

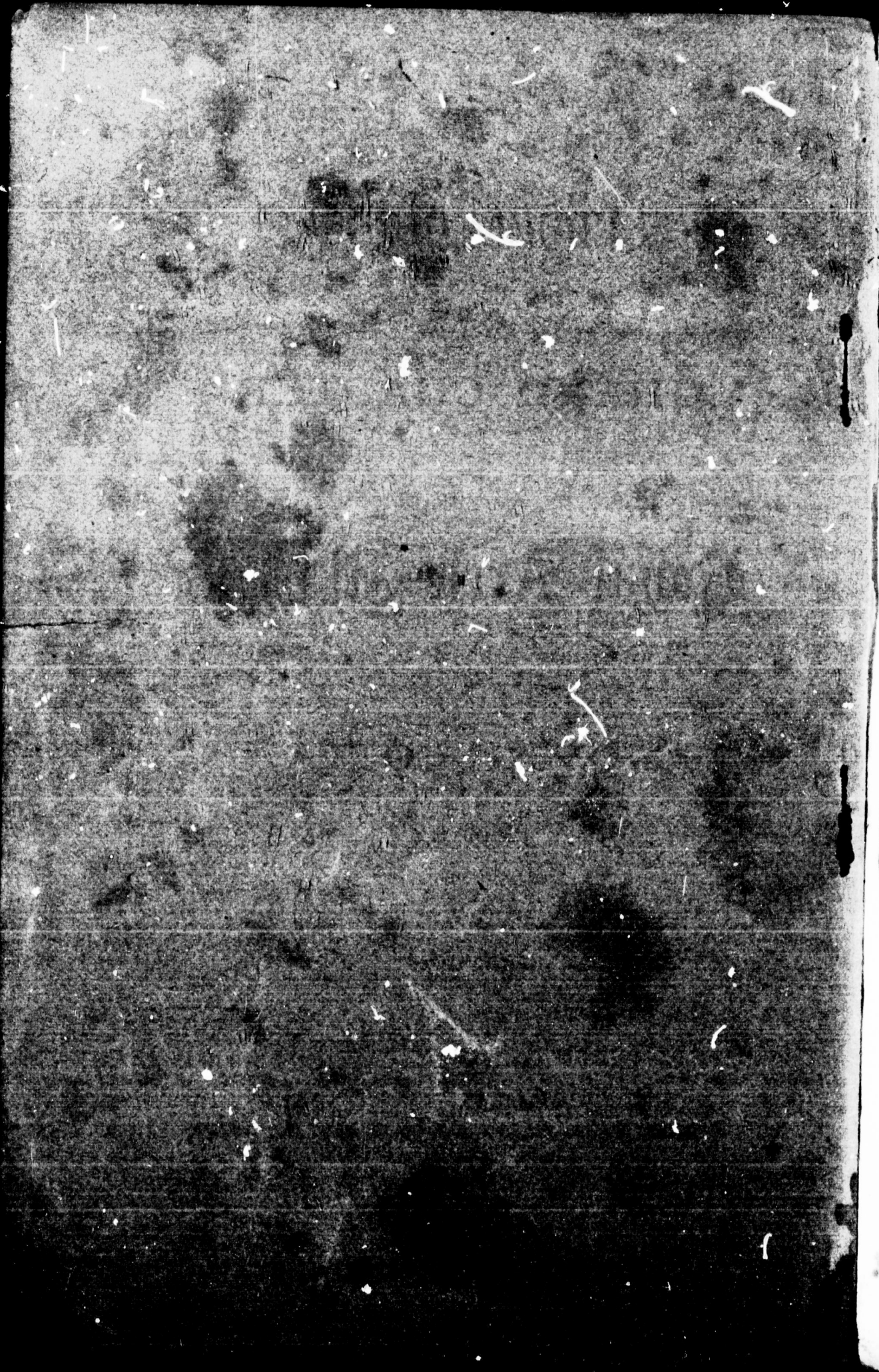
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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

FREEMASONS' HALL, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA,
Tuesday, the 5th day of June,
A. D. 1883, A. I. 2413.

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation of the MOST EXCEL-
LENT GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NOVA
SCOTIA was held this day, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Present :—

GRAND OFFICE BEARERS.

- Comp. James Gossip, *M. E., Grand High Priest.*
" Richard T. Roome, *R. E., Grand King.*
" William A. Hesson, *R. E., Grand Treasurer.*
" Geo. T. Smithers, *R. E., Grand Secretary.*
" Rev. R. Avery,
" Rev. H. D. DeBlois, } *R. E., Grand Chaplains.*
" Rev. F. R. Murray, }
" John W. Ruhland, *R. E., Grand Captain of the Host.*
" A. D. McGillvary, *R. E., Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
" B. H. Landis, *R. E., Grand Steward.*
" Samuel Porter, *V. E., Grand Organist.*
" Uriah Mulholland, *V. E., Grand Pursuivant.*
" John M. Taylor, *V. E., Grand Tyler.*

The Grand Office Bearers present assumed their respec-
tive stations, and the M. E., G. H. P. filled the vacancies by
appointment, viz. :—

- Comp. Lorenzo F. Darling as *R. E.*, *Grand Scribe.*
 " James Martin as *R. E.*, *Grand Principal Soj.*
 " Wm. Williams, as *V. E.*, *Grand Master 3rd Vail.*
 " Jas. G. Jamieson, as *V. E.*, *Grand Master 2nd Vail.*
 " " as *V. E.*, *Grand Master 1st Vail.*
 " " as *V. E.*, *Grand Standard Bearer.*

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

- M. E., Comp. B. Curren, *P. G. H. P.*
 " " Wm. A. Hesson, *P. G. H. P.*
 " " Wm. Taylor, *P. G. H. P.*
 " " L. F. Darling, *P. G. H. P.*
 R. E., Comp. Geo. T. Smithers, *P. G. K.*
 " " William Williams, *P. G. S.*
 " " James Martin, *P. G. S.*

and the GRAND REPRESENTATIVES near this Grand Chapter of the following Grand Chapters:—*Canada, District of Columbia, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Missouri, New Jersey, Nebraska, Ohio and Tennessee.*

The Grand Secretary then called the roll of Chapters, and reported to the M. E., G. H. P. that a constitutional number of Chapters were duly represented, there being representatives from eight Chapters out of eleven in the jurisdiction, viz:—

REPRESENTATION OF CHAPTERS.

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| John W. Ruhland, (<i>P. H. P.</i>) <i>H. P.</i> , | } | Royal Union, No. 1. |
| James G. Jamieson, <i>K.</i> , | | |
| George A. Sanford, <i>S.</i> , | } | St. Andrew's, No. 2. |
| Samuel Porter, <i>H. P.</i> , | | |
| James A. Adams, <i>K.</i> , | } | William Williams, <i>P. G. S.</i> , Proxy for Hiram, No. 3. |
| William Crowe, <i>S.</i> , | | |
| Rev. Richard Avery, <i>H. P.</i> , Proxy for <i>K.</i> and <i>S.</i> , Eureka,
No. 5. | | |
| G. T. Smithers, <i>P. H. P.</i> , Proxy for St. John's, No. 8. | | |

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- F. R. Murray, Proxy for Shannon, No. 9.
- A. D. McGillvary, *P. H. P.*, Proxy for *H. P., K. and S.*, Prince of Wales, No. 10.
- George T. Smithers, Proxy for Alexandra, No. 11.
- Keith, No. 4, } Not being represented.
- Rossignol, No. 6, }
- Union, No. 7, }

And the following *P. H. Priests*, viz:—Curren, Roome, Hesson, Smithers, Gossip, Martin, Ruhland, Dempster, of No. 1. W. Taylor, J. M. Taylor, L. F. Darling, Wm. Williams and W. V. Murray, of No. 2. Rev. Comp. DeBlois and Avery, of No. 5; and McGillvary, of No. 10, and R. E. Comp. G. Fraser, late of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 2.

The M. E., G. H. P., Comp. James Gossip, then opened the Fourteenth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter in AMPLE FORM, with prayer by Rev. R. Avery, Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary then presented the Report of the Committee on Credentials of the Committee of General Purposes, which was read and adopted, showing the following named Companions as being entitled to seats and votes in this Grand Convocation, viz. :—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report the following as the names of all the Companions entitled to sit and vote in this 14th Grand Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, on 5th June, 1883 :—

GRAND OFFICE-BEARERS,
1882-1883.

- James Gossip, Halifax, N. S., *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
- Richard T. Roome, Halifax, *R. E. Grand King.*
- Theo. A. Cossman, Halifax, *R. E. Grand Scribe.*
- William A. Hesson, Halifax, N. S., *P. G. H. P., R. E. Grand Treasurer.*
- George T. Smithers, Halifax, N. S., *R. E. Grand Secretary.*
- Rev. Richard Avery, Aylesford, N. S.,
- Rev. H. D. DeBlois, Annapolis, N. S.,
- Rev. David C. Moore, Stellarton, Pictou, N. S., } *R. E. Grand Chaplains.*
- Rev. F. R. Murray, Halifax, N. S., }
- John W. Ruhland, Halifax, N. S., *R. E. G. C. Host.*
- W. S. Canning, St. John's, N. F., *R. E. Grand P. S.*
- Alex. D. McGillvary, Sydney, C. B., *R. E. Grand R. A. C.*

Proceedings of the

Joseph A. Gordon, Pictou, N. S., *V. E. Grand 3rd V.*
 Adam Murray, Charlottetown, P. E. I., *V. E. Grand 2nd V.*
 Nathan Freeman, Liverpool, N. S., *V. E. Grand 1st V.*
 Benj. H. Landis, Halifax, N. S., *V. E. Grand Steward.*
 Samuel Porter, Halifax, N. S., *V. E. Grand Organist.*
 Anthony S. Sanford, Windsor, N. S., *V. E. Grand Standard Bearer.*
 Uriah Mulholland, Halifax, N. S., *Grand Pursuivant.*
 John M. Taylor, Halifax, N. S., *Grand Tyler.*

Royal Union Chapter, No. 1, Halifax.

