

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MOST WORSHIPFUL
GRAND LODGE
OF
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
AT FOUR EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS, HELD
JUNE 23, 1874,
AUGUST 18, 1874,
JANUARY 12, 1875,
MARCH 30, 1875,
AND AT THE
TENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
Commencing June 2nd, A. D. 1875.



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GRAND OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Elected at the Annual Communication, June 2nd, 1875.

M.W. J. WIMBURN LAURIE	GRAND MASTER.....	Halifax.
R.W. ALLEN H. CROWE.....	DEPUTY G. MASTER...	"
R.W. REV. RICHARD AVERY, M.A.....	SENIOR G. WARDEN.....	Aylesford.
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R.W. REV. H. D. DEBLOIS, B.A.....		Bridgetown.
R.W. REV. THEOPHILUS RICHEY ...		Kentville.
R.W. REV. ALEXANDER NICOLSON.		Halifax.
R.W. REV. GEORGE DODWELL, M.A.		"
V.W. ROBERT C. FRASER.....	SENIOR G. DEACON...	"
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V.W. JOHN W. RUHLAND.....	G. SUPT. OF WORKS...	"
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V.W. CHARLES F. COCHRAN.....	G. SWORD BEARER.....	"
V.W. E. T. McROBERT, M. D.....	GRAND ORGANIST.....	Great Village.
V.W. P. E. McKERROW	GRAND PURSUIVANT.....	Halifax.
V.W. J. D. ROSS.....	GRAND STEWARDS..	Stellarton.
V.W. E. E. TUPPER.....		Bear River.
V.W. H. T. LAWRENCE		Truro.
V.W. C. F. VOSE.....		Halifax.
V.W. I. W. SNOW		River Philip.
V.W. W. C. HARPER.....	GRAND TYLER.....	Amherst.
V.W. JOHN M. TAYLOR.....		Halifax.

Appointed by the Grand Master.

R.W. ALFRED H. WOODILL, M.D.....	Dist. Dep. G. Master...	Halifax.
R.W. T. VAN B. BINGAY.....	"	Yarmouth.
R.W. HENRY SHAW, M.D.....	"	Kentville.
R.W. LEWIS JOHNSTONE, M.D.	"	Stellarton.
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PROCEEDINGS

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Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

AN Emergent Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 24th days of June, A. D. 1874, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

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| M. W. JOHN WIMBURN LAURIE..... | Grand Master. |
| R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE..... | Deputy Grand Master. |
| R. W. REV. RICHARD AVERY..... | Senior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. DAVID POTTINGER | Dist. Dep'y G. Master. |
| R. W. HENRY SHAW | “ “ |
| R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY..... | Grand Treasurer. |
| R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN | Grand Secretary. |
| R. W. REV. CHARLES BOWMAN | Grand Chaplain. |
| V. W. ROBERT C. FRASER | Junior Grand Deacon. |
| V. W. JOHN W. RUHLAND | Grand Sup. of Works. |
| V. W. WILLIAM F. MACCOY | G. Dir. of Ceremonies. |
| V. W. CHARLES F. COCHRAN | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| V. W. JOHN R. THOMAS | Grand Pursuivant. |
| V. W. W. F. CHASE..... | Grand Steward. |
| V. W. JOHN M. TAYLOR | Grand Tyler. |

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. STEPHEN R. SIRCOM	Past Grand Master.	
R. W. JAMES R. GRAHAM	Past Deputy Grand Master.	
R. W. WILLIAM TAYLOR	"	"
R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE	"	"
R. W. CHARLES J. MACDONALD	"	"
R. W. JOHN D. NASH	Past Senior Grand Warden.	
R. W. WILLIAM A. HESSON	"	"
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN	"	"
R. W. THOMAS SHORT	"	"
R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY	"	"
R. W. WILLIAM WILLIAMS	"	"
R. W. GEORGE T. SMITHERS	"	"
R. W. HENRY J. MARSHALL	"	"
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	S. M. Brookfield, J. W.
ST. JOHN'S, No. 2	C. W. Smyth, J. W.
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	W. M. Nichols, J. W.
BURNS, No. 10	W. A. Garrison, W. M.
ATHOLE, No. 15	C. F. Cochran, W. M.
KEITH, No. 17	D. Howe, J. W.
UNION, No. 18	W. B. Thomas, W. M.
	C. T. Allison, J. W.
KEITH, No. 23	Rev. C. Bowman, S. W.
LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38	H. N. Wright, S. W.
	W. H. Gibson, J. W.
ORIENT, No. 49	C. B. Cripps, W. M.
	W. Ingles, S. W.
	J. G. Monamy, J. W.
HARMONY, No. 52	Rev. R. Avery, W. M.
KENTVILLE, No. 58	J. P. Chipman, W. M.

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	H. B. Sellon.
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BURNS	W. Taylor.
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ATHOLE	C. J. Macdonald.
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The representatives from a constitutional number of Lodges being present, the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia was opened in Ample Form, and with prayer by the Rev. R. Avery, Senior G. Warden.

On motion of W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. T. Smithers, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during the present communication.

 OBJECT OF EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

The M. W. Grand Master announced that this Emergent Communication had been convened, for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the Report to be submitted by the Special Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication, on the

Report of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall property in this City, and in pursuance of the following resolution adopted at said Annual Communication :

Resolved, That the Report of the Special Committee be referred back to said Committee, for the purpose of obtaining further and more positive information as to the advisability of repairing and laying out so much money on an old building, and of ascertaining whether or not it would be better to part with some or all of the property, and provide other suitable accommodation for the Grand and Subordinate Lodges. Such information to be submitted at an Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge, to be convened in the latter part of the present month. (*See Proceedings 1874, page 57.*) Also to provide for the publishing of the proceedings of Grand Lodge.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

V. W. Bro. John W. Ruhland, from the Special Committee appointed at the Annual Communication to further report upon the Report of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall Property, submitted the following, which was, on motion of M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, received :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of N. S. :

The Committee to whom was referred back the consideration of the Report of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall property, with instructions to consider the propriety of altering the present building, the sale of the property, and the expediency of erecting a new Temple, beg leave to report

That they have given the important matter entrusted to them their most serious consideration, and concluded to submit the following, to be dealt with by the Grand Lodge at their discretion :

First. The plan proposed of altering and repairing is one that your committee do not consider advisable, as, upon careful examination, they find that the building is in a more dilapidated condition than was at first anticipated, and that the alteration would entail a very heavy outlay—say of at least \$13,000, which large sum, instead of being thus virtually sunk, ought, in their opinion, to be appropriated toward the erection of a new building.

Secondly. With regard to the second proposition—the sale of the property, your committee deem it to be unadvisable at present, for, even should it, if sold, bring the highest price expected, the cost of another site as convenient for the erection of a new building would cost as much, foot for foot, as the present property would realize, if not more, to say nothing of the inconvenience, annoyance, and expense that the Craft would be subjected to in providing even temporary accommodation in the mean time.

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Thirdly. Your committee would earnestly urge upon the Grand Lodge the advisability of erecting a new Masonic Temple.

For this purpose they recommend the removal of the present building upon Barrington street, and the placing of a new one thereon, extending the whole frontage, to the corner of Barrington and Salter streets, 90 feet, and easterly on Salter street 57 feet. This would occupy every available foot of ground, and give all the accommodation required by the Craft, as well as a large hall, which might be devoted to other purposes, the lower story being utilized for stores, from both which sources a considerable revenue may be safely anticipated. With this Report we submit a draft of the proposed building, which your committee after practical examination, estimate to cost \$40,000, to which they add \$10,000 as the value of the land, making a total of \$50,000 on which they estimate the following revenue:

4 Stores on Barrington street, at \$500.....	\$2,000 00
11 Lodges " 100.....	1,100 00
2 Chapters " 75.....	150 00
1 Preceptory	50 00
1 Chapter, <i>Rose Croix</i>	50 00
Emergencies, say	150 00
Public Hall, allowing 100 nights' occupancy at } \$20, per night.....	2,000 00

Total.....\$5,500 00

Fourthly. Your committee further recommend that the present east wing be retained, and that the sum of, say \$800, be expended thereon in necessary repairs for the convenience of the Craft, until the new building is finished; after which time it could be let for other purposes, at not less than \$1500 per annum, making the entire revenue derived from all sources \$7,000.

The committee, in submitting the scheme last referred to, unanimously recommend its adoption, as being the most feasible and beneficial to the interest of the Craft. In the consideration of the outlay and income they have based the former at the highest figure, and the latter at the lowest, as they feel confident the following figures will show:

Cost of New Hall, say	\$40,000 00
Cost of Site	10,000 00
Cost of Wing and Land.....	6,000 00
Repairs to Wing, say.....	1,000 00
With an allowance for contingencies.....	3,000 00

Making a gross cost of\$60,000 00

The revenue before referred to, making a total of \$7000 per annum, allowing ten per cent. on the outlay, would leave \$1000 clear to the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. RUHLAND,
GEO. T. SMITHERS,
SAMUEL M. BROOKFIELD,
GEORGE MACKENZIE,
THOMAS S. LOWNDS,
H. B. SELLON,
ROBT. BRUNTON.

It was then moved by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, seconded by Bro. W. F. MacCoy, and unanimously

Resolved, That the Report of the Special Committee on the Report of the Trustees be considered clause by clause.

The following resolution was moved by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, and seconded by R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald:

Resolved, That the first clause of the Special Report be adopted.

In amendment, it was moved by R. W. Bro. W. Taylor,

That the consideration of the first clause of the Report be laid over for the present.

This amendment, on being seconded by W. Bro. A. Waddell and put to vote, was declared lost.

The original resolution was then put to vote and agreed to.

It was moved by W. Bro. J. M. Chase, seconded by W. Bro. A. Waddell,

That the second clause be adopted.

In amendment, the following was moved by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom:

Resolved, That the property fronting on Barrington street, 90 feet, and on Salter street, 57 feet, be not sold at present.

Which being seconded by Bro. S. Brookfield, and put to vote, was declared in the affirmative.

Rev. Bro. Charles Bowmap, Grand Chaplain elect, being present, was installed by the M. W. Grand Master, in due and ancient form, and with the customary grand honors.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, June 24th, 1874.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, M. W. Bro. John Wimburn Laurie, Grand Master, presiding.

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The Roll of Lodges being called, a quorum was found duly represented.

On motion of R. W. Bro. John D. Nash, seconded by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, the following, being the first part of clause 3, was unanimously adopted :

"Your committee would earnestly urge upon the Grand Lodge the advisability of erecting a new Masonic Temple."

On motion of R. W. Bro. Mackinlay, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, the following was substituted, and unanimously adopted, in lieu of the remaining portion of clause 3 :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider, in conjunction with the Trustees, the best means to adopt towards the erection of a new Masonic Temple, such committee to report to the Grand Master for the information of this Grand Lodge.

And the following brethren were chosen as such committee—
M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie, R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, R. W. Bro. A. K. Mackinlay, R. W. Rev. Bro. R. Avery, R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, R. W. Bro. G. T. Smithers, W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, and W. Bro. J. T. Wood.

On motion of R. W. Bro. A. K. Mackinlay, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, the following was substituted in lieu of clause 4 :

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding eight hundred dollars, be placed at the disposal of the Trustees, for the repairs of the east wing of the present building.

It was moved by W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, seconded by W. Bro. J. P. Chipman, and

Resolved, That the Report as amended be adopted.

V. W. Bro. J. W. Ruhland offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Geo. Mackenzie, and adopted :

Resolved, That the Building Committee be authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for a sum not to exceed three hundred dollars in connection with any expense incurred.

R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby

tendered to the Special Committee for the manner in which they have discharged the duties imposed upon them, and that they be now relieved from further labor.

On motion the Grand Secretary was authorized to publish 550 copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the year ended the last Annual Communication, for distribution in the usual manner, and to make such corrections in the Constitution as are rendered necessary by the amendments from time to time adopted by Grand Lodge.

The special business for which the Emergent Communication had been convened being concluded, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was closed in ample form.

BENJAMIN CURREN,
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

AN Emergent Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday, the 18th day of August, A. D. 1874, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT :

M. W. JOHN WIMBURN LAURIE....	Grand Master.
R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN.....	Grand Secretary.
R. W. REV. HENRY P. ALMON.....	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. ROBERT C. FRASER.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. JOHN W. RUHLAND.....	Grand Super. of Works.
V. W. WILLIAM F. MACCOY.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. CHARLES F. COCHRAN.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. ISAAC J. WYLDE.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. W. F. CHASE.....	Grand Steward.
V. W. JOHN M. TAYLOR.....	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
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R. W. JOHN D. NASH.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
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R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.....	do. do.
R. W. GEORGE T. SMITHERS.....	do. do.
R. W. WILLIAM WILLIAMS.....	do. do.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

ST. ANDREW'S, No. 1.....	A. H. Woodill, W. M. W. F. MacCoy, S. W.
ST. JOHN'S, No. 2.....	C. W. Smyth, J. W.
ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 6.....	J. Mumford, W. M. G. Mackenzie, S. W. W. M. Nichols, J. W.
BURNS, No. 10.....	W. A. Garrison, W. M.
NEW CALEDONIA, No. 11..	G. R. Davies, W. M.
ATHOLE, No. 15.....	C. F. Cochran, W. M.
KEITH, No. 17.	I. J. Wylde, W. M.
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KENTVILLE, No. 58.....	R. S. Masters.

PAST MASTERS.

ST. ANDREW'S:.....	J. D. Nash. T. Lownds.
ST. JOHN'S.....	J. Martin.
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BURNS	A. Waddell. J. Fortune.
ATHOLE.....	W. Williams. C. J. Macdonald. A. J. Rockwell.
KEITH.....	J. K. Munnis. J. T. Wood.
WELSFORD.....	Rev. H. P. Almon.
LODGE OF ST. MARK.....	George T. Smithers. T. A. Cossmann.
KENTVILLE.....	G. R. Sangster. Rev. T. Richey.

The representatives from a constitutional number of Lodges being present, the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia was opened in Ample Form, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Bro. W. F. MacCoy, seconded by R. W. Bro. G. T. Smithers, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during the present Communication.

OBJECT OF EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

The M. W. Grand Master stated that he had convened this Emergent Meeting of Grand Lodge for the purpose of submitting for its consideration the Report of the Committee appointed at the Emergent Communication in June last, to consider, in conjunction with the Trustees, the best means to adopt towards the erection of a new Masonic Temple, and in pursuance of the following resolution, passed at said Emergent Communication :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider, in conjunction with the Trustees, the best means to adopt towards the erection of a new Masonic Temple, said committee to report to the Grand Master for the information of Grand Lodge.

The Report and accompanying papers, consisting of the prospectus and description of the proposed Temple, having been read by the Grand Secretary, it was moved by R. W. Bro. J. K. Munnis, seconded by W. Bro. Isaac J. Wylde, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee just read be received.

It was then moved by W. Bro. R. T. Roome, seconded by V. W. Bro. J. W. Ruhland, and unanimously

Resolved, That the Report be adopted.

W. Bro. T. A. Cossmann offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the present committee be authorized and empowered to continue in office, and to call a meeting of the stockholders, for the purpose of organizing the company.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Henry P. Almon offered the following resolution, which was seconded by V. W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, and adopted :

Whereas, The General Committee have recommended that the Masonic Hall Property be transferred to the new company when said company is legally organized, therefore

Resolved, That said trustees be authorized to transfer all the rights of this Grand Lodge to the said company, and that a clause in the new Act of Incorporation be inserted, reserving to the Masonic Body the exclusive right of occupation of that portion of the new building contemplated for their use.

R. W. Bro. A. K. Mackinlay offered the following resolution, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, and adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do take up shares in the new Masonic Temple to the fullest extent of its funds, and that the Grand Treasurer pay up the calls as required.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John D. Nash, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, and unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due, and hereby tendered to M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom in appreciation of services rendered by him as Chair. man of the Special Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge in connection with the proposed erection of a Masonic Temple in this city.

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On motion of V. W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. D. Nash, were added to the committee representing Grand Lodge in the formation of the new company.

The Rev. Bro. H. P. Almon and the Rev. Bro. Theophilus Richey, Grand Chaplains elect, being present, were installed by the M. W. Grand Master in due and ancient form, and with the customary grand honors.

The special business for which the Emergent Communication had been called being concluded, the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A.-Masons was closed in ample form.

BENJAMIN CURREN,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

AN Emergent Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, A. D. 1875, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

M. W. JOHN WIMBURN LAURIE.....Grand Master.
R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.....Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN.....Grand Secretary.
V. W. JOHN W. RUHLAND.....Grand Super. of Works.
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V. W. JOHN M. TAYLOR.....Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. STEPHEN R. SIRCOM.....Past Grand Master.
R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE.....Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. CHARLES J. MACDONALD.....Past D. G. Master (Hon'y)
R. W. WILLIAM A. HESSON.....Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN.....do. do.
R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.....do. do.
R. W. HENRY J. MARSHALL.....do. do.

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ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 6.....	J. M. Mumford, W. M. G. Mackenzie, S. W. W. M. Nichols, J. W.
ATHOLE, No. 15	C. F. Cochran, W. M. G. J. Fluck, S. W.
KEITH, No. 16.	E. E. Tupper, S. W.
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ORIENT, No. 49.	C. B. Cripps, W. M. W. Ingles, S. W.
KENTVILLE, No. 58.....	G. R. Sangster, P. M., proxy for Lodge.
CLARKE, No. 61.	E. D. Lordly, M. M., proxy for Lodge.

PAST MASTERS.

ST. JOHN'S.....	S. R. Sircom. J. Martin. H. J. Marshall.
VIRGIN	W. A. Hesson. J. Gossip. T. Mowbray.
ROYAL SUSSEX.....	J. McLearn. H. B. Sellon.
ATHOLE	C. J. Macdonald.
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EUREKA	D. Fraser.
KENTVILLE.....	G. R. Sangster.

The Representatives from a constitutional number of Lodges being present, the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia was opened in ample form and with prayer.

On motion of the R. W. Grand Secretary, seconded by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during the present communication.

OBJECT OF EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

The M. W. Grand Master announced that he had summoned this communication of Grand Lodge in consequence of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Trustees of Freemasons' Hall, declining to transfer the property to the Masonic Temple Company, limited (as directed by resolution of August last), without further instruction from Grand Lodge; the scheme for the erection of a Masonic Temple, as indicated by the prospectus, having in their opinion failed.

LETTER FROM TRUSTEES TO THE GRAND MASTER REFUSING TO TRANSFER.

The following letter from the Secretary of Trustees to the Grand Master, was then read :

HALIFAX, December 26, 1874.

DEAR SIR AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—

At a meeting of Trustees of Freemasons' Hall held this day for the purpose of considering a resolution of the Directors of the Masonic Temple Company limited, as follows:—" *Resolved*, That the Secretary be requested to procure the necessary transfer of the Masonic Hall Property in accordance with the resolution passed by Grand Lodge, August 18, 1874." The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Trustees :

Whereas, The original scheme for the erection of a Masonic Hall cannot be carried out according to the original prospectus, and this body having been called upon to convey said property to the new company,

Therefore resolved, That the Trustees refuse to comply with the said request, unless so directed by Grand Lodge; and

Further resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting that the Grand Lodge should be forthwith called together to consider the whole matter, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Grand Master for his consideration.

COL. J. W. LAURIE,
M. W. Grand Master.

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On motion of W. Bro. J. Taylor Wood, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. K. MacKinlay, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Masonic Hall Property be, and they are hereby authorized to transfer said property to the Masonic Temple Company, limited, with a clause in said deed protecting the rights of this Grand Lodge in accordance with the terms of a resolution of this Grand Lodge in August last ; and also that the new Company provide for the payment of Bro. Taylor's mortgage.

MORTGAGE TO BE TRANSFERRED.

The following resolution was moved by V. W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. J. MacDonald, and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the present Trustees of this Building be authorized to borrow a sufficient sum to pay Bro. Taylor's mortgage ; and that this Grand Lodge give its bond signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary for said sum.

The special business for which this Emergent Communication had been called being concluded, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

BENJAMIN CURREN,

Grand Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS
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Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.
EMERGENT COMMUNICATION.

An Emergent Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, A. D. 1875, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT :

M. W. JOHN WIMBURN LAURIE....Grand Master.
R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE.....Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY....Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN.....Grand Secretary.
V. W. ROBERT C. FRASER.....Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. JOHN M. TAYLOR.....Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. STEPHEN R. SIRCOM .. Past Grand Master.
R. W. JAMES R. GRAHAM Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE..... do. do.
R. W. CHARLES J. MACDONALD..... do. do.
R. W. WILLIAM A. HESSON..... Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. WILLIAM H. TULLY..... do. do.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN..... do. do.
R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY..... do. do.
R. W. ROBERT J. ROMANS..... do. do.
R. W. WILLIAM WILLIAMS..... do. do.

LODGES REPRESENTED.

ST. ANDREW'S, No. 1.....	A. H. Woodill, W. M.
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	J. McLearn.
ZETLAND	J. M. Chase.
BURNS	A. Waddell.
	J. Fortune.
ACADIA (14).....	A. McLeod.
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The representatives from a constitutional number of Lodges being present, the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia was opened in ample form, and with prayer.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. Curren, seconded by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors during the present communication.

The following summons issued to members of Grand Lodge on the 13th inst., was read :

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,

No. 17 POPLAR GROVE, *Halifax, March 13, 1875.*

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,

You are hereby summoned to attend an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia, to be held at Masons' Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, 1875, at 8 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration the present state of the Masons' Hall Property in this City, now owned by Grand Lodge : for making such arrangements for the disposal of the whole or any part thereof as may be deemed expedient : for the purchase of any other property : and for the expenditure consequent upon the purchase or erection of a building suited to the requirements of the Craft.

By Order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master,

BENJAMIN CURREN,

Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master, in addressing Grand Lodge, alluded to the unsatisfactory state of the property in this city owned by Grand Lodge; the discreditable appearance of the present Hall; the various efforts made to erect such a building as would reflect credit on the whole craft in this jurisdiction; the formation of the Masonic Hall Company, limited; and the abandonment of the scheme then proposed, owing to the many difficulties met by the directors of that company; and trusted that such action would be taken at this Communication as would remove the discredit now resting upon all concerned.

The M. W. Grand Master then stated that, at the request of

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many of the brethren, he had prepared the following proposal, which he now presented for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY GRAND MASTER.

No. 1.—That a portion of the site of Masonic Hall property fronting on Granville and Salter Streets, about 60 feet by 60 feet, be set apart for the erection of a building, giving necessary accommodation for Masonic and such other purposes as may be deemed expedient.

No. 2.—That the remainder, fronting on Barrington and Salter Streets, be offered for sale, and disposed of when a good opportunity occurs, reserving to Grand Lodge the right to take possession of the corner stone and contents.

No. 3.—That the holders of the first mortgage (the Acadia Fire Insurance Company) be notified of our intention to build, and requested to transfer the mortgage to the portion of the property on which the new building stands, as soon as sufficient progress is made.

No. 4.—That Grand Lodge be authorized to invest all its available cash in the erection of a new building.

No. 5.—That the subordinate Lodges and other Masonic bodies and individual members of the Craft in this Province be requested to loan to the Grand Lodge for the same purpose, such sums as they may have at their disposal for investment, receiving therefor debentures or bonds from Grand Lodge, bearing 4 per cent. per annum, and redeemable at par, from time to time, as soon as Grand Lodge funds will enable this to be done.

No. 6.—That the several Masonic bodies holding second and other mortgages on the present property be requested to release these mortgages, and to take Grand Lodge bonds in payment, said bonds to bear interest at 4 per cent. per annum, and be redeemable at par, from time to time, as funds at the disposal of Grand Lodge will warrant.

On motion of R. W. Bro. A. K. MacKinlay, seconded by W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the proposal now submitted by the Grand Master and read, be received.

On motion of R. W. Bro. A. K. MacKinlay, seconded by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, the first clause was unanimously adopted.

On motion of M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, seconded by W. Bro. J. Gossip, the second clause was unanimously adopted.

On motion of W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, seconded by W. Bro. A. J. Rockwell, the third clause was unanimously adopted.

On motion of R. W. Bro. W. Williams, seconded by R. W. Bro. R. J. Romans, the fourth clause was unanimously adopted.

On motion of W. Bro. J. McLearn, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, the fifth clause was unanimously adopted.

On motion of W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, seconded by W. Bro. J. Mumford, the sixth clause was unanimously adopted.

It was then moved by M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, seconded by W. Bro. I. J. Wylde, and unanimously

Resolved, That the proposal submitted by the M. W. Grand Master, and passed clause by clause be now adopted as a whole.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. Williams, seconded by V. W. Robert Fraser, and unanimously

Resolved, That a committee of nine, in addition to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, be appointed with full powers to sell property under the direction of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary : to call for plans : decide thereon : and erect such a building for the use of the Craft as they may deem advisable ; said committee to have full power to carry out the suggestions proposed and adopted at this Communication, with reference to the providing of funds, &c., &c., without further reference to this Grand Lodge.

The following brethren were then elected a committee in connection with the above resolution, viz. :

J. W. LAURIE, Grand Master,	J. MUMFORD,
A. H. CROWE, Dep. G. Master,	C. J. MACDONALD,
A. K. MACKINLAY, G. Treas.	W. WILLIAMS,
B. CURREN, G. Secretary,	W. H. HART,
S. R. SIRCOM,	J. T. WOOD,
W. A. HESSON,	A. H. WOODILL.
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R. W. Bro. A. K. MacKinlay then introduced the following resolution, which was seconded by W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do hereby confer full powers upon the M. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Secretary, to sell any portion or all of the Grand Lodge property fronting on Barrington Street, about ninety feet and on Salter Street, about sixty feet, giving the necessary deeds, as well as

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to raise any portion of funds required, by giving security on such property held by them for this Grand Lodge; and further, that the Grand Master have full power to draw from the Grand Treasurer such funds as may from time to time be required by the Building Committee.

The special business for which this Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge had been called being concluded, the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Nova Scotia was closed in ample form.

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TENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

THE Tenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was held at Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, commencing on Wednesday, the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1875, A. L. 5875, at 12 o'clock, M.

PRESENT:

R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. REV. RICHARD AVERY.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. C. CREWE-READ.	Dist. Dep'y G. Master.
R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN	Grand Secretary.
R. W. FRASER W. DAKIN.	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. REV. GEORGE TOWNSEND	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. ROBERT C. FRASER	Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. JOHN W. RUHLAND	Grand Sup. of Works.
V. W. WILLIAM F. MACCOY	G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. CHARLES F. COCHRAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. W. F. CHASE.....	Grand Steward.
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V. W. JOHN M. TAYLOR	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. STEPHEN R. SIRCOM.....	Past Grand Master.
R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. CHARLES J. MACDONALD....	do. do.
R. W. WILLIAM A. HESSON.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. BENJAMIN CURREN.....	do. do.
R. W. ANDREW K. MACKINLAY....	do. do.
R. W. WILLIAM WILLIAMS.	do. do.
R. W. GEORGE T. SMITHERS.	do. do.
R. W. HENRY J. MARSHALL	do. do.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND
LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

- R. W. Allen H. Crowe, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of
England.
R. W. Andrew K. MacKinlay, as Representative of the Grand Lodge
of Canada.
R. W. George T. Smithers, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of
Quebec.
M. W. Stephen R. Sircom, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of
California and Grand Orient of Brazil.
R. W. James K. Munnis, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of
Virginia.
R. W. Charles J. Macdonald, as Representative of the Grand Lodges
of Missouri and Ohio, and the Grand Orient of New
Granada.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll, when forty-
two Lodges were found represented.

The representatives from a constitutional number of subordi-
nate Lodges being present, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia was open-
ed in due form, by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and with
prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of R. W. Bro. B. Curren, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing, be admitted as visitors
during the present Communication.

On motion of W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, seconded by V. W.
Bro. R. C. Fraser, the reading of the Minutes of the Annual
Communication in June last was dispensed with, the same hav-
ing been printed and distributed to the Lodges.

The Minutes of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, at the
Emergent Communications, held June 23rd and 24th, 1874,
August 18th, 1874, January 12th, 1875, and March 30th, 1875,
were read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported sixty-one Lodges out
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Lodge at the Annual Communication of 1875, and the following Representatives and Past Masters from forty-two of these in attendance.

ST. ANDREW'S, No. 1.....	J. Dempster, W. M. W. F. MacCoy, S. W. Rev. G. B. Dodwell, J. W.
ST. JOHN'S, No. 2.....	S. R. Sircom, W. M. C. F. Vose, S. W.
VIRGIN, No. 3.....	C. E. Pattner, W. M. H. M. Hamilton, S. W. A. H. H. McGachen, J. W.
ALBION, No. 5.....	D. C. Fraser, M. M. Proxy for Lodge.
ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 6.....	G. McKenzie, W. M. G. Gardner, J. W.
ST. ANDREW'S, No. 7.....	R. J. Ingraham, M. M., Proxy for Lodge.
ACACIA, No. 8.....	W. C. Harper, S. W. C. J. Townsend, M. M., Proxy for W. M. and J. W.
BURNS, No. 10.....	S. Mosher, W. M. J. R. Bennett, S. W. J. Ellis, J. W.
NEW CALEDONIA, No. 11....	G. R. Davies, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
HIRAM, No. 12.....	G. Bingay, M. M., Proxy for Lodge.
ACADIA, No. 14.....	J. G. Smith, W. M. A. W. McLeod, S. W.
ATHOLE, No. 15.....	J. J. Stewart, W. M. W. G. Laidlaw, S. W. A. M. Hubly, J. W.
KEITH, No. 16.....	E. E. Tupper, M. M., Proxy for Lodge.
KEITH, No. 17.....	D. M. Hazel, W. M. G. McLellan, S. W. W. Lowe, J. W.
UNION, No. 18.....	W. B. Thomas, W. M. C. T. Allison, S. W. A. D. Francis, J. W.

ROYAL ALBERT, No. 19.....	John Forbes, W. M., Proxy for Wardens.	M
ST. GEORGE'S, No. 20	E. N. Payzant, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.	C
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WELSFORD, No. 26	F. W. Dakin, P. M., Proxy for W. M.	C
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QUEENS, No. 34,.....	J. Cameron, W. M., Proxy for Wardens.	
THISTLE, No. 36... ..	W. Patterson, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.	
COBEQUID, No. 37.....	A. Chisholm, W. M.	ST.
	J. L. Sutherland, S. W.	
LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38..	L. F. Darling, W. M.	ST.
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EUREKA, No. 42	W. Wittneber, M. M., Proxy for Lodge.	VIR
TRURO, No. 43.....	H. T. Lawrence, W. M., Proxy for J. W.	
	L. B. Archibald, S. W.	
WIDOW'S SON, No. 48.....	J. Powers, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.	
ORIENT, No. 49.....	W. Inglis, W. M.	ROY.
WESTERN STAR, No. 50.	J. McNulty, W. M., Proxy for Wardens.	
EASTERN STAR, No. 51.....	W. Pearce, W. M.	ST. &
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Proxy for	CLARKE, No. 61.	G. W. Richardson, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
Proxy for	TAYLOR, No. 62	W. Johnston, M. M., Proxy for Lodge.
Proxy for	CORINTHIAN, No. 63.	E. T. McRobert, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
Proxy for	SIRCOM, No. 66.	G. M. Bishop, W. M.
Proxy for	MINAS, No. 67.	A. S. Townshend, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.
	CURREN, No. 68.	J. F. McDonald, P. M., Proxy for Lodge.

PAST MASTERS.

N.	ST. ANDREW'S.	A. H. Crowe. J. W. Scott. A. H. Woodill.
W.	ST. JOHN'S.	A. K. MacKinlay. S. R. Sircom. H. J. Marshall. C. F. Vose.
M., Proxy	VIRGIN	W. A. Hesson. R. T. Roome. B. Curren. J. Gossip. T. Mowbray.
Proxy for	ROYAL SUSSEX	J. McLearn. H. B. Sellon. J. M. Mumford.
Proxy for	ST. ANDREW'S (Sydney) . .	C. Crewe-Read.
Proxy for	BURNS	J. Fortune. A. Waddell. W. A. Garrison.
Proxy for	NEW CALEDONIA	G. R. Davies.
Proxy for	HIRAM (Yarmouth)	A. S. Hood.
Proxy for	ACADIA (Halifax)	A. McLeod. J. W. Ruhland.

ATHOLE	C. J. Macdonald. W. Williams. D. McDougall. R. C. Fraser. C. F. Cochran.
KEITH (Hillsburg)	J. H. Benson.
KEITH (Halifax)	J. K. Munnis. J. T. Wood. I. J. Wylde.
UNION	P. E. McKerrrow.
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WELSFORD	J. Poyntz. W. W. Rickards F. W. Dakin.
ANNAPOLIS ROYAL	A. Robinson.
COBEQUID	G. Hyde.
LODGE OF ST. MARK	G. T. Smithers. E. W. Howell. W. F. Chase. J. W. Howell.
TRURO	H. McCallum.
WIDOW'S SON	J. Powers.
EASTERN STAR	J. C. Cahill.
HARMONY	Rev. R. Avery.
MORIEN	L. Johnstone.
CLARKE	G. W. Richardson.
CORINTHIAN	E. T. McRobert.
MINAS	A. S. Townshend.
CURREN	J. F. McDonald.

ABSENCE OF M. W. GRAND MASTER.

The following correspondence, explanatory of the absence of the M. W. Grand Master from this Annual Communication was presented by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and read:

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HALIFAX, May, 1875.

M. W. BRO. J. WIMBURN LAURIE,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BROTHER,—

Invitations to attend the dedication of the new Masonic Temple in the city of New York on the second day of June next having been kindly extended by M. W. Bro. E. E. Thorne, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, to yourself and the first five officers of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, we, the undersigned, finding it impossible to leave, and anxious that this Grand Lodge should be efficiently represented on the occasion referred to, as well as being impressed with the belief that the interest and reputation of the craft in this jurisdiction will be largely enhanced by the presence, at the dedication, of its chief officer, would strongly urge that, if you can make it convenient consistently with your other engagements, you will, in the interests of the craft in this Province, attend the dedication, and act as our representative.

We are,

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A. H. CROWE, *Dep. Grand Master.*A. K. MACKINLAY, *Grand Treasurer.*B. CURREN, *Grand Secretary.*

We, the undersigned officers and members of Grand Lodge, fully concur in the foregoing:

S. R. Sircom	Past Grand Master.
S. G. Rigby	Past Dep. Grand Master.
C. J. Macdonald	Past Dep. Grand Master.
W. A. Hesson	Past Senior Grand Warden.
Geo. T. Smithers	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. C. Fraser	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. F. MacCoy	Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
C. F. Cochran	Grand Sword Bearer.
J. R. Thomas	Grand Pursuivant.
I. J. Wylde	Grand Steward.
J. M. Taylor	Grand Tyler.
J. Dempster	W. M. St. Andrew's Lodge.
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J. Fortune	P. M. Burns
A. McLeod	P. M. Acadia
J. Sutherland	P. M. Acadia
P. E. McKerrow	P. M. Union
W. F. Chase	P. M. St. Mark
J. C. Cahill	P. M. Eastern Star
E. Fultz	S. W. Royal Sussex
A. W. McLeod	S. W. Acadia
W. G. Laidlaw	S. W. Athole

GRAND MASTER'S REPLY.

OAKFIELD, N. S., May 25th, 1875.

WORSHIPFUL AND DEAR BRETHREN,—

I hesitated for some time as to the propriety of absenting myself from the Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, although I was strongly of opinion that it was only fitting and right that our Grand Lodge should, by the presence of one of its officers, show its sympathy with the brethren of New York in the observance of the very interesting ceremony which is the immediate cause of the invitation. In response, however, to your strongly expressed views, I feel that I shall best serve the interests of the craft in Nova Scotia by proceeding at once to New York, there to attend the dedication of the new Masonic Temple.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

J. WIMBURN LAURIE, *Grand Master.**To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.*

NOVA SCOTIA GREET'S NEW YORK.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Geo. Townshend, alluding to the Grand Masonic Celebration in which the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York was then engaged, viz.: the dedication of their magnificent Tem-

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THE GRAND LODGE OF A. F. AND A. MASONS OF NOVA SCOTIA IN ANNUAL COMMUNICATION ASSEMBLED.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of New York.

GREETING:

Congratulations on the work of to-day. May your children's children celebrate with joy the anniversary of this auspicious occasion.

This proposal being seconded by the R. W. Grand Secretary, was most heartily and unanimously concurred in, and the message was immediately despatched, signed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master presiding.

GRAND MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

When twelve months since you placed me in the East, the time seemed ample for carrying out the plan I then formed—to visit every Masonic District in the jurisdiction, and, in my capacity as representative of the Grand Lodge, shew the interest taken by it in the working of the subordinate Lodges—a tour which appears to me to be far more necessary under our present Constitution than heretofore, when quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge were held in the various sections of the Province. How different a fixed period of time appears in anticipation and in retrospect; the twelve months have passed and much of the self-imposed work has not even been attempted.

In the third Masonic district the several Lodges combined to organize a monster picnic, which was carried out most successfully at Aylsford; and as the officers of the Grand Lodge were invited to be present, it gave them an opportunity, which was readily made use of, to mix socially with the brethren of that most prosperous section of the Province, and the hearty and truly fraternal greeting which the visiting brethren met with, will not easily pass from their minds. Shortly after my installation I visited most of the Lodges in the island of Cape Breton, and found them generally well attended and prosperous. I was, however, called away suddenly on official duty, and had to forego the promised pleasure and gratification of visiting Richmond, Thistle, Morien, and Temple, on the main land.

Later in the season I travelled through Lunenburg County, and paid an official visit to each of the Lodges there situated. Masonry appears to prosper with them, but a suitable Lodge building is badly wanted in the town of Lunenburg. During the winter I made a tour of visits among the Lodges in

Pictou County, and found them strong in numbers, well Lodged, and generally thriving. I have also visited the Lodges at Truro and Amherst. Acacia in particular appears very whole-hearted, and through the general character of the brethren, Masonry stands high in that locality. The Truro Lodges are zealous, and have a fair membership; but I cannot help thinking that, both in Truro and New Glasgow, Masonry would gain, rather than lose, by the two Lodges at each place uniting their strength, and, as at Pictou, forming one strong and capable Lodge.

During the past two months I paid official visits to all the Lodges in the city of Halifax and Dartmouth, with the single exception of Union (the day named for the visitation of which was not convenient to the brethren of the Lodge.) I found the records satisfactory, and officers generally well up in their work. I think the principle of consolidation practised last year in the case of St. John's and Scotia might be carried still further with advantage to the craft in the city, but the necessary action to accomplish this end must come from within the Lodges themselves, and not from outside pressure.

MASONIC HALL.

It seems unnecessary to recapitulate the details of the steps taken towards the erection of a Masonic Hall at Halifax; a building suitable for the general purposes of the craft in the city, and which should be a credit to the craft in the Province. Full particulars of the emergent meetings of the Grand Lodge, and the work done by committees, &c., will be given to you. As our original proposal, on which much time, thought, and positive labor had been spent, fell through, many members of our body felt almost discouraged and inclined to the belief that we never should attain our object. Grand Lodge, however, at its last emergent meeting placed the matter in the hands of a strong committee, with very full powers, and the result of their labors, so far, may now be seen in the columns of the daily press in the shape of an advertisement for the receipt of tenders for the erection of a Hall on a scale commensurate with our requirements, and not incommensurate with our resources, and I have full confidence that the present year of light will be memorable in the annals of Masonry in Nova Scotia, as the year when the foundation stone of our new Hall was duly and truly laid.

NEW LODGES.

Petitions for new Lodges at Gisborne Mines, C. B., and at Mahone Bay, Lunenburg County, having been referred to me by Grand Lodge to be dealt with at my discretion, I declined to issue dispensations until the receipt of further information, and took the earliest opportunity of visiting the two localities: the result of my investigations being that I deemed it inadvisable to issue a dispensation to Gisborne Mines until the industry of that locality should become more permanent, and tend to establish a more settled population; whilst in the case of Mahone Bay, I found sufficiently good prospects to justify my granting a dispensation on the production of the necessary certificates:

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I have granted dispensations to establish Lodges at the following places:

December 22nd, 1874—	Charity Lodge, Mahone Bay.
March 12th, 1875—	Laurie “ Spring Hill.
March 24th, 1875—	Granville “ New Caledonia.
March 30th, 1875—	Eastern Light “ Guysboro.
April 2nd, 1875—	Ionic “ Lawrencetown.

all of which will, I trust, grow to be a credit and a strength to the craft. I trust that these dispensations will be approved by you.

CONSECRATION, DEDICATION, ETC.

On September 4th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Curren, Grand Secretary, W. Bro. J. W. Fraser, Bro. Moore, V. W. Bro. J. M. Taylor and several other brethren, I visited Hopewell and consecrated, dedicated, and constituted Curren Lodge, No. 68.

November 21st, being unable to attend in person, I authorized R. W. Bro. C. Crewe-Read, District Deputy Grand Master, to lay the corner stone of the New Masonic Hall at Little Glace Bay.

December 28, accompanied by R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, and V. W. Bro. J. M. Taylor, I attended at Kentville and duly dedicated the New Masonic Hall in that town. I granted permission to Acadia Lodge, Amherst, to walk in public Masonic procession.

BY-LAWS.

I have given my sanction to the By-Laws of Acadia, No. 13; Hiram, No. 12; Sircorn, No. 66; Curren, No. 68; Minas, No. 67; St. George's, No. 20; Cobequid, No. 37; and sanctioned amendments in the By-Laws of Harmony, No. 52; Hiram, No. 53; Acadia, No. 8.

INTERCHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In accordance with the wish of that Grand Lodge as expressed by letter to me, I have appointed R. W. Bro. Wm. Robson as representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and have recommended the appointment of W. Bro. J. Taylor Wood as representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; this will, I trust, meet your approval, in response to applications made to me.

DECISIONS.

I have embodied several decisions given by me in the simplest and plainest form—that of question and answer. It will be noticed that the answers were generally based on and immediately drawn from the Constitution.

Question. Is it compulsory to vote on the election of a candidate for the degrees?

Answer. Yes; the ballot must be unanimous.

Question. Is it necessary to take the ballot when the investigating committee have reported unfavorably?

Answer. Yes; the ballot must be held, whether the petition be reported on favorably or unfavorably. (Standing resolution, No. 4.)

Question. Is it requisite that an applicant residing beyond ten miles from the Lodge be recommended by six members of the Lodge to which he applies for admission?

Answer. Yes; section 43, chapter 14 prescribing the jurisdiction of a Lodge as extending ten miles, I am of opinion that in accordance with the latter part of section 43, every applicant residing beyond that distance must be recommended in writing by six members of the Lodge to which he applies.

Question. A Lodge enquires, "can we suspend By-Law No. 7 of our Lodge of our own accord?"

Answer. No; sec. 47 of cap. 14 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge forbids it. The W. M. elect of Acadia Lodge, No. 14, having declined to be installed as such, I issued my dispensation authorizing the Lodge to proceed to the election and installation of a W. M. for the ensuing year.

I have adhered to the decisions of my predecessors and have declined to shorten the period between first and second degrees.

I have refused permission to a Lodge to initiate a candidate unable to read and write.

I have refused permission to initiate a candidate having a cork leg.

I have declined to issue a dispensation to a Lodge to install its officers in public.

WORK.

The desirability of assimilating the ritual and work of the several Lodges in this jurisdiction has, I am fully aware, engaged the serious attention of my predecessors, and of all earnest members of the craft. No. 2, of the standing Regulations, sanctions the preservation, by the older Lodges, of their long-practised and highly-prized Ritual. I trust, however, that mature thought and calm consideration on the subject, in a spirit of mutual concession, and with a single-minded desire to promote the welfare of the craft, may enable us to establish a uniform work acceptable to all.

DEATH OF R. W. BRO. JOHN D. NASH.

Among the brethren who have ceased to work amongst us during the past year, the craft assembled in Grand Lodge will sadly miss the familiar form of R. W. Bro. John D. Nash. Ever speaking his mind plainly, home truths came with great force from him; and, feeling as we all must do, that he was a true mason at heart, we can but trust that he has gone to his reward. I would recommend a memorial page in our Proceedings to his honor.

I have to acknowledge the ready assistance and advice received from time to time from the officers of Grand Lodge, both present and past, towards the carrying out the duties of my very responsible position: duties which, though occupying much time, have been rendered as light as possible by the cordial support rendered by the brethren without exception. To all I tender my hearty thanks for the consideration shewn me during my year of office.

J. WIMBURN LAURIE,

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On motion, the address of the Grand Master was referred to a special committee consisting of R. W. Bro. R. Avery, R. W. Bro. G. Dodwell, W. Bro. J. Poyntz.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master read the following address :

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

Although our Constitution does not require the Deputy Grand Master to submit an annual report, it may not be uninteresting to the members of Grand Lodge to learn how my time has been employed, masonically, during the past year.

The duties devolving upon me as Deputy Grand Master this year have been rendered comparatively light, owing to the great personal interest taken by our much respected Grand Master in all matters relating to the welfare of the craft.

The Grand Master having decided, soon after the close of our last Annual Communication, to make an official visit to the various Lodges situated in Cape Breton, it was arranged that I should meet him at Sydney, for the purpose of accompanying him. I regret to say that, owing to pressing business engagements, I was compelled, at the last moment, to deny myself the pleasure of fulfilling that appointment. Soon after his return, however, having occasion to visit the eastern portion of our Province on business, I was commissioned to visit Temple Lodge, No. 57, Port Mulgrave, and as many other Lodges as I could make it convenient to visit in my route of travel. Having finished my business, I arrived after a hard day's travel (part of which was performed on foot) at Port Mulgrave on the evening of the regular meeting of Temple Lodge, in July. I had not previously notified the W. M. of my intended visit, as there was no telegraph communication with the section of the country in which I was engaged ; and not being certain that I could get through with my business in time, I did not communicate with him by mail. I was very much disappointed on being informed by a member of the Lodge on my arrival at the hotel, that, although this was the regular night of meeting provided by the by-laws, the Lodge had not been summoned ; I was therefore debarred the pleasure of meeting with them.

The next morning I called upon the W. M., and was informed that, as his Lodge was largely composed of men engaged in the fisheries, and necessarily away from home during the greater portion of the summer months, it was customary with him not to summon his Lodge unless some business of importance required it, as otherwise there would not be members enough present to enable him to open his Lodge. I pointed out the irregularity of his proceedings, and directed him in future to issue his summonses regularly ; then, if the members did not attend, he would not be responsible ; but that he must cause a correct record of the circumstance to be made in his

minute book, as neither he nor a unanimous vote of the Lodge could suspend a by-law, and that Grand Lodge would hold him responsible for any violation of the Constitution. He expressed his regret that he had misunderstood his powers, and promised full compliance with my instructions for the future.

I visited the Lodge-room and examined the books, and found them very creditably kept. The Lodge is held in the upper part of the building, and the room will compare favorably with many situated in more thickly settled portions of our jurisdiction. The W. M., Bro. Murray, I found to be a very enthusiastic Mason, and very desirous of discharging his duty faithfully to the craft. I had since some correspondence with him, and supplied him with some books on Masonic Jurisprudence, and have no doubt that the returns now in the hands of the Grand Secretary will prove Temple Lodge to have prospered under his rule.

Through the kindness of Bro. Murray I was furnished with a passage across the strait to Port Hawkesbury, where I spent a pleasant hour with the Worshipful Master of Solomon Lodge, No. 46. Having to leave that evening for West Bay to catch the boat for Sydney, I had to forego the pleasure of visiting this Lodge which the W. M., Bro. Martell, kindly offered to summon for that purpose.

During my stay at North Sydney I had the pleasure of twice meeting with the brethren of Royal Albert Lodge, No. 19. I have no hesitation in pronouncing this Lodge fully alive to the interests of Masonry and a credit to our jurisdiction. The kindness I received at the hands of the brethren, both in and out of the Lodge, will not soon be forgotten.

I also attended a funeral of a deceased brother, the ceremonies at the grave being performed by M. W. Bro. Dimock. The large attendance of the brethren of Royal Albert, and the sympathy shown by the brethren of St. Andrew's, No. 7, who came a distance of four miles, by water, to attend the funeral in a body, was an evidence to my mind that Masonry in Sydney was something more than a mere name. I regret I had not more time to spend in District No. 5. I should like to have visited all the Lodges, particularly No. 7, of which I heard so much, and over which R. W. Bro. C. Crewe-Read, D. D., G. M., has had the honor of presiding as W. M. From all that I heard of the Lodges in this section of our jurisdiction, I think Bro. Read is to be congratulated upon having such a fine district under his care.

I accompanied the M. W. Grand Master to Kentville, and assisted in the dedication of the new hall prepared for the accommodation of the Kentville Lodge. We were kindly received and sumptuously entertained by the members of this fine Lodge. When I say that this Lodge has lost none of its zeal, I think I comprehend all that need be said of it.

I also accompanied the M. W. Grand Master in his visits to the various Lodges in the city and Dartmouth and subsequently installed the officers of Burns, Union, Eastern Star and St. Andrew's Lodges.

By command of the M. W. Grand Master, I visited Union Lodge, No. 18, examined their proceedings for the past year, found the records correctly

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made, and their books generally satisfactory. I was much surprised to hear an application made by a Past Master for a travelling certificate for a brother who was about to visit the United States. Upon expressing my ignorance of such a document in Masonry, I was informed that it was quite customary for this Lodge to grant such certificates. I directed the W. M. to refuse it in this instance.

I have since been shown a communication from the District Grand Secretary of the District Grand Lodge (R. E.) of Jamaica, requesting information upon the nature of such certificates, accompanying which was a photograph copy of one issued by the Union Lodge. This document will be submitted for your consideration. This ends my official visits.

Masonry in the city may be said to be fairly prosperous; but I regret to have to report that the average attendance this year—especially upon the official visitations of Lodges, and the installation of officers, has not been so large as usual. This, I think, ought not to be. These occasions ought to be seasons of great interest, stimulating the Grand Officers in the discharge of their duties, and giving an impetus to the Lodges generally which should be felt throughout the whole year.

The Lodge of St. Mark, Eastern Star, Athole and St. Andrew's Lodges are entitled to the credit of having the largest and most interesting meetings on the occasions referred to. I mention this with the hope of establishing a generous rivalry in the future.

Although a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, I feel that you will pardon me if I refer more in detail to their meeting, as it was one, though tinged with melancholy, of great interest to the members of that venerable Lodge.

For two reasons the Worshipful Master was desirous of having on this occasion as large a representation of the Craft as possible, and the extra effort put forth by him resulted most satisfactorily. It being the first official visit of our deservedly popular Grand Master, and this being the oldest Lodge in the jurisdiction, it was thought but a simple act of justice that he should receive a warm reception; also this being the evening set apart for the purpose of paying a tribute of respect to the memory of their oldest and most active member, our late R. W. Bro. John D. Nash, whose recent removal from our midst was felt to be a loss, not only to be deplored by the members of this his mother Lodge, but by every member of the jurisdiction in which he had so long and faithfully labored, and in which he was so highly respected.

The Lodge room was neatly draped in mourning, with appropriate memorial devices.

The Lodge being opened, the Grand Master, accompanied by his officers, was announced and enthusiastically received with the customary honors; after which he was presented with an address of welcome, neatly engrossed on parchment, which unexpected expression of respect was very feelingly responded to.

The proceedings of the Lodge for the past year having been carefully inquired into and commented upon, warm expressions of condolence were

tendered to the Lodge by the visiting brethren on the loss sustained by the decease of Bro. Nash. The evening was one long to be remembered by the members of St. Andrew's.

The following extract from the minutes of the Lodge of that evening present a short account of Bro. Nash's Masonic career, and the estimation in which he was held by his brethren.

"Bro. Nash, up to the time of his death, was the oldest living member in good standing initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge; he having been proposed as a candidate for Masonry in this Lodge March 3rd, 1846,—nearly 30 years ago.

"He received his first degree April 20th, 1846, second May 26th, third June 24th, 1846. On Dec. 27th of the same year he was elected Junior Warden, and the year following Senior Warden; and on Dec. 26th, 1848, was installed W. Master.

"In 1849 Bro. Nash was appointed by the District Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden. Through all his Masonic career he maintained an unbroken connection with the Lodge, and continued through all these years a regular subscribing member to the time of his death,—March 2nd, 1875.

"His loss is deeply felt and lamented in more than one circle: save in his own family by none more keenly than the members of his mother Lodge; and his death takes from us a leader in our craft, of whose well-trying veterans so few are left."

Not only in Masonry had Bro. Nash been known and respected, but he had acquired a record in his connection with the City Corporation, the School Board, and many private enterprises, for frank and manly conduct that few equal. Fearless and outspoken—impulsive it may be—he was yet sincere, and warm-hearted to a fault, and his honesty of purpose was recognized by all. Kind and affectionate in his social relations, his loss will be deeply felt in many hearts, and his memory will long be associated with the recollections of our most pleasant hours.

Respectfully submitted.

ALLEN H. CROWE,
Deputy Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted his Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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

I have the honor to submit, for the information of the Grand Lodge, the following Report of the proceedings of the Grand Secretary's Office for the past year.

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District Deputy Grand Masters, the necessary authority under the seal of Grand Lodge, empowering them to enter upon the discharge of the duties of their office.

Five hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the year ended at the Annual Communication in June, 1874, have been printed under my direction, and distributed as usual.

Three copies of these Proceedings were mailed in the month of October last to each of the forty-seven Grand Lodges on this Continent, as also to several of the Grand Lodges in Europe.

These were sent in bundles of one, and then two copies, in strong coverings and well tied, in order, if possible, to ensure safety, fearing from the shattered condition in which the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges sometimes come to hand, that ours do not, in some instances, reach their destination. The following, under date May 22nd, 1875, only seven months after our Proceedings had been mailed, will prove my suspicions correct to some extent:

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother:

I have the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of one copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for 1874.

I have received during the year, and forwarded to R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Proceedings of thirty-five Grand Lodges, as will appear from the Report to be submitted by that Brother to-day.

I have received from the Grand Secretary of the newly-organized Grand Lodge of Wyoming a copy of the Proceedings of the Masonic Convention of the territory of Wyoming, held at Laramie City, December 15th and 16th, 1874, at which four Lodges were represented, and subsequent organization of a Grand Lodge for said territory, accompanied with a circular letter addressed to this Grand Lodge, and asking for recognition.

Also Proceedings of the Convention to organize, and first Grand Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory, at which three Lodges were represented, held at Caddo, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, on the 6th, 7th, and 8th of October, 1874, with a similar request.

I have received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of that Grand Lodge; also a Reprint of Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Illinois, 1840 to 1860, both handsomely bound, and presented to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

I have received also from the Venerable and R. W. Bro. John Dove, of Richmond, Va., the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, 1777 to 1823, by John Dove, G. S., with the following complimentary circular:

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 8, 1875.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother:

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Virginia having directed me to present to each Grand Lodge of America a copy of the Reprint of Proceedings

from 1777 to 1823, embellished with a likeness of many Grand Masters, including a history of the origin and progress of Masonry in Virginia, from 1733 to 1777, I take great pleasure in sending to you a complimentary copy.

Very fraternally,

JOHN DOVE, G. S.

On the 21st of November last, by direction of the M. W. Grand Master, I issued a Dispensation to R. W. Bro. C. Crewe-Read to lay the corner stone of the New Masonic Hall at Little Glace Bay, Cape Breton.

On the 15th of October I assisted the M. W. Grand Master in consecrating and dedicating Curren Lodge, No. 68, Hopewell, Pictou County, and installed the officers thereof.

The meeting was largely attended by visiting brethren from Stellarton and other places, and very interesting addresses were delivered by the M. W. Grand Master; R. W. Bro. C. Bowman, Grand Chaplain; the V. W. Grand Tyler, and by brethren Hudson, Fraser, and Moore, of Keith Lodge, No. 23.

R. W. Bro. A. C. Page, District Deputy Grand Master, in his Report last year, says of this Lodge—"It affords me great pleasure to report the Lodge at Hopewell the best working Lodge under Dispensation it has ever been my good fortune to meet with," and judging from the great interest manifested by the members, all of whom, we believe, were present on that occasion, the eulogy passed upon them by R. W. Bro. Page was not by any means overdrawn.

By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, Dispensations have been issued for the establishment of new Lodges as follows:

December 22, 1874—To Lewis Knaut, Simon Burgoyne, and John W. Mills, to open a new Lodge at Mahone Bay, Lunenburg County, to be called Charity Lodge.

March 12, 1875—To John W. Cove, John McLeod, and Douglas McLeod, to open a new Lodge at Spring Hill, Cumberland County, to be called Laurie Lodge.

March 24, 1875—To George Thomas Bingay, David Inglis, and William Armstrong, to open a new Lodge at New Caledonia, Annapolis County, to be called Granville Lodge.

March 30, 1875—To Abner Hart, John W. Wallace, and George W. Scott, to open a new lodge at Guysborough, to be called Eastern Light Lodge.

April 2, 1875—To Frederick Leavitt, Daniel Feindel, and William Roach, to open a new Lodge at Lawrencetown, Annapolis County, to be called Ionic Lodge.

The minutes of Charity Lodge, opened in December last, have been forwarded to me, and are now before the Committee on Charters, who will report thereon at this Communication.

The others, being but so recently established, have not yet had time to exhibit the "work under dispensation" required by sec. 1, cap. 14 of our Constitution, and have therefore not forwarded their minutes for examination.

Tyrian Youth Lodge, No. 45, Little Glace Bay, Bro. Archibald McQuarrie, Secretary, was the first this year to forward returns.

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Of the 63 Lodges now chartered, 61 have made returns for the year ending May, 1875, and are therefore entitled to be represented at this Communication.

Two only have failed to comply with the requirements of section 26, chapter 14 of the Constitution.

One Lodge has neglected to make its payments to Grand Lodge for the years '74 and '75, and its W. Master, Wardens and Past Masters are consequently disqualified from voting at the present session.

Four have failed to make their payments to Grand Lodge for the present year.

The returns received exhibit the following results:

Number initiated during the year.....	480
“ passed “ “	439
“ raised “ “	434
“ affiliated “ “	63
“ re-instated “ “	13
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“ suspended, non-payment of dues.....	77
“ “ unmasonic conduct.....	2
“ missing.....	48
“ died	38
“ rejected	118

Whole number of Masons in Lodges reporting..... 3295

Giving an increase of about 250 in the number of contributing members over that of last year.

In my report for 1873 I announced to Grand Lodge the gratifying intelligence, that there had not been during the year a single instance of suspension for unmasonic conduct in our jurisdiction. This fact was noticed and alluded to in the foreign correspondence of several Grand Lodges as worthy of special remark.

Last year, however, we were pained on learning that three of our brethren had so far forgotten the duties they owe to their own reputation as well as to that of the Craft, that it became necessary for their brethren, after mature consideration, to inflict upon them the severe sentence of exclusion from their Lodges. And now again it becomes my painful duty to report the suspension of two for unmasonic conduct.

The case of one of these is as follows:—“The brother is charged with unmasonic conduct in obtaining money from members of the Craft under false pretences, he having induced brethren to endorse paper for him, when at the same time he knew that he would not be able to redeem it when due.”

On the 16th January last I received from R. W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, of Ottawa, a despatch announcing the sad intelligence of the death of M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In the absence of our M. W. G. Master I immediately telegraphed to our representative R. W. Bro. Harrington, conveying the deep sympathy of the Masons of this jurisdiction with the Grand Lodge of Canada in their severe loss—the second which in the dispensation of the G. A. of the Universe they had been called to suffer during the year.

The W. Master elect of Acadia Lodge having declined to present himself for installation, I forwarded, on the 15th May, to the Master and Brethren of the Lodge the G. Master's dispensation authorizing them to proceed to the election and installation of a W. Master for the ensuing year; and on the same evening, with the assistance of R. W. Bro. Crowe, I installed W. Bro. J. G. Smith as Master of Acadia Lodge, No. 14, in due and ancient form, the other officers having been previously installed by M. W. Bro. Sircom.

I beg to submit herewith my account for the past year, giving a statement in detail of monies paid up to May 31st, 1874, from which it will appear that I have received the sum of \$3,034, which amount has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers.

Respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN CURREN,
Grand Secretary.

Halifax, June 2, 1875.

