor to the master's chair in the east. It being the unanimous wish of the lodge, it would have given me much pleasure to have granted it, but fearing the establishing of a dangerous precedent, I felt it my duty to decline.

FESTIVALS.

The festivals of St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist, have been, I believe, generally observed. In some instances by attending church, and in others by pleasurable excursions.

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I cannot impress too strongly upon the lodges, the advisability of at least once each year assembling together in the house of God, and there offering up their adorations to Deity. By this act we publicly declare our fidelity to the principles upon which we are established.

FESTIVITIES.

I again met a number of the brethren from Montreal, at Highgate Springs. The event was enlivened by the attendance of the ladies. The day was exceedingly propitious, and the occasion enjoyable. An eloquent address was delivered by R. W. J. F. Walker, D. G. M. It was full of masonic thought and vigor. The location there is fine, yet possibly some spot might be found within our own borders, nearly, if not equally well situated for such purposes. A very large number of the Montreal brethren with their lady friends went out to Huntingdon for a pic-nic. I am informed that the occasion was one of great pleasure and profit to all. A number of our lodges have held socials during the past year. The object being, to cement more closely the social and friendly ties which unite us, and for benevolent purposes. In every instance marked success has attended the efforts. Such gatherings, permeated by woman's pure influence, can but raise the standard of freemasonry.

STATE OF THE CRAFT.

I have to inform you that, so far as I know, peace and harmony prevail among our lodges, and the respective members of each. Fully more than the ordinary amount of work has been done during the past year. Our growth is necessarily gradual, yet it is sure. Under all the circumstances our progress has been satisfactory. In reviewing the past we feel encouraged. In Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-one we had but thirteen hundred and seventy-nine enrolled members; in Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-four we had twenty-eight hundred and forty. Difficulties have beset us, and we have had obstacles to overcome, which have not fallen to the lot of any other G. L. on this continent. In all our conflicts we have as yet been victorious. We look confidently and hopefully to the future. And yet, my brethren, that future is measurably in our own hands.

Ours to perpetuate, to exalt, and ennoble. Ours to protect and to defend.

CHARITY AND BENEVOLENCE.

The calls during the year now closing have been as frequent as in any former year, and have been responded to with alacrity. It would be well if the extent of our charitable offerings could be more definitely ascertained. I would suggest that each private lodge reports to Grand Lodge

the amount of money expended by it for charitable purposes during the year, not for publication, but for the information of those brethren who may desire to know what is being done in this direction.

CORNER STONE.

On the first day of July last I met Grand Lodge in Special Communication in the beautiful village of Stanbridge East, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Methodist church there. I was ably assisted in the ceremony by M. W. Bro. Graham P. G. M., R. W. Bro. J. F. Walker, D. G. M., the venerable Grand Secretary, and other Grand officers. We were followed by the impressive service of the Methodist church. Several clergymen were present, who expressed themselves in sympathy with us. The brethren as well as the citizens generally exerted themselves to the utmost to make the occasion one of great success. Stanbridge Lodge No. 19 presented the Grand Master with an elegant silver trowel, which will ever be prized among his most highly valued treasures. May a large measure of prosperity attend the church and Lodge in Stanbridge East.

VISITATIONS.

These have been as general as time and circumstances would admit of. Several Lodges in the Eastern Townships, Montreal and St. John's in Quebec have been visited. In every instance I have been most cordially received. I have found harmony prevailing, and an intense degree of loyalty existing towards this Grand Lodge.

APPOINTMENTS.

Owing to business demands R. W. Bro. Wotherspoon the D.D.G.M. for Quebec and Three Rivers was obliged to leave his District, and tendered his resignation. I reluctantly accepted the same, as during the time he remained in the District, his duties were faithfully and promptly performed. I would advise that he retain his rank the same as if he had served the entire year.

In consequence of the decease of esteemed brother the late R. W. Bro. James Bowen, Senior Grand Warden, I named and appointed in his stead R. W. Edson Fitch P.G.M., a brother-in-law of our deceased brother, as Senior Grand Warden. I trust these appointments will meet with your approval.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our relations with Sister Grand Bodies on this continent, as well as in the Old World, remain unchanged; with all, save one, we are on the best of terms.

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I would direct your attention to the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which, I am sure, you will find both interesting and instructive.

I must now refer to a matter which has occasioned the Craft in this Province great uneasiness—which has attracted general attention abroad—which has caused my predecessors, as well as myself, much anxiety and many sleepless nights. It is the old question. The vexatious question. That of the existence in our midst of three lodges of a Foreign register, claiming and exercising concurrent jurisdiction with our own Lodges. This Grand Lodge was established upon the doctrine or principle of Sovereignty: of exclusive jurisdiction within the limits of its territory.

It has repudiated all overtures that infringed upon this theory, and yet, our authority has been set at naught. The Grand Lodge of England, and her three subordinate lodges here, have practically ignored our existence. All these matters have been so frequently referred to, that every Brother must now be thoroughly conversant therewith. Grand Lodge at its last annual communication felt that patient waiting, soliciting and imploring for the recognition of our rights; for the recognition in this Province of the principle, by England, upon which she herself is *built*, and for which she has contended, had proved futile and useless. That if we would hold intact our honor, dignity and integrity, we must do more than simply assert our supremacy; we must maintain it by recourse if necessary, to such measures as Masonic law and usage dictate. To that end the Grand Master was instructed, "after due notice, to declare non-intercourse with all Lodges and brethren in the Province of Quebec, "who will not array themselves beneath our banner and join our "register." Painful though the duty imposed upon me was, I have seen no alternative. The notice mentioned was delayed as long as possible. Hoping that our esteemed brethren here, and that Grand old Lodge of England, might see the justice, equity and legality of our position, and join hands with us. Such, however, has not been the case.

After much deliberation, I therefore, on the third day of October, caused the following notice to be given:—

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

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER.

STANSTEAD, P. Q., October 3rd, 1884.

To His Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, &c. M. W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of England.

M. W. BROTHER AND ILLUSTRIOUS SIR:—

With assurances of loyalty, and under the instructions conveyed to me by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as its Chief Executive officer, I desire

to call the official attention of your Royal Highness to the position of Craft Masonry in this Province, as affected by the continuance therein of Lodges acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and repudiating the authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as the sovereign Masonic power within such territory.

This Grand Lodge was constituted in accordance with rules prevalent on this continent, as to territorial jurisdiction; has been in existence for nearly fifteen years, and has been fraternally recognized by the sister Grand Lodges of the Western World, and generally elsewhere, as the Grand Body exercising supreme power in Craft Masonry in the Province. That principle has been generally accepted as fundamental, and has become the rule and guide in matters relating thereto. It was through the acceptance and adoption of that principle, that this Grand Lodge was formed. So large a body of Masons have recognized it that its infraction would cause great disturbance in the Masonic world, and in the interests of peace, harmony, and brotherly love, such a calamity ought, if possible, to be avoided.

At the time this Grand Lodge was organized there existed in this Province three lodges, to wit: St. George No. 440, St. Paul No. 374, and St. Lawrence No. 640, under the jurisdiction of your Grand Lodge, and which have continued until now without changing their allegiance. For many years after the formation of this Grand Lodge the difficulties and labor attending the same, and the proper shaping of the work so as to procure efficiency, largely occupied its attention.

Yet at all times, and on all occasions, has this Grand Lodge in the most positive manner, declared its belief in, and adherence to, that doctrine, and that it would at the proper time assert its exclusive territorial rights.

In the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Quebec the time has now arrived for a settlement of the question, such settlement it is within my instructions and powers to say, can only rest, with any degree of satisfaction, upon the withdrawal of the exercise of authority by your Grand Lodge, over the said Lodges now acknowledging its allegiance, and the unconditional admission of the supremacy of this Grand Lodge over all Master Masons, and all Craft Lodges, in the territory of the Province of Quebec. Such settlement is in the interest of the Craft here and elsewhere in the Masonic world.

Events which have transpired within the past few years have made it quite evident that, apart from the territorial principle, peace and harmony cannot prevail among Masons in this Province until it is fully established that there is but one class of Masons here, and but one Supreme Author-

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ity. To exert a healing influence therein, if for no other consideration, it is manifestly certain that one or the other of the Grand Bodies should withdraw. Discord has been fomented among Masons, and scandal has been brought upon the fraternity thereby. Two Masonic bodies, bidding for support, and struggling for supremacy within this jurisdiction, is not a pleasant subject for contemplation. The difficulty has unfortunately gained general notoriety, and is likely to bring disrepute upon the Craft.

There is a feeling of uneasiness among Masons, and many causes, more or less grave, render it important that, in this Province, there should not be two classes of Masons, or Quebec Masons and English Masons, but only one Grand Body, and a united order. I need not refer in detail to those causes, as I am sure they have not altogether escaped your Royal Highness' notice. The bitterness of one class of our population towards Masons, makes it all the more important that there should be no division in the ranks, and the feeling prevailing that our English brethren rely to some extent upon that adverse sentiment, naturally arouses the indignation of the Quebec brethren.

I cannot believe that your Grand Lodge desires to build upon discord and strife in this Province, or desires to have the idea prevail, that Colonial Masons have no rights which English Masons will admit; that whilst Colonial Masons are tolerated, they have no prerogatives, save such as English Masons permit them to possess. Apart from Masonic considerations, the belief that the sentiment of English Masons towards their Colonial brethren was of that character, would be fraught with danger, as tending to loosen attachments binding the Mother Country and the Colonies together.

In the present situation, probably nine-tenths of the Freemasons in this Province acknowledge allegiance to this Grand Lodge. It has a distinct organization, fraternally recognized by the sister Grand Bodies. It has in its favor the principle of territorial jurisdiction. It is in a position to efficiently perform Masonic work.

There is nothing which your Grand Lodge can do for its adherents here that this Grand Lodge cannot perform. These are important reasons why the withdrawal should be on your part, aside from considerations before mentioned.

Believing, as I do, that the interests of the craft require the discontinuance by you of your authority over Master Masons and Craft Lodges in this Province, as a final adjustment of the unpleasant difficulties created by its continuance here, I am compelled respectfully to convey to your Royal Highness the M. W., the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, A. F. & A. M., the request of the Grand Lodge of the Province

of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., that such withdrawal take place on or before the first day of January next, failing which, no other course will be open to me, but to declare, according to Masonic methods, a severance of intercourse between this Grand Lodge, its constituent Lodges, and all brethren in obedience thereto, and the above mentioned Lodges, to wit: St. George, No. 440; St. Paul, No. 374, and St. Lawrence, No. 640; and each and all the members thereof.

I have the honor to be,
Loyally and fraternally,
Your obedient servant,

E. R. JOHNSON,
G. M., G. L., of Q.

In due time this acknowledgment was received :—

Grand Secretary's Office,
Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen St., London, W.C.
14th Oct., 1884.

Colonel Shadwell Clarke, G. Secretary, G. L. of England, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter addressed by the M.W., the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G. Master of G. Lodge of England, under date 3rd Oct., 1884.

At a later date the following reply came to hand :—

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.
Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen Street, LONDON, W.C.,
27th Nov., 1884.

To M. W. BROTHER E. R. JOHNSON,
Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Quebec.

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—I am commanded by the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to him of the 3rd October last, on the subject of the three English Lodges in Montreal, namely, No. 374, St. George, No. 440, and St. Lawrence, No. 640, still remaining under this Grand Lodge in which you urge, on similar grounds to those put forward by your predecessors, in the years 1877, 1880 and 1881, the suppression of these Lodges, and intimate that in the opinion of your Grand Lodge the time has now arrived for a settlement of this question, explaining that such settlement, to be satisfactory, involves the unconditional admission of the supremacy of the Grand

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Lodge of Quebec, over all Lodges and Masons in that Province. You therefore convey to our Grand Master the request of your Grand Lodge, that a withdrawal of the authority of the Grand Lodge of England from over these three Lodges should take place on or before the 1st January, 1885, failing which, you will declare a severance of intercourse between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and its members, and the three Lodges in question and their members.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England does not desire, unnecessarily, to repeat what has already been communicated in the letters which have been addressed by my predecessors and myself in obedience to his commands, to the late Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but His Royal Highness must point out that when the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed in the year 1857, and assumed jurisdiction over the territory of Montreal, the three Lodges in question were already in existence and working. The St. Paul, since 1824; the St. George, since 1836; and the St. Lawrence, since 1854; and these three Lodges having declined to join the movement which resulted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada to sever their allegiance from the Grand Lodge of England when the former Body sought recognition from this Lodge, it acceded to and adopted, the express condition that the existing status of these three Lodges should be maintained, this point was stipulated for by the Grand Lodge of England, and was distinctly agreed to by the Grand Lodge of Canada. Matters remained on this footing until the year 1869, when the Quebec Masons separated from the Grand Lodge of Canada and formed themselves into the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and declared their independence, which was ultimately acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Canada, but on the newly established Grand Lodge of Quebec applying for recognition they were reminded of the terms previously entered into by the Grand Lodge with that of Canada, relative to the three Lodges in question, and were informed that such recognition could only be accorded to them on similar terms. To these conditions the Grand Lodge of Quebec declined to assent, and the matter has since remained in *statu quo*, although various letters have passed on the subject between the two Grand Masters. It has been repeatedly explained that the Grand Lodge of England would offer no obstacle to these Lodges entering into allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but that this is a matter entirely for these Lodges to determine.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England has always declined to use coercive measures to bring about this result, holding that the Lodges are entitled to act independently and without pressure.

The request now made involves the principle, that because a Grand Lodge is formed in a territory, Lodges therein already lawfully existing become unlawful, if they do not join in adhering to the newly formed Body.

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To this principle the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England cannot submit. A Grand Lodge, by its mere creation, cannot invalidate actual Lodges already existing in the territory over which it assumes jurisdiction. The creation of the new Body does not annul the prior right, indeed, the request to withdraw the warrants implies that under them the continuance of these Lodges is justified. The Grand Lodge of England has consistently adhered to the position thus stated. At the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England continued its allegiance, and is still working, at Halifax, in harmony with the local Grand Lodge.

The reference in your letter to "two masonic bodies bidding for support and struggling for supremacy" does not appear to apply in any way to the present position.

His Royal Highness is naturally anxious that peace and harmony should prevail amongst all masons, but he does not see that he would be justified in forcing upon these Lodges, against expressed desire, their extinction.

Whilst, therefore, much regretting his inability to comply with the wishes of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, he cannot undertake to ask the Grand Lodge of England to reverse its former decision, upon the grounds and for the reasons advanced.

I have the honor to be,

M. W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE,

Colonel,

G. S. of England.

It will be observed that this correspondence has developed nothing new. That no change has taken place in the sentiment of the G. L. of England towards this G. L. Any hopes we may have entertained that such would be the case are now dissipated. She rests her case on two grounds and declares that she will not recede therefore. 1o. The compromise made with the G. L. of Canada at the time the latter accepted a conditional recognition by the former. 2o. That the acceding to our request involves the recognition of the principle that when a Grand Lodge is formed in a territory, lodges already lawfully existing therein become unlawful if they do not join in adhering to the newly formed body.

In answer to the first, I would say: It is now generally believed that that the G. L. of Canada made a serious mistake when she accepted a

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conditional recognition, when for the sake of recognition, she permitted a foreign power to retain authority in any portion of her territory and govern any of her subjects. That, however, is in the past. Canada doubtless thought she was acting for the best, and for the sake of peace and harmony she submitted to that, which she would never yield to again. Besides, the territorial principal was not so well understood then as now. Circumstances have changed since then. At that time there was a united Canada, composed of Upper and Lower Canada, with a House of Parliament, as well as a Grand Lodge, legislating for both provinces. The political changes occasioned by the passing of "The British North American Act," which came into force July 1, 1867, gave to each province a separate and distinct legislature. Lower Canada ceased to exist, and in its stead there sprang into existence the Province of Quebec, and Upper Canada became merged into the Province of Ontario. The one as independent of the other, as are any two States in the American Union, Old things passed away, and with the passing, there went the G. L. of Canada, *quoad* this province, as immediately thereafter this Grand Lodge was established and took possession of this territory, untrammelled and unencumbered by any of Canada's liabilities or obligations. Sovereignty and supreme authority within its precincts were her watch words, as such she declared herself to the masonic world, and as such she has received its cordial recognition. We are not the heirs-at-law of the G. L. of Canada. This territory passed from her by reason of change of political status, and by conquest if you like.

The second ground is not regarded as tenable by the highest masonic authority on this continent. To admit that two Masonic Grand Bodies can hold concurrent power and jurisdiction in any territory, is to admit that two political sovereigns may exercise co-equal authority in any given province. The one doctrine is as sound as the other. Peace, harmony and prosperity require that one or the other must yield and vacate the country. England herself has declared it. She, of all others, should be consistent.

In recognizing the G. L. of Pennsylvania she made use of the following forcible language:—"We conceive that in constituting your Grand Lodge we necessarily communicate to it the same independent masonic authority within your jurisdiction which we ourselves possess within ours; amenable to no superior jurisdiction under Heaven, and subject only to the immutable landmarks of the order. All Grand Lodges in masonry being necessarily free, independent and *equipollent* within their respective jurisdictions, which, consequently excludes the idea of subjection to any foreign authority, or the establishment of an *imperium in imperio*." Has England withdrawn from the position then taken? Does she acknowledge herself then in error, as to masonic law and usage? Does she say that masonic law, which is applicable to a State in the great American Republic

is not applicable to the Province of Quebec? Surely not. There is then but one conclusion to arrive at, which is, that if she was in the right then, she is in the wrong now. It is believed that she is now in a false position towards us, and that it is a duty which she owes to her own record, to this G. L. and the fraternity here, to her sister Grand Lodges with whom she has exchanged representatives, to withdraw from this territory and no longer maintain here an *imperium in imperio*. Failing on her part to do this, it is also believed to be the duty of this G. L. to assert its supreme authority, and to maintain it by all justifiable means. It is our right, privilege and bounden duty to make this G. L. the peer, not only of the Grand Lodge of England, but of any and every Grand Lodge of the world. With this end in view, and in obedience to your instructions, I have issued the following proclamation. We thus submit our cause to the masonic world, and patiently, confidently await the result.

PROCLAMATION.

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

Grand Master's Office,

Stanstead, P. Q.

To all Brethren in-obedience to the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec:

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Quebec A. F. and A. M. was regularly organized on the twentieth day of October, 1869, a majority of all the Lodges then existing in this Province having been represented at such organization:

Whereas, this Grand Lodge immediately thereafter declared itself to be the sole legally constituted Sovereign Grand Masonic Body, exercising Masonic jurisdiction within the limits of the Province of Quebec, and has strenuously adhered to the principle contained in this Declaration up to the present time.

Whereas, sixty-three Grand Lodges have recognised this Grand Lodge as their peer and equal, a Sovereign Grand Body.

Whereas, every effort pointed out by Masonic law and usage, or suggested by fraternal spirit, has been put forth to make this Grand Lodge in fact, what in theory it has professed to be.

Whereas, notwithstanding these circumstances, there have existed from the date mentioned, and still exist, certain Lodges within the territory of this Grand Lodge who do not recognize its authority, but hold allegiance to a foreign Grand Lodge, and obey its behests.

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And, whereas, the existence of these Lodges of a foreign register within this Province has occasioned great confusion and discord;

And, whereas, that foreign Grand Lodge still maintains her foothold in this Province, though repeatedly solicited, urged, and recently notified to withdraw therefrom;

Therefore, be it known unto you all, that, in vindication of the sovereignty of The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and in vindication of a principle which is generally recognised throughout the Masonic world; and of the interests, rights, and prerogatives of our ancient, loyal, and honorable fraternity; and in justice to all those Grand Lodges whose recognition has been extended to her, painful though the action may be, as fond Masonic ties will thereby be severed,

I therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and by virtue of the action taken by this Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, (30th and 31st January, A.L. 5884, A.D. 1884), do hereby declare and proclaim all Lodges holding allegiance to any Foreign Grand Lodge to be masonically, irregularly, and illegally existing in this Province; and I hereby further declare and proclaim all Masonic intercourse to be suspended, and to cease, between this Grand Lodge, its subordinate Lodges, and all brethren in obedience thereto, and such other Lodges and all members in obedience thereto, holding allegiance to any Foreign Grand Lodge.

And all Brethren acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec are hereby commanded to hold no Masonic intercourse with any member or members of any Lodge existing in this Province enrolled on the register of any Foreign Grand Lodge, in so far as Ancient Craft Masonry is concerned.

And this proclamation and edict shall be and remain in full force and effect until revoked by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

And it is hereby further ordered that due proclamation of this edict be made to all brethren in obedience to this Grand Lodge, of all which they will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly; and also that the same be communicated to all regular Grand Lodges throughout the world.

Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at Stanstead, in the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this 1st day of January, 1885.

E. R. JOHNSON,
GRAND MASTER G. L. OF Q.

(Attest)
JOHN H. ISAACSON,
GRAND SECRETARY G. L. OF Q.

This decree has gone forth. Unfortunately it has been made public. An eager, ambitious press has scattered the news abroad, that there is a Masonic quarrel in Quebec. The unsympathizing and our opponents will rejoice. My brethren, while the edict is imperative, let me urge upon you, that it be made in no way offensive. Able, distinguished and esteemed brethren are to be found in the Lodges declared against. Let it be distinctly understood that the conflict is not personal, but that we are contending only for a principle and for our right.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed Bro. A. Norris as our representative near the G. L. of New South Wales. That G. L. has named at my suggestion R. W. Bro. Gustavus Lucke as her representative near this G. L.

The vacancy occasioned by the untimely decease of our esteemed late brother, R. W. Bro. Thomas Simpson, has been filled by the appointment of Bro. John P. Noyes, of Shefford Lodge, No. 18.

The representative of the G. L. of Manitoba having resigned, his place has been supplied by the appointment of Bro. William H. Whyte, of Prince Consort Lodge.

I trust this action will meet with your approval.

CARNIVAL.

The attractions in this city during the present week are very great. It is to be hoped that the brethren will not be allured away from their duties. This is perhaps as important a communication as G. L. has ever had. A grave and most serious question will come before you.

CONCLUSION.

My brethren, in returning to you the emblem of authority with which you have so highly honored me during the past two years, I have cordially and heartily to thank my predecessors for their timely words of counsel and advice; my associate officers for the hearty co-operation which they have at all times and under all circumstances accorded me; the district Deputy-Grand Masters for the efficient manner in which they have performed their duties, thereby relieving me of much care and anxiety; and to the brethren at large for their many tokens of cordiality and friendship. During these years associations have been formed which I hope and trust will strengthen with advancing years, and in the decline of life will be looked back upon with great pleasure. This Grand Lodge, which we all love so much, and of whose record we are so proud, may again be thrown on a turbulent and tempestuous sea. God grant

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that able and skillful craftsmen may guide her course, and that the time may speedily come when peace, harmony, and contentment shall prevail within all our borders. To that end I earnestly urge every brother to judiciously and honestly work and pray.

E. R. JOHNSON,

G. M. G. L. OF Q.

Montreal, January 28, 1885.

It was moved by V. Wor. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, seconded by R. W. Bro. Lyon—

“That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred forthwith to the Committee on ‘The State of Masonry,’ with instruction to report thereon as soon as possible.”

The motion was carried *nem. con.*

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary presented and laid before Grand Lodge his report, as follows:—

To the M. W. The Grand Lodge of Quebec A. F. & A. M.

MOST WOR. GRAND MASTER, GRAND OFFICERS, AND WOR. BRETHREN—

But little of interest beyond the ordinary routine of business in this office has transpired during the past year, consequently this report will of necessity be very brief.

I have to announce the return to this office of the warrant, books, papers, and property of Olive Branch Lodge, also of the warrant of Aylmer Lodge, all of which are now with me.

Agreeably with the instructions which I received at our last annual Communication, I corresponded with the Dis. Dep. Grand Master of Bedford District, relative to the re-call of warrant of Prevost Lodge, No. 7, the result will doubtless be given in his report to be submitted at the present meeting. I also conveyed to the same R. W. Brother the desire of this Grand Lodge in regard to the dispensation issued in 1878 to establish a lodge at Rougemont, to be called Rouville Lodge. I presume the same report will give his action in the premises.

I have received in the course of the past year applications for recognition by this Grand Lodge from Grand Lodges recently established in

South Australia and in Mexico. By command of the M. W. the Grand Master, the same have been submitted to the committee on "Foreign Correspondence and Relations," to report for the action of Grand Lodge at its present session.

In my last report in my capacity of Grand Librarian, I gave a list of donations contributed by sundry lodges, and amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$75.00, for the purposes of the Grand Lodge Library. This amount still remains with me, and I would now ask that it be used in the binding of periodicals, pamphlets, reports from foreign Grand Lodges, &c., &c. now on the shelves.

It is my duty to report the following named lodges as having neglected for more than one year to make the required returns and payments to this office; they are, in consequence, disqualified from attending the present session of Grand Lodge—Excelsior, No. 46; Graham, No. 47.

In conclusion, I submit the usual detailed statement of monies received by me since our last meeting. It is as follows:—

JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary.

MONTREAL, 30th Jan., 1885.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIVED BY GRAND SECRETARY FROM 30TH JAN., 1884, TO 15TH JAN., 1885.

No.	Name of Lodge.	Initiations.	Affiliations.	Annual Dues.	G. L. Certificates.	Dispensation.	Warrant.	Life Membership.	Arrears.	TOTAL
1	Antiquity.....	\$3 00	\$1 50	31 00	2 00					37 50
2	Albion.....	4 00	1 50	23 50	2 00					31 00
3	St. John.....	5 00	0 50	22 25	10 00					37 75
4	Dorchester.....		1 00	19 00						20 00
5	Golden Rule.....	4 00		61 75	2 00					67 75
6	St. Andrew.....	3 00		38 00	6 00					47 00
7	Elgin.....	4 00		26 00	8 00					38 00
8	Prevost.....			21 50						21 50
9	Nelson.....			43 50						43 50
10	St. George.....	4 00		17 00	8 00					29 00
11	St. George.....	1 00		14 00				10 00		25 00
12	Zetland.....	4 00		29 50	8 00			10 00		51 50
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15	St. Francis.....	4 00		31 50	14 20					49 50
16	Victoria.....	4 00		55 25	8 00					67 25
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18	Shefford.....	6 00	0 50	21 50	12 00					40 00
19	Stanbridge.....	2 00	2 00	29 00	4 00					37 00
20	Montreal Kilw'g.....	1 00		26 50	2 00					29 50
21	Yamaska.....			7 25	4 00					11 25
22	Armer.....									
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25	Royal Albert.....	1 00	0 50	42 00	4 00					48 50
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27	St. John.....			18 50						18 50
28	Tuscan.....	1 00	0 50	16 00	2 00					19 50
29	Royal Canadian.....									
30	Ascot.....	12 00	1 50	53 00	22 00					88 50
31	Ashlar.....		0 50	21 00	4 00					25 50
32	Mount Royal.....	1 00		32 50	8 00			16 00		56 50
33	Frelighsburg.....	1 00		9 50	2 00					12 50
34	Doric.....	6 00	1 50	51 75	12 00					71 25
35	Brome Lake.....	4 00	1 00	20 00	8 00					33 00
36	Chateauguay.....	3 00		13 50	6 00					22 50
37	Corner Stone.....	4 00		19 50	4 00					27 50
38	Mount Moriah.....	1 00		20 50						21 50
39	Sutton.....									
40	Pontiac.....	5 00		13 25	10 00					28 25
41	Baldy.....	3 00	0 50	28 00	4 00					33 50
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44	St. Charles.....	6 00		18 50	14 00					38 50
45	Oceus Unis.....	10 00		17 75	12 00					39 75
46	Excelsior.....									
47	Graham.....			14 00						14 00
48	Mount Orford.....			14 00				8 00		22 00
49	Shawenegan.....	5 00		15 50						20 50
50	Olive Branch.....									
51	Rutland.....									
52	Prince Consort.....		1 00	30 00	10 00	20 60				60 60
53	St. Andrew's.....	4 00	0 50	13 25	4 00					21 75
54	Lonic.....	3 00	1 50	30 00	4 00			21 0		55 50
55	Lake Magog.....	1 00		16 25						17 25
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57	Hochelega.....	7 00		24 00	24 00					55 00
58	Montarville.....		1 00	18 00	2 00					21 00
59	Bedford.....	2 00		17 00	4 00					23 00
60	Richelieu.....			3 50						3 50
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62	Corinthian.....		2 00	22 50	4 00					30 50
63	Prince of Wales.....									
64	King Solomon.....	2 00		18 50	10 00					30 50
65	Argyle.....			11 25						11 25
66	Friendship.....		13 00	25 50	26 00					64 50
67	Argenteuil.....	4 00		19 00						23 00
68	Good Samaritan.....	3 00		7 50	8 00		20 00			38 50
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On motion of R. W. Bro. Arthur F. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Bro. John Renshaw.

