

PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
OF
QUEBEC,
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,

AT AN

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION HELD AT THE CITY OF
MONTREAL, P.Q., ON THE 1ST & 2ND DAYS OF
DECEMBER, A.D. 1869, A.L. 5869,

ALSO, AT ITS

First Annual Communication,

HELD AT

THE CITY OF MONTREAL, P. Q.,

On the 19th and 20th days of October, A.D. 1870, A.L. 5870.

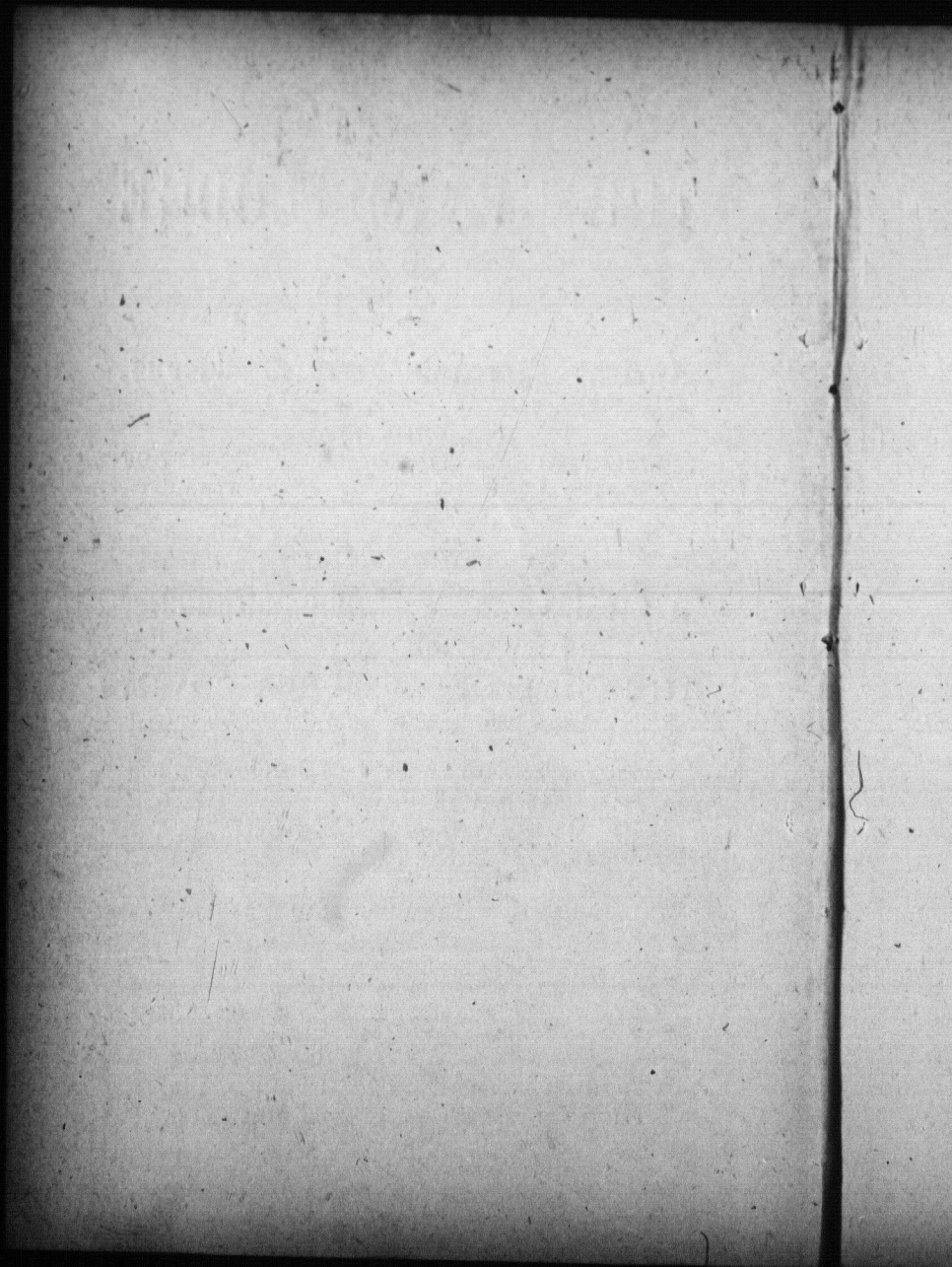
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J. H. GRAHAM, RICHMOND, P. Q.,
GRAND MASTER.

JOHN H. ISAACSON, MONTREAL,
GRAND SECRETARY.

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Grand Lodge of Quebec,

A. F. & A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at the "British Masonic Chambers," in the City of Montreal, P.Q., on the 1st and 2nd days of December, A.D. 1869, A.L. 5869,

PRESENT:

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| M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, A.M., LL.D., | Grand Master, |
| | On the Throne. |
| R. W. Bro. J. S. Bowen, | Deputy Grand Master. |
| " " " J. H. Isaacson, as | Grand Senior Warden, |
| " " " J. P. Peavey, | " Junior Warden. |
| " " " Rev. C. P. Reid, M.A.. | " Chaplain. |
| " " " H. J. Gear, | " Treasurer. |
| " " " Samuel McClung, | " Registrar. |
| " " " Edson Kemp, | " Secretary. |
| V. " " H. M. Alexander, | " Senior Deacon. |
| " " " Geo. Wood, as | " Junior Deacon. |
| R. " " T. Renshaw, as | " Director of Ceremonies. |
| " " " C. Alexander, | " Organist. |
| R. " " Alex. Murray, | " Pursuivant. |
| " " " Wm. B. Seeley, | " Tyler. |
| V. " " T. Leet, | } Grand Stewards. |
| " " " S. J. Foss, | |
| " " " Geo. Woods, | |
| " " " C. P. Taber, | |
| " " " C. S. Rowe, | |
| " " " S. R. Marvin, | |
| " " " J. H. Bartlett, | |

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, Montreal District.

PAST MASTERS.

M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham.
R. " " J. S. Bowen.
" " " J. H. Isaacson.
" " " Thomas Milton.
" " " Alex. Murray.
" " " John Renshaw.
" " " J. P. Peavey.
" " " Frank Edgar.
" " " Samuel McClung.
" " " H. J. Gear.
" " " G. H. Borlase.
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" " " C. P. Taber.
" " " C. S. Rowe.
" " " Timothy Leet.
" " " J. H. Bartlett.
" " " S. R. Marvin.
" " " Christopher Staveley.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon our proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in ample form at 7.30 o'clock, P.M.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint R. W. Bros. Milton and Baker, V. W. Bro. Leet, and W. Bro. Staveley, a Committee on Credentials.

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

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The Committee on Credentials reported the following Representatives and Proxies of regular chartered Lodges present, whom they recommended to be admitted and take part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge:

St. Johns, Quebec.

W. Bro. Christopher Staveley, P.M.

St. Andrew's, Québec.

R. W. Bro. J. S. Bowen, D.G.M., P.M.

" C. Judge, S.W.

Prevost, Dunham.

R. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, G. Sec'y, W.M.

" H. W. Worel, S.W.

" James Oliver, J.W.

" " Stevens Baker, P.G.J.W., P.M.

Golden Rule, Stanstead.

R. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, G. Sec'y, Proxy.

St. Francis, Richmond.

V. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, W.M.

" Matthew Burnie, S.W.

" P. O. Gallup, J.W.

" " Timothy Lect, P.M.

Victoria, Sherbrooke

R. W. Bro. G. H. Borlase, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.

" " C. P. Reid, M.A., G. Chap.

V. " " S. J. Foss, G.S., P.M.

Stanbridge, Stanbridge.

Bro. Snyder, J.W.

Kilwinning, Montreal.

R. W. Bro. J. P. Peavey, G. J. W., W.M.

" J. S. Barrie, S.W.

" James Gibson, J.W.

" " John Renshaw, P.M.

Yamaska, Granby.

V. W. Bro. J. H. Bartlett, G.S., P.M.

Shawenegan, Three Rivers.

R. W. Bro. Samuel McClung, G. Registrar, P.M.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

Brown Lodge, West Farnham.

- V. W. Bro. C. P. Taber, G.S., P.M.
 " J. McCabe, J.W.

Royal Albert, Montreal.

- V. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, G.S.D., W.M.
 R. " " Frank Edgar, D.D.G.M., M.D., P.M.

Victoria, Montreal.

- R. " Bro. Alexander Murray, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.

Ascot, Lennoxville.

- R. " Bro. J. H. Borlase, P.D.D.G.M., Proxy.

Ashlar, Coaticook.

- V. " Bro. Geo. Wood, G.S., W.M.

Frelighsburg, Frelighsburg.

- V. " Bro. S. R. Marvin, G.S., W.M.
 " E. H. Goff, S.W.

Doric, Danville.

- V. W. Bro. Timothy Leet, G.S., W.M.

Zetland, Montreal.

- R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, P.D.D.G.M., P.M.
 " M. Doyle, S.W.
 " Henry McVittie, J.W.

Clarenceville, Clarenceville.

- V. W. Bro. C. S. Rowe, G.S., P.M.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

A number of Visiting Brethren being in attendance, the M. W. Grand Master, granted permission for the admission of Masons in good standing to take their seats in the visitors' gallery.

The Grand Secretary having commenced the reading of the minutes of the Convention and Organization of this Grand Lodge, on the 20th October last past, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Bowen, D.G.M., seconded by R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, and

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

Resolved,—That the minutes of the Convention and Organization of this Grand Lodge on the 20th October last, having been printed and copies thereof forwarded to the Lodges, the same be considered read and confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge, explaining the motives of his summoning the present Especial Communication.

The Grand Secretary then read the following letter which he had received from M. W. Bro. James Dean:

QUEBEC, 16th November, 1869.

EDSON KEMP, ESQ.,

Grand Secretary,

Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,

I yesterday received your letter of 9th instant, informing me that at a meeting held at Montreal on 20th October, I was unanimously elected to the rank and position of Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, stating at the same time that I might expect an official intimation of said election in a few days, after completion of Grand Lodge Seal.

Please convey to the Brethren of your Grand Lodge my thanks for the high honor they have conferred on me, which I shall be proud to accept, subject to the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, with whom I shall communicate after receipt of the promised official notification from you—

Fraternally yours,

(Signed,) JAMES DEAN,

D. G. Master, Quebec, &c., R. E.

R. W. Bro. Isaacson, on behalf of the Committee appointed to assist the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, in the preparation of an address to the Sister Grand Lodges, reported that they met on the 20th November last, at the office of the Grand Master at Richmond, when the following address was agreed upon, and which he now begged leave to submit:

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC, OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

RICHMOND, P. OF Q., November 20th, 1869.

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

GREETING :

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren :—

We, the undersigned, having been duly authorized and deputed therefor, beg respectfully to announce to you the constitutional formation of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec, on the 20th day of October, A.D. 1869, and A.L. 5869; and we respectfully pray, that you, as a Sister Grand Lodge, will extend fraternal recognition to, and establish fraternal correspondence and communication with, the Grand Lodge of Quebec aforesaid: and, if in accordance with the customs of your Grand Body, we further request that you will be pleased to honor the Craft in this Province by appointing a representative of your Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

And for the information of your Grand Lodge, we beg leave to transmit herewith, a printed report of the proceedings of the Convention, by which the Grand Lodge of Quebec was formed, including the list of the Lodges constitutionally represented thereat, together with the names and former rank of the Grand Officers duly elected, appointed and installed in accordance with the customs, landmarks, and constitutions of our most ancient and honourable fraternity.

Also, for the further information of your Grand Lodge, we beg to submit the following, as among the many reasons which induced the Lodges, being a full majority of the private Lodges within the Province of Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Canada, in convention assembled, to form an independent and supreme Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Quebec:—

1st. That for a number of years previous to the formation of what is still called the Grand Lodge of "Canada," and until July 1st, 1867, the territory over which that Grand Lodge claimed to exercise jurisdiction, formed and constituted but *one Province*, called "The Province of Canada," and having but *one Legislature* or Parliament; but by the Proclamation of the "British North American Act," on

July 1st, 1867, the "Province of Canada" as then existing, was, to use the very word of that Act, "severed" into *two separate and distinct Provinces*, called the "Province of Quebec," and "The Province of Ontario." These Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, thus formed, were also by the Proclamation of the aforesaid "British North American Act," joined (together with the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, into one federal union which was declared "to form and be" "The Dominion of Canada;" so that since the 1st July, 1867, the *two Provinces* of Ontario and Quebec, have been and are as *distinct and separate* as the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, or as are any *two States* of the American Union, while the Legislature of each Province is similar to the Legislature of each State of the same, and the Dominion Parliament is somewhat analogous to the Federal Congress of the United States of America.

2nd. That the Grand Lodge of "Canada" (whose name had thus become a "misnomer,") for over two years, has merely been exercising what may be called an *ad interim* authority, (always conjoint and divided as far as what is now the Province of Quebec is concerned), over *two separate and distinct Provinces*, contrary to the well-established principle, "that Masonic and political boundaries are, and ever ought to be, coterminous." And not only was the continued existence in the Province of Quebec, of Private Lodges under the jurisdiction of the three Grand Lodges, viz: England, Scotland and Canada, and the consequent joint occupation, directly and indirectly, of the same Province by these three separate Grand Lodges, deemed and held to be contrary to the laws, usages and customs of our ancient and honourable fraternity respecting the establishment and jurisdiction of Grand Lodges, but much painful experience had shown and convinced the majority of the Brethren in the Province of Quebec that such a state of Masonic affairs was wholly incompatible with the peace and welfare of our beloved fraternity.

3rd. That although the condition of Masonic affairs in British North America has been carefully and anxiously considered for a long period, yet no solution of the admitted difficulties has been suggested or proposed, which has been at all satisfactory to a majority of the Brethren in the Province of Quebec and elsewhere throughout the country, except the formation of an independent Grand Lodge in each of the four Provinces constituting the Dominion of Canada. For

two years prior to the political changes which took place in 1867, Grand Master Simpson, of the Grand Lodge of "Canada," both at public and private Masonic gatherings in the cities of Toronto and Montreal, and also in his address to Grand Lodge in July, 1866, directed the attention of the craft to the important political changes then anticipated, and their consequent effect on the name, status, rights and jurisdiction of the "Grand Lodge of Canada," at the same time favoring the notion of endeavoring to extend the jurisdiction of the "Grand Lodge of Canada," over the whole of British North America!! His learned and able successor, who was also the first Grand Master of the "Grand Lodge of Canada," M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, in his address to Grand Lodge in July, 1867, a few weeks after the Queen's Proclamation inaugurating the Dominion of Canada, directed especial attention to the then anomalous state of Masonic affairs, caused by the recent political changes that had taken place, and appointed a committee of seven to consider and report thereon to Grand Lodge on the following day. Four members of this special committee from the Province of Ontario, (viz: M. W. Brothers Wilson, Harington and Simpson, and R. W. Bro. Moffatt,) reported in favor of maintaining the *status in quo* of Grand Lodge while awaiting further developments, and the three members of the committee from the Province of Quebec, (viz: M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, R. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and R. W. Bro. J. H. Graham,) reported in favor of the formation of an independent Grand Lodge in each of the four Provinces constituting the Dominion of Canada. That since that time every effort has been made by the Grand Lodge of Canada to unite the different Lodges in the Dominion, under their government but without success. The action of the Lodges in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick as is shewn in the next section, has been decidedly against any such union, while the efforts of the Grand Lodge of Canada to invite the Lodges working in the Province of Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, have been equally unsuccessful. And although the present Grand Master of what is yet called the "Grand Lodge of Canada," stated in his address to Grand Lodge in July last, that he had been given to understand that a proposition to adhere to the "Grand Lodge of Canada," would be favorably considered by those Lodges in the Province of Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, yet when the three Lodges (two R. E. and one R. S.) in

the City of Quebec, were requested to meet the Committee appointed by the "Grand Lodge of Canada" to consider the subject of amalgamation, not one member of either of these old and influential Lodges accepted such invitation; *but on the contrary*, two of the three, by their duly appointed delegates, co-operated in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and have since solemnly ratified the action of their representatives, and formally declared their allegiance to the new Grand Lodge; and the amalgamation movement was not more successful in the city of Montreal, than it had been in the city of Quebec.

4th. During the year 1866, a Grand Lodge had been formed in and for the Province of Nova Scotia, and its Grand Master installed by P. Grand Master Wilson, "Grand Lodge of Canada." and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia so formed is now acknowledged by the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as by the other Grand Lodges throughout the world. In the autumn of 1867 the Lodges of the Province of New Brunswick, formed themselves into a Grand Lodge, in and for the Province of New Brunswick, and that Grand Lodge is now acknowledged by the "Grand Lodge of Canada" as well as by the other Grand Lodges.—By these acts the project of a Dominion Grand Lodge received a final *quietus* and there remained no other alternatives than 1st. to attempt to consolidate all the Lodges in the two Provinces formed out of the old "Province of Canada," into one Grand Lodge, to be called the Grand Lodge of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, (and which is by the action we now report rendered impossible), or, 2ndly, in accordance with constitutional usage, to form a Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Quebec, and what was still called the "Grand Lodge of Canada," to declare itself, to form and be the Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Ontario, which latter course was recommended by R. W. Bro. Dr. Mackey of South Carolina, one of the ablest American writers on Masonic jurisprudence, whom Grand Master Wilson consulted in 1867, and whose letter was afterwards published for the information of the Craft.

