

PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE GRAND LODGE  
OF  
QUEBEC,

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

AT ITS

Third Annual Communication,

HELD AT

THE CITY OF MONTREAL, P.Q.,

. On the 25th and 26th days of September, A.D. 1872,  
A.L. 5872.

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ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

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

JOHN H. ISAACSON, MONTREAL,  
GRAND SECRETARY.

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OF THE  
Sovereign Grand Lodge of the State of New York  
Held at the City of New York  
on the 10th day of June 1880

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# Grand Lodge of Quebec,

A. F. & A. M.

## PROCEEDINGS

At the Third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held in the "British Masonic Chambers," No. 359 Notre Dame Street, in the City of Montreal, on the 25th and 26th days of September, A.D. 1872, A.L. 5872.

### PRESENT:

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

R. W. Bro. James Dunbar,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Thomas Milton,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " " H. W. Woods, M.D.,	" Junior Warden.
" " " Rev. W. C. Clarke,	" Chaplain.
" " " H. M. Alexander,	" Treasurer.
" " " T. Leet,	" Registrar.
" " " John H. Isaacson,	" Secretary.
V. " " C. Judge,	" Senior Deacon.
" " " Geo. O. Tyler, as	" Junior Deacon.
" " " E. C. Barron,	" Director of Ceremonies.
" " " C. M. Alexander,	" Organist.
" " " David Wright,	" Pursuivant.
" " " Wm. Seely,	" Tyler.
" " " H. L. Jacquays,	" Steward.
" " " M. Burnie,	" "
" " " D. Salt,	" "

### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait,	Montreal District.
" " " M. R. Meigs, M.D.,	Bedford District.
" " " S. J. Foss,	St. Francis District.
" " " Wm. Miller,	Stadacona District.

## GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro.	Frank Edgar,	Grand Representative of New York.
" " "	James Dunbar,	" " Ohio.
" " "	S. J. Foss,	" " Mississippi.
" " "	John H. Isaacson,	" " Maine and Vermont.
" " "	J. H. Stearns,	" " New Hampshire.
" " "	Edson Kemp,	" " Texas.
" " "	M. R. Meigs,	" " Wisconsin.
" " "	Hon. Thomas Wood,	" " Neva Scotia and Louisiana.
" " "	Thomas Milton,	" " Nevada.
" " "	G. H. Borlass,	" " Illinois.
" " "	Alex. Murray,	" " Michigan.
" " "	W. E. Coquette,	" " Connecticut.
" " "	H. W. Wood,	" " West Virginia.
" " "	M. M. Tait,	" " Montana.
" " "	W. B. Colby,	" " Dis. of Columbia.
" " "	H. J. Pratten,	" " North Carolina.
" " "	George O. Tyler,	" " Georgia.
" " "	O. P. Rice,	" " Arkansas.
M. "	J. H. Graham,	" " Iowa.
R. "	George Thompson,	" " Brazil.
" "	H. M. Alexander,	" " Argentine Republic.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. Bro.	J. S. Bowen,	now of Brooklyn, N.Y.,	P.D.G.M.
" " "	H. J. Pratten,		P.D.G.M.
" " "	Alexander Murray,		P.D.D.G.M.
" " "	J. H. Stearns,		P.D.D.G.M.
" " "	Frank Edgar,		P.D.D.G.M.
" " "	Hon. Thomas Wood,		P.D.D.G.M.
" " "	M. R. Meigs,		P.G.S.W.
" " "	J. P. Peavy,		P.G.J.W.
" " "	Stevens Baker,		P.G.J.W.
" " "	C. H. Taber,		P.G.Reg.
" " "	Edson Kemp,		P.G. Sec'y.
" " "	H. M. Alexander,		P.G.S.D.
V. "	Charles M. Alexander,		P.G.O.
" " "	George O. Tyler,		P.G. Dir. of Cer.

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V. W. Bro.	Daniel Boyd,	P.G. Pur.
R. " "	S. J. Foss,	P.G.S.
V. " "	W. Johnston,	P.G.S.
" " "	G. H. Shufelt,	P.G.S.

PAST MASTERS.

R. W.	Bro. George Thompson.
" " "	Wm. Miller.
V. " "	D. F. Shufelt.
R. " "	Hon. Thomas Wood.
V. " "	Stevens Baker.
R. " "	H. W. Wood, M.D.
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" " "	John S. Bowen.
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V. " "	C. Judge.
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V. " "	W. E. Coquilette.
R. " "	T. Milton.
" " "	M. Doyle.
V. " "	D. Salt.
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M: " "	J. H. Graham.
R. " "	G. H. Borlase.
" " "	Horatio Horskin.
V. " "	Hobart Butler.
R. " "	M. R. Meigs.
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R. " "	John P. Peavey.
" " "	John Renshaw.
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- R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait.  
 " " " J. H. Isaacson.  
 " " " Isaac H. Stearns.  
 " " " W. Mead Pattison.  
 " " " S. R. Whitman.  
 V. " " George O. Tyler.  
 " " " H. L. Jaquays.  
 " " " E. H. Goff.  
 R. " " Edson Kemp.  
 " " " Rev. W. C. Clarke.

No. 3.

No. 4.

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

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The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in ample form at High Twelve, the M. W. the Grand Master on the Throne.

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The following Brethren were named a Committee on Credentials by the Board of General Purposes, in accordance with the Constitution, viz., R. W. Bros. Borlace, Milton, Wm. Miller, and W. Brother Hobart Butler, who reported the following as being present and entitled to take part in the business of Grand Lodge:

No. 6.

No. 0.

*Albion Lodge, Quebec.*

- R. W. Bro. Wm. Miller, P.M., D.D.G.M.  
 " " " George Thompson, W.M., G. Rep. Brazil.  
 V. " " E. C. Barron, S.W., G. Dir. of Cer.

No. 7.

No. 1.

*St. Johns, Quebec.*

- W. Bro. W. F. Lemesurier, W.M.

No. 2.

*Prevoost, Dunham.*

- W. Bro. W. C. Baker, W.M.  
 " T. F. Wood, S.W.  
 " George Capron, J.W.  
 R. W. " Edson Kemp, P.M., G. Rep. Texas.  
 " " D. F. Shufelt, P.M.

No. 8.

No. 9.

R.W. Bro. Hon. Thomas Wood, P.M., G. Rep. Nova Scotia & Louisiana.

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W. Bro. Stevens Baker, P.M.  
R. " " H. W. Wood, M.D., P.M., G. Rep. W. Virginia.  
" Wm. B. Seely, Grand Tyler.

No. 3. *Nelson, St. Armand Station.*

W. Bro. F. H. Throop, W.M.  
" A. B. Bradley, S.W.  
V. W. " E. A. Bourret, P.M.

No. 4. *Golden Rule, Stanstead.*

W. Bro. E. S. Channel, W.M.  
" " H. M. Hovey, P.M.  
R. " " W. B. Colby, P.M., G. Rep. Dis. of Col.

No. 5. *St. Andrews, Quebec.*

Bro. J. E. Colston, S.W.  
" Geo. Phillips, J.W.  
R. W. " John S. Bowen, P.M., P.D.G.M.  
" " " James Dunbar, P.M., D.G.M., G. Rep. Ohio.  
" " " Henry J. Pratten, P.M., P.D.G.M., G. Rep. N. Carolina.  
V. " " C. Judge, P.M.

No. 6. *St. George, Montreal.*

W. Bro. Joseph Tees, W.M.  
V. " " W. E. Coquette, P.M., G. Rep. Connecticut.  
R. " " Thomas Milton, P.M., G.S.W., G. Rep. Nevada.

No. 7. *Zetland, Montreal.*

W. Bro. John Hay, W.M.  
" James Cleghorn, S.W.  
" Isaac Richardson, J.W.  
" " M. Doyle, P.M.  
R. " " John H. Isaacson, P.M., G. Rep. Maine & Vermont.

No. 8. *Harington, Quebec.*

W. Bro. John Hunter, W.M.

No. 9. *Hoyle, Lacolle.*

Bro. Thomas Moore, S.W.  
V. W. " Daniel Salt, P.M.

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## GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

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*St. Francis, Richmond.*

- W. Bro. Arthur Willocks, W.M.  
 " E. Cleveland, S.W.  
 V. " " M. Burnie, P.M.  
 M. " " John H. Graham, P.M., G. Rep. Iowa.  
 V. " " T. Leet, P.M.

No. 11.

*Victoria, Sherbrooke.*

- W. Bro. E. S. Foss, W.M.  
 " R. Smith, J.W.  
 R. " " G. H. Borlase, P.M., P.D.D.G.M., G. Rep. Illinois.  
 " " " S. J. Foss, D.D.G.M., G. Rep. Mississippi.

No. 12.

*Stanbridge, Stanbridge.*

- W. Bro. J. P. Martin, W.M.  
 " H. C. Blinn, S.W.  
 " S. F. Rhjcard, J.W.  
 W. " " Horatio Horskin, P.M.  
 V. " " Hobart Butler, P.M.  
 R. " " M. R. Meigs, P.M., D.D.G.M., G. Rep. Wisconsin.  
 V. " " C. A. Rice, P.M.

No. 13.

*Kilwinning, Montreal.*

- V. W. Bro. David Wright, W.M.  
 " James Gibson, S.W.  
 R. " " J. H. Stearns, P.M., P.D.D.G.M., G. Rep. New Hampshire.  
 " " " John Renshaw, P.M.  
 " " " John P. Peavey, P.M., P.G.J.W.

No. 14.

*Clarenceville, Clarenceville.*

Not represented.

No. 15.

*Brown, West Farnham.*

- W. Bro. E. McCorkill, J.W.  
 R. " " C. P. Taber, P.M., P.G. Reg.

No. 16.

*Royal Albert, Montreal.*

- Bro. David Rea, Jr., S.W.  
 " Albert D. Nelson, J.W.  
 W. " J. J. Barnard, P.M.  
 R. " " H. M. Alexander, P.M., G. Treas.  
 " " " F. Edgar, P.M., P.D.D.G.M., G. Rep. New York.

- No. 17. *Victoria, Montreal.*  
 W. Bro. George C. Bown, W.M.  
 " John Crosbie, S.W.  
 " J. P. Butler, J.W.  
 R. W. " Alex. Murray, P.M., P.D.D.G.M., G. Rep. Michigan.  
 " " " M. M. Tait, P.M., D.D.G.M., G. Rep. Montana.  
 " " " John H. Isaacson, P.M., G. Rep. Maine & Vermont.
- No. 18. *Milton, Three Rivers.*  
 W. Bro. Thos. G. Farmer, W.M.  
 V. " " George O. Tyler, P.M.
- No. 19. *Tuscan, Lewis.*  
 W. Bro. J. B. Charleson, W.M.
- No. 20. *Ascot, Lennoxville.*  
 R. W. Bro. J. H. Stearns, P.M., P.D.D.G.M., G. Rep. New Hampshire.
- No. 21. *Ashlar, Coaticook.*  
 Bro. R. L. Nevas, J.W.
- No. 22. *Frelighsburg, Frelighsburg.*  
 W. Bro. S. M. Sansum, W.M.  
 " " Wm. Mead Pattison, P.M.  
 " " G. R. Whitman, P.M.
- No. 23. *Doric, Danville.*  
 W. Bro. W. R. Philbrick, W.M.  
 " A. H. Burbank, S.W.  
 V. " " Timothy Leet, P.M.
- No. 24. *Chateauguay, Huntingdon.*  
 V. W. Bro. Daniel Boyd, W.M.
- No. 25. *Shawenegan, Three Rivers.*  
 Not represented.
- No. 26. *Abercorn, Abercorn.*  
 Bro. James Wiley, J.W.  
 W. " H. L. Jaquays, P.M.
- No. 27. *Corner Stone, Cowansville.*  
 R. W. Bro. E. Kemp, P.M., P.G.Sec., G. Rep. Texas.  
 " " E. H. Goff, P.M.

## GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

- No. 28. *Clarke, Ormstown.*  
 Bro. A. McEachern, S.W.  
 R. W. " W. C. Clarke, P.M., G. Chap.
- No. 29. *St. Charles, Point St. Charles, Montreal.*  
 R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, W.M., G.S.W., G. Rep. Nevada.
- No. 30. *La Loge Cœurs Unis, Montreal.*  
 V. W. Bro. E. A. Bourret, P.M.
- No 31. *Graham, Bolton Centre.*  
 Bro. H. W. McGowan, S.W.
- No. 32. *Excelsior, Actonvale.*  
 W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye, M.A., W.M.  
 " L. B. Warner, S.W.
- No. 33. *Canadian, Granby.*  
 Not represented.
- No. 34. *St. George, Quebec.*  
 W. Bro. John Hunter, proxy.
- U. D. *Burland, St. Johns.*  
 W. Bro. M. M. Metivier, W.M.  
 " Napoleon Joubert, S.W.  
 V. W. " E. A. Bourret, P.M.
- U. D. *Prince Consort, Montreal.*  
 W. Bro. George F. Durey, W.M.  
 " Wm. Leslie, S.W.  
 V. W. " W. E. Coquette, P.M., G. Rep. Connecticut.
- U. D. *Mount Orford, Georgeville.*  
 W. Bro. W. M. Keyes, W.M.

On motion the report of the Committee on Credentials as presented was received and adopted.

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

The Grand Secretary presented the following Order of Business:

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

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

Of R. W. Bro. Miller:

To amend the Constitution by erasing the word "Stadacona," and insert in its stead the words "Quebec and Three Rivers."

Of R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns:

To amend Art. 12, under heading "Private Lodges," so as to read "twelve months," instead of "six months," as the time at which a candidate having been rejected may be balloted for again.

Of R. W. Bro. S. J. Foss:

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

Of R. W. Bro. C. Judge:

To amend the Constitution by adding to Article on Regalia of D.D.G.M., page 62, the words following, to wit: "nevertheless the D.D.G.M., may be permitted to wear a chain similar to that allowed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England for Provincial Grand Masters."

## 12.—Election of Officers.

Which was approved.

The Grand Secretary then read the Rules and Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge, during the transaction of Business.

The Grand Secretary commenced to read the minutes of the last (Second) Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, when on motion of V. W. Bro. Hobart Butler, seconded by R. W. Bro. Hon. Thos. Wood, it was

*Resolved*,—That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held on the 27th and 28th September, 1871, having been printed and circulated among the Lodges, the same be considered as read to this Grand Lodge, and are now confirmed.

The Grand Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, were received with Grand honors, and were seated on the dais.

The reading of the address of the M. W. the Grand Master was postponed until the adjourned session of to-day. The Grand Secretary produced and read the following report :

## GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

FOR THE PAST MASONIC YEAR 1871-72.

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

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN :

I beg leave respectfully to submit my report and account current for the past Masonic Year.

In accordance with the action of Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication,

## CHARTERS

have been issued to the following named lodges :

Graham, No 31,	at Bolton Centre,	District of Bedford.
Excelsior, " 32,	" Actonvale,	" St. Francis.
Canadian " 33,	" Granby,	" Bedford.

## DISPENSATIONS

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

Mount Orford,	at Georgeville,	District of St. Francis.
Burland,	" St. Johns,	" Bedford.
Prince Consort " Montreal,	" "	" Montreal.

The hereinafter named lodges, heretofore under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, having during the past year affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, have had their charters properly endorsed to enable them to work under this Grand Lodge, viz.:

St. George Lodge, Late Garrison, Quebec, Dis. of Stadacona.  
 Shawenegan " Three Rivers, " " "

The total number of lodges now under this Grand Lodge is Thirty-eight.

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THE INCOME

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

Dues of Lodges.....	\$782.75
Fees for dispensations ..	2.00
" Grand Lodge Certificates .....	490.80
" Initiations .....	239.00
" Affiliations.....	42.50
" Arrears .....	54.75
" Warrants .....	80.00

Total..... \$1691.00

The following lodges are delinquent in making reports and payment of dues:

Graham, No. 31, and Canadian, No. 33.

I take the liberty to suggest that the Secretaries of Lodges be instructed to be more careful in the making out their returns, some are almost illegible, others are forwarded with blanks unfilled, and not a few are returned for correction.

Several lodges still neglect to make *Semi-Annual* returns as required by the Constitution.

The various instructions given me by Grand Lodge, and by the M. W. the Grand Master with reference to correspondence, is

suing of notices and other routine business, have been carefully, and I hope, satisfactorily executed.

The correspondence of the Grand Secretary's office, is still very extensive, proving beyond a peradventure that the interest taken in our Grand Lodge, is not in the least degree on the decline.

The proceedings of the last communication were printed and distributed within six weeks after the close of that session. I anticipate those of the present will be out still more expeditiously.

I desire to acknowledge the regular receipt of the following Masonic publications: *Pomero's Democrat*, from New York, and *The Masonic Mirror*, San Francisco, Cal.

*The Freemason*, St. Louis, *The Masonic Home Book*, Philadelphia, *The Evergreen*, Davenport, Iowa, and *The Craftsman*, Hamilton, Ontario, have ceased to put in an appearance.

A vacancy has occurred in the roll of lodges, by the striking therefrom of St. John's Lodge, Mansonville, by order of the Board of General Purposes, and I respectfully suggest that the number be filled at once.

The books of account, Register and Letter books, of the Grand Secretary, are herewith submitted, also the files of letters received during the year, and all other papers connected with the office.

Acting under directions of the Board of General Purposes, in the month of April last, I presented in the name and on behalf of this Grand Lodge, to the Minister and Wardens of the Church of St. James the Apostle, in this city, a "Church service sett," in two volumes. This donation was acknowledged in the kindest manner by the Incumbent, the Reverend Bro. Ellegood.

I have to report to Grand Lodge, that in the month of May last, I accepted an invitation to be present at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, held in the City of Burlington, I was there charged to convey to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the assurance of the steady support and sympathy of that Grand Lodge. At Burlington I was the recipient of great courtesy and hospitality, and was gratified beyond measure at the many evidences I witnessed there, of the cordial good feeling of Vermont towards Quebec.

In conclusion, I have to observe that the project recommended by the Board of General Purposes, and entrusted to me, with reference to the making arrangements with some newspaper, in this city, to obtain the

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use of two of its columns, once a week, for the purpose of disseminating Masonic news I have been as yet unable to carry out, if, however, Grand Lodge in its wisdom is disposed to take up this question and advise its execution I shall be happy, so far as I am able, to fulfil its instructions.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

*Grand Secretary, G. L. Q.*

On motion the report was referred to The Board of General Purposes, to report thereon.

The following reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters, for the different Masonic Districts were read, viz. :

STADACONA DISTRICT.

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

**MOST W. SIR & BRETHREN,—**

In accordance with the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the following report on condition of Freemasonry in the Stadacona District.

The district over which I have had the honor to preside during the last two years, now contains within its limits eight Lodges, all of which acknowledge the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, viz., Albion Lodge, No. 0, St. Johns Lodge, No. 1, St. Andrews Lodge No. 5, Harington Lodge, No. 8, and St. Georges Lodge, under dispensation, the latter, formerly Garrison Lodge No. 160, G. R. of Canada, holding in the City of Quebec; Tuscan Lodge, No. 19, at Point Levis, Milton Lodge No. 25 and Shawenegan Lodge, in Three Rivers.

The Garrison Lodge No. 160, Quebec City, and Shawenegan, No. 134, Three Rivers, both holding Warrants from the Grand Lodge of Canada, have unanimously transferred their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, since the last meeting of this Grand Lodge, and are working under dispensation, warrants for the same I would respectfully recommend to be granted without delay.

I have constantly visited the different Lodges in the City of Quebec, but have had no means placed at my disposal during my two years of office as D.D.G.M. to defray my necessary expenses, or to enable me in my official capacity to visit the Lodges at Three Rivers and Point

Levis, notwithstanding the recommendation of Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication.

I am nevertheless happy to say, that the Lodges in my district are in a healthy and progressive state, and rejoice that the Grand Lodge of Quebec has now the sole Jurisdiction in the Stadacona District.

All of which, I have the honor to submit

WM. MILLER,

*D.D.G.M. Stadacona District*

Quebec, September, 1872.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

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

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—

In laying my report before you, I have to express my regret that I have not been able to devote as much time to the discharge of the duties of my office as their importance called for.

The Craft in this District, has I am lead to believe as well from my own observation as from information received, been greatly prospered by the Great Architect of the Universe, during the past year.

I have had the pleasure of visiting the following Lodges, viz., St. George, Zetland, Montreal Kilwinning, Royal Albert and La Loge des Cœurs Unis, all of which I found efficiently worked and in a most prosperous condition.

St. Charles Lodge, No 29, was visited by R. W. Bro. Isaacson, on my behalf, and upon his testimony, as well as upon that of other Brethren, I am able to report it as being in a flourishing state, I am informed that the Lodge Room has been fitted up at a considerable expense, and that this Lodge is in all respects a credit to the Craft.

The M. W. the Grand Master, was pleased to grant a dispensation to W. Bro. Drury and other Brethren, members of St. George Lodge, to form a Lodge in this city, to be called the "Prince Consort Lodge." R. W. Bro. Murray, kindly visited it at my request, and reported to me that the officers had carefully prepared themselves, and were fully qualified for the performance of their respective duties. I heartily recommend that the usual warrant of confirmation be granted to this Lodge by the M. W. the Grand Lodge, at its present session.

The only dispensations I have had occasion to grant, were to enable the Brethren of Montreal Kilwinning and Royal Albert Lodges to attend in Regalia at Festivals given by their respective Lodges.

No deaths or Masonic complaints have been officially reported to me

The whole respectfully submitted

M. M. TAIT,

*D. D. G. M. Montreal District.*

Montreal, September 25, 1872.

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BEDFORD DISTRICT.

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

I have the honor to report the continued prosperity of the Craft, throughout the District of which I have charge.

I have visited most of the Lodges in this District during the past year, and find the officers of the various Lodges working with considerable zeal and efficiency.

In May last, assisted by R. W. Brethren from my own, and from the Montreal District, I formed Burland Lodge, U. D., at St. Johns, under very favorable auspices, and subsequent visits have confirmed the opinion that it will ultimately develop into a vigorous and successful Lodge.

I would earnestly recommend that a warrant of confirmation be issued and that Burland Lodge be received into the full sisterhood of Quebec Lodges.

During the year I have granted two Dispensations: one to Stanbridge Lodge, to hold a Festival on St. Johns day, 27th December last, at which time, the officers elect of six of the Lodges of the District were present and were duly installed: and one to Frelighsburg Lodge to hold a Festival, in February last, at Bro. Noah Sayer's, Pigeon Hill.

I regret to be obliged to call the attention of Grand Lodge to a recent invasion of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, by the so called Grand Lodge of Canada, in the establishing of a Lodge at West Shefford. P. Q., called Olive Branch Lodge.

I reported the same to the Grand Master, at the time of its formation.

I beg, also, to report that the charter members of the so-called Sut.

ton Lodge, at Sutton, P. Q., established by the so-called Grand Lodge of Canada, were at the time the Dispensation was issued by Canada with one or two exceptions, members of Missisquoi Lodge, No. 9, Vermont, and that these Brethren still retain membership in said Missisquoi Lodge. I reported the same to the M. W. the Grand Master for his information.

## AT REST.

Bro. S. H. Cornell, one of the Founders of Stanbridge Lodge, was summoned to the celestial Grand Lodge, in August last. He was buried in accordance with the solemn rites of the order.

All of which is respectfully submitted

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

*D.D.G.M. Bedford District.*

## ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT.

*To the M.W. the Grand Master and Brethren of Grand Lodge.*

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

The whole number of Lodges in this District is now eight, Mount Orford Lodge of Georgeville, working under dispensation.

The Lodges are all going on prosperously, and I have pleasure in recommending that a warrant be granted to Mount Orford Lodge.

Happily there have been no questions brought before me in my capacity of D.D.G.M., during the year, and I know of nothing in my District to disturb the peace and harmony of the Institution.

I would respectfully urge upon Grand Lodge the importance of, at an early day, adopting a ritual and taking means to have it properly exemplified so that greater uniformity of work may be secured.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted

J. J. FOSS,

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

The Board of General Purposes through its President announced that Divine Service would be held this evening at St. Andrew's Church at eight o'clock.