"The Grand Secretary's report was received and referred to 'The Committee on the State of Masonry.'"

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer read and presented his report:—

I. H. STEARNS, Grand Treasurer, in Account with the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A.M., of Quebec.

1884.	GENERAL FUND.	Dr.	
Jan. 30.	To Balance on hand.....	\$1250	23
Dec. 31.	" Quebec Bank, interest on deposit to date	23	23
1885.			
Jan. 22.	" Grand Secretary.....	1800	75
			<u>\$3074 21</u>
1884.	CONTRA.	Cr.	188-
Jan. 31.	By John Chesney, Grand Tyler and Asst. Do.	10	00
" 31.	" P.G.M. Graham, Postages, 1883.....	25	00
Feb. 11.	" Wm. Millar, Stationery.....	19	65
" 15.	" John Wilson, Printing.....	64	25
Mar. 3.	" The Burland Lithographic Co., 300 Parchment Diplomas.....	210	00
April 17.	" Laplante, Stationery for Grand Treas.	5	00
May 29.	" The Gazette Printing Co., Advertising, &c.....	28	85
" 29.	" The Gazette Printing Co., Annual Proceedings, 1884.....	150	00
June 2.	" George Kenning, two accts, £4 4s 10d, £3 8s 10d—£7 12s 10.....	37	35
Aug. 29.	" E. R. Johnson, Grand Master, on Acct. of Expenses	50	00
June 7.	" J. H. Graham, P.G.M., Postages	4	00
Dec. 4.	" The Guarantee Co., Premium on Bond, Grand Treas.....	6	25
" 29.	" E. R. Johnson, Grand Mast, Expenses	50	00

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led by R.	Jan. 22.	To George Horne, Stationery	1 95
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	" 22.	" <i>The Star</i> "	2 25
	" 22.	" Edwin Cox, Warrant for Good Samari- tan Lodge	10 00
	" 22.	" Grand Secretary's Expenses to East Stanbridge to attend Emergent Com. of Grand Lodge, 1st July, '84	5 50
	" 22.	" Restoration of one Vol. G. L. Proceed- ings to Library	5 00
dge of A. F.	" 22.	" Grand Secretary, Postages, Telegrams, Custom Charges, &c., for 12 months	33 00
	" 22.	" Grand Secretary, Expenses to Sher- brooke, attending Annual Com- munication of Grand Lodge, 1884..	14 60
	" 22.	" J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, Salary to date.....	600 00
	" 22.	" J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, Office Rent, 12 months.....	120 00
	" 28.	" Balance on hand	1619 11
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	Jan. 30.	To Balance on hand	336 80
	" 31.	" Ritual Committee	24 00
	May 21.	" Six months' Interest on Forty Shares of the City of Montreal Consoli- dated Fund, to 1st May, 1884	120 00
	Nov. 29.	" Six months' Interest on Forty Shares of the City of Montreal Consoli- dated Fund, to 1st Nov., 1884	120 00
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	Feb. 23.	By Relief to Mrs. M., per W. Bro. H. Paton	25 00
	" 23.	" " Mrs. S., " " "	25 00
	" 23.	" " Mrs. O'B. " " "	25 00
	" 23.	" " W. Bro. N., per W. Bro. Martin	25 00
	" 23.	" " Children late Bro. A., per W. Bro. Martin.....	25 00
	" 23.	" " Mrs. H., per W. Bro. Paton..	25 00
	" 23.	" " Bro. S., per R. W. Bro. Stearns	48 00
	April 4.	" " Bro. B., " " "	40 00

June 16.	By Relief to Mrs. T., per R. W. Bro. Fitch	25 00	
Aug. 18.	“ “ R. W. Bro. McM., per R. W. Bro. Stearns.....	35 00	
1885.			
Jan. 28.	“ Balance deposited in Quebec Bank...	302 80	600 80

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BENEVOLENT FUND.

1885.			
Jan. 28.	Forty Shares of the City of Montreal Consolidated Fund at 6 per cent.....	\$4000 00	
“ 28.	Special deposit in Quebec Bank, \$500 00 Interest to 31 May, '84, at 3 p. c. from 31 May, 1884.....	6 90	
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“ 28.	Deposited in Quebec Bank, current Acct.	302 80	

GENERAL FUND.

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Jan. 28.	Cash deposited, Quebec Bank, \$1519 00		
“ 28.	“ in hands Grand Treasurer	100 10	
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Respectfully submitted,

I. H. STEARNS.

MONTREAL, 28 Jan., 1885.

The above report has been carefully examined and found to be correct.

Audited 28th January, 1885.

GEO. O. TYLER, } Committee on Finance.
FRANK EDGAR, }

The Grand Treasurer moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Massey :

“That the report of the Grand Treasurer just submitted be received and referred to ‘The Committee on Finance,’ with instructions to report thereon during this session of Grand Lodge.”

The motion was carried *nem. con.*

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

QUEBEC AND THREE RIVERS DISTRICT.

M.: Wor.: Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, on behalf of R.: W.: Bro. Wotherspoon, P. Dis. Dep. Gr. Master, Quebec and Three Rivers District, presented the following report—

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN—

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and in the discharge of the duty devolving upon me, I have the honor to submit the following brief report on the condition of Masonry in this district, during my term of office:

I regret that the urgency of my business avocations, and other circumstances over which I had no control, have prevented my visiting all the lodges in this district, and which finally caused me on the 1st of December last, to place my resignation, of this high and honorable office, in the hands of the M.: W.: Grand Master. However, I had the pleasure of visiting Shawenegan Lodge, No. 49, of which I am a member; was cordially received by the brethren, and can safely report that this Lodge is working in a constitutional and satisfactory manner, the officers being well acquainted with the Ritual.

The death of a near relative, Hon. Judge Stewart, of the city of Quebec, prevented me from making an official visit to St. Andrews' and other lodges in that ancient capital; but from information received, I am pleased to report that Masonry within this ancient city, and throughout the District, is progressing satisfactorily.

With feelings of great regret, I record the death of R.: W.: Bro. James Bowen, jun., late Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge, who died in the city of Quebec, after a brief illness. Bro. Bowen was a man of much activity, had won many friends, and was much respected by all who had the good fortune to be acquainted with him. He was not buried with Masonic honors. I recommend that a page in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be suitably inscribed to his memory.

Only one complaint, or grievance, has been placed before me for adjustment during my term of office, and which, in all probability, arose from a misapprehension, or interpretation of the Lodge powers in the Constitution. However, it is with much pleasure that I report my suggestions have been cheerfully followed, and all working with that harmony which should ever characterize Freemasonry.

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In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for all their kindness, and for the forbearance they have manifested towards my short comings.

Fraternally submitted,

F. G. WOTHERSPOON,

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

THREE RIVERS, Dec. 1st, 1884.

R. W. Bro. W. M. Williams, Dis. D. Gr. Master, Quebec and Three Rivers, presented and read the following, his report—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

I beg to submit the following report on the state of Masonry in the Masonic district, confided to my care since the 10th of December last.

On St. John the Evangelist's day I had the pleasure of installing the Worshipful Masters and officers of Albion Lodge No. 2, St. Andrew's No. 6 and St. John's No. 3.

I also examined the books, &c., of the above named three lodges, and was very favorably impressed with the neatness, exemplary and business-like manner in which they are kept.

A dispensation was granted to the brethren of Quebec City and Levis, to appear in Regalia at a service held in Trinity Church. His Lordship the Bishop of Quebec and several reverend gentlemen were present and officiated, and a masterly sermon was preached by Reverend Brother Robert Ker to the large audience present. A good collection for charitable purposes was taken at the end of the service. I sincerely hope that the masons of Quebec City and Levis will, every year, celebrate "the 27th" in the same praiseworthy manner, feeling assured that much benefit will be derived from all public services similar to the one at which I had the honor of being present.

I also visited Shawenegan Lodge No. 49, which is still working with zeal and meeting with much success. Worshipful Brother W. B. Smith is to be congratulated on the success with which his diligence and activity were rewarded while he was its W. M.

I regret that the shortness of my official career prevented me from visiting Tuscan (No. 28) and Good Samaritan (No. 68) lodges.

I am informed that Tuscan Lodge enjoyed much prosperity during the past twelve months. Officered as it was and now is, with true and well skilled brethren, it has increased in numbers and good material.

The Secretary of Good Samaritan Lodge writes me that, although isola-

ted from any other body of masons and with but little material to work on, it has kept its own, and is endowed with the necessary courage and determination to uphold the tenets and principles of Freemasonry in its vicinity. This lodge is free from debt and has a cash balance in the treasury. Its members purpose, during the coming year, purchasing a site on which they intend erecting in the near future, a building in which to hold their meetings.

I am pleased to have no deaths to report among the brethren of my district since I assumed office.

I now return to you the trust committed to my care, and crave for my successor the same help and courtesy which were extended to me.

The whole respectfully submitted,

R. W. WILLIAMS,

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

THREE RIVERS. 28th January, 1885.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

R.: W.: Bro. Frederic Massey, Dis. Dep. Gr. Master, Montreal District, presented and read the following, his report—

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

I have great pleasure in reporting that Masonry in the Montreal District, over which I have had the honor to preside during the past year, is in a prosperous and flourishing condition; officers and brethren of the various Lodges having continually vied with each other in promoting to the best of their ability the interests of Freemasonry and their respective Lodges.

During my forty-seven visits, official and otherwise, I have found little to complain of, and much to commend, officers and brethren have been actuated with a sincere desire to act constitutionally, and in cases where, unintentionally, errors have been made, they have been promptly rectified when called upon; altogether everything has progressed satisfactorily in this district, nothing having occurred to mar the harmony which should at all times exist among Masons.

A large number of new members have been initiated, and with a few exceptions the work has been conducted correctly, with a due regard to our ancient rules and established usages, in fact, several of our Lodges are

now worked in as perfect a manner as could possibly be desired under any circumstances. In a few cases, Masters depend too much upon Past officers, and where possible, this should be to a large extent avoided. Present officers should consider it imperatively necessary that they perform their own work and look well, personally, after the affairs of their own Lodge, otherwise the influence and dignity of the positions they have assumed is to a large extent lost.

There are undoubtedly too many Lodges in the city of Montreal, and the interests of the craft, and the Grand Lodge, would be best conserved by further amalgamations. Brethren of Lodges numerically weak should remember that the success of Freemasonry means something more than the mere "holding on to a charter or warrant," and differences of opinion regarding minor matters should be put out of sight in the general interests. Ten Lodges at most, would afford ample scope for all the requirements of Masonry here, and at the same time leave plenty of room for further increase of membership, and a reduction in number to the extent above named, besides resulting in increased strength, would create a greater interest in elections and result in a still better choice of officers than at present.

I have had the pleasure and honor of accompanying the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, and the Right Worshipful The Deputy Grand Master, during a number of visits paid to Lodges in this district, and would take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of the various Lodges for the invariably kind and hearty manner in which they have received me as their District Deputy Grand Master. I would also thank sincerely, all the members of Grand Lodge and other prominent Masons who have so ably and kindly rendered me assistance in conducting the affairs of this district.

I have received numerous petitions for dispensations to cover emergencies, and where consistent with principles of the constitution and established landmarks, I have recommended them for favorable consideration of the M. W. the Grand Master, or otherwise as he might deem best, and while in this connection I consider it but my duty to bear cheerful testimony to the kindly, courteous and punctual manner in which our Grand Master has always received and attended to requests from this district.

Aid and relief have been largely and satisfactorily dispensed by many of the Lodges, and on behalf of Right Wor. Bros. Stearns, Murray and myself I would especially thank the Lodges who so generously and promptly contributed to frequent and heavy calls in aid of our P. D. D. G. M. Rt. Wor. Bro. McMinn, as well as other cases brought before them.

In August last a Pic-nic highly successful and conducive of much good to the Craft, was held at Huntingdon. The brethren of Chateauguay

Lodge working hard and in great harmony with the Committee from Montreal. The ladies of St. John's Church, Huntingdon, realised the handsome sum of \$530 from results of refreshment tables, towards the extinguishing of a church debt. Zetland and Corinthian Lodges also held a very successful excursion to Highgate Springs which, accompanied by the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, I had the honor and pleasure of attending.

Some very successful evening socials were given during the year by Mount Royal, Prince Consort, Ionic and Hochelaga Lodges, all proving very enjoyable, and giving us the opportunity of meeting socially, the many lady friends of the members.

St. Charles and Argyle Lodges have, during the year, removed to more suitable meeting places, and they are to be congratulated on the improvement.

It is with much sorrow I have to add that death has removed from among us some old and familiar faces, brethren much beloved and respected, and to whose sorrowing friends we tender our sincerest sympathy.

Neither time or space will permit of a lengthy or detailed report of my twenty-one official visits, nor of the many interesting circumstances attending a winter trip across the ice in April to "Montarville," a voyage down the river to old Richelieu in October; a visit by rail to grand old Chateauguay, or historical Dorchester, or yet of the many enjoyable evenings spent among our city Lodges, so I must content myself with expressing gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for sparing me to see the close of a year of duties, very imperfectly, but to the best of my ability, fulfilled, and to bespeak for my successor in office the same hearty and unanimous support I have enjoyed during my tenure. In concluding this very imperfect report I would call the attention of Wor. Masters to the fact, that Secretaries of Lodges have not in the past made it a rule to invariably send notices or summonses of meetings to the D.: D.: G.: M.:, unless this is followed out closely it is impossible for him to keep close track of work performed.

I would recommend that Grand Lodge constitution be so amended as to permit D.: D.: G.: M.:s of this district to grant dispensations for wearing regalia, and that no Masonic funerals be held in Montreal City without the permission of the D.: D.: G.: M.:, or, in his absence, the Grand Secretary.

My report, as above, would be still more incomplete than it is, were I to omit to thank the Grand Secretary R.: Wor. Bro. Isaacson, for many courtesies promptly and cheerfully extended to me.

On 28th Dec. last, being first Sunday after St. John's Day, the brethren of this city assembled for Divine service in Christ's Church Cathedral, a

very large number were present and an eloquent and able discourse was delivered by the Rev. J. Arthur Newnham, one of the Grand Chaplains.

The whole respectfully submitted.

F. MASSEY,

D. D. G. M., Montreal District.

MONTREAL, 13th January, 1855.

ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT.

R.: W.: Bro. Geo. L. Pinkham, Dis. Dep. Gr. Master, St. Francis District, presented and read the following, his report—

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

According to the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit to Grand Lodge my report on the state of Masonry in the District of St. Francis.

I regret that owing to very onerous business engagements, and through domestic affliction, I have not been able to devote the time and attention that the interests of the Craft demanded in this important District; I have, however, visited all the Lodges with two exceptions, that of Lake Magog, No. 55, and Excelsior, No. 46.—I have communicated with the Secretaries of these Lodges, and am happy to be able to report that the former has, since the revival of business in Magog, increased its membership, and has every reason to expect a prosperous future.

Excelsior Lodge has, unfortunately, not been able to remit the amount due Grand Lodge, and is therefore deprived of the right of being represented at this Communication.

On the 26th of November last I wrote their Secretary asking for information as to the condition of their finances, and on the 4th of December I received a reply of which the following is an extract; "I regret to say "we have not made any payment to Grand Lodge on account of dues for "some time, but in a few weeks we shall be clear of that as well as other "debts which unfortunately we found our Lodge hampered with when we "brought it from Upton to Actonvale. Our Lodge originally belonged to "Actonvale, and on its not seeming to flourish but to get deeper and deeper "into debt, caused us to bring it back here again. Again we have got into "arrears with the monthly dues of members, which I am now engaged in "collecting as fast as possible."

Bro. Dr. Brown is an indefatigable worker, an officer well up in his duties, and I feel certain will, in time, clear off the Lodge's indebtedness.

During the year applications were received from several of the Lodges in my district for dispensations to assemble on Sunday and march in procession, to attend Divine worship, all of which were referred to the M.: W.: the Grand Master, and cheerfully granted.

June 3, '84.—Golden Rule Lodge applied for a dispensation to receive and act upon an application for membership from a resident of the United States, but who was about to remove to this Province.

July 3, '84.—Application was made to me by Friendship Lodge, Cookshire, for a dispensation to confer the 1st and 2nd degrees of Masonry in one evening, on two Brothers who were removing to the Western United States. These applications were also referred to the M.: W.: the Grand Master, and duly granted.

Jan. 7, '85.—At the request of the Wor. Master of Ashlar Lodge, I installed the officers of that Lodge in the Masonic Hall, Coaticook.

During the year only two deaths have been reported to me.

Bro. J. W. Merry, of Lake Magog Lodge, was buried with Masonic honors by Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke, assisted by the M.: W.: the Grand Master and members from all the Lodges in the District.

The Grand Architect of the Universe has seen fit in His goodness to remove from amongst us R.: W.: Bro. William B. Colby, late of Golden Rule Lodge. He was an ardent worker and a lover of the Order, kind to the Widows and Orphans, and almost indispensable in time of sickness. He was the first D.: D.: Grand Master for this District, after the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

It having been suggested to me that his memory was deserving of a fitting tribute at our hands, I issued on the 1st of December last, a circular letter to the various Lodges in my District, inviting them to join in raising a sum of money sufficient to erect above his remains, a suitable monument in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Stanstead. I am pleased to say that some of the Lodges have freely contributed to the fund, which, added to that raised by Golden Rule Chapter, and Sussex Preceptory, of which deceased was a member, enables me to say that a suitable monument will be erected at an early date. I would earnestly recommend that a page in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge be inscribed to his memory.

The number of Lodges in this District remain the same as at last Annual Communication, but I am pleased to report that there is every prospect of two more being added to our number before the end of the present year.

In conclusion I beg to report Masonry in this District as prosperous, harmony prevailing throughout, the Lodges loyal to Grand Lodge, and are prepared to support it in any action it may see fit and proper to take in regard to our present relations with the Grand Lodge of England.

It is my pleasing duty to acknowledge the many acts of courtesy extended by the brethren of this District, which have tended to make my duties light and pleasant.

The whole respectfully submitted.

GEO. L. PINKHAM,
D. D. G. M., St. Francis District.

COATICOOKE, 15th January, 1885.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

R. W. Bro. H. C. Blinn, Dis. Dep. Gr. Master, Bedford District, presented the following, his report—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit my report on the state of Masonry, in the District of Bedford.

During my term of office, I have visited all of the Lodges in my district, with the exception of Royal Canadian No. 29, at Sweetsburg, which unforeseen circumstances have prevented me from so doing.

I have great pleasure in reporting all the Lodges under my jurisdiction, to be in a very prosperous condition, harmony prevailing throughout. All have taken a goodly number of worthy men into the Craft.

I am also most happy to report that Browne Lodge at West Farnham, under the management of a number of zealous and active members of the Fraternity, who are connected with the South Eastern Railway, and have lately come into the town, has resuscitated and gone to work under most favorable auspices, with the exception of some minor matters, which I think can be satisfactorily arranged without bringing them before Grand Lodge.

On the first day of July last, we had the pleasure of having the presence of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, together with a large number of the Craft, to lay with appropriate Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Stanbridge East.

With feelings of deepest sorrow, I have to report the death of our esteemed and much respected R. W. Bro. George Rolland Marvin, P. M., and P. G. J. W. of this Grand Lodge, who was buried with Masonic honors on the 19th day of August last past, at Frelighsburg. Our late

brother worked most zealously for the welfare of his Lodge and the Craft in general, and was most highly esteemed as a man and a Mason. He was charter member and the first Worshipful Master of Frelighsburg Lodge. I would most respectfully suggest that a page in the proceedings of Grand Lodge be inscribed to his memory.

On St. John's Day, December 27, 1884, I had the honor of installing the officers of Stanbridge Lodge at Stanbridge, assisted by R. W. Bro. Horatio Horskin, R. W. Bro. J. P. Martin, Past D. D. Master, W. Bro. A. Stone, P. M., and several other Past Masters, and have accepted an invitation to install the officers of Bedford Lodge at Bedford on the 26th instant.

It is with pleasure that I am able to report that there have been no Masonic complaints made to me during the past year.

On the 24th of December last, as per instruction received from the Grand Secretary, I made a demand for the warrant and properties of Prevost Lodge No. 7 of Durham. On which I received the reply, which I affix to this report, leaving it for Grand Lodge to take such action as it may think best in the interest of Prevost Lodges Nos. 7 and 8.

I would merely ask the privilege of making some explanations before the Committee "On State of Masonry," that I could not make in my report.

Permit me to add my gratitude to the brethren of my district for their many acts of kindness extended to me during my term of office.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

H. C. BLINN,

D. D. G. M., Bedford District.

STANBRIDGE, 15th January, 1885.

FRELIGHSBURG, P. Q., Jan. 19, 1885.

HIRAM BLINN, Esq.,

D. D. G. M.,

Grand Lodge of Quebec.

R. W. SIR,—

In reply to your demand for the surrender of the Warrant of Prevost Lodge No. 7, Q. R., A. F. and A. M.

I beg to state that the Lodge declines to surrender its Warrant until officially notified of the cause of the action of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, at its last communication.

If the action of the Grand Lodge was based upon non-payment of dues to the Grand Lodge, we are prepared to pay such dues immediately.

If such action of the Grand Lodge was rendered upon any unma-sonic conduct on the part of this Lodge, then in what case? We demand an official investigation.

I may here state that there is now a fair prospect of an immediate amalgamation of Nos. 7 and 8 Lodges, which is very desirable for the interests of the Craft, should such amalgamation take place. We demand that our number be returned to us, or one still older.

Our Lodge is one of the oldest, in the Province of Quebec, we having in our possession an unbroken record from 1796, nearly one hundred years. We have also a large membership, and feel that we are deserving of due consideration, and that the position we now assume is only in the interest of Masonic Justice, and for the ultimate good of the Craft.

Trusting you will give the above your favorable consideration,

I am,

R. W. Sir,

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

A. S. KEMP,

W. M. Prevost Lodge No. 7.

SHEFFORD AND BROME DISTRICT.

The Grand Secretary, for R. W. Bro. D. Darby, Dis. Dep. Gr. Master, Shefford and Brome District, and in his absence, occasioned by illness of a member of his family, presented and read the following, his report—

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

According to the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit my report on the state of Masonry in the District of Shefford and Brome.

I regret very much that I have been unable to visit all the Lodges in the District; sickness in my family has prevented me from so doing. I have been in correspondence with those Lodges I was unable to meet, and from all sources, reports of a gratifying nature reached me, and peace and harmony prevail.

In accordance with the order of this Grand Lodge, I took possession of the warrant and property of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 50, and forwarded the same to the Grand Secretary.

Bromé Lake and Sutton Lodges applied for dispensations to appear publicly in regalia, for the purpose of attending Divine Service, and Sutton

and Shefford Lodges for the purpose of attending their annual festivals. The said dispensations were granted by the M. W. the Grand Master.

I granted a license to Brome Lake Lodge, No. 50, to hold lodges of instruction. I had the pleasure of installing the Officers of Shefford Lodge on St. John's Day.

I have to report the death of the oldest Mason under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, namely, Captain James Ball, of Knowlton, at the ripe age of 97 years. For sixty-four years he had been a Mason in good standing, and a credit to the craft. He was consigned to his last resting place by the brethren of Brome Lake and neighboring Lodges with Masonic honors.

I can report Masonry as progressive, both as to numbers and material in this District.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

D. DARBY,

D. D. G. M., Shefford and Brome District.

WATERLOO, 15 January, 1885.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

R. W. Bro. C. D. Chitty, Dis. Dep. Gr. Master, Ottawa District, presented and read the following, his report—

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

According to the Constitution, I beg to submit my report upon the state of Masonry in the District of Ottawa.

I have visited the Eddy Lodge many times, and owing to the absence of the Wor. Master, for the greater part of the year, I was anxious to see the work carried on as well as if he were present. I am happy to state the Lodge is steadily prospering, and I believe there never was a time, since Eddy Lodge received its warrant, that so much interest was manifested in the cause of Masonry, as at the present time. On the festival of St. John the Evangelist I installed the officers of the Eddy lodge.

Regarding the Aylmer Lodge, I am happy to state, that after all the trouble, the Past D. D. G. M. and myself have had, I have secured the Warrant, Books, &c., from that Lodge, and deposited the same with the Grand Secretary.

I may also state the brethren in Aylmer are at the present time getting up a petition to the Grand Lodge, to allow them to work under a dispensation, and I feel confident, that if it be granted, we shall have at our next meeting of this Grand Lodge, representatives from Aylmer Lodge, who will give a good account of Masonry in that town. I am sorry to state I have not been able to visit Pontiac Lodge, as the time I purposed visiting it, I was prevented through illness; but I am happy to state my place was

ably filled by our Past D.: D.: G.: M.: R. W. Bro. Lyon, who installed the officers at my request, and to whom I return my sincere thanks.

I have also to thank the Most Wor. the Grand Master, for the several dispensations granted to the Eddy and Pontiac Lodges during the year.

In conclusion I may state Masonry as flourishing as ever in Ottawa District.

Fraternally submitted,

CHAS. D. CHITTY,

D. D. G. M., Ottawa Dis.

HULL, 12 Jan., 1885.

R.: Wor.: Bro. P. A. Crossby moved, seconded by Wor.: Bro. Dewar:

"That the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters now presented, be referred to the Committee on 'The State of Masonry,' to report thereon with all possible diligence."

The motion was carried *nem. con.*

By permission of the M.: Wor.: Grand Master, R.: W.: J. Frederic Walker then moved the following motion (of which due notice had been given), seconded by W.: Bro. D. Anderson:

"That as it is likely the time appointed by the Constitution for the election of officers will fall upon the same evening as that named, or to be named, for the principal Carnival display, the time of said election may be altered if Grand Lodge so decide."

R.: W.: Bro. Edson Fitch moved, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. Griffith:

"That all the words in the resolution now offered after the word 'said election' be struck out, and the following be substituted in lieu thereof, 'shall be and is now fixed for three o'clock p.m. this day.'"

The amendment was carried, and the main motion, as so amended, was put to Grand Lodge and carried.

The Grand Lodge was then "called off," to resume labor at 2.30 p.m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 p.m. this day—the Grand Master presiding.

Prayer was offered by R.: W.: Bro. Rev. Lewis Evans, one of the Grand Chaplains.

R.: W.: Bro. Rev. Lewis Evans, then delivered the following discourse:—

M.: W.: SIR, W.: SIRS AND BRETHREN :

I rise with much diffidence to address this August Body. Myself young in the Order, I am speaking in the presence of many who are veterans in its service. But if speak I must, it shall be from conviction and in faithfulness, and I trust my utterances may be received by all in the same spirit in which I speak them.

The favourable opinion preconceived of our Order, by me, dates back many years, when as a boy I saw a body of A. F. & A. M.'s marching to church to attend Divine service. It was not the drawn sword which so struck me, as "The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God," the Holy Bible, borne open by a very venerable member of our Order. It was only natural that I should reason, "The men who give such prominence to God's Word must surely profess obedience to its laws and seek to be guided by its holy precepts;" in later years I found how just my conclusions had been. Standing upon the threshold of Masonry I found myself avowing my belief that the Supreme One has revealed His will to man.