5th. Among the many other important incidental reasons which induced the Freemasons in the Province of Quebec to follow the example of all other parts of the Masonic world, by the formation of a Grand Lodge in the said Province, there may be mentioned the vast length of territory included in the two Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, extending through some *twelve degrees* of longitude, from the

State of Maine on the east, to the State of Michigan or Central Ohio on the west;—the meetings of Grand Lodge itinerating over such vast distances, and causing an enormous and impoverishing expense to many of the Lodges, especially those less wealthy in the country parts, in sending delegates thereto:—the impracticability very often, of carrying up appeals and the like before Grand Lodge except at a ruinous expenditure to many Brethren, of time and money, and hence cases oft postponed, or going by default;—the impracticability on account of the necessarily inherent *dual* conflicting Provincial interests and preferences, of securing permanently located offices for Grand Lodge and owned by it;—the utter impracticability of erecting any edifice for the use of G. L. in any locality which would be satisfactory to *both* Provinces;—the like impossibility of erecting a Masonic Asylum for which a large sum of money was raised, and appropriated, and notwithstanding the "Asylum Trust," have annually for a long time, urged the importance of further action by G. L., have indicated localities, proposed plans, suggested "ways and means," yet for the above mentioned and other obvious reasons, it has hitherto been found impossible to take action thereon; and the same has been true and *under the double-majority regime*, would continue, to be true in regard to a proposed Masonic Orphan School, Masonic Farm, and all other such like schemes of practical Masonic benevolence; any one of which seeming expedient and desirable, can, without doubt, be successfully carried out in each Province by their respective Grand Lodges.

6th. And had the Brethren of the Province of Quebec, been willing for any longer period, to continue in the same unsatisfactory position as for the past two years especially, there would always have existed the painful suspense arising from the ever-impending and ever-threatening probability that whenever they should see fit, a constitutional and customary number of Lodges would assemble and assert their inherent and traditional rights by constituting themselves into a Supreme Grand Lodge for the said Province of Quebec.

7th. After the entire failure of the utopian Dominion scheme, and the consolidation and amalgamation scheme, the majority of the Brethren and Lodges in the Province of Quebec, having the highest good of the craft at heart, and believing that a sufficient length of time had been given to the consideration of the subject, after the most anxious and careful deliberation, decided, that they were fully justified in acting upon the only simple and constitutional solution of our long stand-

ing and complicated difficulties by the formation of one independent and Supreme Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Quebec; and therefore with a unanimity seldom paralleled in the formation of Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Quebec has been formed in order, that the Craft in the Province of Quebec, in common with their Brethren elsewhere throughout the Masonic world, may secure and enjoy all those inestimable blessings and privileges which necessarily flow from that *unity in Grand Lodge allegiance and jurisdiction*, which ought always to exist within the same territorial and political boundaries.

Wherefore, a constitutional and customary number of Lodges in the Province of Quebec, regularly assembled and duly constituted in convention, deemed and held that they had an undoubted legal and constitutional right to form a Supreme Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Quebec, not only in conformity to the aforementioned usage and established custom, but also in accordance with the well recognized principle of masonic jurisprudence, that more than one Grand Lodge cannot exist *in perpetuum* either by themselves or by representative organizations, or otherwise exercise authority and jurisdiction, *suo jure*, within the same geographical and political boundaries, whether Kingdom, State or other Legislatively distinct Territory or Province.

For the reasons already stated, and for many other *locally important reasons*, twenty-one of the thirty seven Lodges of all jurisdictions now working, in this Province, as set forth in the accompanying printed proceedings,—in peace, love and harmony, and in accordance with the example of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England and other Grand Lodges throughout the world, and following the example of the Lodges in their sister Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick whose Grand Lodges are now acknowledged throughout the world, and also in conformity to the well-established customs and general usages of our Fraternity, proceeded to form and did form on the 20th day of October, 1869, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec; and we beg respectfully to repeat our petition that you, as a Grand Lodge, will extend to the same, fraternal recognition, and establish therewith fraternal correspondence and communication.

(Signed,) " { J. DUNBAR, P.G.J.W., R.E.
Com. { JOHN HELDER ISAACSON, P.D.D.G.M.
 { G. H. BORLASE, P.D.D.G.M.

J. H. GRAHAM, G.M., G. L. of Q. EDSON KEMP, G.S.

It was moved by W. Bro. C. Judge, seconded by R. W. Brother Peavey, G.J.W., and

Resolved,—That the Address to the Sister Grand Lodges, just submitted, be received and adopted by this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Borlase, on behalf of the Committee appointed to assist the Grand Secretary in revising and amending the Constitution and Regulations, reported that pressure of private business, and from other unavoidable circumstances, this Committee had been as yet unable to meet, and the Committee beg that an extension of time be granted them to make their report.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. Marvin, seconded by W. Bro. Stayely, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee just submitted be received and that extension of time be granted to said Committee.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, P.D.D.G.M., a member of the Board of General Purposes.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to meet on to-morrow, Thursday, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

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THURSDAY, 2nd December, 1869.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 10 o'clock. A M.

M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, A.M., LL.D., Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The rough minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, at its first day's session, were read and approved.

R. W. Bro. Murray, on behalf of the Committee on Printing, reported that as far as had been found practicable, all documents pertaining to Grand Lodge matters had been printed and circulated, viz: the Proceedings of the Organization of Grand Lodge, the Address to Sister Grand Lodges, and other incidental documents requested for the proper regulation of the business of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peavey, G.J.W., seconded by R. W. Bro. Baker, P.G.J.W., and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Printing Committee just read, be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Bowen, D.G.M., seconded by R.W. Bro. Renshaw, and

Resolved,—That the M. W. the Grand Master, would, if agreeable, communicate to the Grand Lodge at its next Communication his definition of what constitutes "Confirmation of Minutes," both in the Grand Lodge and its subordinates.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Murray, seconded by V. W. Bro. Taber, and

Resolved,—That the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to name a Committee, whose duty shall be to receive from the Grand Lodge of Canada, any Communication which that Grand Body may deem it desirable to make, and to confer with any similar Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Canada, now in session, and to take such further action as to them may seem best in the interests of this Grand Lodge, and to report the same at as early a date as possible.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint as such Committee:

R. W. Bros. Bowen, Isaacson, Dunbar, Murray, Borlase, and Edgar.

R. W. Bro. Bowen, D.G.M., and President of the Board of General purposes, submitted the following Report:

"That a meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the British Masonic Chambers, on Thursday, December 2d, 1869, at 10.30 A.M.

Present—R. W. Bro. Bowen, Chairman. Bros. Meigs, S. W., Peavy, J.W., Isaacson, Murray, Baker, Wood (Geo.), Tait, Dunbar, Milton, Renshaw, Borlase and Edgar.

The Board was organized, and proceeded to the election of a Vice-President, when R. W. Bro. Isaacson was unanimously elected to that office.

The question of the Grand Secretary's salary was next considered, when, on motion, duly proposed and seconded, it was carried on division, that his salary be placed at \$400.00, including use of office and travelling expenses.

The important question of raising funds to meet the Grand Lodge

expenses for the current year was considered, and considering the fact that no portion of the current year's revenue could be applied to the support of Grand Lodge for the present year, the following resolution was carried unanimously :

That R. W. Bros. Isaacson, Murray, Edgar, and the Grand Secretary, be a Committee to issue a Circular to the following effect,—That all Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be appealed to by this Board to make donations to such amount, and in such manner, as they think fit, towards defraying the heavy expenses attendant upon the organization of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Bowen, D.G.M., seconded by K. W. Bro. Peavey, G.J.W., and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board of General Purposes, just read be received and adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at half-past 2 P.M. to-day.

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THURSDAY, 2nd December, 1869.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at half-past 2 P.M.

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

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The rough minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its morning session, were read and approved.

R. W. Bro. Edgar, D.D.G.M., Montreal District, submitted the following report :

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

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

It becomes my duty to place before you the following statement in order that the Grand Lodge may take such action in the premises as they may deem proper :

On the first day of November I received a notice of from R. W. Bro. Murray, acting for Victoria Lodge, requesting my attendance at the meeting of the Lodge to be held that evening, in my capacity as D.D.G.M. for this District. On my arrival at the Lodge Room, I found the Master's chair in the East in possession of M. W. Brother Stevenson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and R. W.

Brother Gutman, both of whom I was informed had taken possession of them during the afternoon, (the meeting being called for eight o'clock.) I addressed the Senior Warden, in the absence of the W. Master, to demand possession of the chair, and to request the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson and R. W. Bro. Gutman to leave the room until the Lodge had been properly opened. With the Warrant of the Lodge in his hand, and accompanied by the Past Master of the Lodge, the S. W. then made formal demand of the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson and R. W. Bro. Gutman, to give him and Victoria Lodge, as their right, possession of the Master's chair. This the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson and R. W. Bro. Gutman refused to do, and the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson then stated that he was given to understand that a number of the members of Victoria Lodge did not sanction or approve of the action of the delegates of the Lodge to the Convention which had formed the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and that so long as seven members of the Lodge would consent to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the G. L. of Canada, of which he was Grand Master, that he could acknowledge no Victoria Lodge but the Victoria Lodge, C. R., to whom those seven members still acknowledged allegiance; and further, that in his capacity as Trustee for the property in that Room, belonging to Victoria Lodge, C.R., he would not allow the Victoria Lodge, R. of Q., to meet in that Room, or acknowledge their right to any property therein. And the said M. W. Brother Stevenson and R. W. Brother Gutman, did retain possession of the Masters chairs, and did not permit the Victoria Lodge to transact their business, and these said brethren remained in the room till 11 o'clock P. M., when the S.W. of the Victoria Lodge seeing that he could not get possession of the room, except by using force, which he did not deem it proper to do, called the Tyler of the Lodge and instructed him to close the room, and the Brethren then retired, as well as the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson and R. W. Bro. Gutman. And afterwards, that is to say, on or about 11 P.M., on the said evening, the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson, and the said R. W. Bro. Gutman, with some other masons, viz., Bros. Craig, Wilson, Miller, Hamilton, Campbell, M.D., Gray, Barton, Lawrie, and Niven and Bro. Murray, Junior Warden, all members of Victoria Lodge, and Bro. C. H. Walters, formerly a member of Victoria Lodge, but now an unaffiliated mason, and others, did proceed to the business office of the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson, and there did hold a clandestine meeting pur-

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porting to be a meeting of Victoria Lodge, C.R., and did then and there transact business purporting to be the business for the meeting of the said Victoria Lodge;—and I beg to draw the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that this meeting was clearly a clandestine meeting from the fact that it was held without the authority of the master of the Lodge, and had not been duly summoned by him: 2nd, that the warrant of the Lodge was not in the room; 3rd, that the secretary of the Lodge, the minutes or other books of the Lodge, were not in the room; 4th, that it was held in a room not dedicated to the purposes of masonry, but exposed to the view of the profane and uninitiated; and 5thly, that the Tyler of the Lodge was not there, and the Lodge not properly tyled. And I beg this Grand Lodge to take the proper steps to vindicate the honor of masonry, which has been disgraced by this action.

I have further to report:—That on Thursday evening the 25th November, I was called upon in my official capacity of D.D.G.M. to repair to the Masonic Hall, where the Zetland Lodge were to hold a meeting, to instruct their delegates to Grand Lodge, in reference to business to be brought before Grand Lodge at its present communication, and I was informed that certain persons were at that time in the Lodge Room endeavoring to disturb and prevent the meeting of the Lodge. On my arrival at the Lodge Room, I was informed by R.W. Bro. Isaacson, that the persons then present, M. W. Bro. Stevenson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, M. W. Bro. Bernard, P.G.M. of that Grand Lodge, and others, including some members of Zetland Lodge, claimed possession of the room for a meeting of what they called Zetland Lodge, C.R., and that these persons refused to retire from the room. I advised R. W. Bro. Isaacson to open his Lodge and not to heed any interruption that these persons would make until such time as the Lodge was properly opened and tyled. R. W. Bro. Isaacson then proceeded to open Zetland Lodge in due form, the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson and the said M. W. Bro. Bernard and others, endeavoring to prevent the same by loud cries, stamping, and other disgraceful proceedings, but seeing that their efforts were unavailing, they left the room in a noisy and disgraceful manner, and the said M. W. Bro. Bernard did make use at the same time of most insulting language to the Brethren of Zetland Lodge and others who were proceeding to their work in a proper and constitutional manner. And afterwards, in the anti-room, adjoining the

said room, the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson, and M. W. Bro. Bernard, and others, did endeavor to create a disturbance, but finding their efforts were not successful, they finally left the premises, and Zetland Lodge proceeded with their meeting, and transacted the business for which it had been called.

And I am informed, that afterwards, on the same evening, the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson and others, among them some members of Zetland Lodge, did proceed to the business office of the said M. W. Bro. Stevenson, and then and there proceeded to hold a clandestine meeting, claiming to be a meeting of Zetland Lodge, C.R. And I have to call the attention of Grand Lodge to this fact, which can be proved to their satisfaction, and I beg of this Grand Lodge to take such action as may vindicate the honor of our beloved order from the disgrace which has been put upon it by these proceedings.

And I have further to report :—That, on the 16th day of November, I received a communication from Zetland Lodge, intimating that at the Regular Communication of that Lodge, held on the 11th inst., a resolution was passed by the Lodge "to communicate to the D. D. G. M. the facts under which the Warrant of Zetland Lodge was illegally abstracted from the Lodge Room, and to request that "Grand Officer to take such proper steps as he may deem prudent to "repossess the Lodge of its Warrant." And in pursuance of this motion I was notified "that the Warrant of Zetland Lodge was on "the evening of October 14th, illegally taken possession of by R. W. Bro. Gutman, then D.D.G. M., R.C, who now holds the same."

On the 16th day of November, I wrote the said R. W. Brother Gutman and summoned him to appear before me at my office on the 21st instant, and answer to the charge preferred against him by Zetland Lodge, of illegally retaining possession of the Warrant of that Lodge, and informing him at the same time that unless he made satisfactory answer to the charge preferred against him, I would be obliged, in the execution of my duty, to suspend him from all masonic privileges and rights, until such time as the pleasure of the Grand Lodge should be given in this matter. The said R. W. Bro. Gutman failed to appear and answer to this summons. And the said R. W. Bro. Gutman failing to answer my summons to appear, I, on the 22d November did issue my peremptory summons to the said R. W. Bro. Gutman, to appear before me at my office on that evening to answer to said charge; that the said R. W. Bro. Gutman did again fail to

appear and answer to my summons. And I believe that the said Warrant of the Zetland Lodge was illegally abstracted by the said R. W. Bro. Gutman, and as he has failed to return the same when duly summoned so to do, I pray this Grand Lodge to take such action as will vindicate their right to demand said Warrant in the name of Zetland Lodge.