JOHN W. RUHLAND, *P. H. P., High Priest.* JAMES G. JAMIESON, *King.*
 GEORGE A. SANFORD, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

W. S. Symonds,	G. T. Smithers, <i>P. G. K.</i>	James Dempster.
R. T. Roome, <i>G. A.</i>	James Gossip, <i>G. E. P.</i>	A. H. Woodill.
B. Curren, <i>P. G. E. P.</i>	James Martin, <i>P. G. S.</i>	W. J. A. E. Rix.
W. A. Hesson, <i>P. G. E. P.</i>	John W. Ruhland, <i>G. C. H.</i>	

St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 2, Halifax.

SAMUEL PORTER, *P. H. P., High Priest.* JAMES A. ADAMS, *King.*
 WILLIAM CROWE, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

William Taylor, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	David Pottinger,	Wm. Williams, <i>P. G. S.</i>
J. M. Taylor, <i>G. Tyler.</i>	W. F. Chase,	J. R. Foster,
C. J. McDonald, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	T. A. Cossman, <i>G. S.</i>	M. T. Foster,
J. K. Munnis,	L. F. Darling, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Wm. V. Murray.

Hiram Chapter, No. 3, Windsor.

EDGAR D. SEAND, *High Priest.* JAMES POYNTZ, *King.*
 JOHN CARMICHAEL, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

W. W. Rickards,	John R. Cowen,
H. W. Dimock,	Aubrey Blanchard,
	Anthony S. Sandford.

Keith Chapter, No. 4, Truro.

(No return.)

Eureka Chapter, No. 5, Annapolis.

REV. R. AVERY, *P.H.P., High Priest.* SIMEON D. TOBIAS, *P.H.P., King*
 THOMAS REES HARRIS, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS:

Rev. H. D. DeBlois,	Robert L. Hardwick,
Fraser W. Dakin,	Simeon D. Tobias,
Augustus Robinson, <i>M. D.,</i>	Rev. Richard Avery.

Rossignol Chapter, No. 6, Liverpool.

(No return.)

Union Chapter, No. 7, Yarmouth.

(No return.)

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St. John's Chapter, No. 8, Pictou.

THOMAS TANNER, *High Priest.* ALEX. H. MCKAY, *King.*
GEORGE D. IVES, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

James D. Fraser, Thomas V. Cooke,
William Campbell, John R. Davies,
Joseph A. Gordon.

Shannon Chapter, No. 9, St. John's, N. F.

JAS. L. DUCHEMIN, *P. H. P., High Priest.* GEO. ADOL. HUTCHING, *King.*
HENRY COOKE, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Moses Monroe, Charles Speare Pinsent,
James Stevenson Hayward, William Stratford Canning,
James Lewis Duchemin.

Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 10, Sydney, C. B.

LEWIS E. TREMAINE, *High Priest.* E. S. STERLING, *King.*
JAMES MCKENZIE, *Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

Charles Crewe-Read, J. Howard Beatty,
Murray Dodd, A. D. McGilvary.

Alexandra Chapter, No. 11, Charlottetown.

GEO. W. WAKEFORD, *P. H. P., High Priest.* CHARLES J. CLARKE, *King.*
J. H. READ, *D. D., Scribe.*

PAST HIGH PRIESTS :

J. S. Carvell, H. P. Stramberg,
A. N. Large, Robert Young,
Adam Murray, Simon W. Crabbe,
Don. McKinnon, David Small,
George W. Wakeford.

Also, the following Past Grand Office-bearers :—

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS :

M. E. Stephen R. Sircorn, M. E. William Taylor,
" C. J. McDonald, " Lorenzo F. Darling,
" Benjamin Curren, " James Gossip,
" William A. Hesson.

PAST GRAND KINGS :

R. E. Fraser W. Dakin, R. E. George T. Smithers,
" James Poyntz, " Rev. R. Avery,
" Thomas V. Cooke, " C. Crewe-Read.

PAST GRAND SCRIBES :

R. E. William Williams, R. E. Augustus Robinson,
" James Martin, " Sanford H. Pelton,
" R. L. Hardwick, " John B. Cowen.

Representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia:—

Arkansas.....	T. A. Cossman.
Canada.....	L. F. Darling.
Dis. Columbia, } Illinois, } New Jersey, }	James Gossip.
Maryland.....	
New York.....	
Iowa.....	Charles J. McDonald
Maine.....	W. A. Hesson.
Missouri.....	Benj. Curren.
Nebraska.....	Geo. T. Smithers.
Nevada.....	William Taylor.
Ohio.....	Thomas V. Cooke.
Pennsylvania.....	William Williams.
Quebec.....	F. W. Dakin.
Scotland.....	James Poyntz.
Tennessee.....	S. R. Sircom.
Louisiana.....	George Fraser.
North Carolina.....	J. R. Cowen.
	C. Crewe-Read.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
Grand Secretary,
for Credential Committee.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 4th, 1883.

The Grand Secretary reported that all the Chapters in the jurisdiction, with the exception of

Keith, No. 4, Truro;
Rossignol, No. 6, Liverpool; and
Union, No. 7, Yarmouth,

had sent in their returns this year, and that the following Chapters were not represented at this Convocation:—

Keith, No. 4, Truro;
Rossignol, No. 6, Liverpool; and
Union, No. 7, Yarmouth.

Before proceeding to the business of the Convocation, the Grand Secretary read "The Regulations for the Government of Grand Chapter," as prescribed by the Constitution.

On motion of R. E., Companion John W. Ruhland, seconded by E., Companion William Crowe, it was resolved, "That the reading of the proceedings of the Thirteenth Convoca-

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tion be dispensed with, as the same had been published and distributed as usual."

It was resolved, on motion of M. E., Companion B. Curren, P. G. H. P., seconded by R. E., Companion L. F. Darling, P. G. H. P., "That all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be invited to seats during this Annual Convocation."

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address as follows:—

COMPANIONS,—

For the second time in my official capacity as your M. E. Grand High Priest, have I the pleasure to welcome you to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, being its fourteenth anniversary.

With the information possessed, I do not feel that I can consistently congratulate the Grand Chapter on any very marked progress during the year on the part of the Subordinate Chapters, some of which have sadly neglected the duty they owe to themselves and Grand Chapter.

Union Chapter, No. 7, Yarmouth, N. S., notwithstanding the most extensive license allowed, and pecuniary outlay in its behalf, has for years past persistently done nothing either towards keeping up its own reputation or that of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, and has paid no fees or dues. Keith Chapter, No. 4, Truro, has likewise been very delinquent in its duty to themselves and their Supreme Authority; but a redeeming clause could be inserted in reference to Keith Chapter, that it has, except for two years past, kept its financial account with Grand Chapter correct. Both these Chapters are amenable to Clause 28 of the Constitution, which reads as follows:—

28.—Every Chapter shall be subject to erasure and forfeiture of its Charter of Constitution in either of the following cases:—

Omitting to hold a Convocation of the Chapter for the space of two years.

Neglecting to make any returns required by the foregoing laws.

Neglecting to register annually the names of all Companions exalted, and of those who have joined the Chapter.

But no Chapter shall be erased under any circumstances until the High Priest, King, and Scribe thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary to the Grand Chapter.

This matter of these Chapters I leave entirely in the hands of Grand Chapter, to legislate as they think best for the general interest.

Rossignol Chapter, No. 6, has for some years labored under

very much greater disadvantage than either of the before-mentioned Chapters, but there is an *expressed* inclination and willingness on the part of that body to still maintain an honorable position in the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia.

Eureka Chapter, No. 5, Annapolis, I am sorry to say, is not in as healthy a condition as could be wished, but to the credit of that body, be it said, they have never failed in forwarding their annual returns with accompanying legitimate dues, and have also on several occasions, in the days of their prosperity, magnanimously donated sums of money to the relief of the pecuniary liabilities of this Grand Chapter. These are facts which are borne out by reference to the statistics of this Grand Chapter, as published in the Proceedings for past years. The weak condition of this Chapter is due entirely from the fact that a quorum can rarely be had, there not being sufficient Companions within easy distance of the seat of the Chapter to secure the constitutional number required to meet. I understand the Companions of "Eureka" are not willing that their Warrant should lapse, but still think that they will be enabled to recover themselves.

From information received, the Chapter appears to have on its books several candidates for the Capitular degrees, but from the unfortunate lack of numbers to form a quorum they are unable to perform the work. As there will be representatives from "Eureka" present to-day, we will no doubt hear more of the actual condition of matters, and what probabilities there are of a remedy. Grand Chapter will be only too glad to assist in any way any Chapters who are willing to assist themselves.

My own business engagements have prevented me from personally visiting the several Chapters outside of the city, but I have officially authorized certain Companions to attend to that duty in my behalf, and forward to me a correct statement of the condition of their several Chapters, financially and otherwise. The Grand Secretary will present the reports of these several Companions for your consideration.

On the 15 May, 1883, I made an official visit to St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 2. This Body, which has just completed its fiftieth year of existence, preserves its good character amongst the R. A. Craft. Its Records during the past year do not show quite as lively a state of matters as on my previous visitation, but there is plenty of energy in its members, and the recent selection of officers augurs well for the maintenance of the stability of the Chapter.

There is a matter which I observed on examining the minutes of this Chapter which I consider it my duty to draw attention to. It appears that in the year 1864, a Brother Laurence is said to have received the capitular degrees in St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 55, then under the Registry of Scotland. This was six years

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previous to the formation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. He shortly afterwards left the city, and nothing was heard or known of his whereabouts until a few months ago, when he turned up in this city, and made an application to the Chapter for Affiliation.

The Committee appointed to investigate the application, reported that they considered there was no need of applying for Affiliation; that Companion Laurence had never severed his membership. They reported him as still a member, and recommended a compromise of his dues to \$6.00, which was adopted.