I heard its familiar utterances at every step, its music was never absent from my ears, until I was ready to exclaim in the Psalmist's language, "Thy Word is a lantern unto my feet and a light unto my path." In the hour of my Masonic birth, when first its light dawned upon me, the one object I beheld was the same Grand Old Volume unfolded before me, to be the guide of my faith. I could come to no other conclusion than, that in this Sacred Volume, I have what Masonry means by "God's will revealed to man." And when I came to that solemn moment, and a solemn moment it is, Brethren, and never to be forgotten, so well calculated as it is to teach us how to meet and vanquish

the last great foe, it was still the inimitable voice of "the revealed will" which guided me through the gloom until I stood in the light and hope of the grandest miracle which it records, whose assurance is that "Just men made perfect," shall rise "To shine as the stars for ever and ever."

Brethren, it is upon this everlasting rock that our Order has been founded, and so long as we build thereon, so long I fear no decay in either the principles or influence of Masonry, and it rests with us to be true to ourselves in this respect, our destiny, our future, lies in our own hands. It is not the anathemas of opposition from without which can cast us down—no arm is long enough, no hand is strong enough to wrest the secret of our greatness from us, if it be enshrined, as it ought to be in the most sacred keeping of our faith and love. Only when we seek to be Masons without the faith of Masons (and God shield us from that day) shall we be shorn of our locks, and our strength become weakness. For, indeed, I cannot see how one who has lost faith in the lofty precepts and Divine origin, of that Sacred Volume can any longer be a consistent Mason or a living member of our Order. If such a one can consistently be a Mason, then I cannot consistently be one. Our traditions are venerable, but not so venerable, as the Volume of the Sacred Law. Our secrets are sacred from associations of the past, but the foundation of their sacredness is largely, the Word of God—may I not say, "No Bible, no Freemasonry."

Let us, my fellowmen, each one, hold fast in faith and practice to this sacred legacy, let us build upon this sure foundation, and then shall the Most High "Establish our handiwork," and make our Ancient Order to continue as an honored advocate of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth among mankind.

It was moved by M.·. Wor.·. Bro. J. H. Graham, seconded by M.·. Wor.·. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler :

"That the members present of this Grand Lodge have listened with much interest and satisfaction to the able and instructive discourse just delivered extemporaneously by the Grand Chaplain. And they hereby request Rev. Bro. Evans to commit the same to writing in order that it may be preserved and printed with the present proceedings of Grand Lodge."

The motion was unanimously adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour of three p.m. having arrived, M.·. Wor.·. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, R.·. Wor.·. Bro. John Shaw, and V.·. Wor.·. Bro. W. Simpson Walker having been appointed as scrutineers, and duly obligated as

such, the election of officers of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and resulted as follows :—

M. Wor.:	Bro. E. R. JOHNSON, Stanstead.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R.:	" " J. FREDERIC WALKER, Montreal...	<i>Dep. Gr. Master.</i>
"	" " CHARLES KNOWLES, Quebec	<i>Dis. Dep. Grand Master.</i>
		<i>Quebec and Three Rivers Dist.</i>
"	" " WM. H. WHYTE, Montreal.....	" "
		<i>Montreal Dist.</i>
"	" " H. E. CHANNELL, Stanstead.....	" "
		<i>St. Francis Dist.</i>
"	" " E. ROWELL, M.D., Frelighsburg...	" "
		<i>Bedford Dist.</i>
"	" " W. H. O'REGAN, Abercorn.....	" "
		<i>Shefford and Brome Dist.</i>
"	" " C. D. CHITTY, Hull.....	" "
		<i>Ottawa Dist.</i>
"	" " H. J. MILLER, Quebec.....	<i>Grand Sen. Warden.</i>
"	" " Rev. H. W. NYE, Bedford.....	" <i>Jun.</i> "
"	" " I. H. STEARNS, Montreal	" <i>Treasurer.</i>
"	" " JOHN H. ISAACSON, Montreal	" <i>Secretary.</i>
"	" " ISAAC B. FUTVOYE, St. Johns.....	" <i>Registrar.</i>
"	" " Rev. ROBERT KERR, Quebec.....	" <i>Chaplain.</i>
"	" " J. FREDERIC RENAUD, St. Johns	" "
"	" " ISAAC RICHARDSON, Montreal.....	" <i>Tyler.</i>

The M. Wor. Grand Master notified Grand Lodge that he would, without unnecessary delay, appoint the remaining officers of Grand Lodge, and signify the same to the Grand Secretary to be communicated to all concerned.

A vote of thanks to the scrutineers having been passed they were discharged.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The "Committee on Finance" made the following report:—

MONTREAL, 28th January, 1885.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Your Committee on Finance report—

That they have carefully examined and audited the books of the Grand Treasurer, inspected the vouchers, compared them with the statements of

Geo. O. Simpson
dated as

accounts, payment of which had been authorized by Grand Lodge, found them to be correct, and with pleasure testify to the neat and concise manner in which the books and papers have been kept.

The receipts and expenditure for the year past were as follows:

GENERAL FUND.

Cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, 30th Jan., 1884.....	\$1250 23
Receipts from the 25th Jan., 1884, to 22nd Jan., 1885.....	1800 75
Interest on Deposit to 1st Jan., 1885.....	23 23
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	\$3074 21
Expenditure 30th Jan., 1884, to 28th Jan., 1885.....	1455 10
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Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.....	\$1619 11

CHARITABLE FUND.

Cash in the hands of Grand Treasurer 30th Jan., 1884.....	\$336 80
Receipts and Interest from that date to 28th Jan., 1885.....	264 00
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	\$ 600 80
Paid charitable grants made by Grand Lodge.....	298 00
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Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 302 80

RECAPITULATION.

GENERAL FUND.

Cash deposited in the Quebec Bank.....	\$1519 00
Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.....	100 10
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CHARITABLE FUND.

Invested in Montreal Consolidated Fund, 6 per cent..	\$4000 00
Special Deposit in Quebec Bank.....	506 90
Deposited in Quebec Bank, current account.....	302 80
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	\$4809 70

The following unpaid accounts are recommended to be discharged:

William Stanley, Quebec.....	\$ 3 48
John J. Foote, Quebec.....	6 48
Larkin, Marson & Co., Montreal.....	7 00
Gazette Printing Company, Montreal.....	139 50
William Millar, Montreal.....	24 50
J. B. Traves, Craftsman, Printing and Expenses in full of all demands.....	50 00
Burland Lithographic Company, Montreal.....	173 00
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	\$403 88

Your Committee recommend that out of the sum of \$1619 11, balance now with the Grand Treasurer's General Fund, that the sum of \$800 be transferred therefrom and added to the Charitable fund.

Your Committee submit the following approximate estimate to be voted by Grand Lodge, to meet expenses of Grand Lodge for the current year, and to be taken from the General Fund:

For Salary of Grand Secretary	\$ 600 00
" Rent and taxes of Grand Secretary's office.....	120 00
" Annual Communication	30 00
" Printing Proceedings	150 00
" Grand Master for Stationery and Travelling Expenses.	75 00
" Grand Secretary do do do.....	50 00
" Grand Lodge Certificates.....	150 00
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The Grand Treasurer reports that the expenses of the Grand Lodge had been kept within the appropriations made by this Committee for the year 1884.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. O. TYLER,
FRANK EDGAR,
J. B. CHARLESON,
Finance Committee.

R. W. Bro. Massey moved, seconded by V. Wor. Bro. Jno. Shaw:

"That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and laid on the table, to be taken up for discussion on the morrow."

The motion was carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

The "Committee on Benevolence and Charity" made the following report—

The Committee on Benevolence and Charity beg to report—

That they have during the interim since last Session granted the following amounts for charitable purposes:—

R. W. Bro. McM.....	\$35.00
Mrs. R. T.....	25.00
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They recommend the following amounts to be granted :—

Widow of the late Bro. S.....	\$25.00
“ “ “ “ J. H. K.....	25.00
“ “ “ “ W. S. W.....	25.00
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	\$75.00

In the case of the application of the Widow Hayes, your Committee recommend that the sum of \$25.00 be placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, to be used at his discretion for her relief.

In regard to the application for aid to the Armstrong Children, from the report made to your Committee by the President of the Montreal Masonic Board of Relief, your Committee do not feel justified in recommending such aid.

In the case of the widow of the late Brother Hay, from want of sufficient information, your Committee recommend the matter be left over till next session.

A most deserving case has been brought before your Committee by the Montreal Masonic Board of Relief, that of R.: W.: Bro. Noxon, a Past Grand Officer of this Grand Lodge. R.: W.: Bro. Noxon, and Mrs. Noxon, are both very advanced in years, and are totally helpless. They are now supported by the Lodges of the City of Montreal. Your Committee, in view of the very many calls made upon these Lodges, recommend that the sum of seventy-five dollars be granted from the funds of Grand Lodge to assist in this worthy object. Your Committee, in view of this and other cases brought to their notice, would earnestly advise that, if possible, some action be taken by this Grand Lodge at its present Session, looking to the necessity of providing a home for aged and infirm Masons and Widows of Masons; a voluntary contribution of say one dollar from every Mason in this Jurisdiction would place a sufficient sum at the disposal of a Committee to commence such a home.

The whole respectfully submitted.

EDSON FITCH,
A. G. ADAMS,
I. H. STEARNS,

Committee.

On motion of R.: W.: Bro. Edson Fitch, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. Adams, the report was received and laid on the table to be taken into consideration during the morrow's session.

NOTICES TO GRAND LODGE.

Wor.: Bro. Joseph Martin gave notice that he would on the second day of the session apply to Grand Lodge for a grant of money

in aid of Wor.: Bro. Noxon and wife, and also for a grant on behalf of Montreal Masonic Board of Relief.

M.: W.: Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, Chairman of Finance Committee, gave notice that he would to-morrow apply for a money grant sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the present meeting of Grand Lodge, and for payment of all accounts now standing against Grand Lodge.

Further, that he would also apply on the morrow for the sum of fifty dollars, to be given to Bro. W. P. Colby, of Stanstead, for services rendered to this Grand Lodge.

It being then 10 o'clock p.m., Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

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SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Grand Lodge resumed labor this Thursday morning, 29th January, A.D., 1885—A.L., 5885—at ten o'clock, the M.: Wor. Grand Master in the Grand East.

ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION REGULATING THE SAME.

A ballot for the election of the "Nominating Committee" was taken, and the following were declared elected, viz:—

R.: W.: Bro. NYE, *Chairman*.
M.: " " J. H. GRAHAM,
R.: " " T. P. BUTLER.
" " " H. E. CHANNELL.
" " " J. FRED. WALKER.
" " " C. P. TABOR.
" " " ALEX. CHISHOLM.
" " " H. BLINN.
M.: " " THOS. WHITE.

The Report of the Finance Committee which was submitted yesterday to Grand Lodge was read and taken up for discussion.

M.: W.: Bro. Geo. O. Tyler moved, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. H. D. Moore:

"That the report of the Finance Committee just read be received and adopted."

Motion was carried.

M.: W.: Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, in pursuance of notice of motion given yesterday, moved, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. P. A. Crossby:

"That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized, to pay out of the General Fund the following amounts, viz., fifty dollars to Bro. W. T. Colby, for services rendered to this Grand Lodge, and twenty-five dollars to the writer of the Report on Foreign Correspondence."

The motion was carried *nem con*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE IN FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE AND
RELATIONS.

The Grand Secretary for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Relations, presented their report, which was received, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of the present communication.

R.: Wor.: Bro. Leet moved, seconded by R.: Wor.: Bro. Pinkham.

"That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to publish *in extenso* and in pamphlet form, all the addresses heretofore delivered to this Grand Lodge, by M.: W.: Past Grand Master J. H. Graham, with the correspondence of Bro. Graham, had in connection therewith, provided that the expense of such publication does not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars."

Moved in amendment by R.: W.: Bro. Fred. Massey, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. Jos. Mitchell—

"That in view of the comparative limited revenue of Grand Lodge at the present time, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars shall be placed in the hands of a committee, to publish such portions of the correspondence and addresses of P.: G.: Master Graham as may be deemed desirable."

The amendment was carried.

M.: W.: Bro. Graham addressed Grand Lodge, stating he would be unwilling to have extracts only of his addresses and correspondence published, and requested that such extracts be not published.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF MASONRY.

The Committee on the State of Masonry made the following report on the Grand Master's address.

The Committee on the State of Masonry do not consider it necessary to refer at length to the eloquent, instructive, and able address of the M.: Wor. G. Master, and will only touch upon the points which require resolutions to be passed by the Grand Lodge. We join with the Grand Master in deploring the untimely death of H. R. H. Prince Leopold, and in his sug-

gestion that Grand Lodge present an address expressive of our sympathy to Her Majesty the Queen, and to the widow of our deceased brother in this their hour of affliction, and also a memorial page in our proceedings. We note with sorrow the number of deaths in our own jurisdiction, and would recommend a memorial page to all such as were Grand Officers or Past Grand Officers at the time of their death. We approve of the decision of the M.: W.: the Grand Master in declining to grant a dispensation to "raise a Brother from the floor to the Master's Chair in the East." We join with him in his recommendation that lodges should meet once a year for Divine Worship. We would endorse the G. M.'s recommendation that Lodges should report to Grand Lodge the amount expended by them for charitable purposes. We would recommend that the ranks of P.D.D.G.M. be given to both R.: W.: Brothers Wotherspoon and Williams of Quebec and Three Rivers District, one of them having only served the first part of the year, and the other completing the term. We feel confident that Grand Lodge will approve of the appointment of R.: W.: Bro. Fitch as Grand Senior Warden in consequence of the death of R.: W.: Bro. Jas. Bowen, Jr. In connection with this, your Committee would state, that a member of Grand Lodge having generously offered to provide for the expense of a portrait of the late R.: W.: Bro. Bowen in the Grand Lodge proceedings, we recommend that the offer be accepted.

The Committee, in reference to Foreign relations endorse all the action of the Grand Master already by him taken, and regret that the Grand Lodge of England still refuses to withdraw the warrants of the English Lodges working in this jurisdiction, and we join in the opinion of the M.: W.: the Grand Master that it is "the duty of this Grand Lodge to assert its supreme authority and to maintain it by all justifiable means."

We approve of the appointments of the Grand Representatives made by the G.: M.: during the year.

We conclude this report with the following quotation of the Grand Master:

"God grant that able and skilful craftsmen may guide her course, and that the time may speedily come when peace, harmony and contentment shall prevail within all our borders. To that end I earnestly urge every brother to judiciously and honestly work and pray."

J. F. WALKER,

For Committee.

The report was received and adopted.

The Committee on the State of Masonry made the following report:—

The Committee on the state of Masonry beg to report—

That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the following Districts have been submitted to them, viz: Quebec and Three Rivers, Montreal, Bedford, St. Francis, Ottawa and Shefford and Brome, and also that of the Grand Secretary, from these documents your Committee are glad to learn that without exception satisfactory progress has been made, and that thorough harmony exists throughout the jurisdiction.

The fact of there being too many lodges in the City of Montreal is apparent to all, but the solution of the question must be left to the good sense of the subordinate lodges in that city.

In reference to the suggestion of the D.: D.: G.: M.:, of Montreal District, recommending the issuing of Summonses of each meeting to the D.: D.: G.: M.:, your while Committee consider that it is only courteous for the lodges to do so, yet, as it touches on amendment of the Constitution, a regular notice of motion would be necessary to carry this into effect. The same would apply to wearing of regalia at Masonic funerals referred to by him.

In the case of Prevost Lodge, No. 7, referred to by R.: W.: Bro. Blinn, your Committee would recommend that the Grand Master appoint a Committee to report on this subject at next regular Communication.

Your Committee note the recommendations of the several D.: D.: G.: Ms.: for Memorial pages in the G. L. Proceedings:—as this is a matter which involves expense, your Committee are of opinion that such recommendations should only be made to this Grand Lodge by the M.: W.: G.: M.:, and that the D.: D.: G.: Ms.: should make such request to him in time to be included in his address if he should deem best.

The report was received and adopted.

Grand Lodge was then called to refreshment.

John B. Cleachon
Grand Secy
G. L. of Q.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Lodge was "called to labor" at 2 p.m. this 29th day of January, A. D., 1885—A. L., 5885. The M.: W.: Grand Master presiding.

R.: W.: Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye moved, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. W. D. Moore :—

"That this Grand Lodge most heartily endorses the recent action of its Grand Master in the matter of the three lodges working in this Province under a foreign jurisdiction, and leaves with him, in the fullest confidence, to take such further action as he may deem fit in relation to the said lodges, or the Grand Lodge under whose authority they profess to act, unless he may think fit to call an emergent communication of Grand Lodge to consider the same."

On division the motion was carried.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report:—

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Nominating Committee beg to report that they have made the following selections of Committees :—

JURISPRUDENCE.

M.: W.: Bro. M. M. Tait
R.: " " T. P. Butler.
M.: " " Thos. White.
" " " James Dunbar.
V.: " " W. S. Walker.

STATE OF MASONRY.

R.: W.: Bro. J. Fred. Walker.
" " " Alex. Chisholm.
" " " H. L. Robinson.
" " " H. W. Nye.
M.: " " M. M. Tait.

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FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

R.: W.: Bro. A. F. Simpson.
 M.: " " J. H. Graham.
 R.: " " John Shaw.
 " " " W. H. Whyte.
 V.: " " James Mitchell.

FINANCE.

R.: W.: Bro. Frank Edgar.
 " " " I. H. Stearns.
 M.: " " G. O. Tyler.
 R.: " " J. B. Charleson.
 " " " G. Lucke.

BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

R.: W.: Bro. Edson Fitch.
 " " " I. H. Stearns.
 " " " C. P. Taber.
 " " " S. Lebourveau.
 R.: " " A. Lyon, M.D.

CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTIONS.

R.: W.: Bro. H. E. Channell.
 " " " Fred Massey.
 " " " H. C. Blinn.
 " " " W. H. O'Regan.
 " " " Chas. Knowles.

The report was received and adopted.

W.: Bro. Perchard, for R.: W.: Bro. I. B. Futvoye, and by his request, withdrew the motion which Bro. Futvoye, at the last meeting of Grand Lodge gave notice of his intention to move at the present meeting.

R.: W.: Bro. H. E. Channell, for R.: W.: Bro. Gustavus Lucke, and in his absence moved, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. Renshaw, the following resolution, of which due notice had been given :

"That Art. 13, page 8, of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out all the words after the word 'last' in the second line of said article, and substituting therefor the word 'second.'"

On motion of V.: W.: Bro. D. Anderson, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. W. M. LeMessurier, the motion was ordered to be laid on the table until next meeting of Grand Lodge.

In pursuance of notice given at the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge, V.: W.: Bro. W. Simpson Walker, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. T. Leet, offered the following motion :

"That Article 94, page 23, of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking therefrom all the words following the word 'committee' on the third line until reaching the word 'proceed' on the sixth line, and substituting therefor the following words: 'shall be selected by the M.: W.: Grand Master immediately after the election of Grand Officers, which nominating Committee shall immediately.' &c.

The motion was put to Grand Lodge and lost.

W.: Bro. Joseph Martin, in the absence of R.: W.: Bro. A. G. Adams, offered the following motion, of which the latter, at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, had given notice of his intention to make at the present meeting :

"That Section 43, page 13, of the Book of Constitution referring to election of Grand Lodge Officers be amended by striking out the word 'nor' in the third line, and substituting in its place the word 'except.'"

The motion not being seconded was dropped.

W.: Bro. Joseph Martin then moved, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. A. Chisholm, the following motion, of which due notice had been given :

"That Article 188, pages 45 and 46 of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking therefrom all the words after the word "dues" in the second line, and substituting therefor the following: "unless he has been duly notified by a summons sent to him to appear at the next regular communication of his Lodge, to show cause why he should not be suspended."

In amendment it was moved by R.: W.: Bro. T. P. Butler, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. Isaacson :

"That the motion of W.: Bro. Martin be not now acted upon, but that a copy of the same be sent to each lodge upon the register of this Grand Lodge, with a request that resolutions be prepared expressing the views of each lodge thereon, such resolutions to be placed before this Grand Lodge at its next annual Session, with W.: Bro. Martin's motion."

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A vote of those present having been taken it was found that a majority was in favor of the motion, but as "no alteration or addition to the Constitution can be made binding unless supported by two-thirds of the members present," in order to ascertain if the requisite majority had been obtained, a ballot was demanded, which having been taken, gave the following result:—

In favor of Bro. Martin's motion	55
Against	21

The motion was therefore carried.

The report of the Committee on Benevolence and Charity presented yesterday was taken up for discussion and having been read was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented the following report:—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

The Committee on Jurisprudence beg to report as follows:

1. The communication addressed by the Committee of St. George's Lodge No. 10, to the Grand Secretary, submitted to us, purports to refer to a difference between two Lodges situated in the District of Montreal; under section 108 of the Constitution, the District Deputy Grand Master of the District of Montreal has original jurisdiction to try and determine such difference. We are therefore of opinion that the complainants should be instructed to prefer their complaints in proper form, to that officer.

2. We have considered the several proposed motions to amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, numbers 10 to 15 upon the order of business.

We assume, from the fact that they appear upon the order paper, that proper notice, as required by Section 33 of the Constitution, has been given of such motions; and this being so, we are of opinion that under Sections 301 and 33 the Grand Lodge has full power and authority to make the proposed amendments if they think it proper and expedient so to do, provided they are supported by two-thirds of the members present.

The notices of amendment given by W.: Bro. Futvoye and R.: W.: Bro. Lucke, merely raised questions of convenience, and do not affect any constitutional principle.

As to the motion of V.: W.: Bro. W. Simpson Walker, the effect of it is to remove from Grand Lodge the right of electing the Nominating Committee, and to place its selection in the hands of the Grand Master. The Committee are not aware that the working of the present rule has proved impracticable or inconvenient in any way; and while there is no doubt the Grand Lodge has the power to amend the Constitution as proposed, still the Committee do not see any reasons for recommending the proposed change, and feel it is desirable that the Constitution should not be changed, unless its provisions are clearly inconvenient or impracticable in their working.

With reference to the proposed amendment of R.: W.: Bro. Adams, the Committee would remind the Grand Lodge, that the present rule, as contained in Section 43, was only adopted after full discussion in Grand Lodge; your Committee prefer it to the proposed plan of giving two votes to one person.

The proposed amendment of W.: Bro. Martin will, if adopted, effect a vital change in our Constitution and will restore the old rule of suspension for non-payment of dues. This subject was also fully discussed before Grand Lodge, when the present Constitution was adopted; your Committee cannot advise that the now proposed amendment would be beneficial to the Craft.

The whole respectfully submitted.

M. M. TAIT, *Chairman*.
T. P. BUTLER,
JNO. P. NOYES,
JOHN H. GRAHAM,*

The report was received and adopted, excepting, however, that portion thereof which refers to W.: Bro. Martin's motion.

W.: Bro. Martin, in pursuance of his notice given yesterday in Grand Lodge, moved the following resolution, seconded by W.: Bro. Dewar:

"That the sum of fifty dollars, to be taken from the General Fund, be granted to The Masonic Board of Relief, and that a representative to be named by the Grand Lodge be appointed to that Board."

The motion was carried.

*Last named dissenting to the clause referring to the Nominating Committee.

PROCLAMATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M.: Wor.: Bro. E. R. Johnson Grand Master, and R.: W.: Bro. J. Fred. Walker, Dep.: Grand Master, both re-elected, were duly proclaimed at the E. W. and S. by M.: W.: Past Grand Master Graham.

R.: Wor.: Brothers Charles Knowles, William H. Whyte, E. H. Channell, and E. Rowell, were installed and obligated as District Deputy Grand Masters over and in their several districts.

R.: W.: Bros. I. H. Stearns, Grand Treasurer, and John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, having been re-elected to office, were so proclaimed.

R.: W.: Bro. Rev. Robert Kerr was duly obligated and installed as Grand Chaplain.

The M.: W.: the Grand Master gave instructions for the installation of Grand Officers elect who were not installed at the present meeting.

It was moved by Wor.: Bro. James Mitchell, seconded by R.: Wor.: Bro. Isaacson—

“That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Wor. Master, Officers and Brethren of St. George Lodge, No. 11, for the use of their spacious Lodge Rooms for the purposes of the present meeting.”

The Motion was carried.

It was moved by R.: Wor.: Bro. A. G. Adams, seconded by V.: Wor.: Bro. Evans :

“That the question of securing a home for aged and infirm Masons of this jurisdiction be referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Charity, to consider the best scheme for securing that worthy object, and to report thereon at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.”

The motion was carried.

It was moved by R.: Wor.: Rev. Bro. Kerr, seconded by V.: Wor.: Bro. H. D. Moore—

“That the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held at the city of Montreal.”

Letters received by the Grand Secretary from R.: Wor.: Bro. Rev. C. P. Reid, Past Grand Chaplain ; V.: Wor.: Bro. Lee, Grand Sen. Deacon ; V.: Wor.: Bro. Higgins, and Bro. Walter J. Ray, S.W. of

LIST OF GRAND LODGES

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

Alabama	D. Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskrue.....	Tucson, A. T.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
Argentine Republic.....	Carlos Urien.....	Buenos Ayres.
Belgium	Gustav Washer.....	Brussels.
Brazil	Dr. A. Freire de Amaral.....	Rio Janeiro.
British Columbia.....	Alex. P. Milne.....	Vancouver.
California	Alex. G. Abel.....	San Francisco.
Canada	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton.
Columbia, District of.....	W. R. Singleton.....	Washington.
Colorado	Edward C. Pamelee.....	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Dakota	Charles T. McCoy.....	Bonhomme.
Delaware	Wm. S. Hayes.....	Wilmington.
Florida.....	DeWitt C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia	J. Emmett Blackshear.....	M.D. Macon.
Hungary	Henry Iby.....	
Idaho	Jonas W. Brown.....	Boise City.
Illinois	L. L. Munn.....	Freeport.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.....	J. S. Murrow.....	Atoka, Choctaw Nat'n.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
Ireland.....	S. B. Oldham, Dy. G. Sec.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Wyandotte.
Kentucky.....	Hiram Bassett.....	Millersburg.
Louisiana	James C. Bachelor, M.D.....	New Orleans.
Manitoba.....	Wm. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
Majne.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland	Jacob Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Sereno D. Nickerson.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	Wm. P. Innis.....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	A. T. C. Pearson.....	St. Paul.