And I have further to report:—That M. W. Bro. Stevenson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, has informed several masons in this city, that it is his intention, in his capacity as Grand Master of the G. L. of C., to grant Dispensations or Warrants to any members of Lodges which have given in their adherence to this Grand Lodge, who may wish it, and that he will only acknowledge the persons to whom he shall grant these Dispensations or Warrants as the Lodges to whom he owes duty as Trustee, for the furniture, &c., owned by Zetland Lodge, Kilwinning Lodge, Victoria Lodge, and Royal Albert Lodge, in the Masonic Hall in this city, and that he will vest the property he holds in trust for these Lodges in the hands of the persons to whom he may grant Dispensations or Warrants in the name of the Lodges aforesaid, and I pray this Grand Lodge to take such steps as may prevent this unlawful and disgraceful action.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK EDGAR,

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

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peavy, G.J.W., seconded by R. W. Bro. Renshaw, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the D.D.G.M., M.D., just read, be received by this Grand Lodge, and that the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to appoint a Committee to whom said Report shall be referred.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint as such Committee, R. W. Bros. Dunbar and Borlase, and V. W. Bro. Tait, with instructions to report thereon as early as possible.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Bowen, D.G.M., seconded by W. Bro. Stanley, and

Resolved,—That the M. W. the Grand Master be requested to appoint four additional members to the Committee on Constitution.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Isaacson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Renshaw, and unanimously

Resolved,—That the Honorary Rank of Past Grand Junior Warden of this Grand Lodge be conferred on Bro. Major Hiram Mills, of Montreal.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Edgar, seconded by W. Bro. C. Judge, and unanimously

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and the same are hereby most cordially tendered to the Committee of the British Masonic Chambers, Montreal, through R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, for the use of their Room for the purposes of this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Dunbar, on behalf of the Special Committee appointed to consider the Report of the District Deputy Grand Master for the Montreal District, reported that they had taken into consideration the said Report, had made progress with reference to the same, and begged leave to sit again.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Peavey, G.J.W., seconded by V. W. Bro. Marvin, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Special Committee just read be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Bowen, D.G.M., seconded by R. W. Bro. Rev. C. P. Reid, M.A. Grand Chaplain, and unanimously

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and the same are hereby most cordially and respectively tendered to the Directors of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, through Henry Shackell, Esq., and to the Directors of "The Vermont Central" and "The Stanstead, Shefford and Chamby" Railway Companies, through M. G. Elliot, Esq., for their kindness in granting the members of this Grand Lodge tickets to and from Montreal for single fare.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Isaacson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Edgar, and unanimously

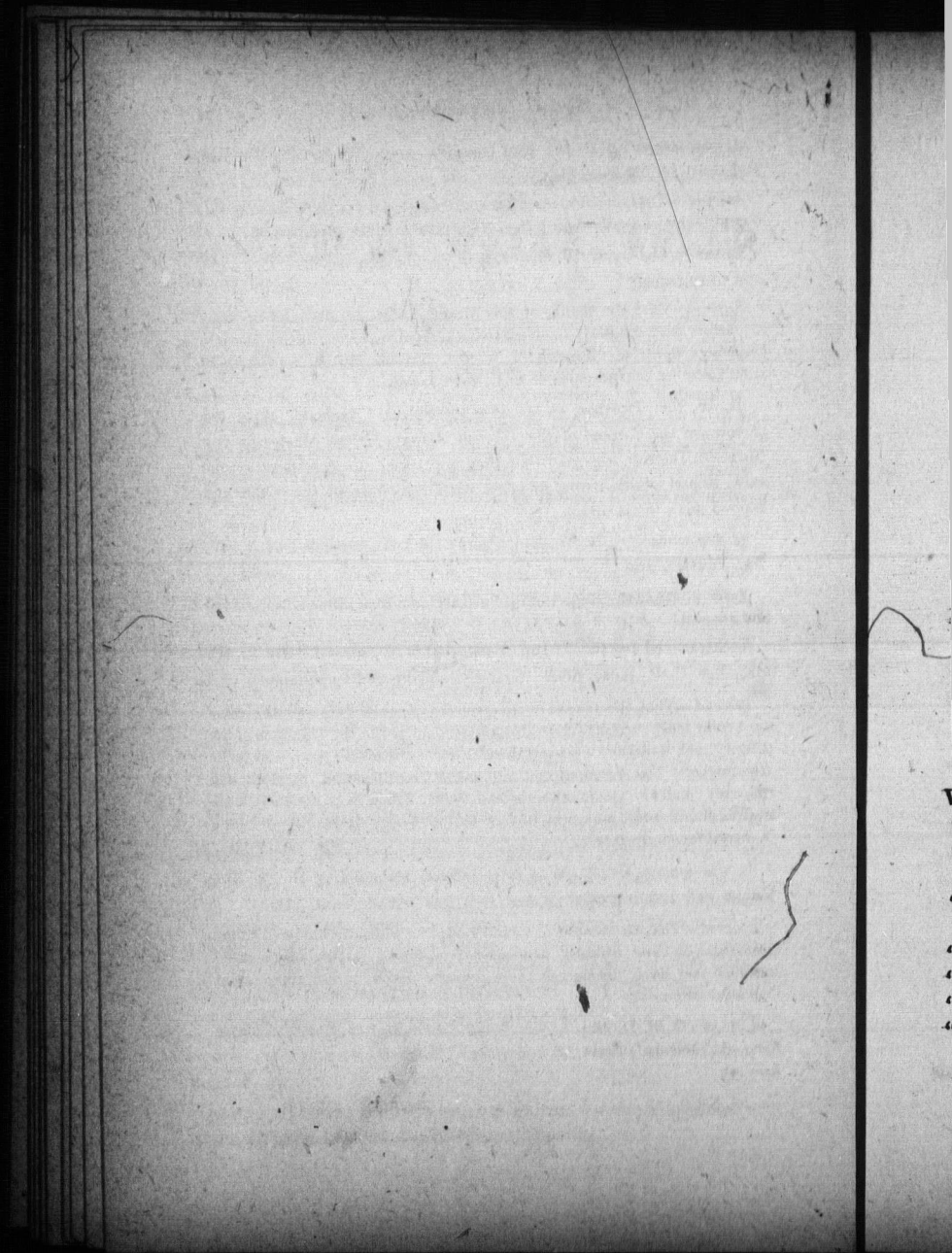
Resolved,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be cordially tendered to the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their arduous duties during the present Communication.

The labors of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in ample form with solemn prayer, at 6 o'clock, P.M.

ATTEST.

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EDSON KEMP,
Grand Secretary.



Grand Lodge of Quebec,

A. F. & A. M.

PROCEEDINGS

At the First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held in the "British Masonic Chambers," at the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, on the 19th and 20th days of October, A.L. 5870, A.D. 1870.

PRESENT:

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| M. W. Bro. | John Hamilton Graham, LL.D., &c., | Grand Master, |
| | On the Throne. | |
| R. W. Bro. | Wm. Miller, as | Deputy Grand Master. |
| " " " | M. R. Meigs, | Grand Senior Warden. |
| " " " | J. P. Peavey, | " Junior Warden. |
| " " " | Rev. C. P. Reid, M.A., | " Chaplain. |
| " " " | H. J. Gear, | " Treasurer. |
| " " " | Samuel McClung, | " Registrar. |
| " " " | Edson Kemp, | " Secretary. |
| V. " " | H. M. Alexander, | " Senior Deacon. |
| " " " | Timothy Leet, as | " Junior Deacon. |
| " " " | Charles McKenzie, | " Director of Ceremonies. |
| " " " | Chas. M. Alexander, | " Organist. |
| " " " | W. E. Coquillette, | " Pursuivant. |
| " " " | Wm. B. Seeley, | " Tyler. |
| " " " | Geo. Wood. | } Grand Stewards. |
| " " " | C. P. Taber, | |
| " " " | C. S. Rowe, | |
| " " " | S. R. Marvin, | |

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| R. W. Bro. | Frank Edgar, | Montreal District. |
| " " " | Hon. Thomas Wood, | Bedford District. |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

- B. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Texas.
 R. W. Bro. Isaac Henry Stearns, Representative from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.
 R. W. Bro. John Helder Isaacson, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Maine.

PAST MASTERS.

- R. W. Bro. Wm. Miller.
 " " John Alexander.
 R. " " Geo. Thompson,
 " " " James Dunbar.
 V. " " Charles McKenzie.
 " " " George F. Shufelt.
 R. " " Edson Kemp.
 " " " Hon. Thomas Wood.
 " " " A. D. Stevens.
 V. " " J. P. Martin.
 " " " W. M. Hovey.
 V. " " W. E. Coquillette.
 R. " " J. H. Isaacson.
 " " " Wm. Johnson.
 " " " Mathew Doyle.
 V. " " John Tweddell.
 " " " Daniel Sault.
 " " " Thomas Featherstone.
 M. " " J. H. Graham.
 " " " T. Hart.
 V. " " Timothy Leet.
 " " " M. M. Tait.
 " " " E. Wiswell.
 R. " " M. R. Meigs.
 " " " L. Snyder.
 R. " " John Renshaw.
 " " " I. H. Stearns.
 " " " John Wilson.
 V. " " C. S. Rowe.
 " " " W. M. Macfie.

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| | V. W. Bro. C. P. Taber. |
| | “ “ D. B. Meigs. |
| Lodge of | R. “ “ Frank Edgar. |
| e Grand | V. “ “ H. M. Alexander. |
| e Grand | R. “ “ Alex. Murray. |
| | “ “ “ J. P. Peavey. |
| | “ “ “ Thomas Milton. |
| | “ “ “ H. J. Gear. |
| | “ “ “ John T. McMinn. |
| | V. “ “ George C. Wood. |
| | “ “ “ S. R. Marvin. |
| | “ “ “ Rev. W. C. Clarke. |
| | “ “ “ Daniel Boyd. |
| | “ “ “ George O. Tyler. |
| | R. “ “ Samuel McClung. |
| | V. “ “ A. G. Fenwick. |
| | “ “ “ H. L. Jacquays. |
| | “ “ “ E. H. Goff. |

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon our proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in ample form at 2 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of General Purposes having appointed W. Bro. Thos. Milton, R. W. Bro. I. H. Starnes, W. Bro. Geo. F. Shufélt, and R. W. Bro. W. Miller, a Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, reported the following as being present and entitled to take part in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge:

Albion Lodge, Quebec.

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| | W. Bro. John Alexander, W.M. |
| R. “ “ | William Miller, P.M. |
| “ “ | Geo. Thompson, P. M. |

No. 1.

St. Johns, Quebec.

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| | R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, P.M. |
| V. “ “ | Charles McKenzie, P.M. |

- No. 2. *Prevost, Dunham.*
 W. Bro. Geo. F. Shufelt, W.M.
 " A. D. Stevens, S.W.
 " G. R. Longway, J.W.
 R. W. " Thomas Wood, P.M.
 " " Edson Kemp, P.M.
 " W. B. Seeley, G. Tyler.
- No. 3. *Nelson, Philipsburgh.*
 Bro. W. H. Smith, S.W.
 W. " J. P. Martin, P.M.
- No. 4. *Golden Rule, Stanstead.*
 W. Bro. W. M. Hovey, W.M.
- No. 5. *St. Andrew's, Quebec.*
 Bro. Geo. W. Ellison, S.W.
- No. 6. *St. George's, Montreal.*
 V. W. Bro. W. E. Coquillette, W.M.
 " G. F. Duran, S.W.
- No. 7. *Zelland, Montreal.*
 W. Bro. M. Doyle, W.M.
 " H. McVittie, S.W.
 " John Hay, J.W.
 R. W. " J. H. Isaacson, P.M.
 " " Wm. Johuson, P.M.
- No. 8. *Harington, Quebec.*
 W. Bro. John Tweddell, P.M.
- No. 9. *Hoyle, Lacolle.*
 W. Bro. Thomas Featherstone, W.M.
 " John Brisbin, S.W.
 W. " D. Sault, P.M.
- No. 10. *St. Francis, Richmond.*
 V. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, W.M.
 " M. Burnie, S.W.
 " Arthur Wilcock, J. W.
 M. W. " Jno. H. Graham, P.M.
 " " T. Hart, P.M.
 " " T. Leet, P.M.

- No. 11. *Victoria, Sherbrooke.*
 W. Bro. E. W. Wiswell, W.M.
 " S. J. Foss, S.W.
 " Alexander Lomas, J.W.
- No. 12. *Stanbridge, Stanbridge.*
 W. Bro. L. Snyder, W.M.
 " J. M. Stow, S.W.
 R. " " M. R. Meigs, P.M.
- No. 13. *Kilwinning, Montreal.*
 W. Bro. John Wilson, W.M.
 " David Wright, S.W.
 " Francis E. Gilman, J.W.
 R. " " Jno. H. Isaacson, P.M.
 " " " John Renshaw, P.M.
 " " " Isaac H. Stearns, P.M.
 " " " John P. Peavey, P.M.
- No. 14. *Clarenceville, Clarenceville.*
 W. Bro. W. M. Macfie, W.M.
 " J. S. Hall, S.W.
 V. " " C. S. Rowe, P.M.
- No. 15. *Brown Lodge, West Farnham.*
 W. Bro. D. B. Meigs, W.M.
 V. " " C. P. Taber, P.M.
- No. 16. *Royal Albert, Montreal.*
 V. W. Bro. Henry M. Alexander, W.M.
 " J. Jos. Barnard, S.W.
 " Henry W. Atwater, J.W.
 R. " " Frank Edgar, P.M.
 V. " " C. M. Alexander, Grand Organist.
- No. 17. *Victoria, Montreal.*
 W. Bro. John T. McMinn, W.M.
 " Allen Brown, S.W.
 R. " " Alexander Murray, P.M.
 " " " Henry J. Gear, P.M.
 " " " F. Edgar, P.M.
 " " " Thomas Milton, P.M.

No. 19.

Ascot, Lennoxville.

Bro. T. B. Harris, S.W.

" B. Henderson, J.W.

R.W. " I. H. Stearns, P.M.

" " Thomas Milton, P.M.

No. 20.

Ashlar, Coaticook.

V. W. Bro. Geo. C. Wood, P.M.

No. 21.

Frelighsburg, Frelighsburg.

V. W. Bro G. R. Marvin, W.M.

" S. R. Whitman, S.W.

" E. B. Abbott, J.W.

No. 22.

Dortie, Danville.

V. W. Bro. T. Leet, W.M.

" W. h. Philbrick, S.W.

" H. Lynch, J.W.

R. " " I. H. Stearns, P.M.

No. 23.

Chateauguay, Huntingdon.

W. Bro Daniel Boyd, W.M.

" Alex. Cameron, S.W.

" " Rev. W. C. Clarke, P.M.

No. 25.

Milton, Three Rivers.

W. Bro. George O. Tyler, W.M.

" Rev. W. L. Scott, J.W.

R. " " S. McClung, P.M.

V. " " A. G. Fenwick, P.M.

R. " " Thomas Milton, P.M.

No. 26.

Abercorn, Abercorn.

W. Bro. H. L. Jacquays, W.M.

No. 27.

Corner Stone, Nelsonville.

W. Bro. E. H. Goff, W.M.

R. " " Edson Kemp, P.M.

No. 28.

Clarke, Ormstown.

W. Bro. Rev. W. C. Clarke, P.M.

No. 29.

St. Charles, Point St. Charles.

R. W. Bro. T. Milton, W.M.

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

A number of visiting Brethren being in attendance, the M. W. Grand Master, granted permission for the admission of Masons in good standing.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of business.

The Minutes of the Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge on the 1st December, 1869, having been read, were on motion unanimously confirmed.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered the following address to the Brethren assembled :

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC :

One year ago to day, in this beautiful Masonic Hall, a duly congregated Convention of Freemasons assembled. This event, considering the interests involved, the rights asserted, and the action taken, has been declared by leading Brethren in both hemispheres, to be one of the most important and interesting that has occurred since the beginning of the present system of Masonic Grand Lodges in 1717; and since, in so large and goodly numbers, and under such auspicious circumstances we are now assembled to celebrate the first anniversary of the constitutional formation of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Quebec, it behoves us to render thanksgiving to the Most High for His many favors already received; to implore His blessing upon our present undertakings; and fervently to seek His aid and guidance for the days to come.

RESUME.

It now becomes my duty to render an account of my stewardship,—to give you a brief history of Grand Lodge affairs since we last met, and to submit whatever may seem best for your consideration and action.

On the 20th November, with the able counsel and assistance of the Committee appointed therefor, I prepared and caused to be forwarded along with the printed proceedings of the assembly of October 20th and 21st, which formed this Grand Lodge, a fraternal letter or address to all the sister Grand Lodges of the world, informing them of the constitutional organization of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, setting

forth some of the reasons for its formation, and requesting fraternal recognition, the establishment of fraternal correspondence and communication, and the interchange of representatives.

On the 21st January, I also directed the Grand Secretary to distribute, as above, a brief additional note, chiefly regarding the adhesion of several excellent Lodges of different registries, our recognition by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and the general prosperity of this Grand Body.

And on account of the very unfraternal efforts of certain officials of the Grand Lodge of "Canada" to prejudice our cause among sister Grand Lodges, and to rectify the many incorrect statements contained in a voluminous report of an emergent communication of that Grand Lodge, held on December 1st, and which was circulated world-wide; and, because of the impracticability of sending autograph replies to the numerous letters of enquiry received from almost every part of the Masonic world, I prepared and caused to be printed and circulated, a detailed and somewhat complete "Statement concerning the Grand Lodge of Quebec," containing a narrative of some of the leading events preceding and subsequent to its formation, refuting some of the arguments that had been brought forward against it, and citing some of the precedents, customs, usages and constitutions of our Order, in favor of the rightful existence, regular formation and supreme authority of this Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Quebec. I believe it has not been shown that there is a single material error (other than typographical) in either "The Statement" or "The Address," and it will be of no little interest for you to learn that not a few eminent juris-consults—masonic authors—leading journalists and other learned Brethren in many parts of the world, have by letter and otherwise been pleased most fraternally to express their commendation of the spirit and substance of our printed documents, and also to give the gratifying assurance that the facts and arguments therein were to them an end of all controversy anent the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

From the able reports of the R. W. the D. D. G. Masters, the Board of General Purposes, and of other Grand Lodge Committees, you will receive special information concerning the state of the craft in their respective Districts, and of many matters of great practical interest and importance.

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RECOGNITION BY NINE GRAND LODGES.