BENJAMIN CURREN, *Grand Secretary, in account with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ending June 2nd, 1875.*

Received for dues from—

No.				
1.	St. Andrew's	to	June 1875	\$83.50
2.	St. John's	"	"	31.00
3.	Virgin	"	"	28.00
4.	Unity	"	"	19.00
5.	Albion	"	"	44.50
6.	Royal Sussex	"	"	38.00
7.	St. Andrew's	"	"	30.00
8.	Acacia	"	"	39.50
10.	Burns	"	"	33.50
11.	New Caledonia	"	"	65.50
12.	Hiram	"	"	32.00
13.	Acadia	"	"	22.00
14.	Acadia	"	"	19.50
15.	Athole	"	"	25.50
16.	Keith	"	"	31.00
17.	Keith	"	"	22.50
18.	Union	"	"	14.50
19.	Royal Albert	"	"	22.00
20.	St. George's	"	"	13.00
23.	Keith	"	"	40.00

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No.		to June, 1874.....	\$14.00
24.	Concord	" " 1875.....	14.00
25.	Westport	" " ".....	12.00
26.	Welsford	" " ".....	44.00
28.	Scotia	" " ".....	21.00
29.	Pr. of Wales	" " ".....	39.00
30.	Albert	" " ".....	30.00
31.	Scotia	" " ".....	26.50
32.	Eldorado	" " ".....	10.00
33.	Annapolis Royal	" " ".....	39.00
34.	Queens	" " ".....	53.00
35.	St. Mark's	" " ".....	19.00
36.	Thistle	" " ".....	26.50
37.	Cobequid	" " ".....	39.50
38.	L. of St. Mark	" " ".....	35.00
39.	Acacia	" " 1874.....	31.50
"	"	" " 1875.....	26.50
41.	Rothsay	" " ".....	30.00
42.	Eureka	" " ".....	29.00
43.	Truro	" " ".....	34.50
44.	Poyntz	" " 1874.....	15.00
"	"	" " 1875.....	18.00
46.	Solomon	" " ".....	12.00
48.	Widow's Son	" " ".....	15.50
49.	Orient	" " ".....	13.00
50.	Western Star	" " ".....	41.00
51.	Eastern Star	" " ".....	30.00
52.	Harmony	" " ".....	34.50
53.	Hiram	" " 1874.....	20.50
"	"	" " 1875.....	19.00
54.	King Solomon	" " ".....	17.50
55.	Morien	" " ".....	11.50
56.	Harmony	" " ".....	13.00
57.	Temple	" " ".....	16.50
58.	Kentville	" " ".....	27.00
59.	Manitoba	" " ".....	31.50
61.	Clarke	" " ".....	16.00
62.	Taylor	" " ".....	22.50
63.	Corinthian	" " ".....	19.00
64.	Richmond	" " ".....	13.50
66.	Sircom	" " ".....	18.00
67.	Minas	" " 1874.....	14.00
"	"	" " 1875.....	17.00
68.	Curren	" " ".....	10.00

Total for Dues.....\$1644.00

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Received for Diplomas and Enrolments from—

No.			
1.	St. Andrew's to June, 1875	\$12.00
2.	St. John's " " "	.....	3 00
3.	Virgin " " "	.....	15.00
4.	Unity " " "	.....	16.00
5.	Albion " " "	.....	21.00
6.	Royal Sussex " " "	.....	10.00
7.	St. Andrew's " " "	.....	24.00
8.	Acacia " " "	.....	24.00
9.	Zetland " " " (on account)	.....	18.00
10.	Burns " " "	.....	6.00
11.	New Caledonia " " "	.....	6.00
12.	Hiram " " "	.....	18.00
13.	Acadia " " "	.....	11.00
14.	Acadia " " "	.....	20.00
15.	Athole " " "	.....	22.00
16.	Keith " " "	.....	8.00
17.	Keith " " "	.....	2.00
18.	Union " " "	.....	2.00
19.	Royal Albert " " "	.....	8.00
20.	St. George's " " "	.....	6.00
23.	Keith " " "	.....	31.00
24.	Concord " " 1874	.....	8.00
24.	Concord " " 1875	.....	8.00
26.	Welsford " " "	.....	25.00
28.	Scotia " " "	.....	14.00
29.	Prince of Wales " " "	.....	10.00
30.	Albert " " "	.....	12.00
31.	Scotia " " "	.....	10.00
32.	Eldorado " " "	.....	10.00
33.	Annapolis Royal " " "	.....	12.00
34.	Queens " " "	.....	54.00
35.	St. Mark's " " "	.....	20.00
36.	Thistle " " "	.....	22.00
37.	Cobequid " " "	.....	18.00
38.	Lodge of St. Mark " " "	.....	33.00
39.	Acacia " " 1874	.....	14.00
39.	Acacia " " 1875	.....	10.00
41.	Rothsay " " "	.....	20.00
42.	Eureka " " "	.....	18.00
43.	Truro " " "	.....	24.00
44.	Poyntz " " 1874	6.00
44.	Poyntz " " 1875	16.00
45.	Tyrian Youth " " " (on account)	9.00
46.	Solomon " " "	7.00

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No.			
48.	Widow's Son to June, 1875	\$8.00
49.	Orient " " "	8.00
50.	Western Star " " "	32.00
51.	Eastern Star " " "	7.00
52.	Harmony " " "	.....	22.00
53.	Hiram " " 1874 (balance)	.....	2.00
53.	Hiram " " 1875	.....	6.00
54.	King Solomon " " "	.....	14.00
55.	Morien " " "	.....	6.00
56.	Harmony " " "	.....	8.00
57.	Temple " " "	.....	8.00
58.	Kentville " " "	.....	11.00
59.	Manitoba " " "	.....	22.00
61.	Clarke " " "	.....	2.00
62.	Taylor " " "	.....	20.00
63.	Corinthian " " "	.....	10.00
64.	Richmond " " "	.....	8.00
66.	Sircom " " "	.....	2.00
67.	Minas " " 1874	.....	9.00
67.	Minas " " 1875	.....	8.00
68.	Curren " " "	.....	26.00

Total for Diplomas, &c., &c.....\$902.00

Received for Benevolent Fund from—

No.			
2.	St. John's Lodge—1st donation	.....	\$20.00
5.	Albion " 1st "	.....	20.00
23.	Keith " 2nd "	.....	20.00
33.	Annapolis Royal 2nd "	.....	15.00
36.	Thistle 2nd "	.....	10.00
38.	Lodge of St. Mark 2nd "	.....	20.00
42.	Eureka 1st "	.....	10.00
46.	Solomon 1st "	.....	10.00
52.	Harmony 2nd "	.....	15.00
53.	Hiram 2nd "	.....	15.00
58.	Kentville 1st " (in two payments)	.....	20.00
62.	Taylor 2nd "	.....	20.00
64.	Richmond 2nd "	.....	5.00

Total for Benevolent Fund.....\$200.00

Received for Charters and Dispensations from—

Curren Lodge, for Charter.....	\$30.00
Charity " " Dispensation	50.00
Laurie " " "	50.00
Granville " " "	50.00
Eastern Light " " "	50.00
Ionic " " "	50.00

Total for Charter and Dispensations\$280.00

Received for renewal of Diplomas—

1874.		
June 24.	From Acacia Lodge, for Bros. King and Seaman ...	\$2.00
Aug. 27.	" Annapolis Royal, for Bro. D. Lynch, diploma injured by water and returned ...	1.00
Nov. 23,	" Taylor Lodge, for J. G. Locke, diploma injured in ironing and returned.....	1.00
1875.		
Jan. 5.	" St. Mark's Lodge, 35, for D. J. McKenzie, name incor- rectly supplied by Secretary, diploma returned.	1.00
Mar. 9.	" J. R. Foster, L. of St. Mark, dip. injured and returned.	1.00
May.	" Albert for W. J. McGill, dip. injured in ironing and re- turned	1.00

Total for Renewals, &c. &c.....\$7.00

Received for Complaint, from—

1874.	
Nov. 30.	Scotia, No. 31..... 1.00

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Received for Dues.....	\$1644.00
" " Diplomas and Enrolments.....	902.00
" " Benevolent Fund	200.00
" " Charter and Dispensations.....	280.00
" " Renewal of Diplomas.....	7.00
" " Complaint of Scotia.....	1.00

Total amount received during the year.....\$3034.00

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On motion of V. W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, seconded by W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Secretary, with accompanying statement of account for the past year, be received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer then submitted his Annual Report as follows, which, on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit :

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

I beg herewith to submit my accounts for the year ending 31st of May, 1875, shewing a balance at credit of Grand Lodge of \$4519.54.

This balance may appear large, but it must be remembered that the whole of the expenses of the current year will require to come out of this sum, thus reducing the amount nearly one half.

The receipts from all sources for the year will be found to be \$2934.00, and the total disbursements \$1778.21.

I would respectfully call the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that our yearly income over expenditure scarcely exceeds, on the average, eight hundred dollars ; this is certainly a very small margin, and some action is necessary to increase the receipts of Grand Lodge.

Together with my accounts will be found vouchers for all payments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. K. MACKINLAY.

Grand Treasurer.

HALIFAX, June 1st, 1875.

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in Account with ANDREW K. MACKINLAY,
Grand Treasurer.

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June 4.	To cash paid W. S. Wylde, Represen. from Temple, No. 57...	\$17.00
"	" " J. Strickland, Represen. from Taylor, No. 62 ...	19.00
"	" " F. W. Ruggles, Repres. from Westport, No. 25	13.50
"	" " J. Powers, Represen. from Widow's Son, No. 48	11.00
"	" " F. W. Dakin, Represen. from Welsford, No. 26	5.50
"	" " H. S. Jost, Represen. from Unity, No. 4.	12.00
"	" " R. Gray, Represen. from Western Star, No. 50	10.50
"	" " J. W. Fraser, Represen. from Keith, No. 23....	10.50

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"	"	J. Clark, Represen. from Acadia, No. 13.....	10.00
"	"	R. J. Ingraham, Rep. from St. Andrew's, No. 7	24.50
"	"	J. Cameron, Represen. from Queens, No. 34....	18.00
"	"	R. Avery, Represen. from Harmony, No. 52 ..	7.40
"	"	J. C. Sims, Represen. from Hiram, No. 53	19.00
"	"	A. Robinson, Rep. from Annapolis Royal, No. 33	11.00
"	"	N. Tupper, Represen. from Acacia, No. 8.....	10.00
"	"	A. S. Hood, Represen. from Hiram, No. 12.....	22.25
"	"	E. E. Tupper, Represen. from Keith, No. 16 ...	15.00
"	"	G. R. Davies, Rep. from New Caledonia, No. 11	5.25
"	"	G. W. Richardson, Rep. from Clarke, No. 61...	10.00
"	"	A. B. Baxter, Represen. from Scotia. No. 28 ...	10.00
"	"	W. Hall, Represen. from Eureka, No. 42.....	14.00
"	"	H. T. Lawrence, Represen. from Truro, No. 43.	5.08
"	"	C. Crewe-Read, D. D. G. M., expenses attend- ing Annual Communication.....	24.40
"	"	C. Crewe-Read, D. D. G. M., official visitations	29.65
"	"	H. Shaw, D. D. G. M., official visitations.....	32.00
"	"	S. H. Cox, D. D. G. M., official visitations	57.00
"	"	A. C. Page, D. D. G. M., official visitations.....	8.10
"	"	Trustees of Freemasons' Hall, half year's rent to Dec. 27, 1873	20.00
"	"	J. M. Taylor, Tyling, &c., &c., one year, to June, 1874	37.00
"	"	H. B. Sellon, travelling expenses to U. States, July, 1874.....	100.00
"	"	G. Secretary to Sep. 1, 1874	150.00
"	"	W. Macnab, printing Annual Report, 1874.....	330.00
"	"	Widow's Son Lodge overpaid and refunded ...	3.00
"	"	Bowes & Sons, Printing and Material, to May 26, 1874	49.75
"	"	Colonist, advt. Funeral Notice of the late G. M.	1.00
"	"	Reporter, advt. Annual Communication, 1874.	3.00
"	"	Chronicle, advt. notice of meeting for Dec. 1873	1.50
"	"	" " Annual Communication, 1874..	4.50
"	"	Grand Secretary, to Dec. 1, 1874	150.00
"	"	J. M. Taylor, Tyling half year, to Dec., 1874...	15.00
"	"	J. M. Taylor, travelling expenses, Aug., 1874...	9.25
"	"	J. M. Taylor, travelling expenses, Sep., 1874...	6.50
"	"	G. Secretary, to March 1, 1875	150.00
"	"	Postage on Proceedings, Diplomas, Letters, No- tices, &c., &c., from G. Lodge.....	80.18
"	"	A. & W. MacKinlay, printing for Trustees, Prospectuses, Share Lists, Circulars, &c., July and August, 1874	32.55

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June 4.	To cash paid Stationery	\$20.10
"	" " Postage on Foreign G. L. Reports, Letters, &c., to Grand Lodge	8.00
"	" " Acadian Recorder, advt. Ann. Communication, 1873, and funeral notice of the late G. M....	5.25
"	" " H. Schaefer, altering Jewel	1.50
"	" " J. Bowes & Sons, printing, to Dec. 31, 1874 ...	8.75
"	" " W. Macnab, printing, to Dec. 31, 1874.....	2.75
"	" " G. Secretary, to June, 1875.....	150.00
"	" " To amount transferred to Benevolent Fund ...	30.00
"	" " Balance	4519.54
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June 1.	By Balance	\$3363.75
" 20.	" Cash from Grand Secretary	118.00
Nov. 20.	" do. do.	66.00
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March 4.	" do. do.	156.00
" 13.	" do. do.	50.00
" 31.	" do. do.	153.00
May 8.	" do. do.	226.50
" 12.	" do. do.	271.00
" 21.	" do. do.	406.00
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A. K. MACKINLAY,
Grand Treasurer.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

In submitting my accounts and vouchers of the Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, I regret to have to report the great lack of interest manifested by the Craft generally in this most important feature of our ancient institution.

The total amount paid over to me for the past year does not exceed \$200, or an average of \$3.17 for each Lodge under the jurisdiction.

I trust the year we have just entered upon will be more productive of good results, and that Masters will impress upon the members of their Lodges the

necessity of supporting more liberally a fund which may, in the future, have a heavy drain upon it.

During the past year only two applications for assistance were made, and in each case a small sum was granted.

My accounts do not cover a sum of over \$2000, still in the hands of the Trustees of the old Freemasons' Hall Property: this amount is invested, and will, I presume, be accounted for in due course.

A sum of \$381.43 being a portion of the fund set apart for charity by the late District Grand Lodge under England has been paid over to me and placed to credit of Benevolent Fund.

The total amount now at credit is \$1011.08.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. MACKINLAY,
Grand Treasurer.

Halifax, June 1, 1875.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND, *Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in Account with the Grand Treasurer.*

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May 8.	To cash paid Margaret Clish, application from Keith Lodge,	
	No. 23.	\$20.00
" " "	Bro. Charles B. Cripps, of Orient Lodge, No. 49	10.00
	Balance.....	1011.08
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June 1.	By Balance	\$435.13
" 2.	" cash from Grand Secretary	20.00
" 20.	" do. do.	10.00
Nov. 16.	" do. Trustees per W. F. MacCoy.....	381.43
" 21.	" do. Grand Secretary	10.00
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May 8.	" do. do.	20.00
" 21.	" do. do.	45.00
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" 29.	" do. do.	30.00
" 31.	" do. do.	20.00
	Interest	24.00
	Amount transferred from General Fund	30.00
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The R. W. Grand Secretary offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the election of officers for the ensuing year take place this evening at 9 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 2, 1875.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor. R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, Grand Lodge was declared ready to proceed to labor.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, and, on motion, received and ordered to be published with the Proceedings.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals submitted the following report, which, on motion of Bro. G. Bingay, seconded by Bro. C. J. Townshend, was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Nova Scotia.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg leave to report that they have examined the petitions of Scotia Lodge No. 31, Yarmouth, and of Bro. ———, Master Mason of said Lodge, against the action of the W. M. of Hiram Lodge No. 12, in refusing to admit said Bro. to Hiram Lodge at the regular monthly communication in September last.

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Your committee are of the opinion that the action of the W. M. of Hiram Lodge in refusing to admit a visiting brother to his Lodge is in accordance with Masonic usage as generally recognized.

Your committee would suggest that in future any Worshipful Master refusing admission to a visiting brother be required to report the same to the Grand Secretary together with his reasons for having done so.

Your committee would enjoin upon Masters of Lodges the necessity of exercising, with the greatest caution, the privilege of refusing admission to visiting brethren and only upon the most reliable assurance that the peace and harmony of their Lodges, which they are bound to preserve, would be disturbed by the presence of the brother objected to.

Your committee regret to say that their efforts to ascertain whether the reasons which led to the refusal of Brother _____ were such as would meet with the approval of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, proved abortive. They also regret to state that there appears to underlie this particular grievance a spirit at variance with the principles of the Order, and which your committee were anxious to rectify; but this it was found impossible to accomplish without summoning the parties interested to appear before them. They felt they would not be justified in taking this step, having disposed of the constitutional point submitted for their consideration.

The appeal of Bro. _____ is disposed of in the decision which we have submitted for your approval. We would add, however, that refusing to admit a brother to a Lodge does not affect his Masonic standing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. WOODILL, *Chairman*,
J. C. CAHILL,
ALEXANDER WADDELL.

HALIFAX, June 2nd, 1875.

MASONIC DOCUMENTS.

The committee appointed to collect Masonic Documents asked for a further extension of time wherein to report, which was granted.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

M. W. Bro. S. R. Sircom, Chairman of the Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication to attend to the collecting and binding of Grand Lodge Reports, &c., &c., &c., submitted the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

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To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

Your committee appointed to collect and have bound the various Grand Lodge Reports now in the Library, beg to submit the following report of their labors:

PROCEEDINGS BOUND.

Alabama, 2 vols.—65-6-7, 1 vol.; 71-2-3, 1 vol.
 Arkansas, 2 vols.—65-6-7, 1 vol.; 71-2-3, 1 vol.
 British Columbia, 1 vol.—Convention, 71-2, 1 vol.
 California, 3 vols.—66-7-8, 1 vol.; 69-70, 1 vol.; 71-2-3, 1 vol.
 Canada, 3 vols.—58-9-60-1-2, 1 vol.; 63-4-5-6-7, 1 vol.; 71-2-3, 1 vol.
 Colorado, 1 vol.—Convention, 61-2-3-4-5-6-7, 1 vol.
 Connecticut, 1 vol.—69-70-1-2-3, 1 vol.
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 Illinois, 2 vols.—66-7-8, 1 vol.; 71-2-3, 1 vol.
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 Iowa, 3 vols.—65-6, 1 vol.; 70-1, 1 vol.; 72-3, 1 vol.
 Kansas, 1 vol.—69-70-1-2-3, 1 vol.
 Kentucky, 4 vols.—66-7, 1 vol.; 71-2-3, 3 vols.
 Louisiana, 3 vols.—69-70, 1 vol.; 71-2, 1 vol.; 73-4, 1 vol.
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 Massachusetts, 4 vols.—64-5-6-7-8, 1 vol.; 69-70, 1 vol.; 72-3, 2 vols.
 Michigan, 1 vol.—71-2-3-4, 1 vol.
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 Nebraska, 1 vol.—69-70-1-2-3, 1 vol.
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 New Brunswick, 1 vol.—Org. 1868-9-70-1-2-3, 1 vol.
 New Jersey, 2 vols.—69-70-1, 1 vol.; 72-3-4, 1 vol.
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 Pennsylvania, 3 vols.—68-9-60-1, 1 vol.; 68-9-70, 1 vol.; 71-2-3, 1 vol.
 Quebec, 1 vol.—Org. 1869-70-1-2-3, 1 vol.
 Rhode Island, 1 vol.—71-2-3, 1 vol.
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PROCEEDINGS FORWARDED IN RESPONSE TO CIRCULAR; AND GIFTS OF
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- April . New Brunswick, Proceedings, 1869.
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 " 13. New York, " 1866-8-70-1.
 " 17. Missouri, " 1862.
 " 20. Louisiana, " 1854-6-7-8-9-60-1-2-3-4-5-6 and 8.
 " 21. Wisconsin, " 1860-5-6-7-8-70, and org. 1843-4.
 " 27. Iowa, 5 bound vols. containing Proceedings from org., 1844 to 1873,
 both inclusive; also 1874, Catalogue Grand Lodge Library, Iowa,
 bound cloth: 2 copies of the Grand Encampment of the United
 States Constitution.
 " 30. Colorado, Proceedings, 1868-69.
 " " Arkansas. " 1868.
 May 5. Nebraska, " orgn., 1857-8-9-60-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8.
 " 15. Canada, 1 vol., 1855-60, bound pamphlet, 1868.
 From R. W. W. Williams, P. G. W. General History of Freemas-
 onry, by J. F. Brennan. 1 vol.
 General History Cyclopedic Dictionary of Freemasonry, by R.
 Macoy, 33. 1 vol.

PROCEEDINGS READY FOR BINDING.

Colorado, 1868-9-70-1-2-3.
 Louisiana, 1856-7-8-9-60-1-2-3-4-5-6-7 and 8.
 Nebraska, 1857-67-68.
 New York, 1866-7-8-9-70-1.
 Massachusetts, 1871.
 Utah, Convention, 1872-3.
 Wisconsin, 1865-6-7-8-9-70.
 Canada, 1868-9-70.

PROCEEDINGS WANTED TO COMPLETE FILES.

Alabama—1869 and previous to 1865.
 Arkansas—1869-70 do. 1865.
 California—All previous to 1866.
 Connecticut—1867-8 do. 1866.
 Delaware—1866-8-9-70-1 do. 1866.
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 Florida—1866-7-9-70 do. 1866.
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Massachusetts—All previous to 1864.
Michigan—1866-7-8-70 do. 1866.
Minnesota—1868-69 do. 1864.
Mississippi—1866-8-9-70 do. 1866.
Missouri—1863-4-5-7-9 do. 1862.
Montana—1866-8-9-70-71, with organization.
Nevada—1868-9 and organization, 1865.
New Hampshire—1867-8-70-1-2 and previous to 1865.
New Jersey—1868 and previous to 1866.
New York—All previous to 1866.
North Carolina—1865-6-7-9 and previous to 1864.
Nova Scotia—1867 (particularly wanted).
Ohio—1868-9-71 and previous to 1865.
Oregon—1861-2-3-4-5-8-9-70 and previous to 1860.
Pennsylvania—1862-3-6-7 do. 1858.
Rhode Island—1866-7-8-9-70 do. 1865.
South Carolina—All previous to 1871.
Tennessee—1867-8-70-1 do. 1866.
Texas—1858-9-60-1-2-3-4-6-8-9 do. 1854.
Vermont—1866-7 do. 1866.
Virginia—All previous to 1865.
Washington—1867-8-9 do. 1865.
West Virginia—Organization 1865-6-7-8-71.
Wisconsin—1861-2-3-4 and previous to 1860.

Your committee feel assured that many Proceedings and Books must have been removed from the library, and would urge upon all brethren who may have any in their possession, to return them at once. The Proceedings for 1867 of Nova Scotia are urgently solicited.

All respectfully submitted.

S. R. SIRCOM, P. G. M.
JAMES GOSSIP.

HALIFAX, June 2, 1875.

FOUNDATION STONE—LITTLE GLACE BAY.

R. W. Bro. C. Crewe-Read, D. D. G. M., having been authorized by the M. W. Grand Master to lay the foundation stone of

the new Masonic Hall, at Little Glace Bay, Cape Breton, with the usual ceremonies, submitted the following report :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

I have the honor to report that, in obedience to the authority issued to me by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I proceeded to Little Glace Bay, County of Cape Breton, on Thursday, the 26th of November, and according to ancient usage, performed the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall, built by the members of Tyrian Youth Lodge, No. 45, at that place.

The Officers and Members of Tyrian Youth Lodge, afforded me every assistance in the performance of this duty, which was witnessed by a large concourse of spectators, including numbers of Brethren from neighboring Lodges.

In concluding this report, I may be permitted to bring to the favourable notice of Grand Lodge, the zeal and energy displayed by Tyrian Youth Lodge, in erecting this building, which is, in every respect, suitable for Lodge purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

C. CREWE-READ, D. D. G. M.

SYDNEY, 27th May, 1875.

On motion of R. W. Bro. the Rev. R. Avery, it was

Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted.

CONSTITUTION AMENDED.

The R. W. Grand Secretary, pursuant to notice given at the last Annual Communication, moved the consideration of the following motion to amend the constitution :

"I move to amend Section 4, Chapter 14 of the Constitution, by substituting March for April."

Which on being put to vote was agreed to.

The section therefore now reads :

"Every Lodge shall, annually, at its regular meeting in March, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary by ballot, the remainder by open vote. The ballot shall be taken in the manner prescribed for Grand Lodge."

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"No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule or regulation thereto, without notice in writing, stating the amendment or alteration proposed, having been given to the Grand Secretary at least three months previous to the Communication at which it is to be brought before Grand Lodge; and no alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be binding unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present."

W. Bro. Hood's motion to amend Section 4, Chapter 14 of Constitution by substituting December for April, on being put to vote was declared lost.

A motion by R. W. Bro. Munnis to divide District No. 2, was also negatived.

The motion to amend Section 10, Chapter 1 of the Constitution by substituting February for June was withdrawn.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 2, 1875.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

PRESENT.

Officers and members as in the afternoon session.

GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA.

W. Bro. J. Taylor Wood, having presented credentials from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, accrediting him as the Representative of that Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was received with the customary honors, and invited to a seat in the East.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND AUDIT.

W. Bro. Thomas Mowbray, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Audit, submitted the following report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

Your committee on Finance and Audit beg to report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct and properly vouched.

The receipts for the past year have been:

For dues	\$1644.00
" Charters, dispensations, &c.....	280.00
" Diplomas and Enrolments.....	902.00
" Renewals of Diplomas, Complaint, &c.....	8.00
" Interest on Deposits.....	100.00
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Add balance 3rd June, 1874.....	3363.75
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EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR.

Travelling expenses of Representatives from Country	
Lodges to Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.....	\$314.88
Printing, Postage, Stationery, &c.....	548.83
Rent and Tying.....	87.75
D. D. G. Masters' visitations of Country Lodges.....	126.75
Grand Secretary.....	600.00
H. B. Sellon, travelling expenses to United States, 1874.....	100.00
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Balance at Cr. of Grand Lodge.....	\$4519.54

Your Committee have also examined the Grand Treasurer's account with the Benevolent Fund and find it correct. The receipts have been:

From various Lodges.....	\$200.00
Trustees of Masonic Hall Property.....	381.43
Interest on deposits.....	24.52
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Balance for last year's account.....	435.13
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Paid charity during year.....	30.00
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Your committee have again the pleasure of observing that only two Lodges in the jurisdiction have failed to make their annual returns, within the time prescribed by the Constitution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. MOWBRAY, *Chairman*.
JAMES K. MUNNIS.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, 2nd June, 1875.

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REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY G. MASTERS.

FIRST DISTRICT.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Nova Scotia:

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—

I regret that, in consequence of circumstances of which you are already aware, it has been impossible for me to discharge the duties of the office to which you were pleased to appoint me in June last; and, therefore, I have no report to make.

At that time I had not the least expectation of removing from Halifax; but in the month of August a change was most unexpectedly made in my position and duties, which made a removal of my residence to the Province of New Brunswick necessary. I spoke to you on the subject at the time, and offered to place my resignation in your hands; but as you did not consider it advisable, and as you very kindly offered to perform the duties for me, I did not persist.

It would have been quite impossible for me to have visited all the Lodges, as I seldom went to Halifax and staid but a short time when I did go; I am, therefore, deeply indebted to you M. W. Sir for undertaking and performing in my stead the duties in connection with the annual visitations, and I now return you my most sincere and hearty thanks.

I also desire to thank R. W. Brother A. H. Crowe, who kindly offered to perform the duties for me.

Although I regret that I was denied the pleasure of meeting the Lodges, yet I am convinced that they did not suffer thereby, but that on the contrary, they derived more enjoyment and instruction from your visits than they could possibly have done from mine.

I assure you that my interest in Masonry and in the Halifax Lodges in particular, is as deep as it ever was; and I trust that at no distant day I may again enjoy the privilege of visiting them.

With my best wishes, I beg to remain,

M. W. Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

DAVID POTTINGER,

D. D. G. M., District No. 1.

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SECOND DISTRICT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of
A. F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia:*

I beg to present the following report of my official acts in District No. 2 during the past year, and also to express my regret at the duties imposed upon me by the Grand Lodge having been so inefficiently discharged.

My re-appointment was a matter of surprise to me, and had it been anticipated I should have declined—not that the honor of the office is not appreciated, but solely because I have not sufficient time at my disposal to discharge the duties satisfactorily.

Last autumn I received a communication from R. W. Bro. Shaw, D.D.G.M. for District No. 3, informing me of an intended visit to Chester, and kindly offering to inspect Clarke Lodge, No. 61.

I availed myself of the offer, and the following extracts contain the substance of his report on the condition of the Lodge:

"I had a really delightful visit to Chester in October. I overhauled the books of Clarke Lodge from beginning to end. The Lodge has done a good deal of work, but the books have been kept shamefully. No record of any changes from one degree to another; often one is led to suppose the third degree conferred in Lodge of E. A.; frequently no mention of any closing of Lodge; minutes almost never signed by the W. M.; frequently not even by the Secretary; no visitors' book; no regular registry; minute books very small, and of most miserable quality. In this respect they most sadly needed visiting. I urged the necessity of getting a complete set of books, and having the old minutes all carefully copied. On the following evening, Oct. 8th, I visited the Lodge, it being the regular night of meeting. I witnessed an exemplification of the work on the 1st degree. It was done well, and quite to my satisfaction. One pleasing feature being the entire absence of any trestle board or book of any kind. Each seemed to know and do his duty, thus proving to me that the work had been done well and business transacted correctly; although not properly recorded by the Secretary. I occupied a little time in such remarks as I thought the occasion required and with discussing some points of jurisprudence.

"The Lodge owns a beautiful building, situated in a very pleasant part of the town. It cost \$1800; debt due on it, \$1000; a mortgage for that sum being held by a member of the Lodge. The lower part is rented for public purposes for about \$30 per year, leaving the upper flat wholly for the use of the Lodge. The walls are handsomely frescoed, and the room presents a pleasing appearance. It now needs carpeting to render it complete. I was much pleased with the class of members, who seemed determined to work well and thoroughly discharge their duties as men and masons. I felt reluctant to leave such warm-hearted brethren." * * * * *

I had purposed, during January or February, making a complete tour of the District, these being the only months of the year during which I could leave home for that purpose. My plans were brought to naught by sickness, and on my recovery, business would not allow the leisure. However, on the 17th March I visited Concord, No. 24, Cape Sable Island. The members are scattered over a lengthy district, many of them having to walk six miles to the

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This is an old Lodge, and it formerly had a large membership, but a few years since differences unhappily arose among them, and many left or were suspended, and had it not been for the zeal of a few brethren, the Lodge itself would have succumbed. But a better feeling has arisen, and the Lodge is now in a fair way of regaining its lost ground.

Their place of meeting is roomy, convenient, and comfortable. They expended during the year about \$150 on the hall, which is owned by the Lodge. They lack proper furniture, but have promised to provide themselves with this during the coming season.

The funds to the credit of the Lodge do not readily show on the books, but amount to about \$200. This being a sea-faring district, they are frequently called upon to relieve the widow and the fatherless, and such calls meet with a ready response. In common with all the Lodges in this county they need instruction in the method of work.

The following evening, March 18th, I had appointed to meet with Philadelphia, No. 47, at Barrington. The members here are scattered over a distance of 20 miles, and owing to one of the most severe storms of the season occurring that evening, the meeting was small.

As mentioned in my last report, this Lodge has lately provided itself with a commodious and comfortable hall which they have now nearly paid for, having lessened the debt during the past year about \$150.

The minutes are fairly kept, but do not display much improvement since my former visit. They entered, raised, and passed during the last year 5, 6 and 8 respectively.

Having frequently met with Albert No. 30, and been intimately acquainted with its proceedings, I did not deem it necessary to make a formal visit. It still continues to prosper, but has not had opportunities of instruction in the method of work now in vogue. In conjunction with 'Taylor' it endeavoured last winter to get an authorized instructor, but did not succeed. Want of uniformity in work is the chief drawback now in the whole district, so far as has come to my knowledge, and the order will never be in the condition we would desire, until some method of general instruction is devised and carried out.

So soon as circumstances will permit 'Albert' intends erecting a suitable hall, the site for which has been secured in a central part of the town.

I have not had an opportunity of visiting Taylor No. 62, at Lockeport, but from what I have learned by report and observation, I think it is in a prosperous condition and continues to merit what was said of it in my last report.

Harmony, No. 56, has likewise not been formally inspected by me this year, but from what I have learned, the remarks in my last report concerning their need of instruction are still applicable.

In conclusion, allow me again to express my great regret at not having

been able to make a thorough report on the condition of all the Lodges in the District, coupled with the hope that my successor will be enabled more worthily to discharge the duties of the office.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. COX,
D. D. G. M. Dist. No. 2.

SHELburnE, May 25, 1875.

THIRD DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

I present this, my second report of my official acts, and as some dissatisfaction was expressed at what was called my unnecessarily long report last year, I will endeavor to confine myself to the mere relation of a few facts in connection with my position as District D. G. M. for District No. 3.

The pic-nic of last year having been considered a success, it was resolved to hold another on similar principles. I therefore issued dispensations to all Lodges in this District for the purpose. The brethren of the Lodges met at Aylesford, August 27th, 1874, with the members of their families, and enjoyed the day in the most satisfactory manner,—nothing having occurred to mar the pleasure of the affair in the slightest degree. The dinner was excellent; the music such as the band of the 60th Rifles is famed for; the dancing was kept up in a lively manner; and sports of various kinds thoroughly enjoyed; in fact, the day was so pleasantly spent that all seemed reluctant to leave the grounds when the trains arrived to convey the happy throng to their homes. Many thanks are due to the obliging manager of the W. & A. R. for his convenient arrangement of trains and reduced fare for the occasion. What added materially to the pleasures of the day and gave universal satisfaction to all present, was the presence of the M. W. Grand Master of the G. L. of Nova Scotia, and many of his G. L. officers. His remarks, in reply to an address read to him by our venerable friend and brother Col. Poyntz, were appropriate, and listened to with marked attention; and all felt that he was the right man in the right place. It is estimated that of Masons, their families and friends, there were present not less than two thousand; yet no accident; no disturbance; nothing unpleasant.

I visited St. George's, No. 20, January 19th, 1875. I found the books kept in a most satisfactory state. In this respect a vast improvement is manifest over former years—the writing being exceedingly legible and facts plainly stated.

The Lodge has moved into another room, which is a decided improvement on the former one; though warm, well carpeted and lighted, thoroughly ventilated, and occupied only by the Lodge—yet it is objectionable. More attention is paid to the collection of dues since my first visit, and I urged the

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I visited Scotia, (my mother Lodge,) No. 28, Canning, February 3rd, 1875. Here also I found an improvement in the manner of keeping the books; they show more neatness and accuracy; yet there is room for improvement. I witnessed an exemplification of the work on the 3rd degree, and although the officers were in their places, the attendance very good, many of the old members present, yet the work did not pass off to my satisfaction, and I could not withhold advising this Lodge also to send for the G. Lecturer.

The Lodge has met with an irreparable loss in the death of Bro. Dr. Jonathan Borden, who died in January, 1875. He was raised in this Lodge in 1844, and continued a most active, energetic member up to the time of his death. He always declined office except once, when his brethren elected him J. W. He was frequently urged to allow himself to be elected W. M. but always positively refused, saying the duties could be better discharged by a younger man.

As a man, Bro. Borden was universally respected; as a physician, he occupied a foremost position; as a mason, thoroughly beloved by all who knew him as such. The Lodge will long miss him. He was regular and punctual in attendance; thoroughly conversant with Masonic jurisprudence, and ever ready to advise in time of need. His name well deserves to occupy a page in the report of G. Lodge.

March 1st, I visited Harmony, No. 52. I found the books kept in a most satisfactory manner. No one visiting this Lodge would ever suppose that, only a short time ago the rooms with all the furniture were destroyed by fire. The loss seems only to have stimulated this excellent Lodge to renewed efforts—which efforts have proved a success. It has thoroughly recovered, and now presents as pleasing an appearance as in former days. April 17th, I again visited and installed the officers for the ensuing year.

April 7th, I visited Annapolis Royal, No. 33, accompanied by the R. W. Senior G. Warden, Rev. R. Avery. We were received in that hearty, affectionate manner that this Lodge knows so well how to show to its friends.

Unavoidable circumstances compelled the W. M. and all P. M.'s to be absent, and as the 3rd degree was to be conferred on two candidates who passed a most satisfactory examination in open Lodge, R. W. Bro. Avery was requested by the S. W. to take the chair and confer the degrees. He accepted the invitation, and, as you may anticipate, the work was done well.

I inspected the books, and although some irregularities appear, yet very little fault can be found.

The W. M. of Poyntz Lodge, No. 44, called an emergency communication for the evening of April 13th, for the purpose of installing the officers elect for the ensuing year, and requested me to make my official visit that evening. I did so and installed the officers.

This Lodge has been doing a good work during the past year—adding to its members such men as any Lodge might well be proud of, yet, in several

instances the constitution of the G. L. of Nova Scotia has been sadly ignored. For instance, last year I had to report the removal of the Lodge from Falmouth to Horton—from Hants county to Kings—without permission, and during the past year two brothers took the fellow craft's degree in twenty days, two in twenty-two days, and two in twenty-six days after having been initiated entered apprentices. If the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia can overlook this violation of its constitution, then I, of course, must be satisfied.

The W. M. of Welsford Lodge, No. 26, (the R. W. G. Lecturer,) requested me to visit his Lodge, April 14th. When I arrived I found the Lodge opened punctually and the room crowded. Seldom do we ever find a larger number of Masons assembled in a country Lodge; in fact, the attendance will compare favorably with any meeting in any part of the Province.

After the usual business was transacted, the election of officers for the ensuing year took place. After which I had the pleasure of installing the newly elected Master and his officers, assisted by Past Masters Poyntz and Rickards, R.W. G. Lecturer Dakin and V.W. Bro. Sangster, G. Steward.

The Lodge seems (as well they may) to appreciate the labors of the Secretary, he having been again re-elected.

The books are well kept, the finances thoroughly cared for, and discipline duly exercised.

When Kentville Lodge, No. 58, was established, it was generally supposed that the room it occupied was too large. Time soon changed the opinion of the charter members. Before the lease of the rooms ran out, the Lodge was crowded; so much so that new rooms had to be engaged. Bro. D. D. Davidson stepped to the front and furnished just what the Lodge needed. A lease was obtained from Bro. D. for five years, and on December 28th, 1874, the M.W.G. Master, assisted by the R. W. D. G. M., V. W. G. Tyler, and other G. L. officers, dedicated the rooms according to ancient custom.

This Lodge, starting under difficulties, has steadily grown: its rooms are handsomely furnished: its finances well cared for: charity exercised when necessary—\$140.00 having been paid out to the needy during the past year, leaving quite a sum remaining in the bank. Its members are always ready to respond when a brother is in need. To Bro. Wiggins, the Lodge is largely indebted—to the value of no less than one hundred and fifteen yards of most excellent carpeting for the hall, which he has kindly given; other members have made valuable presents from time to time, as is well shown by reference to the minute books.

This being the Lodge to which I now belong, and of which I have the honor of being first W. M., of course I attend as regularly as professional duties will admit. I know the work is done well. I know the business is thoroughly transacted, (it could not be otherwise with the present W. M. at its head,) and I know that the Lodge is striving to stand No. 1 in this District No. 3. So mote it be.

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All that I said respecting Rothsay, No. 41, last year yet holds good. It has steadily grown in members, its finances have been well looked after, and the calls for charity heartily responded to.

The W. M. for the past two years, although being fifteen miles from the Lodge, has been regular and punctual in his attendance.

I installed the officers April 23rd, at a meeting of emergency.

I visited Keith, No. 16, at Hillsburg, May 3rd, and King Solomon, No. 54, Digby, May 4th, and at each Lodge installed the officers, except the W. M. of the latter. He being sick could not put in his appearance. Keith Lodge has wonderfully improved the appearance of the room; it is handsomely carpeted, well lighted by very becoming chandeliers, thoroughly ventilated, owned by the Lodge, and in every respect presents a most inviting, pleasing aspect. The Lodge is largely attended: books well kept: and shows a decided improvement in its work.

King Solomon is struggling to exist, and why it does not prosper better I cannot say, unless it is that old Masons are negligent in their attendance, and want of punctuality in those who do attend. There is material for a good working Lodge; the members have an excellent room, and should stand in a better position than they do.

During the two years that I have held the position of D. D. G. M., I have seen much of the working of all Lodges in the District, and have been brought in contact with many of the members of each Lodge; often discussions on points in Masonic jurisprudence have arisen, and in several instances I have given decisions against brothers whom I esteem and respect, yet in every instance I have been treated with that courtesy and kindness that I could scarcely have expected. In no one case has any resentment been shown, but a uniform, invariable disposition to be governed by the suggestions offered.

I have not interfered with the ritual of the Lodge, leaving that to the G. Lecturer, but have chiefly confined myself to the proper working of the Lodges—seeing that the Constitution was duly respected—bye-laws adhered to, and ancient land marks not overlooked. I have spent much time with the Secretaries, and earnestly endeavored to induce them to enter their minutes carefully and properly. Often I know the work has been done well and business thoroughly transacted, yet the Secretary's books show quite the reverse. There has been an exceedingly loose manner of keeping the books which I have tried hard to overcome, with, I trust, some success. Taking all things into consideration, Free Masonry stands better in this District than ever before; old prejudices have died out,—the material of the Lodges is of a different stamp, and the Brethren feel that the reputation of the Craft is depending upon the efforts of each one.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

H. SHAW, M. D., D. D. G. M.,

District No. 3.

KENTVILLE, June 2nd, A. L. 5875.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

I have the honor to submit, for the information of the M. W. Grand Lodge, the following report on this Masonic District, No. 5, under my supervision.

I have much pleasure in reporting that the Lodges in this District have been progressing in a most satisfactory manner during the past year, and that the general affairs of the several Lodges are in a flourishing condition.

The most gratifying event in the Annals of Masonry in this District, was the welcome, and highly appreciated visit, during the year, of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master—the first occurrence of such an honor; a repetition of which is anxiously anticipated by the several Lodges.

I regret exceedingly that I was prevented by the unprecedented severity of the weather, during the past winter, and the impracticable condition of the country roads, from visiting some of the more distant Lodges, viz:

Solomon Lodge, No. 46, Hawkesbury.
 Temple “ “ 57, Port Mulgrave.
 Richmond “ “ 64, Arichat.

The first named in this list, however, was inspected by the M. W. the Grand Master in person, on which occasion the pressing nature of other duties precluded my attendance.

All the other Lodges in the District I have visited as often as circumstances would admit of, in some instances more than once; and I have also had the honor of installing the officers of several Lodges.

In concluding this brief report, I take the opportunity of thanking the Brethren of the District for the cordial reception, and hearty co-operation afforded to me on all occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CREWE-READ,
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SYDNEY, 27th May, 1875.

W. Bro. E. T. McRobert offered the following resolution, which was seconded by W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the District Deputy Grand Masters, for the interest shown by them in the discharge of their duties for the past year, and that the Reports just read be published in the Annual Proceedings.

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ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour named for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, R. W. Bro. C. J. Macdonald and V. W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy were appointed as tellers, when the election was held, and the following brethren were declared elected:—

M. W. John Wimburn Laurie (re-elected)...	Grand Master.
R. W. Allen H. Crowe (re-elected)	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Rev. Richard Avery (re-elected)	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. J. F. McDonald	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. Andrew K. MacKinlay (re-elected)	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Benjamin Curren (re-elected)	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Fraser W. Dakin (re-elected)	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. Rev. Henry P. Almon (re-elected)	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Rev. Henry D. de Blois (re-elected)	do.
R. W. Rev. Theophilus Richey (re-elected)	do.
R. W. Rev. Alex. Nicolson (re-elected)	do.
R. W. Rev. George B. Dodwell	do.
V. W. Robert C. Fraser	Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. James M. Mumford	Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. John W. Ruhland (re-elected)	G. Supt. of Works.
V. W. William F. MacCoy (re-elected)	G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Charles F. Cochran (re-elected)	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. E. T. McRobert	Grand Organist.
V. W. P. E. McKerrow	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. J. D. Ross	Grand Steward.
V. W. E. E. Tupper	do.
V. W. H. T. Lawrence	do.
V. W. C. F. Vose	do.
V. W. J. W. Snow	do.
V. W. W. C. Harper	do.
V. W. J. M. Taylor (re-elected)	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 11 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 3, 1875.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor. R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

The roll of Lodges being called, a quorum was found duly represented, and Grand Lodge was declared ready to resume labor.

REPORT ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R. W. Bro. the Rev. R. Avery, from the Special Committee on the Grand Master's address, presented the following report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia:

The committee to whom was submitted the address of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the Province of Nova Scotia, have great pleasure in reporting most favorably of that document.

It gives them much satisfaction to observe that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has done so much in the time at his disposal, sparing no exertion to accomplish the self-imposed task of visiting every Masonic District, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge: although the completion of the work has been unavoidably postponed, they are persuaded that its importance cannot be overrated, and that the best results may be expected to the order, from this active supervision of the Grand Lodge by its Most Worshipful Representative, evincing as it does the deep interest which he takes in the welfare of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction.

We always view with pleasure the meeting of the Brethren for social intercourse; and such reunions as the Aylesford Masonic Pic Nic, to which the Grand Master alludes, at which he was present with a number of visiting brethren, and met with a hearty and truly fraternal greeting, convince us that occasional celebrations, where there is no excess, where brother meets with brother in friendly communion, and where their wives and families partake of their happy and genial amusement, cannot fail in promoting respect and love for the order amongst all who witness, or have the privilege of joining in these festivities.

The summary of gratuitous labor shows the interest taken in the Craft, by its head, and deserves, and will no doubt obtain the applause which is due to well directed exertion.

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In appropriate terms the Grand Master comments upon the loss this Grand Lodge has sustained by the decease of Right Worshipful Brother Nash, and recommends a memorial page to his honor, in which we most cordially concur.

We cordially approve of the interchange of Representatives between this Grand Lodge and that of the State of Louisiana.

Your committee do not deem it at all extravagant to assert that the Grand Master's epitome of Masonic operations is one of the best yearly statements ever submitted to the Grand Lodge. It is the evidence of a mind alive to the importance and interests of the Craft, and we shall hope that this interest may never abate, and that for many years to come we may be favored with a similar record.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD AVERY.
JAMES POYNTZ.

On motion of W. Bro. A. Chisholm, seconded by W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, it was

Resolved,—That the report be received and adopted.

LATE MASONIC TEMPLE COMPANY'S BILLS FOR PRINTING TO BE PAID.

It was moved by W. Bro. A. H. Woodill, seconded by W. Bro. J. Powers, and

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge authorize the R. W. Grand Treasurer to pay the accounts contracted for printing and advertising in connection with the late Masonic Temple Company, limited.

The Committee on Charters presented the following report, which, on motion of W. Bro. A. Chisholm, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. F. McDonald, was received and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Nova Scotia:

The Chairman of the Committee on Charters having neglected to convene the Committee or prepare a report for this Communication, I have been requested to attend to his duty, and beg to state that, having in conjunction with Bro. James McLearn, the other member of the committee, examined the minutes submitted to us of Charity Lodge, now working under Dispensation at Mahone Bay, Lunenburg County, and finding the business of said Lodge

since its organization to have been satisfactorily performed, we therefore recommend that a Charter be granted to said Lodge under the name of Charity Lodge, No. 69.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES GOSSIP.
JAMES McLEARN.

NAMES OF PETITIONERS FOR CHARITY LODGE.

Lewis Knaut.....	Acacia	Lodge, No. 39.
David McKay.....	Acacia	" No. 39.
Rupert G. Zwicker.....	Keith	" No. 17.
Timothy J. Nichols.....	Unity	" No. 4.
Simon Burgoyne.....	Unity	" No. 4.
James E. Reeves.....	Keith	" No. 17.
Tilley W. Spearwater	Royal Sussex	" No. 6.
Edward B. Hyson.....	Unity	" No. 4.
Joseph Ham.....	Unity	" No. 4.
John W. Mills	Harmony	" No. 52.
Charles H. Ernst	Acacia	" No. 39.
John W. West.....	Acacia	" No. 39.

CHAPTER 18 READ.

In compliance with article 8, chapter 18, of the Constitution, said chapter was read by the Grand Secretary, who submitted the following :

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF BENEVOLENCE.

In compliance with Art. 2, Chapter 18, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, the Committee of Benevolence met at the office of the Grand Treasurer, on Monday, the 26th day of April, 1875.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. J. W. Laurie	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Andrew K. Mackinlay.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. Benjamin Curren.....	Grand Secretary.

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On motion, the Grand Master was appointed Chairman of the Committee, and the Grand Secretary was appointed Secretary.

Applications for relief, the first during the year, were received from Margaret S. Clish, widow, whose husband had been a member of Keith Lodge, No. 23, Stellarton; and from Charles B. Cripps of Orient Lodge, No. 49.

Both petitions were accompanied with the necessary certificates of recommendation, duly signed by the proper officers of the Lodges, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 18, when on motion the following sums were distributed from the interest arising from said Fund:

To Margaret S. Clish, the sum of.....	\$20.00
" Charles B. Cripps, "	10.00

These being the only applications presented during the year, and there being no further business, the Committee adjourned.

BENJAMIN CURREN,
Secretary.

On motion of Bro. T. H. Timlin, seconded by W. Bro. J. D. Ross, it was

Resolved,—That the report just read be received.

LODGES U. D.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. K. MacKinlay, it was

Resolved,—That the dispensation under which Charity Lodge is now working be continued until the Warrant of Constitution be issued by the Grand Master; and that a further continuance of dispensation be granted to Laurie, Granville, Eastern Light and Ionic Lodges, until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, unless sooner revoked by the Grand Master.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

R. W. Bro. A. K. MacKinlay offered the following resolution, which was seconded by W. Bro. J. Poyntz, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge learns with feelings of the deepest regret, that the Grand Lodge of Canada has, since our last Annual Communication, sustained a severe loss in the death of two of its most prominent members—M. W. Bro. William M. Wilson, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thomas B.

Harris, Grand Secretary; and hereby tenders its heartfelt sympathy to our sister Grand Lodge in the sad bereavement which, in the dispensation of the Great Architect of the Universe, it has been called upon to suffer.

MASONIC HALL PROPERTY.

All that lot of land situate in the city of Halifax, and known as the Masonic Hall property, having been conveyed by the Trustees to the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia,

On motion, it was

Resolved,—That the Deed be printed in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the information of the members of the Craft in the Jurisdiction.

DEED.

TRUSTEES TO GRAND LODGE.

THIS INDENTURE, made this thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, between Stephen R. Sircom, William Taylor, Benjamin Curren, John D. Nash, William F. MacCoy, William A. Hesson and Henry C. D. Twining, Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia of the one part, and the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia of the other part.

Whereas by Chapter ninety-one of the Acts of the Province of Nova Scotia for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia," it is among other things provided that the property in the city of Halifax known as the Masonic Hall Property, shall (upon a deed thereof being duly executed by the present Trustees) be vested in the Corporation thereby created, subject to all existing private rights:

And Whereas the said Stephen R. Sircom, William Taylor, Benjamin Curren, John D. Nash, William F. MacCoy, William A. Hesson and Henry C. D. Twining, Trustees as aforesaid, being the Trustees referred to in the said Act of Incorporation, are desirous that the land and property hereinbefore referred to, and hereinafter more particularly described, shall, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, become vested in the said Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, (the party hereto of the second part) being the Corporation created by the said Act:

NOW THEREFORE THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said Stephen R. Sircom, William Taylor, Benjamin Curren, John D. Nash, William F. MacCoy, William A. Hesson and Henry C. D. Twining, Trustees as aforesaid,

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in consideration of the premises, and of the sum of seven dollars of lawful money of Canada to them in hand well and truly paid by the said Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia, at or before the enfeoffing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, HAVE, and each of them HATH granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, remised, conveyed, and confirmed, and by these presents DO, and each of them DOth grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, remise, convey, and confirm unto the said Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and their assigns, All that lot of land, situate in the city of Halifax known as the Masonic Hall property, and bounded and described as follows:—Beginning on Barrington Street, at the South-west angle of a certain small lot of land purchased by James Foreman, the elder, thence to run Southwardly on Barrington Street, and bounded thereby until it meets Salter Street, thence Eastwardly on Salter Street, and bounded thereby until it comes to the intersection thereof with Granville Street, thence Northwardly by the west side of Granville Street until it meets the Southern boundary of property now or formerly belonging to John Metzler, thence following the Southern lines of said Metzler's property and of the said property of James Foreman, the elder, until it meets Barrington Street at the place of beginning; being lots numbers three, four and five, on the original plan of division of the square of land formerly occupied by the Main Guard, and being the same lot of land conveyed to the said Stephen R. Sircom, William Taylor, Benjamin Curren, John D. Nash, William F. MacCoy, William A. Hesson and Henry C. D. Twining, Trustees as aforesaid, by John D. Nash and wife, by deed, dated the twenty-third day of January, A. D. 1874, and duly recorded at Halifax in book 192, page 163.

Together with all and singular, the houses, outhouses, barns, buildings, ways, waters, water-courses, easements, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof, and also all the estate, right, title, interest, claim, property and demand, both at law and in equity, of them the said Stephen R. Sircom, William Taylor, Benjamin Curren, John D. Nash, William F. MacCoy, William A. Hesson and Henry C. D. Twining, Trustees as aforesaid, of, into or out of the same or any part thereof, TO HAVE and TO HOLD the said land and premises with the appurtenances and every part thereof, unto the said Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia and their assigns, to their sole use, benefit and behoof forever.

And the said Stephen R. Sircom, William Taylor, Benjamin Curren, John D. Nash, William F. MacCoy, William A. Hesson and Henry C. D. Twining do hereby for themselves, and each of them for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia and their assigns, that they, the said Stephen R. Sircom, William Taylor, Benjamin Curren, John D. Nash, William F. MacCoy, William A. Hesson and Henry C. D. Twining have

not, nor have any or either of them done or suffered, or knowingly or willingly permitted to be done or suffered, any act, matter, or thing, whereby or by means whereof the above described land and premises is, can, or may be impeached, charged or encumbered in title, charge, estate, or otherwise howsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties to these presents have hereto their hands and seals set and affixed, on the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered }
in presence of
L. G. POWER. }

STEPHEN R. SIRCOM, [L.S.]
WILLIAM TAYLOR, [L.S.]
BENJAMIN CURREN, [L.S.]
JOHN D. NASH, [L.S.]
WILLIAM F. MACCOY, [L.S.]
W. A. HESSON, [L.S.]
HENRY C. D. TWINING, [L.S.]

I certify that the foregoing instrument, having been proved by oath of L. G. Power, the subscribing witness, was thereon registered in the Registry of Deeds at Halifax, at three o'clock, P. M., of the third day of February, A. D. 1875, in book No. 109, pages 66 and 67.

W. H. KEATING,
Registrar.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MASONIC HALL.

The Secretary of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall Property presented the following :

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

At a meeting of this Grand Lodge held on the nineteenth day of January, 1874, the following named Brethren were elected trustees of Mason Hall property, viz:—S. R. Sircom, William Taylor, Benjamin Curren, J. D. Nash, W. F. MacCoy, H. C. D. Twining, W. A. Hesson; and at a subsequent meeting of trustees, J. D. Nash was elected Chairman, and W. A. Hesson was elected Secretary and Treasurer of trustees. Our first duty was to settle all claims of the old Trustees up to the fifteenth of January, 1874, and commence from that date for the interest of this Grand Lodge. During the past year, a Masonic Temple Company was formed, having for its object the erection of a new Hall, and at a meeting of the General Committee of this Grand Lodge, held on the 18th of August, 1874, it was resolved that the trustees be authorized to transfer the Rights of this Grand Lodge to said Masonic Temple Company upon certain conditions. The company, having been unable to comply with the conditions required, the trustees did not make the transfer. I therefore feel it my duty to make this report to the first meeting of Grand Lodge, accompanied with a statement of all monies received by me

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from the Lodges since the Building became the property of this Grand Lodge up to this date; and also an account of all necessary expenditures up to this date. My account will shew a balance to the credit of this Grand Lodge—all liabilities to the best of my knowledge being discharged; so that, whoever may be appointed for the future management of the property, will find no impediment in that way to contend with; and whatever knowledge I may possess in the management of the property will be cheerfully imparted to my successor. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W. A. HESSON,

Secretary of Trustees,

On behalf of the Trustees.

THE TRUSTEES OF FREEMASONS' HALL in acct. with WILLIAM A. HESSON.

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March 17.	To cash paid Gas Company, as per book	\$34.50
July 4.	" " William Taylor's interest on mortgage.....	281.37
" 5.	" " Gas Company, as per book	31.20
Oct. 13.	" " "	22.50
" 14.	" " Phoenix Insurance Co., prem. on \$4000.....	25.00
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" 18.	" " Gas Company, as per book	3.00
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" 23.	" " William Taylor's interest on mortgage.....	368.63
" 25.	" " Hartford Fire Insurance Co., prem. on \$2000.	20.00
" "	" " Secretary's salary to Dec. 31st, 1874.....	20.00
" "	" " City Treasurer — taxes.....	63.00
March 13.	" " City Treasurer — water rates.....	32.00
April 20.	" " Gas Company, as per book	33.90
May 8.	" " A. W. McNab	13.98
" 14.	" " Phoenix Insurance Co., prem. on \$4000.....	30.00
" 27.	" " Willam Gossip—stationery	2.48
" "	" " Hartford Fire Insurance Co., prem. on \$2000.	40.00
" "	" " John W. Ruhland.....	23.92
" 29.	To cash on hand.....	332.44

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By cash from E. Davey for rent.....	\$435 00
" Commissioners of Schools	180 00
" St. Andrew's Lodge.....	61 50
" St. John's Lodge.....	57 50
" Virgin Lodge.....	58 50

Welsford Lodge, Windsor, installed R. W. Bro. Allen H. Crowe, as Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year with the usual Grand honors.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master then proceeded, with the assistance of W. Bro. Poyntz, to install the remainder of the officers present, as follows:—

R. W. Richard Avery	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. John F. McDonald	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. Andrew K. MacKinlay	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Benjamin Curren	Grand Secretary.
R. W. Fraser W. Dakin	Grand Lecturer.
R. W. George Dodwell	Grand Chaplain.
V. W. Robert C. Fraser	Senior Grand Deacon.
V. W. James M. Mumford	Junior Grand Deacon.
V. W. John W. Ruhland	G. Supt. of Works.
V. W. William F. MacCoy	G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. W. Charles F. Cochran	Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Peter E. McKerrow	Grand Pursuivant.
V. W. J. D. Ross	Grand Steward.
V. W. E. E. Tupper	" "
V. W. H. T. Lawrence	" "
V. W. W. C. Harper	" "
V. W. John M. Taylor	Grand Tyler.

ADDITIONAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg to report that they have examined the petition of Bro. William Bonnell, Master Mason of Royal Albert Lodge, No. 19, respecting the loss of his diploma, and would recommend that a duplicate thereof be furnished him, on payment of the usual fee.

A. H. WOODILL, *Chairman.*
J. C. CAHILL.

June 3, 1875.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF JAMAICA.

The following communication from the Grand Secretary of the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica, referred to in the address of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master (see page 41) was submitted to G. Lodge and read :

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE
OF EAST JAMAICA, No. 19 KING STREET,
KINGSTON, 9th April, 1875.

R. W. Sir and Brother :

I am directed by the Right Worshipful J. W. Whitbourne, Deputy District Grand Master of East Jamaica to communicate with your respected Grand Lodge, concerning the certificate, the photograph of which is herein enclosed, to ascertain if the same is in accordance with your regulations, being in direct violation of those of the Grand Lodge of England, as the following extract will show from the English Constitution, page 91, article 7, edition 1871, under the head of certificates :—" No Lodge shall grant a private lodge certificate to a brother, except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a grand lodge certificate, in which case it shall be specially addressed to the grand secretary," and if the Union Lodge No. 18, is authorized to grant the same, and if the said Lodge be a genuine one. The necessity for enquiring into these particulars is to uphold the regulations of the Craft, and for the future to be better enlightened as regards certificates emanating from Lodges under your jurisdiction. I am also directed to inform you that as soon as the By-Laws of the District Grand Lodge, now being revised, are reprinted a copy will be forwarded, and to solicit a reciprocation.