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Missouri.....	Rev. John D. Vincil, D.D.	St. Louis.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Montana.....	C. Hedge	Helena.
Nebraska.....	W. R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada.....	John D. Hammond	Carson.
New Brunswick.....	Edwin J. Wetmore	St. John.
New Hampshire.....	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	David J. Miller	Santa Fee.
New South Wales.....	Nicholas Weekes	Sydney.
New York.....	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York.
Nova Scotia.....	Benjamin Curren, B.C.L.	Halifax.
North Carolina.....	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	F. J. Babcock	Salem.
Peru.....	J. Arturo Ego-Aguirre	Lima.
Pennsylvania.....	Michael Nisbet	Philadelphia.
Portugal.....	Jayme Larche	Lisbon.
Prince Edward Island.....	B. Wilson Higgs	Charlottetown.
Rhode Island.....	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina.....	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Spain.....	Rubio-y Pineda	Seville.
Texas.....	George H. Bringham	Houston.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Utah.....	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	William H. Root	Burlington.
Virginia.....	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington.....	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	O. S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming Territory.....	J. H. Simons	Laramie City.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

1. Alabama—R. W. Bro. D. Sayer, Montgomery, Ala.
R. W. Bro. D. Thomas, Sherbrooke, Que.
2. Arkansas—R. W. Bro. W. H. Howes.
V. W. Bro. David Newton, Montreal, Que.
3. Belgium—R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, Sherbrooke, Que.,
4. British Columbia—R. W. Bro. James Reid.
V. W. Bro. D. Anderson, Montreal, Que.
5. California—R. W. Bro. A. G. Abell, San Francisco, Cal.
R. W. Bro. Edson Fitch, Quebec, Que.
6. Canada—R. W. Bro. Robert McKay, St. Thomas, Ont.
R. W. Bro. A. Murray, Montreal, Que.
7. Colorado—M. W. Bro. Andrew Sacerdorf.
V. W. Bro. David Seath, Montreal, Que.
8. Columbia, District of—R. W. Bro. Geo. B. Clark, Washington, D. C.
W. Bro. Edward Holton, Montreal, Que.
9. Connecticut—R. W. Bro. J. K. Wheeler, Hartford, Conn.
R. W. Bro. E. M. Copeland, Berthier (en haut), Que.
10. Dakota—R. W. Bro. Calvin G. Shaw.
V. W. Bro. Geo. Crawford, Montreal, Que.
11. Delaware—R. W. Bro. W. J. Stewart.
R. W. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, Yamachiche, Que.
12. Florida—R. W. Bro. William Taylor.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Allan, Montreal, Que.
13. Georgia—R. W. Bro. J. E. Blackshear, Macon, Ga.
R. W. Bro. James Addie, Lennoxville.
14. Hungary—R. W. Bro. Jules Kleinrath.
Rev. Bro. E. W. Norman, Montreal, Que.
15. Idaho—R. W. Bro. H. E. Pucket, Boise City, Id.
R. W. Bro. John Renshaw, Montreal, Que.
16. Illinois—R. W. Bro. D. C. Cregier, Chicago, Ill.
R. W. Bro. Alex. Chisholm, Montreal, Que.
17. Indiana—M. W. Bro. C. Fetta, Indianapolis, Ind.
M. W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, Stanstead, Que.
18. Indian Territory—R. W. Bro. William A. Welsh, Caddo.
R. W. Bro. P. A. Crossby, Montreal, Que.
19. Iowa—M. W. Bro. E. A. Guilbert, Dubuque, Iowa.
R. W. Bro. H. E. Channell, Stanstead, Que.

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| 20. | Ireland—R. W. Bro. George Hill Major, Dublin.
R. W. Bro. Benj. Burland, Stottville, Que. | 43 |
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R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, Montreal, Que. | 47 |
| 25. | Manitoba—W. Bro. Samuel L. Bedson, Winnipeg, Man.
R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Whyte, Montreal, Que. | 48 |
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| 27. | Michigan—R. W. Bro. D. Burnham Tracy, Detroit, Michigan.
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| 28. | Minnesota—R. W. Bro. James N. Castle, St. Paul, Minn.
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| 30. | Missouri—Rev. Bro. Chas. C. Woods, D.D., Kansas City.
R. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson, Waterloo, Que. | 53 |
| 31. | Montana—R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Pomroy, Missoula, Mon.
R. W. Bro. Wm. McWood, Point St. Charles, Montreal, Que. | 54 |
| 32. | Nebraska—R. W. Bro. Milton J. Hull, Edgar, Neb.
R. W. Bro. H. P. Leggat, Quebec, Que. | 55 |
| 33. | Nevada—R. W. Bro. W. S. McClellan.
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| 34. | New Brunswick—R. W. Bro. E. Willis, St. John, N. B.
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| 35. | New Hampshire—R. W. Bro. Alpheus Gay, Manchester, N. H.
R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, Montreal, Que. | 58 |
| 36. | New Jersey—R. W. Bro. Geo. B. Edwards, Jersey City Heights.
R. W. Bro. J. P. Martin, Upper Bedford, Que. | |
| 37. | New Mexico—R. W. Bro. Simon B. Newcomb.
R. W. Bro. Robert Ramsay, Orillia, Ont. | |
| 38. | New York—R. W. Bro. D. W. Tallcott, West Troy, N. Y.
M. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, Montreal, Que. | |
| 39. | New South Wales—R. W. Bro. Colonel Alfred Morris.
R. W. Bro. Gustavus Lucke, Sherbrooke, Que. | |
| 40. | North Carolina—R. W. Bro. D. W. Bain, Raleigh, N. C.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Pratten, Quebec, Que. | |
| 41. | Nova Scotia—R. W. Bro. Geo. T. Smithers, Halifax, N. S.
R. W. Bro. Samuel Kennedy, Quebec, Que. | |

42. Ohio—R. W. Bro. C. A. Woodward, Cleveland, O.
M. W. Bro. James Dunbar, Quebec, Que.
43. Oregon—W. Bro. J. C. Moreland, Portland, Oregon.
V. W. Bro. W. S. Evans, Montreal, Que.
44. Peru—R. W. Bro. Ricardo H. Hartley, Lima, Peru.
R. W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye, Bedford, Que.
45. Portugal—V. W. Bro. A. Boisseau, Montreal, Que.
46. Prince Edward Island—R. W. Bro. Neil McKelvie.
V. W. Bro. D. A. Manson, Mansonville, Que.
47. Rhode Island—R. W. Bro. E. W. Brunsten, Bristol R. I.
R. W. Bro. Frederick Massey, Montreal, Que.
48. South Carolina—R. W. Bro. Charles Inglesby, Laurens, S. C.
V. W. Bro. Charles Knowles, Quebec, Que.
49. Spain—R. B. Bro. Richard Etheridge, Seville.
R. W. Bro. A. G. Adams, Montreal, Que.
50. Tennessee—M. W. Bro. G. C. Connor.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Charleson, Quebec, Que.
51. Texas—M. W. Bro. J. H. McLeary, San Antonio.
R. W. Bro. Chas. D. Hanson, Montreal, Que.
52. Utah—R. W. Bro. Christopher Deihl, Salt Lake City.
R. W. Bro. T. Leet, Danville, Que.
53. Vermont—R. W. Bro. A. A. Hall, St. Albans, Ver.
R. W. Bro. Hobart Butler, Bedford, Que.
54. Virginia—R. W. Bro. James G. Bain.
V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, Montreal, Que.
55. Washington Territory—R. W. Bro. Rev. A. S. Nicholson, Vancouver.
R. W. Bro. T. P. Prentiss, Aylmer.
56. West Virginia—R. W. Bro. O. S. Long, Wheeling, W. V.
R. W. Bro. H. W. Wood, Knowlton, Que.
57. Wisconsin—R. W. Bro. S. C. Oldwallader, Milwaukee, Wis.
R. W. Bro. Arthur F. Simpson, Lennoxville, Que.
58. Wyoming—R. W. Bro. James H. Hayfield.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Wilson, Montreal, Que.

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULAR STATEMENT.
Compiled from Returns to January 1885.

No.	LODGE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MASTER.	SECRETARY.	ADDRESS OF SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
1	Antiquity.....	Montreal.....	A. Chisholm.....	W. A. Morrison.....	24, St. James Street,	Second Wednesday.
2	Albion.....	Quebec city.....	Robert Smith.....	Charles Knowles.....	30 A. Miller St., Quebec	Second Wednesday.
3	St. John.....	Quebec city.....	W. J. Frazer.....	A. J. Andrews.....	Box P. O. 685, Quebec.	Second Tuesday. [Moon.
4	Dorchester.....	St. Johns.....	H. G. Perchard.....	Geo. H. Wilkinson.....	St. Johns, Quebec.....	Tuesday on or before Full
5	Golden Rule.....	Stangstead.....	Herbert C. Hill.....	W. M. Thomas.....	Stangstead, Peter Street.	First Wednesday.
6	St. Andrew.....	Quebec city.....	E. F. D. Chambers.....	W. Noble Campbell.....	Quebec, Peter Street.	First Monday.
7	Elgin.....	Montreal.....	Joseph Briggs.....	Richard J. Griffin.....	P.O. Box 1628, Montreal.	Tuesday before Full Moon.
8	Prevet.....	Dunham.....	B. A. Langway.....	L. L. Brown.....	Dunham, St. George St.	Thursday on or before Full
9	Nelson.....	St. Armand Station.....	Jos. M. Ferris.....	L. L. Brown.....	St. Armand Station, Que.	Thursday on or before Full
10	St. George.....	Montreal.....	Duncan McEormack.....	E. D. Greet.....	Victoria St., Montreal.	Third Tuesday.
11	St. George.....	Montreal.....	Von. Archad'n L. Evans.....	W. Andrews.....	68 Dominion Street,	Third Tuesday.
12	Zetland.....	Montreal.....	John Beekingham.....	E. T. Perry.....	17 St. Charles Barron,	Third Tuesday.
15	St. Francis.....	Richmond.....	S. Lebourveau.....	T. L. Brown.....	Richmond, Montreal.	Second Thursday.
16	Victoria.....	Sherbrooke.....	Edward S. Stevens.....	Edward S. Stevens.....	Sherbrooke, Quebec.	Thursday on or before Full
17	St. John.....	Stangstead.....	W. H. Briggs.....	W. H. Briggs.....	Stangstead, Quebec.	Second Tuesday. [Moon.
18	Stangbridge.....	Stangbridge.....	Edward J. Scagel.....	W. H. Briggs.....	Stangbridge East.....	Wednesday on or before
19	Stangbridge.....	Stangbridge.....	Edmund Neve.....	Frank Maile.....	Stangbridge East.....	Full Moon.
20	Montreal Kilwinning.....	Montreal.....	Edmund Neve.....	Frank Maile.....	888 Dorchester Street,	Second Monday.
21	Yamaska.....	Granby.....	F. B. Farnsworth.....	Joseph T. Seale.....	Montreal.....	Second Monday.
24	Browne.....	West Farnham.....	Peter Elder.....	M. E. Bowker.....	West Farnham.....	Friday on or before Full
25	Royal Albert.....	Montreal.....	Geo. W. Lovejoy, M.D.....	W. Stephen, M.D.....	40 Beaver Hall, Montr'	Second Monday. [Moon.
26	St. John.....	Lionsville.....	W. A. Dolg.....	D. A. Farnham.....	South Quebec.....	First Thursday before Full
27	St. John.....	Lionsville.....	H. D. Pichel.....	George N. Galer.....	South Quebec.....	First Thursday before Full
28	Royal Canadian.....	Sweetstburg.....	H. D. Pichel.....	George N. Galer.....	Sweetstburg.....	Second Wednesday
29	Royal Canadian.....	Sweetstburg.....	H. D. Pichel.....	George N. Galer.....	Sweetstburg.....	Second Wednesday
30	Ascot.....	Lennoxville.....	James Addie.....	A. M. Tylee.....	Lennoxville.....	Monday on or before Full
31	Abbat.....	Coutisnoke.....	C. A. Wheeler.....	J. W. Tibbits.....	Coutisnoke.....	Monday on or before Full
32	Mount Royal.....	Montreal.....	Rev. J. A. Newnham.....	W. A. Matley.....	140 McHill Street, Mon-	First Wednesday.
33	Freligsburg.....	Freligsburg.....	M. P. Reynolds.....	Homer Ingalls.....	Freligsburg.....	Second Tuesday. [Moon.
						Monday on or before Full

30	Assoc.	Lennoxville.	James Addie.	A. M. Tyse.	Lennoxville.	Monday on or before Full Moon
31	Ashlar.	Coaticooke.	C. A. Wheeler.	J. W. Tibbits.	Coaticooke.	First Wednesday.
32	Mount Royal.	Montreal.	Rev. J. A. Newnham.	W. A. Matthey.	St. Hill Street, Montreal.	Second Tuesday. [Moon Monday on or before Full Moon]
33	Freligsburg.	Freligsburg.	M. P. Reynolds.	Homer Ingalls.	Freligsburg.	Monday on or before Full Moon
34	Doric.	Danville.	G. H. Carson.	John S. Riddell.	Danville.	Wednesday before Full Moon.
35	Beane Lake.	Knowlton.	A. E. Mills.	H. W. Wood.	Knowlton.	First Wednesday.
36	Chateau.	Chateaufort.	Chas. Merrill, M.D.	H. S. Milisworth.	Chateaufort.	Second Tuesday.
37	Corner Stone.	Cowansville.	Geo. Doherty.	C. S. Browne.	Cowansville.	Wednesday on or before Full Moon.
38	Mount Moriah.	Montreal.	Thomas S. Walker.	Jas. Alex. Young.	768 Craig St., Montreal.	First Friday.
39	Point St. Charles.	Point St. Charles.	Robert Macdonald.	Merrill B. Longeway.	Sutton.	Saturday before Full Moon
40	Pentagon.	Shawville.	John H. Shaw.	Hugh Hobbs.	Shawville.	Monday on or before Full Moon.
41	Eddy.	Hull.	Thomas Darling.	S. S. Cushing.	Hull.	Second Thursday.
42	St. Charles.	Point St. Charles.	W. G. Hubbert.	Bernard A. Cox.	1075 St. James Street, Montreal.	Fourth Tuesday.
43	Ceurs Unis.	Montreal.	Joseph Edmond.	H. Trepannier.	189 Avenue St. Montreuil.	Fourth Wednesday.
44	Excelsior.	Actonvale.	Geo. B. Wells.	O. C. Brown, M.D.	Actonvale.	Tuesday on or before Full Moon.
45	Graham.	Bolton Centre.	Hornace L. Green.	Charles E. Traver.	Bolton Centre.	Wednesday after Full Moon.
46	Mount Orford.	Georsville.	Erastus Lee.	R. L. Ayer.	Georsville.	Tuesday after Full Moon.
47	Swanagan.	Three Rivers.	John Godwin.	Alex. McKivrie.	Three Rivers.	Second Wednesday.
48	Olive Branch.	West Sheffield.	Anley Kilbourn.	Roswell Richardson.	West Sheffield.	First Wednesday after Full Moon.
49	Prince Consort.	Montreal.	Wm. Bowden.	S. H. Stone.	180 Congression Street, Montreal.	Fourth Tuesday.
50	St. Andrew.	Montreal.	Geo. Nilson.	Christopher Cliff.	229 St. James Street, Montreal.	Second Tuesday.
51	Ionic.	Montreal.	James Walker.	W. Gooling.	7 Overdale Avenue, Montreal.	First Thursday.
52	Lebe Magee.	Magog.	F. M. R. Spindflore.	B. D. Smith, Jr.	Magog.	First Tuesday.
53	Montarville.	Montreal.	Edw. J. O'Connor.	C. A. Hopkins.	10 St. Helen St., Montreal.	First Wednesday.
54	Bedford.	Bedford.	W. A. Shelters.	E. J. Taylor.	Bedford.	Monday on or before Full Moon.
55	Richelieu.	Sorel.	Edw'd A. Montgomery.	James Fish.	Sorel.	First Thursday from Dec. 1st to June 1st, 1897.
56	Corinthian.	Montreal.	J. A. Richardson.	Geo. J. Richardson.	P. O. Box 684, Montreal.	First Wednesday.
57	Prince of Wales.	Sherbrooke.	Hunter Bradford.	J. A. Wiggitt.	Sherbrooke.	Third Wednesday.
58	St. Solomon.	Point St. Charles.	Edw. J. O'Connell.	Geo. K. Macdonald.	P. O. Box 684, Montreal.	First Tuesday.
59	Argyle.	Point St. Charles.	D. Robertson.	Harry E. Holt.	Wellington St. Montreal.	First Tuesday.
60	Friendship.	Cookshire.	John La. Wilford.	Samuel Cooper.	Cookshire.	Second Wednesday.
61	Good Samaritan.	New Carlisle.	Rev. J. Sheppard.	W. M. Sheppard.	New Carlisle, Quebec.	Third Monday.
62					Quebec County.	First Tuesday.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE FOR 1885.

M.	W.	Bro. E. R. JOHNSON.....	Stanstead.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>
R.	"	" J. FRED. WALKER.....	Montreal.....	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
"	"	" CHAS. KNOWLES.....	Quebec.....	{ <i>D.D.G.M. Quebec and Three Rivers Dis.</i>
"	"	" WM. H. WHYTE.....	Montreal.....	" <i>Montreal District.</i>
"	"	" H. E. CHANNELL.....	Stanstead.....	" <i>St. Francis</i> "
"	"	" E. R. ROWELL, M.D....	Freligsburg...	" <i>Bedford</i> "
"	"	" W. H. O'REGAN.....	Abercorn.....	" <i>Shefford & Brome</i>
"	"	" C. D. CHITTY.....	Montreal <i>Keel</i>	" <i>Ottawa District.</i>
"	"	" H. J. MILLER.....	Quebec.....	<i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>
"	"	" REV. H. W. NYE.....	Bedford.....	" <i>Junior</i> "
"	"	" REV. ROBT. KERR.....	Quebec.....	" <i>Chaplain.</i>
"	"	" REV. J. F. RENAUD.....	St. Johns.....	" "
"	"	" I. H. STEARNS, Montreal,	re-elected..	" <i>Treasurer.</i>
"	"	" ISAAC B. FUTVOYE.....	St. Johns.....	" <i>Registrar.</i>
"	"	" JOHN H. ISAACSON, Montreal,	re-elected	" <i>Secretary.</i>
V.	"	" W. B. SMITH.....	Yamachiche..	" <i>Senior Deacon.</i>
"	"	" L. G. BURNELL.....	St. Armand Station.	" <i>Junior</i> "
"	"	" W. H. SHEPPARD.....	Georgeville..	" <i>Director of Cer.</i>
"	"	" DAVID SEATH.....	.....	" <i>Organist.</i>
"	"	" JOHN P. HALL.....	Bolton Centre.	" <i>Pursuivant.</i>
"	"	" WM. JAMIESON.....	Magog.....	" <i>Steward.</i>
"	"	" JAMES MITCHELL.....	Montreal.....	" "
"	"	" JOSEPH RODERIQUE.....	Montreal....	" "
"	"	" ANDREW HODGINS.....	Shawville...	" "
"	"	" ISAAC RICHARDSON.....	Montreal.....	" <i>Tyler.</i>

RE-INSTATED.

ST. JOHN No. 3.

James H. Greene.

GOLDEN RULE No. 5.

Geo. E. Garvin.

ST. GEORGE No. 10.

Malcolm Morrison.

ZETLAND No. 12.

James R. Watson.

VICTORIA No. 16.

Chas. S. Simpson, J. O. Tanguay, John U. Baxter.

MONTREAL KILWINNING No. 20.

David Hill.

ROYAL ALBERT No. 25.

A. A. Stevenson, J. T. Ferguson.

TUSCAN No. 27.

David Swinton.

ASHLAR No. 31.

Henry Greggs.

FRELIGHTSBURG No. 33.

M. Spencer.

MOUNT MORIAH No. 38.

Joseph James.

EDDY No. 47.

George Elborne.

ST. ANDREW No. 53.

W. H. Grant.

RESIGNATIONS.

ANTIQUITY No. 1.

Charles Marshall, David Miller, John DeWitt Jr.

ALBION No. 2.

Jno. Highfield, J. Hy. McKay, George Cole, Thos. Edwards, Henderson Clark.

ST. JOHNS, No. 3.

John B. Charlebois.

DORCHESTER No. 4.

Napoléon Joubert, Thos. Guay, J. D. Labresh, I. B. Blanchard.

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St. ANDREW No. 6.

Wm. Modler.

NELSON No. 9.

Joseph Henry Alber.

St. GEORGE No. 10.

Walter M. Rice.

ZETLAND No. 12.

Adolph S. Compain, Alexr. Munro, Alfred Deschambault.

VICTORIA No. 16.

Lemuel Farwell, Hy. W. Suckling.

MONTREAL KILWINNING No. 20.

Wm. Jno. Common, R. D. Cuthbert.

ROYAL ALBERT No. 25.

J. H. M. Welsh, A. Laphorn Smith, H. S. Mussen, Geo. A. Cameron, T.

K. Alexander, Thos. Adcock, E. M. Copeland, Bolton

Empey, G. W. Craig, M. H. Tomkins.

St. JOHN'S No. 27.

Albert Peabody.

TUSCAN No. 27.

Wm. Charland, Chas. F. Derey, David Swinton, J. B. Charleson.

ASCOT No. 30.

A. F. Martin, Jno. Thompson, Wm. A. Aulis.

FRELIGHSBURG No. 33.

Jerry Schofield, Wm. Aikin Morrison.

DORIC No. 34.

Alex. McGivney.

BROME LAKE No. 35.

Chas. E. Petts, John Flannigan.

CHATEAUGUAY No. 36.

John Cunningham, Eben Crummy.

CORNER STONE No. 37.

Moses O. Hart, G. K. Nesbitt, John Morrison, John S. Morrison,

Hy. Rodway.

MOUNT MORIAH No. 38.

Robert Cherry, David Campbell, Arthur W. Craig.

SUTTON No. 39.

Albert E. Cook.

PONTIAC No. 40.

Jno. Coleman, Wm. Straw, S. A. McKay, D. P. Merritt.

EDDY No. 41.

Robert D. Savage, Jas. Pithie

St. CHARLES No. 44

J. W. Shepherd.

CEUR UNIS No. 45.

H. A. Bourret.

EXCELSIOR No. 46.

Jno. Hardy, Chas. Warner, Louis Faucher.

SHAWENEGAN No. 39.

Wm. T. Rickaby, G. Haywood Henshaw.

PRINCE CONSORT No. 52.

James B. Miller.

IONIC No. 54.

Wm. Moore, Thos. J. Alloway.

MONTARVILLE No. 58.

W. T. Stevenson, H. J. Gear, T. Langlands.

CORINTHIAN No. 62.

Robert Blackwood.

KING SOLOMON No. 64.

A. B. Fraser

ARGYLE No. 65.

James M. Gellatly.

ARGENTEULL No. 67

Alex. LeRoy, Jno. J. W. Webster, Wm. B. McArthur, Robt. S. B. O'Brien.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING 31st JANUARY, 1886.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Reported for non-pay Dues.	Reinstated.	Life Members.	Susp'd for un-Masonic con.	Members.
1	Antiquity.....	Montreal.....	3	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	62
2	Albion.....	Quebec City.....	4	3	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	47
3	St. John.....	Quebec City.....	5	4	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	38
4	Dorchester.....	St. Johns.....	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	1	0	0	41
5	Golden Rule.....	Stanstead.....	4	1	3	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	126
6	St. Andrew.....	Quebec City.....	3	3	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	76
7	Elgin.....	Montreal.....	4	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	50
8	Prevost.....	Dunham.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	44
9	Nelson.....	St. Armand Station.....	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	45
10	St. George.....	Montreal.....	4	3	2	0	1	1	2	4	1	0	34
11	St. George.....	Montreal.....	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	58
12	Zetland.....	Montreal.....	2	4	4	2	3	0	12	0	2	0	69
13	St. Francis.....	Richmond.....	No report.	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	63
14	Victoria.....	Sherbrooke.....	4	7	4	0	2	0	8	2	0	0	110
15	Shefford.....	Waterloo.....	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
16	St. Andrew.....	Waterloo.....	7	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
17	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	2	2	2	0	2	2	3	1	0	0	101
18	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	1	7	7	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	28
19	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
20	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	6	2	2	1	10	2	0	0	0	0	84
21	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	3	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	44
22	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	3	3	3	0	4	1	4	1	0	0	32
23	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	No report.	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	0	0	34
24	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	No report.	6	6	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	55
25	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	6	6	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	55
26	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	6	6	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	55
27	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	6	6	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	55
28	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	6	6	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	55
29	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	6	6	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	55
30	St. Andrew.....	St. Armand Station.....	6	6	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	55

31 Ashlar.....
 32 Mount Royal.....
 33 Coaticook.....
 34 Montreal.....

27	St. John	3	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	44
28	Tuscan	1	1	1	0	4	1	4	1	0	0	32
29	Royal Canadian	No report.	No report.	No report.	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	34
30	Ascot	6	6	6	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	55
31	Ashlar	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
32	Mount Royal	4	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	70
33	Frelighsburg	1	1	1	0	2	1	10	1	0	0	19
34	Doré	5	5	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	72
35	Brome Lake	4	4	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	41
36	Chateaugay	3	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	18
37	Corner Stone	5	4	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	21
38	Mount Moriah	1	2	1	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	40
39	Sutton	6	6	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	49
40	Pontiac	5	5	5	0	4	0	14	0	0	0	27
41	Eddy	3	3	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	52
44	St. Charles	7	10	8	5	0	1	4	0	0	0	37
45	Cœurs Unis	No report.	No report.	No report.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	56
46	Excelsior	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
47	Graham	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
48	Bolton Centre	1	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	57
49	Shawenigan	7	5	5	0	2	0	15	0	0	0	46
52	Prince Consort	6	6	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	62
53	St. Andrew	3	3	2	2	0	1	6	1	0	0	53
54	Ionic	3	2	2	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	60
55	Lake Magog	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
57	Hochelaga	7	3	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	43
58	Montarville	3	4	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	36
59	Bedford	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
60	Richelieu	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	19
62	Corinthian	4	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	45
63	Prince of Wales	4	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
64	King Solomon	2	3	5	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	37
65	Argyle	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
67	Argenteuil	13	2	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	34
66	Friendship	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
68	Good Samaritan	5	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
		201	175	163	30	85	26	128	16	8	1	2728

RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE
YEAR ENDING 30TH JANUARY, 1885.

Lodges working under Warrants.....	58
Initiations reported.....	201
Passings "	175
Raisings "	163
Joinings "	30
Resignations "	85
Deaths "	26
Reported for non-payment of dues	128
Re-instated reported.....	16
Members "	2728

DEATHS.

ST. JOHN No. 3.
Wm. F. Lemessurier.
GOLDEN RULE No. 5.
Wm. B. Colby, Philip C. Verbeck.
ST. ANDREW No. 6.
James Hay, James Bowen, Jr., William Darlington.
ELGIN No. 7.
W. G. Dickinson.
ST. GEORGE No. 10.
Thos. J. Barrett, Robert Walker.
MONTREAL KILWINNING No. 20.
Robert Burrell, Alex. Gordon.
YAMASKA No. 21.
R. A. Savage.
ROYAL ALBERT No. 25.
Thomas Simpson, William Samuel.
ST. JOHN'S No. 27.
Henry S. Nott.
TUSCAN No. 28.
Henry Dion.
FRELIGHSBURG No. 33.
George Rolland Marvin.
MOUNT ROYAL No. 32.
Hy. A. Whyte.
ST. CHARLES No. 44.
Wm. Booth.
ST. ANDREWS No. 53.
George D. Reiniger.
IONIC No. 54.
John W. Williams, Robert Cherry.
LAKE MAGOG No. 55.
J. W. Merry.
KING SOLOMON No. 64.
Menzo Wright.
ARGYLE No. 65.
Robert Wilson.
FRIENDSHIP No. 66.
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APPENDIX.

INTRODUCTION.

To the M. Wor.: the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

M. WOR. GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN.

The duty of preparing for Grand Lodge the Report on Foreign Correspondence for the past year has devolved on the writer of these lines, who has consented to undertake it only after great hesitation, and this because he feels that, in view of the great ability and extensive learning in Masonic subjects possessed by many of those performing similar work for other Grand Lodges, his efforts in comparison with theirs will pale into insignificance.

Another reason for his hesitancy exists in the fact, that the year was far advanced when this report was commenced, consequently the time to fulfil the task will of necessity be limited to only a few weeks, during which the work can only be approached as opportunities will permit, and at hours which ought to be devoted to rest, after laboring during the day at the cares and calls of a troublesome business.

With these brief preliminary remarks, and asking a generous indulgence from all concerned, the task will be proceeded with.

ALABAMA, 1883.

This M. Wor.: Grand Lodge held its sixty-third annual communication in the city of Montgomery on 3rd December, 1883, under the presidency of the R. W.: Dep. Gr. Master, Bro. John Hollis Bankhead, in the absence of the M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. R. W. Cobb.