It is with profound satisfaction that I have the honor to inform you that I have been officially notified that this Grand Lodge has been fraternally recognized, and heartily welcomed into the great sisterhood of Grand Lodges, by the nine following important grand bodies, namely:—the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the Grand Lodges of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin and Nebraska, by the Grand Lodge of the Province of Nova Scotia, and by the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Nevada.

The special gratitude of the Grand Lodge of Quebec is due, and with your sanction, is hereby tendered to these sister Grand Lodges.

Some of the reports of these and of other grand bodies in favor of this Grand Lodge, are documents of great research and marked ability. These, together with the addresses of several Grand Masters, and of other eminent Brethren, and the articles and editorials of rare learning in many of the leading Masonic periodicals, both in the Old world and in the New, will become future standards of appeal on nearly every question pertaining to Grand Lodge organization and jurisprudence. All these Brethren, will I trust be pleased to accept the hearty fraternal thanks of this Grand Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed the following distinguished Brethren as Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge, *near* their respective Grand Lodges, and I have no doubt that you will heartily ratify and confirm the same:—R. W. Bro. H. J. Martin, near the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia; M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummond, near the Grand Lodge of Maine; R. W. Bro. Wm. Barrett, near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; R. W. Bro. E. A. Guilbert, near the Grand Lodge of Iowa; R. W. Bro. S. Cadwallader, near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin; M. W. Bro. P. W. Gray, near the Grand Lodge of Texas; R. W. Bro. Wise, near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska; R. W. Bro. G. T. Smithers, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

I have also received official information that the following able Brethren have been appointed Grand Representatives *near* this Grand Lodge:—R. W. Bro. W. B. Colby, from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia; R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, from the Grand Lodge of Maine; R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; R. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, from the Grand

Lodge of Texas; and should these or any other Grand Representatives appointed near this Grand Lodge be in attendance and present their credentials, I am sure you will give them a hearty fraternal welcome.

SEVEN ADDITIONAL LODGES WHICH HAVE ADHERED TO THIS
GRAND LODGE.

Of the Lodges in this Province which were not represented at the Convention that formed this Grand Body, it is highly gratifying to announce to Grand Lodge, the voluntary adhesion thereto of the seven following worthy and worshipful Lodges, being among the oldest and most flourishing on their respective registries, namely:—The Albion Lodge, late No. 17, registry of England, and the Harington Lodge, late No. 40, registry of Canada, in the City of Quebec, District of Stadacona; the Hoyle Lodge, Lacolle, late No. 60, registry of Canada, and the Chateauguay Lodge, Huntingdon, late No. 208, registry of Canada, in the District of Montreal; the Clarenceville Lodge, late No. 152, registry of Canada, the Nelson Lodge, Philipsburg, late No. 8, registry of Canada, and the St. John's Lodge, Mansonville, late No. 175, registry of Canada, in the District of Bedford.

Intimations of the early adhesion of other Lodges have been received by me.

FIVE LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

I have the honor also to inform the Grand Lodge that I have granted dispensations to the five following new Lodges namely:—The Milton Lodge, Three Rivers, in the District of Stadacona; the Abercorn Lodge, Abercorn, the Corner Stone Lodge, Cowansville, in the District of Bedford; the Clarke Lodge, Ormstown, and the St. Charles Lodge, Point St. Charles, in the District of Montreal.

The petitions for these Lodges were recommended by the nearest Lodges, and by the D.D.G.M.'s of their respective Districts; and knowing the Brethren named as officers, to be able men and zealous masons, I could not do otherwise than grant their petitions; and I trust that Grand Lodge will be pleased to confirm these dispensations, by granting warrants of constitution.

Communications have also been received making inquiries aent the establishment of other new Lodges in different parts of the Province.

THE THREE ENGLISH AND SCOTCH LODGES IN THIS PROVINCE.

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

The union with this Grand Body of the three remaining lodges, the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374 R.E., the Elgin, No. 348 R.S., and the St. Lawrence, No. 640 R.E., would be hailed with the greatest rejoicings. We know that these lodges are composed of many excellent men, and good masons, and we earnestly desire their union with this Grand Lodge. The honor which their adhesion would confer,—the efficient aid which they would give to it,—and the perfect unity of the Craft throughout the Province, which would be the result,—are such weighty considerations, as must have great influence with every enlightened well-wisher of the Craft of every registry.

Some of us know full well how tender, yet how strong, are the ties which bind one to the land from which he derived his birth and infant nurture, and fully appreciate the earnest desire, among Masons especially, to continue as long as possible, to be connected with, and to be partakers of the blessings, and sharers of the honour and renown of their mother Grand Lodges; but it cannot fail to appear to every thoughtful brother that these considerations may be carried to such an extreme as to be detrimental to the highest interests of the Craft in the country of one's residence or adoption; and although by the righteous orderings of God's Providence, children are separated from parents, for the more perfect fulfilment of the chief ends of their existence, yet, thereafter, neither do prudent parents nor dutiful children, have the less, but rather the more, interest in, and love for one another; in like manner, alwise Parent Grand Lodges, do exceedingly rejoice to see their own offspring, in other lands, or in other parts of the paternal domain, in the fulness of time, not shrinking from, but rather courageously taking upon themselves the duties of manhood, by the formation of Grand Lodges of their own—the better to perpetuate and extend the blessings—to imitate the virtues, and to strive to equal, and, if possible, to excel the glories of their illustrious progenitors.

THE ELEVEN REMAINING REGULAR "R. C." LODGES IN THE
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

The same, or similar considerations, as those stated above, apply to the ten [or eleven] remaining Regular Register of "Canada" Lodges, in this Province; and from the many leading members known to be in each of them, in some, almost amounting to entire unanimity in favor of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we may confidently anticipate their early and honorable adhesion to this Grand Body.

OTHER LODGES IN QUEBEC.

It is almost incredible that the D.D.G.M.'s of the Districts of Montreal and Bedford, should have to report that dispensations, or warrants, have been granted by the Grand Lodge of Canada, "to open one new Lodge in each of their Districts." It should have been well known to the humblest Brother, official or unofficial, having the least possible knowledge of the constitutions and laws of the fraternity, that from and after the formation of this Grand Lodge, no Lodge opened in the Province of Quebec, by any other than this Grand Body could be considered a "regularly formed" Lodge of Freemasons unless constituted and made "regular" by the Grand Lodge of Quebec. No question of recognition, or non-recognition, nor any other such like consideration, could in any way affect or change the *de facto* existence of this Grand Body as the only rightful Grand Lodge in and for the Province of Quebec, from and after the 20th October, 1869, and from which alone dispensations or warrants for new Lodges could "regularly" be obtained. And as to the few "duplicated lodges," it surely cannot be otherwise than that all misunderstandings will be speedily removed, and harmony, concord, and fraternal unity again prevail.

HAVE NOT RETALIATED.

Lodges in the registry of the Grand Lodge of Quebec have not, to the best of my knowledge retaliated, by refusing "visitation," &c., to Brethren in good standing in "regular" Lodges in this Province as yet on other registries, nor by rejecting applications for admission or membership to such brethren, into Royal Arch Chapters, or into Commanderies of Knights Templar, in good part, or wholly in sympathy with this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge; nor as might readily have been done, has this Grand Lodge retaliated by granting dispensations to form new Lodges in the sister Province of Ontario.

And moreover, it seems desirable that every Brother should know, that in the advocacy or furtherance of the rights and interests of this Grand Lodge abroad, since the formation of this Grand Body, not a single autograph letter has been sent by me to the Grand Master of any Grand Lodge throughout the world, until he, or his Grand Lodge had taken action anent this Grand Body; neither did I consider it to be in accordance with my own sense of honor, or with the dignity of this Grand Lodge, either by myself, or by proxy, to be going here and there throughout the world in attendance at Grand Lodges, or other Masonic assemblies, or elsewhere, advocating the rightful claims of this Grand Lodge, or disparaging others.

And as far as I am aware, to the annual communication of but one Grand Lodge, that of Vermont, did a few of our brethren voluntarily go, where they received, as was to be expected, a hearty fraternal reception, and wherein a unanimous vote was passed, proclaiming unrestricted fraternal communication of the Brethren under the Grand Lodge of Vermont with the Brethren under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Believing that truth, honor, and right must triumph, we have been fully assured, that soon every Grand Lodge of the world, would acknowledge, recognise, and uphold the rightfulness, regularity, and worthiness of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, if we remain faithful to ourselves, and to the great and invaluable principles of our ancient, honorable and beloved fraternity, and the result thus far has been such as to equal and even exceed our most sanguine expectation.

WANT OF UNION.

For the past fourteen years the Craft in what is now the Province of Quebec, has suffered many and grievous evils, arising chiefly from want of Masonic unity. Nothing else could have been anticipated from the existence within the same Province of private Lodges under the authority of several Grand Lodges,—each exercising concurrent jurisdiction. As well might political unity and national harmony and prosperity be expected if the Government of Britain, France, and the United States were exercising concurrent political jurisdiction therein. All this is additional proof, if any more were needed, of the pre-eminent wisdom of the law of the Fraternity that each Grand Lodge

should exercise supreme and exclusive jurisdiction within the Territory, Province, State, or Kingdom, whose name the Grand Lodge rightfully bears. The Grand Lodge of Quebec claims such rights in and for the Province of Quebec in like manner as the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick claim and exercise supreme Masonic authority within their respective Provinces; and, sooner or later, every enlightened Brother within this Province, must see that his duty to the Craft and the highest interests of the Fraternity require him to acknowledge and maintain the undivided supremacy of this Grand Body within the Province of Quebec. And hence, too, all the Grand Lodges of Free Masons throughout the world will see that they must recognise and aid in upholding the independence and exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec within her territory, or else show cause why other Grand Lodges may not have private Lodges in their territories also. The constitutional decision of the Grand Lodge of Quebec question thereby involves the highest interests, and accords with the perfect rights of every other Grand Lodge; and as to an early universal decision in favor of this Grand Body, there remains no longer any room to doubt. The will of the Most High is being clearly manifested by His signal blessings continually being vouchsafed to this, the last formed of the great and constantly increasing family of Grand Lodges of Free Masons throughout the world.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

I need not assure you, Brethren, that I deeply share with you the feelings of sorrow and pity universally entertained by the members of this Grand Lodge to see the formerly not unbeloved and not unrenowned Grand Lodge of Canada, acting the part of an unnatural parent, estranging her own offspring, losing her own self-respect and that of the Masonic world, and losing an unrecalable opportunity for the exercise toward the Brethren of Quebec, of the great principles of our Order, whose glorious manifestations amongst our Brethren, and before the world, might have arisen to the crowning heights of moral grandeur and sublimity. But instead thereof you have been compelled to bow your heads in shame and silence at her deeply to be lamented course of conduct. Yet, notwithstanding all this, I entreat you to bear in mind that in the Grand Lodge of Canada (soon, we believe, to be reconstructed into the large and flourishing Grand Lodge of Ontario), there are not a few Brethren pre-eminent in knowledge,

wisdom, and experience, whose prudent, fraternal counsel has been of late unheeded, and whose kindly influence has not recently been felt as in other and better days; but the inevitable reaction will come, when the sad effects of an unwise temporizing expediency in the appointment of its officials and in the management of its affairs shall have passed away, and when their many local difficulties shall have been adjudicated and arranged,—then shall the hallowed and benign influence of the fathers of that Grand Lodge be felt anew; then shall Divine peace spread her wings over those now estranged Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and harmony, prosperity, and brotherly love, will everywhere prevail. And may this be our fervent prayer to Him who can say, “Peace; be still.”

DECLARATION OF SUPREMACY.

Having duly confirmed the minutes of the Convention of Lodges that formed this, the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and having solemnly ratified and adopted all acts and proceedings had at its organization, it is now fitting and desirable, and in accordance with the general custom of the Craft under similar circumstances, that this Grand Lodge declare its sovereign independence, and its right to undivided supremacy, and the exclusive Masonic jurisdiction within the Province of Quebec.

MANITOBA.

In this Province, recently admitted into the Dominion of Canada, there may be new Lodges formed by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, or by the Grand Lodge of any other Province in the Dominion, or by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, or Ireland. Indeed, new Lodges may be opened therein by any regular Grand Lodge throughout the world; but international Masonic courtesy has in practice limited the granting of dispensations for new Lodges in “unoccupied territory,” to the Grand Lodges of those countries with which the newly formed Province, Territory or State is more directly allied politically. And should a petition be made to this Grand Lodge therefor, the Grand Master could have no hesitation in granting a dispensation for a new Lodge in the goodly Province of Manitoba, or in the recently acquired Territory of Hudson Bay; or in the Colonies of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, or in other colonies as soon as they may be admitted as Provinces into this Dominion. And this Grand Lodge would retain jurisdiction over

these private Lodges so formed, until each Province shall have formed a Grand Lodge of its own, when the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge over these private Lodges would immediately cease; and this Grand Body would bid its offspring God's speed under the fostering care and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of its own domain.

FRENCH LODGES.

Several communications have been received by me from Brethren in different parts of the Province, enquiring whether I would grant dispensations to form new Lodges whose work would be done in the French language. As it is so well said in our ancient constitutions,—“Freemasons are of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages,” and following the example of several illustrious Grand Masters, I could personally have no hesitation in granting the dispensations prayed for; but as the subject is of such great and far-reaching importance, I decided to submit the whole question to Grand Lodge; and as among other things, the full consideration of the matter requires allusion to the *lex non scripta* of Freemasonry, I will endeavor to lay this peculiarly interesting and important subject more fully before you during the present communication.

WAR AND RELIEF.

While our own, and many other lands are happily enjoying the benign blessing of peace, it is a source of deep sorrow that two of the great nations of Europe, with whom we are intimately connected by the ties of lineage and fraternity, are suffering from the terrible scourge of war. “Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace, and has always been injured by war, bloodshed, and confusion. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.” And while many of our leading Brethren of these nations, (with whom the fraternal communications of this Grand Lodge, till within a short time, has been unbroken), are unavoidably involved in this conflict, we are sure, that while they may not be able wholly to prevent, they will do all in their power, to avert or assuage its horrors, and after doing what is necessary to relieve the wants of the needy and deserving, at home, I am sure that this Grand Lodge will cheerfully follow the noble example of the Grand Lodge of England in contributing according to its ability “to aid the sick and wounded in the present war.”

DONATIONS RECEIVED.

The liberal donations made by individual Brethren whose names are well known to you, and also by Lodges in addition to their regular fees, abundantly testify their zeal for the Order and their affection for this Grand Lodge; and they deserve, and no doubt will receive, an expression of your hearty thanks.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

The unity and prosperity that are now dawning upon the Craft in this Province, betoken, at no distant day, the inauguration of measures for the erection of a Masonic Temple in this city, which will be worthy of the metropolis of the Dominion and of this Grand Lodge; and to any one acquainted with the spirit and purposes of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, it needs no prophetic tongue to foretell, that in the prosecution of those schemes of practical benevolence which are among the most cherished aims of the Craft, in due time, a rural Asylum and Home for the helpless and aged—the indigent and the infirm;—and a School of Training and industry for the Orphan youth—will be among the blessed fruits of the seeds that are now being sown; and may the God of the needy, the widow, and the fatherless, prosper you in your laudable designs.

OTHER SUBJECTS.

There are other subjects, to which, if time permitted, I would be glad to call your attention, such as the exemplification of the great principles of our Order in our daily lives,—the care and relief of the sick and needy,—the exercise of circumspection in the selection of materials, and of master-builders for our temples,—the careful instruction of novitiates,—the duty of liberally supporting able, friendly Masonic journals at home and abroad,—the establishment of Grand Lodge and Private Lodge Libraries from the abounding literature of the Craft—the desirableness of Lodges of Instruction in private Lodges, in district assemblies. and in Grand Lodge, &c., &c.,—but there are two or three topics to which I must briefly refer.

PUBLIC DIVINE SERVICE AND BANQUET.

In accordance with a goodly custom of the Fathers, at their annual and other Assemblies, and in consonance with the well known wishes of many of the officers and members of this Grand Lodge—and with a profound sense of our duty and privilege as a Grand Lodge of Free-

masons, publicly to acknowledge the Most High,—it has been arranged to have public Divine Service conducted by several of our Reverend Brethren, and to have an appropriate Discourse delivered by the Grand Chaplain, who has kindly consented to perform that important duty; and I am also sure that you will unite in expressing your gratification that it has also been arranged to have the Grand Lodge Banquet conducted on total abstinence principles.

HON. B. B. FRENCH.

It is my sad duty to announce to the Grand Lodge, that M. W. Bro. the Hon. Benjamin Brown French, of Washington, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, is no more. He died on the 12th day of August last, universally beloved. His funeral obsequies, and other tributes to his memory, were grandly commemorative of his exalted worth. In sad but grateful remembrance of this renowned Prince in our Israel, the illustrious and faithful friend of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, I beg to suggest that this Lodge be draped in mourning throughout this Grand Lodge communication.