I have the honor to be,

Yours most fraternally,

J. J. G. LEWIS,
District Grand Secretary.

To the Grand Secretary
of the G. L. of Nova Scotia.

Whereupon it was moved by R. W. Bro. A. K. MacKinlay, seconded by R. W. Bro. Charles J. MacDonald, and unanimously

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to call the attention of the W. Master of the Union Lodge No. 19, to the violation, by said Lodge, of the constitution, in granting travelling certificates to its members, one of which has been presented to a Lodge in Jamaica, and to caution the Lodge against a repetition of the act, in the future.

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The Grand Secretary having informed Grand Lodge that he had been frequently called upon for a renewal of diploma in cases where Secretaries of Lodges had returned names incorrectly spelled, or where the diploma had been injured by neglect or otherwise, Bro. R. J. Ingraham offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish duplicate or corrected diplomas only on payment of the regular fee, in all cases where names have been returned incorrectly spelled by Secretaries of Lodges, or where the diploma has been injured or defaced : the injured or incorrect diploma to be, in all cases, returned to the Grand Secretary.

VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

W. Bro. J. Poyntz submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by V. W. Bro. Fraser, and unanimously adopted :

Whereas, It appears from the Report of the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 3, that the late Master of Poyntz Lodge, Bro. W. A. Porter, has violated the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by conferring the Second Degree on several candidates, and on different occasions, at intervals short of the constitutional period of one month, specified in section 44, chapter 14, of said Constitution ;

And, whereas, The Report of the D. D. G. Master, above referred to, is fully confirmed by the official return of Poyntz Lodge to Grand Lodge, in which it appears that the Second Degree was conferred at intervals of 20, 22, 26 and 28 days from the First Degree, therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to demand from W. Bro. Porter, an explanation of his conduct in thus violating the Constitution, in order that this Grand Lodge may take such action at its next Annual Communication, as the nature of the offence demands.

Referring to the above resolution Bro. R. J. Ingraham offered the following, which was seconded by V. W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, and adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue Grand Lodge Diplomas to the brethren raised in Poyntz Lodge during the past year.

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The following account was submitted to Grand Lodge, and ordered to be paid:

From R.W. Henry Shaw, D. D. G. M., for travelling expenses...\$31.00

On motion, the Grand Secretary was authorized to publish 575 copies of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for the past year for distribution in the usual manner, and to make such corrections in the Constitution as are rendered necessary by the amendments from time to time adopted by Grand Lodge.

NOTICE OF MOTION

By V. W. Bro. W. F. MacCoy, as follows:

I will move at the next Annual Communication, that the resolution of this Grand Lodge, adopting the report of the Committee on Grievances relative to the complaint of Bro. ———, and the difficulty between the two Yarmouth Lodges, be rescinded and the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That while this Grand Lodge recognizes the right of a Master of a Lodge to refuse a visiting brother admittance to his Lodge for good and sufficient reason, it is of opinion that, when such admission is refused to a Mason in good standing, the reason for such refusal should be furnished by the Master refusing the said brother, and if he is not satisfied with such reasons the brother shall have the right to appeal to Grand Lodge, by whom the same shall be investigated.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock, P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 3, 1875.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Lodge was called to labor, R. W. Bro. A. H. Crowe, Deputy Grand Master, presiding.

A constitutional number of Lodges being duly represented, Grand Lodge was declared ready to resume labor.

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EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE FIRST AND THIRD DEGREES.

Agreeably to a resolution passed at the last Annual Communication, the R. W. Grand Lecturer, Bro. F. W. Dakin, assisted by several Brethren of the Lodge of St. Mark, proceeded to exemplify the work of the 1st and 3rd degrees, at the conclusion of which, the R. W. Senior G. Warden complimented the Grand Lecturer and the brethren assisting him, on the creditable manner in which the duties assigned to them had been performed.

APPOINTMENTS.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master then announced the following appointments for the ensuing year :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Credentials.

A. H. Woodill, C. J. Macdonald, J. D. Ross.

On Constitution and Regulations.

W. A. Hesson, J. G. Smith, C. F. Vose.

On Grievances and Appeal.

W. F. MacCoy, R. C. Fraser, W. Williams.

On Finance and Audit.

T. Mowbray, H. M. Hamilton, Angus McLeod.

On Foreign Correspondence.

F. W. Dakin, H. Shaw, J. J. Stewart.

On Charters.

J. Gossip, J. W. Ruhland, L. F. Darling.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

First District, R. W. A. H. Woodill, M. D., Halifax.

Second District, R. W. T. Van B. Bingay, Yarmouth.

Third District, R. W. Henry Shaw, M. D., Kentville.

Fourth District, R. W. Lewis Johnstone, M. D., Stellarton.

Fifth District, R. W. C. Crewe-Read, Sydney, C. B.

NEW YORK SENDS GREETING.

Before closing Grand Lodge, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master announced that he had just received a fraternal message from the Grand Lodge of New York, also in Annual Communication assembled, and requested the brethren to rise during the reading thereof, as a mark of respect to our sister Grand Lodge.

The despatch was then read as follows :

NEW YORK, June 3, 1875.

TO R. W. ALLEN H. CROWE,

Deputy G. Master, G. L. of Nova Scotia :

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York sends greeting to its sister Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and congratulates her upon the unanimous election of a Grand Master who has so worthily represented her in person during the Temple dedication ceremonies. The Grand Lodge of New York to-day unanimously elected all of its Grand Officers. May this happy coincidence bind more closely together two Grand bodies, widely separated by distance, but firmly united in the bonds of fraternal love.

ELWOOD E. THORNE,
Grand Master.

It is almost needless to state that the reading of the above congratulatory message and friendly greeting was immediately followed by the hearty and enthusiastic plaudits of all present.

No further business appearing, after the usual ceremonies, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was closed in due form, to meet again in Annual Communication on the first Wednesday in June, A. D. 1876, at 12 o'clock, noon.

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GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

For the Year ending June 2, A. D. 1875—A. L. 5875.

SHOWING FORMER REGISTRY WITH DATES OF ORIGINAL FORMATION AND CHARTER.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, No. 1.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 118, R. E. Charter dated March 26, 1768, London. Lawrence Dermott, Grand Secretary.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. DEMPSTER, *Worshipful Master*.
 W. F. MACCOY, *Senior Warden*.
 REV. GEO. B. DODWELL, *Junior Warden*.
 A. H. WOODILL, *Treasurer*.
 J. H. JOST, *Secretary*.
 J. J. HUNT, *Senior Deacon*.
 A. NORTHUP, *Junior Deacon*.
 W. H. REID, *Inner Guard*.
 A. FADER, *Senior Steward*.
 J. H. FADER, *Junior Steward*.
 J. M. Taylor, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS:

J. Woodill, P. G. W.
 A. H. Crowe, Dep. G. M.
 J. W. Scott.
 E. Dodson.
 W. McDonald.

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 J. Montgomery.
 R. C. Hamilton.
 A. H. Woodill, D.D.G.M.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 2.**HALIFAX.**

Formerly No. 181, R. E. Charter signed, London, June 30, 1780.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

S. R. SIRCOM, P.G.M., *Worshipful Master.*
 C. F. VOSE, *Senior Warden.*
 C. W. SMYTH, *Junior Warden.*
 H. C. D. TWINING, P. G. W., *Treasurer.*
 H. HAINSWORTH, *Secretary.*
 L. A. BARNABY, *Senior Deacon.*
 J. MAIN, *Junior Deacon.*
 G. ANDERSON, *Inner Guard.*
 W. WILSON, *Senior Steward.*
 J. KERR, *Junior Steward.*
 J. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

H. C. D. Twining, P. G. W.	A. K. MacKinlay, P. G. W., G. T.
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F. O. L. Patch.	C. F. Vose, G. Steward.
J. Martin.	S. C. Jordan.
J. W. Laurie, Grand Master.	J. Lawlor.
W. H. Davies, Past G. Master.	L. O. Tremaine.
S. R. Sircom, Past G. Master.	E. M. Vieth.

VIRGIN LODGE, No. 3.**HALIFAX.**

Formerly No. 306, R. E. Established February 18, 1782. Chartered October, 1784.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

C. E. PUTTNER, *Worshipful Master.*
 H. M. HAMILTON, *Senior Warden.*
 A. H. H. MCGACHEN, *Junior Warden.*
 W. A. HESSON, P. G. W., *Treasurer.*
 T. MOWBRAY, *Secretary.*
 A. E. CURREN, *Senior Deacon.*
 A. M. SCOTT, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. PLENTY, *Inner Guard.*
 J. HICKS, *Senior Steward.*
 J. ESSON, *Junior Steward.*
 J. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. A. Hesson, P. G. W.	James Gossip.
Wm. Twining, P. G. W.	Thomas Mowbray.
John A. Sinclair.	Rev. Alex. Nicolson, G. C.
Wm. Symonds, P. G. W.	J. Starr.
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B. Curren, P. G. W., Grand Sec'y.	Rev. J. B. Richardson, P.G.W.

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UNITY LODGE, No. 4.

LUNENBURG.

Formerly No. 399, R. E. Established March, 1822. Chartered March 10, 1829.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

H. S. JOST, *Worshipful Master.*
 E. H. SOLOMON, *Senior Warden.*
 W. H. TOWNSHEND, *Junior Warden.*
 D. J. RUDOLPH, *Treasurer.*
 D. M. OWEN, *Secretary.*
 A. THURLOW, *Senior Deacon.*
 C. ARENBURG, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. M. M. RUDOLF, *Marshal.*
 W. N. ZWICKER, *Senior Steward.*
 J. E. HUNT, *Junior Steward.*
 W. GRAY, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. M. B. Lawson.

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NEW GLASGOW.

Formerly No. 470, R. E. Established October, 1838. Chartered April 3, 1840.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS IN EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

G. A. DOUGLAS, *Worshipful Master.*
 T. GRAHAME, *Senior Warden.*
 H. T. SUTHERLAND, *Junior Warden.*
 J. W. COPELAND, *Treasurer.*
 D. DOUGLAS, *Secretary.*
 C. FRASER, *Senior Deacon.*
 R. GRAHAME, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. C. GRAHAME, *Marshal.*
 D. McDERMID, *Senior Steward.*
 R. W. McDONALD, *Junior Steward.*
 R. J. WILLIAMS, *Tyler.*

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A. McKinnon.
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Formerly 479, R. E. Established April, 1841. Chartered 1842.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY IN EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

G. MCKENZIE, *Worshipful Master*.
 E. FULTZ, *Senior Warden*.
 G. GARLAND, *Junior Warden*.
 J. McLEARN, *Treasurer*.
 J. M. MUMFORD, *Secretary*.
 A. McDONALD, *Senior Deacon*.
 J. COLE, *Junior Deacon*.
 J. REYNOLDS, *Inner Guard*.
 W. NICHOLS, *Junior Steward*.
 J. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS:

J. M. Taylor, G. Tyler.
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ST. ANDREW'S, No. 7.

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Formerly 490, R. E. Chartered August 29, 1844.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS IN EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. G. McLEAN, *Worshipful Master*.
 J. MCKENZIE, *Senior Warden*.
 S. PETERS, *Junior Warden*.
 J. LORWAY, *Treasurer*.
 R. J. INGRAHAM, *Secretary*.
 J. PATTERSON, *Senior Deacon*.
 J. McKEAGAN, *Junior Deacon*.
 W. RUTLEGE, *Inner Guard*.
 R. D. DODD, *Senior Steward*.
 G. B. ARMSTRONG, *Junior Steward*.
 J. WILLIAMS, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS:

C. Crewe-Read, D. D. G. M.
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ACACIA LODGE, No. 8.

AMHERST.

Formerly No. 330, Registry of Ireland. Chartered March 15, 1845. Also No. 14, R. N. S.,
Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY ON OR AFTER FULL MOON.

OFFICERS :

D. SPENCE, *Worshipful Master*.
W. C. HARPER, *Senior Warden*.
D. W. DOUGLAS, *Junior Warden*.
S. R. GREENFIELD, *Treasurer*.
W. J. MORAN, *Secretary*.
D. J. CHAPMAN, *Senior Deacon*.
R. W. CHIPMAN, *Junior Deacon*.
H. J. PARKER, *Marshal*.
W. HOLMES, *Senior Steward*.
J. McCULLUM, *Junior Steward*.
J. McINNES, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

J. King.
J. Hill.
J. Cove.
J. Winchester.
D. Douglas.

Jos. Moore, M. D.
C. Tupper, M. D.
J. A. Chipman.
F. W. Bent.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 9.

LIVERPOOL.

Formerly 532, R. E. Established 1847. Chartered March 22, 1849.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

T. R. PATILLO, *Worshipful Master*.
G. T. MOORE, *Senior Warden*.
S. W. BRYDEN, *Junior Warden*.
C. E. D. SNOW, *Treasurer*.
R. M. COBB, *Secretary*.
R. S. OWEN, *Senior Deacon*.
P. BOWERS, *Junior Deacon*.
J. M. COLE, *Inner Guard*.
E. Z. PUTNAM, *Senior Steward*.
G. A. ZWICKER, *Junior Steward*.
A. LAING, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

J. W. Cobb.
J. M. Cole.
D. Buchanan.

J. N. S. Marshall.
J. M. Chase.
W. Knaut.

BURNS LODGE, No. 10.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 352, R. S. Chartered 1848. Also, No. 1, R.N.S. Chartered Mar. 20, 1866

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

S. MOSHER, *Worshipful Master*,
 J. R. BENNETT, *Senior Warden*.
 J. ELLIS, *Junior Warden*.
 J. FORTUNE, *Treasurer*.
 A. WADDELL, *Secretary*.
 R. D. B. FULTZ, *Senior Deacon*.
 M. H. GENGE, *Junior Deacon*.
 J. OVERY, *Marshal*.
 M. J. O'BRIEN, *Senior Steward*.
 D. WADDELL, *Junior Steward*.
 J. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS:

Robert Brechin, P.D.G.M. (Hon.)
 William Taylor, P.D.G.M.
 James Fortune.

David Pottinger, P.G.W.
 Alex. Waddell.
 W. A. Garrison.

NEW CALEDONIA LODGE, No. 11.

PICTOU.

Formerly No. 565, R. E. Chartered October 15, 1849.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

T. ROBLEY, *Worshipful Master*.
 J. R. DAVIES, *Senior Warden*.
 T. TANNER, *Junior Warden*.
 J. W. GORDON, *Treasurer*.
 C. E. DAVIES, *Secretary*.
 J. H. CAMPBELL, *Senior Deacon*.
 J. S. McDONALD, *Junior Deacon*.
 W. DEVEY, *Marshal*.
 D. M. GELDERT, *Senior Steward*.
 J. S. HARRIS, *Junior Steward*.
 J. McDONALD, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS:

G. M. Johnstone, M.D., P.G.W.
 W. E. Cooke, M.D.
 W. H. Davies.
 R. Tanner.

S. G. Rigby, P.D.G.M.
 J. A. Gordon.
 G. R. Davies.
 J. J. Davies.

T. V.
 Charl
 A. J.
 G. G.

J. Clark
 H. C. Bl
 C. E. Mc
 R. F. Be

HIRAM LODGE, No. 12.

YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. 595, R. E. Established 1848.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. LAWSON, *Worshipful Master.*
J. R. WYMAN, *Senior Warden.*
J. MCKENZIE, *Junior Warden.*
J. W. BINGAY, *Treasurer.*
W. B. HOMER, *Secretary.*
G. BINGAY, *Senior Deacon.*
H. CHURCHILL, *Junior Deacon.*
E. D. MOULTON, *Senior Steward.*
GEO. T. GRANT, *Junior Steward.*
B. SMITH, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

T. V. B. Bingay, D. D. G. M.
Charles White.
A. J. Hood.
G. G. Sanderson.

C. Christie.
J. W. Bingay.
A. S. Hood.

ACADIA LODGE, No. 13.

PUGWASH

Formerly No. 612, R. E. Chartered February 23, 1853.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

REV. J. D. H. BROWNE, *Worshipful Master.*
R. SMITH, *Senior Warden.*
D. CAMPBELL, *Junior Warden.*
H. C. BLACK, *Treasurer.*
D. MACAULEY, *Secretary.*
G. MCKINNON, *Senior Deacon.*
E. KING, *Junior Deacon.*
W. N. SEAMAN, *Senior Steward.*
S. MORRELL, *Junior Steward.*
H. S. ANGUS, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. Clarke.
H. C. Black.
C. E. McNutt.
R. F. Bent.

J. Seaman.
P. McDonald.
D. Macauley.

ACADIA LODGE, No. 14.**HALIFAX.**

Formerly Athole, No. 361, R. S. Chartered February, 1852.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. G. SMITH, *Worshipful Master.*
 A. W. McLEOD, *Senior Warden.*
 T. D. SPIKE, *Junior Warden.*
 J. K. BENT, *Treasurer.*
 A. McLEOD, *Secretary.*
 A. W. KAULBACH, *Senior Deacon.*
 D. BLACK, *Junior Deacon.*
 D. ARCHIBALD, *Marshal.*
 R. McFATRIDGE, *Senior Steward.*
 L. MACKINTOSH, *Junior Steward.*
 J. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. Fraser.
 J. Sutherland.

A. McLeod.
 J. W. Ruhland, G. Supt of Works.

ATHOLE LODGE, No. 15.**HALIFAX.**

Formerly No. 361, R. S. Chartered February 2, 1852. Also, No. 2, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. J. STEWART, *Worshipful Master.*
 W. G. LAIDLAW, *Senior Warden.*
 A. M. HUBLY, *Junior Warden.*
 D. McDOUGALL, *Treasurer.*
 A. J. ROCKWELL, *Secretary.*
 A. CARPENTER, *Senior Deacon.*
 J. McLEOD, *Junior Deacon.*
 GEO. WORTH, *Marshal.*
 J. W. CURRIE, *Senior Steward.*
 J. P. LONGARD, *Junior Steward.*
 J. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

C. J. McDonald, P.D.G.M. (Hon.)
 J. R. Graham, P.D.G.M.
 W. Williams, P.G.W.
 D. McDougall.

R. C. Fraser, J.G.D.
 A. J. Rockwell.
 C. F. Cochran, G. Sw. Bearer.

A. Bush
 J. K. M.
 J. T. W.

KEITH LODGE, No. 16.

HILLSBURG.

Formerly No. 628, R. E. Established May 1851. Chartered January 30, 1854.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. G. BENT, *Worshipful Master.*
G. D. COX, *Senior Warden.*
S. KNIFFIN, *Junior Warden.*
A. MARSHALL, *Treasurer.*
G. NICHOLL, *Secretary.*
J. W. TURNBULL, *Senior Deacon.*
J. H. PURDY, *Junior Deacon.*
C. H. PURDY, *Marshal.*
E. G. MILLER, *Senior Steward.*
W. A. PURDY, *Junior Steward.*
J. WELCH, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. Nicholl.
A. H. Harris.
J. Harlow.

J. V. Purdy.
E. Walsh.
J. H. Benson.

KEITH LODGE, No 17.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 365, R. S. Established Jan. 1852. Also, No. 3, R. N. S.
Chartered May 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

D. HAZEL, *Worshipful Master.*
G. McLELLAN, *Senior Warden.*
W. LAWE, *Junior Warden.*
J. K. MUNNIS, *Treasurer.*
J. H. McLAUGHLIN, *Secretary.*
T. DAVIES, *Senior Deacon.*
T. M. SWEET, *Junior Deacon.*
L. H. LARDER, *Marshal.*
J. DUFF, *Senior Steward.*
J. K. PHILPS, *Junior Steward.*
J. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

A. Busby, P. G. W.
J. K. Munnis.
J. T. Wood.

S. Nichols.
I. J. Wyld.

UNION LODGE, No. 18.

HALIFAX.

Formerly 693, R. E. Established December, 1855. Chartered December, 1856.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. B. THOMAS, *Worshipful Master*.
 C. T. ALLISON, *Senior Warden*.
 A. D. FRANCIS, *Junior Warden*.
 C. F. BIDDLE, *Treasurer*.
 J. JACKSON, *Secretary*.
 A. COZIER, *Senior Deacon*.
 D. SKINNER, *Junior Deacon*.
 C. COOPER, *Marshal*.
 P. BUSHENPIN, *Senior Steward*.
 J. SKINNER, *Junior Steward*.
 J. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

J. R. Thomas.
 J. B. Barron.

W. T. Davis.
 P. E. McKerrow, G. P.

ROYAL ALBERT, No. 19.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.

Formerly No. 379, R. S. Established February, 1867. Also, No. 18, R. N. S. Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. FORBES, *Worshipful Master*.
 D. LAWLOR, *Senior Warden*.
 S. J. PETERS, *Junior Warden*.
 A. CORBETT, *Treasurer*.
 G. F. M. FORBES, *Secretary*.
 C. B. THOMPSON, *Senior Deacon*.
 G. IVEY, *Junior Deacon*.
 W. S. COPELAND, *Marshal*.
 M. McLEAN, *Senior Steward*.
 C. A. ROBERTSON, *Junior Steward*.
 D. SCOTT, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

A. Corbett.
 J. H. Christie.
 G. S. Brown.
 W. Purves.

J. Vooght.
 Wm. Proctor.
 W. D. Dimock.

J. R.
 E. N.

This Lodge
 Lodge, No. 2.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 20.

WOLFVILLE, KING'S COUNTY.

Formerly No. 832, R. E. Established January, 1859.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

E. P. ARMSTRONG, *Worshipful Master.*

J. S. McDONALD, *Senior Warden.*

G. H. WALLACE, *Junior Warden.*

J. W. CALDWELL, *Treasurer.*

A. K. BARSS, *Secretary.*

J. B. DAVISON, *Senior Deacon.*

J. G. PATRIQUIN, *Junior Deacon.*

J. COCHRAN, *Marshal.*

G. E. BISHOP, *Senior Steward.*

J. W. HAYWOOD, *Junior Steward.*

W. C. BLACKADAR, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. R. Hea.

E. N. Payzant.

J. W. Bigelow.

T. B. Gilliat.

DAVIES LODGE, No. 21.

WILMOT.—CHARTER SURRENDERED.

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 22.

HALIFAX.

This Lodge ceased working, and its 40 members affiliated with St. John's Lodge, No. 2, April 6th, 1874.

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Proctor.
Dimock.

KEITH LODGE, No. 23.

STELLARTON.

Formerly 870, R. E. Established June, 1860. Chartered June 14, 1861.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. D. ROSS, *Worshipful Master.*
 R. NEVENS, *Senior Warden.*
 D. MCINTOSH, *Junior Warden.*
 J. MCQUARRIE, *Treasurer.*
 J. MITCHELL, *Secretary.*
 D. G. MCKAY, *Senior Deacon.*
 W. FRASER, *Junior Deacon.*
 M. C. WEBSTER, *Marshal.*
 W. SUTHERLAND, *Senior Steward.*
 J. BAXTER, *Junior Steward.*
 H. FLEMING, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. Maxwell.
 L. Johnstone, M.D.
 J. W. Fraser.

J. Hudson.
 J. McQuarrie.

F. W.
 J. D.

Forme

CONCORD LODGE, No. 24.

CAPE ISLAND, SHELBURNE CO.

Formerly No. — R. S. Also No. 8, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1836.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. P. TREFRY, *Worshipful Master.*
 B. F. COVILL, *Senior Warden.*
 R. MCKINNON, *Junior Warden.*
 Z. NEWELL, *Treasurer.*
 J. L. NICKERSON, *Secretary.*
 J. C. ATKINSON, *Senior Deacon.*
 W. D. DUNCAN, *Junior Deacon.*
 G. W. NICKERSON, *Marshal.*
 T. COVERT, *Senior Steward.*
 C. NICKERSON, *Junior Steward.*
 A. GOULD, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. B. Smith.

B. G. Covill.

Lt. Col.
 W. W. F.
 F. W. D.
 R. D. Ch

W

WESTPORT LODGE, No. 25.

WESTPORT, BRIER ISLAND, DIGBY COUNTY.

Formerly 923, R. E. Established February, 1861.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

T. PACK, *Worshipful Master.*
C. TITUS, *Senior Warden.*
M. PETERS, *Junior Warden.*
G. P. BOWERS, *Treasurer.*
E. C. BOWERS, *Secretary.*
J. D. SULLIVAN, *Senior Deacon.*
C. MORRELL, *Junior Deacon.*
J. D. PAYSON, *Marshal.*
C. HICKS, *Senior Steward.*
W. DENTON, *Junior Steward.*
G. LAFOLEY, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

F. W. Ruggles.
J. D. Sullivan.

G. Bowers.
E. R. Bailey.

WELSFORD LODGE, No. 26.

WINDSOR.

Formerly No. 924, R. E. Established July, 1861. Chartered August 23, 1862.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

H. W. DIMOCK, *Worshipful Master.*
A. BLANCHARD, *Senior Warden.*
T. B. SMITH, *Junior Warden.*
E. D. SHAND, *Treasurer.*
T. H. TIMLIN, *Secretary.*
G. PATTISON, *Senior Deacon.*
J. W. SWEET, *Junior Deacon.*
L. K. BENNET, *Marshal.*
J. U. KILCUP, *Senior Steward.*
W. COLE, *Junior Steward.*
J. SHARP, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

Lt. Col. James Poyntz.
W. W. Rickards.
F. W. Dakin, G. L.
R. D. Chandler.

Rev. H. P. Almon, G.C.
C. W. Dimock.
J. B. Black.

WIDOW'S FRIEND LODGE, No. 27.

WEYMOUTH, DIGBY CO.

CHARTER SURRENDERED, 1874.

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 28.

CANNING, KING'S CO.

Formerly No. 961, R. E. Established May, 1861.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. B. BAXTER, *Worshipful Master.*
 W. D. REID, *Senior Warden.*
 J. H. PALMETER, *Junior Warden.*
 R. D. G. HARRIS, *Treasurer.*
 H. A. BORDEN, *Secretary.*
 C. B. DICKEY, *Senior Deacon.*
 E. LOOMER, *Junior Deacon.*
 E. CLARKE, *Marshal.*
 G. E. EATON, *Senior Steward.*
 W. M. CARRUTHERS, *Junior Steward.*
 C. E. LOCKWOOD, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

D. M. Dickie.
 H. A. Borden.

D. D. Tupper.
 F. W. Borden, M.D.

Saml
 J. H.

PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, No. 29.

MILTON, QUEEN'S CO.

Formerly No. 964, R. E. Established March, 1831.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

Z. FREEMAN, *Worshipful Master.*
 R. FREEMAN, *Senior Warden.*
 J. TUPPER, *Junior Warden.*
 G. KEMPTON, *Treasurer.*
 L. R. MORTON, *Secretary.*
 N. T. WATERMAN, *Senior Deacon.*
 A. J. FORD, *Junior Deacon.*
 D. MOODY, *Marshal.*
 J. P. FREEMAN, *Senior Steward.*
 G. H. BELL, *Junior Steward.*
 J. WENTZELL, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

G. W. Boehner.
 N. R. Freeman.
 H. B. Hallett.
 S. L. Freeman.

E. M. Freeman.
 J. N. Freeman.
 Ira P. Freeman.

Formerly N

G. W. J
 F. A. B

ALBERT LODGE, No. 30.

SHELBURNE.

Formerly No. 425, R. S. Established January, 1862. Also, No. 6, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

S. H. COX, *Worshipful Master.*
L. McKAY, *Senior Warden.*
C. WHITE, *Junior Warden.*
J. A. McGOWAN, *Treasurer.*
J. McKAY, *Secretary.*
W. C. McKAY, *Senior Deacon.*
R. HINES, *Junior Deacon.*
J. A. B. JOHNSTON, *Marshal.*
J. A. BASTY, *Senior Steward.*
J. BOYD, *Junior Steward.*
J. BOYD, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

Samuel H. Cox.
J. Hogg.

N. W. White.
J. D. Purney.

SCOTIA LODGE, No. 31.

YARMOUTH.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established March, 1863. Chartered May 9, 1864. Also, No. 17, R. N. S. Chartered December 13, 1867.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. M. LAWSON, *Worshipful Master.*
T. B. FLINT, *Senior Warden.*
J. W. OLIVE, *Junior Warden.*
S. H. PELTON, *Treasurer.*
F. A. BAILEY, *Secretary.*
A. J. CANN, *Senior Deacon.*
W. H. WYMAN, *Junior Deacon.*
G. W. RIDDLE, *Marshal.*
W. MORRISON, *Senior Steward.*
N. L. TREFRY, *Junior Steward.*
H. PHIPPS, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. W. Johnston.
F. A. Baily.

S. H. Pelton.
T. R. Jolly.

EL DORADO LODGE, No. 32.

WINE HARBOR, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Formerly No. 434, R.S. Established May, 1863. Also, No. 16, R.N.S. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. C. STEWART, *Worshipful Master.*
 R. ROOD, *Senior Warden.*
 D. A. MCKAY, *Junior Warden.*
 J. SMITH, *Treasurer.*
 J. BALENTINE, *Secretary.*
 G. E. SMITH, *Senior Deacon.*
 D. MCQUARRIE, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. ROOD, *Senior Steward.*
 D. MCKAY, *Junior Steward.*
 G. A. IRWIN, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

A. E. Cameron.

G. W. Clarke.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL LODGE, No. 33.

ANNAPOLIS.

Formerly No. 1047, R. E. Established May, 1863.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

S. D. TOBIAS, *Worshipful Master.*
 R. L. HARDWICK, *Senior Warden.*
 G. W. HARDWICK, *Junior Warden.*
 J. FOSTER, *Treasurer.*
 N. LOGAN, *Secretary.*
 J. M. HARDING, *Senior Deacon.*
 E. BARTEAUX, *Junior Deacon.*
 A. B. CUNNINGHAM, *Marshal.*
 J. A. WHITMAN, *Senior Steward.*
 J. H. RYERSON, *Junior Steward.*
 T. DEVERS, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS ;

R. Wylie.
 G. T. Bingay.

R. Harris.
 A. Robinson.

Former

W. J.
 A. E.
 J. A.
 A. F.

Formerly

C. N. G.
 W. Kid.
 D. Duni

QUEEN'S LODGE, No. 34.

SHERBROOKE.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established December, 1864. Also No. 10, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS :

J. CAMERON, *Worshipful Master.*
 W. D. R. CAMERON, *Senior Warden.*
 W. B. McLANE, *Junior Warden.*
 Z. HEWETT, *Treasurer.*
 W. H. McDANIEL, *Secretary.*
 W. H. McDONALD, *Senior Deacon.*
 J. D. McDONALD, *Junior Deacon.*
 A. K. WHITE, *Marshal.*
 J. H. McDONALD, *Senior Steward.*
 J. A. STEWART, *Junior Steward.*
 H. C. McLANE, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

W. H. McDaniel.
 A. K. White.
 J. A. Stewart.
 A. Fisher.

J. A. Fraser.
 J. Belbin.
 C. S. MacKintosh.

ST. MARK'S LODGE, No. 35.

BADDECK, C. B.

Formerly No. —, R. S. Established January, 1865. Also No. 9, R. N. S. Chartered March 20, 1866.

MEETS ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

A. S. KIDSTON, *Worshipful Master.*
 J. McDONALD, *Senior Warden.*
 N. W. McKENZIE, *Junior Warden.*
 R. EMSLY, *Treasurer.*
 D. F. McRAE, *Secretary.*
 W. H. WATSON, *Senior Deacon.*
 R. WATSON, *Junior Deacon.*
 C. JONES, *Marshal.*
 S. ATWATER, *Senior Steward.*
 D. J. McREA, *Junior Steward.*
 J. K. MARSHALL, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

C. N. Campbell.
 W. Kidston.
 D. Dunlop.

S. G. A. McKeen.
 H. A. Foyle.

THISTLE LODGE, No. 36.

COW BAY, C. B.

Formerly 1109, R. E. Established December, 1865. Chartered April 25, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. ANDERSON, *Worshipful Master.*
 J. MARTELL, *Senior Warden.*
 J. BEAIRD, *Junior Warden.*
 R. MCKENZIE, *Treasurer.*
 M. C. MCLENNAN, *Secretary.*
 W. CLARK, JR., *Senior Deacon.*
 T. JOHNSTON, *Junior Deacon.*
 N. LEWIS, *Marshal.*
 J. MACAULAY, *Senior Steward.*
 A. McVICCAR, *Junior Steward.*
 D. MCKENZIE, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. Campbell.
 W. Patterson.

D. McKenzie.

G.
 T.
 E.

COBEQUID LODGE No. 37.

TRURO.

Formerly No. 1190, R. E. Established April, 1866. Chartered August 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. CHISHOLM, *Worshipful Master.*
 J. L. SUTHERLAND, *Senior Warden.*
 J. A. LEMAN, *Junior Warden.*
 A. L. MCKENZIE, *Treasurer.*
 C. A. KENT, *Secretary.*
 D. CHISHOLM, *Senior Deacon.*
 J. J. SNOOK, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. C. MAHON, *Marshal.*
 A. G. McMULLIN, *Senior Steward.*
 J. SNOOK, *Junior Steward.*
 J. E. BENJAMIN, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

G. Hyde.
 J. Yuill.

Rev. W. T. Wilkins.
 T. V. Cooke.

Formerly N

W. H. C.
 J. W. A.

THE LODGE OF ST. MARK, No. 38.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 11. Chartered June 16, 1866.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

L. F. DARLING, *Worshipful Master*.
 W. H. GIBSON, *Senior Warden*.
 J. E. HAMILTON, *Junior Warden*.
 T. A. COSSMANN, *Treasurer*.
 W. A. McLEOD, *Secretary*.
 J. J. P. SCOTT, *Senior Deacon*.
 R. J. DOLPHIN, *Junior Deacon*.
 M. T. FOSTER, *Senior Steward*.
 J. W. CALDWELL, *Junior Steward*.
 J. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

G. T. Smithers, P. G. W.
 T. A. Cossmann.
 E. W. Howell.

W. F. Chase.
 J. W. Howell.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 39.

BRIDGEWATER.

Formerly No.—, R. E. Established 1866. Also No. 20, R. N. S. Chartered June 24, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. S. CALDER, *Worshipful Master*.
 J. J. McLEAN, *Senior Warden*.
 J. A. CURLL, *Junior Warden*.
 R. DAWSON, *Treasurer*.
 REV. W. E. GELLING, *Secretary*.
 P. G. FRASER, *Senior Deacon*.
 A. STEWART, *Junior Deacon*.
 G. CORBIN, *Inner Guard*.
 A. TAGGART, *Senior Steward*.
 J. ROSS, *Junior Steward*.
 J. McMILLAN, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

W. H. Owen.
 J. W. Andrews.

P. G. Fraser.

OPHIR, No. 40.

CHARTER SURRENDERED, SEPTEMBER, 1870.

ROTHSAY LODGE, No. 41.

BRIDGETOWN.

Formerly 1245, R. E. Established October, 1866.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. L. COX, *Worshipful Master.*
 W. E. STARRATT, *Senior Warden.*
 A. MORSE, *Junior Warden.*
 W. L. MARSHALL, *Treasurer.*
 BENJ. STARRATT, *Secretary.*
 D. M. FOSTER, *Senior Deacon.*
 M. O. WADE, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. SANDERS, *Marshal.*
 J. FOSTER, *Senior Steward.*
 N. RUMSEY, *Junior Steward.*
 D. PALFREY, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

Rev. H. D. de Blois, G. C.

F. Leavitt.

EUREKA LODGE, No. 42.

SHEET HARBOR, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 13. Chartered March 8, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

T. A. BAKER, *Worshipful Master.*
 A. CRUIKSHANKS, *Senior Warden.*
 W. RUTLEDGE, *Junior Warden.*
 H. DUNN, *Treasurer.*
 J. H. BALCAM, *Secretary.*
 J. P. HOGAN, *Senior Deacon.*
 R. MARTIN, *Junior Deacon.*
 W. WITTNEBER, *Marshal.*
 J. MCCARTHY, *Senior Steward.*
 D. DRAKE, *Junior Steward.*
 A. HALL, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

D. Fraser.
 J. H. Balcam.

D. W. Archibald.

H.
A.
L.
G.

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W. A.

TRURO LODGE, No. 43.

TRURO.

Formerly No. 15. Chartered June 14, 1867.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

H. T. LAWRENCE, *Worshipful Master.*
L. B. ARCHIBALD, *Senior Warden.*
W. E. LOGAN, *Junior Warden.*
D. A. FRASER, *Treasurer.*
J. LITTLE, *Secretary.*
J. PITBLADO, *Senior Deacon.*
G. W. SMITH, *Junior Deacon.*
J. W. MILLER, *Marshal.*
K. FRASER, *Senior Steward.*
A. CREELMAN, *Junior Steward.*
A. MILLER, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

H. McCallum.
A. C. Page, P.D.G.M.
L. J. Crowe.
G. Campbell.

J. J. Dickson.
W. Blair.
G. P. Nelson.

POYNTZ LODGE, No. 44.

HANTSPORT, HANTS CO.

Formerly No. 21. Established March, 1867. Chartered September 30, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. W. LAWRENCE, *Worshipful Master.*
J. M. TOYE, *Senior Warden.*
A. NEWCOMB, *Junior Warden.*
W. A. PORTER, *Treasurer.*
E. SHAW, *Secretary.*
T. S. SUTHERLAND, *Senior Deacon.*
D. W. PULCHER, *Junior Deacon.*
J. A. YOUNG, *Marshal.*
G. DAVISON, *Senior Steward.*
A. LAWRENCE, *Junior Steward.*
J. CAMPBELL, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS .

W. A. Porter.

J. W. Lawrence.

TYRIAN YOUTH, No. 45.

LITTLE GLACE BAY, C. B.

Formerly No. 1234, R. E. Established June, 1837.

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY.

OFFICERS:

W. McKAY, M. D., *Worshipful Master.*
 D. McMILLEN, *Senior Warden.*
 D. MCAULAY, *Junior Warden.*
 D. G. McKAY, *Treasurer.*
 A. McQUARRIE, *Secretary.*
 A. McLANE, *Senior Deacon.*
 J. McLEOD, *Junior Deacon.*
 W. McLAY, *Marshal.*
 O. KEIGAN, *Senior Steward.*
 J. J. MURRAY, *Junior Steward.*
 J. HILLIER, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

D. G. McKay, M. D.
 W. A. McKeen.
 Rev. A. Farquharson.

A. McPherson.
 J. H. D. Gray.

SOLOMON LODGE, No. 46.

PORT HAWKESBURY, C. B.

Formerly No. 19. Chartered March 13, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

A. GRANT, *Worshipful Master.*
 D. McLELLAN, *Senior Warden.*
 D. F. McLEAN, *Junior Warden.*
 J. A. CAMPBELL, *Treasurer.*
 A. BAIN, *Secretary.*
 A. PHILPOT, *Senior Deacon.*
 J. PHILPOT, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. McQUARRIE, *Marshal.*
 A. GRANT, *Senior Steward.*
 A. BAIN, *Junior Steward.*
 F. H. BLANCHARD, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

A. Bain.
 A. Grant.

N. Martell.

J. King.
 J. Powe
 W. Oxle
 J. W. Co

PHILADELPHIA LODGE, No. 47.

BARRINGTON, SHELburnE, CO.

Formerly No. 25. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

N. BANKS, *Worshipful Master.*
C. E. McLARREN, *Senior Warden.*
W. DOWNEY, *Junior Warden.*
W. SARGENT, *Treasurer.*
W. B. HOPKINS, *Secretary.*
J. F. GODFREY, *Senior Deacon.*
J. L. SWAIN, *Junior Deacon.*
I. L. NICKERSON, *Marshal.*
J. PIKE, *Senior Steward.*
J. L. WILSON, *Junior Steward.*
R. K. HOGG, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER:

W. Sargent.

WIDOW'S SON LODGE, No. 48.

RIVER PHILLIP, CUMBERLAND CO.

Formerly No. 22. Chartered September 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

I. W. SNOW, *Worshipful Master.*
R. KIEVER, *Senior Warden.*
F. SWEET, *Junior Warden.*
W. OXLEY, *Treasurer.*
R. J. METCALF, *Secretary.*
H. A. JOHNSON, *Senior Deacon.*
J. POWERS, *Junior Deacon.*
J. D. SCHURMAN, *Marshal.*
J. C. PHILLIPS, *Senior Steward.*
W. W. COLBURN, *Junior Steward.*
J. E. MEICKELL, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

J. King.
J. Powers.
W. Oxley.
J. W. Cove.

R. L. Black.
J. C. Phillips.
J. Robb.

ORIENT LODGE, No. 49.

HALIFAX.

Formerly No. 23. Chartered September 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY IN EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. INGLES, *Worshipful Master*.
 A. REYNOLDS, *Senior Warden*.
 G. T. HILLMAN, *Junior Warden*.
 W. HARTLEN, *Treasurer*.
 J. R. HIRE, *Secretary*.
 W. BREWITT, *Senior Deacon*.
 W. MCKAY, *Junior Deacon*.
 J. W. BURDEN, *Marshal*.
 A. JONES, *Senior Steward*.
 A. P. DAHL, *Junior Steward*.
 J. M. TAYLOR, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS:

G. E. Charles.

C. B. Cripps.

WESTERN STAR LODGE, No. 50.

WESTVILLE, PICTOU CO.

Formerly No. 24. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. McNULTY, *Worshipful Master*.
 D. CARRUTHERS, *Senior Warden*.
 J. McDONALD, *Junior Warden*.
 G. SAUNDERS, *Treasurer*.
 W. LORIMER, *Secretary*.
 J. REID, *Senior Deacon*.
 R. A. McDONALD, *Junior Deacon*.
 J. C. QUICK, *Marshal*.
 J. EVANS, *Senior Steward*.
 T. McCARTNEY, *Junior Steward*.
 N. MORRISON, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS:

J. E. Jones, M.D.
 J. Roy.
 A. Lorimer.
 T. Johnston.
 Alex. Lorimer.

W. Lorimer.
 D. Munro.
 J. Johnston.
 R. Gray.
 W. Gray.

E. B. B.
 D. Bert.
 A. J. Pa.

EASTERN STAR LODGE, No. 51.

DARTMOUTH, HALIFAX CO.

Formerly No. 26. Chartered December 11, 1868.

MEETS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. PEARCE, *Worshipful Master.*
A. BAYERS, *Senior Warden.*
C. H. GLADWIN, *Junior Warden.*
J. C. OLAND, *Treasurer.*
F. H. PAULEY, *Secretary.*
A. LLOY, *Senior Deacon.*
G. A. GREEN, *Junior Deacon.*
W. McDONALD, *Marshal.*
L. HEFLER, *Senior Steward.*
J. WHITE, *Junior Steward.*
J. R. PATTERSON, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

T. Short, P. G. W.
J. B. Coleman.
J. Glendinning.

J. C. Cahill.
J. W. Graham.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 52.

AYLESFORD.

Formerly No. 27. Chartered June 11, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

T. R. HARRIS, *Worshipful Master.*
A. SHAW, *Senior Warden.*
G. T. SMITH, *Junior Warden.*
W. MCINTYRE, *Treasurer.*
C. C. AITKEN, *Secretary.*
C. B. PELTON, *Senior Deacon.*
R. C. MCGREGOR, *Junior Deacon.*
J. G. ROCKWELL, *Marshal.*
A. WOODWORTH, *Senior Steward.*
J. W. DODGE, *Junior Steward.*
H. GATES, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

E. B. Bolser.
D. Berteaux.
A. J. Parker.

D. E. Davidson,
Rev. R. Avery, S. G. W.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 53.

GOLDENVILLE.

Chartered September 14, 1869.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. W. BRIGHT, *Worshipful Master*.
 J. WILLIAMS, *Senior Warden*.
 A. WILLIAMS, *Junior Warden*.
 J. H. McLEAN, *Treasurer*.
 W. MAY, *Secretary*.
 A. McLANE, *Senior Deacon*.
 J. L. McLANE, *Junior Deacon*.
 J. McNAB, *Marshal*.
 R. McNAUGHTON, *Senior Steward*.
 W. POLSON, *Junior Steward*.
 N. McEACHERIN, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS:

W. May.
 N. McEacherin.
 R. McNaughton.

J. McNab.
 J. C. Sims.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 54.

DIGBY.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

G. P. BURTON, *Worshipful Master*.
 A. J. McCALLUM, *Senior Warden*.
 T. C. SHREVE, *Junior Warden*.
 J. KEEN, *Treasurer*.
 J. DALEY, *Secretary*.
 M. L. OLIVER, *Senior Deacon*.
 E. A. POOLE, *Junior Deacon*.
 E. C. DODGE, *Marshal*.
 J. B. BAKIN, *Senior Steward*.
 J. H. TIMPANY, *Junior Steward*.
 S. BEATTY, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS:

P. W. Smith.
 J. C. Wade.

W. B. Stewart.
 J. Daley.

MORIEN LODGE, No. 55.

COW BAY, C. B.

Chartered March 4, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

C. ARCHIBALD, *Worshipful Master*.
S. E. PETERS, *Senior Warden*,
D. MCAULAY, *Junior Warden*.
M. MCAULAY, *Treasurer*.
L. G. SPENCER, *Secretary*.
H. C. WILLIAMS, *Senior Deacon*.
N. NICERLISON, *Junior Deacon*.
J. ARCHIBALD, *Marshal*.
F. R. ANTHONY, *Senior Steward*.
T. P. JONES, *Junior Steward*.
K. MCKENZIE, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTER:

L. Johnston, M. D.

Nab.
Sims.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 56.

NORTH-EAST HARBOR, SHELBURNE COUNTY.

Established 1867. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

E. W. PERRY, *Worshipful Master*.
N. SWAINE, *Senior Warden*.
L. PERRY, *Junior Warden*.
N. SWAINE, (Senr.), *Treasurer*.
J. K. SWAINE, *Secretary*.
G. H. BRUNT, *Senior Deacon*.
C. H. PERRY, *Junior Deacon*.
G. B. SWAINE, *Marshal*.
C. HAGAR, *Senior Steward*.
H. KELLY, *Junior Steward*.
B. MCKENNA, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTER:

Rufus McKenny.

Stewart.
ey.

TEMPLE LODGE, No. 57.

PORT MULGRAVE, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Established September, 1869. Chartered September, 1870.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

W. S. WYLDE, *Worshipful Master.*J. FRASER, *Senior Warden.*T. H. PEEPLES, *Junior Warden.*J. HUNT, *Treasurer.*D. MURRAY, *Secretary.*J. H. CARR, *Senior Deacon.*J. PEEPLES, *Junior Deacon.*_____, *Marshal.*W. J. RANDALL, *Senior Steward.*W. H. HULBERT, *Junior Steward.*J. MCKAY, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER:

D. Murray.

KENTVILLE LODGE, No. 58.

KENTVILLE.

Dispensation July 27, 1870. Chartered September 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

J. P. CHIPMAN, *Worshipful Master.*R. S. MASTERS, *Senior Warden.*J. A. COGSWELL, *Junior Warden.*W. GRIERSON, *Treasurer.*H. A. PRAT, *Secretary.*H. P. MANNING, *Senior Deacon.*E. T. MOORE, *Junior Deacon.*H. GARRETT, *Marshal.*T. CALDER, *Senior Steward.*J. MINARD, *Junior Steward.*P. SMITH, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

T. W. Harris.

G. R. Sangster.

H. Shaw, P. G. W., D. D. G. M.

Rev. T. S. Richey, G. C.

J. P. Chipman.

R. D. C.
Rev. W.

MANITOBA LODGE, No. 59.

NEW GLASGOW.

Chartered December 2, 1870.

MEETS ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. W. CHURCH, *Worshipful Master*.
J. J. McPHERSON, *Senior Warden*.
A. CAMERON, *Junior Warden*.
A. FRASER, *Treasurer*.
H. H. HENDERSON, *Secretary*.
J. W. FORBES, *Senior Deacon*.
D. A. MCGILLIVRAY, *Junior Deacon*.
H. ROSE, *Marshal*.
J. K. STEWART, *Senior Steward*.
H. J. ARCHIBALD, *Junior Steward*.
R. WILLIAMS, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

A. M. Holmes.
S. Fraser.
D. McGillivray, M.D.

J. F. McDonald.
D. McKarracher.
F. McKarracher.

LEMAN LODGE, No. 60.

PETITE RIVIERE, LUNENBURG COUNTY.

CHARTER SURRENDERED JUNE, 1874.

CLARKE LODGE, No. 61.

CHESTER, LUNENBURG CO.

Chartered March 1, 1871.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

D. WHITFORD, *Worshipful Master*.
W. LAVERS, *Senior Warden*.
G. E. DEWITT, *Junior Warden*.
C. LOVETT, *Treasurer*.
C. LORDLEY, *Secretary*.
A. MILLET, *Senior Deacon*.
A. CORKUM, *Junior Deacon*.
J. MILLS, *Marshal*.
D. EVANS, *Senior Steward*.
A. EVANS, *Junior Steward*.
A. J. BABINGTON, *Tyler*.

PAST MASTERS :

R. D. Clarke, P.G.W.
Rev. W. Ross.

Geo. W. Richardson.
C. Lordly.

TAYLOR LODGE, No. 62.

LOCKEPORT, SHELBURNE CO.

Dispensation September 27, 1871. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

F. PAYSANT, *Worshipful Master.*
 L. C. JOHNSTON, *Senior Warden.*
 W. JOHNSTON, *Junior Warden.*
 J. G. ALLAN, *Treasurer.*
 J. E. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*
 J. LLOYD, *Senior Deacon.*
 J. G. LOCKE, *Junior Deacon.*
 ———, *Marshal.*
 T. BELCHER, *Senior Steward.*
 L. McDONALD, *Junior Steward.*
 G. STALKER, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER :

M. Brown.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 63.

GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERRY, COLCHESTER CO.

Dispensation dated October 23, 1871. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

J. L. PEPPARD, M.D., *Worshipful Master.*
 S. LYNDSEY, *Senior Warden.*
 J. M. SPENCER, *Junior Warden.*
 G. LEAVITT, *Treasurer.*
 J. D. COOK, *Secretary.*
 J. WILLIAMS, *Senior Deacon.*
 G. O. CALDWELL, *Junior Deacon.*
 D. PHILIPS, *Marshal.*
 A. FOUNTAIN, *Senior Steward.*
 A. FLEMING, *Junior Steward.*
 T. McROBERT, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

E. T. McRobert, M.D.

J. D. Cook.

J. L. Peppard, M.D.

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RICHMOND LODGE, No. 64.

ARICHAT, CAPE BRETON.

Dispensation dated January 6, 1872. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

P. CAMPBELL, *Worshipful Master.*

G. J. ANDREWS, *Senior Warden.*

E. E. BINET, *Junior Warden.*

H. C. FIXOTT, M. D., *Treasurer.*

P. GRUCHEY, *Secretary.*

J. R. THOMPSON, *Senior Deacon.*

I. BARNUM, *Junior Deacon.*

W. HUTCHINGS, *Marshal.*

H. J. FIXOTT, *Senior Steward.*

M. J. MURPHY, *Junior Steward.*

P. W. GRUCHY, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS:

W. R. Cutler.

J. G. Clough.

FREEPORT LODGE, No. 65.

FREEPORT, DIGBY COUNTY.

Dispensation dated January 26, 1872. Chartered June 5, 1872.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

(No returns for 1875.)

SIRCOM LODGE, No. 66.

WHYCOCOMAGH, C. B.

Dispensation granted June 24, 1873. Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS:

G. M. BISHOP, *Worshipful Master.*

M. McIVER, *Senior Warden.*

P. A. McLEAN, *Junior Warden.*

J. MCINTOSH, M. D., *Treasurer.*

J. McPHAIL, *Secretary.*

N. McCAULAY, *Senior Deacon.*

R. McQUIEN, *Junior Deacon.*

D. McKAY, *Marshal.*

J. McPHAIL, *Senior Steward.*

H. McDONALD, *Junior Steward.*

J. McCAULAY, *Tyler.*

MINAS LODGE, No. 67.

PARRSBOROUGH, CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Dispensation granted July 11, 1872. Chartered June 4, 1873.

MEETS ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. J. FLINN, *Worshipful Master.*
 J. W. CHOISNETT, *Senior Warden.*
 S. JENKS, *Junior Warden.*
 D. S. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*
 W. J. GIBSON, *Secretary.*
 C. FULLERTON, *Senior Deacon.*
 J. G. DEAN, *Junior Deacon.*
 P. B. ROBERTS, *Marshal.*
 E. CORBETT, *Senior Steward.*
 J. W. LAYTON, *Junior Steward.*
 J. SCHALL, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTERS :

Rev. T. W. Johnston.

A. S. Townshend.

CURREN LODGE, No. 68.

HOPEWELL, PICTOU CO.

Dispensation granted March 17, 1873. Chartered June 3, 1874.

MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

OFFICERS :

W. FRASER, *Worshipful Master.*
 D. FRASER, *Senior Warden.*
 T. McDONALD, *Junior Warden.*
 JOHN FRASER, *Treasurer.*
 J. R. McDONALD, *Secretary.*
 J. A. URQUHART, *Senior Deacon.*
 H. GRAY, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. S. FRASER, *Marshal.*
 F. GRAY, *Senior Steward.*
 W. COX, *Junior Steward.*
 T. H. MUNRO, *Tyler.*

PAST MASTER :

J. F. McDonald, M. D., J. G. W.

CHARITY LODGE, U. D.

MAHONE BAY, LUNENBURG CO.

Dispensation granted Dec. 22, 1874.

OFFICERS:

L. KNAUT, *Worshipful Master.*
S. BURGOYNE, *Senior Warden.*
J. W. MILLS, *Junior Warden.*
D. McKAY, *Treasurer.*
J. HAM, *Secretary.*
E. B. HYSON, *Senior Deacon.*
J. W. WEST, *Junior Deacon.*
C. H. ERNST, *Tyler.*

LAURIE LODGE, U. D.

SPRING HILL, CUMBERLAND CO.

Dispensation granted March 12, 1875.

OFFICERS:

J. W. COVE, *Worshipful Master.*
J. McLEOD, *Senior Warden.*
D. McLEOD, *Junior Warden.*
G. FULTON, *Treasurer.*
E. C. FISHER, *Secretary.*
R. CONN, *Senior Deacon.*
SIMON FRASER, *Junior Deacon.*
T. SULLIVAN, *Marshal.*
J. COOPER, *Senior Steward.*
———, *Junior Steward.*
D. A. FRASER, *Tyler.*

GRANVILLE LODGE, U. D.

NEW CALEDONIA, ANNAPOLIS CO.

Dispensation granted March 24, 1875.

OFFICERS:

G. T. BINGAY, *Worshipful Master.*
D. INGLIS, *Senior Warden.*
W. ARMSTRONG, *Junior Warden.*
J. E. BATH, *Treasurer.*
J. E. SCHAFNER, *Secretary.*
A. W. BOHAKER, *Senior Deacon.*
J. BOHAKER, *Junior Deacon.*
W. WHITE, *Tyler.*

EASTERN LIGHT LODGE, U. D.

GUYSBOROUGH.

Dispensation granted March 30, 1875.

OFFICERS:

R. A. TREMAIN, *Worshipful Master.*
J. W. WALLACE, *Senior Warden.*
G. W. SCOTT, *Junior Warden.*
M. SCOTT, *Treasurer.*
C. C. HART, *Secretary.*
W. S. PEART, *Senior Deacon.*
J. A. KNOELL, *Junior Deacon.*
J. R. ATWATER, *Senior Steward.*
C. J. MARSHALL, *Junior Steward.*
C. C. HADLEY, *Tyler.*

IONIC LODGE, U. D.

LAWRENCETOWN, ANNAPOLIS CO.

Dispensation granted April 2, 1875.

OFFICERS:

F. LEAVITT, *Worshipful Master.*
 D. FEINDEL, *Senior Warden.*
 W. ROACH, *Junior Warden.*
 T. R. ILSLEY, *Treasurer.*
 J. W. TOMLINSON, *Secretary.*
 R. H. CHIPMAN, *Senior Deacon.*
 M. FENATY, *Junior Deacon.*
 J. HALL, *Marshal.*
 A. WILKINS, *Senior Steward.*
 A. F. MORTON, *Junior Steward.*
 W. J. WHITMAN, *Tyler.*

NORTH STAR LODGE, U. D.

ACADIA IRON MINES, COLCHESTER CO.

Dispensation granted October 9, 1875.

OFFICERS:

I. D. COOK, *Worshipful Master.*
 J. KERR, M. D., *Senior Warden.*
 A. NICOL, *Junior Warden.*
 R. FORMAN, *Treasurer.*
 J. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*
 A. HAZLEHURST, *Senior Deacon.*
 ————, *Junior Deacon.*
 P. NICOL, *Marshal.*
 J. WARWICK, *Senior Steward.*
 N. GRANT, *Junior Steward.*
 W. MCPHEE, *Tyler.*

MASONIC DISTRICTS.

FIRST DISTRICT.

R. W. A. H. WOODILL, M. D., Halifax, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
St. Andrew's.....	1	Halifax.
St. John's.....	2	"
Virgin.....	3	"
Royal Sussex.....	6	"
Burns.....	10	"
Acadia.....	14	"
Athole.....	15	"
Keith.....	17	"
Union.....	18	"
Lodge of St. Mark.....	33	"
Orient.....	49	"
Eastern Star.....	51	Dartmouth.
Eureka.....	42	Sheet Harbor.

SECOND DISTRICT.

R. W. T. V. B. BINGAY, Yarmouth, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Westport.....	25	Brier Island.
Freeport.....	65	Freeport.
Hiram.....	12	Yarmouth.
Scotia.....	31	"
Albert.....	30	Shelburne.
Concord.....	24	Cape Island.
Philadelphia.....	47	Barrington.
Harmony.....	56	North East Harbor.
Taylor.....	62	Lockeport.
Zetland.....	9	Liverpool.
Prince of Wales.....	29	Milton.
Unity.....	4	Lunenburg.
Acacia.....	39	Bridgewater.
Clarke.....	61	Chester.
Charity.....	U.D.	Mahone Bay.

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THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. HENRY SHAW, M. D., Kentville, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Keith	16	Hillsburg.
King Solomon	54	Digby.
Annapolis	33	Annapolis.
Rothsay	41	Bridgetown.
Harmony	52	Aylesford.
Kentville	58	Kentville.
Scotia	28	Canning.
St. George's	20	Wolfville.
Poyntz	44	Hantsport.
Welford	26	Windsor.
Granville	U.D.	New Caledonia.
Ionic	U.D.	Lawrencetown.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

'R. W. LEWIS JOHNSTONE, M. D., Stellarton, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Acacia	8	Amherst.
Acadia	13	Pugwash.
Widow's Son	48	River Philip
Cobequid	37	Truro.
Truro	43	"
Corinthian	63	Great Village.
New Caledonia	11	Pictou.
Albion	5	New Glasgow.
Manitoba	59	"
Keith	23	Albion Mines.
Western Star	50	Westville.
El Dorado	32	Wine Harbor.
Queen's	34	Sherbrooke.
Hiram	53	Goldenville.
Minas	67	Parrsborough.
Curran	68	Hopewell.
Laurie	U.D.	Spring Hill.
North Star	U.D.	Acadia Iron Mines.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. C. CREWE-READ, Sydney, Dist. Dep. Grand Master.

<i>Name of Lodge.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Where held.</i>
Temple	57	Port Mulgrave.
St. Mark's	35	Baddeck.
St. Andrew's	7	Sydney.
Royal Albert	19	"
Thistle	36	Cow Bay.
Tyrian Youth	45	Little Glace Bay.
Morian	55	Cow Bay.
Solomon	46	Port Hawkesbury.
Richmond	64	Arichat.
Sircorn	66	Whycomagh.
Eastern Light	U.D.	Guysborough.

SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

AS REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE.

J. L. BROWN, April 12, 1875, from Cobequid, No. 37.

WILLIAM HINDS, February 11, 1875, from Corinthian, No. 63.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

AS REPORTED TO GRAND LODGE.