Looking through the minutes, we find nothing of general interest unless it be the resolution of Bro. John M. Clark, "that all Masons within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge who stand demitted at the expiration of twelve months, are hereby debarred from the right of visiting Lodges or moving in Masonic processions of any kind while thus demitted." This was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who appear to have ignored it altogether, as there is no mention of it in their report.

We regret this, as the matter is an important one, and an opinion would have been acceptable. The Grand Lodge of Quebec thus legislates on the subject:

"No brother residing in the province, and not affiliated with some Lodge, shall be entitled to the benefit of the Benevolent Fund for himself or family, nor to Masonic burial, nor to take part in any Masonic ceremony, public or private, nor to be entitled to any Masonic privileges whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any one Lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the 'Craft.'"

Grand Secretary's receipts during the year were.....	\$5125 50
Grand Treasurer's Report shews the expenditure for same period	1394 00

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from Bro. P. J. Pillans. Its original matter is excellent, well worthy of perusal. Its selections from other reports are of great utility in directing attention to salient points and opinions of contemporaneous writers.

Bro. Pillans has been good enough to notice Quebec extensively, paying a compliment to our P. G. M. Graham, which is as acceptable to every member of our Grand Lodge, as it will doubtless be to the recipient himself.

The name of R. W. Bro. Sayre, our representative, is omitted from the list of the representatives of other Grand Lodges.

Members of this jurisdiction reported.....	7055
Estimate of members not reported.....	823
Dues received.....	\$3625

John Hollis Bankhead, of Wetumpka, is Grand Master.
Daniel Sayre, of Montgomery, is Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA, 1883.

This Grand Lodge initiated its first meeting in the city of Tucson on Monday, 13th November, 1883, to be followed, we trust, annually, "until time shall be no more."

With the Grand Officers, the representatives of five chartered Lodges and a number of Past Masters were present.

Grand Secretary's Report shews the receipts of monies to have been	\$ 527 00
Grand Treasurer shews an expenditure of.....	465 00

During the session the Grand Orator, Bro. James Albert Zabroskie, delivered an eloquent and fitting address on the subject of "Freemasonry," which is given, as it deserves to be, *in extenso*.

The roll shews a membership of 305 Master Masons, 7 Fellow-Crafts and 13 Entered Apprentices.

John Tabor Alsap, of Phoenix, A.T., is Grand Master.

George J. Roskruze, of Tucson, A.T., is Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1883.

The proceedings before us give the record of the forty-fourth annual communication of this Grand Lodge. Upon a call of the roll we learn that the representatives of 235 Lodges answered to their names. Other representatives afterwards arrived, making the attendance of representatives from 281 Lodges—the largest ever held in Grand Lodge of that State.

M. W.: Grand Master L. H. Roots, in the course of an admirable address, gives utterance of the following on the condition of "the Craft in Arkansas:"

"An examination of the record made by the Masonic fraternity of this jurisdiction during the year just closing affords the fraternity ample room for felicitations. Congratulations are deserved, because there has been more zeal to improve Masonry than to increase the number of Masons. Congratulations are deserved, because so many of the dormant and non-affiliates have been awakened to an appreciation of active work in Masonry. Congratulations are deserved, because notwithstanding it has not been a year of special financial prosperity there has been an unusual number of new edifices commenced or dedicated to Masonry. Congratulations are deserved, because there has been an almost universal exhibition of emulation without bitterness, and a hearty striving to see who can best work and best agree. Congratulations are deserved, because the standard of morality requisite for admission has been elevated, and the practice of temperance and every other social and moral virtue essential to purity of life is being more and more imperatively inculcated and demanded by Arkansas Masonic Fraternity."

In the success of our fraternity in such a nature as that so referred to, the whole Craft rejoices, and will join in congratulations to Arkansas on the happy state of Masonic affairs within its territory.

We remark, from the report of the Board of Trustees of St. John's College, which was incorporated for educational purposes, and appears to be the property of and under the control of the Grand Lodge, that for the reasons therein set forth the college has ceased temporarily to work for the good of mankind. This is much to be regretted, more especially so as the cause creating the suspension of work, viz., the projected sale of the property with the view of erecting a Masonic temple, has also failed.

We shall look anxiously to the next year's proceedings of Arkansas, in the hope to learn either that the college is again in operation, dispensing

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the blessings of education, or that its sale, the other alternative, has been effected so advantageously as to benefit our order by furnishing the means to erect a temple.

We commend to the Craft in Quebec the following extract from the report of the Committee on Education:—"We have been favorably impressed with the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master for the establishment of a general Masonic Library in connection with the Grand Lodge, to be under its control, for the use of Masons, with such judicious restrictions as may be necessary to prevent abuse or loss. There are but few special depositories of Masonic learning and literature in which its history, traditions, morals and symbolism are preserved. There are no more appropriate places for their collection than the several Grand Lodges of the world, which thus become centres of light for the resort of diligent students of Masonic subjects."

In Arkansas there are 357 chartered Lodges—14 Lodges under dispensation. Number of members, 10,209.

Bro. Geo. E. Lodge, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents a most able and interesting report.

Quebec is favored with a brief notice, in which he is pleased to designate P. G. Master Graham's address as "an able Masonic paper."

Our representative, Bro. Howes, was present.

As members of the fraternity residing in the Dominion of Canada, we are much gratified at the laudatory remarks of our Brother applied to the Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario). The commendation given is well deserved.

M. W. Bro. John J. Sumpter, of Hot Springs, is Grand Master.

R. Fay Hempstead, of Little Rock, is Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1883.

This Grand Lodge held its twelfth annual communication in the city of New Westminster on 23rd June, 1883.

The business transacted was chiefly of local interest. A feature, however, is noted which is so completely in consonance with our idea of what ought to be part and parcel of the proceedings of every Grand Lodge "at labor," that we refer to it with much satisfaction: On the 24th June, 1883, the Grand Lodge was called to "labor" and proceeded to attend Divine Service, during which V. W. Bro. R. H. Smith delivered a very excellent discourse given *in extenso* in the printed proceedings, from the text, "For we are members one of another." Eph. iv., 25.

The roll of membership shows only 293, a decrease of two on the report of the preceding year.

From the statement of the Grand Treasurer we observe the balance to

the credit of Grand Lodge at the close of the session is in excess of that of the previous year.

M.: W.: Bro. Edgar Crow Baker, of Laurel Point, Victoria, B.C., is M.: Wor.: Grand Master, and V.: Wor.: Bro. Alex. R. Milne, of Victoria, B.C., is Grand Secretary.

CANADA, 1884.

During the past year no less than four emergent communications of this Grand Lodge were held for the purpose, on each occasion, of laying corner stones of public buildings; this demonstrates the fact that in Ontario the Craft is popular with the public.

The annual communication, being the 29th, was held in the city of Toronto on the 9th day of July, 1884. M.: Wor.: Grand Master Daniel Spry on the Throne.

The attendance was very large.

The Grand Master's address is somewhat lengthy and fittingly refers to all matters of interest in the jurisdiction over which he presided. We have the honor of a long though (to our loss) not an intimate acquaintance with M.: W.: Bro. Spry. We know him, however, sufficiently well to endorse the general reputation he bears with the Craft, namely, that of a clear-headed, strong-minded, hard-working Mason, in brief, a man not of words only, but of deeds also. We, in Quebec, recognize him as a tried and trusted friend, and honor him accordingly. With these few well deserved eulogistic remarks, which seem naturally to have crept in, we shall proceed to review the address.

His introductory remarks are congratulatory on the prosperous state of the Fraternity throughout his jurisdiction; he alludes with justifiable pride (being a citizen of Toronto) to the rapid strides made, and being made, in the progress of that city. His references to the recent affliction which has visited our Queen by the death of her son, our late Brother, Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, are in good taste, bespeaking the loyal subject and good Mason, and will be accepted throughout the length and breadth of this great Dominion of ours, by the Craft as the expression of its own sentiments and feelings on the sad occasion.

He gives to his Grand Lodge a statement of its charities bestowed during his year of office, an exhibit of which Ontario Masons may well be proud; no less a sum than \$9,875.00 was expended by the Grand Lodge of Canada for benevolent purposes during the last past year. We are proud to chronicle this fact; and desire to give it a great prominence in this report, and to say in connection with it, to our own, and in fact to every other Grand Lodge, "Go thou, and do likewise."

Referring to the financial matters of his Grand Lodge, he reports its receipts for the year to have been \$16,478.99; expenditure, including the \$9,875.00 for charity, \$16,505.43; and a net cash capital of \$67,693.21.

It is our prayer that the wealth of our elder sister will ever continue to increase, and from time to time be as worthily used and dispensed as shown by the details of expenditure of last year.

His reference to the difficulty with his Grand Lodge and that of England, arising out of the fact, of a resident of Toronto having been initiated into Masonry in a lodge in Montreal, under English jurisdiction, is made becomingly and in language of forbearance. How the Mother Grand Lodge will receive it, is yet to be seen. The experience of Quebec under like circumstances, is not such as to warrant great expectations of justice, or even courtesy being rendered.

Under the caption of the so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario," our esteemed M. W. Bro. touches, and gives his opinion upon a subject which Quebec and the other Grand Lodges of the Dominion are somewhat interested, equally so with Bro. Spry's Grand Lodge,—we mean the name it continues to designate itself by, viz., "The Grand Lodge of Canada."

We of Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and British Columbia, hold that the above designation is a misnomer, that *Ontario* has no more right to call herself *Canada* than any of the sister Provinces; and we desire for various reasons, amongst others, to avoid confusion, that each Province should have its own Grand Lodge under its own proper name—are we asking too much in this from Ontario? She has a Grand Lodge of which we all, as Canadians, are proud, and which we cannot help thinking would continue in her present glorious and prosperous course whether as "The Grand Lodge of Canada," or "The Grand Lodge of Ontario."

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

Is it not so, Brethren of Ontario? Anticipating your reply in the affirmative, we, then, your Brethren of the other Provinces, in a most fraternal feeling, request you to accept your proper, legitimate, distinguishing name, dropping that to which we could lay claim with equal justice as yourself.

Brother Spry's suggestion, if accepted, to add as a sub-title to the name of his Grand Lodge the words "having jurisdiction over the Province of Ontario," would be improved by the further addition of the word "only," but even then, would hardly be satisfactory. However, the matter is too trivial for any serious misunderstanding to arise out of it, so we dismiss the subject with the conviction that the good judgment of our brethren in Ontario will prevail; their decision in the premises, whatever it may be, will be cheerfully accepted by all interested throughout the Dominion.

Brother Spry recommended, and rightly, we venture to think, the

recognition of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Victoria, Australia. His advice was unanimously adopted.

In concluding his able address he thanks the officers of Grand Lodge for their hearty support, and acknowledges with expressions of gratitude the many touching proofs of sympathy he received during his severe illness which occurred in the early part of the year.

The number of Lodges on the roll is.....	350
“ “ “ initiations.....	1,257
“ “ “ passings.....	1,234
“ “ “ raisings.....	1,197
“ “ “ joinings.....	350
Total membership is.....	18,911

The Grand Master is M.: W.: Bro. Hugh Murray, of Hamilton.

The Grand Secretary is R.: W.: Bro. J. J. Mason, of Hamilton.

COLORADO, 1884.

The annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on 16th and 17th September, 1884, in Denver. M.: W.: Bro. Andrew Sagendorf, Grand Master and representative of Quebec, presided.

The Grand Master, in his address, gives a particular account of his stewardship during the year, and reports favorably on the condition of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction. Nearly all matters referred to are of a local interest only.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is introduced by very sensible remarks of the writer on the subject of such reports generally. He says *inter alia*: “The bulk of these reports consist of discussions based upon existing laws, that are entirely different in different jurisdictions, so that the brethren argue from different foundations, and never reach an agreement. Year after year sees it go on, and the Grand Lodge pays for the piping. We hear of no concessions from one theory to another, but with increasing years the reporter becomes more fixed in his opinions, and more determined in his support of them. Should he be superseded by another, as is often the case, the whole business begins over again.”

In the above extract we are very much disposed to think there is “more truth than poetry,” and shall lay up its wisdom for guidance.

Quebec is not noticed. We presume our proceedings, by some inexplicable cause, did not reach the writer—they certainly were mailed from here.

Grand Secretary reported receipts for the year at \$3,346.50.

M.: W.: Bro. Jas. H. Peabody, of Canon City, is Grand Master; R.: W.: Bro. Edward C. Parmelee, of Georgetown, is Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT, 1884.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its 96th annual communication are before us. In the address of the M. W.: the Grand Master we find the following, under the heading "Dispensations" :

"My first official act as Grand Master was to refuse the request for a dispensation to appear in full masonic regalia at a ball, to be given under the auspices of a lodge, as I felt that, to appear as masons, except when we have masonic work to do, was contrary to the genius of the institution.

"When we are to dedicate halls, lay corner stones, or attend the funeral of a loved brother, then we should appear as masons, with proper tools, regalia, etc.; but to appear in regalia at a ball or evening party works no good to our order.

"I am strongly in favor of cultivating the social virtues, and would urge that it be done on all convenient occasions.

"Evening parties, musical and literary entertainments, can be given under the auspices of our lodges without parading our working tools, etc., before the public."

There is much of dignity in the above utterance, and we are not disposed to combat it in any way: yet with our experience of masonic balls as conducted in this Province, we cannot altogether subscribe to the dictum that they are "contrary to the genius of the institution."

We imagine that the habits and customs of the country should, on this subject, be taken into consideration. Here, in this Canada of ours, to trip it on "the light fantastic" is amongst our most acceptable diversions, and is indulged in during our long winter months, by our best citizens, and without any harm arising therefrom. The fact of a ball in Canada being under the patronage of the fraternity, is to ensure its respectability and success.

We desire to call the attention of our jurisdiction to the following question submitted to M. W.: Bro. Waldron, and his reply thereto, as a useful precedent to be followed:

"Question. A member of a Connecticut lodge moves to another State. He is taken sick and dies. The lodge in whose jurisdiction he dies gives him a masonic burial, and pays the expense of the same. The bill is sent to the Connecticut lodge for payment, which is the first notice or intimation the lodge in Connecticut have in regard to the matter. Is the Connecticut lodge under any obligation, legally or morally, to reimburse the said lodge?

"Answer. The lodge to which the brother belongs is primarily charged with relief and burial of one of its members. If they neglect or refuse,

"the duty devolves upon brethren everywhere. Temporary relief is a present duty of all, irrespective of lodge membership. If a lodge buries a brother sojourner, and the charge is fair and reasonable, the lodge to which he belonged ought to reimburse it. A lodge affording relief to a brother sojourner for any length of time, if it expects to be reimbursed is bound to notify the lodge to which the brother belongs. This rule cannot always be applied in the case of burial. It is not in the province of one lodge to contract debts for another lodge, where communication is possible. I would recommend that the lodge should be reimbursed to a reasonable amount at least."

Another decision from the same eminent brother will be serviceable to the craft here. He says:

"Early in the year I received a communication from the master of Acacia Lodge, No 85, stating that a brother who was raised in a lodge in Vermont, wished to affiliate with Acacia Lodge, and had taken measures to get a demit from his lodge in Vermont, but found that he had been dropped from the rolls some years before for non-payment of dues. The lodge not only claimed the eight dollars due at the time he was dropped, but also twenty dollars for the time which had intervened up to his making application for restoration. The master of Acacia Lodge thinking the lodge was in error in demanding dues for such time as the brother stood suspended, asked that the matter be laid before the Grand Master of Vermont. I wrote the Grand Master of Vermont, and in his reply he informed me, that one of his predecessors had ruled 'that a suspended brother is liable for dues during the time of his suspension,' but that it would be his duty to rule differently, as it was his opinion that a suspended brother is not liable to dues during his suspension."

Nor can we refrain from directing attention to the following:

SOLICITING MEMBERS FOR THE INSTITUTION.

"We claim for our institution that its members came into it of their own volition. The man should seek the institution, not the institution the man. We require before his acceptance certain answers to questions, among which he states that he comes to us unbiased by friends, uninfluenced by mercenary motives, that he freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate, &c. Can a candidate subscribe to these questions after he has been labored with, by some brother whose zeal for the institution will make his friend give answers which are not true? A zealous brother is to be commended when his zeal is laudable, but when his zeal carries him into the byways, which is too often done, in search of material for his lodge, it is not in accordance with the teachings of the institution."

There are, no doubt, many good men within our order who have been urged and solicited to become members, still that does not justify the practice of solicitation. If we find a worthy person desirous of becoming a member of the order, it is our duty to assist him by every honorable means in our power; but he should first intimate in some way that such is his desire, then the way is open for us to assist him in gaining admission. Members of the order should frown down this practice of our over zealous brothers, of repeated solicitations and urging persons to become members of the fraternity. It is not a very pleasant position for a member to be placed in, to present to his lodge the name of some person whom he has repeatedly solicited to become a member, and then have him rejected; but if the party comes of his own volition and is rejected, there can be no blame attached to his friend who proposed his name.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows an income of \$2486. 20.

The establishment of a home or asylum for indigent or infirm Masons has, it seems, been under the notice of the Craft in Connecticut for some years past, without any thing definite being accomplished. The committee named at a previous communication of Grand Lodge, at the last session made their report, in effect declaring the enterprise most laudable, and recommended that it be kept steadily in view, as a most worthy undertaking. The committee, however, say that it must be a realization of the future, and only entered upon after, when support is certain and, "there is a practical unanimity in its favor."

R.: W.: Bro. J. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary, supplies a most excellent report on Foreign Correspondence.

In his remarks anent the then, and now existing difficulty between Quebec and England, he observes that "it has grown out of the short-sighted policy adopted but a few years since, by the Grand Lodge of Canada, in accepting a quasi recognition, without supreme control, over the entire Province, a compromise," he continues, "which is a sacrifice of principle, and which has been, and is, fraught with evil consequences." With him every consistent mason will agree as to the above. It is the experience of many, that a sacrifice of principle, even if made to accomplish a partial or temporary good, will, in the long run, end disastrously.

In his review of Michigán, Bro. Wheeler, led by a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of that State in reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, thus discourses on a question of some interest to all the Grand Lodges of the Dominion, namely, the persistence by the Grand Lodge exercising jurisdiction in Ontario to use for itself the designation, "The Grand Lodge of Canada." After quoting the resolution, he says: "This would seem to imply that if the Grand Lodge of Canada should "not change its title, the time might arrive when action would be taken "to disturb friendly relations. We should hope not, however, though we "are of opinion it would be vastly better if that Grand Body had changed

"its name to conform with the Province where located. At present it is a "mis-nomer and will continue to be more so in future."

We have no fear that any serious difficulty will arise in the Dominion on this question, which might probably be the means of disturbing friendly relations with any other Grand Lodge. We have the fullest faith in the good will, fraternal feeling, and sound sense of each of our Grand Lodges, to suppose for a moment, that any one of them, will permit the present existing harmony and unanimity to be disturbed by reason of Ontario claiming to be the "Grand Lodge of Canada." We have opinions on the subject, which have been elucidated on a former occasion by M.: W.: Past Gr.: Master Graham, in one of his able addresses to Grand Lodge, and we are willing to await developments and the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada, voluntarily to be taken in the premises. We love our elder sister too much to quarrel with her, even if she is pardonably vain as to her name. The remarks of Bro. Wheeler are kind, they will be acceptable to the whole body of masons here, and may tend to bring about that voluntary action we speak of.

No. of lodges, 110. No. of members, 14,942.

DAKOTA, 1884.

The Tenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Aberdeen, on the 10th Nov. 1884. M.: W.: Bro. Oscar S. Gifford, Grand Master, presided. His address pictures vividly the rapid growth of the Fraternity throughout his territory. He reports that during the year twelve dispensations for new lodges were issued; and further, and this better, that the Grievance Committee had no business before them for consideration.

The Grand Lodge declared itself adverse to the sub-letting of Masonic lodge rooms for any other than Masonic purposes.

M.: W.: Bro. F. Schroder, of Rapid City, is Grand Master; V.: W.: Bro. Chas. T. McCoy, of Bon Homme, is Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE, 1884.

A special communication of this Grand Lodge took place on the 18th January, 1883, at the village of Newport, to dedicate the new hall of one of its subordinate lodges. Another was held at Seaford on the 20th June, 1884, for a similar purpose. The ceremonies were those ordinarily practised amongst Masons on such occasions, and fortunately so well known to the members of this Grand Lodge, as to need no further special notice.

The annual communication being the 77th was held at the city of Wilmington, the M.: W.: Grand Master presided. His address is an excellent one, and most suitable to the occasion. His opening remarks are devoted to an eulogy to the Craft, pointing out its excellencies and

utility. He refers to the condition of the Craft in his jurisdiction declaring it with a few exceptions to be in a healthy and prosperous condition. He strongly advocates the possession by his Grand Lodge of a library, and to attain that object recommends the setting apart annually of a small sum. He then gives a statement of his official acts, and decisions, on Masonic questions during his term of office, and concluding declares he is not desirous of re-election. Grand Lodge, however, recognizing his worth and modesty, re-seats him for another year in the Grand East.

R. W. Bro. Wm. S. Hayes was also re-elected as Grand Secretary.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

No. of Lodges, 29. No. of members, 1,378.

WYOMING, 1883.

The 9th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming took place at Evanstown on Tuesday, the 9th of October, 1883. M. W. Bro. John K. Jeffrey, Grand Master, in the East.

The Grand Master in his address briefly submitted a report of the condition of his Grand Lodge and constituent lodges, and gave a statement of his official acts.

By reports of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer we learn the Financial state of Grand Lodge to stand thus, on October 10th, 1883:—

Balance cash then on hand.....	\$ 759 13
Cash received for dues, &c., &c.....	507 50
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	\$1,266 63
Expenditure of the year.....	549 34
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Giving balance on hand.....	\$ 717 29

The report on Foreign correspondence is by Bro. Wm. J. McIntyre, who was introduced by the Grand Secretary as "a competent brother well skilled in Masonic jurisprudence," and we are disposed, after perusal of his work, to endorse this good reputation. The whole tenor of the report goes to shew that Bro. McIntyre has been a diligent student of Masonic law. He supports Quebec in the embroglio with England, and declares our Foreign Correspondence Report for 1883 as almost useless by reason of its brevity. We tremble for his judgment on the present one.

J. K. Jeffrey re-elected Grand Master.

Jno. R. Symons re-elected Grand Secretary.

ENGLAND, 1884.

From this venerable Grand Lodge, "the head of the Craft," we have quite a number of pamphlets, giving the proceedings at the quarterly

communications held on 5th Sept., 1883, on 5th Dec. of same year, on 5th March, 1884, and 4th June, 1884.

There was also a special meeting on 24th April last, at which were submitted two letters of condolence, one to Her Majesty the Queen, the other to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, on the death of H. R. H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Pro-Grand Master for Oxfordshire.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, was charged to sign and present both addresses.

The Annual Festival was on the 30th April, 1884. The Earl of Carnarvon, as Pro-Grand Master, presided at the 4th June meeting, and having directed the attention of Grand Lodge to the Encyclical letter recently issued from the Pope, the following resolution in reference to it was adopted:—

“ First,—That this Grand Lodge has seen with great regret the recent Encyclical letter in which the charges of atheism, sedition, and vice, are made against Masonry in general without, discrimination or qualification.

“ And secondly,—That this Grand Lodge, whilst it does not deny that meetings for political and seditious purposes have in some countries been held, under the pretence of their being Masonic Lodges, can only express its astonishment and regret, that English Free Masonry should by some strange misapprehension of facts, be included in this sweeping charge, which the law, practices, and traditions of the Order, as well as the position of its rulers, clearly prove to be utterly without foundation.”

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales is Grand Master; Colonel Shadwell Clarke is Grand Secretary.

SCOTLAND AND IRELAND, 1884.

We are without any intelligence from these venerable Grand Lodges, which we much regret, inasmuch as we are unable, in consequence, to note for the benefit of the many Scotch and Irish brethren in our midst what Masonic events of interest may have occurred in the land of their nativity.

FLORIDA, 1884.

The Grand Lodge of this far-off State had its last meeting on 15th of January, 1884, in the city of Jacksonville; M. W. Grand Master Z. H. Mason, ruling from the East. He reports his correspondence on matters connected with the duties of his office as having been voluminous, but the state of his health such as to prevent his doing much visiting among his lodges.

Looking through his decisions we find the following, which as it may be of use here, we give *in extenso*.

" *Question.* A member of a lodge in this jurisdiction, applies to another lodge, for the privilege of sitting with them as a visitor, and is vouched for by a brother who sat with him in the Grand Lodge two years previous. The W. M. requested the vouching brother to state his knowledge of the visitor's standing, which he was not able to do. The W. M. then required the visiting brother to take the T. O., to which the visitor demurred, saying he preferred to be regularly examined. This the W. M. refused as unnecessary, and the brother retired, complaining that he was placed in a false position before the lodge. The W. M. requests me to endorse his action, or point out his error.

" *Answer.* The vouching was legal, having sat with the applicant in the Grand Lodge. Unless there were doubts of the Masonic standing of the brother, there was no necessity of the T. O., which would have been taken, if the brother's request had been granted. Further, under the ruling, the brother was placed in an unpleasant position, implying that his Masonic standing was not good. He should, under the circumstances, have been admitted."

Let us in Quebec ponder well on the following remarks of M. Wor. Bro. Mason touching our

MORAL DUTIES.

" It is the bounden duty of each member of the Masonic Brotherhood, to live in accordance with the teachings of the 'Great Light,' in whose pages are found the moral laws which should govern each 'Son of Light,' wherein is found this commandment: 'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.' Yet, we frequently hear this sacred name profaned by some who profess to be Masons. Brethren, this should not be; do not tarnish the noble name of Masonry by a violation of its laws. Let each one be careful in speaking God's name, to do it with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator. Remember that those who have not entered the sacred precincts of the Temple, do not form their opinion of Free Masonry by what it claims to be—a community of brothers, actuated by love for each other, and a desire to benefit their fellow men; a moral institution, whose teachings tend to make men better. They judge by the effect, or the result of these teachings upon the lives of its members. Therefore, let us all be careful, that through our words or acts no reproach shall be brought upon Masonry.

" There is another thought in connection with moral duties. It is the necessity of selecting for lodge officers, such brethren as possess a moral influence in the community. When this great pre-requisite is neglected, though the brother may be, what is termed a bright Mason, and have high mental qualifications, Masonry must suffer, its usefulness be crippled, and our loved Fraternity brought into disrepute."

The statements of Grand Treasurer show a total sum on hand, subject to appropriation, \$2,449.35.

Reports from ten Masonic districts show the Craft is fairly prospering in Florida.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is unusually short, confining its remarks chiefly to England, Scotland, Ireland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Australia, Venezuela, Peru, Mexico and Vera Cruz.

The Grand Lodge, by resolution, recognized the Grand Lodge of Peru, also the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico.

Grand Master is M. W. Bro. Robt. J. Perry, of Key West.

Grand Secretary is R. W. Bro. Dewitt E. Dawkins, of Jacksonville.

GEORGIA, 1884.

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of this State was held in the city of Macon on the 28th of October, 1884, M. W. Bro. John S. Davidson, Grand Master, in the East.

We give from amongst his decisions on matters submitted to him, one which may be used as a precedent with advantage here. It is as follows: "When it is discovered that an Entered Apprentice is unworthy on account of offences committed *before* he became a Mason, he may be rejected for the Fellow Craft Degree, but no charges can be preferred against him for such offences, unless by his *own* concealment of the *facts*, his conduct amounted to a fraud upon the Lodge, which fraud was equivalent to the commission of an offence subsequent to the date of his initiation."

He reports the condition of the Craft throughout his jurisdiction as being very satisfactory.

We are quite in accord with him in his opinion that the social element of Freemasonry is too often disregarded. He says, and we endorse the statement, "The routine work, of course, should not and need not be neglected. But when that has been performed, there is always ample opportunity for the display of those friendly and social characteristics, from which innocent pleasures flow, and which redound to the well-being of the membership."

Other matters of interest are ably treated, but time will not permit us to introduce them.