CLOSING CONGRATULATIONS.

With thirty (or thirty-one) prosperous Lodges on our registry, and with every prospect of continued healthy increase, with prudence, zeal and the spirit of self-sacrifice among our members—with peace, concord and unanimity of purpose at home, and receiving constantly such kindly, fraternal proof of consideration, recognition, and support from distinguished Brethren, and from sister Grand Lodges abroad, it well becomes us thankfully and gratefully to rejoice in such prosperity; and cannot be otherwise than that every true Masonic heart is gladdened to learn of the wondrous advancement of our fraternity everywhere throughout the civilized world, and that multitudes of every clime, kindred, and tongue are crowding our temple gates, and that our Brethren everywhere are earnestly engaged in the prosecution of our grand design of honoring God, and promoting peace, union, prosperity, and goodwill among men, as “all true Masons have done, from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.” And now, Brethren, in closing, let me assure you that, while I have not been unmindful of the distinguished honor which you conferred upon me by electing me the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, contrary, as most of you are aware, to my proposals relative thereto; I have to regret that the arduous duties of my profession

have left me but little time to perform satisfactorily to myself the important duties of this office, especially in such a crisis as we have unnecessarily been called upon to pass through; and whatever mistakes may have been made, they are but renewed illustrations of the old, old truth, that "to err is human," and, whatever have been our successes, let them all be ascribed to Him by whom "kings reign, and princes decree justice;" and while, with renewed vigor and unswerving fidelity, we carry onward and upward to completion this our Grand Masonic edifice, till the cope stone shall have been placed amidst shouts of universal rejoicing—let us all faithfully execute the grand designs drawn by the Almighty Hand upon the trestle board of our existence, and delineated for our guidance in the volume of the Sacred Law, so that at last our work may be found worthy the acceptance of the Grand Master above, the Great Architect and Supreme Ruler of the universe—Amen, and Amen.

J. H. GRAHAM,

Grand Master.

Richmond, P.Q., October 19, 1870.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, seconded by W. Bro. Rev. W. C. Clarke, and

Resolved,—That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to a special committee to be appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master, said Committee to report at the meeting of Grand Lodge to-morrow, A.M.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed R. W. Bro. Jno. H. Isaacson, R. W. Bro. Wm. Miller, and W. Bro. Rev. W. C. Clarke, as said Committee.

The Grand Secretary then read the following official communications received from the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Maine, Nova Scotia, New Hampshire, Nebraska, Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin and Nevada:

(COPY.)

"To the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia:

The Committee on Jurisprudence to which was referred sundry papers relative to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in and for the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, make the following Report:

The papers referred to your Committee are :

1st. Proceedings of the Convention of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at the City of Montreal, Province of Quebec, on the 20th and 21st of October, 1869. Also, the Report of the Organization of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

2nd. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at a Special Emergent Communication held at the City of Montreal on the First day of December, 1869.

3rd. A Circular from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, of November 20th, 1869, setting forth the reasons for the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The proceedings of the Convention show, that in conformity with a call, dated September 30th, 1869, signed by a large number of highly respectable Brethren of the Province of Quebec, Twenty-one Lodges assembled in Convention, and with the usual formalities, proceeded to form, and did form the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The proceedings of the Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held on the first day of December, are entirely on the subject of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and in opposition thereto.

The Circular from the Grand Lodge of Quebec sets forth at considerable length, and in a very clear manner, the right of the Brethren who formed that Grand Lodge to do so.

Your Committee are now called upon to give to this Grand Lodge their views and conclusions upon this important subject.

They have read, with great care, all the papers submitted, and they cannot see any reason why the Grand Lodge of Quebec is not a legally formed and properly constituted Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Canada was formed in 1855. Prior to the formation of that Grand Lodge, Freemasonry in Canada was principally under the control of the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodges were called "Provincial Grand Lodges," and the "Provincial Grand Masters" were appointed by the Grand Master of England. Under these circumstances Canada then being one Province, a Convention was called and largely attended, and "The Grand Lodge of Canada" was formed.

The Grand Lodge of England refused to acknowledge it, and the Masonic difficulties in Canada were for two or more years, a fruitful subject of discussion in all the Grand Lodges of the United States.

Any one who will take the trouble to look back at the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge, in 1856, will find a very elaborate report, drawn up by the Chairman of this Committee, arguing to the best of his ability, the whole subject, and concluding with an acknowledgment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which report was sustained by this Grand Lodge.

This you will remember, was, when Canada *was a single Province*, and, as we believed, entitled to govern her own Masonic affairs, independent of England, or any other outside power.

In July, 1867, that Provincé was severed into two separate and distinct Provinces, called the "Province of Quebec," and the "Province of Ontario," and joined with the "Province of Nova Scotia," and "Province of New Brunswick," have become "The Dominion of Canada." So, if it was proper to acknowledge the Grand Lodge of Canada, it being an independent body, in a single Province, it seems to your Committee equally proper that when the Dominion of Canada is formed into four separate Provinces, each of these Provinces is entitled to a separate and independent Grand Lodge; and we all know that two of these Provinces, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, has each its Grand Lodge, both of which have been acknowledged by us, and both of which stand on our register as in full communication with us.

This is no new question within the United States. Up to December, 1811, the District of Columbia was under the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of Maryland and Virginia; but having become a separate Territory of the United States, and Freemasonry in the District having assumed a sufficient power to believe itself entitled to be independent, a Convention was called, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia was formed.

So of Virginia. The Grand Lodge of Virginia had jurisdiction from the Eastern boundary of Ohio to the Capes. The State was divided, and "West Virginia" was formed, and "The Grand Lodge of West Virginia" is now formed, and acknowledged by every Grand Lodge in the Union.

With these precedents before us, how much soever we may regret to differ in opinion with our respected Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, we can come to no other conclusion than the one already expressed, and we hope to be pardoned for expressing a strong desire, and sincere wish, that when the Grand Lodge of Canada review this

whole matter, and take into consideration their own position in relation to the Grand Lodge of England in 1855, that they will conclude to change their organization into the "Grand Lodge of Ontario," acknowledge the "Grand Lodge of Quebec," cordially and fraternally, and proceed onward in harmony and fraternal affection.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved.—That this Grand Lodge recognizes the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as an independent Masonic Grand Jurisdiction, and will hold fraternal correspondence therewith.

(Signed,)

B. B. FRENCH,
CHAS. F. STANSBURY, } Committee."
JOHN LOCKIE,

GRAND LODGE OF F. A. A. M. OF DIST. COL.
WASHINGTON, March 17, 1870.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, on the legality of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, submitted to the Grand Lodge at a stated communication held in January, 1870, and that the report was received by the Grand Lodge and the Resolution appended thereto recognizing the Grand Lodge of Quebec as an independent Grand Lodge, was unanimously adopted.

NOBLE D. LARNER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE.

PORTLAND, May 4, 1870.

At the Annual Convocation, the following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved.—That this Grand Lodge, when it was organized, declared, and many times since has declared, that Lodges existing in a State or Province having an independent Government, have the inherent right to form a Grand Lodge for their own government, though a Grand Lodge in another State, Province or country has exclusive jurisdiction over them until such new Grand Lodge is formed.

Resolved.—That the Lodges in the Province of Quebec come under

this rule: that we discover no irregularities in the proceedings in the formation of that Grand Lodge: that it is our duty to recognize it as having exclusive jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec: and that we do hereby recognize it, and extend to it a hearty welcome into the family of American Grand Lodges.

Resolved,—That in recognizing the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we are not influenced by feelings in any degree hostile to the Grand Lodge of Canada, in whose prosperity we are deeply interested, and in whose behalf the able pen of the former Chairman of this Committee was strongly enlisted, when the same objections were urged against its recognition as are now urged against the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; and that, from our knowledge of the Masons composing the Grand Lodge of Canada, we confidently trust that we shall soon see the same feelings of fraternity prevailing between it and its daughter Grand Lodge, as now prevail between the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and her daughter, the Grand Lodge of Maine.

(A true copy of the Resolutions.)

Attest,

IRA BERRY,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
No. 17, POPLAR GROVE, HALIFAX, N.S.,
September 17, 1870.

EDSON KEMP, ESQ., B.C.L.,

NELSONVILLE,

Grand Secretary G. L. of Quebec.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER :

I have the honour to inform you that at the Regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Nova Scotia, held in the town of Picton, on Friday, the 2nd day of September, 1870, the Resolution, passed at the Annual Communication of said Grand Lodge, in the City of Halifax, on the 24th day of June, 1870, recognizing the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was confirmed.

I have the honour to be,

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

BENJN. CURREN,
Grand Secretary, G. L. of N. S.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

CONCORD, *January 16, A. L. 5871.*

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, held in Concord, May 18, 1870, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved.—That the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire cordially extends the right hand of fellowship and recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and heartily welcomes it into the family of Grand Lodges.

A true copy of the record.

Attest,

ABEL HUTCHINS,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska :

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to report on one of the matters referred to it as follows :

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

After a careful examination of the facts, incident to the organization of that Grand Body, as presented by the papers submitted to us, we can come to no other conclusion than that the Lodges existing in the Territory comprising the Province of Quebec, had a right to form for themselves a Grand Lodge.

We believe that it is a well settled principle in Masonic Jurisprudence, at least in America, that "Masonic boundaries are coterminous with political boundaries," and that a Grand Lodge cannot exercise jurisdiction and control over Subordinate Lodges outside of the boundaries of the political jurisdiction in which such Grand Lodge is located without the consent of those Lodges; and believing thus, we deem it our duty to recognize the right in this case, and without delay, to cordially extend the right hand of fellowship to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and hail her as one of the Sisterhood of Grand Lodges.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved.—That the body styling itself the "Grand Lodge of Quebec," be recognized and hailed by this Grand Lodge as a regularly organized and constituted Grand Lodge, and that we hereby extend to it fraternal greetings as such.

Resolved.—That in thus recognizing said Grand Lodge, we are not influenced by any feelings of prejudice or hostility towards the Grand Lodge of Canada; but on the contrary, we feel deeply interested in her prosperity and welfare, and we sincerely hope that the same fraternal feelings and cordial relations that have heretofore existed between that Grand Body and ourselves will continue to exist; and from our knowledge of the illustrious Masons composing that Grand Lodge, we feel confident that this will be the case, and that the said Grand Lodge will also, at no distant day, extend the right hand of fellowship to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Resolved.—That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed to forward copies hereof to the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the resolutions as adopted by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, at its thirteenth annual communication, held at Plattsmouth on the 21st day of June, A. L. 5870.

ROBT. W. FURNAS,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF NEVADA.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

An extract from the Records of the proceedings of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of A.: F.: & A.: M.: of the State of Nevada, at its Sixth Annual Grand Communication:

“IN GRAND LODGE:

“MORNING SESSION,

“WEDNESDAY, Sept. 21, 5870.

“Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address:—

“Upon the subject matter of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we recommend the adoption of the resolutions relating thereto, which are reported by the Committee on Correspondence.

“*Resolved.*—That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Quebec was, on the twenty-first day of October, A. L. 5869, duly and regularly constituted as an Independent Grand

"Lodge, according to Masonic usage, and is entitled to recognition by the Grand Lodges of the world.

"*Resolved*—That we cordially welcome the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. S. F. & A. S. M.'s, into the Sisterhood of Grand Lodges, and extend to her the right hand of Fellowship

"*Resolved*.—That we regret that there are differences existing between the M. S. W. Grand Lodge of Canada and the M. S. W. Grand Lodge of Quebec, and hope that such differences may be speedily and amicably adjusted.

"*Resolved*.—That the Grand Secretary forward copies of these resolutions, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Canada."

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript from the Records of Grand Lodge.

Witness my hand and seal of Grand Lodge, this 8th day of October, A. L. 5870.

WM. A. M. VANBOKKELEN,
Grand Sec.

The Grand Secretary read a Communication from R. W. Bro. Bowen, D.G.M., stating that he was unavoidably prevented from being present at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were read :—

MONTREAL DISTRICT,

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

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY IN THE MONTREAL DISTRICT.

At the convention of Lodges held in the City of Montreal, on the 19th and 20th October, 1869, and which resulted in the establishment of this Grand Lodge, there were six Lodges from this District represented by their delegates, namely :

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| St. George's Lodge, | No. 424, | Reg. of England. |
| Zetland " | " 19, | " Canada. |
| Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, | " 124, | " " |
| Royal Albert " | " 166, | " " |
| Victoria " | " 173, | " " |
| Mount Royal " | " 202, | " " |

Three of these lodges, viz., Zetland Lodge, Montreal Kilwinning Lodge, and Royal Albert Lodge, unanimously confirmed the action of their delegates to the Convention, at their first regular communication held after that date; and have since been in full communion with this Grand Lodge.

At the first regular communication of Mount Royal Lodge, held after the formation of this Grand Lodge (at which, by the request of the Worshipful Master, I was present in my official capacity), the Lodge also confirmed the action of its delegates by a majority of votes. Subsequently I received a communication from the W. Master, stating that at the communication held in the month of November that motion had been rescinded, and that, owing to the great opposition of some of the members of the Lodge to the action taken by their delegates to the Convention, and their openly expressed determination to obtain a duplicate warrant from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, he had decided to accede to their wishes, and to defer, for a time, the severance of the connection of his Lodge with the Grand Lodge of Canada. In this communication to me, the W. Master expressed himself as fully convinced of the justice and expediency of the action of the delegates of the Lodge, and, also, that the majority of the members of the Lodge approved of that action, and he hoped that in a short time those members of the Lodge at that time opposed to these views would be convinced of their justice. Since that time I have not had any official communication with the lodge; having been informed by the W. Master that, under the circumstances, no communication from me would be received, nor would I be permitted to visit the Lodge. I deemed it best, therefore, to take no further action, but submit the matter for the consideration of Grand Lodge.

On the 1st day of November, 1869, I received the following communication from R. W. Brother Murray, Past Master of Victoria Lodge:

MONTREAL, 1st November, 1869.

FRANK EDGAR, D.D.G.M., Montreal District.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER:

R. W. Bro. Gear, W. M. of Victoria Lodge, having intimated to me that he cannot be present at the regular communication this evening, and requesting me to take the chair, I would be glad if you

could make it convenient to be present in your official capacity, as I have some reason to fear an attempt will be made to intimidate the brethren present by M. W. Bro. Stevenson, who is a member of Victoria Lodge.

I have the honor to be,

Yours, respectfully and fraternally,

ALEX. MURRAY,

P. M. Victoria Lodge.

At the time appointed I attended at the Masonic Hall, where the meeting was to be held, and found that the Lodge room had been taken possession of by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and R. W. Bro. Moses Gutman, of that Grand Lodge, who, arrayed in full regalia, had taken possession of the Master's chair, and refused to acknowledge the authority of R. W. Bro. Murray, the Senior Warden, and officers and members of Victoria Lodge, to open the Lodge. I instructed the Senior Warden to direct these Brethren, and others who were with them, to leave the room, and to open the Lodge in due form. The Senior Warden then proceeded, with the warrant of the Lodge, to the east, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Murray, and desired all present not members of Victoria Lodge to retire, as he desired the Lodge to be opened according to the usual custom. Bros. Stevenson and Gutman, and others with them, refused to leave the room, and Bro. Stevenson addressed those present, and stated that some members of Victoria Lodge refused to acquiesce in the action of their delegates, duly appointed to the Convention, and that so long as they refused to confirm that action, he, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, would recognize them, and them only, as the Victoria Lodge, and would not permit any Lodge to be opened unless presided over by himself. Matters remained in this state for some hours, during which time I endeavoured to persuade Bro. Stevenson, and others with him, to leave the room, but without effect; finally, Bro. Stevenson again addressed those present, and stated that as trustee of the property contained in the room, and as the lessee of hall, he assumed the power granted him in those capacities by the law of the land, and ordered all present to retire from the hall. Seeing that there was no prospect of the work of the Lodge being properly carried on under these circumstances, the Senior Warden of the Lodge, by my advice, then called the Tyler into the room, informed him of

the circumstances which prevented the Lodge from being opened, and directed him to close the room upon which all present left the hall. I regret to state that all through these proceedings, Bro. Stevenson was aided and abetted by some members of Victoria Lodge.

In order to avoid a repetition of these disgraceful proceedings, the officers of the Lodge, with my consent, deemed it best, for the honour of the craft in general, that the meetings of the lodge should be postponed for a short time. In the month of January I received a communication from the W. Master stating that he had reason to believe that peace and harmony had been restored among the members of the Lodge, and that they were again desirous of meeting and going to work, and requesting me to call the members together in order that I might be assured of this fact, and permit the lodge to resume work. Accordingly, I caused summonses to be issued to each and every member of the Lodge, to meet at the British Masonic Chambers, in the City of Montreal, on the fourteenth day of February. A large number of the members attended to this call, and the Lodge having been duly opened by the W. Master, the proceedings of their delegates to the Convention were confirmed in due form. A resolution of the Lodge was then presented to me, praying that, as the usual time for the election and installation of officers for the year had passed by in the interval during which the Lodge had ceased to work, that I would grant the Lodge a dispensation to proceed to the election and installation of officers for the ensuing Masonic year. This dispensation I felt justified in granting. The officers for the present year have been duly installed, and I have much pleasure in being able to report that the Lodge is now working under most auspicious circumstances, and bids fair to be one of the principal Lodges on our register.