Albion, No. 5.	George F. White.
" "	George Patterson.
" "	Thomas Fraser (Tailor).
" "	John R. Cameron.
" "	William McDonald.
" "	Launcelot Jardine.
" "	Alex. McLeod.
" "	John J. Forbes.
Royal Sussex, No. 6.	Alex. McLarren.
Zetland, No. 9.	More C. Smith.
" "	William Atkins.
" "	S. T. N. Sellon.
" "	James Atkins.
" "	Henry Hocker.
" "	J. S. Fraser.
" "	Isaac Wheaton.
" "	M. M. Rhuland.
" "	C. V. Smith.
" "	Andrew Day.
" "	Mark Lambert.
" "	Samuel Smith.
" "	Samuel Neily.
" "	Candido Sores.
" "	Maximus H. Maxey.
" "	Sidney Welton.
" "	H. A. Wright.
Keith, No. 17.	F. C. Cook.
" "	John Stewart.
Keith, No. 23.	William C. Dick.
" "	George A. Dickson.
" "	Richard Page.
" "	William Lewis.
" "	James Stewart.
Concord, No. 24.	Luther Smith.
" "	George Keefe.
Welsford, No. 26.	Robert A. Gould.
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Scotia, No. 28.....	Justus Loomer.
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" ".....	R. A. Jameson.
" ".....	Levi Eaton.
Albert, No. 30.....	William Firth.
" ".....	Charles Doty.
" ".....	D. G. Graham.
" ".....	Matthew Devine.
Co bequid, No. 37.....	W. H. Killer.
" ".....	Evans Feetham.
" ".....	Frank Davis.
" ".....	Joseph Upham.
Acacia, No. 39.....	S. E. Smith.
" ".....	James Dunh.
" ".....	J. W. McLean.
" ".....	George Starratt.
" ".....	James Starratt.
" ".....	Lemuel Flandell.
Rothsay, No. 41.....	James Quirk.
" ".....	Lindley Young.
Solomon, No. 46.....	John H. McMillan.
" ".....	Nicholas J. Brown.
" ".....	Thomas Wilmot.
" ".....	Thomas Heughins.
" ".....	William Wyld.
" ".....	James Forbes.
" ".....	A. K. Haskel.
" ".....	Michael Doran.
" ".....	Victor Le Dantec.
Harmony, No. 52.....	J. M. F. Randolph.
Clarke, No. 61.....	George C. Cole.
" ".....	Charles Buckley.
" ".....	Charles Bond.
" ".....	William Shore.
" ".....	Albert H. Woodferd.
Minas, No. 67.....	Thomas R. Crane.

REINSTATED.

BY PAYMENT OF ARREARS.

Charles Ives Shiers.....	Royal Sussex, No. 6.
William A. Maccomber	Burns, No. 10.
J. A. Wilson	Athole, No. 15.
W. S. McDonald	" " "
John W. Harris	Keith, No. 16.
John Welch	" " "
Sol. Cahoon	Keith, No. 17.
Adolph Von Guzman	Welsford, No. 26.
Daniel McQuarrie	Eldorado, No. 32.
Joseph Upham	Cobequid, No. 37.
William H. Townshend	Widow's Son, No. 48.
John Mickell	" " "

MISSING.

ADDRESS NOT KNOWN FOR THREE YEARS.

J. H. Alkema.....	St. Andrew's, No. 1.
David Dickson.....	" "
William Liddicombe.....	" "
David Patterson.....	" "
Ferdinand Wadze.....	" "
George R. Eyres.....	St. John's, No. 2.
Hugh B. Rathbone.....	" "
G. T. Valot.....	" "
Peter Croker.....	" "
Joseph Shupe.....	Unity, No. 4.
John McKay.....	Royal Sussex, No. 6.
John F. McDonald.....	Burns, No. 10.
Leonard Nickerson.....	" "
Phillip Griffin.....	" "
D. Sutherland.....	New Caledonia, No. 11.
J. K. Harris.....	" "
J. Hockin.....	" "
P. G. Sinclair.....	" "
D. McKenzie.....	" "
J. G. Cox.....	" "
Thomas Sutton.....	" "
Rev. H. Genever.....	" "
H. F. Yettman.....	" "
James Foster.....	" "
E. Davis.....	" "
Wm. Pennington.....	Hiram No. 12.
Jacob Whetmore.....	" "
Wm. V. Haley.....	" "
Wm. Nickerson.....	" "
Joseph A. Reid.....	" "
Michael Walsh.....	Acadia No. 13.
John P. Robinson.....	Acadia No. 14.
Samuel Snow.....	" "
Edward Archibald.....	Athole, No. 15.
Nath. Viditoe.....	Keith, " 16.
W. H. Merri.....	" " "
Thomas Wilkinson.....	Keith, " 17.
David Lawson.....	" " "
Thomas A. Crane.....	St. George's, No. 20.
James M. Cutten.....	" "
Thomas Mill.....	Keith, " 23.
John H. Ferris.....	L. of St. Mark, No. 38.
Alex. Gullen.....	Acacia, No. 39.
Parker Tuck Miller.....	Rothsay, No. 41.
Hiram Bent.....	" " "
John McKenzie.....	Hiram, No. 53.
Simon W. Frazer.....	" " "
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AT REST.

	John D. Nash.....	St. Andrew's, No. 1....	Died Mar. 2, 1875.
	Ernest Baker.....	St. John's, No. 2.....	Died Mar. 26, 1875.
	Rev. Richard Warren..	Virgin, No. 3.....	Died Dec. 3, 1874.
io. 1.	Ephraim Oxner.....	Unity, No. 4.....	Died Feb. 20, 1875.
"	Simon Herman.....	" ".....	Died Dec. 19, 1874.
"	Francis McGregor....	" ".....	Died ———, 1875.
No. 2.	John A. Ross.....	Albion, No. 5.....	Died Mar. 20, 1875.
"	James G. Stewart....	Royal Sussex, No. 6....	Died Nov. 27, 1874.
"	Thomas Jardine.....	" ".....	Died Feb. 19, 1875.
No. 4.	James Anderson.....	St. Andrew's, No. 7....	Died Sep. 24, 1874.
No. 6.	James Sargent.....	Zetland, No. 9.....	Died May, 1874.
o. 10.	William Dean.....	" ".....	Died July, 1874.
"	Richard Laidlaw.....	" ".....	Died ———, 1874.
No. 11.	Lockhart Robertson..	" ".....	Died Jan. 11, 1875.
"	J. N. B. Tudor.....	" ".....	Died Mar. 31, 1875.
"	Arthur A. Briggs.....	" ".....	Died April 8, 1875.
"	George Christie.....	New Caledonia, No. 11..	Died Nov., 1874.
"	Hiram Blanchard.....	Acadia, No. 14.....	Died Dec. 18, 1874.
"	Edward Heustis.....	" ".....	Died Jan. 21, 1875.
"	D. McDonald.....	Athole, No. 15.....	Died June 20, 1874.
"	Robert J. Romans....	Keith, No. 17.....	Died May, 1875.
No. 12.	Matthew Bent.....	Union, No. 18.....	Died ———.
"	William J. Peppett....	Royal Albert, No. 19..	Died Oct. 30, 1874.
"	John Jackson.....	Keith, No. 23.....	Died Aug. 15, 1874.
"	Jonathan Borden.....	Scotia, No. 28.....	Died Jan. 15, 1875.
No. 13.	Judson Lewis.....	Prince of Wales, No. 29..	Died Sept., 1874.
No. 14.	Donald Cameron.....	Queen's, No. 34.....	Died Dec. 3, 1874.
"	Duncan F. Cameron....	" ".....	Died ———.
No. 15.	Archy Smith.....	Thistle, No. 36.....	Died Sept. 21, 1874.
" 16.	E. M. McDonald.....	Lodge St. Mark, No. 38..	Died May 24, 1874.
" 17.	Jabez Rhodes.....	Acacia, No. 39.....	Died July 21, 1874.
s, No. 20.	Tremain Rumsey.....	Rothsay, No. 41.....	Died Jan. 27, 1875.
" 23.	Ebenezer Grant.....	Truro, No. 43.....	Died ———.
ck, No. 38.	Hector McIntyre.....	Tyrian Youth, No. 45..	Died Jan. 28, 1875.
ia, No. 39.	James W. Porteous....	Orient, No. 49.....	Died Dec. 27, 1874.
ay, No. 41.	Henry J. Horne.....	Eastern Star, No. 51..	Died Aug. 23, 1874.
" 41.	James Leitch.....	Kentville, No. 58.....	Died April 21, 1874.
1, No. 53.	John A. Ross.....	Manitoba, No. 59.....	Died Mar. 20, 1875.
" "	John McDowall.....	Taylor, No. 62.....	Died June 25, 1874.

Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia Near other Grand Lodges.

ENGLAND	W. Brackstone, Baker.....	London.
SCOTLAND	W. William Hay.....	Edinburgh.
IRELAND	W. Charles Capel Macnamara.....	Dublin.
ALABAMA	R. W. Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
CANADA	M. W. T. Douglas Harington.....	Ottawa.
CALIFORNIA.....	R. W. A. G. Abell.....	San Francisco.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	M. W. William Smith	
FLORIDA	W. Michael Bowes.....	Jacksonville.
ILLINOIS.....	R. W. H. G. Reynolds.....	Springfield.
INDIANA.....	M. W. H. G. Haselrigg	
IOWA	R. W. T. S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
KANSAS.....	R. W. E. T. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
LOUISIANA.....	R. W. William Robson.....	
MAINE.....	M. W. J. H. Drummond, LL.D.....	Portland.
MINNESOTA.....	R. W. Edwin D. B. Porter.....	St. Paul.
MISSOURI.....	R. W. G. F. Gouley.....	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA.....	W. C. F. Catlin.....	Omaha.
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	M. W. B. Lester Peters.....	St. John.
NEW YORK.....	M. W. Robert Macoy.....	New York.
OHIO.....	R. W. J. D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
QUEBEC.....	R. W. Hon. Thos. Wood.....	Dunham.
VIRGINIA.....	R. W. W. F. Spottiswoode.....	Petersburg.

Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

ENGLAND.....	R. W. Allen H. Crowe.....	Halifax.
SCOTLAND.....	R. W. George Fraser.....	Halifax.
IRELAND.....	R. W. R. C. Hamilton.....	Halifax.
ALABAMA.....	W. W. S. McDonald.....	Halifax.
CANADA.....	R. W. Andrew K. MacKinlay.....	Halifax.
CALIFORNIA.....	M. W. Stephen R. Sircom.....	Halifax.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	R. W. A. S. Busby.....	Halifax.
FLORIDA.....	R. W. R. C. Hamilton.....	Halifax.
ILLINOIS.....		
IOWA.....	W. C. N. Campbell.....	Baddeck.
LOUISIANA.....	R. W. J. Taylor Wood.....	Halifax.
MAINE.....		
MISSOURI.....	R. W. Charles J. McDonald.....	Halifax.
MINNESOTA.....		
NEBRASKA.....	R. W. George Fraser.....	Halifax.
NEW BRUNSWICK.....	R. W. William Taylor.....	Halifax.
OHIO.....	R. W. C. J. McDonald.....	Halifax.
QUEBEC.....	R. W. George T. Smithers.....	Halifax.
VIRGINIA.....	R. W. J. K. Munnis.....	Halifax.
GRAND ORIENT OF BRAZIL.....	M. W. Stephen R. Sircom.....	Halifax.
" " N. GRENADA.....	R. W. C. J. McDonald.....	Halifax.
" " COSTA RICA.....	R. W. W. Taylor.....	Halifax.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

Number	NAME OF LODGE	TOWN	Initiated	Paid	Relieved	Amiliated	Dismissed	Died	Missing	Suspended— unmanageable conduct	Suspended— non-payment of dues	Reinstated	Rejected	Members	G. Lodge
1	St. Andrew's.....	Halifax.....	7	4	4	4	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	67	\$33.50
2	St. John's.....	Halifax.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	62	31.00
3	Virgin.....	Halifax.....	1	6	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	56	28.00
4	Unity.....	Lunenburg.....	6	2	8	1	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	38	19.00
5	Albion.....	New Glasgow.....	9	10	3	3	11	1	0	0	8	0	1	89	44.50
6	Royal Sussex.....	Halifax.....	3	4	5	2	6	2	1	0	1	1	0	76	38.00
7	St. Andrew's.....	Sydney.....	18	17	12	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	60	30.00
8	Acacia.....	Amherst.....	19	9	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	79	39.50
9	Zetland.....	Liverpool.....	10	13	10	1	7	6	0	0	17	0	8	121	60.50
10	Burns.....	Halifax.....	5	3	3	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	67	33.50
11	New Caledonia.....	Pictou.....	7	9	3	6	5	1	11	0	0	0	0	131	65.50
12	Hiram.....	Yarmouth.....	7	6	8	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	2	64	32.00
13	Acacia.....	Purwash.....	6	4	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	44	22.00
14	Acacia.....	Halifax.....	13	11	10	0	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	39	19.50
15	Athole.....	Halifax.....	9	9	11	0	6	2	2	0	0	1	3	51	26.50
16	Keith.....	Hillsburg.....	6	4	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	62	31.00
17	Keith.....	Halifax.....	2	1	1	1	0	5	1	0	2	1	1	45	22.50
18	Union.....	Halifax.....	7	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	29	14.50
19	Royal Albert.....	Sydney.....	6	4	4	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	44	22.00
20	St. George's.....	Wolfville.....	3	4	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	26	13.00
23	Keith.....	Albion Mines.....	18	13	15	2	4	1	1	0	5	0	1	80	40.00
24	Concord.....	Cape Island.....	4	4	4	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	28	14.00
25	Westport.....	Westport.....	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	12.00
26	Welsford.....	Windsor.....	13	11	12	2	3	0	0	0	5	1	2	48	24.00
28	Scotia.....	Canning.....	7	8	7	1	3	1	0	0	4	0	9	42	21.00
29	Prince of Wales.....	Milton.....	4	4	5	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	78	39.00
30	Albert.....	Shelburne.....	5	6	6	0	3	1	0	0	4	0	3	60	30.00
31	St. Mark's.....	Windsor.....	3	3	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	26.50
32	St. Mark's.....	Windsor.....	3	3	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	26.50
34	St. Mark's.....	Windsor.....	3	3	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	26.50
35	St. Mark's.....	Windsor.....	3	3	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	26.50
36	St. Mark's.....	Windsor.....	3	3	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	26.50
37	Thistle.....	St. Mark's.....	31	25	27	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	3	78	39.00
38	Coburn.....	St. Mark's.....	15	10	10	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	17	106	53.00
39	Lodge of St. Mark.....	Truro.....	9	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	38	19.00
40	Acacia.....	Halifax.....	8	6	9	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	53	26.50
41	Brathwaite.....	Bridgewater.....	15	14	16	3	2	1	1	0	4	1	3	79	39.50

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS.

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RECAPITULATION.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 2, 1875.

Chartered Lodges.....	63
Lodges under Dispensation.....	5
Lodges failing to make returns at the Annual Communication.....	2
Whole number Initiated.....	480
" " Passed.....	439
" " Raised.....	434
" " Affiliated.....	63
" " Dimitted.....	174
" " Died.....	38
" " Missing.....	48
" " Suspended for unmasonic conduct.....	2
" " Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	77
" " Reinstated of last year's suspensions.....	11
" " Rejected.....	118
" " Master Masons.....	3295

Lodges forming the Union on the 24th day of June, 1869.*Registry of England.*

St. Andrew's, (Halifax),
 St. John's,
 Virgin,
 Unity,
 Albion,
 Royal Sussex.
 St. Andrew's, (Sydney),
 Zetland,
 New Caledonia,
 Hiram,
 Acadia,
 Keith, (Hillsburg),
 Union,
 St. George's,
 Keith, (Albion Mines),
 Westport,
 Welsford,
 Widow's Friend,
 Scotia,
 Prince of Wales,
 Annapolis Royal,
 Thistle,
 Cobequid,
 Tyrian Youth,
 Rothsay.

Registry of Nova Scotia.

Burns,
 Athole,
 Keith,
 Scotia, (Halifax),
 Davies,
 Albert,
 Concord,
 St. Marks,
 Queen's
 The Lodge of St. Mark,
 Eureka,
 Acacia,
 Truro,
 Eldorado,
 Scotia, (Yarmouth),
 Royal Albert,
 Solomon,
 Acacia,
 Poyntz.
 Widow's Son,
 Orient,
 Western Star,
 Philadelphia,
 Eastern Star,
 Harmony, (Aylesford.)

Registry of Scotland.

Athole.

Date of**GRAND 1**

Alabama...
 Arkansas...
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 California...
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 Colorado...
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 Delaware...
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 Florida...
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 Indiana...
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 Massachuset
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 Quebec...
 Rhode Island,
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Date of Organization and Meeting of Grand Lodges.

GRAND LODGES.	WHEN ORGANIZED.	ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.
Alabama	June 14, 1821	First Monday in December.
Arkansas	Feb. 22, 1832	First Monday in November.
British Columbia	Dec. 26, 1871	
California	April 18, 1850	Second Tuesday in October.
Canada	Oct. 10, 1855	Second Wednesday in July.
Colorado	Aug. 2, 1861	Last Tuesday in September.
Connecticut	July 8, 1789	Second Tuesday in May.
Dakota	July 21, 1875	
Delaware	June 6, 1806	First Wednesday in October.
District of Columbia	Dec. 11, 1810	Second Wednesday in Nov.
Florida	July 5, 1830	Second Tuesday in January.
Georgia	Dec. 16, 1786	Fourth Tuesday in October.
Idaho	Dec. 16, 1867	First Monday in October.
Illinois	April 6, 1840	First Tuesday in October.
Indiana	Jan. 12, 1818	Tues. after 4th Monday in May.
Iowa	Jan. 8, 1844	First Tuesday in June.
Kansas	Mar. 17, 1856	Third Tuesday in October.
Kentucky	Oct. 13, 1800	Third Monday in October.
Louisiana	July 11, 1812	Second Monday in February.
Maine	June 1, 1820	First Tuesday in May.
Manitoba	May 12, 1875	
Maryland	April 17, 1787	Third Monday in November.
Massachusetts	April 30, 1733	Second Wednesday in December.
Michigan	Sept. 14, 1844	Fourth Tuesday in January.
Minnesota	Feb. 23, 1853	Second Tuesday in January.
Mississippi	July 27, 1818	— in February.
Missouri	April 23, 1821	Second Monday in October.
Montana	Jan. 24, 1866	First Tuesday in October.
Nebraska	Sept. 23, 1857	Fourth Tuesday in October.
Nevada	Jan. 16, 1865	Third Tuesday in September.
New Brunswick	Oct. 9, 1867	Fourth Wednesday in Sept.
New Hampshire	July 18, 1789	Third Wednesday in May.
New Jersey	Dec. 18, 1786	Wednes. after 3d Tues. in Jan.
New York	Sept. 5, 1781	First Tuesday in June.
North Carolina	Jan. 14, 1771	First Monday in December.
Nova Scotia	Feb. 20, 1806	First Wednesday in June.
Oregon	Aug. 16, 1851	Third Monday in June.
Ohio	Jan. 7, 1808	Third Tuesday in October.
Pennsylvania	June 20, 1764	First Wednesday in December.
Prince Edward Island	June 24, 1875	
Quebec	Oct. 20, 1869	Fourth Wednesday in Sept.
Rhode Island	June 25, 1791	Third Monday in May.
South Carolina	Mar. 24, 1787	Third Tuesday in November.
Tennessee	Oct. 14, 1813	Second Monday in November.
Texas	Dec. 20, 1837	First Wednesday in June.
Utah	Jan. 16, 1872	Second Tuesday in November.
Vermont	Oct. 14, 1794	Second Wednesday in June.
Virginia	May 6, 1777	Second Monday in December.
Washington	Dec. 9, 1858	Third Thursday in November.
West Virginia	April 19, 1865	Second Tuesday in November.
Wisconsin	Dec. 18, 1843	Second Tuesday in June.
Wyoming	Dec. 15, 1874	

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Grand Lodges and Addresses of Grand Officers.

GRAND LODGES.	GRAND MASTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.
Alabama.....	J. A. Wilson, Union Springs.....	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	M. L. Bell, Pine Bluff.....	Luke E. Harber, Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	Simson Duck, Victoria.....	Coote M. Chambers, Victoria.
California.....	Geo. C. Perkins, Oroville.....	Alex. G. Abell, San Francisco.
Canada.....	J. K. Kerr, Toronto.....	J. J. Mason, Hamilton.
Colorado.....	O. H. Henry, Boulder.....	E. C. Parmelee, Georgetown.
Connecticut.....	W. W. Lee, West Meriden.....	J. K. Wheeler, Hartford.
Dakota.....	T. H. Brown, Sioux Falls.....	M. W. Bailey, Canton, Lincoln Co.
Delaware.....	G. W. Chaytor.....	W. S. Hays, Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia.....	I. L. Johnson, Washington.....	W. A. Yates, Washington.
Florida.....	A. G. Russel, Jacksonville.....	De Witt C. Dawkins, Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	D. E. Butler, Macon.....	J. E. Blackshear, M. D., Macon.
Idaho.....	L. P. Mickelson, Silver City.....	O. H. Purdy, Silver City, Owyhee Co.
Illinois.....	G. E. Lounsbury, Cairo.....	J. F. Burtil, Springfield.
Indiana.....	D. McDonald, Plymouth.....	J. M. Bramwell, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	H. W. Rother, Keokuk.....	T. S. Parvin, Iowa City.
Kansas.....	O. A. Basset, Lawrence.....	J. H. Browa, Leavenworth.
Kentucky.....	H. Bostwick, Covington.....	J. Branham, Owensboro.
Louisiana.....	J. G. Fleming, New Orleans.....	J. O. Batchelor, M. D., New Orleans.
Maine.....	A. Moore, North Anson.....	Ira Berry, Portland.
Manitoba.....	Rev. Dr. W. C. Clarke, Winnipeg.....	J. H. Bell, Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	J. H. B. LaRoe, Baltimore.....	J. H. Medaury, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	P. L. Everett, Boston.....	Rev. C. H. Titus, Boston.
Michigan.....	G. B. Durand, Flint.....	Poston Pratt, Kalamazoo.
Minnesota.....	Charles Griswold, St. Paul.....	E. D. B. Porter, St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	A. H. Barkley, Crawfordsville.....	J. L. Power, Jackson.
Missouri.....	J. W. Luke, St. Louis.....	Geo. Frank Gouley, St. Louis.
Montana.....	Harry R. Comly, Helena.....	Cornelius Hedges, Helena.
Nebraska.....	F. Welch, Norfolk.....	W. R. Bowen, Omaha.
Nevada.....	R. W. Bollen, Carson City.....	S. W. Chubbuck, Gold Hill.
New Brunswick.....	R. T. Clinch, St. John.....	W. F. Bunting, St. John.
New Hampshire.....	N. W. Cummer, Manchester.....	J. A. Harris, Concord.
New Jersey.....	W. A. Pembroke, Elizabeth.....	J. H. Hough, Tronton.
New York.....	Ellwood E. Thorne, New York.....	J. M. Austin, New York.
North Carolina.....	G. W. Blount, Wilson.....	D. W. Bain, Raleigh.
Nova Scotia.....	J. Wimburn Laurie, Halifax.....	Benjamin Curren, Halifax.
Ohio.....	A. Battin, Steubenville.....	J. D. Caldwell, Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	J. B. Congle.....	R. P. Earhart, Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	A. R. Potter, Philadelphia.....	J. Thomson, Philadelphia.
Prince Edw. Island.....	John Yeo, Charlottetown.....	B. W. Higgs, Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	J. Dunbar, Quebec.....	J. H. Isaacson, Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	N. Van Slyke, Providence.....	E. Baker, Providence.
South Carolina.....	J. A. Hoyt.....	Charles Inglesby, Charleston.
Tennessee.....	J. D. Richardson.....	John Frizzle, Nashville.
Texas.....	J. D. Sayers, Bastrop.....	Geo. H. Bringham, Houston.
Utah.....	C. W. Bennett, Salt Lake City.....	Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	A. P. Bowman.....	Henry Clark, Rutland.
Virginia.....	W. B. Taliaferro, Gloucester.....	John Dove, Richmond.
Virginia (West).....	R. White, Romney.....	Odell S. Long, Wheeling.
Washington Ter.....	J. R. Hayden, Olympia.....	Thomas M. Reed, Olympia.
Wisconsin.....	J. P. C. Cottrill, Milwaukee.....	John W. Woodhull, Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	E. P. Snow, Cheyenne.....	J. K. Jeffrey, Cheyenne.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

G. L. of England.....	John Harvey.....	London, Freemasons' Hall.
G. L. of Ireland.....	Maxwell C. Close.....	Dublin.
G. L. of Scotland.....	Alex. J. Stewart.....	Edinburgh.
G. Orient of Brazil.....	D. E. Nordlander.....	Stockholm.
G. Orient of Belgium.....	M. Thevenot.....	Paris, 16 Rue de Cadet.
G. Orient of France.....	Isidore Guilot.....	Brussels, Rue de l'Escailler, 3.
Sweden & Norway.....	Dr. A. F. De Amaral.....	No. 53 K., Rio de Janeiro.

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APPENDIX No. 1.

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted
Masons of Nova Scotia :*

The petition of the undersigned regularly registered Master Masons of the
Lodges mentioned against our respective names,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That your Petitioners, having the good of Masonry at heart, are desirous
of extending the benefits of the Craft in this section or part of the country,
which cannot be accomplished without having a regular constituted Lodge.
We, therefore, being anxious to commence and carry on our Masonic labors
under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, pray for a Charter empowering us
to meet as a regular Lodge at....., by the name and title of.....,
and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, ac-
cording to the forms of Order, and the Laws of the Grand Lodge; and
recommend and propose the following to be the first office-bearers of the
Lodge, viz.:

A. B.....	Worshipful Master.
C. D.....	Senior Warden.
E. F.....	Junior Warden.
G. H.....	Treasurer.
M. N.....	Secretary.
O. P.....	Senior Deacon.
Q. R.....	Junior Deacon.
S. T.....	Marshal or Inner Guard.
U. V.....	} Stewards.
W. X.....	
Y. Z.....	Tyler.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to
the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

N. B.—Here follow the signatures of all the petitioners, each in his own
handwriting, giving the name, number, and locality of the Lodge of which
he is or was last a member.

See Chapter 14, Section 1. Also Standing Resolution 16.

APPENDIX No. 2.

*Form of Proxy from Subordinate Lodge to enable the Proxy to vote in Grand
Lodge:*

We, the Master, Wardens, and members of the Lodge.....No.....
holding of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, do hereby nominate and appoint
our trusty and well beloved Brother....., Master Mason of our Lodge,
to be our Proxy in said Grand Lodge, hereby authorizing our said Proxy, in
the absence of our Master, Wardens, or any of them, to act and vote upon all
questions that may come before the said Grand Lodge.

Given under the Seal of the Lodge, this day of

[Seal.]

A. D. 1876, A. L. 5876.

.....Worshipful Master.

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APPENDIX No. 3.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lodge,
No., R. N. S.*

I, the undersigned, a Master Mason of Lodge, No., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of, respectfully petition for membership into your Lodge. If found worthy, I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience to your By-laws, and the Ancient Usages of Masonry as admitted among you. My age is years; my occupation is that of; my residence is

(Signed.)

Recommended by

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APPENDIX No. 4.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and Members of the Lodge
....., No., R. N. S.*

I, being of the full age of twenty-one years, do freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry. I have not within six months applied to or been rejected by any other Lodge: and I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity. My place of residence is; my occupation; my age years.

Witness my hand this day of

A. D. 187...

(Signed)

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APPENDIX No. 5.

CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM A LODGE.

.....Lodge No., R. N. S.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that Brother
 is a worthy Master Mason of good standing in Lodge, No.....
 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at.....; that having
 expressed a desire to withdraw from said Lodge, paid up all dues to this
 date, and otherwise complied with the requirements of the By-Laws, leave
 was granted, and the Secretary instructed to furnish this Dimit.

Given under our hands and Seal of the Lodge, on the.....
 day of A. D. 187..... A. L. 587....

[Seal.]

..... Worshipful Master.
 Senior Warden.
 Secretary.

APPENDIX No. 6.

FINANCIAL RETURN.

Of Lodge No.
 to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ending
 1876.

Subscribing Members as per Return, at \$0.50 each		
Diplomas as per Return, at \$1.00 each.....		
Enrolment as per Return, at \$1.00 each		
Enrolment for members affiliating from the Jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge \$1.00 each }		
Degree Dispensation at \$5.00 each		
Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund	\$	
Total for the year.....	\$	
Cr. By cash paid during the year.....	\$	
Balance due G. Lodge.....	\$	

[Seal.]

.....Secretary.

[Resolved,—That for the future, full dues for the year shall be paid by
 subordinate Lodges for *all members* on the Secretary's books at the time of
 sending in the annual returns.]—*Proceedings* 1871, page 75.

[Resolved,—That Grand Lodge requests each subordinate Lodge in this
 Jurisdiction to contribute such an amount annually to the Fund of Benevo-
 lence as it may deem its financial position warrants.]—*Proceedings* 1873, p. 59.

APPENDIX No. 7.

RETURN of.....Lodge No.....to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,
of Members for Registration and Diploma, for the year ending.....1876.

Names.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Remarks.

[Seal.]

.....Secretary.

NOTE TO SECRETARIES.—This return must contain the names of ALL raised during the year. If any have been supplied with diplomas during the year, write the word SUPPLIED opposite the name, in the column for remarks. Christian names must be in full.

In the column marked *Affiliated*, name the Lodge, number and jurisdiction from which the brother hails, as well as the date of affiliation.

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APPENDIX No. 8.

*RETURN of Subscribing Members of Lodge,
No. to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ending
....., 1876, with Officers installed for the year
ending....., 1877.*

1.....	Master	installed.
2.....	Senior Warden	"
3.....	Junior Warden	"
4.....	Treasurer	"
5.....	Secretary	"
6.....	Senior Deacon	"
7.....	Junior Deacon	"
8.....	Marshal, or Inner Guard	"
9.....	} Stewards	"
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11.....	Tyler	"
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[Seal.]

.....Secretary installed.

NOTE.—This return must contain the names of all members on the Secretary's books at the time of sending in the annual returns.

APPENDIX No. 9.

*RETURN of the Master, Wardens, and Past Masters of
Lodge No., being all Subscribing Members of that Lodge, and
eligible to vote in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.*

Master installed
Senior Warden installed
Junior Warden installed
Past Masters
Dated this.....day of.....A. D., 1876.

[Seal.]

.....Secretary installed.
.....Lodge No.....

N. B.—This return must be sent to the Grand Secretary between the regular meeting in March and the 20th day of May in each year. The Master, Wardens and Past Masters will not be allowed to vote in Grand Lodge unless such return be sent.

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for remarks. Christian names must be in full.
In the column marked *Affiliated*, name the Lodge, number and jurisdiction from which the brother hails,
as well as the date of affiliation.

APPENDIX No. 10.

*RETURN of..... Lodge No..... to the Grand Lodge
of Nova Scotia, of members suspended, reinstated, dimitted, missing, de-
ceased for the year ending..... 1876.*

SUSPENDED.

NAME.	DATE.	CAUSE.

REINSTATED.

NAME.	DATE.	REMARKS.

DIMITTED.

NAME.	DATE.	REMARKS.

MISSING.

ADDRESS NOT KNOWN FOR THREE YEARS.

NAME.	REMARKS.

DECEASED.

NAME.	DATE.	REMARKS.

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.....Secretary.

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APPENDIX No. 11.

STATISTICAL RETURN of Lodge,
No., to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for the year ending
....., 1876.

Master Masons,	number of.....
Fellow Crafts,	"
Entered Apprentices,	"
Initiated,	"
Passed,	"
Raised,	"
Affiliated,	"
Dimitted,	"
Died,	"
Suspended for unmasonic conduct,	"
Suspended for non-payment of dues,	"
Reinstated,	"
Rejected,	"
Missing,	"
Dues to Grand Lodge at 50 cts. each.....	.....
Contribution to G. L. Benevolent Fund.....	9

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Subscribing members returned last year.....
 " raised during the year just passed.....
 " affiliated " "
 " Reinstated of former years' suspensions.....

Total.....

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 " suspended " "
 " died " "
 " missing (address not known for three years).....

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Present number of members.....

.....Secretary.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MASTERS & SECRETARIES.

For the sake of clearness and distinction, a line at least should be left blank between each minute, and a marginal note made of its contents.

Lodge minutes are to be read on regular nights only, first those of the previous regular meeting, then those of any subsequent emergency.

Secretaries of Lodges should keep a rough minute book in which to enter the proceedings of the Lodges as they occur, and never on any account use slips of paper. These proceedings should afterwards be fairly copied into the regular minute books, and have the signature of the Secretary attached. After having been read and approved in open Lodge, they should be signed by the Worshipful Master.

It is usual on the presentation of reports from Committees, to move their reception, and adoption. If open to discussion or amendment, first move the reception, and afterwards the adoption.

The Financial Return is intended to show the cash transactions with G. Lodge *for the whole year*; therefore if ten candidates have been raised during the year, and if six of these ten have been supplied with diplomas, leaving four to be supplied at the time of sending in the annual returns, the Secretary should not write,

4 Diplomas, &c., &c., &c.

4 Enrolments, &c., &c., &c., as is frequently done, but

10 Diplomas, &c., &c.

10 Enrolments, &c., &c.,

noting the cash paid (if any) and forwarding the balance.

The affiliation enrolment fee is to be paid for those only who come from another Grand Lodge jurisdiction.

The Diploma return must contain the names of all raised during the year.

If any have been supplied with diplomas, write the word *supplied* opposite the name in the column for remarks.

Christian names must be in full.

J. Smith may mean either John, Jacob, or Joseph Smith.

Secretaries are held responsible for their own mistakes. A brother's correct name is John Smith; the Secretary of the Lodge carelessly fills in John David Smith; the diploma is forwarded to John Smith, alias by the Secretary, John *David* Smith; but John refuses to have it, and justly so too. The Secretary can procure a new diploma by returning the incorrect one, accompanied with the usual diploma fee.

In the case of a brother affiliating from another jurisdiction, the name, number, and jurisdiction of his Lodge should be mentioned.

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Secretaries are requested to send for diplomas when required—say three or more at a time, as it is quite impossible for the Grand Secretary to comply with the following very moderate request from about sixty Lodges in the early part of May: "Please send diplomas *by return mail*."

In the return of subscribing members be careful to give, first, the names of the newly installed officers, *not those of the year just passed*; then the Past Masters according to seniority of service, marked P. M.; then all the other members. Compare the return with that of the previous year, as shown by the "Abstract of Returns" in the printed Proceedings, and make them agree.

All returns should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary before the 20th May.

The election of officers in Subordinate Lodges will, for the future, be held at the regular meeting in March, not April as heretofore.—(*See Constitution Chapter 14, Section 4.*)

The attention of Secretaries is directed to Standing Resolution No. 17.

There is nothing in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia to prevent the installation of officers of Subordinate Lodges on the night of election.

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As revised to June, A. D. 1875 — A. L. 5875.

CHAPTER I.

OF GRAND LODGE.

Section 1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "*The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia.*"

Section 2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected as hereafter provided, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed; but they shall be eligible for re-election.

The election of all officers shall take place at the Annual Communication, when they shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form. No officer shall be installed by proxy.

Section 3. The following officers shall be nominated in writing, and elected by written ballot, and shall require a majority of the votes of those present:—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.			
"	Right Worshipful	Deputy Grand Master.	
"	"	Senior Grand Warden.	
"	"	Junior Grand Warden.	
"	"	Grand Treasurer.	
"	"	Grand Secretary.	

Any brother nominating a candidate shall place on the Secretary's table a folded paper containing the name of the person he proposes. After all the nominations have been made, the Secretary shall open all the papers and declare the names of the candidates nominated, and the ballot shall be restricted to those names. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall be taken only for those having the two highest number of votes.

The remainder of the officers shall be nominated and elected by open vote, viz.:

		Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer.
		“ “ “ Chaplains.
Very	“	Senior Grand Deacon.
“	“	Junior Grand Deacon.
“	“	Grand Superintendent of Works.
“	“	“ Director of Ceremonies.
“	“	“ Sword Bearer.
“	“	“ Organist.
“	“	“ Pursuivant.
“	“	“ Stewards (six).
“	“	“ Tyler.

No brother not a member of this Grand Lodge shall hold office therein; and no brother shall be nominated for an office unless a member of the Grand Lodge is prepared to certify that he is willing, if elected, to accept the office.

Section 4. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the officers previously mentioned, the Masters and Wardens of all Subordinate Lodges duly installed, and in their absence proxies duly certified as hereinafter provided, and all Past Masters while they continue members of a Subordinate Lodge; but no member of the Grand Lodge is to exercise more than three votes; and Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges shall not be entitled to vote in that capacity; and in no case shall a member of Grand Lodge exercise more than one vote in his own right.

Section 5. In case the Representatives of any Lodge at a distance of more than ten miles from the place of meeting should be unable to attend the Grand Lodge Communications, such Lodge, by a vote of its members, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary under seal, may appoint one of its Representatives or any one of its members being a Master Mason, to represent the Lodge as proxy. Such proxy shall be allowed to vote only in the absence of some or one of the Representatives, and each Lodge shall have three votes only, including its proxy and any of its Representatives present.

In order to enable the Lodges at a distance of more than twenty miles from Halifax to be represented in the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, a sum will be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge to each Subordinate Lodge, sufficient to pay the reasonable expenses of sending one representative or proxy to Halifax, not, however, to exceed the amount of *dues* of such Lodge to the Grand Lodge; such amount to be adjusted by the Committee of Finance and Audit, and paid to the representative or proxy of the Lodge immediately after the Annual Communication. No amount shall be payable unless the representative or proxy shall actually attend the Annual Communication, and travel from the place where the Lodge is situated,

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for that purpose. But no amount shall be paid to the Representative or proxy of any Lodge which has not paid up its fees and dues for the past year.

Section 6. The rank of officers and members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows :—

The Grand Master,
Past Grand Masters,
Deputy Grand Master,
Past Deputy Grand Masters,
Senior Grand Warden,
Past Senior Grand Wardens,
Junior Grand Warden,
Past Junior Grand Wardens,
District Deputy Grand Masters,
Grand Treasurer,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Lecturer,
Grand Chaplains,
Senior Grand Deacon,
Junior Grand Deacon,
Grand Superintendent of Works,
Grand Director of Ceremonies,
Grand Sword Bearer,
Grand Organist,
Grand Pursuivant,
Grand Stewards,
Grand Tyler.

The Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of Subordinate Lodges in the order of their respective Lodge warrants.

Section 7. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, it shall be filled by election at the next regular communication.

Section 8. No officer or member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing.

Section 9. No brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master, or Warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned to the Grand Secretary.

Section 10. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Halifax, on the first Wednesday in June in each year, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Section 11. The following officers must be either Masters or Past Masters :—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master,
" Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,
" " " Senior Grand Warden,

The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden,
 " " " Grand Treasurer,
 " " " Grand Secretary,
 " " " Grand Lecturer.

Section 12. The Grand Master shall, immediately after the installation of officers at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, appoint the following Standing Committees, to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all such matters as pertain to them respectively :—

On Credentials and Returns,
 On Constitution and Regulations,
 On Grievances and Appeal,
 On Finance and Audit,
 On Foreign Correspondence,
 On Charters.

But no member of the Grand Lodge shall be required to serve on more than one of these Standing Committees ; and one member at least of each shall be either a Master or Warden of a Lodge.

Section 13. The Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of Emergency whenever the good of the Craft shall in his opinion require it. The particular reason for convening such Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

Section 14. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Chair shall be filled in the following order :—By the Deputy Grand Master ; Senior Grand Warden ; Junior Grand Warden ; Past Grand Master ; Past Deputy Grand Master ; Past Senior Grand Warden ; Past Junior Grand Warden ; the Master of the Senior Lodge present. He shall have the same power while presiding as the Grand Master.

N. B.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in AMPLE FORM when the Grand Master is present ; in DUE FORM when the Deputy Grand Master or Past Grand Master presides ; at all other times only IN FORM, yet with the same authority.

Section 15. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing, and abrogating them ; always taking care that the Ancient Landmarks of the Order are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating, and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as it may appoint ; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft.

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Section 16. No Lodge shall be erased, nor any Brother expelled, until the Master or Officers of the Lodge, or the offending Brother, shall have been summoned to show cause in the Grand Lodge why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced—such summons being addressed, and either delivered personally, or sent by post to the last known place of residence of such Brother, being deemed a proper summons; but a reasonable time in the discretion of the Grand Lodge must elapse before sentence is passed.

Section 17. All differences and complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced to writing and handed to the Grand Secretary.

Section 18. When any memorial or other document is presented by any member of the Grand Lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

Section 19. No business of any kind shall be transacted in the Grand Lodge unless at least five subordinate Lodges are represented by proxy or otherwise.

Section 20. Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft may, by vote of the Grand Lodge be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

Section 21. The Grand Lodge may summon any Lodge or Brother to attend the Grand Lodge and to produce the Charter, Books, Papers, and Accounts of the Lodge, or the Certificate of a Brother. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, the Lodge or Brother may be suspended.

Section 22. Every subordinate Lodge shall be visited at least once in every year by the Grand Master, or by one or more members of the Grand Lodge duly authorized, who shall examine the Minutes, and enquire as to the state of the funds in hand, the work done, and the general condition of the Lodge, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge in writing at its next regular Communication. The Officers of each Lodge visited shall, on pain of suspension, give full information on all subjects with reference to the Lodge.

Section 23. Master Masons in good standing, vouched for by the Tyler, or a Brother present, may be admitted into the Grand Lodge, after the same has been opened, provided they are decently dressed and properly clothed. They will be seated together in a particular part of the Lodge room, to be pointed out by the Junior Grand

Deacon, and must, on no account, attempt to speak or vote. If any of them wish to retire before the Lodge is closed, he must rise in his place and ask for and obtain special permission from the Grand Master or Officer presiding.

On motion of any member of the Grand Lodge, duly seconded, the Grand Master or presiding Officer shall, without discussion, require all present, not being members of the Grand Lodge, to retire.

Section 24. The Grand Lodge shall keep a book in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names before entering the Lodge; and a similar book, or a portion of the same book, for visitors, who are, in like manner, to enter their names, Masonic rank, and the name of their Mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

Section 25. No Rule, By-Law, or Regulation of the Grand Lodge shall be suspended, except by the unanimous vote of all the members present.

CHAPTER II.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GRAND LODGE DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

Section 1. The Grand Lodge being opened, the Minutes of the last regular communication, and of any intervening Grand Lodge, are to be read; but reports, communications of documents, approved or rejected at any previous meeting, shall not be read *in extenso*, unless called for by a member with a view of founding a motion thereon. All communications from the Grand Master, and reports from the Committees, are then to be read and taken into consideration, and the other business to be regularly proceeded with.

Section 2. No confirmation of Minutes is requisite, if they have been correctly taken; and if no Brother objects to them on that account they must stand approved. It shall not be competent for a Brother on hearing read the Minutes of a previous meeting, to discuss or question anything done thereat, unless he has at such previous meeting given notice of reconsideration.

Section 3. At every meeting of the Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary shall produce a correct list containing the names and numbers of all the Lodges, the names of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters returned from each, the number of votes each is entitled to, and the names of the Proxies (if any), which list shall be laid on his table and be opened to the inspection of all members.

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Section 4. At the first stroke of the Grand Master's gavel, or whenever the Grand Master shall call to order, there shall be general silence.

Section 5. All members shall keep their seats except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about in the discharge of their duties.

Section 6. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or by special permission of the Grand Lodge, or the mover in reply.

Section 7. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master, nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order, but, after he has been set right he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

Section 8. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master shall peremptorily command him to quit the Lodge for that meeting.

Section 9. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall forthwith be solemnly excluded, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until, at another time, he publicly own his fault, and grace be granted.

Section 10. All matters not specially provided for are to be decided by a majority of the votes, unless the Lodge think proper to leave them to the determination of the Grand Master; the votes of the members are to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, and the motion is then to be declared as carried or lost, but if two members demand that the votes be counted, the brethren in favor of the motion shall pass to one side of the Lodge, and those against to the other, when they shall be counted by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Master to have a casting vote in case of a tie.

Section 11. Notices of motion must be given personally, and in writing, and not by brethren present on behalf of absent members.

Section 12. No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules, or regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule, or regulation thereto, without notice in writing stating the amendment or alteration proposed having been given to the Grand Secretary at least three months previous to the Communication at which it is to be brought before the Grand Lodge; and no alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be binding, unless supported by two-thirds of the votes present.

Section 13. The mover of every resolution or amendment shall reduce the same to writing, otherwise it cannot be put. Every resolution or amendment shall, on motion of any brother, be divided, if capable of division, and each portion put separately from the chair.

Section 14. No brother shall be permitted to quit the Grand Lodge until the same has been closed, without permission asked and obtained from the presiding officer.

Section 15. No motion on a new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after eleven o'clock at night.

CHAPTER III.

OF GRAND MASTER.

Section 1. The Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. Should the Grand Master die during his Grand Mastership, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Master, or in his absence the Grand Wardens, shall assemble the Grand Lodge immediately to record the event. The Grand Lodge shall appoint three of its members to invite the last preceding Grand Master to act until a new election takes place. Should he decline, or be unable to act, then the last but one, and so on. If no former Grand Master be found to act, the Grand Lodge shall be summoned to elect a Grand Master.

Section 3. The Grand Master under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Lodge, near a sister Grand Lodge, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem appropriate. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge a member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, but without any vote.

Section 4. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and order any of the Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right hand and the Master of the Lodge on his left. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons present, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

Section 5. The Grand Master may send the Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

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Section 6. The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary or the Deputy Grand Master.

Section 7. If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation to be dictated by the occasion.

Section 8. During his term of office the Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a subordinate Lodge, and if he hold such office he must, on his election as Grand Master, resign it.

CHAPTER IV.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Section 1. The Deputy Grand Master shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority in the absence of the Grand Master to preside in any Lodge he may visit, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

Section 3. During his term of office the Deputy Grand Master shall not be eligible for election as Master of a subordinate Lodge, and if he hold such office, he must, on his election as Deputy Grand Master, resign it.

OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Section 1. The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be divided into five districts, numbered as follows:—

No. 1. To include the County of Halifax.

No. 2. To include the Western part of the County of Digby and the Counties of Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens and Lunenburg.

No. 3. To include the Eastern part of Digby County and the Counties of Annapolis, Kings and Hants.

No. 4. To include the Counties of Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou and Antigonish, and the Western part of the County of Guysboro'.

No. 5. To include the Eastern part of the County of Guysboro', and the Island of Cape Breton.

Section 2. To each of these Districts there shall be appointed by

the Grand Master, at the Annual Communication, if possible, an officer whose style and title shall be Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, and who shall rank next to the Junior Warden of Grand Lodge.

Section 3. Every District Deputy Grand Master shall be a Past Master, a member of some Lodge in the district to which he is elected, and a resident of the district.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Masters to visit the Lodges of their respective districts, at least once during the year, of which visit the Lodges shall have timely notice.

Section 5. While visiting any Lodge the District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to preside, after the Lodge is opened and he is introduced. The Master and officers of the Lodge shall afford every facility to the District Deputy, of examining the books and records of the Lodge, inspecting its By-Laws and regulations, and ascertaining the condition of the Lodge in all respects in keeping with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Section 6. When any District Deputy Grand Master shall have obtained from the Grand Lecturer a certificate of qualification for imparting ritualistic work and lectures, and shall have the same approved of by the Grand Master, under seal of the Grand Lodge, it shall then, but not before, be his further duty to inspect the ritualistic work of the several Lodges visited, and exemplify the work and lectures, and instruct the Lodges in the same.

Section 7. Any Lodge visited and requiring instruction in the approved mode of working, shall reasonably compensate the District Deputy Grand Master for whatever time he may be occupied in imparting to the Lodge the ritualistic work and lectures as recommended by Grand Lodge.

Section 8. The District Deputy Grand Master shall have authority to grant dispensations for public processions other than funerals, but shall not suspend, alter or amend any by-law or regulation of the Grand Lodge, or those of any subordinate Lodge, after their approval by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

Section 9. The Grand Secretary shall, immediately after the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master, notify each of the Lodges in the district of the appointment, and shall furnish every such officer with a list of the Lodges in his district. The Grand Secretary shall also notify the Lodges when the officer has received the authority to impart ritualistic work, as provided in Section 7 of this Chapter.

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Section 10. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall report at the Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge such duties as he may have attended to during his term of office. He shall then be reimbursed such reasonable expenses as he may have incurred in the discharge of said duties; and when District Deputy Grand Masters attend the Annual Meetings of Grand Lodge, they shall be compensated the same as representatives of Lodges.

CHAPTER V.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

Section 1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in the Lodge, no others can supply their places; but in their absence the Past Grand Wardens shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Wardens be present, the Grand Master may direct any Master or Past Masters of a subordinate Lodge to act as Grand Wardens *pro tempore*.

Section 3. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act as his Wardens.

CHAPTER VI.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

Section 1. The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond with two sureties to the Grand Master and such other Trustees as the Grand Lodge shall nominate, with such conditions as may be deemed expedient for the due performance of his trust.

Section 3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all monies raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the Fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective use for which the several sums are intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the Committee of Finance and Audit, who shall make their report thereon at the Annual Communication in June.

CHAPTER VII.

OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Section 1. The Grand Secretary shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. The Grand Secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise; to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of all its proceedings; to notify all Committees of their appointment, and to provide them with such books and documents as they may require which may be in his custody; to receive the returns from the several Lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; to transmit to all the Lodges annually an account of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Lodge; to publish in the Annual Report of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge the names of all suspended or expelled Masons; to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and to take to him any books or papers he may direct; to conduct the Correspondence of the Grand Lodge; to receive regularly, credit and record, all monies of the Grand Lodge, and to pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received, and the source whence received; and generally to do all such things as have been done, or ought to have been done, by a Grand Secretary: for which service he shall receive out of the Grand Lodge funds a salary of six hundred dollars annually, the same to be payable quarterly by the Grand Treasurer, on the order of the Grand Master.

CHAPTER VIII.

OF GRAND LECTURER.

Section 1. The Grand Lecturer shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. He shall instruct the officers of such Lodges as request his services in the mode of working, approved of by the Grand Lodge; he shall, if required, visit the subordinate Lodges, and report any deviation from the ancient landmarks or from the established ritual that he may observe.

Section 3. He shall have the right to visit any Lodge, either at the regular or emergent meetings, but nothing contained herein

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Section 4. If any Lodge or its officers shall require the services of the Grand Lecturer, they shall pay him a reasonable compensation for his time and trouble, the amount, in case of dispute, to be decided by the Committee of Finance and Audit, whose decision shall be final.

CHAPTER IX.

OF GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Section 1. The Grand Chaplains shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. They shall attend all Communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the Fraternity.

CHAPTER X.

OF GRAND DEACONS.

Section 1. The Grand Deacons shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication.

Section 2. If the Grand Deacons be absent, the Grand Master may appoint the Master of any Lodge to officiate *pro tempore*.

CHAPTER XI.

OF OTHER GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Section 1. All the other Grand Lodge officers shall be elected and installed at the Annual Communication, and must be members of Grand Lodge.

Section 2. The Grand Superintendent of Works is to advise with the Committee on all plans of buildings and edifices undertaken by the Grand Lodge, and furnish estimates. He is to report on the state of repair of the edifices of the Grand Lodge, from time to time as required.

Section 3. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, has the care of the regalia, clothing, insignia, and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

Section 4. The Grand Pursuivant is to see that none be admitted except those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, and are in all respects entitled to admission.

Section 5. Grand Standard Bearers may be appointed by the Grand Master as occasion may require. They must be Master Masons, and are to carry the Standards of the Grand Lodge, and Grand Master, on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the Grand Lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a Grand officer.

Any Grand Officer entitled to have a Standard may, whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a Standard Bearer, who must be a Master Mason.

Section 6. The Grand Tyler is to receive from the Grand Secretary, the summonses for all the meetings of the Grand Lodge, its boards and committees, and carefully deliver the same. He is to attend all Grand Lodge meetings, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled; and his salary shall be thirty dollars per annum, including all fees and charges.

Section 7. If any Grand Tyler shall, without the special license of the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, attend at any Masonic funeral or other public business, or shall officiate or attend on any meeting or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, and not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge or not conforming to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge and be excluded the benefits of the general charity.

CHAPTER XII.

OF GRAND COMMITTEES.

Section 1. All communications received by the Grand Secretary, which are to be submitted to the Grand Lodge, shall at once be handed by him to the Chairman of the Committee to whose province the business herein referred to appertains; and the Committee shall at once proceed to investigate the matters so referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge at its next regular meeting, or at an emergent meeting called for the purpose. If the regular meeting take place within ten days after the communication has been received, the committee will not be obliged to report until the subsequent meeting.

Section 2. In order to enable each committee fully to investigate the matters submitted to them, the Chairman thereof shall have the

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Section 3. Two-thirds of a Committee shall constitute a quorum.

CHAPTER XIII.

PROCEDURE BEFORE COMMITTEE OF GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL.

Section 1. In the event of a dispute arising between Subordinate Lodges and members of the Craft, the party or parties feeling aggrieved may lay the same before the Grand Lodge by written petition, duly signed, stating distinctly the matters complained of. No petition can be entertained unless it is submitted to the Grand Lodge within three months after the matters complained of originated, and in case of appeal within twelve months from the date of decision appealed against.

Section 2. Such petition, together with a certificate by the petitioner, that a copy thereof has been served upon the party complained against shall be lodged with the Grand Secretary who shall hand the same to the Chairman of the Committee of Grievance and Appeal; the Chairman shall at once summon the Committee, who shall proceed to investigate the case, and they may, if they see fit, require the parties complained against to answer the petition in writing within a time to be limited by them.

Section 3. The contending parties shall attend the meeting of the Committee (of which notice will be sent them) either personally or by their representatives—such representatives being members of the Grand Lodge—when the evidence on both sides shall be heard, and the Committee shall then decide on the case, and report their decision, together with the evidence taken, to the Grand Lodge, who may confirm or reject the report, remit it back to the Committee to take further evidence and make such final order in relation thereto as to the Grand Lodge may seem right.

Section 4. With each petition or answer there shall be paid a fee of one dollar, without which the document cannot be received. There shall also be paid for all extracts of the proceedings, by the party requiring the same, the sum of 50 cents for the first sheet, and 30 cents for each other sheet.

Section 5. The judgments of the Grand Lodge shall be held to be final and not reviewable by any tribunal whatever; and any parties challenging or refusing to submit to the same, shall be liable to expulsion from the Grand Lodge, deprivation of his Masonic

privileges, or such other punishment or censure as the Grand Lodge may see fit to inflict.

CHAPTER XIV.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Section 1. Every application for a Charter to open a new Lodge must be made by petition, signed by at least seven Master Masons in good standing, and the Lodges to which they belong specified; the petition must be recommended by the nearest regular Lodge, (see also Standing Resolution 16), and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. If the prayer of the petition be granted, a Charter will issue empowering them to meet as a regular Lodge, and perform all the duties appertaining thereto; but no Charter shall be granted to a new Lodge until it has worked under a dispensation.

Section 2. The Grand Master may, on receipt of the petition, grant a Dispensation to open a new Lodge, and report the same to the Grand Lodge; but no Dispensation shall be valid after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, unless approved of by it.

Section 3. The officers of a Lodge shall consist of a Master, two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, Marshal or Inner Guard, two Stewards and a Tyler. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed in person.

Section 4. Every Lodge shall, annually, at its regular meeting in March, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary by ballot, the remainder by open vote. The ballot shall be taken in the manner prescribed for Grand Lodge.

Section 5. No member of a Lodge shall be eligible for election as Master unless he has served as a Warden for one year, or served as a Master in any Lodge. But this regulation shall not apply to newly formed Lodges, until after the second annual election of officers.

Section 6. The Master elect shall be installed by a Past Master of his own or some other Lodge, in open Lodge, at which Past Masters only shall be present, when he shall take the obligation and receive the secrets appertaining to that degree.

Section 7. If the Master should die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden shall summon the Lodge, and a new Master shall be elected at the next regular meeting. In the case of a vacancy in any other office, it shall be filled by the Master *pro tempore*, until the annual election.

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Section 8. In the Master's absence the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall assume the chair, and perform all the duties appertaining to the Master's office, except conferring degrees. A Master or Past Master of any Lodge may be invited to officiate as Master by the presiding officer.

Section 9. Upon sufficient cause shown to the Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, he may in his discretion suspend the Master of any Lodge from performing the duties of his office until after the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Section 10. The Master of a Lodge is responsible for seeing that a book or books be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of its members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposals, admission or initiation, passing or raising, and also their ages as nearly as possible at that time, and their titles, professions, or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

Section 11. The Master is to see that all monies received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in each year by a Committee appointed by the Lodge, who shall report all members over twelve months in arrears for dues.

Section 12. None but Master Masons can be members of a Lodge, or vote upon any subject. Every brother whose application has been favorably received in a Lodge, and who receives the Master Mason's Degree therein, becomes thereby a member of the Lodge.

Section 13. Every Lodge has the power of forming by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with this Constitution and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted for the approbation of the Grand Master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. Every brother immediately after becoming a member of a Lodge shall sign the by-laws thereof; and every member shall at all reasonable times have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the brethren.

Section 14. The regular days and particular place of meeting of every Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws. If in case of any accident the Lodge cannot meet at its accustomed place, the regular meeting may be held in any room approved of by the Master and Wardens until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Section 15. A Lodge of Emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the Master, or in his absence of the Senior Warden, or in his absence of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be intimated and afterwards recorded in the minute book, and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at that meeting.

Section 16. The precedence of Lodges is derived from the number of their charters, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge.

Section 17. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impression of the Seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new Seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

Section 18. All the business of Lodges, except that of conferring the first and second degrees, and the instruction thereof, shall be transacted in a Lodge of Master Masons.

Section 19. No Lodge shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less consideration than Twenty Dollars, viz: for the first and second degrees \$6 each, for the third degree, \$8; nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum, except in the case of Ministers of the Gospel. The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the Lodge for all fees payable on account of his initiation.

Section 20. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren raised therein, and also in making the returns of its members; as no person is entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least one year a contributing member of a Lodge; but the limitation of one year shall not apply to cases of shipwreck, loss by fire, or dislocation or fracture of a limb; the same to be fully attested and proved.

Section 21. Each Lodge shall procure for every brother raised therein a Grand Lodge Diploma, to be paid for by the Lodge.

Section 22. Any member reported for non-payment of dues, may be specially summoned by the Secretary to pay the same, and failing to do so within three months, may be suspended and reported to the Grand Secretary.

Section 23. Every Lodge has the power, by a two-thirds vote, of suspending a member for gross, immoral or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues; but no Lodge shall suspend any member with-

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Section 24. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues, shall be immediately restored by the Lodge, without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended—notice thereof being given to the Grand Secretary.

Section 25. The Jewels and Furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are, the property of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of such Lodge, while legally holding the Charter; but when such Lodge shall resign, or forfeit such Charter, all its property shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

Section 26. Each Lodge shall annually, between the date of Installation of Officers and the 20th of May, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge, entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge, and no brother shall be permitted to vote in Grand Lodge unless his name shall have been returned to the Grand Secretary, as herein directed.

Section 27. The majority of the members of a Lodge when congregated, have the privilege to give instruction to their Master or Wardens, or Proxy, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

Section 28. Each Lodge shall make its payments to the Grand Lodge previous to 20th day of May in each year, and in case of neglect of payment for twelve months, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens and Proxy of such Lodge shall be thereby disqualified from voting in Grand Lodge, until these payments shall have been made. Should any payment be neglected for two years after it becomes due, the Charter of the Lodge may be declared forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

Section 29. If any Lodge shall fail to meet for the space of twelve months, it cannot be summoned without the special leave of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, and if it shall fail to meet for the space of two years, it shall be struck off the roll of Lodges and the Charter forfeited.

Section 30. No Lodge shall form any Public Masonic Procession without leave from the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master, except in case of a Funeral, which should at once be reported to the Grand Secretary.

Section 31. If the majority of any Lodge should determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution and power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided there be not less than seven. If less than seven members remain, their Charter ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed, reverts to the Grand Lodge.