The finances of this Grand Lodge are in a most satisfactory condition. The

Total receipts for the year amount to.....	\$13,358 95
Total disbursements being.....	12,434 95
Leaving a balance of.....	\$ 924 00

R.: W.: Bro. J. Emmet Blackshear, Grand Secretary, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented their report, which is able and instructive.

The action of our Grand Lodge in reference to the English lodges in our jurisdiction is favorably commented on, and the assurance given, that when carried into effect it will doubtless be sustained by all American Grand Lodges.

M.: W.: Bro. John S. Davidson is Grand Master.

R.: W.: Bro. J. Emmet Blackshear is Grand Secretary.

No. of Lodges 312.

IDAHO—1884.

The 17th annual communication of the Grand Lodge for this Territory was held at Boise City on 9th September, 1884, Chester P. Cobourn, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master embraces matters of no public import, referring to subjects of a local nature.

The Grand Lodge decided that a Report on Foreign Correspondence should be made this year, and named a committee to prepare the same, our representative near Idaho being one.

M.: W.: Bro. John A. Post is Grand Master.

R.: W.: Bro. James W. Brown is Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1884.

The tenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge for this Territory was held at Atoka, Choctaw Nation, on the 4th, 5th and 6th days of November, 1884, M.: W.: Bro. Edmond Henry Doyle, Grand Master, presiding.

The members of Grand Lodge were welcomed in an appropriate address from one of the Lodges, delivered by its W.: Master, R.: W.: Bro. Robb.

The question of "perpetual jurisdiction" over rejected candidates is brought prominently to the front by the decision of Grand Master Doyle, and as the subject has been of late attracting much attention in Masonic circles, we give his opinion there anent. He says :—

"A candidate having once been rejected by a certain Lodge, is for ever debarred the privilege of applying to any other for admission.

"This law is implicitly derived from the Regulations, which forbid Lodges to interfere with each other's work.

"Candidates are to be viewed in our speculative system as 'material brought up for the building of the Temple,' and the Lodge which he first petitions is the judge of the fitness or unfitness of that material, constitutes a part of Masonic labor, and when a Lodge has commenced that labor it is considered discourteous for any other to interfere with it.

"The 'Ancient Charges of Making,' adopted in the times of James II., also direct that 'no Master or Fellow supplant others of their work.' Most all the Grand Lodges have adopted resolutions of what they call perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates. The reason for this is obvious: That a rejected candidate could apply from Lodge to Lodge until, at last, he might find one less careful than others of the purity of the household, through whose too willing doors he could find admission."

The above argument is plausible, but we cannot subscribe to its doctrine, which seems an unjust, and therefore an un-Masonic one.

Let us exemplify our view of the case from events which have fallen under our own immediate observation:

A. B. is a person of unblemished reputation in the city where he resides, and where he has been engaged in honorable business for a period of over twenty-five years; in England, of which country he is a native, from motives of personal animosity, originating out of family quarrels, he was rejected in a Lodge by the influence, perhaps by the sole vote, of a cousin. This occurred thirty years ago; the quarrel has not been healed, the cousin is still a member of the rejecting Lodge, and, being implacable, there would be no chance of permission being obtained to allow a Lodge here to accept this material which to the whole Craft would be desirable.

Is it just, right, or proper, then, that this gentleman, under the circumstances given, should for ever be debarred from the privileges of Masonry, which he earnestly desires "from a good opinion previously conceived of the institution," and to which he is entitled, being under the "tongue of good report?"

We think not, and as this case, differing more or less in matters of detail, is not an unfrequent one, we are decidedly opposed to what we consider the tyrannical doctrine of "perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates."

We are of opinion that the law of Masonry in Quebec is just in this matter: it requires twelve months to intervene after rejection, then the candidate can apply for admission into the same or any other Lodge in the jurisdiction; or being out of the jurisdiction, he is at the disposal of the Craft where he resides.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows that after disbursing all calls against his Grand Lodge, there remains in his hands unappropriated a balance of \$1111.96.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is ably written by the Grand Secretary, R.: W.: Bro. Murrow, who, like ourself, pleads to have been too much over-weighted to do full justice to the task by the devolving of other duties upon him. Nevertheless, he has performed the allotted duty with discretion and ability. If his remarks and criticisms on the proceedings of each Grand Lodge reviewed are brief, they are judicious, and to the point.

Statistics shew a membership of the Craft in the Territory of 653, with twenty-one Lodges.

E. H. Doyle, of McAlester, is Grand Master.

J. S. Murrow, of Atoka, is Grand Secretary.

IOWA, 1884.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for the year 1884 are before us, artistically gotten up, and full and complete in every arrangement.

A special meeting was held pursuant to summons on the 7th May, 1884, at the city of Cedar Rapids, for the purpose of, first, laying the corner stone of the Library building; and, second, to enact such further measures, if need be, as may then be considered necessary to the speedy and successful prosecution of the work.

The Grand Master, George B. Van Saun, presided.

Before, however, proceeding to the special business for which Grand Lodge was summoned, the Grand Master and Brethren laid the corner stone of St. Luke's Hospital. This having been done and a considerable amount of speech-making indulged in, the particular work of Grand Lodge was performed with the customary Masonic ceremonies.

The orator on the occasion, was our widely known and esteemed R. W. Bro. Parvin, Grand Secretary, who delivered an address on the occasion, partially reported on ten pages; very much thereof, it is said, was omitted owing to the lateness of the hour.

From the drawing of the proposed building, bound up and sent with proceedings, we judge it to be of an imposing appearance; we trust it will be found in the future to answer all the purposes for which it is erected.

The annual meeting of Grand Lodge being the 41st was holden at Council Bluffs, on 3rd June, 1884, same Grand Master presiding.

At the opening of Grand Lodge, Grand Secretary Parvin was not present, having been detained by the grounding of the steamer on which he had embarked; it appears that, like the writer of these lines, a brother Grand Secretary, he was further hindered in his attendance, having been arrested for "malicious libel" by an unworthy member of the fraternity, and summoned to appear before the Grand Jury for the performance of an official act as Grand Secretary, which had been ordered to be done by his Grand Lodge. If such a state of things continue, the position of Grand Secretary may be one of peril in jurisdictions where "cranks" occasionally gain admittance into the craft.

The Grand Master's address is excellent, giving an account of his stewardship, his opinions on some intricate local questions, and on matters which however are of no particular interest to our Grand Lodge.

His report of the Grand Secretary gives an able and comprehensive statement of his labors during the past year.

The Grand Treasurer reports:—

General Fund—Cash on hand	\$1,791.01
Charity Fund—Cash on hand.....	829.37
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	\$2,721.18

An episode of a most agreeable character transpired after the installation of the Grand Master elect, namely, the presentation by that officer on behalf of the Masters of the several Lodges in Iowa, and the present and past Grand Officers of the Institution, to Past Grand Master Van Saun, of a large and magnificent album containing the photographs (cabinet size) of the donors.

INDIANA.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana met in the city of Indianapolis on the 27th May, 1884, it being the sixty-fifth stated meeting.

M. W. Bro. Bruce Carr, Grand Master, presiding. Our Grand Representative, M. W. Brother Christian Fetta, is reported as having been present.

Four hundred and fifty-seven lodges were represented.

The address of the Grand Master is a thorough business-like production. It showed that during the past year he had constituted nine new lodges, that a like number had surrendered their charters, that four dispensations to four new lodges were granted, that eleven large halls were dedicated, and that two lodges were consolidated.

The Grand Master is opposed to the one ballot system which he condemns, stigmatizing it as a departure of very doubtful expedience.

He notices the reduction of the debt of Grand Lodge, which originally was \$75,000, and has been reduced to the sum of \$32,000, a fact betokening financial ability with our brethren in Indiana.

He advises that the Grand Secretary's salary be increased, commensurate with increased labor and responsibility; pursuant to this recommendation, and its endorsement by the committee to whom it was referred, the sum of \$200 per annum was added to the salary.

He notices with feeling remarks the generous responses made to his official circulars, asking relief to the sufferers by the floods caused by the rising of the Ohio river, and concludes by urging that *quality* and not *quantity* is the desideratum in selecting material for the building.

The Grand Treasurer reports his receipts for the year at \$32,088.74, which with a balance from last year of \$793.42, gives the respectable total sum of \$32,882.16; total disbursements are given at \$7,855.97.

With a view to show what careful and united action can accomplish, and as an inducement to our own people to "do likewise," we give the

following extract from "Trustees of Grand Lodge Property Annual Report":—

"At the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in May, 1878, the total indebtedness of the Grand Lodge was one hundred and three thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents. To-day it is thirty-two thousand dollars in round numbers, being a reduction in the principal in six years of seventy-one thousand six hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, or an annual reduction of a fraction over eleven thousand dollars.

"That you have made sacrifices to accomplish this great work no one will gainsay. You have honestly toiled and labored for nearly seven years, buoyed up by the hope and promise that your Temple would ere long be free from debt, and it is our pleasant duty to inform you that it is within your power to fix the time when we may assemble in this Hall to celebrate with joy that happy day when we can proclaim to the world that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana holds undisputed right and title to her Temple and Hall, free from encumbrances of every kind.

"In our last report to the Grand Lodge we stated that we would not recommend another adjournment for two years; neither will we, but this much we will say: If you will adjourn the Grand Lodge until the 25th day of May, 1886, we will on that day report the Grand Lodge entirely out of debt, and will exhibit to you the last evidence of debt, cancelled. We commit this entire matter to your hands, having confidence that you will act in the premises as becomes prudent business men."

The very creditable amount of \$6,502.59 was contributed by individual Masons and lodges of the jurisdiction to relieve sufferers from the flood of the Ohio river, and disbursed by the Grand Secretary under directions from the Grand Master. "By your works ye are known."

Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Arizona were recognized.

A very interesting episode occurred in the transaction of the business of this Grand Lodge. As it is flattering to our venerable Grand Lodge of England, so it is by nature pleasing to us.

Past Grand Master Rice presented his credentials as the Grand Representative of England near the Grand Lodge of Indiana; thereupon he was duly introduced and welcomed by the M. W.: the Grand Master. In the course of Bro. Martin's reply he speaks in very flattering terms of the Grand Lodge of England, esteeming it an honor to be one of her representatives.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is a very able document, carefully prepared in every point of view. Its exposition of, and comments on, Masonic law are clear and lucid; they are given with a "why" and a "wherefore" hard to be controverted.

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Quebec receives quite a long notice, supporting and upholding her Masonic course from the very commencement of her existence.

The whole controversy with England is ably and fairly stated, and the persistence of that Grand Lodge to claim jurisdiction here is condemned in unqualified language, the reviewer closing his remarks in the following unmistakable words:—"England's arrogant assumptions are denied by Quebec and by every American Grand Lodge. We have before remarked that the Grand Lodge of England is an Ishmaelite, and in this controversy the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been too long suffering.

"To adopt the language of Bro. Drummond of Maine whose opinions all will respect, it is stated that '*we take the liberty of remarking just here, that to cut off communication with the Grand Lodge of England is not beyond the compass of Quebec's intent, and we modestly submit proper action.*' When she does so it will become the duty of every well regulated Grand Lodge to sustain her action."

Grand Master, Albert P. Charles, Seymour.

Grand Secretary, William H. Smythe, Indianapolis.

ILLINOIS, 1884.

The Grand Lodge of this large and populous State had its 45th annual meeting at Chicago on Tuesday, 7th October, 1884, M. W. Bro. Daniel M. Browning, Grand Master, presiding. It was opened in ample form with a prayer from the Grand Chaplain, a practice we commend to the attention of those, in this country of ours, who persist on the mere assertions of a few bigots in believing Masonry to be irreligious. We were glad to observe that amongst the visitors present was the venerable Rob Morris, an old and much esteemed acquaintance of the writer of these lines. He received a right royal welcome, almost equal to that he was once greeted with by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The address of the Grand Master is to the point on the various subjects on which it discourses, and gives a statement of his doings for the past year.

The sum of \$6,180.40 was reported as received and expended by Grand Lodge during the year, for the purpose of relieving the distress of brethren and their families who were sufferers by the floods of the Ohio river.

The Grand Secretary's Report is a most elaborate one, necessarily so as exhibiting the extensive work of his office. It contains an interesting tabular statement, prepared evidently with care and labor, showing that "there are in the United States 48 Grand Lodges, 9,773 Constituent Lodges, with 552,133 affiliated Masons, or an average of about 57 to each lodge. Forty-five of these Grand Lodges require per capita payments from Constituent Lodges, varying in different jurisdictions from 20 cents to \$3.50 per member, with an average of 87½ cents. Twenty-one

" require for each initiate fees, ranging from \$1.00 to \$5.00, average \$1.83½.
 " Twelve at passing exact \$1.00 to \$3.00, average \$1.23. Fifteen require
 " for each member made from \$1.00 to \$3.00, average \$1.21½. Eighteen
 " allow mileage (one way) to Grand Officers and representatives from 4
 " cents to 20 cents per mile. Eight, instead of fixed mileage, allow
 " 'actual expenses' or 'actual fare.' Twenty report per diem of Grand
 " Officers and representatives at from \$1.50 to \$5.00, and *three* pay actual
 " expenses. Ten Grand Masters receive compensation running from
 " \$100.00 to \$1,500, average \$460.00. The office of Grand Secretary shows
 " in every Grand Lodge report by far the largest single item of salary,
 " and statistics are fuller on this point. The salaries of Grand Secretaries,
 " including deputies, and clerk hire, vary from \$100.00 to \$5,000, average
 " \$1,167.65. Thirty-three pay rent of Grand Secretary's office, and twenty-
 " eight furnish fuel and lights. Salaries in this office in the United
 " States require an average payment per lodge of \$10.97½. Twenty-four
 " Grand Lodges pay for 'Report on Foreign Correspondence,' the lowest
 " amount being \$50.00, the highest \$500.00, average \$178.33½."

The financial standing of this Grand Lodge is thus shown from state-
 ment of Grand Treasurer:—

Dr.	
To balance to credit of Charity Fund.....	\$ 376 20
" " " " " General Fund.....	31,471 46
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Amount received from Grand Secretary..30,900 75	\$31,847 66
" " " " dividend on life	
policy..... 22 45	
Amount received from interest on Govern- ment bonds..... 200 00	31,123 20
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	\$62,970 86
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By mileage and per diem paid.....	\$17,642 10
" miscellaneous orders paid.....	10,624 87
" balance Charity Fund.....\$ 326 20	
" " General Fund.....34,377 69	34,703 89
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	\$62,970 86
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The Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence is a lengthy
 yet most able and exhaustive one, deriving its parentage from M. W.
 Bro. Theodore T. Gurney; it is contained in 251 pages of closely printed

matter; from beginning to end, it exhibits abundant proofs of originality, scholarship, and deep Masonic lore; in short, it is a great task excellently performed, and to be appreciated should be seen and read. Unless our Brother Gurney is a man of leisure, having no particular avocation calling on his time, he must have consumed much "midnight oil" and "wear and tear" of brain to have produced so complete and excellent a work. We could, with advantage to our constituents, direct their attention to many subjects of great interest therein, but space and time will not permit, and we must rest content with noticing his remarks anent Quebec. They are of a nature very acceptable, supporting all our views and proceedings in regard to our misunderstanding with England, whose holding in the question is stated as "absurd" and "unworthy of a serious denial."

Commenting on the recommendation of our Committee on the State of Masonry adopted by Grand Lodge at its meeting in Sherbrooke, wherein it is advised to declare, after due notice, non-intercourse with all lodges and brethren in the Province who will not array themselves beneath our banner and join our register. It thus remarks:—"We hope the Grand Master will act promptly. The Grand Lodges of the Continent will reply "with an Amen—that will carry with it a force gratifying to every intelligent Craftsman of America. Any unnecessary delay in this thing will be certain to create a feeling that the brethren of Quebec are remiss in duty to themselves, and to the Grand Lodges that have so cordially accepted them into the sisterhood of governing bodies of the fraternity. "It is a matter of regret to know that this controversy has become "public. The secular journals of the Province are often the mediums of "recrimination. When the Grand Lodge of *Quebec acts*, and it is found "that it has the co-operation and support of the Grand Lodges of the "Continent, this unnatural contest will soon come to an end."

In earnestly directing the attention of this Grand Lodge and the Craft generally throughout its jurisdiction to the above, we ask will the words be read and forgotten? We trow not! And are fully assured that the action of Grand Lodge at its present session on the subject referred to will be of so decisive a character as to satisfy her sister of Illinois and other Grand Lodges that we intend firmly to uphold the doctrine that every Grand Lodge is sovereign alone in its jurisdiction, admitting no other Foreign power to rule therein. If we have submitted to "things otherwise" heretofore, and for a period of over fourteen years, it was from a feeling of forbearance to our parents in Masonry. This, however, has not been appreciated, and the sword once drawn will not again be sheathed until we receive full and ample satisfaction in the premises.

We desire to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Proceedings of Illinois from our representative at that Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. DeWitt C. Cregier.

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M. W. Bro. John R. Thomas, of Metropolis, is Grand Master, and R. W. Brother L. Munn is Grand Secretary.

Number of lodges, 706; of members residing in the State, 36,614.

KENTUCKY, 1883.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication was held at Louisville on 16th, 17th, and 18th October, 1883, M. W. Garrett D. Buckner, Grand Master, presiding.

His address is a most sensible one. In it he refers with commendable pride to the prosperous condition of the affairs of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, which, since its opening, has received thirty-three widows and three hundred and eighty-one children. He reports its financial condition as "very satisfactory." Its "Endowed Fund" amounts to \$148,149.32. Its income during the preceding year was \$8,993.95.

Reading the above we involuntarily exclaim—"Would that we and every other Grand Lodge could similarly report."

Amongst the other industries of the Home is a printing office, from which is issued the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, gotten up in a very creditable manner, sufficiently well even to satisfy, we think, our Worthy Bro. Chapin, of Wisconsin, who sets himself up as a critic in such matters.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is an admirable one.

Bro. Howard R. French, of Mount Sterling, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Hiram Basset, of Millersburg, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

KANSAS, 1884.

The 28th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for this State, representing more than 200 chartered lodges and over 12,000 brethren, was held on the 20th February, 1884, at Lawrence, Kan. M. W. Bro. Geo. S. Green, Grand Master, presided.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master, and indeed the record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at this meeting, present nothing of special interest to the Craft here, being almost altogether confined to matters of local interest.

Looking through the report on Finance, and the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's reports, we find the receipts of the year figure at \$6,429.00; Total expenditures, \$4,831.04.

We observe a long *black list* of suspensions for non-payment of dues, which, however, is somewhat counterbalanced by the returns of "re-instated."

Report on Foreign Correspondence has been evidently prepared with much labor and care, and is a very able review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

In consequence of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in January, 1884, and that of Kansas in the following month, our latest proceedings had not reached them, but those of the previous year, 1883, are commented on in a very pleasant, friendly spirit.

The remarks and opinions of our P.: G.: M.: Graham, relative to the English question, and on other subjects referred to by that learned and experienced brother, are somewhat extensively quoted and endorsed, and he himself receives a very complimentary notice.

M.: W.: Bro. J. J. Rusk was elected Grand Master; R.: W.: Bro. John H. Brown was elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1884.

The 72nd annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was held in the city of New Orleans on the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th days of February, 1884—James Louis Lobdell, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master proves him to have been a most industrious, pains-taking, and useful chief officer.

Amongst his obituary notices he mentions our deceased P.: G.: Master Wm. B. Simpson, saying of that departed brother whose memory is still green with us, "He was honored as a citizen—as a mason respected—what "better epitaph could be desired?"

From his reference to R.: W.: Bro. James C. Batchelor, M.D., his Grand Secretary, and the representative of this Grand Lodge near Louisiana, we learn with deep regret of the illness of that much respected brother, who was unable to attend to the duties of his office during the communication.

We trust that ere this our R.: W.: Brother, by the blessing of T. G. A. O. T. U., has been fully restored to, and is now enjoying the blessings of good health.

The Grand Master alludes to Brother Batchelor thus:—

"THE GRAND SECRETARY.

"The Grand Lodge unites with me in regret that illness prevents the attendance of our R.: W.: Bro., the Grand Secretary. Many years of diligent service have earned for him our grateful regard, but Dr. "Batchelor has been more than a servant to the Grand Lodge. He has "been its Mentor.

"No one in this country has a profounder knowledge of Masonic principles; no one is better versed in the real history of Masonry than he; "his life has been in his work here; he has devoted himself to it, night "and day, and upon it he has spent the best energies of a frail body, the "best work of a well disciplined mind. Masonry has been really his "life, while he has had control of our Secretary's office. In his present "affliction, the best feelings of the Craft of the State go out toward him "in great volume."

So faithful a servant will receive the sympathies of the Craft throughout the Continent.

It was a service of real pleasure to read the following statement of the Grand Master, and we felicitate the Craft in Louisiana on its prosperity.

"CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

"I have had unusual opportunity for personal inspection of the work of the Fraternity throughout the State during the Masonic year just closed. While it is not in my power to report anything like a prosperous growth in Louisiana Masonry, I am well advised whereof I speak, when I say that the Craft is in most excellent condition. The work done is well done; the material used is generally of admirable character; dissension appears nowhere; the Craft has never been more united; the ritual never more strictly adhered to; and the teachings of the lectures never more generally beneficial."

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

M.: W.: Bro. Jas. L. Lobbell, of Lobbell's P. O., Grand Master.

R.: W.: Bro. J. C. Batchelor, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1884.

Our brethren of this State assembled in Grand Lodge on 6th May, 1884, at Portland, their Grand Master, M.: W.: Bro. Wm. R. G. Estes, occupying the East.

Our sterling friend and representative there, M.: W.: Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, *of course*, was at his post.

The address of the Grand Master announces the gratifying information that harmony and prosperity prevail throughout the jurisdiction.

It reports an invasion by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The facts are: One John Lane, a resident of the State of Maine, and a rejected candidate in a Maine Lodge, while sojourning in Scotland obtained the degrees there contrary to the now almost universally established usages of the Craft—certainly in contravention to those of the State wherein was his abode. The Grand Master directed all Masonic intercourse to be withheld from said Lane.

It condemns strongly the reprehensible practice of advancing candidates to progressive degrees without regard being paid to the "suitable proficiency" which the law requires.

A change of Grand Treasurers having taken place, a summary of the transactions of the office exhibits the following satisfactory statement of funds:—

Amount received from late Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 5,684 93
Amount cash received from May 8, 1883, to May, 1884.	5,656 76
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	\$11,341 69

Expenditure from May, 1883, to May, 1884.....	2,134 82
	<u>\$9,206 87</u>
Balance on hand to credit of Charity Fund.....	1,472 74

A statement of all the funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer is as follows:—

<i>Charity Fund.</i>	
25 shares Canal National Bank.....	\$2,500 00
37 " Casco " "	3,700 00
7 " First " "	700 00
5 " Freeman's " "	500 00
1,000 City of Portland Bonds	1,000 00
Deposited in Maine Savings Bank	1,900 00
" " Portland " "	1,900 00
United States Bond, 4 per cent.....	800 00
Real estate, valued at	4,500 00
	<u>\$17,500 00</u>
Cash on hand.....	1,472 74
	<u>18,972 74</u>
Total amount in Charity Fund	18,972 74
Amount on hand in Grand Lodge Fund.....	9,206 87
	<u>\$28,179 61</u>

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M.: W.: Bro. Josiah H. Drummond. To eulogize it would be "to paint the lily." The ability of that eminent Brother for such work is known through the length and breadth of the land, and wherever Masonry exists; and it now needs only to be said that his report for 1883 is fully equal to any of his previous efforts in that way. We cannot, however, dismiss this matter from the notice of our Grand Lodge without advising every one of its members who desires to be posted on the jurisprudence of Masonry to possess himself with a copy of Bro. Drummond's report.

The Dis. Dep. Grand Masters of the nineteen districts into which the State is divided seem to have been all capable and industrious workers. Their reports shew that the Craft continues to increase throughout the State.

Grand Master is M.: W.: Bro. Wm. R. G. Estes, of Skowhegan.

Grand Secretary is R.: W.: Ira Berry, of Portland.

Number of lodges, 182. Number of members, 19,650.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1883.

The 19th annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Wheeling on 13th November, 1883, M.: W.: Bro. W. H. H. Flick, Grand Master in the East.

From Grand Master's address we learn that 1883 had been to the Craft a prosperous and harmonious year in his jurisdiction. Indeed it would seem exceptionally so, a fraternal feeling and unity of sentiment having prevailed amongst the Craft to a degree never excelled in the Masonic history of West Virginia. Information of such a nature is most acceptable, and it is our hope that so desirable a state of affairs may ever continue.

The Grand Master reports quite a number of his decisions given on various questions, all of which are in accord with law and usage.

A short extract from his observations may be of some good to those in this jurisdiction, "to whom it may concern." Speaking of his District Deputy Grand Masters and their duties, he says:—"The object of their appointment is not only that they may be eyes and ears for the Grand Master, but that they shall report to him what they see and hear. "Heretofore these reports," he continued, "have seemed to me to be too much given to compliments, and too afraid to criticise. Let us have "less fine writing and more cold facts. When it is reported that 'peace "and harmony prevail,' it is important to know whether it is the peace "and harmony of a sluggishness and sleep near akin to death, or peace "and harmony existing in the midst of a live, active, energetic and working membership."

We cannot refrain from noticing the kindly relations existing between M. W. Bro. Flick and his Grand Secretary, Bro. O. S. Long. The former says of the latter:—"I desire especially to acknowledge my many obligations to our noble Grand Secretary. He has been my counsellor and "my friend, my staff and my support." So circumstanced we can understand how agreeably all business bringing these two together must have been transacted, each striving to lighten the labors of the other.

R. W. Bro. S. Stacker Williams, Deputy Grand Master of Ohio and a warm friend of this Grand Lodge, was an honored visitor during the session. We should like to see him within our portals.

Finance Committee having examined the reports of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, report:—

Total receipts.....	\$5,997.79
Expenditure.....	3,942.51*

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Wm. G. Bennett. Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. O. S. Long, Weston Wheeling.

MANITOBA, 1884.

A special meeting of the Grand Lodge of this Province was held at Brandon on the 27th of August, 1884, to lay the corner stone of a building to be used as a Masonic Hall; also to lay the corner stone of the public buildings of the Western Judicial District.

The ninth annual communication was held in the city of Winnipeg on the 13th and 14th February, 1884.

On all the above occasions M. W. Bro. John Headley Bell, Grand Master, presided. His address presents no matter of general interest to the Craft, being confined altogether to local matters, if we except its concluding remarks, which embody sentiments which are apropos to Masonry wherever it exists.

The reports from the District Deputy Grand Master all speak well of present, and hopefully of future, prospects of the Order in "The Great Lone Land."

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, presented a thoroughly business report, giving all the transactions of his office. Owing to the malfeasance of his predecessor this was a somewhat difficult task to accomplish. The Grand Treasurer reports:—

Total receipts.....	\$2,015.89
Expenditure during the past year.....	991.45
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	\$1,024.44

Herbert D. Le Cappelain, late Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, was formally suspended by edict of the Grand Master for un-Masonic conduct and afterwards expelled by Grand Lodge.

Grand Master—Jno. Headley Bell. Grand Secretary—Wm. G. Scott. Winnipeg.

Number of Lodges, 22; of members, 1,092.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1884.

This Grand Lodge holds quarterly communications, at one of which during the past year M. W. Bro. Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, was an honored visitor.

By the perseverance and energy, chiefly of Grand Master Lawrence, the Temple debt, amounting to the sum of one hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars, has been extinguished within the period of three years. The subordinate lodges of the jurisdiction are thereby relieved from a heavy yearly tax. Surely if this very large pecuniary debt has been discharged in so brief a space of time, by the wise action of Grand Master Lawrence, a deeper debt has been incurred from the Craft of Massachusetts to that illustrious brother of a nature which cannot be easily obliterated.