It was reported to me that the Records of the Chapter for the year in which this Companion received his degrees were destroyed by fire, but the fact of his exaltation is well authenticated by M. E. Companion Past G. H. P., C. J. McDonald, who was, I understand, the 1st Principal at the time, and P. G. H. P. William Taylor, who was a witness of the fact.

Now what do we find. This Companion has, as far as can be ascertained, never paid one cent toward the Institution for the past seventeen years; he has never, since his leaving the city, communicated to his Chapter his whereabouts, nor expressed himself as a member in any manner whatever; he has not a document of any kind to show his membership.

The name of this Companion, also, appears nowhere on the books of the Chapter, now 13 years in existence, since the formation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. Again, if this Companion received his degrees as stated, in 1864, it was under Foreign Authority, (St. Andrew's Chapter being at that time under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Scotland) and from the fact of his name never having been returned by the Chapter at the time of the formation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and for subsequent years to the present time, either as missing or otherwise, it is evident the Chapter knew nothing of him as a member, and did not recognize him as such.

I took exception to the action of the Chapter in this matter, and think it would not be amiss if Grand Chapter would ventilate the question as to the standing of a Companion under such circumstances, so that no dangerous precedent may be established. My opinion is, we should not open the door to the indiscriminate acceptance of individuals, almost perfect strangers, who for years deliberately neglect their duty to their Lodge or Chapter, and in whose behalf membership may be claimed on technical grounds; but we should look seriously to the effect that such indiscriminate membership would have on the well-being of our institution.

During the year I sanctioned an alteration in the by-laws of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 2, abolishing the fee for Companions of any Chapter in this jurisdiction desiring to affiliate therewith.

On 17th June I granted to the Officers and Members of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 2, permission to wear regalia at an entertainment to be given for the purpose of celebrating the Jubilee or Fiftieth Anniversary of that Chapter.

On May 18, 1883, I officially visited Royal Union Chapter, No. 1, Halifax, and was gratified at the satisfactory condition of that Body. The past year had been a very successful one financially and otherwise. The retiring High Priest, Companion Jas. Martin was, on this occasion, the worthy recipient of a testimonial of the regard of the Companions for his lengthy and valued services to the Chapter.

On the examination of the Minutes of Royal Union Chapter, No. 1, I found recorded that application was made for Dimits by several Companions who expected to immediately leave the Province; the dimits were regularly granted by the Chapter; subsequently the Companions applied to have their dimits cancelled as they did not intend leaving for some time. The Chapter decided that the application be granted and the dimits cancelled. I decided that the granting the dimits by the Chapter deprived the Companions of membership, and an application for affiliation would be the only constitutional course.

I observed, also, on the Minutes of Royal Union Chapter that during the past year they had been visited by a very eminent Masonic writer from the United States, Companion Luke A. Lockwood, who, on the occasion, gave the Chapter an elaborate dissertation on Royal Arch Masonry. He urged that there was something more than the mere performance of the Ritual required, meaning that we paid too much attention to the mechanical part of the work and too little to the great principles its symbolism was calculated to teach. Would that we could very frequently have visits from such eminent members of the craft to enlighten us as to our duties.

On the same occasion the Chapter was honored by the presence of our respected M. E. Comp., P. G. H. P., S. R. Sircom, who was paying a short visit to the city, who also regaled the Chapter with his usual good advice.

The Minutes of the Committee of General Purposes, which will be presented, will, no doubt, contain some valuable suggestions for the consideration of Grand Chapter.

I would call attention to the immediate necessity of a thorough revision of the Constitution and republication of the same, as the supply has almost entirely run out, and there have been a great many additions and alterations made from time to time, which, in all probability many of us have forgotten.

You will all regret with me the absence from amongst us to-day of that genial and beloved veteran Companion Col. Poyntz, whom we have been in the habit of seeing at our Annual Convo-

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cations uninterruptedly for the past thirteen years, and who, I am informed, is in a very weak state of health. I am sure that the heartfelt sympathy of this Body is with him in his affliction, and a fervent desire for his restoration to health animates us all.

I received a communication from M. E. Comp. H. L. Robinson, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, resigning his appointment as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, near that of Quebec, and recommending the appointment of M. E. Comp. John P. Noyes, of Waterloo, Quebec, in his stead. I have accordingly cancelled Companion Robinson's commission as requested and made the appointment suggested.

As it appears, from the state of the finances of the Grand Chapter, quite impossible that the Report on Foreign Correspondence can be continued unless the funds are provided for its publication. I would make a suggestion, that in order that the said Report may not be omitted this year, each Chapter agree to take a certain number of copies of the Proceedings and pay for the same.

And now, Companions, in conclusion, let me hope that the deliberations of Grand Chapter to-day will be conducted in that spirit of fraternity and brotherly love which should ever characterize Masons of every degree, and that whatever legislation takes place may be conducive to the well-being and best interests of our Institution.

JAMES GOSSIP,
Grand High Priest.

Halifax, N. S., June 5, A.D. 1883, A.I. 2413.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS.

A Committee was then appointed, consisting

R. E., Comp. Rev. H. D. DeBlois,

" " Rev. F. R. Murray,

" " John W. Ruhland,

to whom was referred the Address of the M. E., G. H. P. with directions to make a report thereon during this Convocation of Grand Chapter.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Grand Secretary presented various communications and letters from the Secretaries' of Chapters in reference to Returns. The several proxy papers to Representatives, and also a letter from Past Grand Scribe, R. E., Comp. Augustus

Robinson, stating his inability to attend this Convocation, which were severally read and ordered to be placed on file.

The Report of the Committee of General Purposes, together with the Accounts and Report of the Grand Secretary, and the Accounts of the Grand Treasurer included therewith, were then presented and ordered to remain over for future consideration during the afternoon Session.

The Reports of the several Companions deputed by the M. E., G. H. P. to make Official Visitations of the several Chapters in his behalf, viz:—

R. E., Comp. Augustus Robinson, P. G. K., to No. 5,

“ “ S. H. Pelton, P. G. S., to No. 7,

“ “ J. A. Gordon, P. H. P., to No. 8,

“ “ M. Monroe, Rep. G. H. P., Nfld., to No. 9.

“ “ C. Crewe-Read, P. G. K., to No. 10.

“ “ Adam Murray, P. H. P., to No. 11,

were then presented and read by the Grand Secretary as follows:

REPORTS ON VISITATIONS.

OFFICIAL VISITATION OF EUREKA CHAPTER, NO. 5, ANNAPOLIS.

ANNAPOLIS, JUNE 2nd, 1883.

Most Excellent Sir and Companion,—

I beg leave to report that in accordance with your instructions, I notified the Secretary of Eureka Chapter, No. 5, of my intention to visit the Chapter at an early day, leaving date for convenience of Companions. I was informed that Chapter had been notified for May 30th, but I regret to say that a sufficient number did not present themselves on that evening to open.

I find there are now only seven R. A. Masons residing within a short distance of Annapolis, but the Secretary informs me two brethren have been ballotted for, and four others have presented their names, but owing to circumstances with which Grand Chapter has already been made acquainted, a sufficient number of members have not been enabled to meet to exalt them.

From the books I gather the following facts.

No Convocations for more than two years.

No. of members—15.

Cash in hand \$30,00.

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whom I have conversed, seem anxious to get to work again, and express themselves as confident that if the brethren who have already applied to the Secretary, have their degrees conferred, then will there be a quorum, and No. 5 once more placed on a satisfactory footing.

Fraternally submitted,

AUGUSTUS ROBINSON,
P. H. P.

OFFICIAL VISITATION OF UNION CHAPTER, NO. 7, YARMOUTH, N.S.

YARMOUTH, N. S., JUNE 2ND, 1883.

*To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Royal Arch
Masons of Nova Scotia:*

DEAR SIR, AND R. E. COMPANIONS,—

In accordance with instructions contained in your warrant to me under seal of Grand Chapter, dated May 2nd, A. D., 1883, I notified the High Priest and Secretary, of Union Chapter Yarmouth, that under the authority conferred on me, I would on your behalf make the Annual Visitation to that Chapter, and requested them to call a meeting of the Chapter for that purpose.—After several interviews with the High Priest and Secretary, a meeting of the Chapter for Friday Evening, June 1st, A. D., 1883, was priorly decided upon, and the Secretary instructed to issue his notices accordingly—and I also personally called upon a number of the Companions, and requested their attendance at the meeting—and obtained from more than a sufficient number to open the Chapter, a promise to attend the meeting.

On the evening appointed I attended at the Chapter Room, Keith Hall, and waited for an hour, but as no Companions were present except the High Priest, and two other Companions, (the Secretary being absent) Chapter could not be opened, and the Annual Visitation has not yet been made, nor the officers elected for the ensuing year—I have since ascertained that the Secretary neglected to give the notes as he was requested to do, and that a number of the Companions who would otherwise have attended, supposed from the want of notices that the meeting would not be held, and in consequence did not attend—all the Companions of Union Chapter express a desire to get the Chapter into good working order again, and promise me to attend the next meeting that may be called for that purpose—and if the authority given me could be extended for a month or so, I think I could revive the Chapter—and as the material of which it is composed is good, if they can only be induced again to take an interest, there is no reason why there should not be a flourishing

Chapter here. I believe there are funds enough on hand to pay the dues to Grand Chapter, and I would recommend that Union Chapter be allowed upon payment of such dues, an extension of time in which to elect officers and to resume active work. In my opinion the total collapse of the Chapter now, would be a loss to Royal Arch Masonry in this section of the Province.

I am Sir and Companion,
Yours fraternally,

SANDFORD H. PELTON,
P. H. P. Union Chapter.

JAMES GOSSIP, Esq.,
M. E. G. H. P.

OFFICIAL VISITATION OF ST. JOHN CHAPTER, NO. 8, PICTOU, N.S.

PICTOU, N. S. 31st MAY, 1883.

To the M. E. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia:

M. E. COMPANION,—

I have the honour to state for your information, that in accordance with your instructions and authority, I officially visited St. John's Chapter No. 8, R. N. S., on the evening of the 26th inst. As your representative, I met with a very cordial reception.