I regret to state that a portion of the regalia and books of the Lodge, as well as the funds in the hands of the late Treasurer of the Lodge, on the 19th October last, have not been returned to the Lodge.

In reference to this, the Lodge has taken such action as was deemed proper, which has been reported to the Grand Secretary, and which will come before Grand Lodge in due course.

On the 22nd March last, I was officially notified that St. George's Lodge, late No. 440 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England, and which was represented by its delegates at the Convention of 19th October last, had, by an almost unanimous vote, transferred its allegiance to this Grand Lodge. I have since visited the Lodge, and can

bear testimony to its efficient working, and the unanimity and brotherly feeling of its members. During the months of December and January last, I received several communications from the W. Master of Hoyle Lodge, then No. 60, registration of Canada, on the subject of the position of that Lodge as affected by the establishment of this Grand Lodge, and early in the month of January a request from him that I would attend the next regular communication of the Lodge, for the purpose of placing before the members my opinion as to their duty under the existing circumstances.

Being unable to attend myself, I deputed R. W. Bros. Isaacson and Murray, and W. Bro. Milton, of the City of Montreal, to proceed to Lacolle for that purpose. These Brethren performed the duty intrusted to them, in the most satisfactory manner. The Lodge by a unanimous vote transferred its allegiance to this Grand Lodge, and the W. Master and officers for the ensuing year were duly installed by these Brethren, who, on their return to the city, presented me with their most satisfactory report, together with the Warrant of the Lodge which the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to endorse in due form. I am happy to report that the Lodge is in a prosperous and flourishing condition.

During the same time I was in correspondence with the officers and members of Chateauguay Lodge, then No. 208, Register of Canada, on the same subject, and these Brethren were so well assured of their obligations to this Grand Lodge, that after duly considering the subject at several meetings, the Lodge, at their Regular Communication in January, by a unanimous vote, severed its connection with the G. Lodge of Canada, and gave in its adherence to this Grand Lodge. The Warrant of the Lodge was duly endorsed by the M. W. the Grand Master, and on St. John's Day, the 24th June last, R. W. Bro. Murray and W. Bro. Milton, proceeded to Huntingdon and installed the W. Master and officers for the ensuing year. They reported to me on their return, that they had met with a true masonic welcome; and bore testimony to the efficiency of the officers, the correct working of the Lodge, and the great and good influence exercised by the Lodge in the interests of Masonry in that portion of this district.

In the month of September last, I received a petition to the M. W. the Grand Master, from W. Brother Rev. W. C. Clarke, and other brethren of Ormstown, praying for a Dispensation and Warrant to

open a Lodge at that place to be called "Clarke Lodge." The petition came recommended by Chateaugay Lodge, of which Lodge the petitioners were members. Having a personal knowledge of the ability of the officers named in the petition, I had much pleasure in recommending the same to the M. W. the Grand Master, who was pleased to grant his dispensation for "Clarke Lodge." The Lodge is now at work, and from the high standing and ability of its officers and members, I feel assured of the establishment of Masonry in that portion of this District under the most favorable circumstances.

I have also received and recommended to the M. W. the Grand Master an application from W. Bro. Thomas Milton, and other Brethren of Point St. Charles, in this District, for a dispensation to meet as a Lodge at that place, to be called "St. Charles Lodge." In this case also I am personally acquainted with the officers and many of the members, and had much pleasure in recommending the petition to the Grand Master who was pleased to issue his Dispensation in due course. I recommend that Grand Lodge grant a Warrant of Confirmation to this Lodge.

I have also received an application from Bros. A. Schwob, G. T. Dorion and Edward Bourret, of the City of Montreal, for a dispensation to meet as a Lodge at that place, to be called "Loge des Coeurs Unis," to be worked in the French language, and worked according to the rite as established in France. This petition I have forwarded to the M. W. the Grand Master, who will bring the matter before Grand Lodge.

FOREIGN LODGES IN THIS DISTRICT.

The other Lodges working in this District, and not acknowledging the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, are :

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| St. Paul's Lodge, | No. | Reg. of England. |
| Elgin Lodge, | " 348 | " " Scotland. |
| St. Lawrence Lodge, | " 424 | " " England. |
| Lodge of Antiquity, | " | " " Canada. |
| St. George's Lodge, | " 19 | " " " |

All in the City of Montreal.

I regret to state that I have not as yet received any notice from these Lodges of their intention to accept the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. I am assured that a large majority of the members of some of these lodges consider that such a decision would be for the best

interests of masonry ; but I regret to state, that such a spirit of opposition to this Grand Lodge has been shown by the officers of some of these lodges, that leaves no hope, that for the present year at least, any action on their part tending to that very desirable end, will be accomplished. And while the Brethren of the Lodges in this District under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, have an earnest desire to see its authority established over the Masonic fraternity in this Province at as early a time as possible, they desire that further time may be allowed these Lodges to duly consider the subject, hoping that the due consideration of the justice of the rights of this Grand Lodge will not fail to induce these Lodges to join with them in uniting the Craft in this Province into one Supreme Grand Lodge. I deem it my duty further to report, that these Lodges refuse to admit or acknowledge Masons in good standing, members of Lodges working under our jurisdiction.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

I regret to have to report, that several cases of Masonic offences in this District have been brought before me, on which I have been compelled to take official action. The first was a complaint and charge from Zetland Lodge against R.W. Bro.M. Gutman of the Lodge of Antiquity, Reg. of Canada. The charge was brought before me by Zetland Lodge in the following communication :

MONTREAL, *November 16th, 1869.*

R. W. BRO. EDGAR, D.D.G.M.,

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—At a Regular Communication of Zetland Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Q.R., held in the Masonic Hall on the 11th inst., it was moved by R. W. Bro. Isaacsen, seconded by Bro. Doyle :

That the Secretary of this Lodge be instructed to communicate to the District Deputy Grand Master the facts under which the Warrant of Zetland Lodge was illegally abstracted, and to request that officer to take such proper steps in the premises as he may see prudent to re-possess the Lodge of its Warrant.

—In pursuance of this motion I beg to notify you that the Warrant of Zetland Lodge, was on the evening of October 14th last, illegally

taken possession of by R. W. Bro. Gutman, of the Lodge of Antiquity, C.R., who now holds the same.

I remain, yours fraternally,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary, Zetland Lodge.

In accordance with this request, I demanded from R. W. Brother Gutman the return of the Warrant of Zetland Lodge, and on his refusing to reply to my demand, I caused summons to be served on him to appear before me and shew cause why he should not be suspended from all Masonic privileges, for illegally retaining possession of the Warrant of Zetland Lodge. To this summons, and subsequent peremptory summons, he made no reply. Having been informed, in the meantime, that he had transferred the said Warrant to other parties, I deemed it best to suspend further proceedings and refer the matter for the decision of Grand Lodge. The subject will be also brought before Grand Lodge by Zetland Lodge, and I trust, the Grand Lodge will take means to have the Warrant returned to the Lodge or furnish it with a duplicate Warrant without charge.

The second charge brought before me was on a complaint from Zetland, Montreal Kilwinning, Royal Albert, and Victoria Lodges, against M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson and R. W. Bro. Irwin, the Trustees they had appointed to hold the property, furniture, and lease of the Masonic Hall in this City, in which they were joint proprietors with the Lodge of Antiquity, C.R., and St. George's Lodge, No. 19, C.R.

Bro. Stevenson was a member of Royal Albert and Victoria Lodges, Bro. Irwin had no connection with any Lodge under our jurisdiction.

From the charges against these Brethren, handed to me, I learn that the six lodges above named, in the year 1865, entered into an agreement to lease from Mr. Muir of this City, and to furnish the present Masonic Hall, which was done at a cost of \$3,000, each of these lodges paying an equal share of this amount. For the better convenience of meeting the requirements of the law, (the lodges not being incorporated bodies), the property and lease was placed in the hands of Bros. Stevenson and Irwin, who were in this manner, made trustees for the lodges, and securities to the landlord for the rent. The management of the Hall was placed in the hands of a committee, composed of one representative from each lodge, called the "Room

Committee." This Committee managed the affairs of the Hall, paid the rent and other expenses and collected the same in equal shares from the lodges. They also sub-let the room to other lodges and chapters, and collected the rent for the same. At the time of the formation of this Grand Lodge, the four lodges above named working under our jurisdiction, desired to place their position fully before their sister lodges, and accordingly, a meeting of the Room Committee was called for that purpose, and after considering the position they were placed in, by the change of allegiance of four of the lodges represented, it was unanimously resolved by the Committee, that these changes should not affect the position in which the lodges were placed towards one another in connection with the Hall, but that the six lodges should continue to meet as heretofore in the Room under the management of the Committee, and pay the rent and expenses of the same in the usual manner through the said Committee. The resolution of the Committee was duly communicated in writing to the Trustees, to which they returned satisfactory replies, one in writing, the other verbally to the parties interested. Shortly after this time, efforts were made to coerce the lodges under our jurisdiction to return to their former allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and among other things they were threatened by the Trustees of the Room (one of whom held the position of G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the other being a Past Master of St. George's Lodge, working under its jurisdiction), that they would be expelled from the Hall, and their property taken possession of by the Trustees, for the benefit of the G. Lodge of Canada. On one occasion Montreal Kilwinning Lodge found the doors locked, and had to force an entrance in order to hold their regular communication.

Finally, the Trustees wrote to the Chairman of the Room Committee, informing him, that they did not acknowledge the authority of the Committee, and would take possession of the Hall, which they did by placing locks on the doors. In a short time afterwards they caused the landlord to seize the contents of the Hall for arrears of rent, which they refused to receive from the Lodges when tendered by them, and refused to pay to the landlord.

The furniture was advertized for sale by public auction, and as the Hall contained valuable relics belonging to the lodges, valued, not so much from their intrinsic worth, as remembrances of *auld lang syne*, the lodges were prepared to purchase them at whatever cost. The

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sale was put off from time to time, and finally, all were astonished at being notified, that a Corporation claim for water rates (which by a City by-law the Corporation are entitled to collect by a sale of effects without notice), had been brought forward, and the furniture and effects in the Hall had been sold to meet this claim, to Bro. Charles Walters, a friend of the trustees, for the sum of \$30, or about a hundredth part of their value.

I had before this time had several interviews with Bro. Irwin, one of the Trustees, (Bro. Stevenson refusing to treat with me), and had been assured by him that the property of the lodges would be carefully respected. I was therefore astounded to receive this complaint and charge from the lodges, and, from the magnitude of the offence, and the high standing in the Craft of the accused brethren, I deemed it best to defer taking action until the subject had come before Grand Lodge. I therefore returned the charge and complaint to the lodges, and directed them to bring the matter before Grand Lodge at this Communication; and in the meantime to take such action in the premises as they deemed proper.

I will offer no opinion on this extraordinary affair, but leave Grand Lodge to judge for itself from the documents which will be submitted. I cannot, however, close this subject without bearing witness to the true Masonic spirit displayed by the Lodges throughout this sad affair. They might, possibly, have avoided the heavy loss entailed by taking proceedings in law to secure their rights; but they desired if possible to avoid the scandal to the Craft that would necessarily be entailed by such proceedings, and while acting in all honor themselves, did not expect such dishonorable practices as were resorted to.

It will, in my opinion, be the duty of Grand Lodge to direct such measures to be taken as will restore to the lodges the property thus taken from them; or to remunerate them for the loss they have sustained.

The other cases of complaint submitted to me, being charges brought by lodges against some of their members, arising out of this and similar transactions connected with their change of allegiance, I have referred them back to the lodges with instructions to take what action they thought proper, and report the same to Grand Lodge.

IRREGULAR AND CLANDESTINE LODGES.

The circumstances above stated, have done much evil to the cause

of Masonry this District; but they are, I hope, merely of a temporary nature, and will work their own remedy in course of time. There are other causes, however, I regret to state, of far more danger to the interests of the Craft, existing at present in this District. I allude to the establishment of irregular lodges.

At the very commencement of my official connection with this Grand Lodge, my attention was directed to the announcements in the public prints of the formation of so-called lodges, said to be working under the authority granted them by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and other officers of other foreign Grand Lodges. As near as I can learn, there are at present existing in the City of Montreal four of these so-called lodges, styling themselves respectively:

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| Zetland Lodge, | No. 21, | C. R. |
| Victoria Lodge, | " 173, | " |
| Mount Moriah Lodge, | " " | " |
| St. George's Lodge, | " 440, | E. R. |

The two first named are said to be composed of some former members and suspended Masons, late members of Zetland and Victoria Lodges under our jurisdiction, who have obtained what they call duplicate warrants from the G. Master of the G. Lodge of Canada, with which authority they claim to work as lodges. The third named, styled "Mount Moriah Lodge," claims to work by virtue of a dispensation from the same authority. The fourth named, styling itself "St. George's Lodge, No. 440, R.E.," is said to derive its authority from a dispensation granted by R. W. Bro. Badgley, a former Provincial officer of the Grand Lodge of England, but who has had no official connection with that Grand Lodge for some years. I am given to understand that these four so-called lodges meet, and carry on their work at the Masonic Hall in this City, using for their purposes, the property of the four lodges under our jurisdiction, which has been taken possession of by the Trustees, as I have already stated.

It is my duty to state to Grand Lodge, that great, and probably, irreparable injury, has been done to the cause of Masonry, by the action of those connected with these so-called lodges.

I would be pleased, if I could state that the officers and members of these so-called lodges, were merely acting from a mistaken sense of their position, and of their duty; but justice and truth demand that I should inform G. Lodge, that, while some of these brethren are

possibly acting as they think it is their duty to do, the greater number are acting from far different, and utterly un-masonic motives. Disappointed candidates for office, and brethren dissatisfied with the subordinate positions they held in their mother lodge, whenever they could muster to the number of seven, have been granted Warrants and Dispensations, and recognized as lodges, by the officers of foreign Grand Lodges residing in our jurisdiction. The evil to the Craft that must necessarily arise from these causes, is certainly dreadful to contemplate; and I would direct the especial attention of Grand Lodge to this very important subject. The Brethren of the Lodges under our jurisdiction in this District, while averse to recommending Grand Lodge to take any action that may affect the future peaceable consolidation of the fraternity in this Province, hope, that the authority of this Grand Lodge will be exerted, as much as possible, against the continued existence of these irregular lodges. It is felt that if the position assumed by these irregular bodies is allowed to pass unquestioned, it may lead to the presumption, that any officer or past officer of any foreign Grand Lodge, who may be residing or visiting in this Province, may, by their dispensations, call into existence any number of lodges, with equal pretensions to be called Lodges of Freemasons. I trust Grand Lodge will take the proper steps to give the fullest publicity to their decisions on this question.

I have great satisfaction in being able to conclude my report, by stating that, in spite of the great difficulties under which the Lodges in this District have labored,—consequent on the circumstances I have stated,—they have continued to prosper and carry on the good work. I can bear witness to the efficiency of the officers, and the regularity of the work,—in which they are strictly guided by the ancient landmarks;—and the returns to Grand Lodge will show the large and increasing membership.

In the matter of Masonic charity, the Lodges in the City of Montreal especially, have shewn themselves worthy of their name and character. The Masonic Board of Relief, composed of a Representative from each lodge in the City, has continued its work during the past year; and not one of the many applications for relief made to it, but met with a true Masonic return. Some difficulty was experienced on this Board, by the attempt of some of the members connected with the Grand Lodge of Canada to exclude the representatives of Lodges under our jurisdiction from the Committee; but these Bre-

thren remained firm to their duty, and, aided by the Representatives from the Lodges working under the G. Lodges of England and Scotland, have carried on the "Board" for the past year without the aid of any assistance from Lodges claiming to work under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of "Canada."

I would recommend that Grand Lodge grant a donation to this Board of Relief, of any of the surplus funds set aside for the use of the Committee on Benevolence.