Section 32. No brother shall wilfully presume to print or publish or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge without the direction of the Grand Lodge, under pain of being expelled from the Order. This law is not to extend to writing, printing, or publishing any proceedings, authorized to be published by the Master of any Lodge, provided the same does not conflict with the Constitution.

Section 33. The majority of members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are consistent with the by-laws of the Lodge and the general laws and regulations of the Craft. No resolution or protest can be entered on the Minutes unless it has been duly seconded.

Section 34. No subordinate Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

Section 35. Any Brother who has violated the secrecy of the ballot, by stating how he voted on any question, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware, and mention to another Brother, shall render himself liable to severe masonic censure, and for a second offence to expulsion.

Section 36. Every Brother to whom a Grand Lodge Diploma is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

Section 37. No Lodge shall grant a certificate of any kind to a Brother except such as may be required by the Laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its Committees, or issued to a member on his retirement from a Lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing; nor shall any Lodge under any pretence make a charge for a Lodge certificate.

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Section 38. A Brother who may have rendered any service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge, may, by a vote of the Lodge, be elected an honorary member thereof. The Lodge must include honorary members in its returns to the Grand Lodge, and is liable to pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members, but no such honorary member, as such, can be a member of the Grand Lodge.

Section 39. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he is personally known, or, after due examination, vouched for by one or more of the brethren present; he shall, during his continuance in the Lodge, be subject to its by-laws.

Section 40. A Mason offending against any law or regulation of the Craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or, by the Grand Lodge only, to expulsion.

Section 41. Any brother may be admitted a member of a Lodge, on satisfactory evidence that he has paid all dues to the Lodge of which he was last a member, and that he has received a dimit therefrom; he being proposed at a regular meeting at least one month before the ballot is taken, and a decision given in his favor as in the case of a candidate.

Section 42. The jurisdiction of a Lodge shall extend ten miles in every direction, from the place of meeting, or half way to the nearest Lodge if within twenty miles. But if any Lodges should be within two miles of each other, they shall have a concurrent jurisdiction, extending ten miles in every direction, from the nearest Lodge or half way to the next Lodge, if within twenty miles. Lodges within twenty miles of each other may, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, settle the boundaries of their own jurisdiction, but not to exceed the limits above mentioned.

Section 43. No person shall be made a Mason if he resides in the jurisdiction of another Lodge without the consent of that Lodge; such consent to be expressed by the unanimous vote by ballot of the members present at any regular meeting of such Lodge, subsequent to the one at which the application for such consent is made. If he has not resided for twelve months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, he must be recommended in writing by six members of the Lodge, who are in good standing.

Section 44. Every candidate must be proposed in open Lodge, at a regular meeting, and his petition referred to an investigating committee. He may be balloted for at any regular meeting of the Lodge afterwards, provided the committee have reported, and if elected, he

may be initiated, but if rejected, his application cannot be entertained in any Lodge for six months. No higher degree shall be conferred on any brother, at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge.

Section 45. No man shall be made a Mason under the age of twenty-one years. Every candidate, must at the time of initiation, be known to be of reputable circumstances; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name at full length to an application, the form of which is given in the appendix hereto.

Section 46. No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if on the ballot being taken, one black ball appear against him.

Section 47. No Lodge shall on any occasion or pretence whatever, suspend any of its By-Laws.

CHAPTER XV.

OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Section 1. No general Lodge of Instruction shall be held, unless under the sanction of a regular Warranted Lodge, or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving the sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

Section 2. Lodges of Instruction shall keep a minute of brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Lodge granting.

Section 3. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction, provided notice of intention to withdraw that sanction be inserted in the summons of that meeting.

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unless in Masonic costume and proper clothing. The officers of the Grand Lodge must in addition wear white cravats and white gloves.

Section 2. No clothing purporting to be Masonic, shall be worn in Grand Lodge, or any Subordinate Lodge, except that appertaining to St. John's Masonry, which alone is recognized and acknowledged.

Section 3. The Jewels of the Grand Lodge are Gold, and may be described as follows :

The Grand Master.—A brilliant Medallion, having emblazoned in the centre the Arms of Nova Scotia, surrounded by the words "The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,"—pendant therefrom the compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90° , the points of the compasses resting on the segment. In the centre, between the square and compasses, the sun in full glory.

Past Grand Master.—The compasses extended, the square and segment of a circle of 90° —the points of the compasses resting on the segment.

Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united.

Senior Grand Warden.—The Level.

Junior Grand Warden.—The Plumb.

Grand Treasurer.—A Chased Key.

Grand Secretary.—Key and Pen Crossed.

Grand Lecturer.—Semi-circle in a Triangle.

Grand Chaplain.—Eradiated Eye in Triangle.

Senior Grand Deacon.—Mallet within a Wreath.

Junior Grand Deacon.—Trowel within a Wreath.

Grand Superintendent of Works.—Corinthian column, based on a segment of a circle of 90° .

Grand Director of Ceremonies.—Crossed Rods, with a tie.

Grand Sword-Bearer.—Crossed Swords.

Grand Organist.—A Grecian Lyre in a Wreath.

Grand Pursuivant.—Cross Baton and Sword.

Grand Tyler.—A Sword.

Chairman of Stewards.—Cornucopia and Cup within a Wreath.

Section 4.—The Grand Master's Jewel shall be suspended from a gold chain consisting of nine stars, and the letters "G. L." in double cypher, similar in pattern to that worn by the Grand Master of England.

Section 5.—The collars from which the Jewels of the other Grand Lodge officers are suspended, shall be of dark blue, edged with gold lace.

Section 6.—The Jewels of the Subordinate Lodges shall be suspended from Collars of Blue, which may be embroidered or trimmed with Silver. The Jewels shall be of Silver as follows :

Master.—The Square.

Past Master.—The Square and the Diagram of the 47th Problem, 1st Book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.

Senior Warden.—The Level.

Junior Warden.—The Plumb.

Treasurer.—The Key.

Secretary.—The Crossed Pens.

Deacons.—The Dove encircled.

Marshal or Inner Guard.—Crossed Swords.

Stewards.—Cornucopia in a Wreath.

Tyler.—The Sword.

Section 7. APRONS.—*Entered Apprentice.*—A plain white lamb skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament; white strings.

Fellow Craft.—A plain white lamb skin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason.—The same, with Garter Blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed, except to officers and past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, present and past.—Apron twenty inches by eighteen, with dark blue edging, four inches ornamented with Gold, with blue strings, and the emblems of their offices in gold in the centre.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges may wear, in the place of three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches, and of the perpendicular line one inch; these emblems to be of blue ribbon or silver lace half an inch broad.

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CHAPTER XVII.

OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

The following fees shall be paid to the Grand Lodge:—

Dispensation to new Lodge.....	\$50.00
Charter to new Lodge.....	30.00
Enrolment of each member in Grand Lodge book.....	1.00
Diploma for each member.....	1.00
Annual dues for each member.....	0.50
Copy of Charter in case of loss.....	5.00
Extract of copy of Papers, first sheet.....	0.50
Every other sheet.....	0.30
Every petition or complaint to the Grand Lodge, or answer thereto.....	1.00
Dispensation to confer any degree in less than one month.....	5.00

CHAPTER XVIII.

OF THE FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Art. 1.—The funds at present appropriated to the object of benevolence, with all other sums that may be added thereto, shall be solely devoted to that object. (*See Standing Regulation 15.*)

Art. 2.—The distribution, of the interest only, of this fund shall take place on the first Monday of every month, by a committee consisting of the following officers of the Grand Lodge, viz: G. Master, Deputy G. Master, Senior G. Warden, Junior G. Warden, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary—three of whom shall form a quorum.

Art. 3.—The Committee shall, at every Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, present a report of the business brought before them during the year, together with the applications presented in the whole jurisdiction, the amount of disbursements, and the sum total at the credit of the Fund.

Art. 4.—All orders on the Grand Treasurer (within the amount of interest due upon the invested fund), signed by the Chairman and Secretary, shall be at once paid.

Art. 5.—Applications for relief must be by petition, stating the name, occupation, place of abode, and present circumstances of the petitioner, the name and number of the Lodge in which, and the time when, he was initiated, and the other Lodges, if any, which he may have since joined. The applicant, unless disabled by disease or accident, must sign his name to the petition.

Art. 6.—No Master Mason initiated under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia shall receive the benefit of this Fund, unless he has been registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, and has continued a member of a contributing Lodge for at least two years; the limitation of two years not to apply to extreme cases.

Art. 7. A brother who has been relieved, cannot petition a second time within one year.

Art. 8.—These laws and regulations shall be read by the Grand Secretary at every Annual Communication.

FORM OF RECOMMENDATION.

We, the undersigned Master, Wardens and Secretary of ———— Lodge, No. —, do hereby certify that the within named petitioner has been a regular contributing member of this Lodge for the space of ——— years, and do recommend him to the Committee of Benevolence for relief.

[Seal.]

..... *W. Master.*

..... *S. Warden.*

[Date.]

..... *J. Warden.*

..... *Secretary.*

CHAPTER XIX.

At every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and of each subordinate Lodge, a copy of this Constitution shall be laid on the Secretary's table.

In consequence of the alterations now made in the Constitution all clauses in the By-Laws of subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are hereby repealed.

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STANDING REGULATIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to report on all correspondence received from Foreign Grand Lodges.—[Proceedings 1870, page 15.]

2. *Resolved*, That the work styled "Ancient York Rite" be adopted by this Grand Lodge, with permission to those Lodges now working the Ritual of England and Canada to continue that work so long as they shall desire to do so.—[Proceedings 1870, page 31.]

3. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the business thereof will be greatly expedited if the Grand Lodge officers should not, in future, be installed until the business of the year has been completed.—[Proceedings 1870, page 40.]

4. *Resolved*, That a petition of a candidate having been placed before a Lodge, and handed to an investigating committee, becomes the property of that Lodge, and cannot be withdrawn, whether reported upon favorably or not, and must be submitted to the ballot.—[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

5. *Resolved*, That the Reports of all Committees be laid on the Grand Secretary's table within one hour after the opening of Grand Lodge.—[Proceedings 1870, page 41.]

6. *Resolved*, That in consequence of the alteration made in the Constitution, all clauses in the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges conflicting with said alterations are repealed.—[Proceedings 1871, page 24.]

7. *Resolved*, That for the future full dues for the year shall be paid by Subordinate Lodges for all members on the Secretary's books at the time of sending in the annual returns.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish diplomas, without charge, to all members of Subordinate Lodges who have already paid for diplomas to the late English District and Scottish Provincial Grand Lodges, but who have not yet received them.—[Proceedings 1871, page 75.]

9. *Resolved*, That canvassing for office in Grand Lodge is at all times to be discountenanced; and that the brother who disregards this expression of opinion by so doing, renders himself liable to be severely reprimanded.—[Proceedings 1872, page 7.]

10. *Resolved*, That the first named in any Committee shall be the convener thereof, and that the Committee when convened shall proceed to appoint their own Chairman.—[Proceedings 1872, page 12.]

11. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary issue duplicate sets of blank annual returns to the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges; one to be filed by the Lodge, the other to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, as provided for by sections 26 and 28, Chapter 14 of the Constitution.—[Proceedings 1872, page 56.]

12. *Resolved*, That the enrolment fee of one dollar in Chapter 17 of the Constitution is not intended to apply to a Brother affiliating from another Lodge under this Jurisdiction.—[Proceedings 1872, page 59.]

13. *Resolved*, That Lodges may return as "missing" any member whose residence or address is not known for three successive years, and that Lodges be exempted from dues for such members while so "missing."—[Proceedings 1873, page 55.]

14. *Resolved*, That though Section 41, Chapter 14 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia strictly declares that a Brother cannot become a member of a Subordinate Lodge until he has received a dimit from the Lodge of which he was last a member, it is not intended to prevent a ballot being taken after a committee of investigation shall have reported upon his application. But should such ballot prove favorable a dimit must be obtained from his previous Lodge before he can be enrolled or exercise the rights of membership in the Lodge he proposes joining, and for which a ballot has been taken; such ballot to be null and void unless such dimit be obtained.—[Proceedings 1873, page 58.]

15. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodge requests each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction to contribute such an amount annually to the Fund of Benevolence as it may deem its financial position warrants.—[Proceedings 1873, page 59.]

16. *Resolved*, That it shall not be competent for any Lodge to recommend the granting of a dispensation or charter to Brethren to open a new Lodge, unless it shall be in a position to vouch that it has examined into the proficiency of the Master and Wardens elect, and found them capable of conferring the degrees in a proper and constitutional manner.—[Proceedings 1874, page 46.]

17. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish duplicate or corrected diplomas only on payment of the regular fee, in all cases where names have been returned incorrectly spelled by Secretaries of Lodges, or where the diploma has been injured or defaced: the injured or incorrect diploma to be, in all cases, returned to the Grand Secretary.—[Proceedings 1875, page 83.]

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REPORT

OF THE

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

Your Committee have received through the R. W. Grand Secretary the printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges—forty-two in all.

Alabama	1874	Missouri	1874
Arkansas	1874	Montana	1874
California	1874	Nebraska	1874
Canada	1874	Nevada	1874
Colorado	1874	New Brunswick	1874
Connecticut	1874	New Hampshire	1874
Connecticut	1875	New Jersey	1875
District of Columbia	1874	New York	1874
Delaware	1874	North Carolina	1873
Florida	1874	Ohio	1874
Florida	1875	Pennsylvania	1874
Georgia	1874	Quebec	1874
Idaho	1874	Rhode Island	1874
Illinois	1874	South Carolina	1874
Iowa	1874	Texas	1874
Kansas	1874	Utah	1874
Louisiana	1875	Vermont	1874
Massachusetts	1874	Virginia	1874
Michigan	1875	West Virginia	1874
Minnesota	1874	Washington Territory	1874
Mississippi	1874	Wisconsin	1874

Brother Smithers, who for several years past has discharged the duties of Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, having removed from our Jurisdiction, the duty of submitting the Report for this year devolves upon me—a responsibility I should much prefer to have seen placed upon some more competent member of Grand Lodge.

In perusing the vast amount of information contained in these documents, it has been found no easy task to select and condense such matter as was deemed most interesting to the members of this Jurisdiction.

The duty devolving upon us being new and unfamiliar, it can scarcely be expected to be so creditably discharged as it was by our predecessors; but in presenting this report we can honestly say we have done our best; and in doing so, we can fully appreciate the amount of time and labor so cheerfully expended in the interests of this Grand Body in the past by the Brethren who have preceded us.

Brother Smithers, the late Chairman, in parting with us, has the satisfaction of knowing that he carries with him our best wishes for his future welfare, and warmest thanks for the time, labor, and care expended so cheerfully in the performance of his duties on the Committee of Foreign Correspondence.

Your Committee have received the printed proceedings of the Convention and Organization of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodges of the Indian Territory and the Territory of Wyoming, accompanied with a request for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Owing to our extreme distance and limited information respecting these Grand Bodies, your Committee would recommend that action be deferred until our next Annual Communication.

Submitted on behalf of the Committee.

A. H. CROWE.

June 2, 1875.

ALABAMA—1874.

Fifty-fourth Annual Communication was held in the city of Montgomery, 7th of December, 1874.

M.W. Isaiah A. Wilson, Grand Master; R.W. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary. 223 Lodges represented. Lodges reported square on the Books 228. Lodges under Dispensation 5. Membership

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10,165. Initiated 562. Dues received \$5,165.50.

We quote from the Grand Master's opening address :

" It is particularly gratifying to me to inform you that peace and harmony prevail throughout our borders, and while scores have not been gathered beneath our broad banners, in the last masonic year, still we have increased in numbers, perhaps as rapidly as desirable.

" Our relations with Foreign Grand Bodies are of the most friendly and cordial character. We have had no cause of complaint, nor has any been made against us, of a violation of jurisdiction.

" I have refused several applications to confer the degrees out of time. I do not believe there is scarcely a conceivable occasion when an emergency case should be entertained. The Candidate should not only be well instructed in the ritual of masonry, but should be taught the objects of the institution in its moral and speculative sense. Are we not recreant to the high trusts reposed in us as masons, and do we not act unjustly towards a Brother, whenever we send him forth into the world as a mason, without that knowledge necessary for him to properly understand, and to enable him faithfully to perform his duties as such? Masonry has had much to encounter and condemn in the reproach brought upon her, not only from the unworthy, but from the ignorant mason. It is, therefore, a wise rule, established in this jurisdiction, which requires the candidate to be *proficient*, before he is permitted to advance, and it should be rigidly enforced."

Two dispensations were granted for the formation of new Lodges.

From the decisions of the Grand Master we extract the following :

" When a Brother has been suspended for a definite period, and his term of punishment terminated, he returns, *eo instanti*, to all the rights and privileges from which he was suspended, and is entitled to his dimit, although an appeal, taken by him, to the Grand Lodge, may be pending ; *provided* no new charges are preferred against him, and he has paid up all arrearages to his Lodge.

" That in this Jurisdiction a Master Mason in good standing, and who is not in arrears to his Lodge, has a right, unconditionally, to dimit, without assigning any reason or excuse for so dimitting.

" That the Worshipful Master has no authority to give the casting vote in an election for officers, having previously voted.

" A Lodge cannot entertain a petition for membership until it is satisfied the petitioner is a Master Mason. This fact must be fully established before any committee can be appointed to inquire into the character and standing of the petitioner.

" Visitation is certainly a right, yet the visitor's right must be subordinate to the rights of the members ; and if the presence of the visitor would mar the peace and harmony of the members of the Lodge present, then it would

not only be the right, but the duty of the Worshipful Master to exclude the visitor."

A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to P.G.M. Joseph H. Johnston.

The following report from a Special Committee on a decision of Past Grand Master Johnston was received and adopted :

REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

"The committee to whom the decision of the former Grand Master, M.W. Joseph H. Johnston, was referred, which is in words following, to wit: 'A mason having joined a church, the laws of which require a renunciation of masonry, notwithstanding he holds a dimit, is not entitled to its benefits; neither is the widow of such an one so entitled after his death,'—have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to make the following report :

"Should a member of the masonic fraternity attach himself to any religious denomination, the rules of which require him to renounce masonry. this act of so attaching himself, of itself, does not deprive him of the benefits of masonry; with these rules masonry has nothing to do.

"The masonic order does not require or demand of its votaries any other religious test than that of a belief in Deity; hence, the simple act of uniting or joining such religious denomination is, of and within itself, no violation of any masonic law. But should the member, or mason, thus joining actually renounce masonry, by thus renouncing masonry he commits an offence against masonry, and for which he should be dealt with by the lodge having jurisdiction of the member, or mason, thus offending."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. W. T. Walthall, and is one of the best we have had the pleasure of perusing. There is much we would like to extract, but space will not permit; if we commenced we would not know when to stop.

He reviews in a pleasing style the proceedings of 44 Grand Lodges, ours for 1874 included.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

ARKANSAS—1874.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Communication commenced in the city of Little Rock, on Monday, 12th October, 1874.

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Three Lodges represented—this being the constitutional number required. Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The following preamble and resolution were presented and adopted:

"WHEREAS, A large number of the constituent Lodges, for a reason deemed satisfactory, and approved, have declined to attend at this time, with the understanding that the business of this Grand Communication would be postponed, as suggested in a proclamation by the M. W. Grand Master, until Monday next, the nineteenth instant: therefore,

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge be closed until Monday next, and that all general business of the Grand Lodge be postponed until that day."

The Grand Lodge was then closed until Monday next, the nineteenth instant.

In compliance with the above the Grand Lodge again met on Monday, 19th October.

M. W., G. A. Donnelly, Grand Master.

R. W., L. E. Barber, Grand Secretary.

Ninety-five Lodges represented.

The proceedings are not of general interest. The Grand Master in his address refers to the political troubles and fearful drought of the past year, and their effects upon the prosperity and advancement of the Order.

No report upon Foreign Correspondence.

M. W., M. L. Bell, was elected Grand Master.

R. W., L. E. Barber, re-elected Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA—1874.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Communication commenced on the 13th Oct., 1874, in the city of San Francisco.

M. W. Isaac Sutvene Titus, Grand Master.

V. W. Alex. Gurdon Abell, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master presented a lengthy address, principally of local interest. He reports unusual prosperity to the Craft in his jurisdiction during the past year. We quote:—

"It is evidenced from all portions of our State, through our subordinates,

that the past year has been one of unusual prosperity to the Craft. The entire population of this proud Pacific home have ample reason to offer their gratitude to the Giver of all Good for the prosperity of this and many preceding seasons. The abundant harvest exceeds that of any previous year, and our surplus cereals are eagerly sought in the marts of the old world; exciting the admiration of all interested in the rapidly increasing development of our agricultural resources, and the stability of our products. We have also, in our general capacity of citizens, the additional acknowledgment to pay to our Creator for his omnipotent care, in preserving us from the dread ravages of pestilence, the fearful devastations of fire, and the calamitous inundations which have so afflicted the residents of many of our sister States. Most beneficially have you all expressed your kind sympathy in liberal assistance and condoling messages to the sufferers, by using every effort to assuage the grief and the misery entailed on those who were so unfortunate as to reside in the districts affected. May we most fervently implore that our fair land shall, in the future as in the past, continue to receive the same divine favors and bountiful care so mercifully bestowed by that Supreme Being, at the mention of whose name all of us are taught to most humbly bow."

The Grand Secretary says :

"It has now become much more than 'a thrice told tale' to record that no Lodge was in arrears for dues at the close of this last fiscal year. The reports of the Lodges for the current year have all been received, and it is again a source of pleasure to the undersigned to commend the increasing improvement in their correctness and in the general promptitude with which the dues have been transmitted."

The Grand Lecturer says :

"Especially has the provision requiring the qualification of Masters elect before installation proved most satisfactory in the result sought to be obtained; and the regulation should not only be continued, but its requirements rigidly enforced."

The provision here referred to is that contained in No. 13 of the General Regulations as follows :

"No Master of a Lodge shall be installed until he shall have produced to the installing officer the certificate of the Grand Lecturer, or of the Inspector of the District in which such Lodge is situated, that he is qualified to give the work and lectures entire in the three degrees; and such certificate, indorsed by the installing officer, shall be forwarded by him to the Grand Lecturer, to be kept on file in his office."

Number of chartered Lodges, 198. Roll of membership, 10,965.

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Number of Lodges represented, 164.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Brother William A. January ; reviewing in a masterly style the proceedings of forty-five Grand Lodges—including Nova Scotia for 1873. Under Alabama he says :

" We notice that the Grand Lodge of Alabama publishes a list of all brethren expelled and suspended, including those suspended for non-payment of dues. While we do not feel much sympathy for a brother who can so violate the beneficent laws of Masonry as to make it necessary that he should be expelled from the rights and privileges of the Lodge, we do have a sympathy for the brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues and whose claims on the Fraternity are not thereby lost, but only held in abeyance. We think that to publish his suspension to the world is not only uncharitable but unjust. It is true that our Alabama brethren also publish a list of restorations, but that is poor amends for the wrong. The brother suspended for non-payment of dues may restore himself to good standing at any time by paying his dues ; yet the wound inflicted by the publication of his ' bad standing ' still remains. Do what he may, the smirch on his Masonic character still clings to him, and, like the blood of the murdered Duncan, will not ' out. ' "

M.W. George Clement Perkins, elected Grand Master.

V.W. Alex. Gurdon Abell, re-elected Grand Secretary.

CANADA—1874.

A special communication was held at the Village of Trenton on the 24th September, 1873, for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of the Union High and Public School Building.

R. W. Bro. H. W. Day, P. D. D. G. M., performed the ceremony as Grand Master, and was presented with a massive silver trowel manufactured for the occasion.

Nineteenth Annual Grand Communication in the Music Hall, Toronto, 8th July, 1874.

M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, Grand Master presiding.
R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Harris, Grand Secretary.

236 Chartered Lodges and 15 under Dispensation represented.

The whole proceedings of this Grand Lodge are replete with interest; but space will not permit us making as many extracts as we would like. We have, however, used the scissors pretty freely.

The Grand Master's opening address commences with the following pleasing intelligence :

"I avail myself of the earliest moment to announce to you officially, that the long pending difficulties between ourselves and the Masons of Quebec have now been happily arranged.

"Under authority of the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge in July, 1871, and after certain preliminary arrangements had been made, by which all concerned were bound to accept, abide by, and carry out, all the conditions and terms which might be agreed upon by a joint committee, taken from both bodies in the Province of Quebec, a Masonic Conference of the members of committees appointed respectively by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and by myself on your behalf, met at Montreal on the 17th of February last, and after much careful consideration, agreed upon terms of union between our Lodges in Quebec and the Lodges already affiliated with and composing the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"In order, therefore, to give full effect to the arrangements thus entered into, all that now remains to be done on your part, is to pass a resolution to formally withdraw from the territory, and recognize fraternally the Grand Lodge of Quebec as the supreme Masonic Authority in that Province, extending to her the right hand of fellowship, with our best wishes for her future prosperity and usefulness.

"The truly Masonic spirit and feeling which existed and was evinced on both sides, enabled our brethren to overcome all obstacles, and eventually led to a union, which I hope will prove perpetual. We shall part from our brethren of Quebec with unfeigned regret; we will miss their 'familiar faces' and pleasant voices at our annual meetings, but they carry with them our best wishes and heartfelt prayers for their happiness and prosperity. The link that bound us in the chain of brotherly love remains unbroken, and we shall still continue working together for the promotion of the great cause which lies near all our hearts. The change about to take place is, after all, only a change of jurisdiction, and can make but a very slight change in our fraternal relations."

The Board of General Purposes, to which the address was submitted, responded as follows :

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the Province of Quebec, referred to in the opening paragraph of the Grand Master's Address, should have been effected during the administration of one who took such an able and active part in the formation of this Grand Lodge, who conducted it so wisely and so well through its earlier and weaker years' and who has since administered its affairs with so much skill and ability through the successive terms of his re-election to the high office of Grand Master.

"The Board feel that to the many great qualities of mind and heart of the Grand Master, we are in a great measure indebted for that restoration of peace and harmony now so happily effected.

"To brethren now leaving us the Board would say, we part from them with regret, we shall miss their friendly greeting at our annual assemblies, and their wise and able counsel in our deliberations, but under existing circumstances that parting, either now, or in the not distant future, was inevitable. We wish them a hearty God-speed.

"However we, as a Grand Lodge, may have differed on some points from our brethren in Quebec who left us, we have always felt that a restoration of harmony was necessary for the good of Masonry, and that any concession short of an abandonment of vital principles should be made to accomplish that end. The Board join their congratulations to those of the Grand Master at the amicable settlement of questions of great difficulty, and join him in wishing the Grand Lodge of Quebec a career of great usefulness and prosperity."

The Financial arrangements arising out of the settlement of the difficulties are contained in the following resolution which was unanimously adopted :

"RESOLVED,—That on the occasion of our brethren from Quebec retiring from among us, to unite with the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we present them with \$4,000, for purposes of benevolence, with our heartiest good wishes for their future prosperity, and that the said funds be placed in the hands of M. W. Bro. White, in trust for the retiring Lodges, until a meeting of their representatives, who shall by a majority determine the disposition thereof."

We congratulate the Brethren of our Sister Jurisdictions upon the settlement of this vexed question, and trust that prosperity may attend each of them, and that Brotherly love may long continue amongst them.

The Grand Master acknowledges the services of R. W. Bro. White, in the following language :

"In concluding my remarks upon this very important matter, I avail myself of the present opportunity to express my warmest acknowledgements

to our R. W. Bro. the Deputy Grand Master, for his valuable co-operation. His advice and assistance largely contributed to bring about a peaceful solution of these unhappy troubles, and I would be pleased to see his valuable services upon this and other occasions suitably acknowledged by Grand Lodge."

The rank of Past Grand Master was conferred upon Bro. White, and the following resolution unanimously adopted :

"RESOLVED,—That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to appoint a special committee for the purpose of carrying out the recommendation made to this Grand Lodge in regard to procuring a suitable Testimonial, for presentation to R. W. Bro. Thomas White, jr., in recognition of his many valuable services rendered to the Craft, and as a mark of high esteem and regard entertained towards him personally by this Grand Lodge."

We quote from the address of the Grand Master on funerals and suspensions as follows :

"The question as to the propriety of permitting other Societies to take part in Masonic funerals, has been prominently brought under my notice during the past year. My views on the subject (which are strongly opposed to the practice) were expressed in a letter addressed by me to the Secretary of a lodge in reply to one from him, requesting information on the subject. This letter was subsequently published in the *Craftsman*, and I now introduce the matter to you, in the hope that a formal decision of Grand Lodge will be given on the subject; I have always felt in the same way as to the impropriety of our lodge-rooms being used jointly with other societies, or indeed, used for any purpose outside of Masonry, and would recommend that an expression of the views of Grand Lodge be also given upon this point.

"In the course of the discharge of my official duties during the past year an appeal was made to me by a Brother Mason against an order of his lodge, made some months previously, suspending him indefinitely for a Masonic offence of which he had been found guilty. After much careful consideration of the whole matter, I concurred in the judgment pronounced by the lodge, but as I considered that the brother referred to had already been sufficiently punished, I declared the suspension removed, and ordered that the brother be restored to his former standing in his lodge. The point to which I at present desire to direct your especial attention is as to the propriety of Grand Lodge, (I raise no question as to her authority) ordering that a brother who had been indefinitely suspended shall be restored to his former standing in his lodge.

"In ordering as I did, that the brother referred to should be restored to full fellowship with his lodge, I acted in direct opposition to my own former rulings, and also to my present convictions on the point; but I felt bound to carry out the decision of the Grand Lodge, as expressed in a report of the

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Board of General Purposes, which report was received and adopted at the annual Communication in 1870—(see printed proceedings, page 416 *et seq.*). I would be much pleased to have this question carefully re-considered, as it involves a point of the greatest importance.

"Suspensions may be for a definite or for an indefinite period. If for a definite period, the party suspended, at the expiration of the time mentioned, at once assumes his former position and standing in his lodge and with the craft generally, and no action of the lodge is either requisite or necessary; but, if the suspension is for an indefinite period then the procedure is entirely different. A sentence of indefinite suspension conveys to my mind the idea that, although the Grand Lodge may remove the suspension in so far as the relationship of the party to the general craft is concerned, it would neither be wise nor prudent for the Grand Lodge to compel a lodge to receive back as a member one whom a majority of the lodge declined to receive. There are not many lodges that would not receive back a member after Grand Lodge had removed the suspension; but I am strongly of the opinion that no lodge should be compelled to receive back a brother who had been indefinitely suspended, unless by ballot a majority of the members declare their assent to his return. I leave the matter, however, in your hands, and again request for it your careful consideration."

And from the Report of the Board of General Purposes in response :

"6. The Board cordially endorse the views of the Grand Master as to the impropriety of allowing other societies to take part in the conduct of Masonic funerals, and also as to Lodge rooms to be used jointly with other societies, or for other than Masonic purposes.

"7. The Board agree with the Grand Master on the great importance of re-considering the question of standing in the Lodges, of brethren whose suspensions have been removed by Grand Lodge, and would suggest that the proper steps be taken to have the matter discussed and their position and rights defined by Grand Lodge."

The Grand Master refers to the death of our late lamented Grand Master as follows :

FRATERNAL DEAD.

"I noticed with regret that Grand Master Keith, of Nova Scotia, died on the 14th of December last, at the age of 78 years. Our Most Worshipful Brother was beloved and respected by all who knew him. By his earnest efforts to promote Masonic interests, formerly as Provincial Grand Master, and latterly as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, he had endeared himself to the fraternity, and we tender our sympathy and condolence to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia on the loss of her distinguished Grand Master."

The services of P. G. M., Bro. A. A. Stevenson, were acknowledged in the following substantial testimonial :

A full suit of Regalia, Chain, Collar, Apron, and Gauntlets of a P. G. M. A solid silver pitcher, two silver goblets and a silver salver, with a suitable inscription thereon.

Friend Stevenson we congratulate you, long may you live to enjoy the esteem of your Brethren.

The Reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, evidence a due appreciation of the importance of their position, and a faithful discharge of their duties.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the able pen of Bro. J. J. Mason, and is a review of the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Lodges, ours for 1873 amongst the number.

Grand Master, Bro. W. M. Wilson, and Grand Secretary, Bro. T. B. Harris, both re-elected; but alas! their voices will no more be heard in Grand Lodge, both having since been called from their sphere of labor here, we trust to the Grand Lodge above. We tender our Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada our warmest expressions of sympathy in the loss they have sustained by the death of two such eminent Brothers.

COLORADO—1874.

The Fourteenth Annual Communication was held in Denver, 29th September, 1874.

M. W. Grand Master, Webster D. Anthony; R. W. Ed. C. Bar-melee, Grand Secretary.

A Lodge of Master Masons opened (under what charter not mentioned) by Past Deputy G. Master, C. J. Hart.

In reply to the M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Secretary announced that representatives from a constitutional number of Lodges were present, had made returns, and paid the dues of their respective Lodges.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was then opened in ample form.

Why was this form adopted? What has a subordinate to do with the representation and returns to Grand Lodge?—Please explain.

The Grand Master's address refers principally to matters of local

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17 chartered Lodges in the jurisdiction; 4 under Dispensation; number of Master Masons 1317.

Receipts for the year \$1441.30.

Cash assets—General Fund.....\$3077.23

Library Fund.....1032.65

Total.....\$4109.88

The report on Correspondence was submitted by the Chairman, Bro. Ed. C. Parmelee, reviewing the proceedings of 45 Grand Lodges, including ours for 1873.

The report was received with the following resolution:—

"Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be published in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, but that the Grand Lodge will not be responsible for the conclusions of the committee on questions of Masonic law."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

CONNECTICUT—1874.

The Eighty-sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge commenced in the city of Hartford, 13th May, 1874.

M. W. Luke A. Lockwood, G. M.

R. W. Joseph K. Wheeler, G. Secretary.

109 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address covers sixteen pages. He refers to the settlement of the Canada difficulty as follows:

"It is a source of infinite pleasure to be able to announce to you that the unfortunate differences so long existing between the Grand Lodge of

Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec have been happily terminated by the mutual forbearance and spirit of accommodation of the Brethren.

"The Freemasons of Connecticut rejoice and sincerely congratulate their brethren of the North in the honorable and permanent settlement of their difficulties, the establishment of peace and harmony, the chief support and strength of our Institution."

From twenty-seven decisions, in which the Grand Lodge concurred, we select the following :

"3. That masonic work is voluntary and not compulsory and coercive; measures to compel practice of particular work should not be taken, but if necessary to prevent work in derogation of the Landmarks, the true maxim is, in essentials, unity, in non-essentials, liberty.

"4. That a Lodge of Masons, as such, should never attend a funeral unless they are permitted to perform the masonic burial ceremonies.

"24. That the object and aim, the principles, tenets and practices of Free-Masonry are moral and designed for the good of mankind, and there is no power to release a brother from his voluntary obligations. If a Brother feels that his duty to God requires him to unite with the Romish Church, and the laws of that Church require that he shall renounce Masonry as the condition of such union, all he can do or that can be done is to dimitt from his Lodge and forsake the company of Freemasons. Masonry does not assume to teach the way of salvation, and she has always left and now does leave this to Mother Church.

"25. A dispensation to shorten the time for balloting and conferring the degrees will not be granted simply upon the ground that the candidate is about to undertake a journey. Masonry is designed for the education and enlightenment of men, not for their convenience."

His remarks upon the character and qualifications of the officers of Lodges meet our views exactly; we bespeak a careful perusal of them by the Brethren of our jurisdiction :

"The government of a Masonic Lodge partakes very largely of the patriarchal or paternal. The first officer is called with intelligent design, Master, indicative of his authority and right to obedience; Worshipful, as indicative of the reverence and respect which is due to him. It is true that he is annually elected by the free choice of his Brethren, but when elected and installed into his exalted station he has the authority of a Father, and the members of his Lodge are his Brethren, nay more than that, they are his children and entitled to his sympathy, his council, and his loving admonition. How beautifully the idea is expressed in the charge that he shall be one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its anguish, distress may

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"Such then being the nature of the Masonic Government, and the character of the Master, it follows that he is the main spring of the Lodge. In physics the law is that a fluid will not rise higher than its source. The same law prevails in Masonry. The Brethren will not rise higher in masonic zeal, intelligence and conduct than their Head. As the father so the children, as the master so the servant, and as the Master of the Lodge so the Brethren. How very important then my Brethren is the choice of a Master. It is each year the turning point or crisis in the history of each Lodge for good or evil, for activity or for lethargy, for intelligence or for ignorance, and for peace and harmony or for discord and confusion. When a fool is King the people will mourn. Thus far we have spoken only of the effect of the choice upon the Lodge and its members.

"But there is another view in which the matter under discussion should be considered. This is the effect of the election of unworthy or incompetent officers upon the reputation of the Fraternity in the community. The public very largely estimates the character and importance of every assemblage of men by the character and intelligence of those most prominent in its councils, its head, its officers and mouth-pieces. The White Bull of the ancients might be most fittingly the master of the heifers and calves, of the herd, but surely ought never, however comely, kind and beautiful, to have been exalted into dominion over intelligent men or to preside over the councils of state. In a word, we should in this most important matter ever bear in mind that the offices of a Lodge are not designed for the conferring of rank or honor upon brethren, but for the proper organization, government and prosperity of the Craft. It is true the holding of an office confers rank, but it is the efficient and faithful discharge of its duties which bestows honor. Rank and official station, united with incompetency or unworthiness, but make the defects more glaring and their possessor the brighter mark for the bitter shafts of scorn and ridicule. Our motto in the choice of officers should always be—the wisest and best."

From the address of the Committee on Masonic Charity Foundation Fund, we select the following as worthy of perusal:

"It should be performed not alone from a sense of obligation. It should also be made a labor of love. To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon all men, but particularly on Masons. We are under the most solemn

obligations to relieve all poor, distressed Worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans, but the indissoluble chain of sincere affection which links together all true members of our Fraternity is a still stronger and far more noble tie. It is not circumscribed within the narrow limits of any subordinate Lodge. It is as broad and extensive as the great Brotherhood of our Order.

"The true spirit of Masonry will never permit us to confine our benefactions to the members of our own Lodge. We are all one household in the faith—one great family. We are all brothers. Our obligations bind us, and our love should extend to all alike. Every poor, suffering brother, his widow and orphans, have a right to demand our assistance. They are not beggars. The Masonic vocabulary has no such word. They are only asking for what they have an inalienable Masonic right to. It is not a legal right to be enforced by Courts of Justice under rules and statutes. It is binding simply upon the conscience, and that is the only Tribunal which can enforce it. No Mason can refuse such relief as he can grant without detriment to himself and family, without being recreant to his vows, to his honor, to his conscience and to his God. Such being our duty, the *practical question* is how can it be best performed."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R. W. Bro. J. K. Wheeler, in which he reviews the proceedings of 47 Grand Lodges, ours for 1873, receiving a short notice.

W. W. William Wallace Lee, West Meriden, elected Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT—1875.

The Eighty-seventh Annual Communication commenced in the city of New Haven, 20th January, 1875.

M. W. Grand Master, William Wallace Lee presented a lengthy address, from which we extract the following:

"We labor in the moral field only, and build the temple of the inner life; and this brings us to the question of physical qualifications. I confess, I am unable to see how a man who is compelled to wear glasses, or a truss, or has lost a finger, or toe, or even a hand or foot for that matter, is incapacitated from labouring in the moral field. Physical perfection is very rare, as we found in war times; were all required to be Apollos, our Lodges and membership would be fewer than in the dark days, I fear. Had the strict letter of the ancient law been enforced, not only myself, but several who have preceded me in this office would have been kept out forever, because our disabili-

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Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

No report on Correspondence.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1874.

Special Communication, February 26, 1874, held for the purpose of Dedicating the new Hall at Brightwood, D. C.

From the Grand Master's Address on the occasion we quote the following:—

"Freemasonry! she stands to-day 'one of the noblest monuments of human wisdom and benevolence which has come down to us from past generations! Through storms of obloquy, misrepresentation, fanatic hate, ridicule, and persecution, she has marched steadily onward, till to-day she numbers half a million of votaries in our country alone; and her temples, dedicated to virtue and benevolence, not only form the proudest architectural adornments of the wealthiest cities of the land, but rise in our villages and hamlets as surely as the school-house and the church—her natural allies and best friends.

You have done well to give her a permanent home among you. There was no less wisdom than enterprise and courage in the design which has eventuated in the completion of this edifice; and long after those whose sagacity conceived, and whose strong arms executed it, shall have passed to the awards of a higher sphere, your children's children will have occasion to rejoice in the provision your liberality has this day made for their improvement and happiness."

Semi-Annual Communication, May 21, 1874. On the subject of mixed funerals the Grand Lodge unanimously adopted the following:

"*Resolved*, That in the burial of a deceased Brother by a Masonic Lodge, or in the performance of other Masonic labor in public, the control by the Lodge must be absolute, and that while the Lodge is exercising that control no non-Masonic organization shall be permitted to participate."

The Annual Communication was held at Washington, D. C., Nov. 11, 1874, M. W. Bro. C. F. Stansbury, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. W. A. Yates, Grand Secretary. 19 Lodges represented.

Referring to the melancholy fall of the late Grand Master Mason of England, Grand Master Stansbury says:—

"Before turning to the more immediate concerns of our own Jurisdiction, I may not decline to notice an event of interest and importance to the Craft everywhere, and which has caused universal mortification and regret among the Fraternity. I refer to the defection of the Marquis of Ripon, late Grand Master of Masons of England, from our ranks, and his perversion to the Romish faith.

"The announcement by the Marquis of his resignation of the high Masonic office which he held, was made in the Grand Lodge of England, at a special meeting held September 2, and was received with dismay and sorrow, but

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"I confess that I was charmed with this exhibition of gentlemanly forbearance and self-control, under circumstances which, viewed in their true relations and consequences, might not unnaturally have led to the expression of indignation and reproach.

"I have no apprehension that this event will have any injurious effect upon our Fraternity. It is too firmly grounded in the principles and needs of human nature to be shaken by the defection of any one man, however high his Masonic position or social rank. As between the Fraternity and the late Grand Master of England, I should regard the latter as the more proper object of condolence and commiseration."

"Imperative," yes! but what an exhibition of utter helplessness—this abandonment of self-control, this humiliating resignation of mind into the hands of a power that is satisfied with nothing less than the unconditional surrender of the right of private judgment. The loss is his and not ours; and his loss has been our great gain, as subsequent events have proved. The noble example of the Prince of Wales in stepping forward and accepting the sceptre that had fallen from the hands of our weak Brother,—and at a time when the arch-enemy of the Craft was gloating over the fancied terrible blow, is the grandest Masonic event of the Nineteenth century. Long live Albert Edward!

Referring to the Report of a Committee on the subject of mixed funerals, the Grand Master remarks:—

"If the effect of it shall be, as seems quite probable, to diminish the number of Masonic funerals, to keep our Fraternity more secluded from the public view, and to prevent its being confounded with the numerous recent associations which have copied its clothing and public ceremonies, I shall regard the result as a proper subject of congratulation."

Among the standing Resolutions we notice the following:—

"Resolved, That it is the right of a Brother in good standing to visit all regular Lodges; but, if objections are made, it is the right of the Master to

determine the validity of such objections, he alone being responsible to the Grand Lodge.

"*Resolved*, That when an applicant has been elected to receive the degrees in a Lodge, and an objection is entered to his receiving them by a member of the Lodge in good standing, the degrees shall not be conferred upon him so long as the objection shall remain; but should the brother who made the objection cease to be a member of the Lodge from any cause, the objections shall fall and the applicant be entitled to have the degrees conferred upon him, unless the objection shall be renewed by a member of the Lodge in good standing.

"*Resolved*, That in the burial of a deceased Brother by a Masonic Lodge, or in the performance of other Masonic labor in public, the control by the Lodge must be absolute, and that while the Lodge is exercising that control, no non-Masonic organization shall be permitted to participate."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is prepared by Bro. W. R. Singleton, who reviews the Proceedings of forty-seven Grand Lodges, in his usually able and highly interesting style, Nova Scotia occupying nearly five pages—almost a little more than we have a right perhaps to expect.

Under New York—on the subject of toleration as to forms of prayer, &c., &c., we cannot help copying the following:

"A Jew entered a Parsee Temple and beheld the 'sacred fire.' 'What,' said he to the priest, 'Do you worship the fire?' 'Not the fire,' answered the priest, 'It is to us an emblem of the Sun and of his genial heat,' 'Do you then worship the Sun as your God? Know ye not that this luminary is but a work of that Almighty Creator?' 'We know it,' replied the priest, 'but the uncultivated man requires a sensible sign in order to form a conception of the Most High, and is not the Sun the incomprehensible source of light, an image of that invisible Being who blesses and preserves all things?' 'Do your people then,' rejoined the Israelite, 'distinguish the type from the original? they call the sun their God, and, descending even from this to a baser object, they kneel before an earthly flame! Ye amuse the outward but blind the inward eye; and while ye hold to them the earthly, ye draw from them the heavenly light! 'Thou shalt not make unto thyself any image or likeness.'"

"How do you designate the Supreme Being?" asked the Parsee. "We call him JEHOVAH ADONAI; that is, the Lord who is, who was, and who will be," answered the Jew. "Your appellation is grand and sublime," said the Parsee, "but it's awful, too." A Christian then drew nigh, and said, "We call him Father," The Pagan and the Jew looked at each other and said,

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'Here is at once an image and a reality; it is a word of the heart.' Therefore they all raised their eyes to Heaven and said, with reverence and love, 'Our Father;' and they took each other by the hand, and all three called one another *Brothers!*"

M. W. Bro. J. L. Johnston, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. W. A. Yates, Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE—1874.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Wilmington on the 7th and 8th October, 1874, M. W. Bro. John P. Allmond, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. William S. Hayes, Grand Secretary.

From the Grand Master's address we quote:

"The world, with all its icy and selfish calculations, must admit the beauty and sublimity of such communions as ours. Here you find men of every shade of religious and political belief—from all the varied pursuits of life, from every station in society—mingling together, holding but one purpose: that, the good of Masonry."

On the abuse of the Ballot, he says:

"It is to be deeply regretted that there are those in the Order who are so far from being Masons as to seize on the ballot-box as an instrument of vengeance.

"Humiliating as this admission is, it is nevertheless an honest confession, safer to make than to withhold, for it may be the beginning of repentance and reform. The evil is not wide-spread, nor is it contagious, but it roots itself like a cancer in the body of a Lodge where it exists, and slowly but surely wastes it away. Some of our Lodges are now suffering from it, and from the highest enjoyment of health, peace and prosperity, they have been plunged into the depths of weakness and despondency; their energy and activity are lost, and they lie torpid and languishing, as it were pulseless, on the bed of death.

"All this, simply because one member, perhaps, has been disappointed in his aspirations for office; annoyed by the rejection of the petition of a personal friend or relative; or because some accused brother was not expelled. Forgetful of the high power he wields for good or evil; oblivious of his duties as a Mason, and, even forswearing his honor as a man, he resorts to the revenge of the ballot-box, and hides himself behind its unquestionable right

and inviolable secrecy. He strikes at the vitals of Masonic fellowship, and from that moment the Lodge is dead.

"Instances have occurred in which this destroying spirit assumed a bolder attitude, and proclaimed, in the Lodge and out of it, in private and public, on the streets and highways, that no more work should be done in — Lodge, as every application would be black-balled—the dissatisfied Mason himself announcing that he would do the deed. In such cases there is speedy redress in charges of 'gross unmasonic conduct,' and expulsion from the sanctuary so wantonly profaned."

Number of Lodges 20; Master masons 1185. Raised during the year 62.

From the "Regulations of the Grand Lodge in Force" we copy:

"2. Subordinate Lodges are prohibited from having Honorary Members.

"14. That 'men made Masons must be free born, of mature age, and of good report, hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered at the time of their making, perfectly free from maim or defect, and having full and proper use of their limbs,' so that they may be capable of receiving and communicating the art of Masonry.

"17. That no Lodge or individual Mason shall hold communion or fellowship with any Society or body professing or claiming as such, to be Masonic, except such as are recognized and acknowledged by this Grand Lodge. Any disregard, violation or infraction of this regulation, will subject the party or parties to expulsion.

"23. That every Mason in this Jurisdiction is particularly enjoined to avoid addressing or saluting each other as a Free Mason, unless in private, or in open Lodge. Violations of this Rule to be punished by reprimand or suspension."

Bro. Geo. W. Chaytor, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents an excellent report, reviewing the Proceedings of fifty-two Grand Bodies, Nova Scotia for '73 included.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

FLORIDA—1874.

The Forty-fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge commenced in the city of Jacksonville on the 13th January, 1874.

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M. W. Albert J. Russel, Grand Master; R. W. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary.

Thirty-eight Lodges represented.

The Grand Master presented a brief address.

Two dispensations were issued for the formation of new Lodges, and several for the conferring of degrees out of the regular order.

We quote from his decisions :

A brother suspended for non-payment of dues, there being no other charge against him, is restored to good standing by paying his arrears.

"There is no inherent right in a M. M. to visit any Lodge he may desire to visit except by and with the unanimous consent of said Lodge. The peace and harmony of each individual member must be protected and promoted."

Jeff. Davis Lodge, No. 7, surrendered its charter; Grand Master refers to it as follows :

"I cannot refrain from congratulating the Grand Lodge upon this event. No matter how much a people may love their political chieftains, their names should not be intimately associated with Masonry, especially when they themselves are not eminently connected with Masonry."

The following resolution was adopted :

"*Be it Resolved*, That the D. D. G. Masters, under the supervision of the M. W. Grand Master, be directed to meet together at such time and place as they may, upon consultation, determine, during the present Masonic year; compare and determine upon such work as shall be most in accordance with the ancient usages; exemplify the same before the next Grand Lodge, and, if approved, it shall be made obligatory upon the Particular Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction."

The Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented to P. G. M. Samuel Pasco a Past Grand Master's Jewel, which compliment was acknowledged by Brother Pasco in a very neat speech, concluding as follows :

"In conclusion, brethren, let me ask you but one favor: do not think because I have received at your hands in succession all the high honors that young Master Mason may look forward to, that I am to be laid aside like

my jewel for grand occasions and holiday purposes; admit me once more to the ranks, appoint me to any position, and, whether among the stone-squarers in the quarries, or with the hewers of timber upon the mountain, I will perform any allotted work with a willing heart, and will bear with me my jewel as a constant reminder of your noble generosity and as an incentive to future exertions in behalf of Freemasonry."

Brother D. C. Dawkins, on behalf of the Committee on Correspondence, reports the receipt of the proceedings of 44 Grand Lodges, among which we notice that of Nova Scotia for 1873. His apology for not having reviewed them concludes thus :

"To our fraters correspondential, we beg especially to state, that our excuse for this shortcoming has been given in full to our brethren here, and accepted as satisfactory, and, therefore, we feel inclined to claim forbearance, with our promises, *like those of püiful boys*, to do better next time."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

53 Lodges. Members 1700.

Receipts for the year \$1777.30.

FLORIDA—1875.

Annual Communication January 12, 1875.

M. W. Albert J. Russell, Grand Master.

R. W. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Secretary.

31 Lodges represented.

From the Grand Master's excellent address we select the following:

"In many, very many instances where brethren from afar off jurisdictions, stricken by fell disease, hearing of the life-giving, health-restoring qualities of our beautiful sunny climate, have left fond ones and the endearments of home and come hither; alas! many of them too late, and finding themselves sinking in the struggle, have called for their stranger brethren; then I have seen quietly and unostentatiously displayed the beautiful influences of our fraternity upon the human heart. I have seen our brethren minister to these afflicted ones through the days and weeks of a lingering and painful illness, smooth their pillows, pour into their hearts the consolation of fraternal love, receive their last words and wishes for safe and speedy transmission to loved ones far away at home, and then, in mournful procession, move away to the silent cities of our loved dead, and with our sublime service give them decent

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sepulture; thus performing work that will surely pass inspection by the unerring square. No question: Where are you from? What are your political sentiments? But recognizing the fraternal tie—doing a brother's work. Thus have many of our Lodges been engaged, realizing the truth, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' Indeed, all over the jurisdiction the Lodges are doing a good work, cultivating brotherly love, holding up to each other the truth that moral rectitude is the chief essential to the Masonic character. Under such circumstances may I not congratulate you, brethren, upon this occasion, and express the earnest hope that our craft may be found always thus engaged, producing work the good effects of which may be felt for the ages to come."

Dispensations have been granted to form four new Lodges.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters evince a laudable attention to the wants of their districts, and a determination to perform their allotted tasks while it is yet day.

The venerable Brother Branch must be a noble specimen of a true hearted Mason.

We quote from his report:

"I have now entered upon my 49th year in Masonry, and the 73rd of my mortal life, and have been chiefly instrumental in establishing three Masonic Lodges, two in South Carolina, and one in Florida. I feel that my Masonic career, as well as my mortal life, is drawing to a close, and I sincerely regret that I have done so little for an institution that I love so much.

"I have travelled nearly 400 miles in the capacity of D. D. G. M., and mostly by my own conveyance rather than incur expenses to be settled by the Lodges visited.

"Finally, may the blessings of Heaven rest upon you, as the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and upon the whole Fraternity. May it increase in numbers, and the brethren in purity of heart, so that each may become a living stone in the spiritual building, whose base shall rest upon the gold-paved streets of Heaven, and whose arch shall tower amidst the glories which surround the throne of God."

Brother Z. H. Mason, another D. D. G. M., says:

"There being no uniform system of work determined on by the Grand Lodge, I thought I might accomplish more good by giving them a lecture upon the obligations of Masonry. I also visited the same Lodge in September, and gave a lecture upon the symbology of Masonry, endeavoring to impress upon the minds of the brethren the fact that though they might be perfect in the ritualistic ceremonies, yet they would increase their usefulness in the

Lodge, and derive much intellectual pleasure by a more extended acquaintance with the history and use of symbols."

R. W. Brother D. C. Dawkins, presented a multum in parvo report on Foreign Correspondence, condensing into three pages the most salient points in the Proceedings of the Craft for the past year.

He closes as follows :

"We now submit this apologetic substitute for a report, written in feebleness of both mind and body, praising our Heavenly Father for even this state of convalescence, and invoking, most humbly, his blessing upon our brother Masons everywhere and upon all his creatures."

Quebec and Wyoming are recognized, and an exchange of representatives solicited.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

GEORGIA—1874.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia was held in the city of Macon, 27th October, 1874.

M. W. Samuel D. Irvin, Grand Master; R. W. J. Emmett Blackshear, Grand Secretary.

The Annual address of the Grand Master covers twelve pages, detailing in full his labors for the past year. He opens with an affectionate tribute to the memory of Past Deputy Grand Master A. W. Redding.

"Do unto others as ye would they should do unto you" is one of the first lessons taught in Masonry: we therefore tender our congratulations to Grand Master Irvin upon being relieved from the laborious position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia. It is without doubt a great honor to be Grand Master of Masons in any jurisdiction, but we see no reason why a Brother should be worked to death for the privilege of retaining that honor.

Hear what he has to say upon the subject:

"During the past year my correspondence has been onerous in the extreme. I have been called upon time and again to decide and reaffirm decisions made last year, which passed the scrutiny of your Committee on Jurispru-

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dence, and were adopted as edicts of this Grand Lodge. Why your Grand Master should be thus burdened I cannot account for upon any other hypothesis than that the brethren will not read your Proceedings, nor the Grand Constitution, nor anything else pertaining to Masonic jurisprudence. If Masters of Lodges and brethren would only consider that there are nearly three hundred Lodges in this State, and over fifteen thousand Masons, and that your Grand Master is a MERE MAN—not made of steel or india-rubber—not wound up like a clock, to run so long as the spring holds out or the weights retain their substance—they certainly would have some mercy on him. In former times the office of Grand Master was almost a sinecure. While the lamented DAWSON filled the East with so much satisfaction to the Lodges and brethren, he, perhaps, did not write six letters or make one decision during the entire Masonic year. He presided over the Grand Lodge while in session, and there his duties ended. The Deputy Grand Masters, during his absence from the State, in their several districts, answered all questions of Masonic law, and kept the Craft in working order. With my induction into office you threw upon the Grand Master the labor of five men by taking from the Deputy Grand Master the right to make decisions of any kind, and finally abolished the office by an amendment to the Grand Constitution, adopted last session. Now we have but one Deputy, and he has no duties to perform so long as the Grand Master is in life, within the State, or incapacitated for the discharge of the duties of his office.

"I do not allude to it complainingly, but state it as a fact that the duties of the Grand Master's office in this State, if discharged, are now onerous in the extreme. To answer every letter received and decide every question propounded promptly would consume the whole time of any man. How is a man with a family dependent upon him for a support, with professional duties to discharge, to fill this office? I say it cannot be done. My health during the last two years has failed. I am now an invalid, and I attribute the failure of my health to the increased strain upon my system by the necessity imposed upon me of burning the midnight lamp in answering inquiries and in searching out the authorities upon which my decisions were based. Brethren, be merciful. Read the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge each year; read your Grand Constitution; read and digest its edicts and decisions; read the current Masonic literature of the day; acquaint yourselves with the ANCIENT CONSTITUTION and Regulations of the Order, and be prepared to decide questions as they arise, without burdening your Grand Master with questions of Masonic law which have been decided time and again, and which are so well settled that there can be no doubt to the contrary."

From his decisions we extract the following, and can scarcely conceive that any body of Masons should require the opinion of a Grand Master upon such a subject. Truly wonders will never cease.

"13. The Junior Deacon of a Lodge ought to be reprimanded in open

Lodge by the Worshipful Master for permitting a candidate to enter its precincts with a concealed weapon upon his person.

"14. A candidate who would present himself for initiation into Masonry with a pistol on his person—a violation of State law—is an unfit person to receive the degrees in Masonry, and should be presented to the grand jury of the country by some member of the Lodge and punished by the Courts of the country for such a violation of its laws. Such a person must be a bad man, and should not be allowed to proceed any further."

He having positively refused to receive the sum of Five Hundred Dollars appropriated by resolution of Grand Lodge, the Grand Treasurer was authorized to procure a suitable Past Grand Master's Jewel, to be presented to him in the name of the Grand Lodge.

Brother J. Emmett Blackshear presents a report upon Foreign Correspondence, sparkling with wit and humor. His review comprises the Proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Lodges, ours for 1873 and 1874 receiving full notice.

M. W. Bro. David E. Butler elected Grand Master; J. Emmett Blackshear re-elected Grand Secretary.

300 Lodges, with a membership of 14,957.

IDAHO—1874.

The Seventh Annual Communication was held in Boise City, 14th December, 1874.

M. W. John Kennaly, Grand Master.

R. W. Joseph Pinkham, Grand Secretary.

All the Lodges in this Jurisdiction, eight in number, represented. The Grand Master delivered a short address purely of local interest. We extract the following from his decision:—

"*Question.*—Has a Master Mason in good standing a right to visit any Lodge of which he is not a member.

"*Answer.*—Except in the case of those Grand officers, whose official position entitles them to enter, no such right exists. It is the duty of the Master to preserve harmony among the brethren composing his Lodge, but if he were obliged to admit a visitor, whose presence would to his certain knowledge, disturb that harmony and embarrass the work, then he would be deprived of one of the means of performing an essential duty, for peace and

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The Proceedings appear in a small pamphlet covering 39 pages. The leaves are again sadly mixed up. Bro. Purdy should look after that printer and his devil or they may some day get him into a *something* of a mess.

M. W. Bro. L. P. Mikkelson, elected Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. O. H. Purdy, elected Grand Secretary.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

ILLINOIS—1874.

The Thirty-fourth Grand Annual Communication was held in the city of Chicago on the 6th October, 1874. M. W. James A. Hawley, Grand Master; R. W. John F. Burrell, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master, a well prepared document, treats principally of matters of a local interest.

Obituary notices are given of Past Grand Master M. W. Brother Thomas J. Turner, and District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bro. Wilson Hoag of their own; and several other distinguished Past Officers of other jurisdictions, amongst which we note the following:

"On the 14th December, M. W. Bro. ALEXANDER KEITH, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, having lived beyond the allotted period of three score years and ten, exchanged the gavel for the crown. In compliance with the provisions of the constitution of that grand jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge was convened to record the event. This eminent man and Mason served as Provincial Grand Master, District Grand Master, and Grand Master for a period of thirty-two years. 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.'"