Four Convocations have been held during the year, namely: 2 Regular, 1 Emergent and 1 Informal, on the evenings for the other two Regular Convocations there was not a sufficient number of Companions present to open. There have been no exaltations during the year. One Companion received his dimit leaving, (32) thirty-two members now on the roll. I examined the minutes and records, and found them kept in a manner reflecting great credit on the Secretary.

On the evening of my visitation the officers for the ensuing year were elected, and at the request of the M. E. H. P., J. R. Davies, I duly installed them.

St. John's Chapter has not been prospering as well as the Companions would wish, but circumstances over which, to a great extent, they had no control, have been against them. They have however good hopes for the future, and I sincerely trust that the next report to Grand Chapter, will find St. John's, No. 8, in a more prosperous condition.

I have the honour to be,

M. E. Companion,

Yours fraternally,

J. A. GORDON,

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OFFICIAL VISITATION OF SHANNON CHAPTER, NO. 9, ST. JOHN'S,
NEWFOUNDLAND.

SAINT JOHN'S, MAY 15TH, 1883.

M. E. Grand High Priest :

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your commands to visit in your name, and examine by your authority the condition and standing of Shannon Chapter, No. 9, under your jurisdiction.

I took the earliest opportunity of obeying your commands, and visited Shannon Chapter on Friday evening 11th Inst., when I installed the M. E. High Priest and officers for the insuing year.

I am pleased to report that the Chapter is in excellent working condition. Ritual is, considering our isolated position very creditably rendered. The Companions are enthusiastic and anxious to keep up the credit of the Chapter.

The number of Companions on the Roll at present is 69, in in good standing. One of our number who had not advanced however beyond the Mark Degree, died during the year. The finances of Chapter are in good and healthy condition. The books and other matters in connection are carefully attended to, and on the whole, I am pleased to be able to say that Shannon Chapter, No. 9, may be said to be alive and well.

Companion Duchemin has been re-elected M. E. High Priest. I have the honor to be, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Yours fraternally,

M. MONROE,
Grand Rep. G. H. P.

OFFICIAL VISITATION OF PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, NO. 10,
SYDNEY, C. B.

SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON,
31st May, 1883.

To R. E. Companion George T. Smithers, Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, Halifax.

R. E. COMPANION,—

I have the honour to report for the information of the M. E. Grand High Priest, that I visited Prince of Wales, Chapter No. 10, on the 9th instant, in obedience to the instructions contained in the warrant of the 2nd instant.

I have much pleasure in reporting that the affairs of this Chapter are in a satisfactory, and prosperous condition. I examined the records, and found them correctly kept. During the year four

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regular, and five emergent Convocations have been held. Five (5) candidates have been exalted, one (1) demitted; number of members sixty-nine (69); average number of members attending meetings, fifteen (15). I regret to report that the dues have not been well paid up, and I have strongly urged the present High Priest to cause the collection of arrears; and this I am convinced, from the excellent material of which this Chapter is composed, can easily be effected. I installed the officers, and beg to report that I consider them well qualified to perform the duties to which they have been appointed.

Fraternally submitted,
C. CREWE-READ,
P. H. P.

OFFICIAL VISITATION OF ALEXANDRA CHAPTER, NO. 11, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. ISLAND,
15th May. 1883.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia:

COMPANION,—

In accordance with your request as contained in a commission issued by you, I had the pleasure of visiting Alexandra Royal Arch Chapter of this city, on the 9th instant, as your representative.

By their records I find that they held seven Convocations during the past year, with a very fair attendance.

At the time of my visit the Past Masters degree was conferred, and from the outlook, I am of opinion that considerable work will be done during the present year.

I remain M. E. Companion,
Yours truly, and fraternally,

ADAM MURRAY.

After reading the above Reports the same were severally received and adopted, and ordered to be published in the proceedings with the thanks of the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter to the several R. E. Companions who had so faithfully performed the duties assigned to them.

TIME FOR ELECTIONS.

It was arranged that the hour for Election of Officers be half-past 4 o'clock, p. m.

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CALLED FROM LABOR.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshments, to resume again at half-past three o'clock, p. m., this day.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
Grand Secretary.

JAMES GOSSIP,
G. H. P.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

IN FREEMASON'S HALL, HALIFAX,
June 5th, A.D. 1883, A.I. 2413.
Half-past three o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment, and resumed labor at the hour named above.

PRESENT—

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| <i>The M. E., Grand High Priest,</i> | Comp. James Gossip. |
| <i>The R. E., Grand King,</i> | " Rich'd T. Roome. |
| <i>The R. E., Grand Scribe, p. t.,</i> | " William Taylor. |
| <i>The R. E., Grand Treasurer,</i> | " W. A. Hesson. |
| <i>The R. E., Grand Secretary,</i> | " Geo. T. Smithers. |
| <i>The R. E., Grand Chaplains,</i> | " Rev. R. Avery. |
| | " Rev. H. D. DeBlois. |
| | " Rev. F. R. Murray. |
| <i>The Grand Captain of Host,</i> | " John W. Ruhland. |
| <i>The Grand Principal Soj., p. t.,</i> | " James Martin. |
| <i>The Grand P. A. Captain,</i> | " A. D. McGillvary. |
| <i>The Grand Master 3rd Vail, p. t.,</i> | " Jas. G. Jamieson. |
| <i>The Grand Master 2nd Vail, p. t.,</i> | " Wm. Williams. |
| <i>The Grand Master 1st Vail,</i> | " Jas. Dempster. |
| <i>The Grand Steward,</i> | " B. H. Landis. |
| <i>The Grand Standard Bearer, p. t.,</i> | " Wm. Crowe. |

Proceedings of the

The Grand Pursuivant, Comp. U. Mulholland.
The Grand Tyler, John M. Taylor.
and Past Grand High Priests, { B. Curren,
 Wm. Taylor,
 Wm. A. Hesson,
 L. F. Darling.
Past Grand King, Geo. T. Smithers.
Past Grand Scribes, { William Williams,
 James Martin.

The Grand Representatives, as before.

The following Chapters being now represented.

Royal Union, No. 1, Halifax, by Comps. John W. Ruhland,

H. P., James G. Jamieson, *K.*, Geo. A. Sanford, *S.*

St. Andrew's No. 2, Halifax, by Comps. Samuel Porter, *H. P.*,

James A. Adams, *K.*, and Wm. Crowe, *S.*

Hiram, No. 3, Windsor, by William Williams, Proxy for
 Chapter.

Eureka, No. 5, Annapolis, by Comp. Rev. R. Avery, Proxy
 for Chapter.

St. John's, No. 8, Pictou, by Comp. Geo. T. Smithers, Proxy
 for Chapter.

Shannon, No. 9, St. John's, N. F., by Comp. Rev. Fred R.
 Murray, Proxy for Chapter.

Prince of Wales, No. 10, Sydney, C. B., by Comp. A. D. Mc-
 Gillvary, M. D., *P. H. P.*, Proxy for *H. P. K.*
 and *S.*

And the following Past High Priests B. Curren, R. T.
 Roome, W. A. Hesson, Geo. T. Smithers, John
 W. Ruhland, James Gossip, James Martin,
 James Dempster, Comps. S. Trott and C. J.
 Spike, of Royal Union, No. 1; Past High
 Priests Wm. Taylor, John M. Taylor, Wm.
 Williams, L. F. Darling, W. V. Murray, Geo.
 Fraser, Comps. R. B. Wilch, B. Lawson and
 J. Halliday, of St. Andrew's No. 2; Past High
 Priests Rev. R. Avery and Rev. H. D. DeBlois,
 of Eureka, No. 5; and Companion Robert
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The Grand Secretary then formally introduced, as taking their seats for the first time in Grand Chapter, Companions James G. Jamieson, K., and Geo. A. Sanford, S., of Royal Union Chapter, No. 1; and James A. Adams, K., and Wm. Crowe, S., of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 2, Halifax.

The Minutes of the Committee of General Purposes was then taken up and read as follows:—

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES.

Freemason's Hall, Halifax, N. S.

20th June, 1882.

Meeting of Committee on General Purposes, held this evening:—

PRESENT.—R. E. Companion Williams.

“ “ Darling.

“ “ Ruhland.

“ “ Taylor.

“ “ Roome, G. K., } Ex-

“ “ Smithers, G. Sec., } Officio.

Meeting was convened by the Grand Secretary, who announced the names of Companions elected at the Annual Convocation, June 6th, 1882, viz. :—

M. E. Companion L. F. Darling, P. H. P.

“ “ William Williams, P. H. P.

“ “ Wm. Taylor, P. H. P.

“ “ John W. Ruhland, P. H. P.

“ “ James Dempster, P. H. P.

“ “ Sam'l Porter, K.

“ “ R. T. Roome, G. K.

“ “ T. A. Cossman, G. S.

“ “ G. T. Smithers, G. Sec. } Ex-Officio.

The first business was the election of Chairman, when, on motion, R. E. Comp. Williams, was unanimously re-elected to the office he had filled so well for several years past.

The Grand Secretary was ordered to attend to the usual

routine business during recess of Grand Chapter; and the payment of all outstanding accounts be authorized if found correct, and that No. 1 and No. 2 Chapters, to whom the Grand Chapter is indebted for loans, be requested to present their accounts for interest yearly, and not allow the same to accumulate, as the charge became onerous when the amount was allowed to accrue and to be payable out of our finances, in two years equaling payment of 11 year's interest between the two Chapters. The Grand Secretary was ordered to write to delinquent Chapters who had not made returns and dues up to the last Annual Convocation to do so. No further business appearing the Committee adjourned to meet on call of Chairman.

GEO. T. SMITHERS, *Secy.*

Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, Sept. 15, 1882.

A meeting was called of the Committee of General Purposes:

PRESENT.—Comp. Williams, Chairman.

“ Ruhland.

“ Smithers, Sec'y. ex-officio.

As the quorum of the Committee, as stated in Constitution, is three, and the Grand Secretary is only *ex-officio* member, and as nothing called for special attention, the Committee did not proceed to business.