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The M. W. the Grand Master, then delivered the following address:  
**OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF THE M. W. THE GRAND LODGE  
 OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PRO-  
 VINCE OF QUEBEC:**

Our annual Convocation occurring so near the autumnal equinox, and almost in conjunction with the great annual gathering of our Brethren from whose ancient sacred Records are derived so many of our principles and traditions,—are considerations well calculated to remind us of the unceasing march of time, and of our bounden duty to be mindful of past mercies, and present favors, and to lead us to seek the blessing of T. G. A. O. T. U. in all our future undertakings.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec has been signally favored by the Most High during the year that is just gone, and it behoves us all fervently to pray for his Divine direction in the days to come.

Let us now gratefully review the past, and with the guidance of the Grand Geometrician, carefully draught our plans on the trestle-board of the future.

#### RECOGNITION BY THIRTY-ONE GRAND LODGES.

Fraternal correspondence has been established with the nine following Grand Lodges during the eventful year just closed, namely,—West Virginia, Belgium, Alabama, Brazil, Idaho, Louisiana, Montana, the Argentine Republic and South Carolina. Thirty-one Grand Lodges have now recognized this Grand Body as the only sovereign Masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec. Important communications are now being had with other Grand Lodges, both in the old world and the new,—reports of which will be made to Grand Lodge at an early day.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following eminent Brethren have been appointed or named as Grand Representatives of their respective Grand Bodies near this Grand Lodge—namely:—R. W. Bro. Dr. H. W. Wood, Knowlton, from West Virginia; R. W. Bro. D. Thomas, of Sherbrooke, from Alabama; V. W. Bro. George Thomson, of Quebec, from Brazil; V. W. Bro. J. Alexander, of Quebec, from Idaho; R. W. Bro. Hon. Thomas Wood, of Durham, from Louisiana; R. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, of Montreal, from Montana; V. W. Bro. Dr. A. W. Hamilton, of Mel-

bourne, from South Carolina; R. W. Bro. George O. Tyler, of Three Rivers, from Georgia; R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, of Montreal, from the Argentine Republic; V. W. Bro. C. A. Rice, of Bedford, from Arkansas; R. W. Bro. H. J. Pratten, of Quebec, from North Carolina, and M. W. the G. M., of Richmond, from Iowa. It is anticipated that Grand Representatives will be appointed near most of those and other Grand Bodies at an early day.

#### NEW LODGES.

During the year I have granted Dispensations for the formation of Mount Orford Lodge, Georgeville, in the St. Francis District; Burland Lodge at St. Johns, in the Bedford District; and the Prince Consort in the Montreal District. I trust that these may be found worthy of receiving warrants during the present Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

#### AFFILIATED LODGES.

In accordance with the terms of the resolutions passed by G. L. at its last annual communication, Garrison Lodge, in Quebec, No. 160, R. C., and Shawenegan Lodge, Three Rivers, No. 134, R. C., have declared their allegiance to this Grand Lodge. Their action was constitutional and praise-worthy, and I have no doubt will receive the sanction and approval of Grand Lodge.

#### NEW GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodges have been recently formed in the Province of British Columbia, and in the Territory of Utah. The documents pertaining thereto will be submitted for your consideration. I am of the opinion that they have been regularly constituted, and that in accordance with their request they are entitled to fraternal recognition.

#### THE B. OF C. IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.

The Ancient Charges and Book of Constitutions having been carefully translated into the French Language by an excellent officer of *La Loge des Coeurs Unis*, I beg to submit to the Grand Lodge whether some assistance might not be extended towards aiding in its publication. Very much good would probably result therefrom, especially when we remember how much misapprehension exists among our French speaking fellow-citizens concerning our ancient and honorable fraternity.

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## BUILDING MATERIALS.

I desire most kindly, but most urgently to enforce upon the Lodges and Brethren generally the necessity of exercising the greatest care in the selection of materials for the erection of our moral edifice. I beseech you, Brethren by every consideration to *guard well the outer door*:

## LECTURES AND EXAMINATIONS.

Next to carelessness in the admission of candidates, stands the error of insufficient instruction. On no account should the lectures be omitted, and if from necessity they are temporarily deferred, they should always be delivered at the first subsequent meeting. Thorough and extensive examinations should also be rigorously maintained. There should be no ill-informed and badly instructed Freemasons.

## MORE FREQUENT MEETINGS.

Both observation and experience have led me to the conclusion that very many disadvantages result from holding Lodge meetings until too late an hour. This important matter is urgently submitted for the consideration and action of the various Lodges. Would it not be far better that meetings should be held semi-monthly when necessity arises, than that they should be monthly and be too prolonged? Officers and Brethren, close your Lodges, as a rule, at an early hour.

## MANUAL OF FORMS.

It seems to be very desirable that as soon as is practicable the Grand Lodge should cause to be prepared for the use of Brethren and Lodges under our jurisdiction, either as a separate manual or as an appendix to the Constitution, all convenient and necessary forms and instructions for conducting the installation of officers, consecration and dedication of Lodges and Masonic Halls, forms of charges, appeals, proxy, directions for conducting trials in a masonic and constitutional manner, and much other such like necessary information not now easily accessible to many Officers and Brethren.

## CHARITY.

I cannot too strongly urge upon all the Lodges the adoption of the godly custom of having a fund of benevolence kept separate from the ordinary funds of the Lodge. The setting apart of a percentage of fees and of annual or other contributions for this noble object, which is one

of the chief characteristics of our fraternity, is better than to depend wholly upon ordinary funds, or the special contributions for the relief of urgent, or even prolonged cases of need. Brethren, consider well the advisability of having a large Benevolent Fund. The poor and suffering are always with you. The two hundred pounds raised by you for the relief of our Chicago brethren, were duly forwarded for distribution to the Grand Master of Illinois, who is also the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, near that Grand Body.

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Our worthy Grand Chaplain, the Chairman of the Committee, will lay before you the first report of foreign correspondence, submitted to this Grand Lodge. You will no doubt, anticipate its perusal with great interest, and I am sure that you will find it worthy of his well-known ability, and full of information, anent the general affairs of the craft, throughout the world. The reports of the foreign correspondence received from many Grand Lodges, are exceedingly valuable documents. They are often prepared by the ablest men in the fraternity, and are freighted with rich and varied learning, and laborious research. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is deeply indebted to many of these learned Brethren, who have made known and defended its claims as a regularly constituted Grand Body.

#### GRAND SECRETARY.

While heartily thanking all the executive officers of G. L. for their courtesy and faithful co-operation, I cannot do otherwise than make especial mention of our Grand Secretary. His urbanity, efficiency and fidelity, are well known to you all; and he may rest assured that his valuable services are highly appreciated by every member of this Grand Lodge. Fortunate indeed is this Grand Lodge with such a Grand Secretary. Nor should we be unmindful of the very arduous labors of our first Grand Secretary during his brief but important term of office. The office of Grand Treasurer is also one of the greatest importance, and I need not assure you that it could not be more worthily filled, or its duties more carefully and faithfully performed than by the excellent Brother who now occupies that responsible position.

#### G. L. OF CANADA.

It will, I am sure will be a source of profound satisfaction that I am enabled to inform you that negotiations are now in progress which pro-

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mise the speedy settlement of all existing difficulties with the Grand Lodge of Canada. A happy combination of circumstances has arisen, and all the great constitutional questions involved having been substantially settled, everything seems to indicate that peace and harmony will soon reign supreme in all our temples. To this, every true masonic heart will fervently respond,—*So mote it be.*

## G. L. OF ENGLAND.

In the month of June last, I directed the Grand Secretary to forward to M. W. the Grand Master of England, a copy of the resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, relating, among other things, to the existence, within our jurisdiction of private lodges holding allegiance to that Grand Body. On the 29th of August, a communication in reply thereto was received from R. W. Bro. the Hon. W. Badgely, of Montreal; containing a lengthy extract from a letter received by him from His Lordship the Marquis of Ripon, the M. W. the G. M. of England. These documents are herewith submitted for your consideration. You will observe that this Grand Lodge is therein reminded by the Grand Master of England "that when the Grand Lodge of Canada was formally recognized by this Grand Lodge (England), it was agreed that all such lodges as desired to remain under the English constitution, were to be at liberty to do so and that all their rights and privileges were to be retained, but no other warrants would be issued by the Grand Lodge of England to lodges in Canada," &c., &c.

The R. W. the acting D. G. M. [England] for Montreal, in the same communication *inter alia*, says:—"Believing that the agreement referred to, escaped the attention and consideration of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and was not present to the mind of the Grand Master of Quebec, when he directed your letter with its enclosures to be forwarded to His Lordship, I take the liberty of recalling it to the notice of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Quebec." &c.

In reply thereto, the following extract will show that this important subject has not "escaped the consideration of this Grand Lodge or its Grand Master." In our address in the year 1869, to the Grand Lodges of the World, asking recognition, occurs the following;—"And not only was the continued existence in the Province of Quebec of Private Lodges under the Jurisdiction of three Grand

“Lodges, namely, England, Scotland, and Canada, and the consequent joint occupation, directly and indirectly of the same Province by these three separate Grand Lodges, deemed and held to be contrary to the laws, usages and customs of our ancient and honorable fraternity respecting the establishment and jurisdiction of Grand Lodges, but also much painful experience had shown and convinced the majority of the Brothers in the Province of Quebec, that such a state of masonic affairs was wholly incompatible with the peace and welfare of our beloved fraternity.”

In my address to the Grand Lodge in 1870, the same subject is thus alluded to:—

“Among the many favours vouchsafed by the Most High to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the fraternal union and the voluntary adhesion thereto of three English Lodges and one Scotch, has been the cause of great satisfaction, lively gratitude and immense good.”

“The union with this Grand Body of the three remaining Lodges, namely, the St. Paul’s, the Elgin and the St. Lawrence, would be hailed with great rejoicings. We know that these Lodges are composed of many excellent men and good Masons; and we earnestly desire their union with this Grand Lodge. The honor which their adhesion would confer, the efficient aid which they would give to it, and the perfect unity of the Craft throughout the Province, which would be the result, are such weighty considerations as must have great influence with every enlightened well-wisher of the Craft, of every registry,” &c., &c.

In my address to the Grand Lodge in 1871 are enunciated, among others, the following fundamental principles having direct reference to the same important matter:—

“A Grand Lodge thus regularly formed in unoccupied, or *dis-severed* territory, possesses the inalienable right of exclusive jurisdiction over all symbolic Lodges of Freemasons within said territory; and no other Grand Lodge can lawfully form new private Lodges, or reconstruct old ones, from and after the formation of the new Grand Lodge, and it is incumbent on any private Lodge which, through inadvertence or otherwise, was not represented at the Convention which formed the new Grand Lodge, to secure enrolment on its Registry at the earliest period practicable; and not only all private Lodges, but also all unaffiliated or other individual Freemasons, offi-

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“cial or other sojourning within the territorial jurisdiction, are constitutionally amenable to her authority for any Masonic acts which are in contravention of her sovereignty. Any arrangements which may have been entered into prior to the formation of the new Grand Lodge by any other Grand Bodies, anent the continuance of any Lodge according to its own will, under the authority of some other Grand Lodge, yet within the territory of the newly-formed Grand Body, are contrary to the Constitutions of the Fraternity; injurious to the unity, harmony and prosperity of the Craft; subversive of Grand Lodge sovereignty,—and consequently of no binding force on the new Grand Body.”

The resolutions alluded to as passed last year by the Grand Lodge are of the same import:—

“Whereas.—The Grand Lodge of Quebec has been for the last two years the Supreme Masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec, and has been recognized as such by twenty-three Sovereign Masonic Bodies, &c., &c.

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

Also, of the thirty Grand Lodges which have hitherto recognized the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the following resolution, passed by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, may be taken as an illustration:—

“Resolved,—That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana recognizes the Grand Lodge of Quebec as a just and legally constituted Grand Lodge, and, as such, entitled to sole and exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec; and hereby extends to her a cordial welcome into the family of Grand Lodges.”

I have directed the Grand Secretary to reply to His Lordship the Grand Master of England the more fully to acquaint him with the position of this Grand Lodge and its claims to undivided jurisdiction within the Province of Quebec, believing that of all others, the Grand Lodge of England should be the foremost to recognize and uphold the principle of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction. It is therefore, confidently anticipated that at an early day these important matters between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland and their subordinates in this Province, will be constitutionally settled.