The Lodges at present working under our jurisdiction in this District are as follows :

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| St. George's Lodge, | late 440, | R.E., | in the City of Montreal. |
| Zetland Lodge, | " 19, | R.O., | " " " |
| Hoyle Lodge, | " 60, | " | at the Village of Lacolle. |
| Montreal Kilwinning | " 124, | " | in the City of Montreal. |
| Royal Albert, | " 167, | " | " " " |
| Victoria, | " 173, | " | " " " |
| Chateauguay, | " 208, | " | in the Village of Huntingdon. |
| Clarke Lodge, | | | in the Village of Ormston. |

I regret that the very extraordinary circumstances under which I have been called to act as D.D.G.M. of this District, has obliged me to report at such length to G. Lodge. It would have been impossible for me to have done the work without the able and efficient support given to me on all occasions by the officers and members of the Lodges. I have to return my acknowledgments for valued services, especially to R. W. Bros. Isaason and Murray, and W. Bro. Milton, to whose endeavors Grand Lodge is indebted, to a great extent, for the establishment of its authority over such a large majority of the lodges in the District.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK EDGAR,

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

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

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the District of Bedford :

I have visited during the year all the Lodges in this District under

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the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, except St. John's Lodge of Mansonville, which has recently transferred its allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Canada, to the Grand Lodge of Quebec. It gives me much pleasure to report that they are all in good working order, and from the information I have received, I can say that as regards numbers, material, and finances, the Lodges are all in a flourishing condition.

Since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Nelson Lodge of Philipsburg, by an almost unanimous vote, has transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in consequence of which action, the Lodge was deprived of its Lodge Room, Furniture and Regalia, by a few dissenting members; fortunately, however, the Warrant, books, and money, were saved, which enabled them to go on with the work of the Lodge.

I regret very much indeed to have to inform you, that Yamaska Lodge of Granby, after assisting, through its delegates, to form the Grand Lodge of Quebec, has seen fit to go back under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. I have been unable to ascertain the reason why they should adopt such a course of procedure.

Two new Lodges have been organized in this District, under Dispensations granted by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz., "Abercorn Lodge," at Abercorn, P.Q., and "Corner Stone Lodge," at Cowansville, P.Q.

I organized Abercorn Lodge on the 29th of April last, and, assisted by the R. W. Grand Secretary, with officers of other Lodges in the vicinity, invested the W. Master in the usual manner. I have much pleasure in stating that the W. Master is well qualified to fill the office. I was unable to be present at the organization of Corner Stone Lodge, but I have been informed it was regularly organized, and the W. Master properly invested. I have since visited the Lodge, and find the W. Master well qualified to preside over the Lodge. I cheerfully recommend both Lodges to the M. W. the Grand Master, and hope he will be pleased to grant them the usual Warrants of Confirmation.

I have issued during the year three Dispensations, one to Clarenceville Lodge, of Clarenceville, to hold a Festival; and one to Frelighsburg Lodge of Frelighsburg, for the same purpose, with permission to wear their regalia; also, one to Nelson Lodge of Philipsburgh, for the removal of said Lodge from Philipsburgh to St. Armand Station,

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in the Parish of St. Armand West. I think the removal of the Lodge will prove advantageous, as it will be more central, and much more convenient for the brethren.

I have been informed that a Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons has been organized at Sutton Flat, P.Q., under a Dispensation granted by the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Janada, since the formation of the G. Lodge of Quebec.

I have also been creditably informed that a Duplicate Warrant, or something of a like nature, has been issued by the M. W. the Grand Master of the G. L. of Canada, to a few discontented members of Brown Lodge, who are suspended members of Prevost and Brown Lodges, and consequently disqualified from acting in the capacity of Masons in good standing.

I also understand that a duplicate Warrant has been granted by the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to a few members of Nelson Lodge, who were opposed to the transfer of its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

I can not consider these other than *Clandestine Lodges*, and would recommend that they be dealt with as such.

During the past year, only one death has been reported to me in this District, viz., that of Bro. Horatio N. Reynolds of Prevost Lodge. He was buried with Masonic honors by the Lodge, assisted by brethren from all the Lodges in the vicinity. He will long be remembered by the Craft in this District, as a good man and true mason.

In concluding this report, I beg to thank the Brethren of this District for the kindness extended to me on all occasions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. WOOD,

D. D. G. M.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Officers of Grand Lodge of Quebec :

The Deputy for the District of St. Francis, trusts that he may be excused from making a lengthy or statistical report, on account of a long and severe illness from which he has not sufficiently recovered, to be able to rise from his bed.

Early in the month of June last, I visited the six Lodges in this District, commencing with the youngest, the Doric Lodge of Danville.

This Lodge, under the management of V. W. Bro. Leet,—to whom great praise is due,—has in a very short space of time acquired a position which does great credit to itself as well as the Grand Lodge of Quebec. There seemed to be a sufficiently rapid increase of members,—and if one can judge by appearances, the material of which the Lodge is composed, is of the right sort. An examination of the books, showed a well kept record, and a sound state of finances. There is apparently a determination on the part of its members to make "Doric" a "perfect" working Lodge. Would that older Lodges had the same ambition, freshness and vigor.

On the evening of the 13th, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Leet, (whose kindness will ever be remembered), I visited the St. Francis Lodge of Richmond. This being the M. W. the Grand Master's own Lodge, and he being present on the occasion, it would be presumptuous in me to say much. In a few words, the Lodge seemed large and flourishing, having passed through its day of trial. It is a rising Lodge in the District. The Lodge is well officered; its record well kept, and the work well performed. The evening was spent pleasantly and I trust profitably. V. W. Bro. Tait, presiding with great dignity and ability. The thanks of your Deputy are due to this Lodge for its courtesy, and to the M. W. Grand Master for his generous hospitality.

Your Deputy had arranged to meet Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke, on the A.M. of the 14th, and the Ascot Lodge, Lennoxville on the P.M. of same day. Owing to the absence of W. M. Wiswell, the Victoria Lodge was not opened; but a number of Brethren were present at the Lodge Room, among whom were R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, Grand Chaplain; the Secretary and Treasurer, and others. An examination of the books showed a state of prosperity. Victoria Lodge, with her numerous able Past Masters, and the influence of the Grand Chaplain, cannot fail to succeed. At the appointed hour I met W. M. Addie of Ascot Lodge and the Secretary, in the Lodge Room. Owing to the short notice, very few Brethren were present. I examined the books, which were well kept and correct. The W. M. spoke very hopefully of the prospects of the Lodge, and, judging from the record, this Lodge is doing well.

On the evening of the 14th, I visited the Ashlar Lodge, Coaticooke, W. Bro. Sleeper in the East, assisted by V. W. Bro. Wood. This Lodge, though young, is destined to be a large and flourishing Lodge.

The books are well kept, and the Lodge seems made up of good material.

Golden Rule, Stanstead, the oldest Lodge in District, and among the largest in Quebec, is visited with tolerable regularity by your Deputy. This Lodge appears to be prosperous and well working.

Your Deputy would take this opportunity to thank the Officers and Brethren of all the Lodges in the District for their unvarying kindness and courtesy during his official visit.

It was with some misgivings that I left home on this visit. Rumours were in circulation to the effect, that the feeling with regard to Grand Lodge matters was divided *even* in St. Francis District. I took especial pains in each Lodge to ask the following question: Are there any members of this Lodge who would prefer to return to Grand Lodge of Canada? The invariable reply was, "We are a unit; we regret the differences, and hope they may soon be settled, as we have a very strong affection for many of those belonging to Grand Lodge of Canada."

Hoping that before another year has passed, there will be no such thing as "differences," I beg respectfully to submit this imperfect report.

W. B. COLBY,
D. D. G. M., St. Francis District.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, and seconded by V. W. Bro. T. Leet, and

Resolved,—That the Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon at to-morrow's session.

R. W. Bro. John Helder Isaacson presented his Credentials as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

R. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, presented his Credentials as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

R. W. Bro. Isaac Henry Stearns, presented his Credentials as Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

These Brethren were then severally introduced and welcomed with Grand Honors,

On motion of R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, seconded by R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, the M. W. the Grand Master then appointed the for

Following Brethren as a Committee on Finance : R. W. Bro. Hon. Thos. Wood, R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, and V. W. Bro. T. Leet.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced to Grand Lodge that the Brethren of the City of Montreal had made arrangements for a Banquet to be given to the members of Grand Lodge at the "Carlton," this evening at 7 o'clock, and expressed his great satisfaction that it was to be conducted on temperance principles. He had been requested to extend a cordial invitation to one and all. The Brethren would attend in regalia.

The M. W. Grand Master also announced that the Grand Lodge would attend Divine service at the Church of St. James the Apostle on the evening of the 20th inst., at 7 o'clock, when the Grand Chaplain would officiate, assisted by Bros. Rev. J. Ellegood and Rev. W. Norman; and that the Grand Chaplain would deliver a discourse suitable to the occasion.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6 o'clock to meet to-morrow, Thursday, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

[In the evening the members of Grand Lodge were entertained by the Brethren of the City of Montreal, at a banquet at the Carlton Club House, on temperance principles, at which able addresses were delivered by the M. W. the Grand Master, and other distinguished Brethren.]

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THURSDAY, 20th October, 1870.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 10 o'clock, A.M.

M. W. Bro. John Hamilton Graham, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The rough minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, at its first day's session, were read and approved.

W. Bro. Thomas Milton, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes submitted the following report on numbering Lodges :

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The sub-committee on numbering Lodges begs to report as follows :
That having examined all the documents submitted to them having

reference to dates of Warrants, would recommend the following as the order of rank of the respective Lodges, viz. :

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| Albion, | late No. 17, | E. R. | 0 | Q. R. |
| St. John's, | " " 182, | " | 1 | " |
| Prevost, | " " 1, | C. R. | 2 | " |
| Nelson, | " " 8, | " | 3 | " |
| Golden Rule, | " " 12, | " | 4 | " |
| St. Andrew's, | " " 356, | S. R. | 5 | " |
| St. George's, | " " 440, | E. R. | 6 | " |
| Zetland, | " " 21, | C. R. | 7 | " |
| Harrington, | " " 49, | " | 8 | " |
| Hoyle, | " " 60, | " | 9 | " |
| St. Francois, | " " 67, | " | 10 | " |
| Victoria, | " " 71, | " | 11 | " |
| Stanbridge, | " " 117, | " | 12 | " |
| Kilwinning, | " " 124, | " | 13 | " |
| Clarenceville, | " " 152, | " | 14 | " |
| Brown, | " " 163, | " | 15 | " |
| Royal Albert, | " " 167, | " | 16 | " |
| Victoria, | " " 173, | " | 17 | " |
| St. John's, | " " 175, | " | 18 | " |
| Tuscan, | " " 182, | " | 19 | " |
| Ascot, | " " 188, | " | 20 | " |
| Ashlar, | " " 191, | " | 21 | " |
| Frelighsburg, | " " 199, | " | 22 | " |
| Doric, | " " 204, | " | 23 | " |
| Chateauguay, | " " 208, | " | 24 | " |
| Milton, | " " U. D. | " | 25 | " |
| Abercorn, | " " " | " | 26 | " |
| Corner Stone, | " " " | " | 27 | " |

THOMAS MILTON,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Edgar, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on numbering Lodges be adopted.

W. Bro. Rev. W. C. Clarke, on behalf of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address, submitted the following report :

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.
in Grand Communication assembled :*

The Committee to whom was referred the Address from the Throne, begs leave most respectfully to report, that having carefully considered the various subjects of interest to the Craft in general, and more especially to this Grand Lodge, so clearly set forth and embraced therein, heartily reciprocates the fraternal greeting of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, on the large attendance of Delegates, the cheering success which has attended the Grand Lodge since its formation one year ago to-day, and on the auspicious circumstances under which this its first regular Communication is held, and devoutly unites with him in acknowledging the many and special favours vouchsafed to this Grand Lodge by T.G.A.O.T.U., and sincerely invokes the continuance of the same benign blessings so that this our Grand Lodge may become more and more an ornament to our time honoured Institution and an agent for good in our Province.

The Committee unites in the laudable gratification and unfeigned pleasure of being already admitted into the great Sisterhood of Supreme Masonic Jurisdictions, by nine of the Grand Lodges of the world; and joins in the well founded hope that under the influence of the true Masonic light, and guided by the same mature wisdom that emanate from those Grand Lodges, the remaining Grand Lodges will ere long extend to us the same fraternal courtesies.

The Committee congratulates the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Delegates, that in the face of extraordinary opposition, and under difficulties of no ordinary nature, the Grand Lodge of Quebec is now a great fact in Masonic history, and rejoices that no principle of jurisprudence has been sacrificed or violated, but that, on the contrary, the highest Masonic jurists on both continents have acknowledged the entire correctness of all that has been done.

The Committee hails, with more than ordinary satisfaction, the action of those subordinate Lodges who have transferred their allegiance to this Grand Lodge during the past year, and rejoices to learn that so many New Lodges have been added by Dispensations and cheerfully recommends them to the cordial consideration of the Grand Lodge for Warrants of Confirmation.

It affords your Committee special pleasure to recommend the accompanied petition, praying for a Warrant to authorize the Brethren

therein mentioned, to form themselves into a Lodge in which the French language shall be used, to the most favorable consideration of Grand Lodge, provided always that said Lodge, or any other Lodges obtaining the same permission, shall adopt the Constitution, and use the Ritual of this Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, the Committee would avail itself of this opportunity to record the deep and lasting obligation of this Grand Lodge to its first Grand Master, the Most Worshipful J. H. Graham, and those Right Worshipful Brethren who rendered him such efficient aid and wise counsel, for the proud position which this Grand Lodge in its infancy occupies before the Masonic world; and the Committee further recommends that the able, judicious and learned address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, be adopted as the undoubted views and sentiments of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted in the name of the Committee.

W. C. CLARKE,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. M. R. Meigs, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Renshaw, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, seconded by W. Bro. Martin, and

Resolved,—That the M. W. the Grand Master appoint a Committee on the Work and Ritual.

R. W. Bro. F. Edgar, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted a report recommending that Warrants be granted to the following Lodges under dispensation :

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| Milton Lodge, | Three Rivers. |
| Abercorn Lodge, | Abercorn. |
| Corner Stone Lodge, | Cowansville. |
| Clarke Lodge, | Orms town. |
| St. Charles Lodge, | Point St. Charles. |

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, seconded by V. W. Bro. C. P. Taber, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on granting Warrants be adopted.

R. W. Bro. Isaacson introduced to Grand Lodge, R. W. Brothers W. H. S. Whitcomb and Brinsmaid of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, as Brethren who had rendered essential services to the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

These Brethren were duly received and invited to a seat on the dais.

R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes submitted their report on the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

The report was considered clause by clause, and the Constitution of the "Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec," as published under the authority of Grand Lodge, was on motion of R. W. Bro. Edgar, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, at 12.30 P.M., to meet at 2 o'clock, P.M.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock P.M.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to appoint R. W. Bro. A. Murray and V. W. Bro. Henry M. Alexander, Scrutineers of the ballot for the election of Grand Officers and Members of the Board of General Purposes.

The election was proceeded with, and the following Brethren were declared duly elected, viz.:

- M. W. BRO. J. H. GRAHAM, of Richmond, unanimously re-elected Grand Master.
- R. " " H. J. PRATTEN, of Quebec, Deputy Grand Master.
- " " " M. R. MEIGS, of Bedford, re-elected G. Senior Warden.
- " " " THOMAS MILTON, of Point St. Charles, G. Jun. War.
- " " " REV. C. P. REID, M.A., Sherbrooke, re-elected Grand Chaplain.
- " " " H. M. ALEXANDER, Montreal, Grand Treasurer.
- " " " C. P. TABOR, West Farnham, Grand Registrar.
- " " " JOHN H. ISAACSON, Montreal, Grand Secretary.

By an open vote of Grand Lodge:

Bro. WM. B. SEELEY, Dunham, Grand Tyler.

Nominated by the Representatives and Past Masters of the Lodges of the several Masonic Districts, to be District Deputy Grand Masters, and approved by the M. W. the Grand Master :

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| R. W. Bro. | W. MILLER, Quebec, | Stadacona District. |
| " " " | ISAAC H. STEARNS, Montreal, | Montreal District. |
| " " " | HON. THOMAS WOOD, Dunham, | Bedford District. |
| " " " | S. J. FOSS, Sherbrooke, | St. Francis District. |

As Members of the Board of General Purposes, under the Constitution of Grand Lodge, as adopted at this Communication :

Eight Members of the late Board to hold office for the term of one year :

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| R. W. Bro. | GEO. H. BORLASE, Victoria Lodge, No. 11, Sherbrooke. |
| " " " | STEVENS BAKER, Prevost Lodge, No. 2, Dunham. |
| " " " | JOHN RENSHAW, Kilwinning Lodge, No. 13, Montreal. |
| " " " | JOHN SHAW, St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Quebec. |
| V. " " | M. M. TAIT, St. Francis Lodge, No. 10, Richmond. |
| " " " | REV. W. C. CLARKE, Clarke Lodge, No. 28, Ormstown. |
| " " " | GEO. W. JOHNSON, Clarenceville Lodge, No. 14, Clarenceville. |
| " " " | JOHN TWEDELLE, Harrington Lodge, No. 8, Quebec. |

Four Members for the ensuing term of two years :

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| R. W. Bro. | JAMES DUNBAR, St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Quebec. |
| V. W. " " | W. E. COQUILLETTE, St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Montreal. |
| " " " | C. A. RICE, Stanbridge Lodge, No. 8, Stanbridge. |
| " " " | THOS. HART, St. Francis Lodge, No. 10, Richmond. |

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments as Members of the Board for the ensuing term of two years :

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| V. W. Bro. | E. H. HANNAFORD, Royal Albert Lodge, No. 16, Montreal. |
| " " " | JOHN ALEXANDER, Albion Lodge, Quebec. |
| " " " | HOBART BUTLER, Prevost Lodge, No. 3, Dunham. |
| " " " | T. G. FARMER, Milton Lodge, No. 25, Three Rivers. |
| " " " | W. ADAMS, |
| " " " | D. A. MANSON, St. John's Lodge, No. 18, Mansonville. |

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. Edgar, seconded by R. W. Bro. Hon. Thomas Wood, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Scrutineers.