GEO. T. SMITHERS, *Sec.*

Freemasons' Hall, Halifax,
June 1, A.D. 1883, A.I. 2413.

The Committee on General Purposes of Grand Chapter met at 8 p. m.:

PRESENT.—R. E. Comp. Williams, *Chairman.*

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"	"	Smithers, G. Sec.	

Previous minutes read and confirmed.

The Grand Secretary stated that very little business had presented itself for the consideration of the Committee during the year. That he had a great deal of correspondence with the Chapters, urging attention to their duties in cases where laxity of practice prevailed, and pressing particularly for the sending in of returns, and the necessity of being represented in Grand Chapter at the ensuing Convocation. The Grand High Priest had arranged, either by himself or his appointed authority, to visit every Chapter in our jurisdiction, and had personally visited the two City Chapters No. 1 and No. 2 of the remaining 9. Reports would be had from 5 visiting officers, as would appear in due course in Grand Chapter; from the returns sent in and *in transit* it was expected that 8 Chapters, at least, would be represented and meet the constitutional requirements as regards payments of dues and fees to date. From the other 3 Chapters no returns or answers were as yet received. As regards Keith Chapter, No. 4, no satisfaction could be obtained, or in fact was the courtesy of an answer to communications attended to, or only in a dilatory manner; no returns had been made for over two years by this Chapter, as referred to in last year's proceedings.

Union, No. 7, Yarmouth, appeared to be still in an apathetic condition, and by letters from the Secretary the future prospect did not appear to be encouraging. Comp. Pelton has been authorized to visit and report on this Chapter, and his report will be at Grand Chapter in time for consideration.

Rossignol, No. 6, Liverpool, has not made any return as yet, nor has attention been paid by the officer asked to visit the Chapter by the G. H. P.

A form of petition for a dispensation had been forwarded,

by request, to certain craftsmen at Kentville (by authority of the M. E. G. H. P.) to fill up for a Chapter U. D., but the matter remained in abeyance consequent upon pending negotiations (vide p.p. 127, proceedings last year) between Eureka Chapter, No. 5, at Annapolis, and the Companions and Brethren at Kentville.

From letters received and submitted the Grand Secretary stated that he was pleased to find that Eureka Chapter, No. 5, which had unfortunately been reduced so that only 7 members resided in or near the Town of Annapolis, (the few remaining members living at long distances had prevented meeting and doing the work remaining unfinished) had determined to make an effort to arrange to sustain their Chapter and retain their place on the Roll of Grand Chapter. The Chapter would be well represented at the General Convocation, and no doubt their good intentions would be supported and carried out.

The Grand Secretary reported that owing to the fact that the funds of Grand Chapter had been absorbed in settling back debts, no funds were available to print the Report on Foreign Correspondence, prepared by him; and that he would have to relegate the document to the Archives as an evidence to future ages that the Grand Secretary's sanctum *was* paved with good intentions.

It was, in connection with the matter of revision of constitution, decided to ask the enlargement of the sub-committee by the appointment of two Past Grand High Priests.

The matter of Comp. Guzman, of Hiram Chapter, referred to in last years proceedings, page 128, was then taken up and the action taken thereon by the Grand Secretary, approved, and it was recommended that the Grand Chapter order the issue of a Duplicate Diploma as requested.

The Grand Secretary's report and accounts (hereto appended,) and the accounts of the Grand Treasurer to date, were submitted and ordered to be presented with other documents to Grand Chapter, made up to date of meeting.

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The Grand Secretary's abstract of returns submitted, shewed a slight increase of membership over the whole jurisdiction, but that the result had been attained by the activity of a few of the Chapters only. No deaths were reported from any Chapter.

On motion the reports in reference to Keith Chapter were adopted, and it was on motion recommended that the *H. P.*, *K.* and *S.* of that Chapter be summoned, ninety days after notice of, to show cause why the Charter should not be forfeited. The matter of Union Chapter, No. 7, was not recommended to action of Grand Chapter depended as much upon reports received. No further business offering the Committee adjourned.

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
Grand Secretary (ex officio.)

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

To the M. E. G. H. P. and Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia :

COMPANIONS,—

I have the honor herewith to submit my Official Report as Grand Secretary, with an expression of regret that the publication of the proceedings of the past year were so long delayed. The hope of being able to publish the Report on Foreign Correspondence induced a postponement of the issue of our proceedings, the state of our Treasury being such that it was an impossibility to do so. The Report which I had written must be placed in the Archives of our Grand Chapter, covered up with a mantle of *good intentions*. Personally I do not regret this, as both our own and other jurisdictions have escaped the infliction of my views, which I would not presume to present did I not wish that our jurisdiction should not be singular by the absence of a recognized part of other Grand bodies' proceedings, and that it was advisable to do the best we could towards doing like others, in the hope of being able, in time, to improve; but think that if any means *can* be devised to revive our spasmodic attempt of last year it will be as well to do so, as the more these valuable compilations and reviews emanating from our Sister jurisdictions are read and studied, the more one is impressed with a feeling that the general knowledge obtained of the working and jurisprudence of our Royal Craft elsewhere are of incalculable benefit to those who desire further light in Masonry.

As regards our own jurisdiction, we are making slow but increasing progress, not generally, but in as far as our best Chapters make such; in fact the material progress has been in reality confined to the ability, zeal and industry of about half of

the numerical strength of the Chapters, on our roll, as a reference to our statistics of the past few years will demonstrate. The Grand Chapter should seriously consider the causes from which so much actual apathy arises, and in their good judgment endeavor to devise some means to overcome the inertness so apparent in too many of our subordinates.

I have no desire to trench upon the duties of others by bringing forward this important matter for consideration, but a desire for the promotion of the interests of this jurisdiction, prompted by zeal which I assume, perhaps presumptuously that I possess, must be my best warrant and excuse, as from my outlook, as your official means of communication with our Chapter, apathy and indifference are only too apparent.

Commencing in 1869 with only three Chapters, with a membership of only 143, and looking at our nominal roll of eleven Chapters, with a membership of 470 at present, I cannot but say that looking at the favorable position obtained for the first year or two by the remaining Chapters, as successively formed, that I am at a loss to account for the gradual diminution in membership therein, and the too evident want of zeal on the part of some of the Chapters referred to, some of whom are almost too indifferent to be allowed to exist. The older Chapters in Nova Scotia (forming the Grand Chapter at its organization) have held their ground well, mainly by the efforts of the good men and true, who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and whose efforts have kept their organizations in the right way. The other Chapters in this Province seem to have used up all the material around them *at once*, having done very little work since their organization, in marked contrast to the Chapters formed beyond the limits of Nova Scotia, viz: in Cape Breton, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, the three youngest of our Chapters, whom, in common with the three older ones, really sustain the Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, and are to be credited with whatever such is due for the progress made in the Craft. The division of our jurisdiction in the Province proper has been carefully guarded to prevent any crowding of the field in which the several Chapters can both work and agree, and the dwindling down of membership as a rule can only be attributed to that apathy and indifference of those composing them, to which I have already referred to.

I am aware that some of these Chapters have had certain difficulties to contend with, but none that ordinary zeal and push would not have overcome, such dereliction as not meeting, neglecting to elect officers, and non-conformity generally to the Regulations of the Craft (which, under our Constitution, are by no means onerous) are inexcusable. I would seriously

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recommend that if Chapters situated as those I refer to are placed, do not conform to the laws of the Craft, that they be disciplined and no longer allowed to remain such a reproach as this condition of affairs evidences. A firm course taken *now* will, I believe, remove a greater part, if not all of this trouble; as I do not believe that the Companions, if put to such a crucial test as forfeiture of their Charters, will allow their organizations to collapse without making an effort to retain good standing on our Roll. The sins of omission are too prevalent, and I believe that if the matter is put squarely and plainly a good will result, if not, it is a question whether it would not be better to cut off all the deadwood and let the stump sprout again.

As regards our financial position, I have to say that our balance in the Treasury was absorbed last year in paying off our accumulations of debts, leaving the Treasurer with only a few dollars on hand before the returns came in this year; taking this into consideration, I may say that our financial state is good, as our assets, if small, cover our liabilities, and we are out of debt and have a fair start.

With regard to our "Foreign Relations," I can state that we are in fraternal communication with all our Sister Grand Chapters, and I hope that some means will be devised by which, through the resumption on our Reports on Foreign Correspondence, our own members may be placed in more intimate connection with them.

A reference to the statistics appended herewith will shew the state of our membership and work for the past year.

I am pleased to announce that we have not, this year, to place in our proceedings a Memorial to mark the going out by death, from among us of any member of our Grand Chapter.

I beg here to acknowledge receipt of the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters on this Continent, and regret to remark that this is the only notice or acknowledgment that we are in a position to give them.

I have to hand, and will present for your consideration, the reports of the several Companions appointed by the Grand High Priest to visit the several Chapters on his behalf.

I submit herewith my Financial Report of monies received and paid by me, and to add that I received a supply of Diploma Blanks which enabled the issue of all the Diplomas applied for by the Returns before the opening of Grand Chapter.

Asking your consideration to my Report, and my remarks upon the matters referred to in it, I have the honor to be, yours, fraternally,

GEO. T. SMITHERS,
Grand Secretary.

Halifax, June 5th, A.D. 1883, A. I. 2413.

GRAND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA IN ACCT. WITH WM. A. HESSON, GRAND TREASURER.