## G. L. OF LOUISIANA.

A communication will be laid before the Grand Lodge, received from the G. L. of Louisiana, submitting for consideration the necessity of combined action by all regular Grand Lodges, anent those Grand Bodies, refusing practically to acknowledge and maintain the jurisdictional rights of Sister Grand Lodges. Unless this grave evil referred to is speedily removed, I am sure that the Grand Lodge of Quebec will heartily co-operate in all proper and constitutional ways to vindicate the right of every Grand Lodge to sovereign jurisdiction within its own territory. The initiatory action of several Grand Lodges anent the invasion of our own territory, calls for our liveliest gratitude, yet we trust that the early removal of the causes which have led thereto may avert the necessity for its execution.

## RECAPITULATION.

The perfect period of *seven* years has now transpired since the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held in the city of Toronto in the year 1865, when the then approaching political dis-severance of the old Province of Canada, and the consequent Masonic changes, were first publicly brought forward for the consideration of the craft. During the *four* succeeding years, the question of forming an independent Grand Lodge for this Province was carefully and anxiously considered. *Three* years ago on the 20th of October, 1869, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free, and Accepted Masons of Quebec was duly formed. There are now nearly *forty* private lodges on our Registry, with an affiliated membership not far from *two thousand*. We have already been recognized by upwards of *thirty* Grand Lodges. We are in the enjoyment of peace and prosperity at home, and of not unhonored prestige abroad. Nearly all the great constitutional questions involved in our action are substantially settled,—the more arduous labours attendant on the formation, recognition, and inauguration of a new Grand Lodge, under such circumstances, have been performed—and having received from you *three* successive unanimous elections as Grand Master, I beg with the heartiest thanks and profound gratitude, to return to you the high authority with which you have so long invested me. Other Brethren eminently deserve to enjoy the honors and will cheerfully share the labours of this exalted station. And now, Brethren, let me commend you and all the varied interests of

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our Grand Lodge,—and of our whole fraternity to the care of “Him who doeth according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth.” Amen and Amen.

JOHN H. GRAHAM,

*Grand Master.*

Richmond, P.Q., Sept. 24, 1872.

R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray, moved seconded by R. W. Bro. Jno. Renshaw :

That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon at as early an hour during the present session as practicable, with instructions to said board to cause to be printed, the whole or any part thereof, as said Board shall deem advisable.

This motion was carried.

R. W. Bro. C. Clarke, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the report of that Committee, which was received and ordered to be printed in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary reported having received :

1st.—An appeal from Bro. Hiram Leet, of Doric Lodge No. 23, against the action of that lodge, in suspending him from the privileges of Free Masonry.

2nd.—An appeal from Bro. Joseph Usherwood, Zetland Lodge, No. 7, against the action of W. Bro. Hay, W. M. of that lodge *et al* in reference to the initiation of Mr. Baker.

Both appeals were sent to the Board of General purposes to report thereon.

R. W. Bro. M. R. Meigs, D.D.G.M., Bedford District, to whom had been referred by the Board of General Purposes at its last semi-annual meeting the complaint of Bro. McCorkle against W. Bro. Patterson, presented his report in the matter, which was ordered to be submitted to the Board for its action thereon.

The Grand Treasurer's report was presented from the Board of General purposes, was read to Grand Lodge and on motion, received, adopted and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Chaplain gave notice that he would at the morrow morning's session, move the following preamble and motion :

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, earnestly desires the peace and harmony of Masonry over the whole habitable Globe, and is solicitous that the tenets of the order be preserved in all their ancient purity ; and be perpetuated under those wise regulations which the Royal Craft from time to time enacted for its guidance. in all matters of general government and interest.

And whereas, this Grand Lodge is profoundly of opinion, that in order to carry out this beneficent and laudable object, every Grand Lodge should possess, hold and exercise supreme and undivided masonic authority and jurisdiction over all masons within their legitimately recognized territory, such territory being always continuous with the political boundaries of the State, Province or Territory, or as the case may be, whose name such Grand Lodge may elect to assume and may claim to be designated by.

And whereas, this Grand Lodge more immediately and intimately desires the peace and harmony of their beloved brethren in the Dominion of Canada, and more especially to heal the present unhappy differences which exist between this Grand Lodge and our well beloved sister the Grand Lodge of Canada, be it therefore

*Resolved*,—That the M. W. the G. M. of this Grand Lodge be requested to name and appoint a Committee, consisting of seven wise and prudent brethren to meet and confer with a similar Committee which may be appointed by the M. W. the G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, with full and final powers to settle and adjust all differences and heal all grievances which now exist between the said M. W. Grand Lodges, to the end that perfect masonic peace and harmony may for ever prevail ; and

*Resolved* further, That the M. W. the G. M. be fraternally requested to cause notice of such issue as may be arrived at by the said Joint Committee, and by them established, to be given to all whom it may concern, to the end that all interested may govern themselves accordingly. And that a certified copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the M. W. the G. M. of Canada through the R. W. the D. G. M., Bro. Thomas White of the City of Montreal.

R. W. Bro. Meigs, gave notice that he would move the following amendment to the proposed motion of Grand Chaplain :

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And whereas, this Grand Lodge more immediately and intimately desires the peace and harmony of their beloved brethren in the Dominion of Canada, and more especially to heal the present unhappy differences which exist between this Grand Lodge and our well beloved sister the Grand Lodge of Canada.

And whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this Grand Lodge, that the M. W. the Grand Master of Canada has expressed an earnest desire to adjust the differences which exist between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada; be it therefore

*Resolved*,—That a Committee of seven, to be named by the M. W. the Grand Master, be appointed to meet a like Committee to be appointed by the Grand Master of Canada, and effect, if possible, an adjustment of the said differences, in accordance with the resolutions passed by this Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication.

*Resolved*,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to withhold the publication of these Resolutions for the space of six weeks, in which time, a meeting of the said committees must take place, when, if an adjustment of difficulties be effected, an Emergent Communication of this Grand Lodge be called in the City of Montreal, to ratify and confirm the same, but should no adjustment take place within the time specified, then the Grand Master shall proceed as directed by the resolutions of Grand Lodge affecting this question adopted at the last Annual Communication.

The Grand Secretary is ordered to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the Grand Master of Canada for his information.

Both motion and amendment were ordered to be printed and circulated amongst members of Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Edgar moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Jno. Renshaw;

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

but with the permission of Grand Lodge withdrew his motion.

R. W. Bro. W. Miller, in accordance with notice of motion given at the last Annual Communication, moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. Judge:

To amend the Constitution by erasing the word "Stadacona," and insert in its stead the words "Quebec and Three Rivers."

The Board of General Purposes, made the following report in the case of the complaint of Bro. McCorkle vs. W. Bro. Patterson.

The Board report progress and regret, that owing to the very voluminous character of the documents and evidence submitted, that they cannot report at this session of the Grand Lodge, and therefore beg for further delay.

The report was received and adopted, and delay granted.

The Board presented the following report in the appeal case of Bro. Hiram Leet, of Doric Lodge :

The Board of General Purposes, to whom has been submitted the Appeal of Bro. Hiram Leet, of Doric Lodge, No. 23, find that he, Bro. Leet, was illegally, put upon trial for unmasonic conduct in that there was no specified charge brought against him and that the proceedings therein are wholly irregular and would therefore, respectfully recommend that he be restored to the all rights and privileges of a member in Doric Lodge, No. 23, Q. R.

THOS. MILTON,  
HOBART BUTLER,  
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Grand Lodge was called off to attend Divine service at St. Andrew's Church, where the following sermon was preached by R. W. Bro. W. C. Clarke, Grand Chaplain :

"As free and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men, Love the Brotherhood, Fear God, Honour the King."--1 Peter ii., 16. 17.

In the context Saint Peter refers to an item of knowledge which is frequently alluded to in Scripture, but which is nowhere recorded. It was handed down from time immemorial by oral tradition. The allusion refers to a certain stone, which, from its singular form and dissimilarity from all the other stones prepared for that unique and wonderful structure, was rejected by the workmen, and by them thrown aside, as, in their opinion, not belonging to the building. That there was no one, not even among the overseers, to give information

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regarding this stone does appear marvellous, and is in itself suggestive. Under ordinary circumstances the chief architect of the building might have been consulted as to its use, but owing to a very painful circumstance not recorded, the workmen were denied this opportunity,—a circumstance probably known to the Apostle, though not by him committed to writing, being one of those esoteric traditions handed down in secret conclaves, being only imparted by those qualified and entitled to do so, and received only by those who were found worthy, and who sought the information in the prescribed manner at their hands. The science of Masonry teaches—that the whole temple in its inception, mode of preparing the necessary materials, manner of building, and the incidents which accompanied its erection, as well as its completion and use, all being under the direct guidance of the great Architect of the Universe, was symbolically prophetic of that spiritual, and more magnificent, because spiritual, temple that was to be erected by the *Elusee* or *Arming One*, whose work was to be done without observation or human agency, and yet through human instrumentality. The Apostle institutes a comparison between the stone thus rejected by the builders, but which was afterwards used as that without which the temple could not be completed, and our blessed Lord, “disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God.” Those of us who are capable of tracing out the analogy in all its wonderful details, will see the beautiful harmony that exists between the type and the antitype, and arrive at a conclusion that cannot be resisted. The material temple is superseded by the intellectual and spiritual one which now exists, and though spiritual it is no less real, and which is still, in a state of completion, and of which all good men are living stones, and are built up a spiritual house—a holy priesthood—a royal nation—a noble brotherhood. As living stones of this intellectual and spiritual temple, and as those who are free in performing the duties which such a relationship involves, we have certain new land marks, in the text, presented to us, which at this time claim our special attention, and it is most pleasing to observe that these new land-marks bear the same deeply interesting analogy to our ancient land marks that the spiritual temple, of which we are living stones, bears to the material temple, whose erection, incidents—moral and prophetic teachings furnish the symbology of that Order represented here this evening. These new land-marks in point of fact are old ones—for they are as ancient as the practical application to the

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principles of Divine government and human conduct, but are now in harmony with the universal dimensions of the spiritual temple presented as the new land-marks which are to guide the Brotherhood composing that spiritual temple both on the ancient corner stone laid in Zion, when He who was typified by the stone, rejected by the builders of the first temple, arose or was *raised* from the dead, whence he ascended up to glory, there to act forever as the Sovereign Grand Master of the Brotherhood—and as the Ruler of the Universe, and which temple is now being completed, and will be finished only when the number of the elect is made up, and when He shall become the Sovereign Monarch of the future, when Divinity and humanity shall finally meet, when order alone shall reign, and where human happiness shall be complete. For our admonition and instruction, we shall arrange and consider these Divine injunctions, these heavenly land marks of our conduct in the following order, in harmony with what we consider to be their relative importance.

- I. Fear God,
- II. Honour the King,
- III. Esteem all men,
- IV. Love the Brotherhood.

As our order is based upon the proveable truths, *the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man*, our duties extend to all the race and our kind offices should reach to every fellow creature found either in ignorance or distress, and we should cheerfully lend a helping hand to every movement and support every institution that have for their object, the good of man, the prosperity and honour of our country, and the glory of God. In this direction our duty lies, for this is the noble and heavenly teaching of that universal temple reared upon truth vindicated, illustrated and established, and of which I trust we now all are living stones. Distinctive Societies involve distinctive duties, and their members owe duties to each other over and above those they owe to mankind in general. Certain mutual relationships impose upon man extra obligations to those who are partners with him in those relationships. This is true of the family circle—the Church of the Era, as well as of this order, and indeed it is true of all organizations which have a common interest and a common object in some measure distinct from those who are not members thereof. This is the very basis of

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distinct societies. The Apostle Paul, than whom we need not quote a higher authority, establishes the principle that members of distinctive brotherhoods owe duties to each other, which they need not under all circumstances discharge to others, and here is the evidence of it, he says:—"Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good, unto all men, *especially* unto them who are of the household of faith." We must bear in mind that it is not the God of Voltaire or of the Deist that we serve but the *only living and true God*. It is not the King of Greece or of Spain, but our own Sovereign—the Chief Magistrate of our own country that we are to honour. It is not all men as such, that we are to esteem, for we have seen already that we cannot, or shall not, esteem the impious and the vicious, and there are millions of our race beyond our knowledge and our reach—these we cannot esteem; but we are to esteem all we can reach, and who can be affected by our regard for them, and our conduct towards them, and hence it is not the Brotherhood of Mankind that is meant, nor even is it the brotherhood of the family circle that is designated in the text, but the Brotherhood of Jesus Christ—the living stones of the spiritual temple—the members of the Church of God—the household of the faithful—and hence the principle established on this high authority. We claim that the injunction of the text is applicable to the members of this widespread and ancient order of Brotherhood, numbering sixteen millions nine hundred and thirty-two thousand [16,932,000,] on its roll and every worthy brother will deem it alike his duty and pleasure to extend that virtue to every other member of the order, and we are sure that no one who is worthy of esteem but will heartily commend him for so doing. Nay, Brethren, there are reasons well known to you why you should actively cultivate and extend this noble sentiment towards every member of this craft; and from all that I know of its principles, I can safely affirm that I know of no reason whatever, why the exercising of the sentiments of love to the members of the craft should in any way interfere with or disqualify you from being good, obedient and loving members of your respective churches—kind and loving husbands—exemplary fathers and tender brothers in the family, as well as good and useful members of general society. Indeed I now assert in the most positive manner, that if you obey the sublime tenets and teachings of Masonry as unfolded in her

lectures, and contained in her symbols, and illustrated by her brightest examples, you will be faithful in cultivating all the virtues that I have named. In short you will discharge your duties to God and your brother, and to the world in general—and will be an upright man—and a perfect Mason.