From his decision concurred in by Grand Lodge we extract the following:

"1st. That a brother is restored to membership in a Lodge when the decision suspending or expelling him is reversed or set aside by the Grand Lodge."

The following resolution submitted by Bro. Gunn was referred to

the Committee on Masonic jurisprudence, and subsequently reported as a well settled principle of Lodge government, and unanimously adopted :

"Resolved, That an objection made by a member of a Lodge to a visiting brother, is only temporary in its effect, and would not debar the visitor from the privilege of visiting at a subsequent meeting of the Lodge, unless renewed by some member present."

The Jurisdiction is divided into thirty districts, and reports were received from nineteen District Deputy G. Masters. They do not seem to be required to make an official visit to the Lodges in their several districts, unless specially invited so to do, and in consequence few visits have been made ; they all, however, report that peace and harmony prevail, and love and fellowship reign supreme through the Jurisdiction generally. This is well ; long may it so continue.

The Salary of the Grand Master is \$1500. The Grand Treasurer \$400. The Grand Secretary \$2500, exclusive of incidental official expenses.

Charter Lodges 688.

Lodges Represented 597.

Total Membership 39,632.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Bro. Joseph Robbins and is a complete and carefully prepared digest, our proceedings for 1873 receive considerable notice, referring to the Report of the Committee on Acacia Lodge difficulty, he characterizes their action as singular ; perhaps it was, but we have the pleasure of knowing that it had a good effect.

M. W. George E. Lounsbury, elected Grand Master.

R. W. John F. Burrill, re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA—1874.

Thirty-first Annual Communication, 2nd June, 1874.

Most Worshipful Joseph Chapman, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

236 Lodges represented.

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not to be gainsaid, that the Grand Lodge of Iowa is rapidly assuming gigantic proportions, and the day is not far distant when the initiatory step must be taken to effect a change in the management of the affairs of this Grand Body.

He favors the District Deputy Grand Master system, and recommends the State be divided into Districts at an early day.

Hear what he says upon the subject of Modern Masonic jurisprudence :

"To law making there is no end,' that we are being walled about on all sides with modern jurisprudence, which, like a besom of destruction, is sweeping over the body masonic, and will most assuredly work the quietus of the order, unless a short stop, a stonewall of noble hearts and determined wills are raised against those who are interposing their opinions and adjusting this and that to suit their fancy, adding here a little and there a little, until one can scarcely determine, without consulting the statute, his masonic standing or his rights in the order. Let us have more of Masonry, and less of fuss and feathers about masonic jurisprudence.

"Two things are greatly needed in the masonic world. First, we want to curtail the law. A little law is a good thing, because it is essential to a wise administration of justice. Second, we want to curtail the masonic lawyers, because Masonry is a law unto herself, therefore has little or no need of them, Solon compared the people to the sea, and the orators and counsellors to the winds, for that the sea would be calm and quiet, if the winds did not disturb it. Herein is the gist of the whole matter. We may not have a surplus of orators ; but to counsellors there is no end, and as a natural consequence we have a superabundance of law, and turn which way we will we are confronted with masonic jurisprudence, until we are free to confess 'it becomes a mischief, and determines in a curse' to the institution."

We agree with his theory ; but his practice scarcely coincides with his precepts. We find no less than thirty decisions recorded by him during the year ; also ten pages of a carefully prepared disquisition, by Bro. Parvin, upon questions of Masonic law, after which a report from a committee on similar subjects, covering seven pages.

We really think they have a fair show of Masonic jurisprudence in Iowa, and it does not seem as if the curtailing process has commenced with them.

Brother Chapman is not in favor of many suspensions for non-payment of dues. We quote his remarks upon the subject :

"We have suffered the usages of the order to be manipulated by cunning fingers, until our prerogative to enjoy Masonry in these latter days is predicated solely upon cash, thereby crushing out, and worst of all, crowding out, first, the nobler qualities of the heart, second, the brother who has not the wherewithal to pay his dues. As a Grand Lodge we can boast, if boast we may, that we have reduced the collection of dues to a science. Six months is the limit. At the end of that time, if the brother does not pay, he can be suspended, and failing to pay within the year, so heinous is the crime in the eyes of the law, that it will be necessary to subject him to the ordeal of not only a secret, but to a unanimous ballot of the lodge. It is a mooted question, and one which at present is commanding the attention of some of the best minds we have in the order, as to the authority of a lodge to suspend a member from the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, and thus place a brother completely out of the pale of the order, that a lodge may suspend its members for non-payment of dues, and debar them from lodge associations and lodge privileges. So far as that individual or particular lodge is concerned, I do not question their right, but that they can by their act cut him off from masonic recognition and separate him as unworthy, and make him as though he had never been a Mason, I have doubts. Dues are of modern invention, and I insist that Masonry ought not to be so harsh, that she should deal as leniently with her own as she professes to deal with those of the race who have no claim upon her. And if it be not an idle fancy that the cornerstone of Freemasonry is 'charity or law, around which center all the other graces, and that all is good and kind and charitable it encourages, and all that is vicious and cruel and oppressive it reprobates,' would it not be advisable to commence at home and deal justly by our own, dispensing good gifts, and thus fulfil the law?"

Among his decisions we find the following:

"A Masonic Lodge is not a Justice's Court for the collection of debts, whether of honor, note of hand, or book account. There seems to be a growing tendency to invoke Masonic aid in such cases—a great and growing evil that should be discontinued."

"Let the case alone. Let Brothers if they will 'appeal unto Cæsar,' abide the decision of their peers, and when the result is attained meet, as Brothers, upon the checkered floor."

"IX. *Question.*—'A brother in arrears for dues one year was summoned to appear and show cause why he should not be dealt with for non-payment of dues.' He appeared and stated that 'his health had failed, so that he had to relinquish his profession (that of the ministry), that by reason of sickness he had not been able to support his family without assistance, and asked that his dues be remitted.' The lodge refused, and required him to give his note to the lodge for the amount due. Is this proper action in such a case? We

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"Answer.—Timothy, if not a Mason, a very good man, says: 'But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.'

'O, poor charity!

Thou art seldom found in scarlet.'

"The taking of the brother's note was wrong, and forbidden by the spirit of our laws, and

'—since kind Heaven your *lodge* has blessed

Give it to Heaven by aiding the distressed."

A worthy decision Bro. Grand Master Chapman.

We would like to make extracts from the excellent paper presented by Bro. Parvin, but space will not permit. We agree with so much that he has said that we can scarcely resist the temptation.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. Thos. R. Ercanbrack, and is a review in a pleasing style of the Proceedings of forty-one Grand Lodges, ours for 1873 receiving a short notice.

Lodges enrolled, 332. Lodges working, 310. Initiates, 1523. Roll of membership, 16,117.

Grand Lodge receipts, \$11,013.75. Disbursements, exclusive of mileage, \$7785.34. Mileage to members, \$3327.10.

Grand Master and Secretary re-elected.

KANSAS—1874.

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was convened in the city of Leavenworth, 12th February, 1874, for the purpose of performing the ceremony of consecrating and dedicating the new Freemasons' Hall in that city. An address appropriate to the occasion was delivered by the M. W. Grand Master, Brother Bassett. The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and assembled again at 7 o'clock in the evening, pursuant to order. An oration was delivered by Brother Isaac S. Kallock, Grand Orator. The Dedicatory Ceremony being ended the Grand Lodge closed.

The Hall was then thrown open for the inspection of the invited guests. A half hour having been spent in this manner, the company repaired to the Banqueting Hall, where everything appears to have passed off in the most enjoyable manner, the younger portion of the assembly being treated to a grand hop.

We congratulate the Lodges in Leavenworth upon the completion of their new Hall, and trust it may long remain free from accident, a pleasant resort of their members, and a monument of their attachment to Free Masonry.

We trust our successor next year will have a report to make of a similar ceremony in our own city.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication commenced on the 21st October, 1874. M. W. Owen A. Bassett, Grand Master; R. W. John H. Brown, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is a well prepared document, treating of various subjects. On Public Installations he says:

"Masonry is preeminently a social institution: one of its grand purposes is to bring men together, where, by a cultivation of the social faculties, they may become in fact friends and brothers. Whenever the occasion will permit, let the doors of the Lodge-room be thrown open, where the mothers, the wives, the sisters and the daughters of Masons may mingle in social intercourse, and aid in conciliating true friendship. Whatever tends to popularize the institution of Freemasonry in the families of our brethren, should be encouraged."

Under the head of Lodge visitations he gives wholesome advice. We quote his remarks:

"But few Visitations were made during the year: the time which might have been spent in that pleasant duty was consumed in the more unpleasant task of referring some anxious inquirer to a By-Law or Standing Regulation, or an approved opinion, which he could have read from the published Proceedings of this G. L. with much less trouble than he experienced in writing a long communication. Masters of Lodges! Read, study, ponder the principles of Masonry, and you will not have to inquire concerning every trivial matter which arises. You will be more self-reliant, the Craft will be better governed, and your G. M. will be relieved of a vast amount of unprofitable labor. Repeal at least three-fourths of all your By-Laws, and stand on the general principles or common law of Masonry."

Dispensations were issued for the formation of thirteen new Lodges, and he says there is yet room for more in the Jurisdiction.

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Referring to the subject of objections to initiation or advancement, he says :

"The right of objection by a member of a Lodge, when an application is made for initiation or advancement, is so well established that it would not require discussion here, if none were found to deny it. The right of ballot upon every such application is so generally admitted, that it is assumed to be the settled law; yet the depositing of a single black ball is but a silent way of expressing, 'I object.' There is little difference in the effect of the objection, whether indicated by the black ball or expressed in words merely, for in either case the candidate may renew his application as often as the black ball appears, or the 'I object' finds utterance; except, when the objection is made openly, and is made a matter of record in the proceedings, no application can be received from the candidate until the objection is withdrawn or the objector ceases to be a member of the Lodge in good standing. The reason for the rule is, every member cannot be present at every meeting; and therefore, instead of relying upon the ballot-box, the objector, by making himself known, can continue his objection in full force even in his temporary absence."

And upon Suspensions for non-payment of dues :

"Have you ever thought of the grand idea conceived by the author of these words: 'Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,' when reading in our By-Laws, 'The penalty for non-payment of dues shall be ineligibility to vote or hold office, or *suspension*, at the option of the Lodge;' and did you make any comparisons? and was the result favorable to our society? Had you forgotten when you enacted this By-Law that the principles of Masonry were of the very essence of benevolence and charity? that the great purpose of our brotherhood was to benefit its members, and exert an influence for the well being of society, and that to manifest the one and accomplish the other, it was necessary that you should walk according to your professions, and cultivate the spirit of brotherly love? The failure to pay dues is attended with the strongest presumption that the brother's default arises from some misfortune; and would you inflict on him the penalty of suspension, or compel him to proclaim his poverty, and seek from you a remission of his dues as a suppliant for your bounty. Let Masonry be what it professes, a voluntary association, and if you have Lodge dues, let it be understood that their payment is voluntary, and as the true principles of Masonry are taught, your treasuries will be filled."

We note that during the year there were 105 suspensions for non-payment of dues.

The Grand Secretary presents a full and carefully prepared report, creditable to himself and satisfactory to his brethren, as is shown by the report of the Committee on Finance.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is also from his pen, and does him infinite credit. He reviews the Proceedings of forty-six Grand Lodges, and does ample justice to all. We are tempted to make large extracts, but space will not permit. The report of Bro. Smithers for 1874 is characterized as "well done."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

156 Chartered Lodges, 3 U. D. Membership, 6,248. Increase over last year 750.

LOUISIANA—1875.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana commenced its Sixty-third Annual Communication in the City of New Orleans, on the 8th of Feb'y, 1875; 86 Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master, M.W. Michael Eloï Girard, is a lengthy document presented in a business-like manner, evincing a due regard to the importance of his high position. He pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of several brethren of distinction called from labor during the past year. He reports Foreign relations unchanged, and the Grand Lodge of Louisiana at peace with the world masonically (excepting as usual the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and the Grand Orient of France), and knows of no cause likely to disturb that harmony.

Upon the condition of the Craft in his jurisdiction he says:

"Throughout our entire jurisdiction, notwithstanding the calamities that have befallen us, and the general prostration of business, our beloved Order is in a prosperous condition; although there has not been as much work done as in other years, I believe it is even in a much better condition than for years past. 'Tis true our numbers may have been lessened, but that loss has been a real gain. A number of drones only have been stricken from our hives, a number of loiterers have been taught that they could no longer eat our bread in idleness and be welcome. A new vigor has been thereby instilled in the body of Masonry in Louisiana, and much less of its strength will be wasted on bad material that has now become useless rubbish."

He devotes considerable space to the subject of non-payment of dues, and the manner in which this accumulation of rubbish of loiterers and drones should be dealt with.

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We quote approvingly his remarks upon affiliations :

" We have therefore, in common with many other Grand Lodges, very consistently legislated against non-affiliation and non-affiliates. We can do still more by removing seeming impediments that may tend to prevent some dimitted Masons from seeking to affiliate,—such as the affiliation fee required by some lodges, the restriction requiring the application to be presented to the lodge nearest his residence, and the further restriction that when one has applied for membership in one lodge he cannot apply to any other without the consent of the first. I think the affiliation fee in all cases should be abolished—but more particularly when the brother applies for affiliation within one year from the date of his dismission, as he should not be taxed for seeking to renew his membership in due time. Some think that after that time, however, the fee may and should be charged in lieu of the dues he would and should have paid for the maintenance of his lodge and the support of the charities of the Order. I would, therefore, advise that in sections 45 and 48 of the by-laws, the word 'affiliation' be taken out, so that a dimitted Mason may apply for affiliation anywhere and at any time. What matters it in which lodge he holds membership?"

Although we do not concur in, we quote his opinions on resignations, but have not space for his arguments upon the subject :

" It has been held to be law that an installed officer, especially a W. M., cannot resign; that the S. Warden succeeds to the duties of the chair in the absence of the W. M., and some have even held this doctrine to the extent that it is the vested right of the S. W., that no election should be held to fill a vacancy in the Mastership—not even in the event of the death or removal of the W. M.

" It is true that an officer once installed cannot resign, but only in this sense, that he cannot do so of his own right and power, but it does not mean that if an officer should tender his resignation the Grand Master may not accept it, if he find that it is necessary, or for the best interests of the craft or a particular lodge. It has been often done; and there are very good reasons why a resignation should sometimes be accepted, such as protracted sickness, incapacity, unfitness, etc., all of which are of course within the sound discretion and judgment of the Grand Master to judge of. The right is not in the W. M., or other officer, but the power and prerogative of the Grand Master in this matter cannot be denied. He may surely suspend a W. M., or even arrest the charter of the lodge—he should certainly have power to do less."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters prove them to be pains-taking officers, and their duties faithfully performed.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence contains a very able review of the Proceedings of fifty-four Grand Lodges, ours for 1874 included.

M.W. John Graham Flemming, elected Grand Master. R.
James C. Batchelor, M.D., re-elected Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS—1874.

The regular communications of this venerable Grand Lodge consist of three Quarterlies and an Annual.

Quarterly Communication, March 11, 1874.

The following report on a petition for "formal healing" is interesting, and as it is well worth the space required for its insertion here, we give it entire:—

"The Committee on Healing, to whom was referred the petition of Archibald Mason, of East Hampton, for formal healing, having duly considered the facts stated in said petition, with other facts disclosed in documents on file, respectfully report:

"That the petitioner, who is a resident of the town of East Hampton and within the jurisdiction of Ionic Lodge, located in said town, on two occasions made application for the degrees in Masonry, to said Lodge, and on each occasion was rejected. In the year 1872, one year after his second application to Ionic Lodge was rejected, he made a visit to Scotland, his native country, and while there, presented a verbal application for the degrees, as he alleges, through a friend, to Renfrew County Kilwinning Lodge, No. 370, in Paisley. This lodge accepted his application and conferred the degrees upon him, as it seems, without making any enquiry whether he had before, elsewhere applied for the degrees. He claims that he made the application to the Lodge in Scotland in good faith, and without intent to violate the regulations of this Grand Lodge, assigning as a reason for this claim, the fact, that 'the question was not asked me if I had made application elsewhere.' This is, indeed, the only reason set forth in the petition, and is far from satisfactory as a ground for sustaining his claim of good faith, and the absence of any intent to violate the laws of this jurisdiction. The circumstance of his two-fold rejection by a Lodge having sole jurisdiction over him, was one of very grave significance. It carried with it certain consequences bearing upon all his future Masonic aspirations or attempts to connect himself with the Fraternity, which consequences were likely either to be definitely known or at least to be thought of by any person of ordinary intelligence and character. When the petitioner, thus twice rejected, while merely sojourning in another country, and seeking the degrees in a Lodge of that country, discovered that that Lodge did not interest itself sufficiently to ask whether he had made a prior application, it would seem, nevertheless, to have been his imperative duty to have disclosed to that Lodge the fact of such application, and the rejections which followed it, at least, if he desired to impress this Grand Lodge with a

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belief in his good faith, and the absence of intent to violate our regulations, in thus seeking and receiving the degrees.

"At a regular communication of Ionic Lodge, it was unanimously voted to recommend the petition 'to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge.' The somewhat guarded and peculiar phraseology of this vote, may be interpreted, perhaps, as a desire on the part of the Lodge, that the petition shall be granted and the petitioner healed, or simply as a wish that the Grand Lodge shall treat the matter as favorably to the petitioner as the regulations and usages of the Fraternity will permit, on the case stated by him. Your committee believe the latter to be the correct interpretation of the vote of Ionic Lodge. For, indeed, no lodge, by solemn vote, can be presumed to desire the formal healing of a person which it has rejected in the exercise of its loyal Masonic duty, unless he brings himself within the rule and practice of the Grand Lodge in such cases. That rule and practice, so often laid down in similar applications, is this: the petitioner must show that his irregular reception of the degrees proceeded from a pardonable ignorance of our regulations, and of course with no intent to violate them; that it was in good faith, and that he is at least, *prima facie*, worthy of a lawful connection with the Fraternity; or, in other words, that his error was one of *form* alone. If either of these elements be wanting, the petitioner rightfully fails in his application for healing. In the present case, from what has been already observed, the good faith of the petitioner in receiving the degrees in the Scotch Lodge, does not, in the judgment of your committee, sufficiently appear to warrant the Grand Lodge in the granting of his petition. There has, furthermore, been filed in this case a document, upon the inspection of which, at least, very grave doubts arise as to the moral fitness of the petitioner to become legitimately connected with the Fraternity. The suggestions of this document, had they been made to Ionic Lodge, might have caused its members to hesitate in the adoption of the vote before spoken of. Your committee, considering how accessible the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge often are to the eyes of the profane, do not think it wise to place upon record many statements affecting personal character, that are presented in such cases. It is enough that all documents on file, are open to the inspection of the Brethren who desire to examine them. Upon the whole case, your committee are constrained to recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied."

Quarterly Communication, June 10, 1874.

The sum of \$500 was appropriated to the relief of the brethren of Hampshire Lodge, Haydenville, whose property had been destroyed by the Mill river disaster.

The following graphic statement of the terrible calamity was presented by R.W. Bro. W. J. Sawin, D. D. G. M. for the Tenth Masonic District:—

"Hampshire Lodge, although neither old in years nor large in point of numbers, was justly the pride of the Tenth District. But alas! what changes a day may bring forth. To-day, they have only saved from the wreck the Charter, picked up some four miles away, stripped of its seal, the Tyler's Sword, and the Lodge Seal. But the Brethren are alive, and possess the indomitable will to re-construct the Lodge if possible. The Worshipful Master is present with us to-day.

"On the seventeenth day of May, nature, having laid aside the robes of winter, with the dew-drops of morning upon her brow, had arrayed herself in all the beauties of spring. Peace was in the valley; happiness beamed from every countenance, and prosperity abounded; but suddenly, a cry is heard in the streets:—'To the hills! Fly to the hills! Fly to the hills for your lives! The Reservoir is broken and the floods are upon you!' Hurrying from offices, stores and workshops, the workmen rush to save the lives of their families and friends, when such a spectacle meets their vision as no language can describe.

"Rushing down the valley, crashing, tumbling, roaring, comes the flood showing a column full twenty-five feet in height, bearing before it the wreck of two villages located in the valley above, so densely packed that none of the waters are visible, only the spray, like a cloud above, and below a whirling mass of timbers and debris.

"So rapid is its approach that all thought of saving others is necessarily abandoned, and only by the greatest exertion is any one able even to save his own life.

"Striking the works of Hayden, Gere & Co., they are demolished and disappear as if by magic, save the building in which was the Masonic Hall, which resists but for a moment, when that too follows, and all is gone.

"Imagination cannot possibly portray the magnitude of the catastrophe which in twenty minutes' time desolated this beautiful valley, tearing up and destroying productive farms and leaving only barren rocks and huge boulders where were fertile lands; annihilating or bearing bodily away dwelling houses, stores, shops and manufactories; in many cases sweeping away the entire accumulation of years of toil; destroying the business of the whole community; burying the bruised and mangled bodies of father, mother, sister, brother, husband, wife and child in the sands, or covering them beneath the piles of rubbish thirty feet deep; the few remaining buildings being transformed into charnel houses, and the inhabitants filled with mourning.

"One hundred and forty-two lives and two million dollars are sacrificed to the incompetency or greed of a few men in their heedless race after wealth."

From the report of the committee on the G. Master's address which was accepted, and ordered to be recorded, we quote:—

"But few of the Brethren at large seem to be aware of the extent and diversity of the labors devolving on the Grand Master. During the past year the Grand Master has constituted four Lodges and installed the officers, dedi-

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cated seven Masonic Halls, laid the corner stone of one Masonic Temple, installed the officers of three Lodges, visited fourteen Lodges and attended three other Masonic gatherings. He has issued four Dispensations for new Lodges and fourteen Special Warrants to his subordinates. These constitute only his public services in behalf of the Craft, and when we call to mind the constant and innumerable demands upon him for advice and direction in the management of subordinate Lodges, for information in Masonic law and government, for the quieting of discord, in the settlement of mooted questions of jurisdiction, for the maintenance of peace, purity, harmony and honor among the Brethren, we begin to obtain a glimpse of the intricate and delicate character of his manifold duties.

"To discharge these duties with dignity and fidelity, to refuse a request which ought not to be granted with that courteous firmness which never offends, and to grant a request that ought to be granted with a prompt recognition of its propriety, to settle controverted questions in that broad spirit of justice which invariably carries conviction, and to win and maintain the love and confidence of the Brethren, requires a large capacity, extended cultivation, patience, and a high sense of honor and justice. It is no part of the duty of your committee to present a eulogy upon the administration of the Grand Master, but simply to invite the attention of the Brethren to the nature and extent of the duties devolving upon him and to the satisfactory manner in which he has performed those duties."

Quarterly Communication, September 9, 1874.

At this communication, inter alia, Bro. Thornton of St. John's Lodge, Boston, was expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry on a charge of wronging and defrauding the Grand Council of Massachusetts; also the St. John's Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of which he was Secretary.

The closing paragraphs of the report of the committee on the sad fall of their brother indicate the hard struggle between the promptings of the milk of human kindness and a stern sense of justice and duty. The report closes as follows :—

"St. John's Lodge having thus discharged what, to its members, must have been one of the most painful duties within the range of their Masonic experience, it remains for this Grand Lodge to take such action upon the record of the case presented, as law and justice require. To the members of this Grand Body, and especially to those whose connection is a permanent one, there is a peculiar sadness attached to a case like the present. There must be retrospections and memories of brighter days; there must be yearnings of sympathy toward the respondent and sad regrets for his fall. There must be, at least, hope and the tenderness of charity for the whole future of his life. Above all, there can be no exultation and no shade of bitterness, as we

wistfully gaze back upon a companionship once cherished, and perhaps never to pass wholly from our kind regard.

"But justice, honor, and the integrity of the Craft will all be imperilled if duty shall fail.

"Your committee, in the discharge of that duty, as it is commended to them after a careful examination of the case, respectfully recommend that the proceedings of St. John's Lodge in the trial of Solon Thornton, be confirmed."

Annual Communication, Boston, Dec. 9, 1874, being its one hundred and forty-first Anniversary.

M.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Grand Master.

R.W. Charles H. Titus, Grand Secretary.

171 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master in the opening of his address says:—

"Since our last Quarterly Communication none of the bright and shining lights of this Grand Body have been extinguished in death; the past has been to most of the Lodges in this jurisdiction a year of unbroken harmony, of moderate prosperity and of healthful growth; while the future gives encouraging promise of a continuance of these fortunate conditions. The retrospect and the prospect are alike suggestive of emotions of pleasure and gratitude.

"The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters represent the Lodges generally throughout the State to be in the most satisfactory condition. The study of the ritual has been prosecuted with greatly increased zeal and industry. Visits have been exchanged by the officers and most active members much more generally and frequently than heretofore. As a natural result generous emulation has been aroused and a marked improvement in the work has followed. In several of the Districts the Lodges have been assembled for the purpose of exemplifying the work and for mutual encouragement and instruction, under the supervision of the District Deputy Grand Master of the District and the direction of one of the Grand Lecturers. This plan was originated seven years ago by R.W. Brother Crafts, in the 10th District, and has been continued each year with the most satisfactory results. I renew the recommendation heretofore made that the practice be adopted in every District. I would suggest for your consideration the expediency of dispensing with the Annual Exemplification now held in Boston, on the day following the Annual Communication, and substituting an exemplification to be held annually in each District, at a time and by Lodges to be designated by the District Deputy Grand Master. In this way probably ten times as many Brethren could, and would, witness the work as now have the opportunity, and at much less expense to themselves."

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The remainder of his report is taken up with a recital of work performed, and consequently of local interest only.

December 10, 1874, Grand Lodge again assembled for the purpose of witnessing an exemplification of the work and the lectures of the three degrees.

A Lodge of instruction was organized, when W. Brother Cephas Brigham, Grand Lecturer, acting as Worshipful Master, exemplified the work and lectures of the first degree. The Lodge was then closed and afterwards re-organized for the exemplification of the 2nd degree, under the direction of Grand Lecturer Charles M. Avery as W. Master. The third degree was exemplified by Grand Lecturer Edmund Dana Bancroft, as W. Master.

We notice but *one* call from labor to refreshment during all this work. No sham call, this; but a pleasant reality, for we are informed that "about eight hundred Brethren gladly participated in the generous collation which had been provided in the banquet room by order of the Grand Master."

A stated Communication was held at Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, Dec. 29, when the Grand Officers were installed, and the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist celebrated.

The following was a very interesting feature in the installation of the Grand Master:—

"Past Grand Master Nickerson then presented to the new Grand Master the Golden Urn, containing a lock of Washington's hair, informing him that in the year 1801 this urn was presented to Grand Master Dunn, at his installation, and that at every succeeding installation it had been confided to the care and custody of the Grand Master, with most solemn and imperative injunctions to carefully preserve it, and, when his term of office expired, to transmit it to his successor with the like charge:

"This sacred relic, which I received from my predecessor in 1871, I now place in your hands, and I charge you to religiously preserve it, and, when your Grand-Mastership terminates, to deliver it to your successor with a charge similar to that with which you now receive it."

A very valuable Past Grand Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master, M. W. Sereno D. Nickerson by the brethren of his Lodge.

The Venerable Winslow Lewis, Senior Past Grand Master was selected to present the testimonial, and closed his short address with

the following flattering but doubtless very appropriate selections from two favorite authors :—

"Semper honos, nomenque tuum, laudesque manebunt."

"Serus in coelum redeas, diuque
Laetus intersis populo."

M. W. Percival Lowell Everett is Grand Master.

R. W. Rev. Charles H. Titus is Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN—1875.

The Thirty-first Annual Communication of this M. W. Grand Lodge was held at Detroit, January 26, 1875. M. W. Bro. William L. Webber, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Foster Pratt, Grand Secretary.

There were present 10 Grand Officers, 8 Past Grand Masters, 8 Dist. Dep. Grand Masters, 14 Standing Committees, (?) 297 Representatives of Lodges, and 26 Past Masters: making a total of 363 in attendance.

From the Grand Secretary's Tabular Statement it appears that 1475 had been raised during the year in the 321 Lodges of this Jurisdiction. Expelled 63: whole number of members 26,051.

The Grand Master's address, occupying thirty-one pages of the Report, is mainly taken up with matters of local interest. We extract the following:

"The success of a Lodge depends much upon the Master. To make a good Master something is required besides a knowledge of our ritual—a good judgment, sound, practical common sense, a good, kind heart. In fact he should be a pillar of wisdom, that the Brethren may have some one to lean upon and be rightly guided by, when difficulties arise in the lodge or in relation to its business. He should be perfectly familiar with the Ancient Constitutions, our own Regulations and Edicts, and the general principles of Masonic Law—in fact, this knowledge is only what every intelligent Mason will have, but it is more particularly needed by the one charged with the care and guidance of the Lodge."

Joint occupancy of Halls:

"During the year I have received a great number of letters inquiring whether it be regular for Masons to occupy halls in connection with other organizations—Good Templars, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Patrons of Hus-

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bandry, &c., &c. I have uniformly answered that such a practice was not to be approved, and should not be adopted. It would be a safe rule, and work no hardship, to prohibit such joint occupancy, except in extreme cases, and to require the consent of the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master, or D. D. G. M. of the District, in every case before the same should be allowed."

Worshipful Master suspended :

"During the year it has been my painful duty to suspend the Masters of three Lodges; one on a charge of neglect and inattention to his duties, and two for unmasonic conduct. In each case before taking action, charges were presented by members of the respective Lodges, the Masters were called upon to answer, and proofs were taken. Intemperance was doubtless the primary cause in two cases; such intemperance, however, leading, as is usual with that vice, to other vices. One who cannot control himself is unfit to govern others—is unfit to occupy any place of honor, or responsibility. If one who has taken upon himself the obligations assumed by every Master at installation, so far forgets the duty he owes to himself and his Lodge and the Fraternity in general, as to violate the cardinal virtue of temperance, inculcated upon his first admission into the Lodge, I think regard for his personal feelings should not prevent us from protecting the members of the Lodge and the reputation of the Fraternity by a strict enforcement of our Regulations."

Jurisprudence :

"3. Question. Cannot you issue a Dispensation to make a Mason of a young man with one arm only? He is very worthy, and lost his arm in the defense of his country, and if you can do so, the members of our Lodge will be much gratified.

"Answer. It is surprising that such questions will be asked. The law is imperative and cannot be dispensed away. You might as well ask to have a boy of sixteen years made a Mason. No matter how worthy, the hardship of the case is no greater than that of keeping our wives and daughters from becoming masons, and the law is as firm in one case as in the other.

"4. Question. Our Lodge wishes to have a festival, and an organization (not Masonic) would like to join with us in giving and conducting it. Would it be proper for us to join with them for such purpose?

"Answer. It is not usual nor proper for Masonic Bodies to co-mingle in public exercises with other societies. If your Lodge has a festival and thinks proper to invite the neighbors and friends of its members to partake, there is no impropriety in so doing. But no public ceremony should be conducted, partly under the auspices of a Masonic, and partly under the auspices of some other organization.

"17. Question. A petition was presented to our Lodge for initiation, and referred, and, after report, was balloted on and the candidate elected. Before

proceeding further it was found that he had previously applied to another Lodge and been rejected. What shall we do?

"Answer. Having been previously rejected by the other Lodge, he was not within your jurisdiction. You had no right even to receive and refer his petition, and your action was void for want of jurisdiction. Direct your Secretary to make an entry to that effect upon your record and return the petitioner his money. A vote of your Lodge is not necessary to authorize you to take this course.

"18. Question. A member of our Lodge, who was a member of two other societies, died. In his lifetime he had expressed a wish to be buried with Masonic honors. The members of the other secret societies with which he was connected desired to participate in the funeral ceremonies. I acceded to their request, and two pall-bearers were appointed from each of the three societies. The funeral ceremonies were performed partly under the direction of the Masons, and partly under the direction of one of the other societies. My conduct on the occasion in joining with the other societies has been criticised, and I desire to know if there is any Masonic rule, edict or otherwise, which forbids our uniting with other orders in funerals.

"Answer. It is not proper for the Masonic Fraternity to co-mingle in its exercises with any other fraternity whatever. It does not seek to press its services or its ceremonies upon any one; but it cannot consent to assume the performance of any ceremony unless it can perform it as an entirety. You should have taken the entire charge of the funeral services, in connection with the services of the church, and none but Masons should have been pall-bearers, or you should have declined to take any part, officially and Masonically, in it. Where we cannot, without violating our customs and usages, take part in such a ceremony officially, there is nothing to hinder us from going as citizens, and, with the friends of the deceased, joining in the performance of funeral rites. As you state your action, it was irregular; but what is done cannot be recalled."

A remarkably able Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Foster Pratt, who reviews the Proceedings of 43 Grand Lodges, Nova Scotia for 1874 included.

From our Emergent Communication in Jan., 1874, he quotes a part of R. W. Bro. Taylor's address on the subject of the death of our late Grand Master Keith.

Also a resolution of Grand Lodge on the same subject, and adds:

"What other or better eulogium need or can be given of any departed Brother than to state (as was done in this case) the simple facts of his Masonic history.

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"Fifty-eight years a Mason—Fifty-six years a member of one Lodge—Twenty-four years Provincial Grand Master—And eight years (or during its entire existence,) the Grand Master of his Grand Lodge! To a true Mason such a record is more eloquent and significant than pages of eulogy."

Of M. W. Bro. Sircom's address at our Annual, 1874, he says :

"The address of Bro. Sircom, acting Grand Master, is largely devoted to the interesting details of the personal and Masonic history of their dead Grand Master; the internal affairs of the jurisdiction and his own official acts are succinctly presented for consideration. The views of Brother Sircom on shortening the time for conferring degrees and the establishment of new Lodges are sound and worthy of attention."

Of our Grand Secretary he remarks :

"The annual report of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Benj. Curren, is unusually full of interesting details and statistics."

And of Bro. Smithers :

"Bro. Geo. T. Smithers (let all printers beware of curtail-*ing* the name,) presented a full and interesting Report on F. C. He extracts largely, but without comment, from our Proceedings for 1874, doing full justice to addresses, Grand Lodge business, and our report."

Under Alabama, it appears that a brother Glass—a member of the legislature, pledged his masonic faith to another member, also a mason, to "pair off," &c., but didn't keep his word, and unmindful of the adage, that people who live in *glass* houses shouldn't throw stones, that unfortunate Glass got broken by being expelled from all the rights and benefits of masonry :

Whereupon Bro. Pratt very justly remarks :

"The man, whether Mason or profane, who makes such a pledge and breaks it, is unfit to associate with honorable men, and for this reason alone it was well to kick this one out of the Fraternity; but both men who were parties to this pledge, were equally guilty of prostituting their Masonic O. B. to purposes outside of Masonry—beneath Masonry—and unknown to Masonry, inside or outside the Lodge, and in so doing demonstrated that they never were Masons."

"It is high time that the Craft, as a whole, should understand the difference between the *use* and the *abuse* of the Masonic O. B. in their personal relations. Business, politics, and Masonry are good things in their way, if properly conducted, and if each is kept within its legitimate sphere. We have been, of late, frequently and painfully reminded, that '*business*' has

been mingled quite too much with *politics*; it is proverbially hurtful to mix politics with business; and all intelligent and true Masons know that Masonry is always damaged by mixing with either; or, as an eccentric but good old Brother lately illustrated his ideas on this point, 'Salt and sugar are both good in their places; but if you mix 'em, the sugar don't improve the salt, and the salt spoils the sugar.'

Akin to this, in our opinion, is the very reprehensible practice of giving masonic signs outside of the lodge or examination room, either at a distance or by manual pressure, unless in cases of real distress, which, in our day are happily of rare occurrence. We have never indulged in them and have made it an invariable practice never to recognize them when unnecessarily made.

Under Colorado, and on the subject of dimits and non-affiliation, Bro. Pratt gives a very clear statement of the law as it exists in New York:

"The present law of New York on dimits and non-affiliation seems to be wise and just. To a resident of the State no dimit can be given until he has petitioned for membership in another Lodge. To one who has removed to another State, the dimit, may be given in order to avoid trouble growing out of the differences of law and internal regulation. But a resident, who wishes to *renounce* membership, must come manfully before his Lodge, pay his dues, and ask for a *discharge* from his membership; by which, also, he renounces, for himself and his family, all claim upon the Craft for succour or assistance in sickness or distress, in life or death.

"The Masonic obligation, as between the Craft as a whole and the individual, is mutual and reciprocal. The individual is bound to support the institution; and the institution is bound, when occasion requires, to succour the individual. By the New York rule, the dimit becomes, what it should always be, a letter of Masonic credit from one Lodge to another, and is evidence both of the duty of the individual and of the obligation of the institution. If it be, as now it often is made to be, a license to the individual to shirk his duty to the craft, it surely should cease to be evidence of the obligation of the Craft to the individual. And this is the effect of the New York 'discharge.' The Brother, acting for himself, asks to be *discharged* from membership and the duties thereof—the Lodge, acting for itself and for the Craft, discharges him from *membership*, and, by the same act, discharges itself and the Craft from all material obligations to the individual and to his family.

"Under the old system of dimits, a Mason, by remaining unaffiliated, may shirk his duty but claim benefits—by the New York system, his membership in one Lodge terminates only when he has petitioned for membership in another; and terminates *entirely*, only when he has formally renounced all

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claims on the Craft for benefits. Again—the old dimit may be a letter of credit or of discredit—it may be evidence that one is a Mason in good standing and that another is an unaffiliated sneak; but to the New York Mason the dimit must always mean a transfer of membership; and the ‘discharge’ means a dissolution of membership according to the law and his manly request, and in that State it is now the only lawful means by which a Mason may become unaffiliated.”

Under New Hampshire, and quoting the following decision of G. Master N. W. Cumner of that Jurisdiction:

“It is the prerogative of the Master of a Lodge to control the admission of visitors,”

he says:

“We hold, (and it is now the almost universal law in the United States,) that it is the ‘prerogative’ of every member of a Lodge to ‘object’ to a visitor; and his objection must be respected by the Master and by the Lodge.”

Texas having adopted the following:

“*Resolved*, That when a member of a Chartered Lodge joins in a petition for a new Lodge, he shall not thereby lose his rights and standing as a member of his old Lodge, *until* such time as the new Lodge shall be chartered and constituted. He then loses his membership in his former Lodge, as in case of a dimit, but is subject to the payment of dues to that time, and to suspension for the non-payment thereof.”

Bro. Pratt adds:

“For many reasons we like the above rule; and would like to add to it the provision, that none but *affiliated Masons* shall be allowed to petition for or to become a Lodge U. D. If none but *affiliated Masons* be allowed to organize a Lodge U. D. the Grand Master and the Craft have *better and more reliable guarantees* that all the material used for the purpose is *truly good and masonic*; and if, for any reason, a Charter be not granted, the Brethren composing the Lodge U. D. are not ‘left out in the cold’—they remain, as before, members of a Chartered Lodge.”

The practice of Texas is then, we presume, precisely that of Nova Scotia, since its organization, petitioner having, of course, the option either to remain in his (Chartered) Lodge or to dimit therefrom during the existence of the dispensation.

We heartily endorse the remarks of Bro. Pratt. The same views have been advanced by us time and again. There are Jurisdictions where the only requirement is that the petitioner shall give the name,

number and locality of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member. Now this, in our opinion, is not sufficient. It is true that, as a rule, petitioners belong to well known Lodges, but occasionally there have been seen on petitions names hailing from Lodges in some part of the "round world" not very easily come-at-able.

What is there to prevent an expelled or a suspended mason, or even a profane from imposing upon the craft when the safeguards are not sufficiently potent, when a certificate of good standing under seal is not required from the stranger?

L'occasion fait le larron, say the French; and the open door may have afforded, as it certainly does afford, the opportunity.

To rise from the perusal of this excellent review without a feeling of admiration for its author, would be to acknowledge a state of mental lethargy and supineness on our part which we do not desire to lay claim to.

We would like to quote at greater length but space will not permit.
M. W. George A. Durand, Grand Master.

R. W. Foster Pratt, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA—1874.

The Twenty-first Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was held in the city of St. Paul, commencing January, 13th, 1874.

M. W., Charles Griswold, Grand Master.

R. W., E. D. B. Porter, Grand Secretary.

87 Lodges represented.

We observe that a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, preparatory to opening Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary was then directed to call the Roll, when it was found that the Grand Officers—four P. G. Masters, two P. D. G. Masters, two P. S. G. Wardens, three P. J. Wardens, and representatives of 56 Lodges were present. The Grand Master having decided that P. D. G. M. Bro. L. E. Thompson was not entitled to a seat, proceeded to open Grand Lodge, in ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The following resolution was then adopted:

"Resolved, That all Master Masons in good and regular standing be invited to a seat in Grand Lodge during its Session."

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We cannot see the propriety of such a course, we have always understood that a Lodge of Master Masons open in ample form was a subordinate body holding its authority under a warrant issued by a Grand Lodge, and in which all regular Master Masons in good standing in the jurisdiction, were entitled to a seat. If this view be correct, what has a Lodge of Master Masons to do with determining the right of Brethren to a seat in Grand Lodge.

Perhaps it was a Lodge of emergency convened by the Grand Master to determine the position of Bro. Thompson, on the principle that as the Grand Master has the power to create at sight, he can with the same breath destroy.

Will Brother Pearson please enlighten us upon the subject.

The address of Grand Master Griswold is a valuable addition to Masonic literature; full of good, sound, solid sense, and ought to be read by every Brother having an interest in the welfare of our institution. We commend to the Brethren of our own jurisdiction a careful perusal of the extracts we have made.

He refers in suitable terms to the departed of his own and other jurisdictions; memorial pages are set apart to the memory of each, among which we notice one to Bro. Chas. W. Moore, of world-wide Masonic fame.

He reports the granting of four dispensations for new Lodges.

His remarks upon special dispensations (that patent medicine of Masonry) to confer degrees upon the physically maimed, and upon candidates at less intervals than the law requires, are sound and suit our ideas exactly.

He recommends a return to the District Deputy Grand Master system.

We select five decisions out of eleven reported, all of which were concurred in by Grand Lodge:

"1. A member that is in arrears for dues, whatever may be the time or amount, is entitled to vote on any and all questions that may come before the lodge, including the election of officers; and is eligible to any office to which his peers may be elected—provided always that charges have not been regularly preferred against him. He is also in duty bound to exercise his right of voting unless excused in the regular way—the by-laws of various lodges to the contrary notwithstanding; for no member of a Masonic lodge can be

deprived of his rights as such except by voluntary dimission, or by charges regularly preferred and trial had.

"2. A Profane who has been regularly elected to receive the degrees of Masonry, and whose initiation is prevented by an objecting brother, stands, in the same relation to Masonry as does the candidate who has been rejected by ballot. The money that accompanied his petition should be returned; and the lodge may again entertain his petition at the end of six months from the date of such objection.

"3. When a member of a lodge objects to the admission of a visiting brother, he may make his objection in open lodge, or in private to the Worshipful Master; but if made in private, it should be put in writing, with the objector's name attached, as, in either case, the fact of such objection should be spread upon the records. The lodge has in *no case* the right to pass upon the validity of such objection. The objector is not compelled to assign the reasons for his objections. He may if he *chooses* make them known to the W.M., and in such a case, and in such a case only, is the W. M. at liberty to pass upon the validity of the objection and admit the visiting brother or refuse so to do, as he may deem the best interests of the Order requires.

"5. While a Lodge U. D. cannot try any of its members, the W. M. may, for what he deems sufficient cause, refuse admission to any brother whose name does not appear in the dispensation under which the lodge is working.

"10. In constituting a lodge to which a charter has been granted, no Mason can be recognized as a charter member who does not bring a dimit from the lodge of which he was last a member."

He recommends the abolition of fees for affiliation (which was subsequently adopted by resolution of Grand Lodge) and asks, "How shall we cure the evil of non-affiliation?" We answer: By acting upon the excellent advice given by himself. Utterances worthy of the author, deserving to be framed and hung in a conspicuous position in every Lodge Room:

"When candidates knock at our doors for admission, institute a thorough and careful inquiry with reference to their motives. Ascertain whether they come 'unbiased by friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives,' or whether they have mistaken the Masonic Institution for a kind of trades union, and wish to join because, as merchants, they hope to sell a little more butter and cheese, or a few more yards of calico; or, as lawyers, to increase their practice; or, as politicians, to secure votes. Learn, if possible, whether they are 'prompted to solicit the privileges of Masonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire for knowledge, a sincere wish of being serviceable to their fellow-creatures;' or whether they come hoping to prostitute our order to their own selfish ends and purposes. I was reading, not long since, of a certain man of intelligence, a physician by profession

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who had found his way into the lodge, and attained to the responsible position of Senior Warden. When asked by a brother how he liked Masonry, he replied that he did not think it of very much account; he could not see that his practice as a physician had been enlarged any by it. 'But,' replied the brother, 'did you suppose that because you joined the lodge every member was obliged to get sick for your particular benefit, or that Masonry was intended to point you out as the only and proper one to be employed as a physician?' This man is a fair type of many who come, with an utter misconception of the high and holy aims of Masonry. Let all such be kept outside the lodge, for if permitted to enter, they will drag Masonry in the mud, and help to make it a hissing and a by-word.

SPOILING MATERIAL.

"Again, when good material is put in your hands, see that it is not spoiled by bungling workmen. It is often said, and with much truth, that first impressions are the most lasting. Nowhere do we see this more fully exemplified than in Masonry. The impressions made upon the mind of the candidate, as from time to time he receives Masonic Light, will go with him through all his Masonic life, and will do more to make of him a good worker and a devoted Mason, or the opposite, than, perhaps, all other influences combined. Masonry has a ritual, than which there are none more beautiful; and when properly rendered, it is capable of exerting a powerful influence, and making deep impressions for good. But he does not render it properly who simply learns the words, and is blind to the important thoughts they are intended to convey, or who says his part in a hum-drum or a light flippant way. What every one should do, from the Steward to the Worshipful Master, is to study his part until he not only has words but ideas, and drinks in so deeply the spirit of every utterance that he can throw his whole soul into the work of the hour. But how often do the workers in our lodges go through with our ritual as though they wished to see how meaningless they could make it; and if, perchance, any of its inherent beauties and solemn truths do, in spite of the wretched rendering, make deep impressions and inspire noble resolves, at the close by the light and jocular manner in which they refer to what has passed, they seem to try to dispel all serious impressions, and give the newly admitted brother to understand that what has just transpired is nothing more than a very fine play.

"Again, how often have I sat by in misery while degrees were being conferred, because our ritual was really being murdered by the bungling manner in which it was given, and when, afterwards, I learned that the candidate had not only failed to see anything attractive, but had gone away feeling that he had been made the victim of a huge sell, I did not wonder. Frequently from good material thus spoiled is recruited the vast army of non-affiliates Brethren, see to it that you do not by the manner of your work turn that which in itself is beautiful and grand into a miserable farce.

MAKING LODGE MEETINGS ATTRACTIVE.

"Again, make your lodge meetings attractive and interesting. There are many who think that the only meetings worthy of their attention, and which will afford anything of interest, are those in which there is what is technically called *work* to be done; or in other words, degrees to be conferred. You meet a brother on the street and inquire, 'Will you be at Lodge to-night?' 'Well,' he replies, 'I hardly know. Is there any work on hand?' 'Yes,' you say, 'the Third degree is to be conferred.' 'Oh, is it? Well, I think I must try to be there.' But if you tell him there is nothing on hand but the regular routine of lodge business, you will often hear the reply: 'Well, I should like much to be with you, but the fact is that I am so very busy that I do not see how I can spare the time.' Now, it is possible to revolutionize this whole matter; and by pursuing the proper course, make our ordinary communications—those in which degrees are not to be conferred—the most interesting and attractive of all. In order, to do this, study to introduce variety into the exercises of the lodge. Cling to your ritual and to your regular routine of business, but do not rest satisfied with these. So arrange as to give plenty of time for other matters. The most beautiful ceremonies, when gone through with night after night, again and again, with nothing introduced or added to give variety, will, in time, become most terribly monotonous, and cease to afford either interest or instruction. Stop, ever and anon, and enlarge upon the teachings of our ritual, and thus bring its beauties more prominently to view, and write its truths more indelibly upon the mind and heart. Do not attempt to do too much in one evening, and thus unduly prolong your sessions until the brethren are wearied, and the good wife at home loses her patience as she sits up until the small hours of the night, awaiting your return, and you, by virtue of your late hours, become unfitted for the labors of the following day. Let the most of your degree work be done at special communications, and thus avoid the necessity of prolonged sessions, and obtain more time at your regular for other matters. Nothing will more effectually deplete our ranks, kill all the interest in our meetings, and embitter the folks at home, than by pursuing the course against which we warn you. Again, banish all buckram and starch from your midst. While you guard against frivolity, and strive to maintain among the brethren a true Masonic dignity, aim at the same time to draw out and cultivate the spirit of free and easy interchange of opinions, introduce and allow to be introduced any and all topics that can consistently be discussed in a lodge room. Occasionally bring forward themes, the consideration of which will require Masonic research, and thus put our brethren upon a course of Masonic reading that will eventually cause them to become well instructed in the philosophy, jurisprudence and history of our Order; and make of them intelligent, zealous, devoted Masons, and inspire them with an earnest love for the fraternity and the whole human family. How many Masons there are who are hardly aware that Masonry has any literature at all beyond the Monitor and a few straggling periodicals; whereas it

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counts its volumes by the thousand, and sends forth to the world its periodicals in which talent and ability are evinced inferior to none. Masons need these books and periodicals, and no better work can be done for the fraternity than to send them out broadcast. Every organization is liable to abuse from its enemies just in proportion to the ignorance of its members. We need more reading Masons. In these days, when in many places we are bitterly and persistently assailed, it stands us in hand to be well informed with reference to everything pertaining to our Order. We are blessed with vast numbers who are intelligent, reading, thinking men, and yet, while conversant with almost every other subject, they are not intelligent in Masonry. When a brother has taken all the degrees, when he has become so thoroughly acquainted with the ritual that he has every word at his tongue's end, so far is he from being a well-instructed Mason that he has but simply learned the Masonic alphabet; he is only placed upon good vantage ground for entering upon a course of Masonic research that will amply reward him for all the labor he may bestow. Let us keep these facts constantly before the brethren, and thus spur them up to greater diligence in their efforts for more and further Masonic lights.

"Again, cultivate the social element. Cherish well the amenities of life. Ever and anon 'call from labor to refreshment,' and throw open your doors and invite your wives, sisters and daughters to participate with you in the enjoyment of the hour; and thus render yourselves stronger for life's duties, and develope in your homes a love for our institution. That much may be done by way of giving interest to our lodge meetings, by attention to some of the above mentioned items, is not with me a mere matter of theory. Time and again have I seen the course marked out, tried in whole or in part, and the almost invariable result has been a constant and full attendance; and at no meetings was there a greater interest manifested than at the ordinary communication of the lodge, when there was no degree work to be done.

"Again, we have all subscribed to Temperance as one of the 'cardinal virtues,' 'as a virtue which should be the constant practice of every Mason.' It is not my purpose here to put upon this what many among us might deem a forged construction. Masons differ, and they differ honestly, in their interpretations of temperance, up to a certain point; and yet whether, with myself, you conclude that it should mean total abstinence from all that can intoxicate, or whether you take a different view, yet all must admit that it constitutes a total prohibition of drunkenness, and that no drunkard can be a good Mason. We find the case so forcibly and truly put by M.W. Charles C. Clark, of North Carolina, that we feel we can do no better than to give you his words. He says: 'Profanity and drunkenness should surely come within the prohibition of masonic authority, since they offend against every rule of gentlemanly propriety and decorum. And to be a Mason certainly cannot mean not to be a gentleman. Habits which deaden the moral sensibilities, blunt the moral perceptions, and debauch all the moral faculties, should be forced to yield unconditionally to the mandates of an institution

which teaches the 'Holy Bible to be the rule and guide of faith, and that all actions should be squared by the square of morality.' * * * * *

* * A profane Mason is a palpable contradiction. A drunken Mason is a vile slander upon our cherished institution. Let us see to it that he who wears the lamb skin, the emblem of innocence, does not daub its spotless folds with the filth of the mouth or the mud of the gutter; but that he shall preserve it pure and without spot, the badge of a Mason who reverences his God, and unlike the brute gives not loose reins to the base propensities of his nature.'

BUT HOW TREAT AN ERRING BROTHER?

"We all, no doubt, would say that those who wantonly set aside the moral law, who are not striving in some sense to 'square their lives by the square of virtue,' should not find in the first place be admitted to our ranks; but what if we sometimes find them already there? or what if some brother, who for a time walked the path of rectitude, under some severe temptation gives way and is swept by the strong current into the whirlpool of vice? What course shall we pursue then? As we see him gradually swerving from the path of right, 'will we whisper good counsel into his ear, and in the most tender manner remind him of his faults, and endeavor to aid his reformation?' or will we pass him by in silence, shake our heads suspiciously when his name is mentioned, and only say to others what we should say to him? As we see him tottering to his final fall, will we stretch forth our hands to assist and support, or only to give the final blow that shall hopelessly crush him to the ground? Shall we with hearts of pity and compassion remember mercy, or shall we hasten to inflict the extreme penalty of the law—to publicly disgrace him by summarily driving him from our midst? *Brethren, which of these courses did we solemnly agree to pursue?* I need not wait your answer.

"My observation teaches me that those who are most lax in their views with reference to who should be admitted to our mysteries, who would open the door of the lodge room the widest to any who may wish to enter, are usually the first to urge harsh measures in the treatment of the erring, to turn upon a falling brother and by their merciless contempt to hasten him to his final ruin. If we would only watch in our brethren the very beginnings of vice, and when they are only in the outer circles of the maelstrom hasten to give them 'due and timely notice that they might ward off all approaching danger;' how many might we thus save who otherwise will soon be hopelessly engulfed; how many might thus be kept from falling altogether. A member of a certain lodge had become an incorrigible drunkard. Charges were preferred against him; he was tried and expelled. As, after his expulsion, he walked out of the Lodge into the Tyler's room, he said to the brethren, 'Well, boys, if I had only received half as much good advice when I was learning to drink whisky as you have given me to-night, I might have been a different man.' Brethren, if the point of this sad story belongs to any of us let there be no

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hesitation in receiving it. There will come a period in the history of most lodges when extreme measures must and should be used; then let there be no hesitation in the prompt and faithful administration of justice. But this time should never come until every other honorable expedient has been frequently and persistently tried, but to no purpose.

"In closing, let me call attention to the solemn fact that while laboring here or elsewhere as Masons we are not doing simply the work of an hour. Whether we will or no our deeds must live after us. We are daily setting in motion trains of influences that are never to cease. We are engaged in building a moral superstructure that at last must undergo the rigid scrutiny of the 'Grand Architect of the Universe.' In the light of these facts how important becomes the work of every hour. Brethren, let us build worthily, build faithfully, build well."

Follow these instructions and we will have no cause to complain of luke warm masons or thinly attended Lodge meetings; nor have any necessity to advertize Lodge meetings in the public press of the day (a system we very much deprecate) with the significant rider: Work third Degree. Make the Lodge room so interesting that the mere fact of a meeting being held is a sufficient guarantee that an hour or two can be spent pleasantly and profitably. Can any one wonder that at the present day, when so many opportunities are afforded for intellectual treats, that men of intelligence and education soon lose their interest in the Lodge when, too often, not only are the degrees murdered but the English language as well.

We offer no apology for the lengthy extracts we have made, for we anticipate incalculable benefits to result from the perusal of them by the Brethren of our own Jurisdiction.

The report upon Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, in which he reviews in an able manner the proceedings of 47 Grand Lodges—ours for 1873 receiving a short notice.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected (as they deserved to be).

Charter Lodges 101, Initiated 537, Passed 501, Raised 487; Total Membership 5998.

MISSISSIPPI—1874.

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi commenced its Fifty-sixth Annual Communication at Canton, February 3rd, 1874.

M. W. R. P. Bowen, Grand Master; R. W. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary.

232 Lodges represented. 311 Chartered Lodges and six U. D. in the jurisdiction, with a roll of membership, 11,794. Raised during the year, 852. Receipts, \$11,598.20. Total disbursements, \$11,233.81.

The address of the Grand Master covers eleven pages, and treats of various subjects, principally of a local character. He refers to the death of several distinguished brethren of that jurisdiction, and we find Memorial pages set apart in the Proceedings to their memory. From his decisions we extract the following:

"10. Decided that whilst a member objects, a visiting brother cannot enter the Lodge.

"12. That a member of a Lodge might object to a degree being conferred on an applicant at any time, and that his objection could not be overruled.

"18. Decided that a Mason could not be deprived of his vote in the Lodge, until the Lodge first deprived him of membership.

"19. That a Master Mason elected to the office of Master of his Lodge, need not, *under the law in this jurisdiction*, be required to take the Past Master's degree. I would ask the Grand Lodge to take this subject under consideration, and take such definite action that ALL may clearly understand the law and be guided thereby. Many enquiries are being constantly made on this particular subject, and the legitimate construction of the law does not coincide with the practice of requiring all Masters elect to take this degree. If I should venture an opinion, I would say that the degree of Past Master is legitimately a part of Ancient Craft Masonry,—that it of right belongs to the Blue Lodge, and I think ought to be understood and practiced when the recipient is constitutionally entitled to receive it. I allude to the fundamental laws of the Order (not written) but sufficiently understood from our traditions."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Brother A. H. Barkley. He reviews the Proceedings of 46 Grand Lodges, ours for 1873 receiving a fraternal notice.

M. W. A. H. Barkley was elected Grand Master, and R. W. J. L. Power re-elected Grand Secretary.

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MISSOURI—1874.

The fifty-fourth Annual Communication was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Louis, 15th October, 1874.

M. W. Rufus E. Anderson, Grand Master; R. W. George Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary.

The Committee to whom the Grand Master's address was referred characterise it as an able Masonic document, disclosing the fact that he has given much time and attention to the duties of his office. and Masonic affairs in the jurisdiction generally, which opinion, after a careful perusal, we cordially endorse. To use his own words, there is no sky-scraping spread-eagleism about it. It is practical and fearlessly outspoken.

He opens with a feeling tribute of respect to the memory of two distinguished Brothers of Missouri, who had passed from labor during the year; Past Grand Master J. W. S. Mitchell, and Past Deputy Grand Master John D. Daggett. Memorial pages have been set apart in the Proceedings to their memory. He also alludes in the following language to the death of Bro. Chas. W. Moore, of Boston:

"On the 12th day of December, 1873, in the 73d year of his age, Brother Chas. W. Moore, of Boston, Massachusetts, departed this life. On October 10th, 1872, he had been fifty years a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, and this month (December, 1873), closed the thirty-second volume of the '*Freemason's Monthly Magazine*,' of which he had been editor since its first number. He served thirty-four years as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and died while holding the office of Corresponding Grand Secretary, making up a service of forty-one successive years as a Grand officer. At this ripe age, full of honors, in an honorable service, has passed away another of the human links which bound the present with the past; and the Craft, throughout the country, will mourn his loss, and extend their heartfelt sympathies with his bereaved family. He was the oldest living Masonic editor in the world, at the time of his death.

"We may well exclaim, 'The Fathers, where are they?' Taught by their example worthily to pass the probationary grades of time, let us hope to meet them in the Grand Lodge above, under the sunbeam smiles of immutable LOVE and beneath the benignant bend of the ALL-SEEING EYE—meet, to part no more."