It appears that a good deal of the time and attention of this Grand Lodge has of late been taken up discussing an amendment offered to the constitution declaring what are, and what are not, regular constituted Masonic bodies, and it has resolved "That any Mason who is hereafter admitted in this jurisdiction into any other order as Masonic, whether called the Rite of Memphis, or by any other name, is acting unmaso-

"ically, and for such conduct shall be liable to be expelled from all the "rights and privileges of Masonry, and shall be ineligible to membership "or office in this Grand Lodge."

As the question of so-called higher orders or rites has made but little progress in this jurisdiction, we do not deem it necessary to discuss the subject. We have decided opinions in the matter which, at any rate for the present, for prudential reasons, we prefer keeping to ourselves.

M. W.: Bro. A. H. Howland, Boston, Grand Master.

R. W.: Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA, 1884.

The 31st annual communication was held at St. Paul, 15th Jan., 1884, M. W.: Bro. E. H. Benton, Grand Master, presiding. His address presents a full report of business transacted by him during the year.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the Grand Secretary, R. W.: Bro. Pierson. Quebec receives a fraternal notice.

The Grand Secretary thus reports on Finances:—"When I was elected Grand Secretary there was not a dollar in the possession of the Grand Treasurer; now there is over \$7,000 in the Grand Treasury, and \$1,000 more will be added at the close of the present session."

MISSOURI, 1884.

We have before us quite a large volume, being official proceedings of the 64th Annual Communication of the M. W.: Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of the State of Missouri, held at St. Louis, October 14th, 1884. The Proceedings of G. L. are set forth in eighty pages, and the report on Foreign Correspondence occupies 206 pages, all closely printed matter, besides which there is also about 200 pages of statistics, the whole gotten up superbly.

To properly review all, would be of itself quite a laborious undertaking; yet, we are satisfied from the necessarily hasty glance we have made, one which would amply repay the trouble.

There is an immense amount of most useful Masonic knowledge to be acquired by the careful reading of the whole. All the subjects treated on are handled with great ability and judgment.

The proceedings, however, reached us at so late a period that we could not, with justice to the compiler and writer, or with satisfaction to ourselves, do more than notice in the very brief way we now do, their reception.

Quebec receives but a short notice in comparison with other Grand Lodges, but that of a favorable nature. Statistics give 525 total chartered lodges and two lodges under dispensation.

Initiations during the year 1,603, and a total membership of 25,509.

Grand Master is Robert F. Stevenson, of Kansas city.

Grand Secretary is Rev. John Vincil, D.D., of St. Louis.

MISSISSIPPI, 1884.

At Jackson, Miss., on the 13th February last, 1884, was held the 66th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of that State under the presidency of M.: W.: Bro. P. M. Savery.

The Representative of our Grand Lodge, Bro. R. C. Patty, is not reported as being present.

In the address from the Throne, we learn that out of the 260 lodges on the roll, 232 own their own hall, 20 rent, and the others have no fixed habitation. We think this a very fair showing, and in favorable contrast to matters here; where outside of the city of Quebec no one lodge, we believe, is proprietor of the building wherein it meets.

Grand Secretary reports annual receipts for the last year at..... \$8,428 70
The disbursements of same period are..... 8,291 91

In the outlay is included the sum of \$690 to the Protestant Orphan Asylum at Natchez. We desire to emphasize this with the view of holding it as an example to the Craft here.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is an able, interesting, and business like production. In its allusions to this Grand Lodge it speaks of P. G. Master Graham's address as "a very able argument on the question of independent Grand Lodge Sovereignty," and quotes approvingly his remarks on "Colonial Masonic policy of England."

Bro. Hoary is a vigorous opponent to the higher degree or "orders." We quote one of many of his remarks on the subject:

"We have filed our objections to the increase of secret societies, or at least that Masons should not, as true and loyal devotees to the principles as found and practised under our organizations, unite with and encourage them, as many of them are supposed to have a doubtful origin and are certainly not friendly to the success of our institution. When Masonry itself enters the field to originate new orders and elevate the body of Ancient Craft Masons from the old landmarks into new channels, or multiplies new rites, we think it is the entering wedge to schisms and divisions, and if followed up will end disastrously to our time honored Craft."

A brief addenda to the printed proceedings of the G. L. of Mississippi conveys the melancholy intelligence of the death of the writer of the above and says of him, "The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found on his lips, he walketh with me in peace and equity." The departure of such an one from our midst is indeed a loss deeply to be deplored, and will be regretted through the length and breadth of the continent.

Robert C. Patty, of Macon, Grand Master; J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA, 1884.

Before us we have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at a special meeting held at Cedar Rapids May 7th, 1884, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a fire proof building for the Grand Lodge Library; also proceedings of same at its 41st annual communication on 3rd of June, 1884, George B. Van Saun M.: W.: Grand Master, presiding. The whole contained in a volume gotten up with exquisite taste and style unsurpassed, a model to be copied and followed in similar undertakings. Our representative Past Grand Master, E. A. Guilbert, is reported as being present at the regular communication.

The address of the M.: W.: the Grand Master gives convincing proof that he has been most assuredly a working, practical Mason. He says, "I have held during the Masonic year two hundred and sixty-one sessions for instruction at seventy-five different lodges, having travelled nearly sixteen thousand miles, and have been absent from home in the discharge of these duties two hundred and two working days, besides giving instruction to many individual brethren at sundry places." Again "during my journeyings from place to place I have called upon many brothers old and infirm whose weary feet have come very near the end of their toilsome pilgrimage," &c., &c. Such a record is most creditable and can scarcely be surpassed; it is quite in place, and fit, and proper for Grand Masters to discourse eloquently on the various questions coming before them, but commend us to one who labors as industriously and zealously as M.: W.: Bro. Van Saun.

R.: Wor.: Bro. Parvin Grand Secretary's report exhibits the work of his office, and contains useful suggestions to facilitate its labors.

The Grand Librarian reports the corner stone of a fire proof building for the library was laid with imposing civic, religious, and Masonic ceremonies, &c., &c.

Oh, brethren of Quebec, when shall we be able to make such an announcement? Is our almost utter indifference to a library ever to continue?

Grand Treasurer gives amount of total receipts for the year at \$28,747.46; and disbursements, \$26,955.65. In the latter is included an item of *twelve thousand dollars paid library building committee.*

The report on Foreign correspondence is from the pen of R. W. Grand Secretary Parvin. It is a lengthy and able production, evidencing much care, thought and ability in its composition, and tending to enlighten. Bro. Parvin has had much experience in such labor, and the Craft benefits thereby. In his introductory remarks he observes "it is just forty-six years since we, a young man of twenty-seven, and a Mason of only six years presented our first "report on correspondence" and modestly "took a back seat" among the Gamaliels of that day."

Quebec receives a two page notice, speaking of the English lodges in this jurisdiction, he fittingly and rightly designates them as "plagues to torment."

Referring to a certain case of grievance which was laid before this Grand Lodge, his remarks are pertinent and to the point. This is his narration, with his observations anent the same. We direct attention thereto of all concerned:—

"A curious case of grievance came before the Grand Lodge. A non-affiliated 'brother had been invited to the annual ball of one of the lodges by the ball committee. On presenting himself, together with the ladies of his family, he was not allowed to enter by the Worshipful Master of the lodge, on the ground that he was a non-affiliated Mason.' Verily, we had supposed that the jurisdiction of a Worshipful Master was confined to his lodge. We were not aware before that in his capacity as Master he presided over the ball-room, and determined for himself who should enter and who should be excluded. We would like to ask him this question: Were the ladies who entered the ball-room affiliated Masons, or do the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Quebec grant rights and privileges to those who never were or never can become Masons, which they withhold, in their superior wisdom, from those who were and are Masons, though not a member of the lodge in that jurisdiction?"

There is much in the report we should like to transcribe for the benefit of the Craft here, but time will not permit.

Charles T. Granger is Grand Master.

T. S. Parvin, of Iowa City, is Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1884.

The 195th stated communication of above named Grand Lodge was held at Baltimore on 2nd May, 1884, having met semi-annually for ninety-seven and a half years.

Bro. John S. Tyson being M. W.: Grand Master and R. W.: J. H. Mediaty being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master is our representative. His address is brief, unusually so for a Grand Master. He states "he has been called upon to decide a number of questions of Masonic law, but few of any novel character or special interest."

Grand Secretary reports receipts from all resources,....\$10,958.65
Expenditure as per statement of Treasurer 10,339.57

From November 1883 to April 1884, this latter month inclusive, \$603.68 were expended in relief.

The library does not appear to be in a flourishing position, and it is recommended either that Grand Lodge will take such action as will

place it on an equal footing with those of other jurisdictions or close it up permanently.

The report on foreign correspondence is from Bro. Wm. J. Wroth as *locum tenens* of Bro. Dr. Gorgas, who owing to severe domestic affliction, was prevented from filling the task. Bro. Wroth apologizes for any defects, having had but ten days allowed him to prepare his report. His work, however, has been well done, wonderfully so, considering the short time allowed.

NEBRASKA, 1884.

The 27th Annual Meeting of this Grand body took place at Lincoln on the 24th and 25th days of June, 1884, under the presidency of the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Samuel W. Hayes.

From his address we learn that the Craft, within the State wherein it is located, is in a very thriving state; that a very fair amount of work has been performed during the year. His concluding remarks demonstrate the satisfaction invariably experienced by a faithful workman on the completion of his labors; we transcribe with pleasure:

"Permit me a retrospect for a moment, and I have done. The first connection I had with Masonry in this jurisdiction was in July, 1866, when I received a dispensation from the hands of the then Grand Master, Furnas, for a lodge at Fremont. Since that time, with but two or three exceptions, I have been present at every session of this Grand Lodge. During all these years the pleasure I received from being able to assist in building up the interests of the Craft in our young and growing State has been ample reward. And now, having been placed by the partiality of my brethren in the highest position known to Masonry, if I have achieved any good—if, during the past year, by good advice and wholesome counsel, an erring brother has been induced to forsake his error—if, by any means, our lodges have been reminded of their duty and been strengthened and encouraged in their efforts to correct the faults and failings which are too common to us all—if, through any influence of mine, the standard of Masonry has been advanced toward the high position to which its pure principles entitle it, I shall be there with content."

For whate'er of good we do,
It is but duty done;
If a sorrow we've lightened,
Or a tear wiped away—
If of poverty's load
We have taken a share
From some weary and desolate soul—
If we've lifted the cup of cold water
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Then in so much
 We've done as the Master commanded,
 And may hope,
 When life's journey is ended,
 That charity's pure sunlight
 Will guide us
 To mansions of rest and refreshment
 In the Grand Lodge above.

That our brethren in Nebraska understand and practice one of our cardinal virtues "Charity" is well exemplified by their prompt and liberal response to the appeal made to them to assist the Ohio Valley flood sufferers. The sum of \$2,079.00 was the response to the appeal made to them, and yet there are those who pretend to think that our Fraternity is doing comparatively nothing in the way of benevolence.

We find from Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer's report that the financial position of their Grand Lodge is thus—

Balance from last year	\$8,886.40
Amount received during the year	7,250.27
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	\$16,136.67
Expenditure	4,262.61
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	\$11,874.06

It is noted in the proceedings that a lady, Mrs. Edwin Davis, of Omaha, presented to the Grand Lodge a portrait of M.: W.: Robert C. Jordan, 33, the first Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, the oil painting being from her own studio. We introduce this incident in our report as an evidence of the good-will entertained by American ladies to our Institution, and as an example which might be followed with credit, by many of that sex in Canada.

The Grand Orator, W.: Bro. Benjamin S. Baker, delivered an oration which ranks high in the order of Masonic literature. We wish we could produce it in this report in full, so that our brethren here would derive the benefit it imparts to such as are fortunate enough to peruse it.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held on the day preceding the regular meeting for the purpose of dedicating the hall of a new Masonic Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska. An oration on the occasion was delivered by Grand Orator, Bro. John M. Thurston, Omaha. We much wish we could transcribe this also into our pages, as it is an admirable one, most suitable for the occasion, and displaying much research and Masonic lore. Space however will not admit.

A similar ceremony was performed at Lincoln, on 15th July, 1884, in the work of laying, by Grand Lodge, of the corner-stone of the Capitol of Nebraska. On the occasion M.: W.: Bro. Robert W. Furnas delivered

the address, which will compare favorably with the two above referred to.

No report given on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W.: Bro. John J. Whemple, of Hastings, is Grand Master.

R. W.: Bro. Wm. R. Bowen, of Omaha, is Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1884.

The 95th annual communication was held in the city of Concord on 21st May, 1884—John Francis Webster, Grand Master, presiding. His address is a clear and concise *resumé* of his proceedings and decisions as G. M.:

The Dis. Dep. Grand Masters present very encouraging reports, justifying the Committee to whom they were referred to congratulate the brethren on the present prosperity and prospects of future usefulness of the Masonic Institution within their grand jurisdiction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. A. S. Wait; it is an able review of the proceedings of fifty-three Sister Grand Lodges, Quebec receiving quite an extended notice. Referring to our trouble with England it remarks: "Though firm and decided in the assertion of the rightful exclusive Sovereignty of his Grand Lodge throughout the Province of Quebec, the Grand Master's treatment of the subject is eminently temperate and conciliatory throughout, and such as cannot fail to command the sympathy and fraternal respect of the great body of the Craft."

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1884.

The annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of St. John, on 22nd April, 1884, M. W.: Grand Master Wm. T. Bunting on the Throne. His address, *inter alia*, refers with appropriate remarks, to the dead from our midst of the past year in his own and other jurisdictions—alludes to the destruction and damage by fire of Masonic Halls in London, England, and New York city—reports his official acts during the year, gives decisions rendered by him, promulgates an order that all the ordinary business of the lodges shall be transacted in the E. A. degree, and announces that in this he has the support of the Grand Secretaries of England, Ireland and Canada; states that an appeal against this ruling has been lodged, which appeal, however, he disallowed for the reason that there is no provision in the Constitution of his Grand Lodge, and any other to his knowledge, authorizing, or even hinting at the right to appeal against the ruling of the Grand Master, and advises that the question should be brought before Grand Lodge in some other shape, in order that an opinion thereon may be pronounced; bespeaks for Fair and Bazaar, then shortly about to be held, and for the celebration of the Centennial of the introduction of Freemasonry into New Brunswick; the best energies

of the lodges and brethren of the Province, and congratulates his brethren on the completion of the hall in which their meeting was held.

The Grand Secretary's report gives in detail much of the work of his office, together with a statement of monies received by him during the past year.

The Grand Treasurer's report shews:—

Balance from previous year.....	\$245.15
Receipts during the last past year.....	1,227.52
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Expenditure.....	\$1,472.67
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Leaving balance	\$259.53

NEW JERSEY, 1884.

This Grand Lodge met in annual communication (97th) in the city of Trenton on 23rd and 24th January, 1884.

M. W. and Revd. Henry Vehslage, Grand Master, in the East. His address presents nothing of general interest to the Craft outside his jurisdiction beyond the fact that within it, with a few exceptions, the returns of the year afford reasons for congratulation and encouragement.

We have perused with pleasure and profit the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and are much gratified at the extensive notice of Quebec, and of the complimentary terms in which it alludes to our P. G. M. Graham. It thus passes judgment on the stand England has taken with us:—"The attitude which the Grand Lodge of England maintains towards the Masonic world in the matter of Grand Lodge Sovereignty and cognate questions is indefensible; in plain English it is unfraternal. The time has come when she should be met by arguments calculated to induce her to pause and consider."

Committee on Finance report:—

Amount in Treasury, 1883.....	\$ 5,793.12
" received during the year by Grand Secretary	8,917.68
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Expenditure for the year	\$14,710.80
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	5,673.93

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1882.

The 4th annual communication was held at Sydney—four quarterly sessions were held during the year—the Grand Master, J. S. Farnell, on each occasion presiding.

At the annual meeting the Grand officers-elect were duly installed, and a sumptuous banquet followed.

M. W. Bro. Farnell was elected Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Nicholas Weeks was elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1884.

The transactions of the Grand Lodge of the Empire State, at its 103rd annual communication held in the city of New York, on the 3rd, 4th and 5th June, 1884, under the presidency of M.: W.: Grand Master J. Edward Simmons, are with us; we have perused them with great interest.

The address of the Grand Master is at once practical and replete with excellent ideas, suggestions, and advice, its inductive remarks convey the gratifying intelligence that the greatest degree of quietude has prevailed during his administration in the Craft. May it ever continue so, say we, and may no foreign elements, encouraging discord and contentions, ever find way to destroy fraternal love and courtesy amongst the brethren of New York. So mote it be!

His remarks on "New Lodges" are so *apropos* to this jurisdiction that we venture to transfer them to this report. He says, "Several applications have been received for dispensations for the formation of new lodges. I have in all cases refused to grant such dispensations, believing that we already have as many lodges in the State as are necessary, and in many portions of the State the territory is more than fully covered. The fact of an actual necessity for a new lodge, and that the interests of the entire Craft will be best subserved by its establishment, should be clearly demonstrated before any dispensation is granted. While certain advantages may accrue to a few by the establishment of a lodge 'near home,' we must be governed in our judgment by the welfare of the many, and never lose sight of the fact that one prosperous lodge is better than two whose life is sustained only by constant struggle, the tendency of which is to dampen the ardor of brethren by creating burdens which a few are sometimes obliged to carry to save the lodge from serious embarrassment. In the City of New York it is conceded that many of our lodges are unable to meet their current expenses, and the reason assigned for this unfortunate condition is that the available material is not sufficient to properly sustain the number of lodges that now occupy the territory. If this be so, the granting of a new warrant would be manifestly detrimental to the lodges to whom the territory has already been ceded, and which they ought not to release, as it would deprive them of the material upon which their maintenance largely depends. Encouragement should be given to those desiring new affiliations to resuscitate and build up impecunious lodges, and I sincerely hope this policy will prevail in the future, and that, for many years to come, the number of lodges in the city of New York will not be increased."

On the subject of "Charity," one of so all pervading an interest with our fraternity he thus discourses, and we desire to call attention of all concerned to the remarks: "The Board of Relief of the City of New York, organized under the authority of this Grand Lodge, has performed an

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“open public work in which every member of the Craft should have an active interest. It is not organized for the purpose of extending pecuniary aid to persons having special claims upon our City Lodges, but is intended as almoner of such Lodges to sojourners who are temporarily in want of assistance. The contributions for the support of the Board are voluntarily made, and proceed from less than one-third of the whole number of lodges in the City. When we consider the vast good that has been accomplished by a wise expenditure of the comparatively small sum of money that has come into possession of the Board, we must conclude that the contributing lodges are well repaid for their liberality. One of the best results of the labors of the Board, a result that has caused general satisfaction, is the almost total absence of applicants for relief at the lodge doors. Previous to the organization of the Board our lodges were frequently annoyed by persons begging from door to door. This was particularly noticeable in the Temple. The work of the Lodges was interrupted and impeded by the necessity of examining these applicants, and their funds depleted by the bestowal of pecuniary aid and in many cases of questionable right. These examinations were necessarily superficial, owing to lack of time, often of inclination, to make them complete. The existence of the Board and its willingness to take upon itself the burden of investigation and assistance has relieved the lodges of the necessity and duty clearly imposed upon them by the nature of the Masonic obligations.”

The above observations will be found especially applicable to the similar state of affairs which prevails in our large cities, and will be, we doubt not, endorsed by our esteemed Chairman of Charitable Committee W. Bro. Joseph Martin and others indefatigable in the arduous, and at times unpleasant, work of rightly distributing the charity of our fraternity.

The Report from the Grand Librarian, Brother Herman G. Carter, shows him to be evidently “the right man in the right place.” He has devoted two or three evenings each week during the year to the duties of his office, classifying, arranging, and having bound, numerous Masonic magazines and periodicals, and so having properly bound, lettered and added to the library THREE HUNDRED AND TEN VOLUMES of magazines and proceedings of the various Grand bodies.

We commend to the Craft generally in the Province of Quebec the following remarks of Bro. Carter, and ask for them the consideration they deserve, with the earnest hope that they will excite and arouse a greater feeling and desire for a Grand Lodge Library to be possessed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

“Masonry has ever been a patron of knowledge, and has deemed it not only a duty but a privilege to foster the liberal arts and sciences; and, as the handmaid of the Divine Teacher, has ever taught men to believe in the immortal doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood

"of Man." We claim that our order is "ancient and honorable;" and if we are proud of its past history, it certainly behooves its votaries to make use of all honorable means attainable to make sure that our society, which has stood the test of time, shall move forward in the future in all things which tend to the improvement and advancement of our brotherhood.

"The history of Masonry proves that its votaries have ever been the promoters of progress and improvement, and that the human race has received and derived great benefit from the existence of our order. No organization which history records can lay claim to preserve the rights of the individual as does our institution.

"As the roots of a thrifty tree stretch out into the earth as widely as do its branches into the air, and so come into relation with their surroundings, so does Masonry interlace with and takes its form and pressure, its growth and bent, from contemporaneous matters. The need of Masonic books, to obtain a comprehensive knowledge of the origin and progress pertaining to our institution, and to learn of its growth and development make apparent the necessity for the collection of Grand Lodge Libraries, that members of our order can look into the medium of the printed page, which the authors and writers of the past and present, making history, leave to the fraternity for each generation."

"That place that does

Contain my books, the best companion is,
To me a glorious court, where hourly I
Converse with the old sages and philosophers."

Grand Secretary reports <i>inter alia</i> that he has received during the year the large sum of.....	\$85,511 43
Also for interest on deposits.....	128 07

Giving a total for the year's increase of.....\$85,639 50 which large amounts seem by the Grand Treasurer's Report to have been expended, the Hall and Asylum Fund for fees and taxes absorbing \$45,794.50.

In the list of Masonic Magazines and Periodicals, we observe one which we mightily covet, "The Canadian Masonic Pioneer," not on account of any intrinsic value pertaining thereto, or that it contains any wonderful amount of talent, but it was the writer's first and only effort in Masonic literature.

The Grand Secretary's report exhibits a large amount of work performed by that officer in the execution of his duties during the past year.

The report of the Board of Relief is very interesting, exhibiting a distribution of \$1,723.81 during the year.

The particulars of some of the expenditures are given, showing to whom, and under what circumstances, relief and assistance was granted. They lay bare terrible scenes of want and suffering, but too common amongst those who belong to us living in large cities.

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With the view to keep awakened and in operation the "blessed charity" of our Quebec brethren, we give them one of several cases which fell under the notice and operation of our New York city brethren :—

"One Saturday evening, August 4th last, two women appeared before the Board, and stated that Mrs. Mary J. Marquis, an aged lady, was lying very sick at No. 29 Second street, and that she had no medical attendance. They presented a certificate dated April 4, 1817, to the effect that Elijah Marquis was a mason in good standing, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. A committee was at once appointed with full power to wait upon the venerable lady and relieve her necessities, should their investigations warrant it. They called on her the day following, found Mrs. Marquis dead, the public dead-wagon in front of the door, and the officials about to deposit the remains in a rough box for removal to the 'Potter's Field.' The dead-wagon was at once discharged, and the brethren proceeded to the task of arranging for and giving the widow of a mason a proper and decent burial. An examination of the apartments of Mrs. Marquis and her widowed daughter discovered a place miserable in the extreme. The entrance was through a tortuous hall-way, in and out of filthy passages and rooms occupied by human beings in the depths of poverty and degradation. The room in which the deceased was found lying, in the rear of the tenement, was about ten feet square, and its entire furniture consisted of two chairs, a table nailed to the wall, a broken stove and three trunks, not a bed, no crockery, nothing to cover the rough dirty floor, and not a thing to disprove the thought that starvation was the immediate cause of death. Poor, uncouth, partially-clad and (possibly) depraved women were huddled together, stricken dumb in the presence of the dead. In this tumble-down rookery, a disgrace to this wealthy city, and a monument of shame to the owner, lived and died a woman who a few years before had occupied a high social station, and who had been the possessor of sufficient means to secure comforts and even luxuries. Through the energy of the Board, backed by the liberality of our lodges, this poor unfortunate woman, the widow of a mason, dead more than forty years, was given decent burial in the plot of the Board of Relief at Cypress Hills Cemetery. Through their instrumentality, the Church of the Stranger was opened, and appropriate funeral services was rendered."

What a terrible scene !! and yet the like exists in our midst, and by the ministrations of our Charitable Committees we trust they are alleviated to a greater or less degree, and just here, with the above fresh to our notice, we ask our brethren to double, treble, or quadruple, if need be, their contributions to all the charities in connection with our Grand Lodge and order generally.

In the table given, shewing the location of lodges from which applicants for relief hailed, we are pleased to observe that only thirteen

are from our Dominion, viz.: eleven from Ontario and two from Nova Scotia were applicants for, and recipients of the charity.

An interesting incident reported in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge is the presentation to Grand Lodge of an exquisite oil painting by R. W.: Frederic W. Herring of M.: W.: Bro. J. Edward Simmons.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the several districts, with the sole exception of the German district, show that prosperity, peace, and harmony, prevail throughout the whole State. We desire to express the hope that our German brethren will at once, and in the future so order things that they be no longer an exception to so desirable a general rule.

We are pleased to learn that the lodges in the district (fifteenth) adjacent to part of our own territory partake of the general prosperity. The writer of this report has had pleasant and courteous correspondence with R. W.: Bro. Emerson J. Lord on Masonic subjects, and is satisfied that with prudent overseers of the work, such as he is, nothing will transpire to interrupt the good feeling so happily existing between New York and Quebec.

The report on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of 44 sister Grand Lodges of the Union, 6 from the Dominion of Canada, and 17 from other Foreign Grand Lodges.

Quebec does not appear in the above list, and we are at a loss to understand why; for most assuredly our proceedings were duly mailed in February last to the address of R. W.: Edward M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary. We can only suppose that by some means they miscarried, which we trust will not occur again, as we desire the opinion and judgment of our big sister of New York on our acts and deeds.

The Committee preparing the report was composed of Bros. John W. Simons, Jesse B. Anthony, and M. Pinner (the first-named well known and highly esteemed here). Their efforts have produced a work deserving all commendation, it covers 124 pages, and bears unmistakable evidence of great labor and ability.

To those interested in Masonry, in its proceedings, in its laws as generally applicable to the Craft, it is most invaluable, and will so be esteemed by all who having the opportunity will carefully "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the same.

Grand Master Elect, Wm. A. Brodie; Grand Secretary, Edward M. L. Ehlers.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1884.

This Grand Lodge had its 97th annual communication on 8th January, 1884, under the presidency of its M.: W.: Grand Master, Robert Bingham.

In his address amongst other matters he reports two legacies (one by a lady supposed to be from \$1,200 to \$1,500) made to his Grand Lodge. Our object in chronicling this is, in the hope that some of our brethren, as

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well as some of their lady friends, possessing the means, will not forget the G. L. of Q., when executing their last will and testament. It would be difficult to find a more worthy recipient and trustee of their charity.

The Grand Master gives an interesting report upon the Orphan Asylum, which has become of great benefit to the State. Over twelve thousand dollars have been expended in its maintenance; the number of its inmates is 125.

Grand Treasurer reports finances as follows:—

Balance on hand from last report.....	\$ 48 96
Received during the past Masonic year.....	3,411 25
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Amount expended during past year.....	\$3,460 21
	3,509 55

Statistics—Initiated, 340; passed, 303; raised, 312. Total members, 4,594.

Robert Bingham, Grand Master.

Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1884.

M.: W.: Major-Gen. J. W. Laurie, Grand Master, ruled the Grand Lodge of this Province at its 19th annual communication, which was held, commencing 14th June, 1884, at Freemason's Hall, in the city of Halifax.

Our esteemed Grand Representative, according to his custom, was present "on duty."

The annual address from the Throne shows most plainly that Nova Scotia has a most capable Grand Master as well as a very hard-working, industrious one, the recapitulation which he gives of his works during the past year will bear out our assertion.