The Grand Chaplain concluded by making an appeal to each of his hearers so to govern himself that his conduct would reflect the brightest lustre, not only on the order, but on society, the Church and the world.

At 10 o'clock p.m. Grand Lodge resumed the transaction of business

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

That the sum of one hundred dollars, be granted to the Grand Secretary in addition to his salary to cover his travelling and other expenses incurred during the past year in connection with his duties as Grand Secretary, and that for the future the salary of the Grand Secretary be six hundred dollars per annum.

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. F. Edgar, seconded by R. W. Bro. Jno. Renshaw :

That the question of the Grand Secretary's salary, be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The amendment was passed.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, seconded by W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye, and

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

On motion of R. W. Bro. Edgar, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thompson, it was

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Rev. Gavin Lang, incumbent of St. Andrew's Church in this City, and to the choir of that Church, for their kind services, and to the trustees for the gratuitous use of the church this evening for the purposes of Grand Lodge.

The report of the Board of General Purposes on the appeal of Bro. Usherwood, was read and referred back for further consideration.

R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns in accordance with notice by him given

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to that effect at the last Annual Communication, moved, seconded by Grand Chaplain :

To amend Art. 12, under heading "Private Lodges," so as to read "twelve months," instead of "six months," as the time at which a candidate having been rejected may be balloted for again.

The motion was put and declared lost.

R. W. Bro. Foss, in accordance with previous notice given at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray :

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

The motion was put before Grand Lodge and declared lost.

R. W. Bro. C. Judge, moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Pratten :

To amend the Constitution by adding to Article on Regalia of D.D.G.M., page 62, the words following, to wit : "nevertheless the D.D.G.M., may be permitted to wear a chain similar to that allowed by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England for Provincial Grand Masters."

The motion having received the vote of over three-fourths of the members of Grand Lodge then present was declared carried.

R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, gave notice that he would at the next Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge, move to amend the Constitution :

That Clause 1 of Article in proposing members be altered as follows ; to omit the words after "which" in the fifth line "he is or,"

R. W. Bro. M. R. Meigs gave notice that he would at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, move :

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

And it being then "low twelve" Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet again for the transaction of business on the morrow at 10 a. m.

Thursday Morning, 26th September, 1872-5872.

Grand Lodge resumed labor this morning at 10 a. m. precisely, a very large number of its members and a great many visiting brethren from various jurisdictions being present.

The M. W. the Grand Master was on the throne.

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

M. W. Bro. Park Davis, the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, having been announced as being in attendance and desirous to visit this Grand Lodge, that illustrious brother was received with Grand honors.

The Board of General Purposes presented the following report:

The Board congratulates Grand Lodge on the satisfactory condition of the craft in the several Districts as shewn by the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and especially the Brethren in the District of Quebec on the addition to their district of the two Lodges who have since the last Annual Communication given in their adherence to this Grand Lodge, which places all the Lodges in this district under the control of and jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The D. D. G. M. of this District complains that the lodges outside the City of Quebec, have made no provisions for his necessary expenses when obliged to visit them officially. The Board recommends that these Lodges will, after consideration, place the necessary funds at the disposal of their D. D. G. M.

The Board notices with satisfaction the addition of one more Lodge to the Montreal District, and are pleased to see by the report of R. W. Bro. Tait the very flourishing condition of the craft in his district.

Also the addition of one Lodge to St. Francis District. The Board recommends to the consideration of Grand Lodge the question of adopting a ritual as suggested by the D. D. G. M. of St. Francis District,—and hopes Grand Lodge will at the present communication appoint a committee to carry out this object.

The Board is impressed with the very favorable report given by the D. D. G. M. of Bedford District, of the Burland Lodge recently established at St. Johns, Q., and of the satisfactory condition of the

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other Lodges in his district. The Board regrets the continued invasion of this District by the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the establishment by that Body of a Lodge at West Shefford, and approves of the action of the Grand Master in reference to this violation of the territory of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

F. EDGAR,  
E. A. BOURRET.

Report was received and adopted.

The Board presented the following report on the Grand Secretary's report:

The Board acknowledges the able manner in which the Grand Secretary has performed his duties, his report shews the total number of Lodges in good standing to be thirty-eight (38), thirty-five working under charters and three by dispensation of the Grand Master.

The Board regrets that the Grand Secretary has to complain of remissness and irregularities on the part of some Lodges in making their returns, and the continued neglect to make semi-annual returns. The Board respectfully suggests that the M. W. the Grand Master will bring these subjects before the representatives of the Lodges in Grand Lodge.

The Board congratulates Grand Lodge upon the very flourishing condition of its affairs as demonstrated in the Secretary's report.

On behalf of the Board,

F. EDGAR.

Report was received and adopted.

The following petition from several brethren formerly members of so called Sutton Lodge, Register of Canada, located in the Bedford District, was read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec:*

This petition humbly sheweth: That whereas certain allegations made to your petitioners while masonically in a state of darkness have led them to do certain acts which are contrary to and subversive of

the Sovereignty of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to wit :—

Your petitioners did each and severally petition the so called Sutton Lodge which was organized and established under warrant of Constitution from Grand Lodge of Canada, subsequent to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, to be initiated as Free Masons therein, and your petitioners were severally Made, Passed, and Raised in said Sutton Lodge: your petitioners having received further information as to the irregularity of the organization of said Sutton Lodge, and having renounced their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, respectfully pray to be Masonically healed.

WM. M. JENNE,

M. L. JENNE,

S. C. JENNE.

A Communication from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and one from the Grand Lodge of Utah, was read, asking the recognition and fraternal correspondence of this Grand Lodge.

Each of these documents was referred to The Board of General Purposes with instructions to report thereon before the close of the present communication.

The Board of General Purposes made the following report :

The Board of General Purposes having had submitted to it a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia anent the expenses incurred by that Grand Lodge for the funeral of the late W. Bro. Armstrong, of Zetland Lodge, Register of Canada, and the Grand Secretary having informed the Board that the present Worshipful Master of Zetland Lodge, R.C., had stated to him that he was in communication with the Grand Lodge of Georgia with the view to settle this matter with that Grand Lodge, recommended the adoption by Grand Lodge of the following resolution :

That the Grand Secretary be instructed to write to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, to the effect of the above statement, and that no further immediate action be taken in the premises.

The report was received and on motion adopted.

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The Board of General Purposes reported advising that the Salary of Grand Secretary remain for the time being as heretofore.

The report was received and on motion adopted.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was read received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report, that they have had submitted to them the translation of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge into the French language made by Bro. Boisseau, the Secretary of La Loge des Cœurs Unis, certified as to its correctness by the Grand Secretary, and in view of its great utility to the members of the craft in this province speaking the French language, recommend that permission be granted to publish the same, and that the sum of \$50.00 be donated from the funds of Grand Lodge to assist such publication.

R. W. Bro. George Thompson of Quebec, presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Brazil near this Grand Grand Lodge, and was received with Grand honors.

The President of the Board of General Purposes reported that the Board on the evidence adduced recommended the granting warrants of constitution to the following Lodges now working under Dispensations, viz.: Mount Orford, at Georgeville; Burland, at St. Johns: and Prince Consort, at Montreal.

The report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes also reported the action taken by the M. W. the Grand Master in receiving under this jurisdiction Garrison Lodge, late No. 160 *Register of Canada*, and Shawenegan Lodge, late No 134 same Register, and in endorsing their warrants to this Grand Lodge, and recommended that such action be sustained, and that said Lodges be now entered on the roll of Lodges under this jurisdiction as follows: Garrison Lodge, as *St. Georges Lodge*, No. 34, and Shawenegan Lodge, as Lodge No. 25.

The report was received and on motion adopted.

R. W. Bro. Clarke, Grand Chaplain, in accordance with his notice of yesterday, moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, earnestly desires the peace and harmony of Masonry over the whole habitable Globe, and is solicitous that the tenets of the order be preserved in all their ancient purity; and be perpetuated under those wise regulations which the Royal Craft from time to time enacted for its guidance, in all matters of general government and interest.

And whereas, this Grand Lodge is profoundly of opinion, that in order to carry out this beneficent and laudable object, every Grand Lodge should possess, hold and exercise supreme and undivided masonic authority and jurisdiction over all masons within their legitimately recognized territory, such territory being always coterminous with the political boundaries of the State, Province or Territory, or as the case may be, whose name such Grand Lodge may elect to assume and may claim to be designated by.

And whereas, this Grand Lodge more immediately and intimately desires the peace and harmony of their beloved brethren in the Dominion of Canada, and more especially to heal the present unhappy differences which exist between this Grand Lodge and our well beloved sister the Grand Lodge of Canada, be it therefore

*Resolved*,—That the M. W. the G. M. of this Grand Lodge be requested to name and appoint a Committee consisting of seven wise and prudent brethren to meet and confer with a similar Committee which may be appointed by the M. W. the G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, with full and final powers to settle and adjust all differences and heal all grievances which now exist between the said M. W. Grand Lodges, to the end that perfect masonic peace and harmony may for ever prevail; and

*Resolved* further, That the M. W. the G. M. be fraternally requested to cause notice of such issue as may be arrived at by the said Joint Committee, and by them established, to be given to all whom it may concern, to the end that all interested may govern themselves accordingly. And that a certified copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the M. W. the G. M. of Canada through the R. W. the D. G. M., Bro. Thomas White of the City of Montreal.

The mover and seconder having addressed Grand Lodge in support of the motion.

R. W. Bro. M. R. Meigs, D. D. G. M., seconded by R. W. Bro. S. J. Foss, moved the following amendment:

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And whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this Grand Lodge, that the M. W. the Grand Master of Canada has expressed an earnest desire to adjust the differences which exist between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada; be it therefore

*Resolved*,—That a Committee of seven, to be named by the M. W. the Grand Master, be appointed to meet a like Committee to be appointed by the Grand Master of Canada, and effect, if possible, an adjustment of the said differences, in accordance with the resolutions passed by this Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication.

*Resolved*,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to withhold the publication of these Resolutions for the space of six weeks, in which time, a meeting of the said committees must take place, when, if an adjustment of difficulties be effected, an Emergent Communication of this Grand Lodge be called in the City of Montreal, to ratify and confirm the same, but should no adjustment take place within the time specified, then the Grand Master shall proceed as directed by the resolutions of Grand Lodge affecting this question adopted at the last Annual Communication.

The Grand Secretary is ordered to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the Grand Master of Canada for his information.

A long and interesting debate on the amendments ensued in which the following brothers participated: Brothers Clarke, Isaacson, Judge, Tait, Murray, Nye, Colston, Dunbar, Meigs, Kemp, Hon. Thos. Wood, Colby, Butler and Doyle.

An open vote was taken and the numbers were

For the amendment .....	26
Against .....	35

A ballot was demanded and the final result was declared as follows:

For the amendment .....	45
Against .....	67

And the amendment was declared lost.

The following amendment was made by R. W. Bro. M. M. Tsit, which was put to Grand Lodge and declared lost.

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And whereas, this Grand Lodge hails with delight such expression on the part of the M. W. Grand Master Wilson of his desire to have such differences adjusted, and this Grand Lodge is most anxious and willing to meet this question in the true Spirit of Freemasonry.