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1882.				
June 5.	Balance in hand.....			\$228.29
1883.				
May 22.	Received from Grand Sec'y.....	\$34.25		
" 25.	" " " ".....	29.75		
" 29.	" " " ".....	50.25		
" 31.	" " " ".....	8.00		
" 31.	" " " ".....	11.50		
June 4.	" " " ".....	28.00		
" 5.	" " " ".....	21.25	\$178.00	
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June 9.	Paid James Martin, per order.....	\$5.00		
" 22.	" Grand Sec'y, ".....	63.00		
July 16.	" C. Annand, ".....	4.38		
" 20.	" 6 yrs. int. acc. St. Andrews 2, ".....	34.98		
" 20.	" Vote to Grand Tyler, ".....	5.00		
Aug. 3.	" W. Gossip, acc. Books, &c., ".....	15.39		
" 3.	" " Inv. Diploma, ".....	35.00		
1883.				
May 16.	" Bowes and Sons, proceedings, ".....	47.25	\$210.00	
" 22.	" Order Postage Stamps, ".....	2.50		
" 29.	" 4 years int. to Royal Union, ".....	23.86		
" 29.	" Herald Printing acc. ".....	6.00		
" 29.	" 1 Year int. to St. Andrews 2, ".....	5.84	\$37.70	
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W. A. HESSON,
Grand Treasurer.

The Minutes, Report and Accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were then severally adopted, and the whole Report passed as a whole.

The Committee on the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest being announced, entered, and the Chairman (Rev. Comp. DeBlois) presented their Report thereon, which on motion of Comp. S. Porter, seconded by Comp. J. G. Jamieson, was received and ordered to remain over for consideration after the election now about to be proceeded with.

ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS, 4.30 P. M.

The time appointed for the election of the Office-Bearers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Chapter proceeded therewith. Companions V. E. Samuel Porter, and E. William Crowe being appointed Tellers; the ballot resulting as follows:

M. E. Rev. Henry Despard DeBlois, elected *G. H. Priest*.

R. E. William V. Murray, elected *Grand King*.

" A. D. McGillvary, M. D., elected *Grand Scribe*.

M. E. William A. Hesson, re-elected *Grand Treasurer*.

R. E. Geo. T. Smithers, " *Grand Secretary*.

COMMITTEE GENERAL PURPOSES.

Upon ballot, the following Companions were then duly elected as "The Committee of General Purposes" for the ensuing year, viz:—

M. E. Companion W. Taylor, *P. G. H. P.*

" " L. F. Darling, *P. G. H. P.*

R. E. " William Williams, *P. G. Scribe*.

" " John W. Ruhland, *P. H. P.*

" " James Dempster, *P. H. P.*

" " Samuel Porter, *H. P., No. 2*, and

V. E. W. V. Murray, *G. King*,

" " A. D. McGillvray, *G. Scribe*.

" " Geo. T. Smithers, *G. Sec'y*. } Ex-Officio.

R. E. Companion Geo. T. Smithers, after some preliminary remarks of a complimentary nature, moved that in accord-

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ance with the Regulation of the Constitution allowing the conferring of such past rank as Grand Chapter should deem advisable upon Companions whose zeal and service to the Craft merited honor, he would move that Excellent Companion JAMES FORTUNE, Past Scribe of Royal Union, No. 1, who had been a Royal Arch Mason for over — years, and was noted for his zeal and attachment to the Craft, and his attendance upon all occasions when called or summoned should have the rank of *Past Grand Scribe* in this Grand Chapter as a reward for that constant attendance to duty of which he was an example to many younger Companions, which was seconded by Past Grand High Priest Wm. Taylor who eloquently endorsed the sentiments of the mover, and stated that Companion Fortune was a member of the same Lodge (Burns, No. 10) as himself, and of which his venerable Brother and Companion had been Treasurer of that the largest Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for a continuous period of thirty-five years.

The motion was put and carried unanimously by a rising vote, and the Grand High Priest in appropriate words confirmed the honor to R. E. Comp. Fortune, who responded in a few feeling words for the honor done him.

The Election being concluded, the Report of the Committee on Grand High Priest's Address, was read as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE ADDRESS OF THE GRAND
HIGH PRIEST.

The Committee on the Address of the M. E. G. H. P. :—

1.—It is with mingled feeling of pleasure and sorrow that we reply to the M. E. G. H. P's. Address,—with pleasure, since we feel assured that under his guidance, now extended to the second year of his jurisdiction, Royal Arch Masonry cannot but have failed to receive a great benefit from his long and matured experience in the work,—with regret, that so many of the Companions, belonging to our Order, should have grown so lukewarm in the cause, as not to have availed themselves of such experience, or to have enabled him to make a more satisfactory exhibit of the year's proceedings.

2.—With regard to Union Chapter, No. 7, Yarmouth, N. S.,

we would suggest that the commission given by the G. H. P. to Companion Pelton be extended, so as to give that Chapter another opportunity to redeem its past neglect.

3.—Respecting Keith Chapter, No. 4, Truro, we see no other alternative than that of dealing with it summarily, by being made to show, within a reasonable time, why its Charter should not be forfeited.

4.—We sympathize deeply with Rossignol Chapter, No. 6, under their many and trying difficulties, and trust that ere long it may be restored to its former usefulness and success.

5.—Knowing the material of which Eureka Chapter is composed, and that it contains within its body good men and true, who have evinced a determination to raise it from its present low condition, we feel assured, and especially with a consistent, thoroughly reliable Mason as its head, as our Reverend Father Companion, Richard Avery, has ever proved himself to be, that there is a bright future yet before it, and that it will at no very distant period be again placed in the fore rank of Royal Arch Masonry. Whilst regretting with yourself your inability to visit personally all the Chapters within your jurisdiction, that regret is much lessened by the knowledge that your delegated duties have been so satisfactorily performed by your substitutes.

6.—St. Andrew's Chapter, which for the long period of fifty years has pursued such a consistent course, we trust, equally with yourself, that its present slight depression may only be temporary, and that with renewed energy its future stability may be assured.

7.—With regard to the case of Companion Lawrence, we beg leave to say, that if no statute exists in the Grand Chapter Constitution to prevent a Companion from retaining his standing in the Chapter, after having failed reporting himself, and not having paid any dues for a long series of years, that it is quite true that some necessary legislation in regard to such matters should ensue.

Respecting the action of Royal Union Chapter, No. 1, in cancelling of Dimits, we respectfully suggest that altho' we consider the ruling of the M. E. G. H. P. strictly constitutional, yet, under the very peculiar circumstances of the case, the action of the Chapter in cancelling the same be authorized by Grand Chapter without affording any precedent for the future.

8.—Your reference to the immediate necessity of a thorough revision of the Constitution meets with our entire approbation, since we deem it a matter of great importance and absolute necessity.

9.—The absence to-day from our midst of one who, like a good soldier, was never absent from his post, when it was possible for him to attend, is to us a great loss indeed; nor from the

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fact that he has already passed his four score years, may we hope to have his friendly presence many more times among us; but we trust that when the Supreme Grand Ruler of the Universe shall call him from labor to refreshment, he may enter into his well merited rest, and reap the reward of a well spent life. One of the famous veterans of the Peninsular War, he has in all things faithfully followed his leader's celebrated words, not only in this Grand Chapter, but in every relation of life,—“ England expects every man to do his duty.” We need scarcely mention him by name, for we all must recognize in this well merited eulogium our universally beloved and respected Companion Jas. Poyntz.

10.—We agree with you in thinking that it would be very desirable to have the Report on Foreign Correspondence printed in the Minutes; that your suggestion for carrying this object into effect is the best that, under the circumstances, could be devised.

11.—We would respectfully suggest that in future the Annual Report of the M. E. G. H. P. be placed in the hands of the Committee at an earlier date, so as to give them time to do it sufficient justice, more especially when dealing with such an able and thoroughly exhaustive document as the present has proved itself to be.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY D. DEBLOIS, }
J. W. RUHLAND, } Committee.
F. R. MURRAY, }

On motion of M. E. Comp. W. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. Roome, G. K., the Report was taken up and considered as follows:—

Clause 1.—Passed unanimously.

Clause 2.—On motion of Comp. Porter, seconded by Comp. Jamieson, it was moved that the clause do pass, and that in accordance with the request of R. E. Comp. S. H. Pelton, who was appointed to report on the state of said Chapter No. 7, that an extension of sixty days, under the authority issued, be given him, to endeavor to obtain a meeting and enable the Chapter to conform to the constitution, which passed unanimously.

Clause 4.—On motion was approved and passed.

Clause 5.—On motion, passed, the representatives of the Chapter present, expressing the desire of the companions of Eureka to still retain their Charter.

Clause 5.—Passed.

Clause 6.—Considerable discussion ensued upon the matter of Companion Laurence and his *status* in the Chapter; owing to the peculiar circumstances attending the case, and the absence in the Constitution of any Regulations which would be applicable, the conclusion of the committee was approved, and it was decided to remit the matter as one to come before the proposed Committee on revision of the Constitution for consideration, with instructions to suggest a resolution to meet any similar cases.

Clause 7.—On consideration of the matter referred to, on which the decision of the G. H. P. was given, it was found that the Constitution had no Regulation as regards dimission of members, and it was ordered that the Committee on revision of the Constitution also take this matter into consideration. The late H. P. of the Royal Union Chapter, No. 1, (Comp. Martin) explained the circumstances of the case viz.—that the Companions referred to belonged to H. M. Royal Munster Fusiliers, (101st,) whose Regiment had been under orders for Egypt, and wishing to withdraw honorably, applied for their dimits, which were granted, but not issued, the orders to leave the Garrison being countermanded immediately afterwards, and the Companions, some of whom were officers of the Chapter, applied to have their dimits cancelled under the circumstances, as they wished to continue in the Chapter, which they only wanted dimits from as they were under orders as stated. At the Visitation some months after, the G. H. P. over-ruled the action of the Chapter, and gave the decision as in his address, the Companions in the meantime being received as members, voting, paying their dues, and being returned on the roll to Grand Chapter as members. After a protracted discussion the following resolution was moved by M. E. Comp. W. Taylor, and seconded by E. Comp. James G. Jamieson:

“That under the very peculiar circumstances the demits were granted, the action of the Chapter in cancelling the same be hereby authorized, and without affording any precedent.”

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And passed unanimously, and the Grand Secretary was ordered to inform Royal Union Chapter of this decision.

Clause 8.—It was moved and resolved that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted, and that a Committee be appointed in accordance therewith.