Upon the subject of the Grand Master's personal visitation of Lodges, and the Deputy District Grand Master system, he speaks emphatically:

"I regret exceedingly that my business engagements, close attention to which is demanded by the constantly increasing wants of a large family, and the absence of any provision for any pecuniary compensation to the Grand Master for his services, have prevented me from extending my visits to the Craft, and devoting more time to the personal inspection of the Lodges. As it was, I made it a point to visit those in localities where professional engagements called me. I purposely avoided sky-scraping, spread-eagle Fourth of July dissertations on abstract questions, and talked to them in a frank, candid manner, upon practical questions involving their duties as Masons. I met with a cordial reception, received an attentive hearing, and have reason to believe that my visits were attended with good results. The simple title of Grand Master seems to carry with it great weight, and inspire great respect, and I saw just enough to satisfy me that a thorough visitation of the Lodges in Missouri, by the Grand Master *in person*, who would pay attention to the details of legislation and the morals of the membership, convincing them that the mere 'putting through' process was but a small part of the duties to be learned, would result in weeding out more fungus Lodges, building up more waste places, dispensing more light and knowledge, raising higher the standard of morality, and bringing about a more healthy and prosperous growth of the true principles of Masonry than any other instrumentality. The District Deputy Grand Master system, which was devised as a substitute for such visitation, is to my mind a poor makeshift. Many of the brethren appointed to these positions cannot or will not, at least they do not, attend to the duties of the office; and in some instances I have had communicated to me, by private members, gross un-Masonic practices that have occurred right under the nose of a District Deputy Grand Master, who was either too cowardly, too careless, or too corrupt to do his duty. The system is a good one if it were practicable; and if you could always get 'good men and true' to fill the office, it would materially lighten the labors of the Grand Master. But how can this be accomplished when the Grand Master has not a thorough acquaintance with the Masonic material in a given district, in fact may not be personally acquainted with a Mason in it, and is compelled to rely upon information received during the interim between his election and the making of his appointments, at the close of the session, from a few who themselves are totally ignorant of the qualifications necessary to make a good Deputy, or are influenced in their recommendation by favoritism to some smooth-talking individual who wants a handle to his name?"

Out of 34 Decisions reported we select four:

"At an election of officers of a Lodge, blank ballots must be counted for 'blank,' and there must be a majority of all the ballots cast, including the blanks, to elect. A decision to this effect was made by Most Worshipful Brother Garrett; but the correctness of it was called in question by the late Master of George Washington Lodge, and after mature deliberation I felt constrained to re-affirm it. This rule does not apply to Masonic trials.

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"In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden must preside over the Lodge. Neither a Past Master nor a District Deputy Grand Master can open a Lodge and confer degrees or transact business with the Senior Warden in the West. One of the three principal officers must be in his place as Worshipful Master during the whole of the session.

"The charges having been preferred at a stated meeting of the Lodge, the trial may be had at a called communication for that purpose.

"A Lodge cannot remit the dues of a member until they have accrued. A vote to remit a brother's dues, 'as long as he may continue a member of the Lodge,' is null and void."

He was not sustained in his No. 7 Decision the committee on jurisprudence say, and their report was confirmed by Grand Lodge:

"SEVENTH.—That 'one of the three officers of the Lodge must preside,' is law. There is no evading that proposition. The presiding officer, be he the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden, is wholly responsible for the conduct and proceedings of the Lodge during its session. That is equally clear. It has been recommended by this Grand Lodge, that the presiding officer *ought to be* in his station during the whole of the session of the Lodge, clothed with his jewel of office. This is sensible advice, and should be followed. But the Grand Master rules, that 'one of the three principal officers must be in his place as Worshipful Master during the whole of the session.' And just here rises a serious question, which must be met. The question is, for example:

"Say the Senior Warden has charge of the Lodge as the acting Master; say during the session of the Lodge, the acting Master, from some necessity that exists, takes the Senior Warden's or the Senior Deacon's station, having placed another Brother in the Master's place; does this transposition of officers for the time being invalidate the work or proceedings of the Lodge?

"We think it does not. The acting Master is present with the Charter, and the power he wields under it. He disposes the officers and arranges the work. It is a good and lawful Lodge, even if he does station a brother to conduct the work and the routine of business, while he himself is speaking for the Senior Warden or Senior Deacon. The Mason made under such an arrangement of work is regular, and the proceedings of the Lodge are valid."

He reports the issuing of thirteen dispensations for the formation of new Lodges:

Hear what he says concerning the establishing of new Lodges:

"Some seem to think that Lodges ought to be established at every Blacksmith shop and cross-road in the country. There was a time, and that but a few years ago, when for a brother to ride eight, ten, or fifteen miles to a Lodge, through all kinds of weather, was not regarded as a hardship. But,

then, it required a man in the full sense of the term—a man from sole to crown—a man in all his parts, morally, mentally, and physically, to be a Mason. They were not only always around with the breastplate,² but were *steel* themselves—the pure metal, without flaw or defect of any kind. They did not enlist in our army to wear plumes and epaulettes, and become the recipients of glory and renown, and prove cowards when the cannon boomed and the cries of the wounded proclaimed the reality of battle at hand. Now, it seems our patrons are so effeminate, tender and delicate, that Masonry must be brought to their very doors, and made to pay recompense even for their condescension in entering her gates. And shall she, sycophantic-like, bend the knee in obedience? Verily, it appears on this wise.”

The District Deputies do not escape his searching glance. He says:

“Some of the District Deputies have labored with zeal and fidelity in their districts, and are ‘entitled to wages;’ others have been careless and indolent, but will no doubt be in at the eleventh hour to claim as much as any of them. Most of the reports were received too late for me to give them a careful review, but I find in some of them recommendations of importance to the Craft, and suggest their reference to a committee, who will digest and lay before you their valuable suggestions. This committee have been too negligent heretofore.”

The Committee to whom the reports were submitted seem to have been stirred up by the remarks of the Grand Master. They say:

“Some of these reports are voluminous and extended, in details abundant, and in words excessive. Others are sufficiently brief to embody the soul of wit, though no one intended to be witty, while others embrace the happy medium between verbosity and reticency, being concise, terse and practical. These reports contain and furnish many amusing views—some instructive and suggestive. In too many instances we discover the blighting presence and influence of apathy, loss of zeal, growing indifference, carelessness and abandonment of regular attendance upon the meetings of the Lodges. In some cases the Deputies report Masonry dead. Your committee here volunteer an opinion that in not a few communities within their knowledge, Masonry has *died from too much life*. Paradoxical as it may sound, over-much zeal and excessive life on the part of the votaries of our Order hastened and produced its decline and death in such instances.”

The Grand Master thus refers to the state of the Craft:

“We cannot close our eyes to the fact that there are many in our ranks who regard Masonry as a machine, and to whom it reflects nothing higher in the scale of action than the ‘putting through’ idea, and, perhaps, hitched to this, the mere curiosity of knowing a few secrets, so far as the world is concerned,

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or the mutual protection or self consideration. To call such men Masons, in the true signification of the term, would be a sad misnomer. As well might we claim the dross accumulated upon the caldron to be the pure metal itself. A woeful mistake, indeed, is it to assume that all with whom the Lodge is unfortunately burthened are *Masons*. The term implies great things in a practical sense. And he who assumes it *should* understand that he assumes a fearful responsibility. Going through the forms, understanding a secret or two, never *yet made a Mason*. These may serve to make things in the Lodge, accumulate trash and refuse material, but nothing more.

"There are many causes for this accumulation of 'siboleths' in our Lodges, prominent among which is the carelessness and negligence of our investigating committees. These committees are the inspectors of the material offered for the building, and as such are clothed with a responsibility which few of them seem to appreciate. In the 'make up' of this committee, the Worshipful Master should not only select the best, but the most active men of his Lodge; men who will *investigate*, not 'jump at,' and report their conclusions. This is *one* of the remedies which we have now only time to suggest. Another is, more care in the selection of the Masters of the Lodge. A communication which we find in 'The Freemason,' upon this subject, 'hits the nail on the head,' and we wish it were printed in large letters and posted in every Lodge. The writer says:

"1. Vote for the man that can work well, for the attendance at the Lodge depends very much on the efficiency of the officers.

"2. The Worshipful Master should not only be an efficient lecturer, but he needs to be a man of sound judgment; his capacity as a business man being called into frequent requisition.

"3. The officers should be men noted for their punctuality. A person born a half hour behind time, seldom, if ever, catches up. Don't trust to promises of reformation, but elect members who are *habitually punctual*.

"4. Don't elect men of questionable occupation or character, but remember that the officers are most conspicuous in a public procession, and that on the Worshipful Master devolves the sacred duty of performing the last sad office at the grave of a deceased brother.

"5. Do not elect a Warden that you would not be proud to see presiding in the East, in the processions, or at the grave.

"6. Do not vote for a man whose appetites are stronger than his good intentions. But elect him whose good resolutions are stronger than his appetite, and who is as jealous of the honor of Freemasonry as he is of that of his mother, wife or daughter. The former may sometimes be on hand when his presence will give you pain. But the face of the latter will be a light to the Lodge, and a joy to the hearts of the brethren."

"With the *right* man for Master, and the *right* sort of men for the 'Investigating Committee,' we may hope for an enforcement of the law from *within*, and protection against counterfeits from without."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. George Frank Gouley, and is a review, or rather a collection, of the decisions and rulings from the Proceedings of 47 Grand Lodges, and

is valuable as a work of reference. Bro. Gouley introduces it as follows :

"At the time of commencing our Report we are just beginning to get over a severe attack of temporary affection of the eyes, and it is even now with great difficulty that we can either read or write, and we offer this as an honest apology for any shortcoming in this review, and hope the Grand Lodge and our brother correspondents will accept it as such. We shall try and do justice to all the Proceedings before us, and shall, as last year, confine ourselves chiefly to questions of jurisprudence and decisions, for we are satisfied that nine-tenths of the work thrown on Grand Masters and Grand Lodges arises from an inexcusable ignorance on the part of Masters in not dying the law."

M. W. Bro. John W. Luke, St. Louis, elected Grand Master;

R. W. Bro. George Frank Gouley, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Initiated, 1660; passed, 1612; raised, 1576. Lodges working under charter, 490. Total membership, 23,832.

MONTANA—1874.

The Tenth Annual Communication was opened in Masonic Hall, Bozeman, October 5th, 1874.

M. W. Sol. Star, Grand Master.

R. W. Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary. 11 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master, whose portrait adorns the Proceedings, submitted a short address detailing his official acts for the year.

We see nothing in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, of special interest to the members of our Jurisdiction, they are principally of a local nature, but the report on Foreign Correspondence from the pen Bro. Cornelius Hedges, is one of the most interesting we have had the pleasure of perusing. Unique in style we have enjoyed it amazingly.

He reviews the Proceedings of 43 Grand Lodges, including ours for 1874, and refers to the decease of Grand Master Keith as follows :

"The loss of such a man and Mason as Alexander Keith is an occasion for the Craft everywhere to mourn. Born of a country and race to which

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Masonry has ever proved congenial, he learned his first lessons in the mystic art before leaving Scotland. For fifty-six years he was a member of Virgin Lodge, Halifax, and for thirty-two years held the highest position in the Craft of Nova Scotia. What we particularly admire in his long, useful, and honorable life is the persistency with which he stood at the post of duty and labor, without shirking or seeking exemption till death came to relieve and exalt him.

"Accept our heartfelt sympathy in your loss, sincere though delayed."

He notices the peculiarity of our Constitution in its provision for succession on the death of the Grand Master, and adds "Although they have a Deputy Grand Master as with us." We are strongly tempted to use the scissors but dare not for want of space.

We confine ourselves to his opening and closing remarks :

"To the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Montana:"

"The arrival of September aroused the undersigned to a realizing sense that the heaviest duty devolved upon him in connection with the approaching session of Grand Lodge. The preparation of a report on Foreign Correspondence was as yet untouched. The fire of January 9th, that destroyed my office, consumed every copy of Proceedings that had been received up to that time, and will probably account in part for the absence of a few volumes from the file laid aside for review. The missing links at the present writing are Arkansas, British Columbia, Indiana, Kansas, Nova Scotia, Ohio, and Wisconsin. If these jurisdictions named are not noticed, our brethren therein may know to what cause to attribute the omission.

"If the terror of a lean exchequer did not hang over me like the sword of Damocles, I would riotously indulge in the use of the scissors, like most of my confreres, and have a shorter and easier time of it. Hoping that this may be the last occasion that the discharge of this duty shall fall to my lot, I will resolutely try to do my duty to the Craft at home and abroad in the time and space at command.

"It is now within one week of the meeting of our Grand Lodge, and nearly a month since we entered upon the examination of the Proceedings of other Grand Bodies, when we lay aside our pen, or at least dedicate its services to other duties. Our progress has been fettered by an unusual demand of our attention to a large variety of other matters. There has been nothing like continuity in our reading or writing; hence, many things that we had intended to notice were not present in our thoughts when the pen could be brought into service. Out of the mass of matters reviewed, it would be surprising if many things have not escaped notice more important than some that have been selected for comment. We could have constructed this report, as many do, out of extracts, at a much less cost of time and labor, and with a majority of readers the production would have been better received therefor; but we have doggedly followed our conception of duty toward

those for whose especial benefit this work was undertaken. We find it much easier to satisfy others than ourselves; though we have fallen far short of realizing our own ideas of a good report, we can say that we have done the best we could with means at command. We shall be heartily disappointed if not accorded a liberal amount of fault-finding at home and abroad. This is our fourth attempt to discharge this trust, and every time we have reached a fuller and truer appreciation of its magnitude. Every time, heretofore, we have been rash enough to think that the next time there would not be so many obstacles and interruptions, and each time they have increased rather than diminished, so that now we feel to record our deliberate expectation that we shall never hereafter have less to do or contend with. One of the corollaries of this state of mind is a nascent indifference to criticism. No one will ever take the trouble to pick out and point out in our work a fraction of the faults of which we are at this moment conscious. So 'Lay on, Macduff,' etc.

"On the other hand we have gained already great rewards of our labors. No one can look out and over this great and growing Masonic world of ours, and witness the operations of its essential conservatism in conflict with all the progressive tendencies of the age, and the development of the outer body of the institution in obedience to the enlarged, better defined, and more active spirit, without being interested and instructed.

"The question arises involuntarily in the mind of the observer, 'What is the tendency of all these influences at work? What is temporary and perishable, and what is worthy to live and destined to be permanent?' Skill in the ritual is a good thing, but not more than a parrot can be taught; this is no end for which Masonry exists. It is a good thing to have commodious halls for our assemblages, but surely this is no end for such an institution as ours. Another very prominent object engrossing the attention of some of the best minds of our Order, is the framing of constitutions and codes of by-laws, whereby prerogative is being fenced in, and individual rights more securely and sacredly guarded. This is another good thing in its place and way, but still it is not an end in itself, it is only a preparation to do something. What is that great thing that we propose to do when we have fixed our ritual to the last letter, have suitable halls or temples, have settled all the little issues about rank, precedence, regalia, payment of dues, non-affiliation, etc.? Are we going to found schools, asylums, and hospitals? Already the State is in advance of us, and has made or is making ample provision for these ends than we can. No, our mission lies not in this direction. We have voluntarily and wisely closed our doors to questions of creeds and politics. The Moslem, the Hindoo, and Christian together kneel at our altar; emperors and princes meet on our ground-floor with the rich and the poor among their subjects, and forever are on a level. It surely is not for public displays and processions, or convivial occasions and purposes, that our society exists, or can hope to continue in existence. These are but toys for children. Neither is it for gathering great libraries. Masonic literature and sci-

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"On the whole, it seems much easier to define negatively than positively the true path along which our beloved Order may tread surely and advance safely to the fields of honorable and worthy ambition. As worthy successors to the Temple-builders of old, no higher service can we render ourselves and the institution to which we have plighted vows of loyal service, than to discern between the temporary and the permanent, between the specious and the true. We are very liable to be led into temptation by the possession of such large powers as we have already acquired. Our intervention is sought on every hand for purposes utterly at variance with our traditional and proper spheres of action.

"After all, is not the only real, the highest purpose for which we can exist, one of so humble a nature that it is overlooked, forgotten? That is the cultivation of a higher manhood, in the loving service of God and humankind. To finish up the human being to the highest point of mental and moral development, seems to be the end of the Creator in framing the Universe, and the course of his providential dealings. What higher aim can we propose to ourselves than humbly imitate his plan, and co-operate with him?

"*Temperance* and *Charity* are the proper fields for our heavy work, so far as they are revealed to our careful search and inquiry. No two words in the language are more used and less understood. They stand for traits in human character that constitute its substantial value. They are to be studied, not in beautiful sentences and glittering generalities, but practically, where they cut sharp and deep into our self-love; where they cost time, labor, and money. With all the talk about these themes, they are less comprehended than any subjects in the world, and there is more general and gross ignorance regarding them. '*Hoc opus, hic labor est.*' We want more inside and less outside work; fewer members, with more Masonry; less fuss about dues, and more attention to duties; less ritual, and more spirit of Masonry. We are becoming obnoxious to the charge that our most precious jewels came from the goldsmith's, that we are indebted for our most valuable and attractive temples to the *operative* rather than the *speculative* Masonic art. From the days of adversity and persecution, our institution came forth purified and strengthened. The more doubtful issue is now pending, 'Can we endure prosperity without making fools of ourselves, and courting our own destruction.'"

M. W. Bro. Edward S. Stackpole, elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Cornelius Hedges, re-elected Grand Secretary. We hope to have the pleasure of reading another report from him next year, but not in the capacity we now occupy.

• 19 Lodges, 662 members.

Total receipts for the year, \$2,075.80.

NEBRASKA—1874.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska commenced its seventeenth Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, at Omaha, on the 24th June, 1874.

M. W. Martin Dunham, Grand Master.

R. W. William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is very brief and of purely local interest. He reports the issuing of seven dispensations for new Lodges.

The following is the only decision he was called upon to make during the year :

"The actual Past Master's degree can only be conferred by three or more actual Past Masters; none but actual Past Masters should be present at such convention; and the lecture must be that of the actual Past Master's degree."

Quite refreshing to know that the Brethren of this jurisdiction read for themselves and do not bore their Grand Master with questions upon subjects that have been decided upon times without number.

The Grand Secretary presents an elaborate report; he is evidently a systematic officer, and spares no pains to induce others to follow his example. Accompanying his report are copies of eight circulars issued from his office during the year, variously addressed; from five of which we make extracts :

"To whom these shall concern :

"Be it known that the Grand Lodge at its session, June, 1873, in considering the so-called Masonic Temple Lottery at Omaha, fully approved the action of the Grand Master against the same, and adopted resolutions denouncing lotteries and similar schemes, declaring traffic therein as Masonic offence, and authorizing the Grand Master to arrest the charter of any Lodge that shall in any manner countenance such schemes, or shall fail to enforce discipline on members violating the principles thus announced."

"To the Master of each Lodge in Nebraska :

"You are fraternally advised of the following important transactions of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, at its Session, June, 1873. Please acquaint the Craft of your Lodge with these matters and require due observance thereof.

"That the trafficking in lottery tickets, and all schemes, enterprises, and games of chance, are corrupting and demoralizing in their tendencies, and as

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such are offences against the fundamental principles of Masonry; and all persons guilty of such practices shall be subject to the same penalties as the liquor dealer, the habitual drunkard, the profane swearer, or professional gambler.

"That subordinate lodges are hereby required to take cognizance of violations of the foregoing resolution, and to bring to trial, conviction, and punishment all Masons within their respective jurisdictions who shall wilfully violate the same.

"That any subordinate lodge which shall fail to punish a flagrant violation of the foregoing resolutions shall be liable to forfeiture of its charter; and the Grand Master is authorized, in the exercise of a wise discretion, to suspend the charter of any subordinate lodge which shall fail to enforce a due regard for these resolutions, or which shall in any manner countenance any lottery, gift enterprise, or scheme of chance."

"To the Grand Secretary of every Grand Lodge in North America:

"It is the desire of the Grand Master, if the system of mutual representatives is adopted by your Grand Lodge, that such appointment to and from this Grand Lodge be *immediately* made, if not already existing; and if this Grand Lodge *has* duly appointed and accredited representatives from and to your Grand Lodge, I request that this office may be advised at an early day of their names, residences, and dates of appointment (reference is made to page 177 of our proceedings for '73). Your co-operation in this matter is solicited."

"To the Master of each Lodge, U. D., in Nebraska:

"The returns of your lodge being under dispensation, consist simply of a statement of the officers, with those named in the letter of dispensation, and a statement of those entered, passed, and raised, with the dates.

"On June 1st you should transmit to this office your letter of dispensation, your records, ledger, and all books and papers pertaining to your lodge. If you intend to apply to the Grand Lodge for a charter, the petition should be drawn up at once, and be signed by each petitioner *WITH HIS OWN HAND*, one given name being written in full. The demit of each petitioner should accompany the petition, and to avoid the possibility of loss or misplacement, the demits should be securely pinned together."

"To the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, near other Grand Lodges;

"MY DEAR BROTHER:—

"I address you for the two-fold purpose of ascertaining who are the representatives of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and of soliciting from such representatives some communication to the Grand Lodge at its session commencing on St. John's Day of this month.

"I desire the name (one given name in full), residence, date, of ap-

pointment, rank, etc., etc., of each representative, in order to perfect the records of this office.

"I desire some communication from each representative, that the objects of such appointment may be subserved and the Grand Lodge be gratified by greeting from abroad. These communications are desired annually, that the Craft in Nebraska may be enabled to the better work, that we may be advised of that which may or should interest us, and that we may know it is well with those who have been entrusted with representing us near our neighboring Grand Lodges.

"To these ends I importune your co-operation, and hope to receive your reply before the 24th inst."

We wish Bro. Bowen had gone a little further and defined the object of such appointments, for so far we fail to see what benefits have accrued to the Craft from duties performed by any such incumbents.

We have several representatives of other Grand Lodges near our own, and with one exception, have never heard a report from or seen a communication handed in by any of them. The writer has the honor of holding one of the most important of these appointments, and has made several attempts to open a correspondence with his fellow-representative abroad, but so far without success. His communications remain unacknowledged. Evidently the position is now considered a sinecure.

Will Bro. Wise in his next report be kind enough to give us the benefit of his wisdom upon the subject, and show us if he can how the office can be made useful.

The following resolution, unanimously adopted by Grand Lodge, we think might be very wisely engrafted into our standing regulations:

"*Resolved*, That Masons holding demits over one year old shall not be competent petitioners for dispensations granted by this Grand Lodge or the Grand Master."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. Wise; the name is indicative of the review; he is evidently no wiseacre. *Wise* in name, *wise* in thought, his wisdom prevails throughout his whole review, and for the pleasure we have enjoyed in its perusal we tender him our fraternal regard. May he fully realize the fact that Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

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Our Proceedings of 1873 receive a fraternal notice. He gives us a *little over one page.*

Bro. Grand Master Dunham declined re-election.

M. W. Bro. Frank Welch elected Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Wm. R. Bowen re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEVADA—1874.

Special Communications of this Grand Lodge were held August 28th and September 27th.

Tenth Grand Annual Communication commenced in the City of Virginia, 17th Nov., 1874.

M. W. Horatio T. Mason, Grand Master.

R. W. Samuel W. Chubbuck, Grand Secretary.

Twelve Lodges represented.

The Grand Master presented a brief address. We make the following quotations :

"I desire to call your attention to another matter. It has always appeared to me that an unfavorable report by a Committee of Investigation ought to reject a candidate, and that the passing of the ballot after receiving such a report was trivial ; further, I believe that it leads to positive harm, in this, that an Investigating Committee, knowing that the ballot will be passed, neglect their duty, and fail to make the searching investigation which they ought, but make a favorable report as a matter of course; and leave the matter to the ballot. How often do you hear an unfavorable report by a Committee ? I never heard but two in all my life, and I made one of those myself. I have seen a Committee-man who had reported 'favorably' upon a candidate, step to the ballot-box, and after looking it through, asked to be excused from voting because the black balls were all exhausted. I hope this Grand Body will give this matter their careful consideration."

"The question—Can a W.M. remove an appointed officer at will?—is important, and with your kind indulgence I will give you my reasons for saying that he can, and the first argument is that the power that can appoint can always remove ; there is a wide difference between appointing and electing ; further, when a brother is appointed to fill a station, he enters into a sort of an agreement to perform certain duties ; and if he fails to perform those duties by reason of inability or indifference, he forfeits his right to the position and should be removed, and if he be inefficient or indifferent, he should

be removed on general principles and for the good of the Craft, and another appointed who can and will perform the duties of the station. It may be thought by some that this decision is an innovation. Well, suppose it is : this Grand Lodge is accustomed to that. It was an innovation when the separate ballot for degrees was abolished ; it was an innovation when it was declared that the Grand Master did not possess the right to make Masons at sight. If, then, there be any more rubbish lying in our pathway to an enlightened progress, why may we not remove that also ? ”

These opinions of the Grand Master were not concurred in by the committee on jurisprudence.

We quote from their report which was (we think very properly) sustained by resolution of Grand Lodge :

“ We think the Worshipful Master has not the right to remove an appointed officer during the period for which he has been appointed. We are aware that it is held by some, that as those officers are appointed by the Worshipful Master, they are removable at his pleasure. This is not in accordance with the principles which govern the tenure of all Masonic offices. Although they are indebted for their positions to a preliminary appointment, they are subsequently installed like the other officers, and are bound to the performance of their duties for a similar period. In fact, it is the installation, and not the appointment, that makes them officers of the Lodge ; and deriving, therefore, their right to office from this ceremony, they are to be governed by the same rules which affect other installed officers. The appointed officers having been once installed, derive their tenure of office from that installation, and cannot be removed by the Master ; the office can only be vacated as provided for in the Constitution.

“ We think that an unfavorable report of a Committee of investigation should not be deemed a rejection, but that a ballot should be taken on all petitions for the degree or for affiliation ; and we therefore recommend that such be the rule in this jurisdiction.”

An excellent report upon the Proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Lodges was presented by Bro. Robt. H. Taylor. Ours for 1874 receives an extensive notice.

We quote from his concluding remarks :

“ A word to our confreres in this department of Masonic labor, and we have done. Recollect that there is, perhaps, not one day in the year, when some brother, somewhere in the Masonic world, is not conning over your sayings—reviewing your work—and into whose mind you may be instilling your views ; how important, then, the position you hold, and how great ought you to feel your responsibility to be, not only to the brethren of your

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own Grand Lodges, but to the whole Fraternity. May you all work under this sense of responsibility; and may God bless and prosper you all the days of your lives!"

M. W. Bro. Robt. W. Bollen elected Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Samuel W. Chubbuck re-elected Grand Secretary.

18 Chartered Lodges; 1 U. D.

Total membership 1345.

Grand Lodge dues received, General Fund \$2991.

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NEW BRUNSWICK—1874.

The seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick commenced in the City of St. John, 23rd September, 1874.

M. W. Bro. John V. Ellis, Grand Master.

R. W. Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary.

Nineteen Lodges represented.

The address of our esteemed friend Grand Master Ellis, is just what we expected it would be: clear, practical, and well prepared.

He opens thus eloquently:

"BRETHREN,—

"With ceaseless, measureless step Time pursues his unvarying journey. To-day we are called to one duty; to-morrow to another. Joy and sorrow alternate in our lives like sunshine and shadow in the material world. We walk the checkered pavement amid many blessings, amid much tribulation; but neither joy nor sorrow, neither sunshine nor shadow, neither blessing nor tribulation, arrests the march of the all devouring scythe bearer. He exhausts the glass in which the sands of our earthly lives are stored, but he stops not a moment to watch, to mourn, or to sympathize. I can scarcely realize that seven years have well nigh elapsed since we first met for the purpose of organizing this Grand Lodge. These years seem to me but as the breath of yesterday's existence. Many of you present this evening were present then. Can you say what has become of the vanished years? They were and they are not. They are a part of the record of our early existence, yet they are but memories—wafting back to us from the past, let us hope, some fragrance, faint though it may be, of good and kindly and virtuous deeds."

He pays a feeling tribute to the memory of the fallen great of his own and other Jurisdictions. Referring to Nova Scotia he says :

"In Nova Scotia the Craft deeply mourns its loss in the death of the Venerable Grand Master, Brother the Honorable Alexander Keith, whose active connection with the fraternity extended over a period of fifty-six years, and who had served in many capacities, as well as Master of a Lodge, and as Provincial Grand Master, both under the Scottish and English constitutions, and as Grand Master. Kind in his disposition, generous and hospitable, Bro. Keith gave character to Freemasonry in the Sister Province, and has left the impress of his own nature upon it. In view of his former intimate relations with the Craft in this Province, I deemed it proper that this Grand Lodge should be officially represented at his funeral. I therefore issued a Commission to R. W. Past Grand Masters Clinch and Peters, and to the Very Worshipful Grand Secretary, to attend as your representatives, and to convey to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia our fraternal sympathy with them in this affliction. Unfortunately, Bros. Peters and Bunting were unable to absent themselves from St. John, but R. W. Brother Clinch attended in his official capacity, and carried out these instructions.

"The death of Brother Keith recalls to memory some facts connected with the fraternity in this Province. In the year 1839 our late Brother was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Nova Scotia, under the Grand Lodge of England; in 1846 his jurisdiction was extended so as to include the Province of New Brunswick, and for years he ruled this Province through the Provincial Grand Lodge at Halifax. All applications for dispensations, and for authority to perform acts not allowed to the Lodges, except through the intervention of the Provincial Grand Master, were sent to Halifax. Brother Keith's sway was mild, and he generally agreed with the wishes of the Brethren in this Province. In 1843 the Grand Lodge of Scotland created Bro. Keith Provincial Grand Master for that Registry over the two Provinces. In the year 1854 a desire for a local Provincial Grand Lodge grew so strong, that on representation to that effect, Bro. Keith appointed the late Bro. Alexr. Balloch as his Deputy Provincial Grand Master, under the English authority, giving him power to hold a Provincial Grand Lodge; in September 24, 1856, that Provincial Grand Lodge was constituted, Bro. Keith himself attending and installing the officers. There were, then, in the Province, fourteen Lodges, with a membership of about 600, constituting the constituency of the Provincial Grand Lodge; and there were four or five Lodges under the Scotch and Irish authorities, with a membership of about 200—making the total number of affiliated members in the Province nineteen years ago about 800. We now number 30 Lodges, with a membership of 2,000. Our progress has, therefore, been a reasonable one. The most conservative Brother cannot say that we have increased too rapidly; the most ardent cannot complain at our progress. In the year 1859, Bro. Keith resigned his Provincial Grand Mastership in this Province in favor of Bro.

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Balloch. On the 5th September, 1866, just ten years after his installation of Bro. Balloch, he again attended, with many of his officers, to install R. W. Bro. Clinch as Prov. Grand Master. This was Bro. Keith's last official act in connection with this Province. Having regard to the position so long held by him in New Brunswick, it would be, I think, fit and proper that a memorial page in our next published Proceedings should be inscribed to his memory."

He very wisely and properly, we think, deprecates the idea of establishing in New Brunswick a Lodge to be composed exclusively of men of colour. Having had some experience in the matter we would advise our New Brunswick friends to leave well enough alone. We notice that many of our sister Jurisdictions in the United States are also exercised upon the subject. They all agree that this unfortunate race is well enough in its place, but the difficulty seems to be to define where that place should be. We say certainly not in a Lodge of Masons dedicated exclusively to their use. Masonry recognizes no such distinction. We think the subject ought to be dropped; the discussion of it is a blotch on the fair escutcheon of our institution. Let the ballot box settle the question. If a coloured man is unworthy of a seat with his more favoured white brethren, then he should not be initiated. Every Lodge has the right to select its own associates. Let them decide for themselves, and depend upon it, the ballot box will be better guarded than if left to any particular class.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick heartily rejoices in the settlement of the difficulties recently existing between the Freemasons of the Province of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Canada, and extends cordial recognition and good wishes to the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec:

"*And further Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master be requested to take the necessary steps to have the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick represented at the Grand Lodge of Quebec."

From the report of the Board of General Purposes we select the following on finance :

"The Committee appointed by the Board to audit the accounts and examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, for the year ending September 18th, 1874, beg leave to make the following report:—

"That they have carefully examined the books and accounts of the above Grand Officers and find them correct. Your Committee desire to express

their gratification at the way the books of both the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are kept.

"The Receipts for the past year are \$1331.20, the balance on hand from last year was \$503.14, making a total of \$1834.34. The expenditure during the year was \$788.07, leaving a balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer of \$1046.27."

Also upon the subject of individual rights, in which we concur :

"The following resolution was offered at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. It was referred to the Board of General Purposes, and by the Board to the undersigned Sub-Committee :—

"That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, a Mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership in his Lodge, until he be suspended or excluded from membership, after charges have been preferred against him and he has undergone a regular trial."

"As a simple proposition, the general correctness of this will not be disputed by any Mason. The special question involved, however, is as to the right of a Subordinate Lodge to make a by-law providing that the dues of a brother must be paid at the annual election to enable him to participate in the choice of officers, or to hold office himself. The late Grand Master was of opinion that Lodges could not lawfully make such by-laws, the present Grand Master holds a contrary view. This has led to different practices in the confirmation of by-laws, and it is now desirable that the point in difference should be settled.

"The Constitution of Grand Lodge, under the head 'Private Lodges, Sec. 7,' has the following :—'Every Lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulations of Grand Lodge.' The Committee have carefully examined the Constitutions of Grand Lodge, and are quite clear upon the point that such a by-law is not in any way inconsistent with any of their provisions. The question may arise, however, whether the spirit of the Institution is not infringed by subjecting a brother summarily to the penalty named." The disability under which a brother is placed by the operation of such a law is purely local. It does not affect his Masonic standing in any way outside of his own Lodge; and even in his Lodge it does not interfere with the rights which are eminently 'Masonic.' In the City of St. John most of the Lodges have had for years a by-law of this kind, and the Committee are not aware of any case of hardship having arisen under it, while as regards the Lodges as a whole, its operations have been beneficial.

"We quote an opinion of Bro. Albert Pike upon the rights of members, which seems to us to have a strong bearing upon the point :—

"A Lodge is an organized body, in the nature of a corporation, and owning property. Among the rights and privileges of membership are those of being present at meetings, voting at meetings and upon measures, including

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those that involve the incurring of debts and payments of moneys, and an interest in the common property.

"There is no more reason why a member cannot be deprived temporarily of these without trial, and *ipso facto* upon default, than there is in the use of any other association or body of men, because the rights are in their nature secular and not Masonic. * * *

"I am not called on to decide of what other rights a person so suspended is temporarily deprived, and need only say that such a suspension, without charges, trial and conviction of unworthiness can deprive the party of no right possessed by a Mason who has never become a member of a Lodge. His individual claim on individual Masons remains unaffected, and does not affect his standing elsewhere."

"The idea involved appears to be settled by the Constitutions of Grand Lodge itself, which applies to its Lodges the same principle as some of the Lodges apply to their members. For instance, section 14, page 24:—

"Should any Lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge for the year previous to the Annual Communication, the Master, Wardens, or other representatives of such lodge shall not be permitted to attend such Annual or any subsequent meeting of Grand Lodge, until such returns and payments shall have been completed."

"The Committee, therefore, are of the opinion that as the by-law does not affect a brother's standing outside of his own Lodge, it may be left entirely to the discretion of Lodges whether or not they make such laws, and they therefore recommend that the Board offer the following amendment to the above resolution:—

"Resolved,—That while, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, a Mason is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the fraternity, until he be suspended, excluded or expelled, after having undergone a regular trial, there is nothing in the general regulations of the Craft to prevent Lodges, if they desire to do so, enacting a by-law, providing that brethren in arrears of dues on the night of the annual election in their Lodge shall not be eligible to vote at such election or to hold office.

"Respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,

T. NISBET ROBERTSON."

The resolution was not adopted but laid over for consideration at next annual communication. No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

30 Lodges, with a membership of 2148.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1874.

The Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held at Masonic Hall, in Manchester, 30th December, 1873.

M. W. Nathaniel W. Cumner, Grand Master; R. W. John A. Harris, Grand Secretary; 54 Lodges represented.

The principal business transacted was an exemplification of the work in the three Degrees, under the warrants of Lafayette and Washington Lodges, respectively, in the presence of the Grand Lodge.

The Annual Communication was held in Concord, 20th May, 1874. Sixty-four Lodges represented.

The Grand Master in his address announced a continuation of peace and prosperity during the past year.

He reports the decease of four distinguished past officers.

From his decisions we select the following :

"It is the prerogative of the Master of a Lodge to control the admission of visitors.

"When charges are made and pending against a member of a Lodge, he has the right to vote at the trial of another brother who is on trial for the same offence.

"It is the prerogative of the Lodge to accept or reject candidates, and that of the Master to determine the time for doing the work.

"Any member of a Lodge has the right to make objections to a candidate at any time before he receives any degree, and the Master may declare him rejected, and he cannot lawfully proceed with this work until the objections are removed.

"That 'we are not able to agree,' is not a proper report for an investigating committee to submit. They should make a definite report.

"That for its own jurisdiction, a Grand Lodge has a lawful right to make a regulation, or the Grand Master thereof to issue an order, that will be obligatory upon all Lodges to require a visiting brother, previous to his examination, to furnish a certificate of membership, or some evidence of his good standing in the Lodge from which he hails."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show them to have been faithful in the discharge of their duties.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. John J. Bell. He reviews the Proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges and makes his bow thus :

"It is finished. To the writer this is a declaration of more than usual significance, for it is not only the completion of an annual task in which he has found much pleasure if also some weariness, but also his withdrawal

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"We regret not to have received the Proceedings of the District of Columbia, Montana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, and Nova Scotia, that we might have brought our review to the close of the past year and left a clear commencement for our successors."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

71 Lodges with a membership of 7655; Initiated during the year 373; Receipts for the year \$2,556,60; Disbursements \$2, 239.73.

NEW JERSEY—1875.

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey commenced its eighty-eighth Annual Communication in the city of Trenton, on the 20th of January, 1875.

M. W. William A. Pembroke, Grand Master; R. W. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is of local interest. He reports thirteen decisions, which were with some slight amendments adopted by Grand Lodge. The following, selected from the Grand Master's address, was, upon report of the Committee appointed to consider the same, adopted by resolution of Grand Lodge, and the affiliation fee abolished:

"I desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject of fees for affiliation. In my judgment, no such fee should be demanded from a Master Mason. He has already paid the fees for the Degrees and upon his election to membership in any Lodge at once becomes a contributing member according to the terms of the By-Laws of such Lodge. To demand such a fee, is to encourage non-affiliation, to abolish it, would be to leave non-affiliates without any financial excuse for their position. Believing that it would be for

the best interests of the Craft in this jurisdiction to abolish the affiliation fee, I would recommend that the Grand Lodge take action to that effect at the present session."

The official protocols in the settlement of the Canada difficulty are printed in full, and the following resolution, submitted by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey congratulates the M. W. Grand Lodge of Canada on the harmonious adjustment of the difficulties which have for some years disturbed the peace of that jurisdiction.

"*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec is hereby fraternally recognized, and welcomed to the fellowship of Grand Lodges."

Brother Marshall B. Smith presents, on behalf of the Committee, the report on Foreign Correspondence, a review of the Proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges, ours for 1873 receiving a fraternal notice, with feeling allusion to the death of our late respected Grand Master Keith.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary re-elected.

Lodges, 143. Raised, 789. Total Membership, 11,782.

NEW YORK—1874.

Annual Communication, 2nd June, 1874. M. W. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Master; R. W. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary. 646 Lodges represented.

We quote from the Grand Master's address:

"In reviewing the past year as affecting the interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction, I am gratified in being able to report a fair degree of prosperity as respects the growth of the subordinate bodies and their financial and masonic standing. The condition of the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction will compare favorably with their standing in former years, and harmony generally prevails. But there still exists the usual degree of confusion and discord resulting from the abuse and mis-use of the ballot, and the unseemly desire for office—constant sources of trouble and vexation. These irregularities are the natural results of the careless action of Lodges in the past, in the admission of members, and they are now suffering justly perhaps from the neglect of prudent and thorough investigation of the material composing them. The chief defect in the management of many Lodges is their anxiety for *work*, and the consequent increase of members at the expense of almost all the other essentials of masonic purposes and practice. These evils will

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continue to annoy and embarrass until the brethren learn to appreciate the fact that, unlike all other organizations, Masonry derives no strength from numbers merely; that intelligence and virtue are the only proper prerequisites for admission to membership; and that true prosperity consists in the cultivation and practice of the moral and social virtues, a more intimate knowledge of the history, laws and customs of the Craft, obedience to its requirements, and a willing compliance with the obligations of Masonry in the spirit of love, honor and truth."

He expresses his sympathy with sister Jurisdictions in the following language:

"Death, the shadow that follows our footsteps with the tireless vigilance, has spared our circle of Past Grand Officers, and during the year no one officially connected with the Grand Lodge has passed the narrow line which separates us from the life eternal; but its icy hand has been laid heavily upon some of our sister jurisdictions, with whom we are called upon to sympathize in their loss of honored brethren."

Referring to our own he says:

"From the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia we have received the sorrowful tidings of the decease of M. W. ALEXANDER KEITH, Grand Master Mason of that Jurisdiction. His death occurred on the 14th of December, 1873, in the 78th year of his age. His faithful and protracted service in the cause of Masonry entitles his memory to the most tender regard of his brethren. He was for thirty-two years the head of the Craft of Nova Scotia, in the several relations of Provincial Grand Master, District Grand Master, and Grand Master from the organization of the Grand Lodge, and his exalted character as an enlightened and devoted Mason was the pride of his brethren, who sincerely mourn his loss."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented by M. W. Bro. James Gibson in behalf of the Committee, contains a review, in a masterly style, of the Proceedings of 61 Grand Lodges, ours for 1873 included.

M. W. Ellwood E. Thorne elected Grand Master.

R. W. James M. Austin, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Lodges, 698; total membership, 81,893; dues received, \$97,477.50.

NORTH CAROLINA—1873.

The eighty-seventh Annual Communication was held in the City of Raleigh, December 1st, 1873.

M. W. John Nichols, Grand Master; R. W. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary; 153 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address covers 16 pages, and treats of various subjects, principally of local interest.

We quote his remarks on non-affiliates :

"The idea that seems to exist in the minds of many that the Grand Lodge has the right to establish a rule or regulation requiring every non-affiliated Mason to become a member of a Lodge, seems an inconsistency ; because if a rule be established which requires the performance of an act by one party, to be consistent, the same rule must require the performance of a corresponding obligation by the other party. If we take *Justice* to be the standard by which to determine the question, if we say *by the rule* that a Mason *shall* affiliate with some Lodge, by the same rule (to be just), we must say to the Lodge, you *shall* receive the applicant. This all intelligent Masons know the Grand Lodge cannot do. Every Lodge is the judge of the qualification of its own members. The 'ancient law' declares that 'no Mason can be admitted a member of a Lodge without the unanimous consent of the brethren.'

"Masons have reciprocal duties to perform, and prominent among them is the duty to be a member of some Lodge, and to contribute to its charity fund. If a brother feels so little interest in the order, as to care nothing for the proper discharge of his duties as a Mason, 'to God, his neighbor and himself,' he will prove a drone in the great hive of Masonry, consume its substance, destroy its life, and paralyze its influence. He will be of but little use to the Masonic fraternity or the world, and will not be worth saving to the order.

"The Grand Lodge having already a standing resolution which deprives non-affiliated Masons of all the rights and benefits of the order, so long as they remain non-affiliated, (which has my hearty endorsement,) I respectfully submit that we should let this vexed question alone. Put the responsibility on the non-affiliated Masons, where it properly belongs, and whatever the consequences may be, they, and they alone will be the sufferers."

We agree with him. Let the subject alone. Make your Lodges what they ought to be, and the nons will be the greatest losers.

Bro. J. H. Mills, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a verbal report, announcing that in consequence of pressing business engagements the usual report could not be prepared.

M. W. John Nichols, Grand Master, re-elected.

R. W. Donald W. Bain, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Lodges at work 227 ; Members 9943 ; number of Masons in the Jurisdiction not members of Lodges 1210.

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OHIO—1874.

Sixty-fifth Annual Communication, Oct. 20th, 1874.

M. W. Asa H. Battin Grand Master; R. W. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master covers 14 pages, and is purely local in its interest.

The moon seems to have gone back on the Brethren of Ohio. No less than 63 dispensations had to be issued for the election and installation of officers, referring to which the Grand Master says:

"It is possible that I have issued a few special dispensations to elect and install officers, which I have not recorded. The list is a large one, much larger than usual, resulting from the time of meeting in many Lodges being dependent upon the moon."

Oh! naughty moon to cause so much trouble!

Dispensations were also issued for the formation of 18 new Lodges. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence report:

"1. They have carefully considered the resolution offered by M. W. Bro. M. D. Brock, Past Dep. G. Master, requesting the M. W. G. Master to open a correspondence with the several Grand Lodges of the United States, for the purpose of arranging a meeting of delegates, to adopt a uniform Ritual, and recommend that the subject be indefinitely postponed; for the reason, that Masonry has a universal language which can not be changed by rituals; and for the further reason that the mere form of words in which instruction in the art of Masonry is given to the neophyte is of no importance whatever, so that it be sufficiently explicit to convey the information desired; and, hence, uniformity in this regard is neither important nor possible."

From the code of Masonic Jurisprudence we select the following:

"74. No visitor shall be received into a Lodge if a member objects; nor shall any visitor be received in any Lodge, who has been unaffiliated for a period of more than one year next preceding the time for his applying for admission as a visitor.

"78. It is a violation of ancient usage and unmasonic for Masons to join with other societies in any Masonic celebration.

"79. No Subordinate Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall permit its Lodge-room to be used by any other society or order whatsoever, nor shall it occupy any hall or room jointly with any other society or order, except by the special permission of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master."

Bro. John D. Caldwell, on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Communications (as it is termed), submitted a report, a very inter-

esting document, well worthy of perusal. He commences with England. As we hear a great deal about Ancient York Masonry in our own Jurisdiction, believing it will be of interest to our brethren, we quote :

Whence Came We? ENGLAND.

ANCIENT YORK MASONS.

"WM. JAMES HUGHAN, of Truro, England, an officer of the Grand Lodge of England, says the facts of his research into the old records sadly

"Interfere with some of the notions in the United States, and as to some of the Grand Lodges especially, which claim a descent from the *Old York Masons*; and we know for a fact, that it is the pride and boast of some highly respectable Grand Lodges to be the descendants of the Grand Lodge of all England, held at York, from A. D. 926. The true statement however, is to be found in the evidence afforded by a study of the old records; and these, for four centuries, prove clearly that the Grand Lodge at York, from 926, is a fabrication; that it never existed until the last century, and what is more, even then and until its extinction, never at any time granted a warrant for a lodge in any State of America, or for any country beyond the confines of England.

"These statements we make seriously, and with evidence before us, and challenge a denial or confutation based upon any historical foundation. Not a Grand Lodge now existing in the United States was, or is, derived from the York Lodge or York Grand Lodge, but wholly and solely from one or other of the two rival Grand Lodges situated in London, one of which claimed a connection with York *it never had*, and both finally settled their differences, and united in 1813.

"The 'Surtees Society,' established in 1834, has done good by publishing the Fabric Rolls of York Minster, and these aged and most valuable documents abundantly confirm our position, for they clearly prove the existence of a Lodge, but never at any time refer to a *Grand Lodge* or a *Grand Master*. These records date from the fourteenth century, and hence their testimony is conclusive.

"This punctures the swollen pretensions of the Grand Lodge of all England, formerly held at York. The truth must be told, there never was a *Grand Lodge* held in that City until 1725; and before that period it was simply an ordinary Masonic Lodge, or company of Freemasons. The old Constitutions of the Masons point to the honorable position held by York, and to its being the seat of the 'Annual Assembly,' but certainly never to a *Grand Lodge* being formed in that city, and never once do any of the valuable records ever allude to *Grand Lodges* until we arrive at the second decade of the last century, when the speculative and revival tendencies of the more fortunate rival at London led the York Masons to make a few changes, and, by a movement of the Masonic Magician's magic wand, turn their small quiet Lodge into a *Grand Lodge*, ruled by the Grand Master and his Grand Officers.

"The first parchment roll of minutes preserved at York begins March 19, 1712, when several members were 'sworne and admitted, *Geo. Bowes, Esq., Deputy President.*' Meetings of the Lodge were also held 24th June and August 7th, in the following year, and on December 18, 1713, 'a private lodge' was called, when several gentlemen were admitted, and Sir Walter Hawksworth, Knight and Bart., was the President.

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"In the same year, the brethren held a Lodge at Bradford, Yorkshire, and made Masons of some eighteen gentlemen, resident in that neighborhood. Rarely a tradesman was received, the members being nearly all of the aristocracy; and the Lodge was never, not even before the revival of 1717, in any sense employed for operative purposes. Like unto the records of a Lodge in Scotland, the minutes clearly prove the existence of *speculative* Lodges prior to 1717; so that the 'revivalists' of that eventful period can not be credited with a severance of the operative element from Freemasonry, seeing speculative Lodges met prior to the revival itself.

"This fact seems to have generally been forgotten or ignored by many who *claim so much* for the London Revivalists, and *so little* for Freemasonry, before their introduction to the Craft. We append two extracts from the York Records to prove our position, in which the absence of any allusion to Grand Lodge, Grand Master, and such titles, can not fail to be noted by all observant Masons, as being their special characteristic:

'At St. John's Lodge, on Christmas, 1716, at the house of Mr. Jas. Boreham situate Stonegate, in York, being a general Lodge held there, by Honorable Society and Company of Freemasons, in the City of York, Jno. Turner was sworn and admitted into the said Honorable Society and Fraternity of Freemasons.

CHARLES FAIRFAX, *Deputy President*.'

"On January 10, 1722-3, at the same time, the following persons were acknowledged as Brethren of this Ancient Society [here names follow]; and on February 4th, 1722-3, at the same time and place, the two persons whose names are underwritten were, upon their examination, received as Masons, and as such were accordingly introduced and admitted into this Lodge.

"We see, then, that in the one case there are initiates recorded, and in the other Masons made elsewhere were visitors to the Lodge. These visitations prior to 1717, are of importance in confirming the fact of the universality of the Freemasonry that was worked before the last century, whatever it may have been."

THE MASTER MASON'S DEGREE.

"Bro. Wm. James Hughan treats this subject historically:

"The sublime degree of a Master Mason, *Alias* the 'Third Degree' may be very ancient; but, so far, the evidence respecting its history goes no further back than the early part of last century. Few writers on the subject appear to base their observations on *facts*, but prefer the 'traditions' (so called) derived from old Masons. We, however, give the preference to the minutes and by-laws of Lodges. All of which we have either seen, traced, or obtained copies of, unequivocally prove the *degree* of a Master Mason to be an early introduction of the revivalists of 1717. No record prior to the second decade of the last century ever mentions *Masonic degrees*, and all the manuscripts preserved decidedly confirm us in the belief that in the mere operative (although partly speculative) career of Freemasonry, the ceremony of reception was of a most unpretentious and simple character, mainly for the communication of certain lyrics and secrets, and for the conservation of the ancient customs of the Craft.

"Bro. D. Murray Lyon in Scotland, and Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford and myself in England, have for years endeavored to trace and examine every old manuscript relating to Freemasonry in Great Britain; and so far, not one discovered says aught of Masonic degrees, excepting the 'Sloane manuscript,' the date being far from established; and, therefore, is not evidence on either side.

"In the 'Book of Constitutions,' A.D. 1723 (the first edition issued by any Grand Lodge in the world, we find, page 61, the following law: 'Apprentices

must be admitted Masters and Fellows only here, unless by dispensation; thus, at this early period, Lodges were enabled, by virtue of a dispensation, to pass or raise Fellow Crafts and Master Masons. In the second edition of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, A. D. 1738, page 160, we are told that on the 22nd November, 1725, it was agreed that 'The Master of a Lodge with his Wardens, and a competent number of the Lodge assembled in due form, can make Masters and Fellows at discretion.'

"Accordingly, in the year 1725, the Lodges generally were permitted to work the second and third degrees, although a number did not avail themselves for some time of so important a privilege.

"All the old minutes make mention only of the reception of the Neophytes, and anything of a ceremonial or esoteric character to which the whole body of Masons were not entitled to be present, can not be found alluded to in any ancient document so far made public. We do not say positively there were no Masonic degrees prior to the last century; but simply that up to the present time no evidence has been submitted of there ever having been more than the ceremony of reception or initiation, and that the official positions merely of Master Masons warrant us in believing there were no other secret forms of admission.

"This radical author cites the laws and minutes of Lincoln Lodge (England), warranted in 1730, of its general laws in 1732. (in which the Fellow Craft degree is not quoted as worked for ten years).

"In 1734, the two Wardens nominated for the ensuing year, as well as several other brothers of this Lodge well qualified and worthy the degree of Master, not called thereto, our Right Worshipful Master has pleased to direct that a Lodge of Masters should be held on the 31st inst., at which time the said (names given) should be severally admitted to the degree of Master, on their paying severally 5 apiece to the box and 12 to the doorkeeper.

"December ye 31, 1735. At a Lodge of Masters held this day at the place aforesaid, when was present [the names given] and in pursuance of the order given at the last Lodge, the several brethren following were in due form admitted to the degree of Master: Bro. Lahr (Senior Warden), Bro. Every (Junior Warden), Bro. Curtois, Bro. Raynor, Bro. Newcomon, and Bro. Clarke; after which a general Lodge was held."

"From these minutes it would appear that this ancient Lodge worked the degree of Master Mason (as distinct entirely from the Master of a Lodge, whose election is mentioned separately) at intervals, and that the 'General Lodge' had the power to elect officers and members for the Master's Lodge, and receive fees for the same. That all Lodges then had not authority (or did not work) the degree in question, we think is proved from the fact that members of other Lodges were 'Passed Masters,' according to the ninth By-law; and that the 'Master's Ceremonial' was a degree, is equally evident from the frequent occurrence of that title. It resembled in its construction at that period a kind of *imperium in imperio*.

"These laws and extracts from old minute-books abundantly confirm the fact that the degree of a Master Mason was distinct from that of Master of a Lodge, and that it was worked in Lodges prior to the laws of the Grand Lodge, bearing date November 22, 1725."

"Due praise should be given to Bro. Bailey, then proprietor of the *Voice of Masonry*, at Chicago, who bore all the expenses attending the transcription—to secure exact copies of certain important manuscripts for publication.

"The files, then, of that magazine, which has Bro. William James Hughan as a permanent contributor, also the files of the *Keystone*, of Philadelphia, should be secured by every student of Masonic history. The distinguished

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Masonic antiquarian and author is furnishing his books to the American market through the active aid of Bro. Charles E. Meyer, of Philadelphia.

"Bro. Hughan recapitulates some of the valuable points, new and important, which have been published in his valuable series of papers; namely, That Freemasonry has existed as a distinct and secret society for centuries, is pronounced to be a legitimate result to be derived from a study of our ancient records.

"He gave eight sketches of the Aberdeen Lodge of 1670, copied direct from the mark-book of that date. More curious and suggestive laws of the operative Craft have never been made public, and their careful perusal will repay any studious brother. After these regulations came the other statutes, 'gathered out of the old writings,' composed of twenty-two clauses in all. Early instances of Masonic agreements are mentioned; one of 1399, and another of 1498, being especially valuable. After these follow the names of all the subscribers to the 'book,' in which numerous noblemen, clergymen, doctors, and other gentlemen, and men of different trades, are recorded, thereby demonstrating the speculative character of early Freemasonry, even in the year 1670, and in the Aberdeen Lodge, mainly formed and supported for operative purposes.

"To these names *marks* are appended, and their evident speculative connections can not be gainsaid. A list of the 'Successors of the Measson Craft,' from 1685, is then alluded to. Several names are given, and, altogether, the record contains about two hundred members to the year 1767, in which the speculative element is as generally represented as in the list of 1670.

"The Apprentices appear often to have selected marks, and when not gentlemen were regularly apprenticed to the Master Masons, who were operatives, and belonged to the Lodge.

"On the completion of their time they then became Fellow Crafts, and if found able and worthy, in due time were ranked as Master Masons. No mention is made of any peculiar ceremony on the constitution of Fellow Crafts and Master Masons, and it is not at all likely there was any, their designations simply expressing their positions in the Lodge, and never as having received 'degrees,' as the titles have always meant since the revival of 1717.

"A short sketch is given of the Lodge at Brechin, Scotland, commencing from the year 1714; and the 'award' made at Edinburgh, on November 29, 1714, and January 10, 1715, was for the first time given to print. This important document is of great value, from the fact that the award was made in consequence of an appeal to the Scottish legal authorities, respecting the right of certain journeymen Masons (members of the Lodge of Edinburgh) who had seceded from their mother Lodge, to communicate the 'Mason's word' in their separate meetings. The privilege was granted these journeymen, but with most stringent regulations.

"The materials for his sketch on York Masons he obtained by a personal visit to the city of York, and a close inspection of the Minutes of that ancient Lodge and Grand Lodge, now extinct, and he maintains:

"If there is one fact in Freemasonry that can be substantiated, it is certainly the existence (1725) of a Grand Lodge at York, wholly independent of London Grand Lodges, known by the names of 'Moderns' and 'Ancients,' or Atholl Masons. The latter authority warranted several lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges in the United States; and from their claiming to be descendants of the *York* Masons (*which they were not*), our American brethren have often declared themselves to be the conservators of the York Rite, in opposition to the brethren formed into the lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges, by the *elder* body called the 'Moderns.' The fact is, there never was a warrant issued for a lodge to be held in the United States or for anywhere

out of England by the *real* York Masons, composing the Grand Lodge of all England, held at York. So the American '*York Rite*,' is quite as much a misnomer and an error as it is contrary to fact and absurd to deny the existence of the Grand Lodge of all England, held at York, quite independent of either '*Moderns*' or '*Ancients*.'

"Of the *York* manuscripts, six manuscripts of the old Constitutions bearing this title are thus dated: No. 1, 1600; 2, 1704; 3, 1630; 4, 1693; 5, 1670; 6, 1680. No. 3 is now missing, although mentioned in the inventory made at York in 1779. Nos. 2, 4, and 5, are now in possession of the York Lodge. Recently Bro. Hughan discovered Nos. 2 and 6 in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England, at London. The dates do not correspond with the numbers. Of these manuscripts, No. 1 was published by Bro. Hughan, in his '*Old Charges of British Freemasons*.' And Nos. 2 and 4 by him in his '*History of Freemasonry in York*.' The other manuscripts are as yet unpublished.

"The manuscript of 1680 is curious from its ending, which is unique:—*'Doe unto all as you would be done unto, and I beseech you at every meeting and assembly, you pray heartily for all Christians—farewell.'*"

"Thus, as Hughan sums up, 'we have, as far as we know, one manuscript of the fourteenth, one manuscript of the fifteenth, one manuscript of the sixteenth, fourteen manuscripts of the seventeenth, and three manuscripts of the eighteenth centuries, all being original versions of the Constitutions of the Freemasons prior to the existence of Grand Lodges, and all agreeing in matters of importance.'

"Hughan says the first Grand Lodge was formed in London. Before then, no such body existed, with a Grand Master, anywhere in the world, although, of course, for centuries the Annual Assembly had been held, but no Grand Master or Grand Wardens were ever appointed. In or about 1756, the Grand Lodge of the Antients was formed partly (and expressly, in fact), to work the Royal Arch."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

444 Lodges with a membership of 29,278.

PENNSYLVANIA—1874.

From the abstract of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1874, we gather the following:

Quarterly Communication held at Philadelphia, June 3rd, 1874, at which the following resolutions were adopted among others:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge learns of the death of its late Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL H. PERKINS, with sincere regret and profound sorrow, allayed by the fact that he has gone to his grave 'full of years and full of honors.' He is a loss not only to this Order, of which he was for so many years an honorable, useful, and efficient member, but to the community at large, in which his sphere of usefulness was widely extended, and generally and profitably felt.

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"*Resolved*, That as his Masonic career was pure and unspotted, so his private life exhibited a rare combination of those virtues which constitute the true man and good citizen; his Christian sympathies finding their happiest exercise in all movements designed for individual relief, and for the promotion of the common welfare."

Quarterly Communication, September 2nd, 1874.

We notice that a Lodge had its warrant suspended for having failed to pay its dues to Grand Lodge for two years.

From the Grand Secretary's Recapitulation we take the following:

Members, Dec. 27th, 1873, 37,546; initiated 2,665; suspended or expelled 736; total number of Lodges, Dec., 1874, 357.

Quarterly Communication, Dec. 2nd, 1874.

The Grand Treasurer's accounts show:

Total receipts, \$164,649.79; total payments, \$157,243.37.

For the information of many of our Brethren in Nova Scotia, who never, perhaps, see the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, we insert the following balance sheet, the figures of which will, we are quite sure, interest our own readers:

BALANCE SHEET GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

November 14th, 1874.