And whereas, this Grand Lodge has not received any official communication either from the Grand Lodge of Canada, or any of its officers anent the said existing differences or their settlement, and it is therefore inadvisable for this Grand Lodge at the present time to take other measures than as hereinafter declared; be it

*Resolved*.—That the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be requested to communicate with M. W. Grand Master Wilson with a view to ascertain, in an official manner, whether the Grand Lodge of Canada would meet this Grand Lodge in a spirit calculated to effect a full reconciliation and adjustment of all disputed matters between these Grand Lodges, and if such be found to be the case, that the M. W. the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge do thereupon name a committee of Brethren, members of this Grand Lodge to act for and on behalf of this Grand Lodge, in all negotiations which may be had between said two,

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Grand Lodges in their endeavours to amicably arrange their said differences and invest said committee with such powers in the premises as may be constitutional ; or take such other action therein as he may deem advisable.

The following amendment was then put by R. W. Bro. Meigs, D.D.G.M., seconded by R. W. Bro. Hon. Thomas Wood :

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And whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this Grand Lodge, that the M. W. the Grand Master of Canada has expressed an earnest desire to adjust the differences which exist between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada ; be it therefore

*Resolved*,—That a Committee of seven, be named by the M. W. the Grand Master, to meet a like Committee to be appointed by the Grand Master of Canada, and effect if possible, an adjustment of the said differences, in accordance with the resolutions passed by this Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication.

*Resolved*,—That the Grand Secretary, under the instructions of the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, shall forthwith, or as soon as practicable, enter into a correspondence with the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, with the view to inaugurate at once negotiations, so that definite action in the premises may be had within six weeks from this date ; if an adjustment of difficulties be effected, an Emergent Communication of this Grand Lodge be called in the City of Montreal, to ratify and confirm the same, but should no adjustment take place within the time specified, then

the Grand Master shall proceed as directed by the resolutions adopted at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary is ordered to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the M. W. Grand Master of Canada for his information.

The Grand Lodge at 1.30 p.m. adjourned from labor to refreshments to meet again at 2.30 p.m.

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Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2.30 p.m. precisely.

The M. W. the Grand Master on the throne.

Prayer was again offered to the G. A. O. T. U.

The Board of General Purposes made the following report on the complaint of Bro. Joseph Usherwood *et al* against W. Bro. Doyle *et al* of Zetland Lodge :

That they have carefully examined the records and heard the evidence adduced in the said case and are of opinion :

That the referring of the ballot by W. Bro. Hay, W. M. of Zetland Lodge, after the ballot for Mr. Baker had been twice passed and declared foul, and after several of the members had retired from the Lodge was irregular and unconstitutional, and deprived a portion of the said members of their legitimate right of ballot.

The Board regret that W. Bro. Doyle should have omitted to lay the question before the D.D.G.M. according to his promise, as this might have obviated the whole difficulty.

The Board are also of opinion that the action of the Senior Warden ruling the Lodge on the night of the initiation of said Mr. Baker was extremely irregular and to be deplored, and is deserving of censure, and they would recommend that the R. W. the D.D.G.M. be requested to call a meeting of Zetland Lodge with as little delay as practicable and admonish W. Bro. Hay, and the Bro. Senior Warden aforesaid, for the irregularity attending said ballot and initiation, and at the same time to place Mr. Baker in a constitutional position, that the work already done be healed and full privileges conferred upon him.

After some discussion the report was received and adopted.

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The amendment of R. W. Bro. Meigs, as contained on page 43 of these proceedings, was read by the Grand Secretary, and R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, Deputy Grand Master, objected to its reception on the ground that it contained no substantial change to the former amendment offered by R. W. Bro. Meigs and already negated by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master ruled that the amendment was in order.

The debate on the amendment then followed, many members of Grand Lodge taking part therein. Ultimately an open vote was taken with the following result:

For the amendment .....	60
Against .....	26

On the demand of several brethren a ballot was taken which shewed the vote to be:

Pro.....	69
Contra .....	45

At 5.45 p.m. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7 p.m.

The M. W. the Grand Master on the Throne.

The Board of General Purposes laid before Grand Lodge the following report:

The Board on the application for relief of Bro. W. F. Annis, beg to report as follows: that they have fully considered the matter and while they feel that it would be desirable on some accounts to adopt and care for Bro. Annis, they regret that the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge will not warrant the assuming of so large an expense as a permanent burden, but recommend that Grand Lodge make a present grant of \$150, to be supplemented by further grants if the state of the funds will allow and the necessities of the case require it, said sum to be disbursed by the D. D. G. M. of the St. Francis District.

On behalf of the Board.

S. J. FOSS,  
 I. HENRY STEARNS,  
 G. H. BORLASE.

The report was received and adopted.

The Board then presented the following report :

The Board on the application of Mrs. Blatchford for relief from this Grand Lodge beg leave to report, that having examined the papers laid before them, and enquired fully into the case find that her relations were not affiliated Masons under this Jurisdiction, the correspondence shewing further that they hailed from Lodges acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, they therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to direct her to apply to the officials of the Grand Lodge of England for relief.

Report was received and adopted.

The Board of General Purposes presented a report recommending that the petition of certain Brethren from the so-called Sutton Lodge to be masonically healed be granted.

The report was received and adopted by an unanimous vote.

The Board of General Purposes further reported in favor of the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Utah and British Columbia.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Dunbar, seconded by R. W. Bro. Renshaw, the report was received and adopted.

The annual election of officers of this Grand Lodge. and for four members of the Board of General Purposes, was then proceeded with and the M. W. the Grand Master named the following brethren as Soutineers, viz. ; R. W. Bros. Alex. Murray, E. Kemp, and W. Bro. E. H. Goff.

The Ballots having been distributed the following Brethren were declared duly elected :

<b>M. W. BRO. JOHN HAMILTON GRAHAM,</b>	of Richmond, unanimously re-elected Grand Master.
<b>R. W. Bro. JAMES DUNBAR,</b>	of Quebec, Deputy Grand Master.
" " " <b>STEVENS BAKER,</b>	Grand Senior Warden.
" " " <b>J. T. MCMINN,</b>	Grand Junior Warden.
" " " <b>REV. H. W. NYE,</b>	Grand Chaplain.
" " " <b>H. M. ALEXANDER,</b>	re-elected Grand Treasurer.

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R. W. Bro. D. BOYD,	Grand Registrar.
“ “ J. H. ISAACSON, re-elected	Grand Secretary.
“ W. B. SEELY.	Grand Tyler.

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

R. W. Bro. CHR. STAVELY,	for Quebec and Three Rivers District.
“ “ M. M. TAIT,	“ Montreal District.
“ “ M. R. MEIGS,	“ Bedford District.
“ “ TIMOTHY LEET,	“ St. Francis District.

Elected Members of the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. Bro. J. B. CHARLESTON,	Quebec and Three Rivers District.
“ “ T. MILTON,	Montreal District.
“ “ W. B. COLBY,	St. Francis District.
“ “ HON. THOMAS WOOD,	Bedford District.

The following Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge were then duly installed, the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, kindly assisting in the ceremony, viz.:

R. W. Bro. LEET,	as District Deputy Grand Master.
“ “ STEVENS BAKER, (by proxy)	Grand Senior Warden.
“ “ McMINN,	“ Grand Junior Warden.
“ “ REV. H. W. NYE,	“ Grand Chaplain.
“ “ DANIEL BOYD,	“ Grand Registrar.

All the other elected Grand Officers having been re-elected and formally installed, their further instalation was deemed unnecessary.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Edgar, seconded by R. W. Bro. Isaacson, it was

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are specially due and are hereby fraternally tendered to M. W. Bro. Parke Davis, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont for his able and kind services in assisting in the Installation of officers of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. the Grand Master of Vermont acknowledged the vote and addressed Grand Lodge in a most eloquent, impressive, and complimentary manner, his observations were received with much satisfaction.

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A Letter from M. W. Bro. L. B. Englesby of Burlington, Vermont P. G. M. of Grand Lodge of Vermont; one from R. W. Bro. D. E. Talbot, of Troy, New York, Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of New York; and one from R. W. Bro. F. G. Tisdale, of New York, P. G. J. W. of this Grand Lodge expressive of regret at being unable to be present at this communication, were read by the Grand Secretary and ordered to be suitably acknowledged and placed on file.

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

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the Directors of the Grand "Trunk Railway Company of Canada," "The Vermont Central Railway Company," "The Massawippi Valley Railway Company," "The South Eastern Counties Railway Company," and "The Richelieu Company of Steamboats, for their kindness in granting the Delegates and visitors of this Grand Lodge tickets to and from Montreal at single fare.

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

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

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

The M. W. the Grand Master then addressed the members of Grand Lodge eloquently, offering the most agreeable and acceptable remarks.

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

The labors of the Grand Lodge being ended the present communication was closed in AMPLE form with solemn prayer.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary.

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## LIST OF GRAND LODGES

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

Alabama .....	D. Sayre .....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	Luke E. Barber.....	Little Rock.
Argentine Republic .....		
Belgium .....	Gustav Washer .....	Brussels.
Brazil .....	Dr. A. Freire do Amaral.....	Rio Janeiro.
Columbia, District of.....	Noble R. Larner .....	Washington.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler .....	Hartford.
Georgia .....	J. Emmett Blackshear .....	Macon.
Idaho .....	L. F. Cartee .....	Boise City.
Illinois .....	Orlin H. Miner.....	Springfield.
Indiana .....	John M. Bramwell .....	Indianapolis.
Iowa .....	Theodore S. Parvin .....	Iowa City.
Kansas .....	E. T. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
Louisiana .....	James C. Batchelor .....	New Orleans.
Maine .....	Ira Berry .....	Portland.
Michigan . .....	James Fenton. ....	Detroit.
Mississippi.....	J. L. Power .....	Jackson.
Montana .....	Hez. L. Hosmer.....	Virginia City.
Nebraska .....	R. W. Furness .....	Brownsville.
New Hampshire.....	Abel Hutchins .....	Concord.
New York .....	James M. Austin, M.D.....	New York.
Nevada .....	W. A. M. VanBokkelen .....	Virginia.
Nova Scotia .....	Benj. Curren, D.C.L.....	Halifax.
North Carolina .....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Ohio .....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Rhode Island.....	Charles D. Greene .....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	B. Rush Campbell .....	Charleston.
Texas . .....	Geo. H. Bringham .....	Houston.
Vermont .....	Henry Clarke .....	Rutland.
West Virginia .....	O. S. Long .....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	W. T. Palmer .....	Milwaukee.

## REPRESENTATIVES

## IN THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

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

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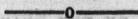
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- R. W. Bro. H. W. Wood, M.D.... Knowlton,  
From Grand Lodge of West Virginia.
- " " " D. Thomas .....Sherbrooke,  
From Grand Lodge of Alabama.
- V. " " J. Alexander.....Quebec,  
From Grand Lodge of Idaho.
- " " " Hon. Thomas Wood.. Dunham,  
From Grand Lodge of Louisiana.
- " " " M. M. Tait .....Montreal,  
From Grand Lodge of Montana.
- V. " " A. W. Hamilton .....Melbourne,  
From Grand Lodge of South Carolina.
- R. " " George O. Tyler .....Three Rivers,  
From Grand Lodge of Georgia.
- " " " H. M. Alexander .....Montreal,  
From Grand Lodge of the Argentine Republic.
- V. " " C. A. Rice.....Bedford,  
From Grand Lodge of Arkansas.
- R. " " H. J. Pratten .....Quebec,  
From Grand Lodge of North Carolina.
- M. " " J. H. Graham, LL.D..Richmond,  
From Grand Lodge of Iowa.



OFFICERS APPOINTED BY G. M.

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

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| V. W. Bro. JNO. HUNTER, Quebec,   | Grand Senior Deacon.      |
| " " " J. J. BARNARD, Montreal.    | Grand Junior Deacon.      |
| " " " C. S. CHANNELL, Stanstead,  | Grand Dir. of Ceremonies. |
| " " " A. SCHWOB, Montreal,        | Grand Organist.           |
| " " " JOSEPH TEES, Montreal,      | Grand Pursuivant.         |
| " " " W. F. LEMESURIER, Quebec,   | Grand Steward.            |
| " " " H. R. BECKETT, Sherbrooke,  | Do.                       |
| " " " S. R. WHITMAN, Philipsburg, | Do.                       |
| " " " W. R. PHILBRICK, Danville,  | Do.                       |

## BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEARS 1872-3.

## PRESIDENT.

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

## OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE (BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.)

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

R. " " STEVENS BAKER, Grand Senior Warden, Dunham.

" " " J. T. McMINN, Grand Junior Warden, Montreal.