Clause 9.—Passed unanimously, and it was moved by R. E. Comp. Rev. R. Avery, seconded by Rev. Comp. F. R. Murray, that the Grand Secretary, under Seal, be directed to convey to R. E. Comp. Poyntz an extract of the clause herein referred, and an expression of sympathy from the Grand Chapter to him, in his affliction.

The last clause was also on motion adopted, the whole report: as amended, passed and the Committee were discharged.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Secretary stated that the Grand High Priest had given effect to a recommendation made in a previous report by the Committee of General Purposes, looking to the completion of interchange of Grand Representatives with other Grand Chapters, (many of whom have not heretofore been represented near us,) by suggesting to the several M. E. G. H. P. of each jurisdiction unrepresented, the name of a member of this Grand Chapter for the honor of appointment, and in the cases where our Grand Chapter has been unrepresented, or vacancies have occurred, the suggestion of a name of some Companion to receive our appointment as a Grand Representative of this Grand Chapter had been asked for. Upon mutual approval of the names suggested, the appointments would be made in due course.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

In consequence of a question asked by R. E. Companion McGillvray, anent honorary membership and certain action of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 10, R. E. Comp. Williams, seconded by R. E. Comp. Ruhland, moved that the action of "Prince of Wales" Chapter, No. 10, Sydney, in making

P. H. P. Comp, C. Crewe-Read, *P. G. K.*, an honorary member of their Chapter be allowed; although no provision existed in our Regulations in reference to such membership, and that the Committee on Constitution take the subject into consideration, which passed unanimously.

KEITH CHAPTER, No. 4.

The Grand Secretary asked for instructions in reference to the above Chapter, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. John W. Ruhland, seconded by R. E. Comp. R. T. Roome, *G. King*,

"That the High Priest, King and Scribe of Keith Chapter, No. 4, Truro, be summoned, to shew cause, within ninety days, why their Charter should not be arrested,—which passed unanimously."

UNION CHAPTER, No. 7.

An extension of sixty days was, on motion, granted to this Chapter to procure a meeting and make returns, as suggested in the Report of R. E. Comp. S. H. Pelton.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 5.

The M. E. H. P. stated that this Chapter intended to make an effort to get into good working order again, and felt assured that the end sought for would be successful.

RE-CHAPTER U. D., KENTVILLE.

All papers and correspondence in regard to the proposed Chapter at Kentville were referred for action to the Committee of General Purposes.

ISSUE OF DIPLOMAS.

On motion of R. E. Comp. Williams, seconded by R. E. Comp. Martin, it was resolved:

"That the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue a duplicate Diploma to Companion Von Guzman, of Hiram Chapter, No. 3, as asked for, the same being recommended by Committee of General Purposes."

E. Comp. Geo. A. Sanford, S. of "Royal Union," No. 1, then made an application for a Diploma to be issued, as he

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had never received one, altho' issued in 1874, by the Grand Secretary to the Secretary of Royal Union, No. 1, and it was presumed to have been lost, with other documents, years ago. As nine years had elapsed he thought it was time he got his Diploma, and the Grand Chapter being also of that opinion, the Grand Secretary was authorized to issue a new Diploma to E. Comp. Sanford, of the same date and number as the original.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

On motion, the Committee on Constitution of Grand Chapter was composed of M. E. Comps. James Gossip and Benjamin Curren, P. G. H. Priests, to act in conjunction with sub-Committee from Committee of General Purposes, with power to take the best means to present their work for the consideration of Chapters before the next Annual Convocation.

INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS.

The M. E. G. H. P., Comp. James Gossip, then duly installed the Grand Officers elected, viz. :—

Comp. Henry Despard DeBlois, *M. E. G. H. Priest.*

“ Alexander D. McGillvary, *R. E. G. Scribe.*

“ William A. Hesson, *P.G.H.P., R. E. G. Treasurer.*

“ Geo. T. Smithers, *P.G.K., G. Secretary.*

The Grand King *elect* being absent.

The Grand Secretary was ordered to request the R. E. Companion William V. Murray, as he could not be installed by proxy, to attend the next Regular Convocation of his own Chapter (St. Andrew's, No. 2,) to be duly installed by a Past Grand High Priest, to be named.

The immediate Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion James Gossip, on retiring from the Chair of the Grand Chapter, received a unanimous vote of thanks for his past services in the interest of Royal Arch Masonry in Nova Scotia by fourteen years continuous work in Grand Chapter since its organization ; being for twelve years consecutively the Grand Secretary, and for two years following Grand

High Priest. The motion being moved, seconded and supported by the several Past Grand High Priests and others present.

M. E. Comp. Gossip made a suitable acknowledgment in response, from which the members gathered, that, although relieved from the cares of office, his zeal in connection with the conduct of Royal Arch Masonry would not be abated thereby.

The Grand High Priest then called the Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment until 8 p.m., then to resume labor. At which time labor was resumed, the M. E. G. H. P., Officers and Companions being present as before.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then announced the appointment of Officers to the following respective Stations, viz:—

R. E. Comp.	Rev. R. Avery, <i>P. G. K.,* No. 5.</i>	} <i>Grand</i> <i>Chaplain.</i>
" "	Rev. D. C. Moore, <i>No. 8.</i>	
" "	Rev. F. R. Murray, <i>No. 1.*</i>	
" "	John W. Ruhland, <i>G.C. of H., No. 1, P.H.P.*</i>	
" "	Joseph A. Gordon, <i>G.P. Soj., No. 1, P.H.P.</i>	
" "	James G. Jamieson, <i>G.R.A.C., No. 1, K.*</i>	
V. E.	Geo. W. Wakeford, <i>G.M. 3rd V., No. 11, P.H.P.</i>	
" "	Jas. L. Duchmin, <i>G.M. 2nd V., No. 9, P.H.P.</i>	
" "	Henry W. Dimock, <i>G.M. 1st V., No. 3, P.H.P.</i>	
" "	Samuel Porter, <i>Grand Organist, No. 2, H.P.*</i>	
" "	Jas. A. Adams, <i>Grand Steward, No. 2, K.*</i>	
" "	Geo. A. Sanford, <i>G. S. Bearer, No. 1, S.*</i>	
" "	Wm. Crowe, <i>Grand Pursuivant, No. 2, S.*</i>	
" "	John M. Taylor, <i>Grand Tyler, No. 2, P.H.P.*</i>	

Of whom those present (*) were duly installed by the immediate Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. James Gossip; and the Grand Secretary was instructed to request those absent to present themselves to their Chapters as soon as practicable for Installation, and to report their so doing without delay.

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The Grand Secretary asked that Secretaries of Chapters would be careful in sending forward the names of candidates and members correctly, together with the full information asked for by the Requisitions, as it was impossible to keep the Registry correct if this was not attended to.

The Grand Secretary stated that he would have the Proceedings of this year issued in sixty days hence, as not having to write a Report on Foreign Correspondence no delay would occur from that source, as it did last year, in hopes of being able to publish the review made by him, which he believed contained some information about matters of interest to the Craft in this jurisdiction, and which it would be good for them, as well as himself, to know something about as Royal Arch Masons.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then addressed the Grand Chapter with thanks for the honor conferred upon him, being followed by several of the Grand Officers past and present, on various subjects of interest to the Craft.

The following votes were then made:—

To the Grand Secretary—Seventy-five dollars.

To the Janitor—Five dollars.

To the Tyler—Five dollars,

which concluding the business of the Fourteenth Annual Convocation. The Grand Chapter was then closed in AMPLE FORM by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

HENRY D. DEBLOIS,

Grand High Priest.



Grand Secretary.

RETURNS from Subordinate Chapters made to end of May, 1883, A. I. 2413.

NAMES.	Present Membership.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Restored.	Dmitted.	Died.	Membership, last return.	P. H. Priests.	Suspended N.P.D.	Gain.	Loss.	Dues at 25 cents each.	Registry Diplomas.	Totals.	Paid.	Unpaid.
1 Royal Union.....	71	9	5	9	9	66	11	5	5	5	17.75	\$32.50	\$50.25	\$50.25	.....
2 St. Andrew's.....	59	5	2	2	56	12	3	3	3	3	14.75	13.50	28.25	28.25	.....
3 Hiram.....	29	2	1	1	27	5	2	2	2	2	7.75	5.00	12.25	12.25	.....
4 *Keith, (per last return).....	31	no return	no return	no return	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	no return	.....	.....	.....	Keith.
5 Eureka.....	15	.....	.....	.....	16	6	6	6	6	6	3.75	.....	3.75	3.75	.....
6 *Rossignol, (per last return).....	37	no return	no return	no return	37	4	4	4	4	4	no return	.....	.....	.....	.....
7 *Union, (per last return).....	19	no return	no return	no return	19	1	1	1	1	1	no return	.....	.....	.....	Rossignol.
8 St. John's.....	32	.....	.....	.....	33	5	5	5	5	5	8.00	.....	8.00	8.00	Union.
9 Shannon.....	69	6	2	.....	62	5	7	7	7	7	17.25	17.00	34.25	34.25	.....
10 Prince of Wales.....	69	5	.....	.....	65	3	4	4	4	4	17.25	12.50	29.75	29.75	.....
11 Alexandria.....	38	.....	.....	.....	43	9	6	6	6	6	9.50	2.00	11.50	11.50	.....
Total.....	469	27	7	0	455	61	5	21	7	7	95.50	82.50	178.00	178.00	.....

A true abstract of returns to date.

Grand Chapter, June 5th, 1883, A. I. 2413.

GEO. T. SMITHERS, Grand Secretary.