DUE from Lodges	\$18,354.94	Balances due to Lodges...	\$ 29.50
Paid Building Committee	26,902.04	Rec'd for Old Material ...	552.19
" Expenses, G. Master	1,000.00	" Tickets for Temple	3,247.50
" D. D. Grand	2,534.06	Dues from City Lodges...	24,068.00
" Grand Lodge.....	1,099.28	" " Lodges else-	
" Grand Officers and		where	25,286.09
Salaries.....	5,877.02	Initiations in the City ...	10,294.00
" Hall Com. Chestnut		" elsewhere.....	13,072.00
Street	130.72	Rec'd City 10 per cent ...	8,134.50
" Temple Committee...	19,781.32	" Apron account.....	344.20
" Library Committee...	500.00	" Masonic Rents.....	64,161.83
Sent to Louisiana Sufferers	1,000.00	" Store Rent	11,138.25
Expenses of Dedication...	100.00	" Dispensations, &c.	11,856.79
Paid for Interest	95,513.01	" Warrants	600.00
Sinking Fund.....	119,037.32	Masonic Loans.....	1,470,525.00
G. Lodge Charity Fund...	6,284.00	Grand Lodge of Penn'a...	668,612.58
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Real Estate	1,892,224.91		
Cash on hand.....	7,406.42		
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Annual Grand Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 20th, 1874.

R. W. Bro. Alfred R. Potter, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address, states that he had held during the year, Grand Lodges of Instruction, at several places, and expresses the hope that his visits had been of benefit to the Craft. He had visited also and exemplified the work in seven Lodges contiguous to the city, and twenty-eight of the city Lodges. He pays an affectionate tribute of respect to the memory of Past Grand Master Samuel H. Perkins, and John M. Read, who, during the year, had been gathered to their fathers, after having faithfully served the interests of Freemasonry in their day and generation.

The absence of decisions on points of Masonic jurisprudence is a noticeable feature in the address of the Grand Master. Inference—intelligent and well-read Masters.

A carefully prepared and very readable report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. E. Coppee Mitchell, on behalf of a Committee of five.

From the introduction we select the following:

"The year just closed has been—generally speaking—one of prosperity to the Craft in America. Even where it has happened that the numbers of the brethren have not increased, there has been instead a consolidation of material strength—a hardening of the bone, and sinew, and muscle, and a growth in all the elements that give power and vigor to any organization. There is an almost infinite variety of questions discussed in the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges: from the great subject of Grand Lodge sovereignty and exclusive territorial jurisdiction, down to the smallest details of administration of affairs; the prerogatives of Grand Masters, the Ancient Landmarks, the powers of Masters of Lodges, the rights and duties of members and brethren not members of Lodges, questions of finance, dues, fees, income and expenditure, of Masonic discipline, offences, trials, courts and jurisprudence, matters of Masonic History and Biography, Symbolism and Ritual, and hosts of others which cannot be enumerated. Active and earnest minds everywhere are occupied in these considerations. We find them in Grand Masters' Addresses, Reports of Deputies and Inspectors, Reports of Committees on Landmarks, Jurisprudence, Grievances and Appeals, and, at a greater length, in the reports of the Committees on Correspondence."

The review of Nova Scotia for 1874, gives a synopsis of the Masonic career of the late Grand Master Keith: Dep. G. Master Taylor's *impressions de voyage*; or, what he saw and heard at the

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dedication of the Great Temple in Philadelphia; and a kind allusion to Bro. Smithers' review of Pennsylvania for 1873.

R. W. Bro. Alfred R. Potter, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC—1874.

Emergent Communication held at Montreal, January 6, 1874.

M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary.

This Communication had for its aim:—"To have all differences with the Grand Lodge of Canada finally and constitutionally adjusted." And they were finally, satisfactorily and happily adjusted, as will appear from the account of the Masonic Conference held at Montreal on the 17th February, 1874, and copied into our Proceedings of last year.

The Fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the City of Montreal on the 23rd and 24th days of September, 1874. M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, Grand Master. R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray acting as Grand Secretary, in the absence of R. W. Bro. Isaacson.

The address of the Grand Master is an interesting one, and opens as follows:

"BRETHREN—This day becomes memorable in the annals of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec.

"Seven years' discussion of constitutional principles is ended.

"All differences hitherto existing between the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada, and this Grand Body, have been happily adjusted.

"Jurisdiction within our territory has been formally withdrawn,—due recognition has been most fraternally extended to us;—our Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, has been most honorably and heartily received,—the consummation of all which this day, and the honorable and perfect union now most harmoniously effected between the daughter Lodges of 'Canada' in this jurisdiction, and this Grand Lodge is, I am sure, a source of profound satisfaction and deep, heart-felt joy to every one of you; and to every true Mason of whatever Registry he may, hitherto, have been;—and I am confident that this will prove to be the beginning of a new era of prosperity to the Craft throughout the entire Province, and will be a cause of unusual rejoicing throughout the Masonic world.

"All thanks are due to the able and prudent Brethren in both the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec,—who officially or otherwise have so earnestly and efficiently labored to bring about this most desirable end. May they long live to see the blessed fruits of their good work. May one and all put out of sight and out of mind all past differences;—and each try to excel in that noblest of emulation of who can best work and best agree, so that our symbolic temple may be erected harmoniously and successfully and in the perfection of beauty, to the honor and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. So mote it be."

And as we quite naturally feel a warm interest in our Masonic Alma Mater the venerable Grand Lodge of England, and in the charitable institution fostered by her, we cheerfully continue from this excellent address :

"Circumstances required me to visit England during the early part of the year. A favoring Providence afforded me the unanticipated pleasure of reaching London (that great metropolis of the world) on the seventy-sixth anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,—one of the oldest and most noteworthy of the great Masonic charities of England, and under the patronage of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria (than whom no better Sovereign ever graced a throne). I accepted a most courteous invitation which was immediately extended to me, to attend the anniversary banquet in the evening, at which the Grand Master, the Most Honorable the Marquis of Ripon presided. Some four or five hundred representative brethren from London and all parts of England were present on the occasion. Nothing could exceed the fraternal heartiness of my reception as your representative, by his Lordship and many other leading officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge, for which, personally and in your behalf, I improve this opportunity to return most grateful thanks. A noteworthy feature of the occasion was the presence of several hundred ladies at a magnificent entertainment given in the grand hall after the banquet. From this our brethren may be reminded of their own remissness in not having the ladies share in some of our annual festivities.

"It was indeed pleasant and instructive to learn from actual observation of the interior working of the great Masonic beneficencies of the mother land, which we may well strive to imitate, but cannot hope to equal. At this anniversary upwards of ten thousand pounds sterling were reported as having been contributed for the support of this Institution during the current year, which large sum was, I learn, very considerably increased before closing the annual accounts.

"When it is remembered that this is but one of the Masonic charities of England,—another most notably being the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,—it will be seen how extensive and substantial is the practical charity of our British brethren. Being, moreover, on this visit to England and also

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to Scotland, the land of my birth and early nurture (and where I received a like hearty welcome), the bearer of the 'good news' of the actual adjustment of our long-standing differences with the Grand Lodge of Canada—the interest in which had become world-wide, and nowhere more deep and intense than in Great Britain—it was most gratifying to receive letters of congratulation thereon from our Most Worshipful Brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, His Lordship the Marquis of Ripon, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Rosslyn, White-Mellville, the Duke of Leinster and others—all of which most clearly indicate the anxious solicitude of our noble and worthy Brethren of the Imperial Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland, for the welfare, unity and progress of the Royal Craft in this far-off land of the setting sun."

Allusion is made to our esteemed friend R. W. Bro. Isaacson as follows:

"As most of you are aware, our venerable and efficient Grand Secretary has been absent for some time on a visit to England. He had expected to return before this communication of the Grand Lodge, but he has been disappointed. I am confident that you will cheerfully overlook any incompleteness in the reports from his office, which will be speedily perfected after his arrival. You all doubtless wish him a most pleasant sojourn in his native land, and a safe return to his family and to his host of friends here."

Our R. W. Bro. Isaacson having returned, it is now too late to wish him a pleasant sojourn, but, had we been present at the delivery of the address we should have responded with a hearty "Amen," and by three times three, to the wish expressed in the last sentence quoted.

What constitutes a majority?

The following is from the report of D. D. G. M., of the Montreal District:

"On the 12th of December last, I received instructions from the M. W. Grand Master to enquire into the nature of a complaint made by Bro. Daniel Rose, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 38, against the decision of the W. Master in the election of Senior Warden. A similar complaint had been made to me by Bro. George Martin, of the same Lodge. On investigating the circumstances of the case, I discovered that this Lodge had adopted the system of nominating their candidates for office. Bros. Daniel Rose and J. T. Finnie were nominated for the office of Senior Warden on this occasion. On the ballot being passed, it was found that 32 ballots were cast, 16 for Bro. Rose, 15 for Bro. Finnie, and one blank. The W. Master declared there was no election, and directed the ballot to be passed again, when the result was, 18 for Bro. Finnie, and 13 for Bro. Rose, and Bro. Finnie was declared duly elected. Hence the complaint, Bro. Rose believing that he should have been declared elected on the first ballot. After due deliberation, I decided to sustain the

W. Master in his ruling, and by instruction from the M. W. Grand Master, advised Bros. Rose and Martin, if they still felt aggrieved, to appeal to Grand Lodge, which appeal is now before the Board of General Purposes.

"This is a question of order, and should be immediately settled by Grand Lodge, as similar difficulties may again occur, where candidates for office are nominated previous to election. The question is, is the system of nominating candidates for office in private Lodges advisable? and if allowed, when a brother does not choose to vote for either of those nominated, can he vote blank, and will the blank count as a vote?"

And Bro. Martin did appeal as follows:

"I beg leave to appeal from the decision of W. M. Thomas Allan, of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 38, and also from the decision of the D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Milton, on the question of the election of S. W. of the St. Andrew's Lodge, at the communication held on the 9th December, 1873."

This appeal came before the Board of General Purposes as a Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported to Grand Lodge the following as the finding of said Board:

"That the ruling of the W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 38, be not confirmed; and the Board declare—after due consideration and examination—Bro. Rose duly elected Senior Warden of that Lodge."

The following amendment was moved by R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray:

"That as it appears, the W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, in permitting nominations for office during the Annual Election, and in requesting every Brother to vote in said election, and in counting all ballots cast, whether Blanks or otherwise, as of the aggregate number of votes, did not therein violate any of the provisions of the Constitution, but did, on the contrary, act in good faith towards his Lodge, and to the respective candidates, according to the usages of the Lodge from which he formerly hailed, and as it appears, that on the second ballot being taken, there was an unmistakable majority in favor of the candidate declared elected, and subsequently installed; therefore, Grand Lodge now confirms and sustains the ruling and decision of the W. M. and D. D. G. M., and dismisses the appeal."

An animated discussion ensued as to the meaning of the constitutional requirement "votes present," some maintaining that the successful candidate should have at least 17 votes of the 32 brethren present, eligible to vote; while others, "that the common sense view of a paper without a name on it must be, that it went for nothing; that the number of votes present as required by the Constitution meant the number of ballots cast naming a Candidate, and that as 31 such

had been cast, therefore, 16 determined the choice of the Lodge, and Bro. Rose having had that number, he ought to be declared elected."

Grand Lodge, it seems took the later view of the question, voted down Bro. Murray's amendment by a vote of 58 to 40, and declared Bro. Rose "duly elected Senior Warden," thus setting aside the ruling of the W. Master of the Lodge, sustained by the District Deputy.

The interpretation put upon "votes present" by a majority in the Grand Lodge of Quebec strikes us as remarkably novel to say the least of it; and as a question of a somewhat similar nature is to come before our own Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication, it would be mistimed perhaps, if not injudicious, to forestall the discussion by any very decided impressions of our own on the subject.

No Report on Foreign Correspondence.

Number of Lodges under warrant 59; Initiated 235; Raised 208; Members in good standing 1861.

M. W. James Dunbar is Grand Master; R. W. J. H. Isaacson is Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND—1874.

A Festival Communication of this Grand Lodge convened at Masonic Hall, Providence, 24th June, 1873, but owing to the neglect of the Committee appointed (at Annual Communication) to make the necessary arrangements, no festival was held; want of time was the reason assigned.

The Semi-Annual Communication was held 17th November, 1873.

Eighty-fourth Annual Communication, 18th May, 1874. M. W. Nicholas Van Slyck, Grand Master; R. W. Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary.

The address of the Grand Master is a practical and well prepared document.

Referring to their need of a new Masonic Temple, he says:

"We seem, practically, no nearer the accomplishment of that object than ever before. It is true, we have had such legislation as is needful, but that

is the extent of our progress, and this notwithstanding the universal testimony to its need, and our ardent desire therefor. The difficulty is a lack of money, and we may not hope to erect so fine a monument in honor of our Society until this difficulty is surmounted. There is individual wealth enough among Masons, but there is not wealth enough in Masonic Bodies. The question naturally presents itself, Can this want be supplied? We answer, Yes.

"There is, in this jurisdiction a very general feeling that the only contribution one should be required to make for Masonry, is such as was, or is, made at the time of receiving the degrees; that from that time forward, the Mason, his widow and orphans, are entitled to all the rights and privileges incident to such membership, including charity to the amount of necessity, as well as the right to Masonic burial.

"This feeling has thus far prevented any Subordinate Lodge from adopting any By-law compelling contribution to its support beyond those referring to the reception of the degrees. The result has been, and now is, that the pecuniary prosperity of the Lodge depends upon the amount of work, as it is called, that is done—that is, upon the increase of membership.

"How frequently is it true that the expense attending the 'making the Mason' absorbs the initiation fees!

"There are evils attending this system which will not be elaborated at this time, not the least of which is the bringing undesirable men into the Order, and for no other reason than a desire, or it may be a necessity, to pay the running expenses of the Lodge. We shall not occupy that place in the community that we ought until this feeling is changed,—until there is a love for Masonry implanted in our breasts that shall prompt in us a willingness to contribute to its proper support. We all profess that love, and our prayer is that that profession may be certified in the future by our action."

In order to establish a fund for the erection of the required Temple he recommends a tax on Lodges in proportion to membership, the Lodges to receive in return therefor, certificates of stock to the amount so paid. We doubt if this will work satisfactorily.

Feeling reference is made to the memory of the departed during the year.

Referring to the dedicatory ceremonies at Philadelphia at which he was present, he says:

"That procession was a living witness to the world that Masons meet upon the level, for there were seen those most honored by the commonwealth and municipality, as well as the humble citizen, clothed in the same suit of black, and white apron, marching side by side, united by the same bonds, actuated by the same love, with no other distinguishing mark than such as merit in the Lodge had given him.

"This was a purely Masonic procession on a purely Masonic occasion. No adjuncts were permitted to give a gorgeousness, its sublimity was in its simplicity, its grandeur in its numbers, its greatness in the character of its integral parts."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters shew the Craft to be prospering in the jurisdiction.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Grand Master and Grand Secretary both re-elected.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1874.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held on the 28th Oct., 1874, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Past Grand Master B. Rush Campbell, who at the time of his death held the position of Grand Secretary. His remains were interred in Mangolin cemetery with the usual Masonic ceremonies.

A very touching tribute of respect to his memory is recorded in the Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge held in the city of Charleston, Dec. 8th, 1847.

M.W. Joseph B. Kershaw, Grand Master, presiding.

He reports in his address the progress of the Craft during the year as quite encouraging. Granted dispensations for the formation of thirteen new Lodges.

The Deputy District Grand Masters' reports (ten in all) having been submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence are thus commented upon :

"Your Committee have also had submitted to them the reports of the different District Deputy Grand Masters, and have read and carefully considered the same. And it gives your Committee great pleasure to congratulate the Craft at large upon the very able and efficient manner in which these officers have performed the duties committed to them, as shown by their reports. The plan is a good one, and the fact of hearing, as we do now, in this detailed manner, from every part of the jurisdiction, the prospects, progress, and doings of the Craft, is alone a sufficient recompense for the labor bestowed."

Upon the following taken from the report of the Deputy of the Third Masonic District, the Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the

subjoined report, which was subsequently endorsed by resolution of Grand Lodge :

"On notice to the Worshipful Master, of Flint Hill Lodge, no additional degrees were conferred upon the 'maimed E. A.' Before notice given, however, I found that the party had been passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

"I recommend that the Lodge be now allowed to raise John Carrol, the party referred to, to the Degree of Master, for the following reasons:

"1st. He will be done a great injustice, after, without any fault on his part, having received two degrees, to be stopped, being in the same condition as when initiated. Thus regarded, his case need not be a precedent for *initiating* one maimed.

"2d. It is carrying the rules of *operative* Masonry too far, as applied to *speculative* Masonry, to refuse light to one in every respect qualified *quoad* speculative Masonry. He is a perfect man in every respect, except one of his legs. This is perfect in appearance, being a 'Bly's Anatomical Leg,' and only causes a limp in his walk. He can take any step, or assume any posture required. Why then can he not be regarded as a perfect man *quoad speculative* Masonry?

"3d. He was not of age until the 28th of September, 1861. The war was then in progress, and he a volunteer. He lost his leg in battle, 16th December, 1863. Hence, it was impracticable for him to have applied before he lost his leg, as there were very few Lodges in camp. Now, he lost his leg in the *service of his country*. And are we to discourage patriotism by placing this penalty upon sacrifices to one's *country*. It ought to be the rule in 'all well regulated institutions, and more especially this of Masonry,' to require of its members nothing inconsistent with the duties we owe our God, our *country*, or our family. This exclusion by us is inconsistent with the duty we owe our country."

Also from report of Committee :

"In reference to the report of Bro. J. H. Rion, District Deputy Grand Master, of the Third Masonic District, your Committee unanimously and emphatically differ with him in his conclusions, and in the recommendations of his report, as being contrary, not only to general Masonic usage, but also against the well settled law in this jurisdiction, as fully defined and determined upon by this Grand Lodge, in the very recent agitation of the question, when the whole subject received the fullest discussion and elucidation. A more serious case of maiming can hardly be conceived of, and your Committee feel that they would fail to discharge the duty imposed upon them if they allowed the matter thus to pass without rebuke. A law so well known should not be violated with impunity, and your Committee would therefore recommend, in order to carry out their purpose, so expressed, that that the

censure of this Grand Lodge be passed upon the Worshipful Master and brethren of Flint Hill Lodge, No. 85, for their action in this matter as being directly contrary to their obligations and duties as Masons."

In answer to the question—Who constitute the members of a Lodge under dispensation, the committee make the following reply in which they were also sustained by Grand Lodge:

"Strictly speaking, a Lodge *U. D.* has no members. Those who form it continue their membership in their original Lodge, from which they do not dimitt until the new lodge is chartered. If a charter is refused, such brethren retain their membership in their original Lodge, without more. While working *U. D.* they are simply a body of Masons, acting under the authority of the Grand Master, and as his Deputy, as it were, in the making of Masons; and such is not a body capable of having members. The only *quasi* members even, it seems to your Committee, would be, as decided by Bro. Izlar in the answer to the second query, as to who are entitled to ballot in a Lodge, *U. D.*—the three officers named in the dispensation."

Bro. Charles Inglesby, presents a very candid report upon the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Lodges—ours for 1874, receiving a fraternal notice.

M.W. Bro. James A. Hoyt, elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Chas. Inglesby, elected Grand Secretary.

Charter Lodges 170, Members 7040, Lodges represented at Annual Communication 151.

TEXAS—1874.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas, commenced in the city of Houston, Wednesday, 3rd June, 1874.

M.W. James F. Miller, Grand Master; R. W. Geo. H. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary.

120 Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master is an interesting document and fully details his doing for the year. He says: "We have to-day opened the 38th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge of Texas, under auspices more favorable to the peace and harmony of our honored institution, and with more assurances of prosperity and progress

than at any of the thirty-seven Grand Annual Communications that have preceded it." He reports Lodges generally prosperous and working harmoniously: membership increasing as rapidly as is desirable: non-affiliation decreasing.

We fully concur in his remarks upon the multiplication of Lodges, the character of candidates, and the qualifications necessary in the officers for the efficient management of their Lodge, and commend the following to the careful perusal of the members of our own jurisdiction:

"There is a tendency to multiply the number of Lodges to such an extent that we will soon have in some portions of the State, a great many weak and poor Lodges, unable to discharge their duties to the Order or to the Grand Lodge. At every cross-roads and school-house there is a disposition to organize a Masonic Lodge as a matter of convenience, and as an inducement to immigrants, so that in many counties there are now from five to ten Masonic Lodges. These Lodges, of course, must each have a Masonic hall, furniture, etc., at a pretty heavy cost. This will be a great temptation to work unworthy material in their spiritual temple, in order to strengthen themselves and pay off their indebtedness. It is true that the very heavy immigration to our State has so far, in a great measure, counteracted this evil, but it is time that precautionary measures were taken. Another source of some trouble, which may some day bring trouble upon us, is the opinion that is taught and believed in some quarters, that because a man is a good citizen and no harm is known of him, when he petitions a Lodge he has a right to the degrees, and that it is an outrage to reject him. It seems to me, however, that the very reverse of all this should be taught and enforced. No man has any right or interest in the Order, except its members, and if the admission into it of the most distinguished citizen in the land would disturb the good fellowship of the humblest member of the Lodge, his petition should be rejected.

"There is complaint in some Lodges of want of interest in Lodge business, and failure to attend communications by their members, and it is proposed to adopt measures to compel their attendance. This listlessness upon the part of the membership of the Order, is the legitimate result of one or two causes. These members were never really impressed with the true faith and principles of the Order, were negative men, who never should have been admitted, or the Lodge has elected such officers as do not command the respect of the members, and who conduct the business of the Lodge in such a way as to make a Lodge meeting a bore instead of a pleasure. It is of course proper that a Master of a Lodge should be versed in the ritual of the degrees, but it is even more essential that he should have ability and culture enough to command the respect of his Lodge, as well as of the community in which he resides, and tact enough to enable him to make a Lodge meeting agreeable and pleasant, and that his character and life should be pure and blameless."

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He reports having been called upon during the year to decide upon about 2000 questions on Masonic jurisprudence,—42 are published in his address. We think that if our Brethren of Texas were to read more and question less, the excellent G. M. would be spared a great deal of unnecessary trouble, and the time occupied in answering questions (that any intelligent mason ought to be able to solve), much more pleasantly spent.

He extends to us the sympathies of the Grand Lodge of Texas, in the death of our late Grand Master Keith, in the following extract :

"I have been officially advised of the death of M. W. Alexander Keith, Grand Master of Masons in Nova Scotia, who departed this life on the 14th December, 1873, in the seventy-eighth year of his age, and who, for thirty-two years, has been the chief executive officer in that jurisdiction, having filled the positions of Provincial Grand Master, District Grand Master, and Grand Master for nearly a third of a century. We in Texas can sincerely sympathize with our brethren of Nova Scotia in this, their supreme loss; for we yet grieve for our beloved and lamented Thomas J. H. Anderson, who died at his post in discharge of his duties as Grand Master of Masons in Texas in 1871."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. E. H. Cushing. He reviews the Proceedings of 37 Grand Lodges—ours for 1873 included.

He commends our system of disposing of missing members—better than suspend.

In reply to Bro. Smithers on the Negro question, he says :

"If colored people were as thick in Nova Scotia as they are in the South, we doubt not there would be as much feeling there. The two races cannot mix socially when they are in anything like equal numbers. Where the colored man is but one in ten thousand, the case is different. He is taken in hand, pitied, petted and got along with. But when he crowds, he is naturally offensive, and there is no getting over it. Nevertheless, we grant that the negro is human, has a soul, has intellect and has lots of rights. We simply do not like to be forced to give him privileges till we get ready."

M. W. Bro. Thos. R. Bonner, elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Bringham, re-elected Grand Secretary.

415 Lodges—M. M. 16,516; Charity fund \$1646.60; Dues received \$11,716.

UTAH—1874.

The Proceedings of the third Annual Communication of this energetic little Grand Lodge come to us in a neat volume of 164 pages, gotten up in a style alike creditable to all concerned; for typographical excellence surpassed by none.

Grand Communication commenced in Salt Lake City, 10th Nov., 1874.

M. W. Louis Cohn, Grand Master; R. W. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary.

Representatives from five Chartered Lodges and Delegates from one Lodge, U. D.

The address of the Grand Master and report of the Grand Secretary convey the unmistakable ring of the true metal. With two such watchmen upon the towers (let the surroundings be what they may) Freemasonry in Utah cannot be other than an influence for good.

Referring to non-affiliates, the Grand Master says:

"To a great extent the remedy to diminish non-affiliates lies with the Lodges, and notably with the principal officers thereof. Avoid quarrels and dissensions. Officers of Lodges should be exemplary men, respected in the community, and make the Lodge meetings interesting to the visiting Brother. Do not accept every petitioner for degrees as a matter of course; let none enter but those that are worthy and well qualified. Do this and you will see that your petitions for affiliation will be on the increase."

The sum of \$175 was donated to the relief of the distressed Brethren of Louisiana.

The Grand Master strongly advocates the accumulation of Lodge funds, and has no sympathy with those "chronic grumblers" who are everlastingly advocating the reduction of Lodge dues. These, with their arguments, he considers should be frowned down and their silly talk rebuked. He says:

"It is all very well to preach charity to our candidates; all very well to show the world that the main round in the Masonic ladder is named charity; but practically, charity does not consist of high-flown speeches. It is of more solid substance. Merely unfurling our banner to the breeze; with the

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empty word "charity" emblazoned thereon, will not sustain our claim that we are a charitable institution. We must demonstrate by practical acts that we practice what we preach.

"These are the reasons why I want Lodges to accumulate funds. We should always be prepared for any emergency to alleviate distress, and it can only be done by the economical management of Lodge funds, and the collection of dues from the members. The latter should be rigidly enforced to the full extent of the law, except when it is known the Brother is destitute. Any Lodge that has been several years in existence, with a respectable membership, and has so mismanaged its financial affairs that it cannot, at a moment's notice, assist the needy when an emergency arises, fails in its mission, and is unworthy to occupy a place in any Jurisdiction among the Sisterhood of Lodges. Its charter should be revoked and its members scattered among other Lodges that are better able to teach them the true lessons of Masonic principles."

He denounces the practice of bringing business matters into a Lodge, in the shape of charges, and says :

"A Lodge is not a creditor's agency, nor can complicated business difficulties between Brothers be there satisfactorily solved, and Masters of Lodges should never allow them to come up."

To the officers of Lodges, he says : "Be not carried away with the idea that the conferring of degrees by the wholesale is all that is required of you. No. A thousand times no. You have other duties and a nobler work to perform."

"Exercise strict discipline over your members, and point to them their every error until a reform is effected. It is expected of you that you will tolerate none of the kindred vices in your minds.

"A Mason who is a habitual drunkard must be punished to the full extent of our laws. Officers of Lodges, it is your duty to warn him when it is yet time; but when you see that he is irretrievably lost, *expel him*, and with the shame indelibly stamped on his forehead, send him forth, so that the world may see that Masonry is the 'Encourager of Light' and morality, and not a harbinger of worthless drunkards. Your Committees must understand, when they investigate the character of a candidate, that although he is '*a splendid fellow*,' a kind hearted genial man; but, alas! as it is too often the case he inbibes a little too freely on rare occasions, that is all—I say that you must impress upon your committees that a Masonic Lodge is not an inebriate asylum, nor a place for the reform of the fallen ones, and you must demand of them, when they meet with such a case, to report unfavorably upon his character.

"The professional gambler should also be branded as a man unfit to bear the name of 'Mason,' or be taken by the hand as a Brother. These classes

are the scourge of society, and the sheltering cloak of Free Masonry should never shield them from the execrations of outraged humanity. Look around you, and you will see how many peaceful, happy homes, are daily sacrificed on their unhallowed altars. How many bright intellects are dimmed by the stupefying influence of liquors? How many vigorous constitutions are utterly crushed, paralyzed, and sent to premature graves by the demons that control the drunkard and the gambler? I fear that we are growing too careless and indifferent about these evils, and we must rouse ourselves to a sense of duty and discharge it without fear or favor."

We quote his remarks upon "Too much Masonry":

"I am sensible to the fact, that in treading upon this path I am liable to find myself in a dangerous conflict of fierce antagonism. But the address of a Grand Master, like everything else in Masonry, should be for a good purpose and not for the sake of relieving himself of a strain of pent up oratorical eloquence.

"I deem it to be part of my duty as Grand Master, to point out to you such defects in our craft as have come to my notice during my term of office, so that you may, in your wisdom, devise the remedy, and I should indeed be wanting in my duties as Grand Master were I to shrink from the task for fear that in doing so, I may find a number of Brethren who may be pleased to differ with me.

"During my frequent visits to Lodges, I have been not a little chagrined in observing how very thinly they were attended, except on very rare occasions. I have time and again visited Lodges that have one hundred members, but there has scarcely been enough present to fill the different offices.

"The meagre attendance has usually a very depressing effect upon candidates, for two reasons: Unless all the officers are present, the work is done in a very bungling manner, and fails to make the desired impression upon the candidate. For example, let the regular Senior Deacon of a Lodge be absent, and his place is filled by a Brother not in practice of the work, no matter how well posted he may be, he will hesitate and 'fish' for words during the work, until the whole harmony is destroyed. This, together with the fine array of empty benches, which meets the candidate's gaze, will in nine cases out of ten keep him away from Lodge meetings altogether, or else he will be told that "this is a mere nothing, and that he must seek among the higher degrees for the *wonders of Masonry*."

"Yes! I have investigated this matter very carefully in order to find a reason why the Blue Lodges are so much neglected, and the only answer I can find is, we have *too much Masonry*. The old members it seems would rather visit the other Masonic organizations—if they visit at all—and the young Mason has scarcely passed the threshold of the sanctum sanctorum, when he already petitions the Chapter, then the Commandery, and next the Scottish Rite Lodges, for their thirty-two degrees—all of them very excellent I have

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not the least doubt. The morbid desire of the young Mason for more mystery, and not for 'more light,' leads him ever onward until the multitude of degrees, G. and P. W., leads him to think that Masonry only consists of these Lodge ceremonies and nothing else, and it causes him to lose sight of the noble and simple teachings of the three first Degrees, and the true aim of Masonry is thereby lost to him. Standing on his lofty pinnacle the young Knight Templar, of two or three months standing, considers himself a *very high* Mason indeed, and the Blue Lodge is totally ignored, or looked upon as something only fit for the *lower* ranks of the order. Secretaries are apt to find such Brethren cross and crabbed, when they endeavor to collect dues.

"Belonging to so many organizations the payment of dues becomes burdensome to them, and if possible they contrive to get their dimit from the Blue Lodge, and I have good reasons for believing that some of the Brethren belonging to the higher organizations, are not contributing members in the Blue Lodges.

"I remember when we had no Chapter, Commandery or Scottish Rites in this city, the Lodges were always well attended, the members well posted in the rituals, and the officers, proud of their positions in the Lodge, vied with each other in the accuracy of the work. I am constrained to say, that such is not the case now. Masons occupying the highest offices in the Chapter and Commandery, can scarcely assist in the conferring of a Degree in the Blue Lodge, when called upon. All this I attribute to *too much Masonry*, and in the dim future I can see greater danger springing from this, than from all the assailants against Free Masonry.

"My Brethren of the 'higher Degrees,' I mean no disparagement to you or to your Degrees. I have the greatest reverence for your excellent teachings. We are all Brothers, belonging to one of the greatest families under the sun, and I shall ever rejoice in your prosperity. But as Grand Master of Utah, I caution you not to sap your own foundation. Your material should be selected from the matured, ripe members of the order, and not from among those who are scarcely familiar with their first A B C lessons. You destroy their Masonic usefulness by permitting them to join you too quickly. Bear in mind that Blue Lodge Masonry is the root of all; weaken it, and the Masonic structure will become top-heavy and crumble to pieces. I conjure you to attend the Blue Lodges of which you are members, and take an active part in their workings, and do not leave the whole of it to the Master, Secretary, and one or two other members."

We quote the following from the report of the Grand Secretary, recommend its careful perusal to the members of our own jurisdiction, and beg them to consider that it refers with equal force to our own Grand Treasury:

"Apparently some of our Brethren are dissatisfied with the present taxation and wish for a reduction, not thinking for a moment that a Grand Lodge of Masons ought always to have a reasonable fund on hand for charitable purposes, as well as for her own safety, in time of need. We must look to it that we add annually a small balance to the Grand Lodge Treasury, and any legislation opposed to this policy is not a wise legislation, and not a sound financial operation.

"It has been said that the Grand Lodge must reduce its expenses and retrench, but where and how shall it be done? It is true you can instruct your Grand Secretary not to write any more letters, even not to answer any, and save thereby about twenty-five dollars per annum; you need not have any printing done, another big saving, and you can be without many other things too numerous to mention, but is this your wish? Is it the desire of this Grand Lodge to stand isolated, solitary and alone? Do you like to see her in the dark north, overshadowed by a cloud of mist, while her sisters on this continent form so bright and shining a constellation? Ha! What a mistake that would be in these latter days, where every firm, every corporation, every church and every State, writes, prints and reads, to be enabled to keep pace with the spirit of the age. Retrenchment in the right time and place is an excellent virtue, but its practice in this case would be equal to retrogression.

"It is well known that the undersigned opposed the formation and organization of the Grand Lodge of Utah, and he did so mainly on the ground of the costs and expenses, that naturally had to follow such an undertaking. He was out-voted by a large majority, and told that 'money was no object.' Well it is an old saying, 'he who dances must pay for the fiddler.'

"Let us see how others do; we perhaps can learn by it. The following table shows the revenues, expenses, etc., of our Sister Grand Lodges on the Pacific slope, whence our members can convince themselves that they have no reason to complain:

	Organized.	Lodges.	Members.	Dispensation	Charter.	Degree.	Affiliation.	Dues.	Receipts.	Expenses.
Brit. Columbia	Dec. 1871.	8	282	\$ 30	\$50	\$1	\$1	\$4 50	\$1,281 20	\$ 898 04
California.....	April 1850.	192	10,725	75	50	1	...	1 50	16,842 18	13,375 91
Idaho.....	Dec. 1867.	8	276	75	25	1	1	5 50	1,460 52	1,442 40
Montana.....	Jan. 1866.	19	667	50	50	...	...	3 00	2,450 22	2,473 00
Nevada.....	Jan. 1865.	17	1,243	100	75	1	...	2 00	3,551 44	3,046 33
Oregon.....	Aug. 1851.	44	1,918	75	25	1	1	1 50	6,962 12	6,552 42
Washington....	Dec. 1858.	16	608	50	25	1	1	1 00	1,781 30	1,173 00

He closes his report with a strong appeal to the Brethren on behalf of their Library, in which he has, during the year, taken a great interest. We make our extract:

"There is a responsibility resting upon us to look after the happiness and welfare of our Brethren that ought be acknowledged. Men need, and should have incentives given them to study and improve their minds and not to be left to seek in grog-shops and even worse places for pastime and amusement which their natures crave. It is our bounden duty to provide our members with agreeable and instructive evening occupation and amusement, and for that reason we must go ahead with our Library. Its shelves must not only be filled with Masonic works, but with others also, so that each one can find some reading matter suiting his own taste and desire."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of this same indefatigable Grand Secretary, presenting a review (in his own peculiar racy style) of the Proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges—ours for 1873 and 1874, receiving due notice. A very pressing invitation is tendered to Bro. Smithers, should he ever take a trip across the continent, to call upon Bro. Diehl, who promises to show him the *sights* of their beautiful city and valley. No doubt some of them would be very interesting, viewed through the artistic eye of Brother S.

M. W. Bro. Chas. W. Bennett, elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, re-elected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT—1874.

The Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, in Annual Communication in the City of Burlington, commencing 10th June, 1864, are principally local in their character.

The Address of Grand Master Davis covers 13 pages, and is a well arranged and systematic record of his stewardship. He opens with a very feeling tribute to the memory of Bro. William Bridges, who was called hence at the advanced age of 89 years. Like our late Grand Master Keith he evinced his interest in Masonry by attending its meetings until the infirmities of age rendered him unable to do so.

He reports the fact of his not having been called upon to grant a single dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge, and considers this a good omen, believing that regard for the growth and prosperity of Lodges already established of more importance than the local convenience of a few members. He congratulates the Brethren of Grand

Lodge upon the prosperity of the Craft in Vermont, and says it was never more harmonious and prosperous than now.

So may it long continue.

The following forcible remarks upon the evil referred to, will apply to other Jurisdictions than that of Vermont :

"I am able to speak of only two evils which have any general prevalence. The first is of a negative character but none the less an evil. It is that of indifference or inactivity,—a sort of lukewarmness towards Masonry which characterizes so many of our brethren. These profess to think well of Masonry—they speak well of it. Some of this class occasionally attend lodge meetings and pay their dues ; others do not even do this. They do not realize that Masonry is any benefit to them ; they receive no benefits to realize. They do not put themselves in position to receive any. It is only those who are willing to go out of their way and on foot to succour the needy ; or to bend the knees in supplication for a brother's welfare ; whose breast heaves with feelings of benevolence ; who are ready to stretch forth the hand in support of the falling ; and whose mouth whispers good counsel to the erring ; and whose ear is open to the cry of the distressed, that are in position to receive and realize the full benefits of Masonry.

"The other evil of which I would speak is a spirit of intolerance—a disposition not to submit to the regulations of Masonry. It arises from disappointment in not attaining some end desired, while the disappointed members chafe—sometimes rebel—because of the restraint of some requirement under which the object sought is defeated. Such lay to heart their defeat and seem to attach more importance to it than to a steady observance of salutary and necessary rules. Their feelings of disappointment over-master their judgment. This spirit is oftentimes found among the most zealous. The indifferent rarely if ever exhibit it. Indeed it results from disappointed zeal, and the more earnest the zeal the greater the disappointment. It is sometimes found when an aspirant for office has been defeated, the majority of the lodge not appreciating, according to his idea, his qualifications, for official position ; or when some brother in the exercise of his inviolable right of the ballot has black-balled a favorite candidate ; or when a trial has resulted differently from what was expected, and an accused brother who was thought guilty has been acquitted or was punished when believed to be innocent, or when a favorite scheme of any kind has been frustrated. In such instances a spirit of intolerance takes possession of the most active of the brethren and cools their zeal or turns it in the direction of doing evil. And yet the brethren most exercised by this spirit justify it upon Masonic grounds. They claim to be doing their Masonic duty. Herein lies the great danger. They think an evil has been done, and the effect of their action is to attempt its redress by doing another. A little examination will demon-

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“This spirit in whatever form it exists or from whatever cause it arises, is not in accordance with Masonic teachings. It has its origin, not in Masonry, but in the depravity of human nature. It mars but never harmonizes. It rests duty rather than performs it. No Mason ever thought of approaching a brother and in the beautiful symbolism of our ritual whisper good counsel in his ear and at the same time assert that he is not a fit officer for his place, or that he has no right to black-ball a candidate, or that he will not hold Masonic communication with him. An application of this test will settle the question, if there is any doubt about it, whether the spirit within us is a Masonic one or not.

“I have dwelt thus long upon this evil because I believe it is fraught with more danger to the craft than any other in our midst. Most of the difficulties that have been brought to my notice are traceable to this spirit. When it seizes hold of any considerable number of the members of a lodge—and there have been instances in which it has—it stifles their energies; their activity in support of the lodge is lost or turned to its disruption in destruction. In such cases its effect is disastrous. There have been instances in which lodges in the highest enjoyment of prosperity have sunk, from this cause, into inactivity, their energies become paralyzed and their growth stopped, which have lain languishing in this condition waiting for the storm to pass. But these instances are extremes. Happily they do not often occur. But it arises in a milder form from the many little disappointments that almost daily occur—from plans frustrated, desires denied, conduct rebuked, and effort defeated of success. Its influence chills into lukewarmness the zealous and quells the exertions of the active. Lodges pine from its effect and brethren lose the ennobling influence of the practice of Masonic virtues.

“The remedy for all this can be found, if sought, in Masonic teachings complete and effectual. A spirit of intolerance and a true Masonic spirit cannot both exist in the same breast at the same time. The one which gains

the mastery will drive out the other. Let us then as Masons give to the gentle subduing spirit of Masonry supremacy in our hearts that it may subdue our passions and keep us within due bounds."

The able report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Henry Clarke. He passes in review the Proceedings of 33 Grand Lodges. Ours has no place among them.

M. W. Bro. Nathan P. Bowman elected Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. Henry Clarke re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chartered Lodges 100, with a membership of 8194.

VIRGINIA—1874.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia met in Annual Communication in the City of Richmond on the 14th Dec., 1874.

M. W. Wm. H. Lambert, Grand Master ; R. W. John Dove, Grand Secretary ; 142 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master in his address says :

"Under a kind and watchful Providence, as a nation we have enjoyed peace and prosperity, as a state our future prospects are bright and cheering ; and never before in the history of our beloved Order has more perfect peace and harmony prevailed than during the past year."

and again :

"Our relations with our sister Grand Jurisdictions still continue of the most harmonious nature, and since the adjustment of the unhappy difficulties between Canada and Quebec, all germs of dissention have been removed, dark and lowering clouds dispersed, and throughout the broad expanse of the Western Continent universal peace prevails. Virginia may well feel proud of the position she assumed towards her Canadian Brethren. We think we were correct in the arguments used by our committee, and although there may have been too much discussion, and certainly too much hasty action upon the part of some Grand Bodies, still it will no doubt eventually be productive of good. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence will advise you fully of the terms of settlement, and also of the revocation of the edicts of non-intercourse with Canada which had been issued by some of the Grand Lodges of this country. We can now extend the right hand of fellowship to our sister Grand Lodge of Quebec, and cordially welcome her into the Fraternity of the Grand Lodges of America."

He reports having granted 16 dispensations for the formation of new Lodges. All the requirements of Grand Lodge having been complied with he could not see his way clear to refuse their applications, but thinks that Lodges in the Jurisdiction are multiplying too rapidly.

The District Deputy Grand Master system has worked well in Virginia, and the Grand Master recommends that in future the reports from the several Districts be published in the printed Proceedings, believing that it will produce a salutary effect upon the Lodges, and create a proper spirit of emulation on the part of District Deputy Grand Masters as to who shall best discharge his duties, which was subsequently approved by resolution of Grand Lodge and made a standing regulation.

From the reports of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and adopted by Grand Lodge, we extract the following :

"That it is inexpedient that the Grand Lodge should pay any portion of the expenses of representatives of Subordinate Lodges in travelling to, or while attending on its Annual Communications."

We quote from the General Regulations of Grand Lodge :

"(8.) 1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Virginia is earnestly desirous to promote fraternal intercourse with all corresponding Grand Lodges, and will gladly welcome, at any of its Communications, Brethren resident in other Jurisdictions who may be commissioned to represent in this Body their respective Grand Lodges.

"2. *Resolved*, That while she would not restrict the power of Grand Lodges in the appointment of representatives to selections in all cases of representatives from their own Jurisdiction, she does not deem the policy of the appointment of Brethren who come not fresh from the body of their constituency, consistent with the true theory of representation, unless those Brethren be commissioned for special purposes and a limited period; and that therefore such appointments of representatives near this Body will hereafter be regarded as extinct after the expiration of one year from date, unless official information be communicated from the Grand Body which conferred it, of a continuance of the authority of the representative.

"That the public installation of officers is improper."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. B. R. Wellford, Jr., and is an excellent review of the Proceedings of 47 Grand Lodges, ours for 1874 receiving a short notice.

M. W. Bro. Wm. B. Taliaferro, elected Grand Master: R. W. Bro. John Dove, re-elected Grand Secretary.
205 Lodges, with a membership of 8798.

WEST VIRGINIA—1874.

The Tenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the City of Wheeling, on Nov. 10, 1874; M. W. Thos. H. Logan, Grand Master; R. W. Odell S. Long, Grand Secretary; 60 of the 63 Chartered Lodges represented.

The Grand Master presented a very excellent address, abounding in fine thoughts clothed in choice language.

He deplores the evils arising from the abuse of the ballot, as shown occasionally by a determination on the part of certain discontented and mischievous members of Lodges, who, failing perhaps to get some friend admitted into the Fraternity or elected to office, immediately "obstruct the successful working of the Lodge, and destroy its harmony by rejecting all candidates, without regard to moral or other qualifications, who do not belong to their party:" expresses astonishment that any brother can so far forget his duty to the Craft as to take part in such proceedings, and points out the inevitable result,—the destruction of the Lodge in due time if these black beaners faint not.

Another serious evil is referred to:—that of the rejection of an E. A. or F. C. by the ballot on an application for advancement.

The Grand Master thinks this use of the ballot a violation of the regulations, and very justly adds:

"If there are sound reasons apart from the question of his proficiency, why a brother should not be advanced, there is a legal and more honorable way to stop him. As an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft he has rights superior to those of a profane; a right to be heard in his own defence, and it is not only dishonorable but cruel to deny him the opportunity of vindication.

"I respectfully suggest that inasmuch as occasional trouble has arisen from the abuse of the regulation referred to, requiring a ballot on each degree, the same be amended so as to provide that a majority or two-thirds vote shall determine the question of a candidate's proficiency."

We sometimes think that our neighbours create for themselves difficulties and annoyances that a little less law-making and regulations-enacting might have avoided.

Why arm the discontented and mischief-maker with such a weapon for evil?

This practice of the separate ballot for each degree and the equally injurious one called *estopping* without charge or trial, are evidently producing their natural and legitimate results. Masonry has been quietly pursuing the peaceful tenor of its way with us here away down East, for the last hundred and twenty-five years, and the only ballot or estopping process, so far as we have learned, has been the first one; nor have we ever heard that the Institution has suffered with us for the want of these Masonic clogs.

Let our material be what it ought to be—of mature age, sound judgment, and strict morals,—and then let us select for Worshipful Masters or rulers of the Craft men of good report, true and trusty, and held in high estimation among their brethren and fellows for their intelligence and high moral standing, and depend upon it the machinery will move along smoothly, with perhaps an occasional but after all a harmless interruption.

Reference is made to the dedication of the Temple at Philadelphia, at which he assisted, and which he thinks to be "the most costly and the most complete Masonic Temple in the world."

He had been present at a social gathering of the Craft, in the shape of a Masonic pic-nic, on an island in the Potomac—the scenery of which is thus described:

"From the island we looked out upon scenery which nature seems to have sketched in her most inspired moods. Scenery noted by Jefferson as indicating the claim of his native land, to the ownership of objects of interest no less striking than those beyond the seas. The majestic and the sublime, the picturesque and the beautiful were so strikingly contrasted and combined as to impress even the dullest student of nature. As the eye advanced from crest to crest of the frowning summits surrounding us and anon measured the chasm which opened between them, it was able to comprehend something of the fierce warfare which in ages gone had been waged by the proud waters fighting their way to the sea."

On occasional re-unions he says :

"While I do not approve of extraordinary Masonic assemblages, gotten up for mere display, I am convinced that occasional Reunions of the Brethren of one or more Lodges, properly conducted, can be made both pleasant and profitable ; and I would commend the example to which reference has been made to the Brethren of other Lodges, who may be troubled more or less with a tendency towards a state of stagnation."

And on Masonic character :

"In what way does my life and bearing affect my character as a Mason and the character of my Lodge? Do I contribute to its influence for good, or is my life an obstruction and my name a reproach? These considerations are more important now than ever before. As civilization increases there is an increased demand for men of energy, self-control and integrity. It seems to be more difficult now to be true and generous than in former times. Life has fiercer temptations. We have seen men with established reputations for intelligence and moral strength fall before the demon of temptation, and then be swept away from honorable position, aye, from the very horns of the altar, to disgrace and ruin.

"How many are there among us once honored and honoring, who are no longer worthy to stand in the northeast corner? In other jurisdictions, as well as in our own, the tendencies to drunkenness, profanity and kindred vices on the part of brethren are such as to excite the most anxious apprehension. Almost every Grand Master's address contains an allusion to these tendencies, coupled with an earnest appeal for reformation. In some States it has been found necessary to enforce a rigorous discipline in order to relieve the Craft from the reproach of those who regarded not either its honor or their own obligation. These painful facts admonish us that our honor and safety depend upon the careful study and faithful practice of the principles of our profession. If we fail to meet the demand for good men and true, our Institution, despite all the honors which it has gathered in the past, will go down in gloom and disgrace. On the other hand, its principles, if sincerely cherished and faithfully practiced, will make us what we ought to be, master builders in the great structure of human society."

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

Initiated during the year, 327; Raised, 281; whole number of members, 3,113; increase since last report, 150.

M. W. Robert White, Grand Master; R.W. Odell S. Long, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—1874.

The seventh Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Territory of Washington was convened at Masonic Hall, in the City of Olympia, 2nd September, 1874.

M. W. D. C. N. Rothschild, Grand Master; R. W. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary.

All the Lodges (except one) in the jurisdiction represented.

From the excellent address of the Grand Master we learn that prosperity has attended them during the year.

Dispensations granted for the formation of two new Lodges. The usual number of questions asked and answers returned, detailing much unnecessary labor upon the Grand Master. We think there should be some check put upon these constant questioners; why cannot they be compelled to read for themselves. The Grand Master says truly, that twenty-five dollars judiciously expended would procure for each Lodge all the necessary Digests and Treatises to enable an intelligent Master (and none but such, we think, should occupy the Chair) to decide upon any question that may come before him. It is neither the Grand Master's province to make laws nor construe them for another's action, or to gratify another's curiosity; but in his executive capacity to see the law obeyed.

One W. M. writes: "I am not posted in Masonic Law in Washington Territory." Grand Master says: "That Brother need not plead ignorance of Masonic Law; he ought to know that Masonic Law is the same everywhere—that the 'Landmarks' and the 'Law' are immutable."

We wonder how such men get into the Master's Chair. It must be by some system of pitch-forking.

To be well skilled in the ancient charges, rules and regulations of the Order, is one of the most essential qualifications of a candidate for the Master's Chair, at least, such has been our teaching. But after all, perhaps, we ought not to be too severe. The law-making fever has become so prevalent, now-a-days, that the Grand Master who fails to have a rider of decisions to his report, may almost be considered a nonentity. It is scarcely to be wondered at, that some of our

younger Brethren get mystified. We think if they were given more gospel and less law, the institution would be the gainer, and fewer questions would be asked.

The Grand Master reports the issuing of two commissions to Grand Representatives near Sister Grand Lodges. We quote his remarks upon the subject of Grand Representatives and are pleased to see the matter thus referred to, and hope some system may soon be adopted by which the office may become something more than a mere position of honor:

"The system of appointing Representatives to sister Grand Lodges, which is daily growing into favor and is already quite prevalent meets my hearty approval. Now it is very often a compliment to a distinguished Mason and at the same time an act of fraternal deference and recognition of the M. W. Grand Lodge, to whom the representative may be accredited. Thus far the system is a mere proffer of fraternal good will, the evidence of a disposition to cultivate nearer and more friendly relations, to multiply those ties which bind us to the craft 'wheresoever dispersed;' to assert in our sending such Representative, we are with you in spirit, and we shall welcome him whom you dedicate as your representative. But I am persuaded that this system can be rendered practically useful; that the office, now purely a mere honor, may hereafter become of infinite service in knitting sister Grand Lodges into closer communion, and in the performance of services calculated to advance the best interests of Free Masonry, to intensify its internecine or inter-state character, and carry into effect its true intention to become a language universal, connecting all kindreds, tongues and peoples."

The Grand Secretary in his carefully prepared report submits a faithful account of his stewardship. The following resolution upon mileage of Representatives to Grand Lodge was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That all subordinate Lodges be and are hereby required to pay annually before the meeting of the Grand Lodge into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, one dollar for each Master Mason's name borne on their rolls; that the amount so paid shall constitute the Representative Fund, and shall be appropriated to the payment of mileage of Representatives to the Grand Lodge, provided that only Representatives or their proxies in actual attendance, shall be paid their actual travelling expenses and no more; and if the amount of the Representative Fund is not sufficient to pay the travelling expenses of all Representatives attending the session, said fund shall be divided *pro rata* among the attending Delegates."

A man by the name of Sherman (said to be a Brother) was handled without gloves by a Committee, appointed upon a portion of the Grand Master's address referring to certain slanders in circulation regarding the relations existing between their Sister Grand Lodge of Oregon and themselves.

After commenting at some length upon the motives which induced Sherman to prostitute Masonry to the subservience of his own personal ends, they add :

"With such motives Sherman has invented this fabrication 'in the whole cloth,' without semblance of truth or color of fact therefor. We challenge the production of a single Washington Brother who has uttered a sentiment justifying the language of Sherman hereinbefore quoted. Similar statements have been made by him to most prominent Masons, high in authority in the city of Washington, which we have heard, as wilfully false and without the slightest foundation of truth.

"Our Oregon brethren know them to be false; but to the end that the fraternity, 'wheresoever dispersed' may appreciate the real condition of things, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

"*Resolved*, That there is no foundation in truth for the charge or even insinuation that there yet remains in this jurisdiction any personal feeling of unkindness, either to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon, or any of its Grand or Past Grand Officers, or to any member of the Fraternity within that State, growing out of the jurisdictional controversy between the respective Grand Lodges, which controversy was fully and definitely adjusted upon terms satisfactory to both Grand Lodges in 1871.

"*Resolved*, That as the representatives of the Subordinate Lodges and of the Craft we here declare the thorough fraternal good will of the Masons of this Territory for their brethren in Oregon.

"*Resolved*, That we denounce as an enemy of Masonry, the malicious and mischievous man, who for motives of self-interest, would attempt to keep alive the remembrance of a settled controversy, or who would falsely charge the Fraternity of this Territory with a bad Faith to their Masonic duties and their pledges of friendship, for his selfish aggrandizement."

The following resolution introduced by M. W. Brother Elwood Evans, who stated that it had already been adopted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon, was upon motion unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

"WHEREAS, The attendance upon the Centennial Celebration, to be held in Philadelphia in 1876, will be largely composed of Masons from different parts of the world, who, for the good of Masonry, should meet in a Masonic Body ;

Therefore,

"Resolved, This Grand Lodge fraternally suggests to our Sister Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, that measures be instituted whereby a re-union of Masons who shall attend the Centennial Exposition in 1876, may be had, and this Grand Lodge will co-operate with other Grand Bodies in furtherance of this object."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of copies of the Annual Proceedings of all the North American Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge having, with a view of curtailing expenses, decided to dispense with the comments of their Committee on the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, Bro. Reed (chairman) submitted in lieu thereof a Digest of Masonic Decisions with the following remarks :

"The multiplicity of 'rulings' and 'decisions' on questions of Masonic law and usage sent forth from year to year, is enormous to contemplate, enough indeed, to tire the patience, if not to stifle the mind in search of light in those principles of law which are sound in reason, just in action, and tempered in mercy. Figuratively speaking, we could imagine the great body of Masonry as *one very sick individual*, around and over whom are standing a horde of *anxious doctors*, emulous for fame, pouring out their alopathic doses without stint or measure. Surely there is virtue in a strong constitution.

"The tendency of the times is to govern too much. If consulted at all, constitutional and statutory regulations seem inadequate to satisfy the craving desire for 'new departures.' The new born idea must 'cut a figure,' and—explode.

"That our Masonic Jurisprudence needs to be rendered uniform, and some settled policy adopted and made acceptable in its application to all organized bodies under our American system, there can be no doubt. Especially is this so, with regard to Symbolic, or Ancient Craft Masonry. A Grand 'Jubilee' Conference of representatives of all the North American Grand Lodges has been suggested, the meeting to take place on the 24th June, 1876. The suggestion is an important one, not only as to the time, but as to the influence and results such an assembly would most probably secure in harmonizing opinions, and in promoting the peaceful progress and future weal of the whole fraternity."

M. W. Bro. James R. Hayden elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Thos. M. Reed re-elected Grand Secretary.

17 chartered Lodges; one Lodge U. D.; enrolled Master Masons, 681; receipts for the year, \$1134.50; appropriations, \$861.97; balance in the hands of Treasurer, \$282.11.

WISCONSIN—1874.

The thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was commenced at Masonic Hall, in the city of Milwaukee, 9th June, 1874.

M. W. R. Delos Pulford, Grand Master; R. W. George E. Hoskinson, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's Annual Address covers but three pages, and treats of purely local matters. He reports the craft in the jurisdiction healthy and prosperous.

Six dispensations have been issued for new Lodges during the year.

The Financial condition of Grand Lodge is not healthy, the receipts for the year have not been sufficient to meet current expenses. The Grand Master recommends, with a view to recuperating, retrenchment in the printing bill by omitting the list of members of Lodges, also the suspension for one year of the schools of instruction.

Referring to the Masonic Temple Fund he says :

"This fund has, from year to year, been incroached upon, and instead of increasing to a sum sufficient to produce the desired result, is nearly exhausted. We should take measures to restore the same, and carry out the original design of the early workers in this jurisdiction. I am nearly left alone and must soon lay down my gavel, and if I could but revive the old design I should feel amply compensated for the slight service I have rendered to the Craft."

From the Standing Regulations we extract the following :

"A non-affiliated Mason cannot claim any of the rights or privileges of a Lodge; but is entitled to all the rights and privileges of an individual Mason as a member of the fraternity—that is to say, he has the same claims upon an individual member as an affiliated Mason.

"The distinction which exists between a right and a prohibition must not be lost sight of. Thus, while a non-affiliated Mason cannot claim the right to visit a Lodge, yet may be permitted so to do; while a Lodge is not compelled to bury a deceased non-affiliated Mason with Masonic honors, yet it may do so; while he has no right to join in a Lodge procession or festival, yet he may be permitted so to do. He or his widow, or orphans, have the same claim for aid or counsel upon individual Masons whensoever disposed. All his Masonic obligations remain in full force and effect. While he is under no obligations

to contribute to the Lodge funds of any Lodge, still he is compelled to respond to all reasonable demands upon him by an individual Brother, and for the benefit of Masonry in general, but not for the benefit of any Lodge in particular. In fine, he has all the rights and privileges of an affiliated Mason, except those which a Lodge affords, subject to all the obligations, except those due to a Lodge.

"A Brother has the right to dimit, when clear of the books, and no charges have been made against him. Provided, however, if any member shall object to such dimit, because he has good reason to believe the brother has been guilty of unmasonic conduct, no dimit shall be granted, until a reasonable time has been given for preferring charges, which shall not extend beyond the next Stated Communication, and if no charges are then preferred, a dimit shall be granted."

M. W. J. P. C. Cottrill, elected Grand Master ; R. W. George E. Hoskinson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submit a well prepared review upon the Proceedings of forty-three Grand Lodges, we presume from the pen of Bro. Wilbur, ours for 1873 included.

He thinks our Resolution allowing Lodges to return as Missing, any member whose address is not known for three successive years rather singular, and doubts if this practice will stand the test of experience. What experience Brother? We take it as a local regulation. Bear in mind that ours is a Maritime jurisdiction, and many of our best Craftsmen earn their bread upon the great deep. Many of these leave us in good standing, never again, perhaps, to meet with a Lodge on earth. It would be, we think, harsh indeed, to return as suspended, Brethren whose connection with us has thus been severed.

CONCLUSION.

Having completed the task assigned us, we lay down our pen with the greatest possible satisfaction, not with the manner in which the duty has been discharged, but with the knowledge of the fact that our work has been accomplished.

That we have experienced great pleasure in perusing and selecting from the various interesting reports passed in review cannot be denied, but the sacrifice of time is greater than we can afford to spare

from our own pursuits, and therefore we hope never again to be called upon to discharge a similar duty.

We have refrained as much as possible from making comments, believing that our province was more to chronicle events of interest in the Masonic world, than the discussion of abstract questions; hence, we have confined ourselves principally to the selection of such matter from the doings of our sister Grand Lodges as was deemed most useful and interesting to the members of our own jurisdiction for whose special benefit we feel we were more particularly called upon to cater. Trusting that they will make every allowance for our inexperience in such work, and assuring them that we have faithfully fulfilled our promise in having done our best, we submit the result of our labor: "Valent quantum valere potest."

This branch of Masonic literature is now engaging some of the first minds in the Craft; and if we wish to keep pace and compare favourably with our sister jurisdictions, the chairman of this Committee we think ought not to be frequently changed. We notice that many of the reports (and some of the very best) emanate from the pen of the Grand Secretaries; why could we not imitate the example and assign this branch of labor to our Grand Secretary, than whom we know of no one in the jurisdiction more capable of doing justice to the various subjects open for discussion.

To our Brethren of the "corps reportorial," whose short acquaintance we have made, and from whose labor we have enjoyed so much pleasure, we say—God speed you in the noble work in which you are engaged.

Fraternally submitted.

A. H. CROWE, *Chairman.*