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

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

" " " M. M. TAIT, Montreal, Montreal District.

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

" " " TIMOTHY LEET, Danville, St. Francis District.

## ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

R. W. Bro. J. B. CHARLESTON, Quebec and Three Rivers District.

" " " T. MILTON, Montreal District.

" " " W. B. COLBY, St. Francis District.

" " " HON. THOMAS WOOD, Bedford District.

## APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. D. THOMAS, Sherbrooke.

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

" " " E. M. COPELAND, Montreal.

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

## MEMBERS OF BOARD RETAINING OFFICE FOR ONE YEAR.

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

" " " J. P. MARTIN, Stanbridge.

" " " GEO. H. BORLASE, Sherbrooke.

V. " " C. JUDGE, Quebec.

R. " " FRANK EDGAR, Montreal.

" " " H. J. PRATTEN, Quebec.

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

" " " H. M. HOVEY, Stanstead.

## OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1872-3.

	M. W. Bro. JOHN HAMILTON GRAHAM, LL.D., Richmond,	Grand Master.
	R. W. Bro. JAMES DUNBAR, Quebec,	Deputy Grand Master.
	" " " CHR. STAVELY, Quebec, D.D.G.M., Quebec and Three Rivers District.	
	" " " M. M. TAIT, Montreal, "	Montreal District.
	" " " M. R. MEIGS, Stanbridge, "	Bedford District.
	" " " TIMOTHY LEET, Danville, "	St. Francis District.
	" " " STEVENS BAKER, Dunham,	Grand Senior Warden.
	" " " J. T. McMINN, Montreal	Grand Junior Warden.
	" " " REV. H. W. NYE, Actonvale,	Grand Chaplain.
	" " " H. M. ALEXANDER, Montreal,	Grand Treasurer.
	" " " D. BOYD, Huntingdon,	Grand Registrar.
	" " " J. H. ISAACSON, Montreal,	Grand Secretary.
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	" " " W. F. LESURIER, Quebec,	Grand Steward.
	" " " H. R. BECKETT, Sherbrooke,	do.
	" " " S. R. WHITMAN, Philipsburg,	do.
	" " " W. R. PHILBRICK, Danville,	do.



16	Royal Albert	9.25	3.00	6.00	3.00	21.25
17	Victoria	19.75	5.00	10.00	1.00	45.75
18	Milton	16.00	4.00	8.00	1.00	29.00
19	Tuscan					

20	Asoot	23.25	7.00	28.00	.50	13.25	72.00
21	Ashlar	13.50	3.00	4.00	...	.25	20.75
22	Freilighsburg*	12.25	4.00	...	...	8.75	25.00
23	Doric	24.25	4.00	11.00	.50	...	39.75
24	Chateaugay	15.50	3.00	12.50	2.00	...	33.00
25	Shawenegan	5.50	...	...	...	...	5.50
26	Abercorn	11.50	8.00	...	...	...	19.50
27	Corner Stone	14.50	5.00	...	2.00	28.25	49.75
28	Clarke	7.75	4.00	8.00	...	...	19.75
29	St. Charles	20.50	12.00	28.00	...	...	60.50
30	La Loge des Oeufs Unis	20.00	10.00	22.00	3.00	20.00	75.00
31	Graham†	...	...	...	...	...	...
32	Excelsior	9.25	13.00	...	12.00	20.00	54.25
33	Canadian†	...	...	...	...	...	...
34	Mount Orford	7.00	3.00	...	.50	10.00	20.50
35	St. George, late Garrison	5.25	5.00	...	.50	...	10.75
36	Burland	5.00	5.00	8.00	2.00	10.00	30.00
37	Prince Consort	4.25	3.00	...	...	10.00	17.25
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\* No Returns for last six months.

† No Returns during year.

## SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURN OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1872.

No.	LODGE	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Sus. N.P.D.	Reinstated.	Members.
0	Albion .....	Quebec City .....	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	47
1	St. Johns .....	Quebec City .....	6	6	6	0	4	2	0	0	49
2	Prevost .....	Dunham .....	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	50
3	Nelson .....	St. Armands .....	2	3	2	1	2	0	4	0	36
4	Golden Rule .....	Stanstead .....	9	7	7	4	5	2	1	1	139
5	St. Andrews .....	Quebec City .....	7	6	5	1	1	1	0	0	73
6	St. George .....	Montreal .....	20	15	12	4	7	2	14	0	96
7	Zetland .....	Montreal .....	9	6	4	3	5	1	0	1	48
8	Harington .....	Quebec City .....	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	33
9	Hoyle .....	Lacolle .....	4	4	4	0	3	1	2	0	24
10	St. Francis .....	Richmond .....	6	6	5	0	6	0	0	0	43
11	Victoria .....	Sherbrooke .....	4	3	3	0	1	0	0	2	69
12	Stanbridge .....	Stanbridge .....	6	6	6	0	0	1	1	0	66
13	Kilwinning .....	Montreal .....	25	25	22	0	8	7	12	0	140
14	Clarenceville .....	Clarenceville .....	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	23
15	Brown .....	West Farnham .....	1	1	1	0	3	0	5	0	32
16	Royal Albert .....	Montreal .....	13	13	12	6	1	1	1	0	74
17	Victoria .....	Montreal .....	3	2	2	4	7	0	0	0	18
18	Milton .....	Three Rivers .....	5	5	6	1	1	0	0	0	39
19	Tuscan .....	Levis .....	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	33
20	Ascot .....	Lennoxville .....	7	7	7	1	0	0	0	0	58
21	Ashlar .....	Coaticooke .....	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	54
22	Frelighsburg .....	Frelighsburg .....	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	23
23	Doric .....	Danville .....	4	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	48
24	Chateauguay .....	Huntingdon .....	3	3	4	3	3	0	0	0	33
25	Shawenegan .....	Three Rivers .....	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	22
26	Abercorn .....	Abercorn .....	8	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	24
27	Corner Stone .....	Cowansville .....	5	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	30
28	Clarke .....	Orms town .....	4	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	16
29	St. Charles .....	Point St. Charles .....	12	12	9	0	3	0	0	0	42
30	La Loge Cours .....	Montreal .....	10	10	8	4	2	0	0	0	41
31	Graham .....	Bolton Centre* .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Excelsior .....	Actonvale .....	13	12	10	17	2	0	0	0	28
33	Canadian .....	Granby* .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	Mount Orford .....	Georgeville .....	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	16
35	St. George .....	Quebec City .....	5	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	12
36	Burland .....	St. Johns .....	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	20
37	Prince Consort .....	Montreal .....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
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RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1872.

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Reinstated.	Members.	No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
0	47	0	Albion .....	Quebec City ....	Second Friday of every month.
0	49	1	St. Johns .....	Quebec City ....	Second Wednesday "
0	50	2	Prevost .....	Dunham .....	Tuesday on or preceding full moon.
0	36	3	Nelson .....	St. Armands .....	Thursday " " "
0	139	4	Golden Rule ..	Stanstead .....	Tuesday " " "
1	73	5	St. Andrews...	Quebec City ....	First Wednesday.
0	96	6	St. George .....	Montreal .....	Third Tuesday.
1	48	7	Zetland .....	Montreal .....	Second Thursday.
1	33	8	Harington ....	Quebec City ....	Third Thursday.
0	24	9	Hoyle .....	Lacolle .....	First and Third Tuesday.
0	43	10	St. Francis...	Richmond .....	First Thursday.
2	69	11	Victoria .....	Sherbrooke .....	Second Tuesday.
0	66	12	Stanbridge .....	Stanbridge .....	Wednesday on or preceding full
0	140	13	Kilwinning ..	Montreal .....	Second Monday. [moon.]
0	23	14	Clarenceville ..	Clarenceville ..	Third Thursday.
0	32	15	Brown .....	West Farnham...	Friday on or preceding full moon.
0	74	16	Royal Albert ..	Montreal .....	First Wednesday.
0	18	17	Victoria .....	Montreal .....	Fourth Monday.
0	39	18	Milton .....	Three Rivers ....	First Wednesday.
0	33	19	Tuscan .....	Levis .....	First Thursday.
0	48	20	Ascot .....	Lennoxville ....	Monday on or preceding full moon.
0	54	21	Ashlar .....	Coaticooke .....	First Wednesday.
0	23	22	Frelighsburg ..	Frelighsburg ....	Monday on or preceding full moon.
0	48	23	Doric .....	Danville .....	Wednesday " "
0	48	24	Chateauguay ..	Huntingdon .....	Second Tuesday.
0	33	25	Shawenegan ..	Three Rivers ....	
0	22	26	Abercorn .....	Abercorn .....	First Thursday after full moon.
0	24	27	Cornar Stone ..	Cowansville ....	Wed. on or preceding full moon.
0	30	28	Clarke .....	Orms town .....	Second Wednesday.
0	16	29	St. Charles .....	Point St. Charles.	Fourth Tuesday.
0	42	30	La Loge Coeurs	Montreal .....	Fourth Wednesday.
0	41	31	Graham . [Unis	Bolton Centre ..	Tuesday on or preceding full moon.
0	28	32	Excelsior .....	Actonvale .....	" " " " "
0	16	33	Canadian .....	Granby .....	First Wednesday.
0	12	34	Mount Orford ..	Georgeville .....	
0	20	35	St. George .....	Quebec City ....	
0	17	36	Burland .....	St. Johns .....	
0	17	37	Prince Consort	Montreal .....	Fourth Tuesday.
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SUSPENDED MEMBERS.

*Prevost, No. 2, Dunham.*

Milton, R. Bowker

*Nelson, No 3, Philipshurgh.*

Sewell, Anthony	Ross, H. L.
Decker, B.	Lewis, W. N.

*Golden Rule, No. 4, Stanstead.*

Gilbert, F. D.

*St. George, No. 6, Montreal.*

Verdon, Joseph	Cote, Paul
Tracy, T. B.	Dawson, James
Linen, Ed.	Franklin, Thos.
Torrance, C. E.	Geen, William
Goltman, Samuel	Lewis, Jno. R.
Atkins, Henry R.	Weston, James
Brown, John O.	Wilson, John

*Harrington, No. 8, Quebec.*

Donohoe, Anthony

*Hoyle, No. 9, Lacolle.*

VanVliet, John F.	Douglas, R.
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*Stanbridge, No. 12, Stanbridge.*

Dewing, C. P.

*Montreal Kilwinning, No. 13.*

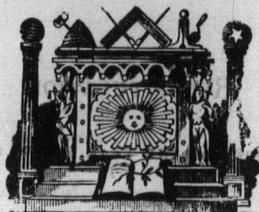
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Pitman, Joseph	Hawksett, Samuel
Bates, John	Trennaman, Jno. T. M.
Kochu, F.	Payette, Alex. F.
McMartin, Jno.	Simpkin, R. R.
Perrin, Thos.	Wilson, Wm.

*Brown, No. 15, West Farnham*

Goddard, David	Brown, Wm.
Browne, Charles	Knight, Geo. W.
Buck, B. F.	

*Royal Albert, No. 16, Montreal.*

Becket, Jno. M.



AT REST.

NAMES.	LODGE.
E. B. Parkin .....	St. Johns, No. 1
Samuel C. Powell .....	Do.
M. M. Johnson .....	Golden Rule, " 4
Lachlan McLean .....	St. Andrews, " 5
Wm. Hutchinson .. .	St. George, " 6
Edward Sharpe .....	Do.
Wm. Reinhardt .....	Zetland, " 7
John A. Smith .....	Hoyle, " 9
Simon H. Cornell .....	Stanbridge, " 12
John Boyd .....	Kilwinning, " 13
Joseph W. Hill .....	Do.
James French .....	Do.
John Mehary .....	Do.
M. Longmore .....	Do.
James Garven .....	Do.
James Morrison .....	Do.
Joseph Brown .....	Royal Albert, " 16
Roderick McLeay .....	Doric, " 23
John Harley .....	Clarke, " 28
Danvers Ritchie .....	Excelsior, " 32



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## RECAPITULATION

OF RETURN OF LODGE FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1872.