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**Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia
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GRAND CHAPTERS.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama.....	M. E. H. Clay Armstrong	Notasulga.
Arkansas.....	M. E. Luke E. Baker.....	Little Rock.
Canada.....	R. E. Robert Hendry, Jr.....	Kingston, Ont.
Connecticut.....	R. E. Luke A. Lockwood....	Stamford.
Delaware.....	R. E. William F. Godwin....	Milford.
District of Columbia..	Comp. John Edwin Mason....	Washington.
Florida.....	R. E. W. M. Mackintosh....	Tallahassee.
Illinois.....	R. E. James H. Miles.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	M. E. Rees J. Chestnutwood..	South Bend.
Iowa.....	M. E. T. S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
Kansas.....	R. E. E. T. Carr.....	Leavenworth.
Kentucky.....	M. E. William Ryan.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	M. E. Michael Eloi Girard...	Vermilionville.
Maine.....	M. E. Josiah H. Drummond..	Portland.
Maryland.....	M. E. Charles H. Ohr.....	Cumberland, All. Co.
Massachusetts.....	R. E. John W. Dadmun.....	Winthrop.
Minnesota.....	R. E. William S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	R. E. J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	R. E. R. F. Stevenson.....	Jefferson City.
Nebraska.....	M. E. E. A. Allen.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	R. E. Frank Bell.....	Reno.
New Jersey.....	E. George Scott.....	Paterson.
New York.....	R. E. George Van Vliet.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	R. E. William Simpson.....	Raleigh.
Ohio.....	R. E. James Nisbet.....	Troy.
Oregon.....	M. E. James R. Bayley.....	Corvallis, Brenton Co
Pennsylvania.....	M. E. Michael Nisbett.....	Philadelphia.
Quebec.....	R. E. John P. Noyes.....	Waterloo.
Rhode Island.....	R. E. Geo. H. Burnham.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	M. E. Augustine T. Smythe..	Charleston.
Scotland.....	R. E. Alex. Hay.....	Edinburgh.
Tennessee.....	E. Henry C. Hensley.....	Nashville.
Wisconsin.....	R. E. William T. Palmer....	Milwaukee.

**Representatives of other Grand Chapters near Grand
Chapter of Nova Scotia.**

Arkansas.....	R. E. T. A. Cossman.....	Halifax.
Canada.....	M. E. L. F. Darling.....	Do.
District of Columbia..	M. E. James Gossip.....	Do.
Illinois.....	M. E. James Gossip.....	Do.
Iowa.....	M. E. W. A. Hesson.....	Do.
Louisiana.....	R. E. John R. Cowen.....	Windsor.
Maine.....	M. E. Benj. Curren.....	Halifax.
Maryland.....	M. E. C. J. McDonald.....	Do.
Missouri.....	R. E. Geo. T. Smithers.....	Do.
North Carolina.....	R. E. C. Crewe Read.....	Sydney, C. B.
New Jersey.....	M. E. James Gossip.....	Halifax.
Nebraska.....	M. E. William Taylor.....	Do.
Nevada.....	R. E. Thomas V. Cook.....	Pictou.
New York.....	M. E. Augustus Robinson....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	R. E. William Williams.....	Do.
Pennsylvania.....	R. E. F. W. Dakin.....	Windsor.
Quebec.....	R. E. James Poyntz.....	Do.
Scotland.....	M. E. S. R. Sircom.....	Boston.
Tennessee.....	R. E. George Fraser.....	Halifax.

GEO. T. SMITHERS, Grand Secretary.

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Grand Chapter, June 5th, 1883, A. I. 2413.

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LIST OF GRAND CHAPTERS
 IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH
THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NOVA SCOTIA,
 WITH THE
Names and Addresses of Grand Secretaries.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	RESIDENCES.
Alabama.....	Daniel Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	James A. Henry.....	Little Rock.
California.....	Thomas H. Caswell.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	David McLellan.....	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado.....	Edward C. Parmalee.....	Georgetown.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
District of Columbia.....	Lewis G. Stephens.....	Wilmington.
Delaware.....	Henry B. McIntire.....	Washington.
England.....	Shadwell Clerke.....	London.
Florida.....	De Witt C. Hawkins.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	J. Emmett Blackshear.....	Macon.
Illinois.....	Gilbert W. Barnard.....	Chicago.
Indiana.....	J. M. Bramwell.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	William B. Langridge.....	Muscatine.
Ireland.....	Samuel B. Oldham.....	Dublin
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Wyandotte.
Kentucky.....	Joseph H. Branham.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	James C. Batchelor, M. D.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Massachusetts.....	Zeph H. Thomas, Jr.....	Cambridgeport.
Maryland.....	George L. McCahan.....	Baltimore.
Michigan.....	William P. Innes.....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	Azariah T. C. Pierson.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	John L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	William H. Mayo.....	St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	William R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	John D. Hammond.....	Carson City.
New Hampshire.....	George P. Cleaves.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	George B. Edwards.....	Jersey City.
New York.....	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo.
North Carolina.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Ohio.....	James Nesbitt.....	Troy.
Oregon.....	Rocky P. Earhart.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	Charles E. Meyer.....	Philadelphia.
Quebec.....	David Seath.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	William R. Green.....	Providence.
Scotland.....	William Edwards.....	Edinburgh.
South Carolina.....	James E. Burke.....	Charleston.
Tennessee.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	Robert Brewster.....	Houston.
Virginia.....	William B. Isaacs.....	Richmond.
West Virginia.....	Odell S. Long.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Laffin.....	Milwaukee.
General Grand Chapter U. S.	Christopher G. Fox.....	Buffalo, N. Y.

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS, NOVA SCOTIA:
 REV. HENRY D. DEBLOIS, GRAND HIGH PRIEST, Annapolis.
 GEO. T. SMITHERS, GRAND SECRETARY, Halifax.

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Grand King.

Organization.

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Grand Treasurer.

Organization.

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Grand Secretary.

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1869-70 } to } 1880-81. }	James Gossip.	1881-82. } to } 1883-84. } George Thomas Smithers.
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Order of High Priesthood for Nova Scotia.

ANNUAL GRAND CONVENTION.

FREE MASONS HALL, HALIFAX,

June 8th, A, D. 1882, A. I. 2412.

The Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood of Nova Scotia was held this evening.

PRESENT—The M. E. President James Gossip, *G. H. P.*

R. E., V. President *p. t.* R. T. Roome, *G. K.*

R. E., Chaplain *p. t.* T. A. Cossman, *G. S.*

R. E., Recorder Geo. T. Smithers, *G. Secy.*

R. E., Treasurer W. A. Hesson, *G. T.*

R. E., Conductor, James Martin, *P. G. S.*

R. E., Herald, W. Williams, *P. G. S.*

R. E., Sentinel, J. M. Taylor, *P. H. P.*

The minutes of previous Convention were read and approved.

The Grand Convention then received a petition presented by the M. E. H. P. of Prince of Wales Chapter, Comp. A. D. McGillvary, which on ballot proved favorable, and the Comp. was introduced and solemnly anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priest-hood in Freemasonry, in solemn and AMPLE FORM.

The Convention proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were invested and installed into the offices, and assumed their respective stations, viz:—

M. E., Comp. James Gossip, *G. H. P., President.*

R. E., Comp. Richard T. Roome, *G. K., Vice President.*

R. E., Comp. Theodore A. Cossman, *G. S., Chaplain.*

M. E., Comp. Wm. A. Hesson, *F. G. H. P., Treasurer.*

R. E., Comp. Geo. T. Smithers, *G. Sec'y, Recorder.*

- R. E., Comp. James Martin P. G. S., *Conductor.*
- R. E., Comp. W. Williams, P. G. S., *Herald.*
- R. E., Comp. A. D. McGillvary, P. H. P., *Steward.*
- R. E., Comp. John M. Taylor, P. H. P., *Sentinel.*

The Convention, by vote, authorized the Recorder, as Grand Secretary, to apply any funds of the Order on hand towards defraying expenses of publishing these minutes in the proceedings.

All business being concluded, the Convention was closed in AMPLE form by the M. E. President.

GEO. T. SMITHERS.
Recorder.

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| *John D. Nash, | C. Crewe Read, |
| George T. Smithers, | Henry N. Wright, |
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| William Thomas Wilkins, | Robert L. Hardwick, |
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| *Arthur Fletcher, | Rev. Richard Avery, |
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| William Walter Rickards, | A. D. McGillvray. |
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**GRAND OFFICE-BEARERS,
1882-1883.**

Henry Despard DeBlois, Annapolis, N. S., *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
William V. Murray, Halifax, *R. E. Grand King.*
A. D. McGillvary, M. D., Sydney, C. B., *R. E. Grand Scribe.*
William A. Hesson, Halifax, N. S., *P. G. H. P., R. E. Grand Treasurer.*
George T. Smithers, Halifax, N. S., *R. E. Grand Secretary.*
Rev. Richard Avery, Aylesford, N. S.,
Rev. David C. Moore, Stellarton, Pictou, N. S., } *R. E. Grand Chaplains.*
Rev. F. R. Murray, Halifax, N. S., }
John W. Ruhland, Halifax, N. S., *R. E. G. C. Host.*
Joseph A. Gordon, Pictou, N. S., *R. E. Grand P. S.*
James G. Jamieson, *R. E. Grand R. A. C.*
George W. Wakeford, *V. E. Grand 3rd V.*
James L. Duchemin, *V. E. Grand 2nd V.*
Henry W. Dimock, *V. E. Grand 1st V.*
Samuel Porter, Halifax, *V. E. Grand Organist.*
Jas. A. Adams, *V. E. Grand Steward.*
Geo. A. Sanford, *V. E. Grand Standard Bearer.*
Wm. Crowe, *V. E. Grand Pursuivant.*
John M. Taylor, Halifax, *V. E. Grand Tyler.*

Committee of General Purposes.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN, *P. G. Scribe.*
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A. D. MCGILLVRY, *G. Scribe.* } *ex-officio.*
GEO. T. SMITHERS, *G. Sec'y.* }

Notice.

The Fifteenth Annual Convocation will be held at Freemasons' Hall,
Halifax, N. S., on Tuesday, June 1st, A. D. 1884, at 12 o'clock (noon).

H. D. DEBLOIS,
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NOTICE.

The Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia will be held at Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Halifax, on Tuesday, the 1st day of June, A. D. 1884, A. I. 2414, at twelve o'clock, noon.

Returns to be sent in by Chapters at least ten days previous to the date.