From a remark of the M.: W.: Grand Master to the effect that he always makes it a point to call on the Grand Master and Grand Secretary at headquarters of any jurisdiction he visits when travelling, we conclude that Montreal has not during his term of office been honored by his presence, inasmuch as our Grand Secretary has not had the pleasure of tendering him a welcome.

The report of the Grand Secretary is to the point on all its references; he rightly administers a scathing rebuke to delinquent secretaries of six subordinate lodges. More power to his pen on such occasions say we.

We have a grateful recollection of the kindness, courtesy and hospitality of our R.: W.: Bro. Curren, experienced some years ago during a short visit we made to Halifax, and we feel that he would not administer the rod only when the culprits richly deserved it.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows

Receipts for the year at.....	\$4,700 89	
A balance from previous year.....	724 34	
		\$5,425 23
And expenditure.....		4,930 43
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Leaving a balance.....		\$ 494 80

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Officers prove much diligence in the discharge of the responsible duties of their several offices, they seem faithfully to have commended the good, and censured the careless workers. That is how it should be.

The report on Foreign Correspondence ably reviews the proceedings of 51 Grand lodges.

Quebec receives quite an extended, and to her a most acceptable, notice; in it we are assured of sympathy and support in our controversy with England.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

NEVADA, 1884.

This Grand Lodge held its 20th annual communication in the city of Virginia on the 10th and 11th June, 1884, M. W. Grand Master Andrew Nicholls, presiding:—

The address of the G. M. is very concise, merely welcoming his hearers, and narrating his official acts.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer's reports are also very brief.

Total assets.....	\$3,747 00
“ Expenditure of the year.....	2,472 00
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	\$1,275 00

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. John D. Hammond, furnished the report on Foreign correspondence, which embraces a review of fifty-four sister Grand Lodges, Quebec being in that number.

M. W. Bro. David E. Bailey of Eureka, Nev., is Grand Master, and John D. Hammond, of Carson, Nev., continues as Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1884.

The 9th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was held at Masonic Hall on Tuesday, 24th June, 1884, M. W. Bro. John Yeo, Grand Master, on the Throne.

But little business seems to have been transacted, and representatives from but seven lodges, were present; in fact, the meeting appears to have been but very sparsely attended.

That portion of the address of the Grand Master, gives the explanation perhaps of this apparent event of interest, which says, “during the past

"year nothing of special importance affecting the Craft in this Province has taken place."

The Grand Secretary announced that he had decided to give up his office; R. W. Bro. B. Wilson Higgs, a former Grand Secretary, we believe, was elected in his stead.

M. W. Bro. Yeo, was re-elected as Grand Master.

OREGON, 1885.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon A. F. and A. M. held its 34th annual assemblage in the city of Portland, on Tuesday, 10th June, 1885. Grand Master W. T. Wright presiding.

The Grand Master in excusing himself from visiting so largely as he desired, says he is convinced a Grand Master should not be a *business man*, but a well informed brother of practical leisure, who can devote a large amount of time and attention to the interests of the Craft, and not be hampered by cases of an official or personal character. With this opinion we fully concur, but the trouble is, to find just the man desired.

He recommends the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, which advice is followed.

He refers to an infringement of jurisdiction by our sister Grand Lodge of Canada, one of whose subordinate lodges in the initiation of a resident in Oregon acted wrongly, for which it has been censured, and regret expressed by the G. L. of C.

The receipts of the year were	\$5,758.76
Disbursements	5,651.75
Total estimated value of all resources	64,301.47

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. S. F. Chadwick, and is very exhaustive on the various subjects it touches upon.

We find in it no review, however, of Quebec.

Grand Master, D. P. Mason; Grand Secretary, F. J. Babcock.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1884.

From this far off country, we have a circular letter from members of the Craft asking recognition at our hands—subsequently a somewhat lengthy pamphlet reached us giving a particular account of the formation of a Grand Lodge there.

Without venturing to guide Grand Lodge at the present time we will lay before our brethren a brief state of affairs as presented, with our own opinion in the matter.

At Adelaide, in July 1884, was held the first meeting, having in view the formation of a Grand Lodge; of the 123 brethren who attended, 108 pledged themselves to aid in the work.

On the 16th of April, 1884, a convention of delegates from twenty-eight lodges assembled for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge—all the forms and ceremonies usual on such occasions seem to have been followed, and the following-named Grand Officers were elected and installed:

Bro. The Hon. Chief Justice T. J. Way, Grand Master.

Bro. H. J. Cunningham, Grand Secretary.

Following the Installation came a banquet, the number present thereat being reported at 450.

From the pamphlet, we learn that in the province at the time of the above procedure there were twenty English, six Scotch, and seven Irish lodges; of these all but one of the English, all the Scotch, and all the Irish but two, joined the movement, declaring allegiance to the New Grand Lodge.

In view of the above, we cannot but think that the Grand Lodge of Australia has been regularly and constitutionally formed, and is entitled to a recognition by all sister Grand Lodges.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1884.

At the city of Charleston, on the 9th and 10th days of December, Anno Lucis 5854, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this State was held, M.: Wor.: Bro. W. W. Humphreys presiding in the Grand East. By the industry and energy of our esteemed friend, R.: Wor. Bro. Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary, its proceedings are before us, gotten up in good shape and form. By them we learn with great regret of the decease of Past Grand Master James Conner, a brother whose acquaintance we had the good fortune to make a few years ago. We observe that his widow, Mrs. Sallie E. Conner, presented to Grand Lodge, to be deposited in its archives, a handsomely bound volume of the various memorial tributes, addresses and resolutions offered to the memory of her distinguished husband, a gift which, by the manner of its reception, proved to be most acceptable. We shall esteem it a great favor if R.: Wor.: Bro. Inglesby will procure and forward a copy to be placed in the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's address relates chiefly to matters of a local interest, and gives a succinct account of his official acts.

The report of the Masonic Board of Relief shews that only twelve applications for aid were made during the year; of these two, were impostors.

From the reports of the several District Dep. Grand Masters we learn that the Craft in the Jurisdiction is not in so flourishing a state as could be wished, yet as there is abundant evidence to shew that "peace and harmony prevail," it is to be hoped that the apparent lethargy will soon be terminated.

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As the subject of "Life Membership" in the Craft is one of considerable interest in this province, we give for the information of "whom it may concern" a query submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence and their decision. It was thus put—

"I am a P. M. and a life member of both Lodge No. 34 and Lodge No. 132. I expect in a few days to remove my residence to Walhalla, S.C., and will probably wish to become a member of the lodge at that place. I do not wish to give up my life membership which I held before the law, forbidding dual membership, was enacted, and do not think that said law should apply to life members as they pay no dues. Does the law so apply?"

The Committee reply—"As to the question they recommend that it be answered 'No.' Dual membership is forbidden by the Grand Lodge Constitution, and your Committee are of opinion that the fact of membership in one lodge being for life, with no dues, makes no difference.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is the clever and able production of the Grand Secretary. We extract therefrom the following as being of especial interest here:

Reviewing "Canada," he says: "Under the head 'Invasion of Territory,' the Grand Master reports that Lodge No. 440, located at Montreal, but upon the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, had initiated a resident of the City of Toronto, who had been rejected by a Lodge there—and the Grand Master encloses a correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England on the subject. It is almost needless to say that the correspondence terminates unsatisfactorily, because it is well known that the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland and Scotland do not hold the American Doctrine of Grand Lodge Jurisdiction. The very fact that England continues on her Registry three Lodges in Montreal, despite the earnest and oft repeated remonstrances of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, shows that there is little hope of our American Doctrine being acquiesced in by the Grand Lodge of England. We think that the Grand Lodges in the United States have pretty generally ceased to remonstrate with those Lodges across the water on this subject—satisfying themselves with a refusal to recognize or hold Masonic communication with Masons or Lodges on this Continent, made or held in derogation of the American Doctrine. This is as far as we think it wise to go, and it is practically the conclusion of the Board of General Purposes, in their report on this portion of the Grand Master's address."

On the same subject, in noticing "Quebec," he observes: "Under the title, 'Relations with England,' the Grand Master very clearly, ably and at length states the grievance under which the Grand Lodge of Quebec suffers, to wit: the presence in her jurisdiction of three Lodges which are kept upon the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, and,

" therefore, are independent of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. These English Lodges accept the rejected material from the Quebec Lodges, and are a very great annoyance and anxiety to the lawfully constituted Grand Lodge of the Province. Ever since 1872 the strongest efforts to induce these Lodges to surrender their English warrants have been unsuccessfully made, and in spite of every argument and entreaty that could be addressed to it, the Grand Lodge of England has refused to recall the charters or force the three Lodges to yield their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. In conclusion of his address, the Grand Master says the time for action has now arrived, and he refers the matter to the Grand Lodge."

J. Adger Smyth, Charleston, Grand Master.

Charles Inglesby, Charleston, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, 1883.

The special communication of this Grand Lodge took place during the year in the city of Houston, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Court House there.

The forty-eighth annual communication was held also at Houston on 11th December, 1883, Deputy Grand Master, Wm. H. Nicholls, presiding, in the absence of M. W. Bro. Charles Stewart, Grand Master, who was prevented by an imperative duty elsewhere from being present.

The address of the Grand Master was presented; it is an able one, covering many questions of local interest.

The Deputy Grand Master also delivered an address enumerating his official acts, which he fitly concluded, giving the Golden Rule, beautifully amplified in an old Indian manuscript, as follows:—

"Happy is the man who hath sown in his breast the seed of benevolence; the produce thereof shall be charity and love.

"From the fountain of his heart shall rise rivers of goodness, and the streams shall overflow for the benefit of mankind.

"He assisteth the poor in their troubles; he rejoiceth in furthering the prosperity of all men.

"He censureth not his neighbor; he believeth not their tales of envy and malevolence, neither repeateth their slanders.

"He forgiveth the injuries of men, he wipeth them from his remembrance; revenge and malice have no place in his heart.

"For evil, he returneth not evil; he hateth not even his enemies, but requiteth their injustice with friendly admonition.

"The griefs and anxieties of men excite his compassion; he endeavoreth to alleviate the weight of their misfortunes, and the pleasure of success rewardeth his labor.

"He calmeth the fury; he healeth the quarrels of angry men, and preventeth the mischief of strife and animosity.

"He promoteth in his neighborhood peace and good will, and his name is repeateth with praise and benediction."

We observe that during the session of Grand Lodge, a Lodge of Sorrow was held in memory of the dead who had departed this life during the past Masonic year. We cannot but commend such a proceeding; it is most laudable, and we hope the Grand Lodge of Quebec will adopt a like course in the future.

The Grand Lodge of Victoria, New South Wales, on recommendation of Committee on Foreign Correspondence was recognized.

Receipts and disbursements for the year give the following figures from Grand Treasurer's Report:—

Received from Grand Secretary.....	\$12,166 59
From Superintendent of Temple.....	1,855 00
From other sources.....	3,608 12
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	\$17,629 71
Disbursed as per vouchers.....	15,405 53

We also find Grand Treasurer has received for the Charity Fund \$1,719.80; has on hand for the Orphan Fund, \$191.66.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. J. R. P. Gillaspie, for the Committee, it is replete with much useful information, the selections of interesting matter from the proceedings of other Grand Lodges being very judicious.

Quebec is favored with a brief notice.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

UTAH, 1884.

The 13th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Utah was held on 15th January, 1884, in the city of Salt Lake. M. W. Bro. Philip H. Emerson, Grand Master, in the chair.

The address from the Grand Master pays a well deserved compliment to Bro. Diehl, the Grand Secretary, from whom has emanated all the reports from Utah on Foreign Correspondence. He says of him, and truly:—"His work is performed with such admirable skill and judgment that you will not find it 'dry reading.'"

The special report of the Committee on Correspondence is averse to Colonial Grand Lodges when formed, demanding a surrender of all charters held under other Grand Lodges, alleging that the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland protect their children, and have different ideas from those prevailing on this Continent concerning the formation of Grand Lodges. If Bro. Diehl, who, we presume, is the writer of

the report, had the bitter experience we in Quebec have, of not demanding such surrender, he would think otherwise. A delay of so doing for fifteen years in this Province has been productive of more ill-will and contention in the Fraternity during that time, than our good Brother can conceive; and to-day, three Lodges here under English jurisdiction foment discord, encouraged by the authorities abroad.

The "best wishes" of the Committee are with the Grand Lodge of Victoria, New South Wales; yet it does not advise the recognition. If that Grand Lodge is not justly formed, why should it receive "the best wishes?" In that case it should be condemned. To encourage illegality with "best wishes" seems somewhat inconsistent.

Grand Treasurer's report shows balance on hand.. \$1,814.40
 Grand Secretary's financial statement gives annual receipts at..... 1,479.00

Bro. Diehl gives the report on Foreign Correspondence which we have already noticed. We may remark, however, that he gratefully acknowledges the services of Utah's representative with us—our esteemed R.: W.: Bro. T. Leet, who is always found faithful to his duties.

VERMONT, 1884.

Our brothers, neighbors and very dear friends, met together in Grand Lodge at the city of Burlington, on the 11th and 12th days of June, 1884, M.: W.: Brother O. Meacham, Grand Master, presiding. Among those present we observe was our Grand representative, R.: W.: Bro. Alfred A. Hall; our esteemed Brothers M.: W.: Bro. Geo. O. Tyler; P. G. M. Grand Lodge of Quebec; and R.: W.: Bro. Wm. Brinsmaid, P. G. Senior Warden G. L. of Q., were visitors.

The address of the Grand Master is thoroughly practical and business like; with the following, his suggestion, we heartily concur: "I would recommend that every lodge within this jurisdiction take especial pains during the coming year, to hold social gatherings as often as once a month, and thus endeavour to create a new interest among these brethren who have become careless and do not attend the regular meeting of the lodge as they should do. The order of exercises at these gatherings should be to the end, that we may become better and more attached to the principles of Masonry.

"Let the brethren take turns in preparing addresses to be delivered before the members of the lodge, and let the citizens be invited to listen; thus may many be induced to join the order of their own accord, who otherwise might ever remain in ignorance of the objects and the aims of Masonry.

"In this way many a pleasant and profitable evening may be passed."

A very pleasing occurrence transpired during the session in the intro-

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duction to Grand Lodge of a Wor. Brother of more than 60 years standing, who was heartily welcomed and greeted with private Grand honors.

We note also with much gratification that our R. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson, who visited the Grand Lodge during its session, was the recipient of a warm welcome and received with private Grand honors.

A hasty perusal of the reports from the different District Deputy Grand Masters is sufficient to authorize us to state that on the whole Masonry is fairly progressing with our neighbours in Vermont; and so close is the tie, social and Masonic, between them and us, that we are encouraged to believe the reports from our various districts on this side the line 45° will be at the least equally favorable as theirs. We hope to see a generous rivalry between the two jurisdictions in the effort to maintain and support the interest and teachings of the Craft in the community, divided only by an imaginary line.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by W. Bro. Taft, the Deputy Grand Secretary. It is an interesting resumé of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges eliciting their most salient points.

Under the heading "Quebec" the remarks and opinions of our M. W. Grand Master are liberally quoted, and fully endorsed.

The financial position of this Grand Lodge is favorable, the balance to new account being \$4,178.31.

M. W. Bro. O. Meacham, of Brandon, was re-elected Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Root, of Jamaica, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA, 1883.

The 106th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was held in the city of Richmond on the 10th December, 1883, M. W. Grand Master Reuben M. Page presiding.

The Grand Master announced that in Virginia the Craft was in a sound and healthy condition, nothing having occurred to disturb harmonious relations with other Grand Lodges.

The reports of the several Dis. Dep. Grand Masters fully confirm this.

The funded property of Grand Lodge is..... \$40,330.40.

Bro. W. F. Drinkard, for the Committee presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. A short reference therein is made to the Ross embroglio of last year. Nothing else of special import to Quebec meets the eye.

Number of affiliated masons, 9,053.

M. W. Bro. W. H. Murray, Louisa Courthouse, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Wm. B. Isaacs, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1884.

The 27th annual communication of this Grand body was held at the city of Spokane Falls, on Wednesday, the 4th June, 1884, the M. W. the Grand Master, Levi Ankeny, occupying the Grand East.

Our Grand Representative, R.: W.: Bro. Albert S. Nicholson, being present.

Grand Lodge received a formal welcome to Spokane Falls city from the Craft and citizens generally of the place, which was fittingly responded to by Deputy Grand Master William H. White.

The address of the Grand Master is brief but thoroughly business-like; he welcomes his brethren, sets forth his official acts of the year, and those of the Deputy Grand Master, strongly advocates the re-election of Masters of lodges for at least a second year, in view of greater efficiency from experience in the government of the lodge; then quoting from Bro. Hoyt, of Pa., he instructs his Grand Lodge on the condition of Masonry, and points out their duties.

The reports of Grand Secretary and Treasurer give:—

Gross revenue at.....	\$3,802.08
“ disbursements.....	3,814.00

The Grand Orator delivered his oration, which we have perused with pleasure, and we hope, with profit. Yet we cannot but think it is too sectarian, however acceptable it might have been to the Christian brethren present at its delivery, we doubt if all its utterances would have been concurred in by others, if any, listening thereto outside that religious denomination.

The Grand Lecturer transmitted a Treatise or Lecture on “Thoughts on Masonry,” which is given *in extenso* in the printed proceedings, brought immediately under the notice of the leaders of the Craft; it deserves the prominence given it, for it is a clever and thoroughly Masonic production.

The report on Foreign correspondence is from R.: W.: Bro. T. M. Reed, the Grand Secretary; it is an able document, reviewing the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges with judgment and discrimination, extracting therefrom points of interest, and giving his own valuable comments in a most satisfying manner.

Quebec is kindly mentioned, the writer sympathizing with this Grand Lodge in her troubles with England, and promising a hearty moral support in our struggle to keep and maintain supreme jurisdiction within our own territory.

WISCONSIN—1883.

This Grand Lodge held its 39th annual communication in the city of Milwaukee, on 12th June, 1883. Lewis E. Reed, Grand Master, ruling.

The address of the Grand Master with other excellent remarks, gives the following, which will be found applicable here. He says:

“I exhort you to rely not too much upon numbers. A small band of trained and trusted patriots, with the love of home and country burning in their hearts, are worth a myriad of indifferent allies in time of

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"trial. So, too, a small band of fraters, who understand and practice the duties and obligations belonging to Masons, which, in fact, unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers, are a thousand fold more valuable to the order and humanity, than any number who from indifference or lack of manhood will not appreciate duties as Masons and men."

Receipts are given at	\$6,555.36
Disbursements at	1,128.84
Balance cash on hand.....	<u>\$5,426.52</u>

WISCONSIN—1884.

The 40th annual communication was held in the city of Milwaukee on the 10th day of June, 1882.

The subjects of the address of Grand Master Lewis F. Reed are confined chiefly to the narration of his official acts during the past year.

On the motion of Bro. Chapin, the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized. The recognition of the Grand Lodge of Peru was deferred.

The report on foreign correspondence is from Bro. E. E. Chapin, who is thus rewarded.

"Bro. Alex. Meggett moved and Bro. G. Rouch seconded the motion, "That Bro. E. E. Chapin, our good looking Past Grand Master, who wears his honors with so much grace, receive the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his able report on correspondence. Carried unanimously."

Bro. Chapin is a little "hard" on the make up of our book of proceedings for 1883. He thinks *it good enough for Quebec*.

The brother has something yet to learn, if in his limited knowledge he supposes for a moment that Quebec is one whit behind Wisconsin in any work of skill, art, or science. We presume Bro. Chapin has never extended his travels so far as Quebec, and so like some others south of 45°, thinks we are a poor, benighted race here and in the Provinces. Pay us a visit, Bro. Chapin, and then pass judgment as to whether Quebec will be satisfied with anything which would not please even your own refined ideas of excellence.

CONCLUSION.

We have completed our task to the best of our ability under the difficulties already set forth. We are aware of its incompleteness and its many imperfections; such as it is, however, we cheerfully submit to be disposed of as Grand Lodge in its discretion shall deem fit.

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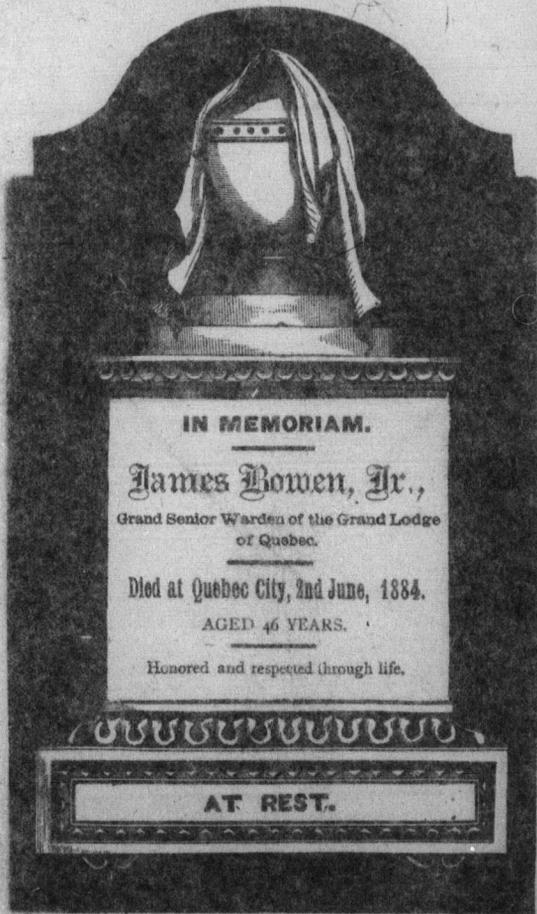
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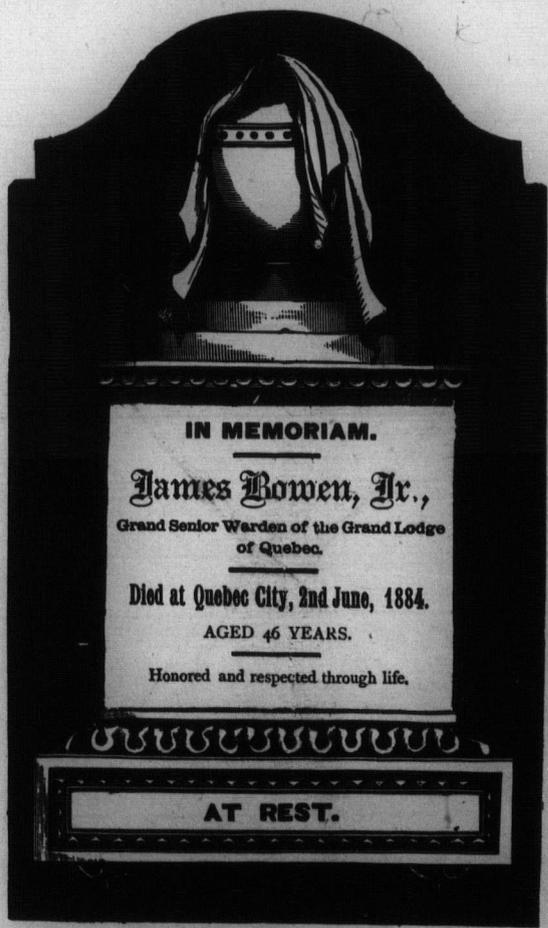
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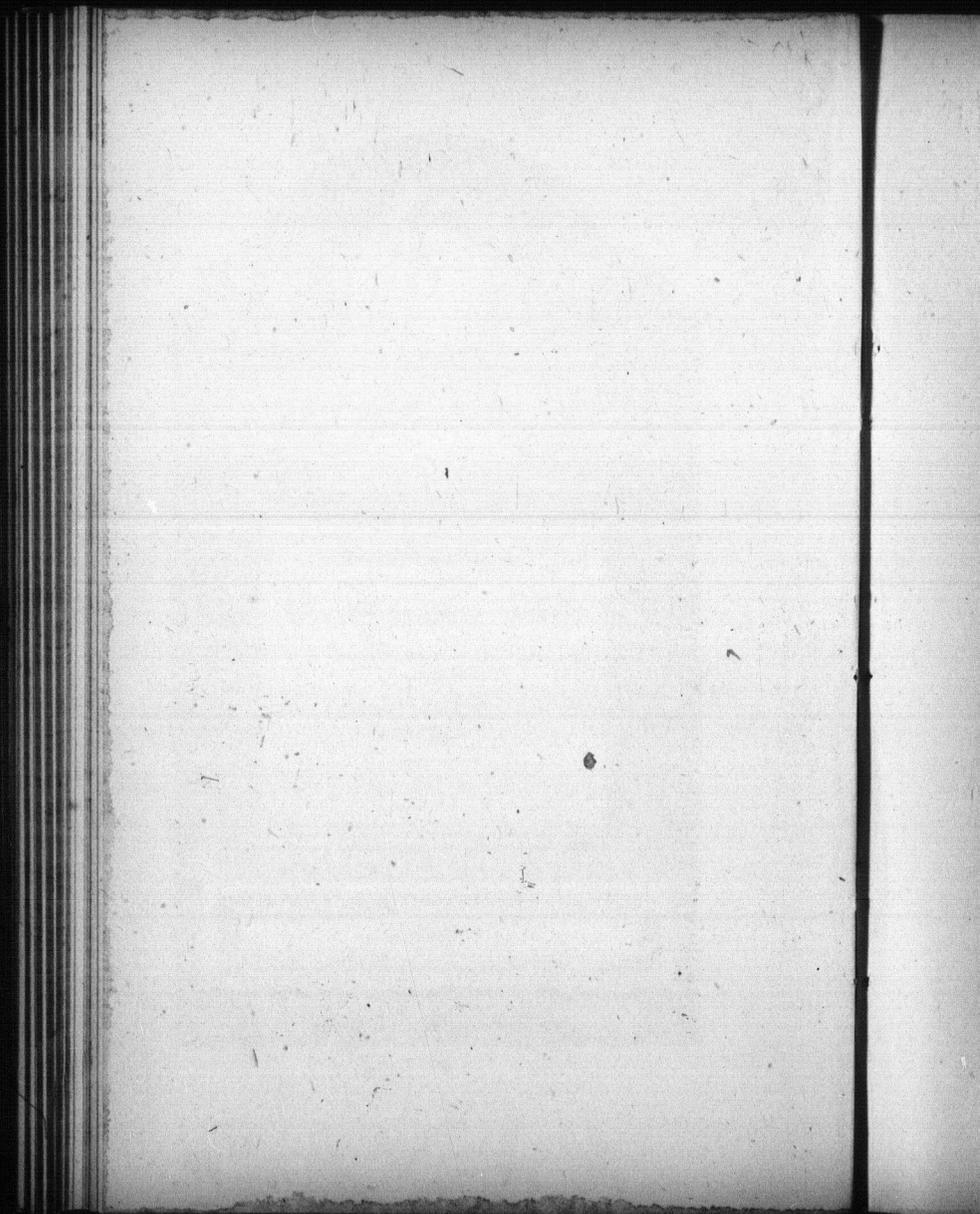
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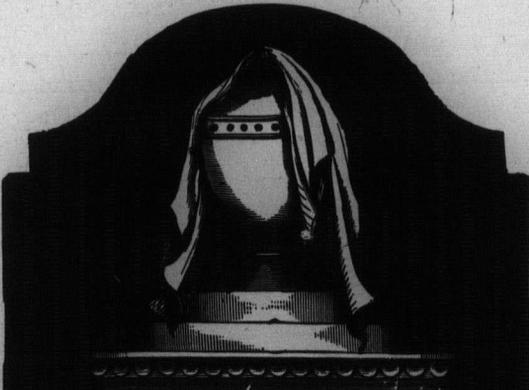
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AGED 43 YEARS.

He was a good mason, an honest man and a
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IN MEMORIAM.

Wm. B. Colby,

Past District Deputy Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Quebec.

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AGED 51 YEARS.

Faithful to the last.

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