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### ERRATA.

Page 31, for “*Eluacs* or *Arming One*,” read *Elusis* or *Coming One*.

Page 32, for “probable,” in first line of last paragraph, read *imperishable*.

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## APPENDIX.

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In explanation of the late appearance of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for 1872, the Grand Secretary has to observe, that they were ready for issue three weeks after the session of Grand Lodge, but were kept back in the expectation of his being enabled to give with the Proceedings the result of the meeting of the Joint Committees of the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Canada, to be named in pursuance of the resolution, page 43, of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Owing to the Grand Lodge of Canada having, after lengthened correspondence, declined to nominate a Committee, all negotiations to restore harmony have failed, and the result has been, the painful necessity to issue the following Proclamation and Appeal :

### PROCLAMATION.

*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, at its last Annual Communication, passed the following Resolutions, namely :—

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, earnestly desires the peace and harmony of Masonry over the whole habitable Globe, and is solicitous that the tenets of the order be preserved in all their ancient purity ; and be perpetuated under those wise regulations which the Royal Craft from time to time enacted for its guidance, in all matters of general government and interest ;

And whereas, this Grand Lodge is profoundly of opinion, that in order to carry out this beneficent and laudable object, every Grand Lodge should possess, hold and exercise supreme and undivided masonic authority and jurisdiction over all masons within their legitimately recognized territory, such territory being always conterminous with the political boundaries of the State, Province or territory, or as the case may be, whose name such Grand Lodge may elect to assume and may claim to be designated by ;

And whereas, this Grand Lodge more immediately and intimately desires the peace and harmony of their beloved brethren in the Dominion of Can-

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ada, and more especially to heal the present unhappy differences which exist between this Grand Lodge and our well beloved sister the Grand Lodge of Canada;

And whereas, it has come to the knowledge of this Grand Lodge, that the M. W. the Grand Master of Canada has expressed an earnest desire to adjust the differences that exist between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada; be it

*Resolved*,—That a Committee of seven to be named by the M. W. the Grand Master, be appointed to meet a like Committee to be appointed by the Grand Master of Canada, and effect, if possible, an adjustment of the differences in accordance with the resolutions passed by this Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication.

*Resolved*,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to withhold the publication of these Resolutions for the space of six weeks in which time, a meeting of the said committees must take place, when, if an adjustment of difficulties be effected, an Emergent Communication of this Grand Lodge be called in the City of Montreal to ratify and confirm the same, but should no adjustment take place within the time specified, then the Grand Master shall proceed as directed by the resolutions of Grand Lodge affecting this question adopted at the last Annual Communication.

The Grand Secretary is ordered to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the Grand Master of Canada for his information.

Be it therefore known unto you all, that in accordance with the aforesaid action of Grand Lodge, I appointed, (together with myself,) the following able and prudent Brethren as a Committee to confer with the like Committee proposed to be named by the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to consider, and, if practicable, effect an adjustment of the very unhappy differences still existing between our respective Grand Bodies, namely:—

R. W. Bro. JAMES DUNBAR, D. G. M.,	QUEBEC.
“ “ “ J. H. ISAACSON, G. Sec’y,	MONTREAL.
“ “ “ G. H. BORLASE, P. D. D. G. M.,	SHERBROOKE.
“ “ “ ALEX. MURRAY, P. D. D. G. M.,	MONTREAL.
“ “ “ M. R. MEIGS, D. D. G. M.,	BEDFORD.
“ “ “ M. M. TAIT, D. D. G. M.,	MONTREAL.

I was subsequently informed through our Grand Secretary, that Grand Master Wilson of the Grand Lodge of Canada, had appointed seven brethren, all from the Province of Quebec, as the committee of conference to represent that Grand Body, of whom R. W. Bro. Thomas White, D. G. M., Montreal, was convener.

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to the Grand Master of Canada, but information was shortly thereafter received by me through our Grand Secretary, from R. W. Bro. Thos. White, convener of the committee named by the G. M. of C., that on account of certain correspondence then taking place between himself and the G. M., it would not be practicable for said Committee on their part, to meet on the day proposed. After some further delay, I was subsequently informed of the existence of difficulties as to the arrangements on the part of Canada.

I again caused to be communicated to the G. M. of C. the renewed assurance of our fraternal regard, and our earnest desire for the early constitutional adjustment of all our difficulties. Like assurances were received from the G. M. of C., together with the expression of his intention, if necessary, of remodeling his committee so as to remove certain obstacles; the carrying out of which would unavoidably occupy some time. Various other correspondence ensued, and in order that no want of forbearance on our part might seem to exist, still further delay was granted; but even now, no fraternal action in reference thereto, has been taken on the part of the officers of the G. L. of C. and the G. M. of the G. L. of C. having by letter of the 30th ult., (Jan. 1873,) declared, that "under present circumstances he did not consider it expedient to take further action in the matter," and having on our part, exercised forbearance until it would seem that no fair-minded brother at home or abroad, can justly feel that precipitate action on our part has been taken; and the Grand Lodge of Canada, under two successive Grand Masters, having since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in utter violation of all prudential and constitutional considerations, granted Warrants to form several new Lodges in this Province, and has also granted copies of old Warrants to construct duplicate Lodges, under circumstances most injurious to the peace, harmony and prosperity of the Craft in this Province,—all of which, and other such like acts, being done in gross violation of the laws and traditions of our fraternity, anent the establishment and sovereignty of Grand Lodges; and although the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as this Grand Lodge, did appeal to the Grand Lodges of the World for their decision on the great constitutional questions involved in the formation of the G. L. of Quebec,—yet, she refuses to abide by the decision rendered by the great majority of the Grand Lodges with whom she has hitherto been in fraternal correspondence and to

whom she appealed;—and since the G. L. of C. has continued to pursue a course so unworthy of a Grand Lodge of Freemasons, and so injurious to the unity, and general welfare of the Craft in this Province, and has even appointed the city of Montreal, the chief city within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, as the place of holding its next Annual Communion;

Be it therefore known unto you all, that in view of these and many other such like unconstitutional, and most unfraternal acts, and in vindication of the sovereignty of this Grand Lodge, and of the inherent rights and prerogatives of our ancient, honourable and loyal fraternity; and in justice to all those Grand Lodges whose recognition has been so honorably and worthily extended to this Grand Lodge;— I therefore, by the solemn action of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, and in virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Master of Freemasons of Quebec, do hereby 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 the G. L. of Canada, and all Lodges and brethren in obedience thereto; and all brethren of the G. L. of Quebec, are hereby solemnly commanded to hold no masonic intercourse with any brother in obedience to said G. L. of Canada, as far as ancient craft masonry is concerned; and this 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.

Done at Richmnd, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, this 4th day of February, A. L., 5873.

J. H. GRAHAM,

*Grand Master.*

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

*Grand Secretary, G. L. of Q.*

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GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF  
THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

*Office of the Grand Master,*

RICHMOND, P. Q., 4th February, 1873.

*To the M. W. the Grand Masters, Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Maine, New Hampshire, Iowa, Wisconsin, Texas, Nebraska, Nova Scotia, Nevada, Kansas, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, North Carolina, Connecticut, Indiana, New York, Vermont, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Alabama, Brazil, Idaho, Louisiana, Montana, South Carolina, California, Utah, Belgium, Portugal, La Plata, Peru; and all Regular Grand Lodges of Freemasons, throughout the world, to whom these presents may come.*

Greeting:

**BRETHREN;**

On the 20th day of October, A. L. 5869, the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, was duly formed in accordance with the principles and Constitutions of our ancient, and honorable fraternity, and has hitherto received from you, (being upwards of thirty of the leading Grand Lodges of the World) fraternal recognition, as an Independent, sovereign Grand Lodge of Freemasons;—and as such, both in accordance with your recognition, and the great principles of our fraternity, is entitled to, and in duty bound to exercise exclusive Masonic authority over all ancient craft Freemasons, and all lodges of such, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Province of Quebec; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Canada, in violation of all the considerations implied in her appeal (in conjunction with this Grand Lodge) to you and other Grand Lodges for a decision on the questions involved in our formation, still refuses to yield to, and abide by said

*Master.*



"We are not absolutely the Grand Lodge of Canada, though declared and acknowledged so to be, while these few cometary fragments revolve in our system. They are theoretically under our control, but practically they are not. While misunderstandings and such like, can be, and are remedied on our part by a present supreme power, redress from these foreign lodges (foreign I mean as to jurisdiction) is a tedious, complicated process, if successful at last, and irregularities are not to be controlled at all. Each of these Lodges acts as if its own judge and jury."

"About three of them, we have already been in difficulty, and are never out of danger of trouble with each and all. I believe no dishonor could attach to the Grand Lodge of Canada, if considering the practicable trouble we have to encounter, were we even now to issue a notification with respect to these lodges, such as we should have done when we took our place amongst other Grand Lodges of Freemasonry. It is a delicate subject, but a matter of real grievance, and certainly opposed to Masonic jurisprudence and causes an important defect in our otherwise perfect structure."

Of the multiplied evils necessarily resulting from such divided Grand Lodge jurisdiction, our M. W. Brother might have mentioned that of applicants for Initiation, rejected by a lodge holding a Warrant from one Grand Lodge making application to and being received by another lodge in the same or in some other locality holding a Warrant from another Grand Body,—and hence many persons being made Freemasons who for sufficient reasons could never otherwise have been received into the fraternity,—all of which has been and continues to be fraught with grave evils to the craft in this jurisdiction, and is especially destructive to that unity and harmony which should ever be among the chief characteristics of our order;—and notwithstanding this Grand Lodge has repeatedly protested against all these and other such like wrongs,—and has reiterated its anxious desire for a constitutional adjustment of all differences existing between it and the Grand Lodge of Canada whose sovereign territory is now necessarily the large and goodly Province of Ontario,—still the Grand Lodge of Canada has continued to persist in her refusal to deal justly by this Grand Lodge;—and as if pursuing a course of judicial and Masonic madness, has appointed Montreal, the chief city in the Province of Quebec, as the place of holding its next annual Communication; and

WHEREAS these and other like acts are wholly unworthy of a Grand Body entitled to exercise the prerogatives and to enjoy the privileges of a recognized Grand Lodge of Freemasons;—therefore having forborne with the G. L. of Canada until forbearance has almost ceased to be a virtue, I now communicate to you that for all these and many other obvious and important reasons, and in virtue of the resolutions passed at the two last annual communications of this Grand Lodge,—and in vindication of the inherent and indefeasable rights of the Craft and our just and duly recognized prerogatives as an independent, sovereign Grand Lodge of Freemasons,—as well as in justice to your Grand Lodges, whose recognition has been so honorably extended to this Grand Lodge, I have this day directed and proclaimed that all Masonic communication and intercourse be suspended between all lodges and brethren in obedience to this Grand Lodge and all brethren and lodges in obedience to the Grand Lodge of Canada until the said G. L. of C. shall in all respects deal justly by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and shall withdraw her jurisdiction from this Province in accordance with the vital principle of the exclusive, sovereign authority of every Grand Lodge of Ancient Craft Masons, within its own territorial limits.

THEREFORE, Brethren of the above named Grand Lodges and of all regular Grand Lodges of Freemasons throughout the world, we hereby appeal to you to uphold and sustain us in this our action in maintenance and vindication of our lawful G. L. sovereignty. Our cause is your cause. Our case unless averted may soon be yours. The fundamental principle of exclusive territorial jurisdiction so clearly evolved in the history of the craft, is assailed and imperilled, here and in a few instances elsewhere. It appears to us that the time has fully come when it behoves all regular Grand Lodges of Freemasons to take such united action as will uphold and defend this palladium of Masonic unity and Grand Lodge existence. The absolute right of every Grand Lodge to sole and exclusive territorial jurisdiction over all members and Lodges of ancient craft Masons must be maintained.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, has already suspended all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Canada, until it ceases to assert any jurisdiction over any Lodge of Masons in the Province of Quebec. Other Grand Lodges have practically asserted the same principles, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec now solemnly

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and confidently makes this her appeal to all regular and loyal Grand Bodies of our ancient and honorable fraternity, praying the Most High to maintain the rights, and perpetuate the blessings of our beloved Order to the latest generations. So mote it be.

J. H. GRAHAM, 32°  
*Grand Master.*

*John B. Leachon*  
*Grand Secy*  
*G. L. of Q.*