The M. W. the Grand Master then proceeded to install the elected Officers of Grand Lodge, after which they were proclaimed duly installed by R. W. Bro. Alex. Murray, acting as Grand Marshal.

R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, acting Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, reported that owing to the fact of several members of the Board being obliged to leave for home. the Board would be unable to make any further report to Grand Lodge at the present Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. C. P. Reid, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. M. Alexander, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Proprietor of the *Daily News*, newspaper, for his courtesy in publishing so early the Grand Master's Address.

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

That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be changed in so far, as that the Annual Communications shall be held alternately in the several Masonic Districts of this Province.

The M. W. the Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to record said notice in the minutes of this Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Edson Kemp, seconded by R. W. Bro A. Murray, and

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

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Hon. Thomas Wood, seconded by V. W. Bro. T. Leet, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Directors of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, through Henry Shackell, Esq., and to the Directors of "The Vermont Central," and "The Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly" Railway Companies, through M. G. Elliot, Esq., for their kindness in granting the members of this Grand Lodge tickets to and from Montreal at reduced fare.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment at 6 o'clock P.M., to meet at 7.15 P.M., to attend Divine service.

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The Grand Lodge resumed its Session at 7.15 P.M., and the members present having been formed into order of procession, under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, proceeded to the Church of St. James the Apostle to attend Divine service.

The following discourse was preached on the occasion by R. W. Bro. Rev. C. P. Reid, M.A., Grand Chaplain :

"Be kindly affectioned one toward another with brotherly love."—*Romans xii 10.*

Brethren of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in Grand Lodge assembled ;—A recognition of dependence on God as the Supreme Architect and Governor of the Universe, is one of the landmarks of our ancient and honorable order, and accordingly it is our custom in all our assemblages to invoke His blessing. Nothing therefore can be more fitting than that at the close of this first Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, we should proceed to demonstrate this, our sense of dependance on God, to our own hearts, and to the world, by assembling as Masons in one of the Churches in this City, in order to supplicate the Divine aid, that in all our undertakings our work being begun in order, may be conducted in peace, and closed, as it is our happiness to feel that it now is, in harmony.

The words that I have chosen for a text, taken, as you perceive, from that volume of the Sacred Law, which is received by us as one of the Greater Lights of Masonry, points out that particular grace of Brotherly love and mutual charity which it is our aim to cultivate among mankind at large, and more especially among ourselves. In particular, they direct our attention to that distinguishing temper, disposition, and behaviour in life, which calls into lively exercise all the softer, and kinder, and loving emotions of the heart,—that peculiar disposition which gives rise to those minor graces which adorn our life,—those delicate and considerate acts of attention and courtesy to others which serve to please and win the heart,—to cast a charm over the often rugged pathway of human life,—to soothe its cares, to lighten its burdens, and intensify its joys.

Such is brotherly love in its lower development as a constituent element in human happiness. But when exemplified in its fullness, it

manifestly springs from a higher source than mere natural sensibility or benevolence. In its full development it connects itself to that doctrine of the immortality of the soul, and of a resurrection to another life,—to which Masonry clings with a firm and unyielding grasp:—teaching us that “even in this perishable frame resides a vital and immortal principle, which inspires a holy confidence that the Lord of life will enable us to trample the King of Terrors beneath our feet, and lift our eyes to the bright morning star, whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race.”

Having respect then to our relations to the world to come, as well as to that which now is, brotherly love is not only a natural endowment, but it is also a special gift of God, (by whom alone is revealed the knowledge of the life to come), to those who, by His grace, aim to “display the beauties of true godliness to the honor and glory of His holy name.” It not only prompts each brother, therefore, to strive to please his neighbor, and to make his life joyous in the world, but it also prompts him, while doing so, to have a special regard for his true moral and spiritual edification as a fellow pilgrim with himself to the better land. In our intercourse then with each other, and with our fellow men, it becomes us to shew our brotherly love,—our charity as the Apostle Paul calls it, in the 13th Chapter of his 1st Epistle to the Corinthians,—by not confining our wishes and efforts to mere brotherly concerns and temporal interests, which however important they often are, are yet absolutely as nothing when compared with those that are eternal, and by which the immortal spirit is affected.

The effect of true brotherly love is also to make men put confidence in each other, and not to think or speak evil one of another. This is the teaching and true spirit of Masonry; and all must see that were this spirit to reign and rule in our hearts, the blessing to ourselves, and to those with whom we in any way stand connected, would be incalculable. What a picture of peace and happiness, and of heavenly enjoyment would our Fraternity, so bound together, present to the wondering eyes of men and angels! Heart would be seen to open spontaneously to heart, “without scruple or diffidence.” None would be seen to seek selfishly his own, for every man would seek his brother's welfare. All would feel that they were united by a strict and endearing relation, and bound together by the possession of one common aim in life,—one common chief pursuit. And thus would be realized the picture which the Psalmist David had before his eyes,

when he exclaimed, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment on the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended on the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing even life forevermore."—Ps. 133.

That we may cultivate this benignant spirit therefore, let each man ask his conscience, as in the sight of God, whether he is really kind and loving and helpful to his brethren? Whether he deserves his brother's confidence? And let us all ask ourselves, if we are true to each other, and seek each other's good, and whether in our intercourse and dealings with each other, we are careful to make a right and faithful use of the square? These are most important questions for us to put to our consciences as Christians, and most nearly do they concern us in the relations we bear to each other as fellow Masons.

Again, Brotherly love shews itself in courteousness of manner, and in avoiding in word and deed, so far as possible, whatever may be painful to the feelings and tastes of others, as well as in avoiding what is morally wrong in our dealings and intercourse with them. And yet, how often do we here offend against the law of Charity, so understood! Even in our families, and with those whom we most love we too often here habitually offend. How often in the little details with which the great outline of human life is filled up, are we unmindful of the teachings of kind-hearted charity, and unnecessarily mar the peace and comfort of those for whose sake we would cheerfully, in greater matters, make almost any sacrifice! We should bear in mind then, that it is on these smaller matters, of which men are often so unmindful, that practical human happiness is for the most part dependant. To nerve the mind to submit to the inevitable is comparatively easy, but the little harrassing cares and worries and vexations that are not inevitable, and which might as well be avoided as not, if men would only listen to the sweet, loving voice of Charity, are as the continual droppings of water,—unbearable. Brotherly love, therefore, teaches and disposes us to have regard to the small details with which the great outline of human life is filled up. It leads us to suppress our own private griefs lest we add to the burden of those we love. It disposes us to consult the feelings, and even weaknesses of others, so as not needlessly to wound their sensibilities; and in doing a kindness, to consider not only what to do, but also how to do it in

the most pleasing and acceptable manner. And accordingly we are admonished in the "Volume of the Sacred Law," by the Apostle Paul, to "follow after things that be lovely, and to put on bowels of mercies, kindness and meekness."

Brotherly love further shews itself in the disposition to bear and forbear much, and in a readiness to forgive an offending brother who seeks forgiveness. And, alas, such are the infirmities and short comings of even the best of men,—such the diversity of temper and disposition to be found among men, that every day of our lives we have abundant occasion for the exercise of this heaven bestowed grace of a forbearing, loving spirit. We need it in regard to ourselves, because of our own infirmities. We need it in regard to others, for they are also "men of like passions" with ourselves. The sense then of our own need should dispose us to make large allowances for others,—to extenuate, so far as possible, their faults,—and to be ready to forgive an offending brother, not once only, but even unto seventy times seven. Above all, we should habitually intercede for each other, and for our fellow men at the Throne of grace. Before that awful Throne we should often kneel under a deep sense of our own personal unworthiness,—of our own remissness in duty,—of the things that we have left undone which we ought to have done, and of the things which we have actually done amiss. And while we thus pour out our hearts in language of confession and self-abasement, seeking for ourselves God's pardoning mercy, we should plead for our fellow men and beseech the Father of mercy to pour out on them of the unfailing riches of His grace. Thus should we at all times make our supplication for each other, as well as each one for himself, that we may be fit material for the hand of the Great Architect, by whom we are "buildd together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

Nor are we left without many most instructive examples, illustrating in practice the beautiful effect of this brotherly love. We have that presented by our own traditions in the case of our first Grand Master Hiram, who, because of the affection and confidence with which he was regarded, and his fidelity to his masonic duties, must have exemplified it in an eminent degree. The Sacred Writings also abound in bright examples, as witness the Patriarch Joseph, and David and Jonathan, and the loving disciple John, who leaned on Jesus' bosom, and a multitude of others whose imperishable names are written in the Book of Life. And thank God we still meet with many

most illustrious examples in the daily walks of life, each and all illustrating in their own persons, the wonderful power of charity for good.

Let us then, in our intercourse with each other, never forget or lose sight of our Masonic points of fellowship, to which I cannot in this place do more than just allude, but the nature and meaning of which you well understand. But let us on all occasions truly greet each other as Brethren, "reflecting that we are united by a strict and endearing relation as creatures of the same God, children of the same first parents, and Brethren of the same solid tie:" and when the necessities of a brother call for aid and support, let us be ever ready to give him the assistance that he needs to save him from sinking, as circumstances enables us to do. Let us support each other in all our just and laudable undertakings. Let not indolence ever cause our footsteps to halt, or wrath turn them aside. But forgetting every selfish consideration, let us be swift of foot to save, help, and to execute benevolence to a fellow creature in distress, but more particularly to a Brother Mason, if worthy. And when we offer up our prayers to Almighty God, let us remember a brother's welfare as our own. Let our breasts also be a safe and sacred repository for each other's just and lawful secrets. Let us never repeat concerning a brother what may do him harm, unless the sacred interests of truth demand that we break silence. And finally, let us support a brother's character in his absence equally as though he were present. Let us not revile him or speak evil of him behind his back, or suffer it to be done by others if it is in our power to prevent it. Thus shall we continue linked together by one solid tie, not to be unloosed, in the strong, though invisible chain of brotherly love, relief and truth. God grant then that we may be always mindful of our peculiarly sacred obligations to each other in respect of these things,—that we thus shew ourselves "kindly affectioned one toward another with brotherly love,"—for how can we more surely glorify God and adorn our profession as Masons, and above all as Christians, than in this most excellent way? Yea, has not the Saviour himself said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye love one another?"

But how shall we attain to, and exemplify in our lives, this enlarged spirit of brotherly love? There is only one way, and that is the way of earnest and persevering prayer. Let us then pray fervently to the Giver of all Good, that He may enlarge our hearts and pour into them abundantly of "His most excellent gift of Charity,—the very bond

of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Him."

And to prayer we must add the constant study of the Word of God—the Holy Scriptures,—the Sacred Law, the Great Light of Masonry, with diligent self-examination, that so we may keep before our minds for imitation and instruction, the example and teaching of Him who is our pattern and teacher in all things. Thus will we, as worthy Masons, be endued with a competency of heavenly wisdom, and attain to that charity which never faileth, and which makes the heart wherein it dwells an habitation of God through the Spirit.—So MOTE IT BE.

After the sermon a collection was taken up in aid of the Montreal General Hospital, and the amount thereof, \$36.50, was paid over by the Grand Treasurer to the Governors of that institution.

After Divine service, the procession was re-formed, and the members returned to the Lodge Room, where the business of Grand Lodge was resumed.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Frank Edgar, and seconded by R. W. Bro. A. Murray, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Rev. Bros. Ellegood and Norman and the Churchwardens of the Church of St. James the Apostle; and also to the organist and choir of that Church, for their kindness in placing their services, and the use of the Church at the disposal of the G. Chaplain and the Grand Lodge this evening.

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

Resolved,—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, Grand Chaplain, for the able, eloquent, and truly Masonic Sermon, preached this day by him to the members of Grand Lodge.

A very general desire was expressed by members of Grand Lodge to have the sermon printed,—and the consent of the Grand Chaplain having been given,—the Grand Secretary was directed to have it inserted in the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. F. Edgar, on behalf of the Special Committee on Finance, reported verbally, that there were more than sufficient funds on

hand to pay all debts of this Grand Lodge, but inasmuch as some of the members of the Committee had gone home, a fuller report could not now be made; and the Committee in consequence desired to be discharged.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Renshaw, seconded by W. Bro. Rev. W. C. Clarke, and

Resolved,—That the Report of R. W. Bro. Edgar be received, and the Special Committee on Finance be discharged, and all matters referred to said Committee and not disposed of, be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Edgar, seconded by R. W. Bro. A. Murray, and

Resolved,—That the Vice President of the Board of General Purposes to be elected by the Board at their meeting this evening, be, and is hereby authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for funds to defray incidental necessary expenses attendant upon the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry M. Alexander, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. E. Coquette, and

Resolved,—That the Board of General Purposes are hereby authorized to make such arrangements to print the Constitution of Grand Lodge, as its members may deem best.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. Murray, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Edgar, and

Resolved,—That the Board of General Purposes are hereby directed to make arrangements for the holding of Divine service, and for a Grand Lodge Banquet, at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, if expedient; such arrangements to be decided on at their semi-annual meeting.

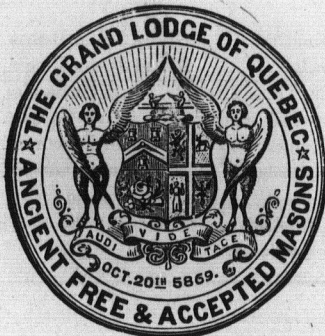
It was moved by R. W. Bro. Rev. C. P. Reid, M.A., seconded by W. Bro. Featherstone, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Brethren of the City of Montreal for the splendid Banquet given by them to the Grand Lodge.

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

The labors of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed in AMPLE form with solemn prayer.

ATTEST.



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

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY G. M.

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

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| V. W. Bro. | JOHN WILSON, Montreal, | Grand Senior Deacon. |
| " " " | C. STAVELY, Quebec, | Grand Junior Deacon. |
| " " " | GEORGE O. TYLER, Three Rivers, | G. Dir. of Ceremonies. |
| " " " | CHAS. M. ALEXANDER, Montreal, | Grand Organist. |
| " " " | DANIEL BOYD, Huntingdon, | Grand Pursuivant. |
| " " " | S. J. BURNSTEIN, Quebec, | Grand Steward. |
| " " " | W. JOHNSON, Montreal, | do. |
| " " " | G. H. SHUFELT, Dupham, | do. |
| " " " | W. H. SLEEPER, Coaticook, | do. |

LIST OF GRAND LODGES

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

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| District of Columbia..... | Noble D. Larner..... | Washington. |
| Illinois | Orlin H. Miner | Springfield. |
| Iowa | Theodore S. Parvin | Iowa City. |
| Kansas | E. T. Carr | Leavenworth. |
| Maine..... | Ira Berry | Portland. |
| Michigan | James Fenton..... | Detroit. |
| Nebraska | R. W. Furness | Brownsville. |
| Nevada | W. A. M. VanBokkelen.. | Virginia. |
| New Hampshire | Abel Hutchins..... | Concord. |
| Nova Scotia | Benj. Curren, D.C.L.... | Halifax. |
| Ohio | John D. Caldwell..... | Cincinnati. |
| Texas | George H. Bringhurst... | Houston. |
| Wisconsin..... | Thos. H. Logan | Wheeling. |
| Georgia..... | J. Emmett Blackshear... | Macon. |

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The Board met on Thursday Evening, 20th October, 1870, immediately after the closing of the Session of Grand Lodge, and was constituted by the election of W. Bro. Rev. W. C. Clark of Ormstown as Vice President.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1870.

PRESIDENT.

R. W. Bro. H. J. PRATTEN, Deputy Grand Master, Quebec.

VICE PRESIDENT.

W. Bro. Rev. W. C. CLARKE, Ormstown.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE (BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.)

M. W. Bro. J. H. GRAHAM, Grand Master, Richmond.
 R. " " M. R. MEIGS, Grand Senior Warden, Bedford.
 " " " THOMAS MILTON, G. Jun. Warden, Point St. Charles.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS (BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.)

R. W. Bro. W. MILLER, Quebec, Stadacona District.
 " " " ISAAC H. STEARNS, Montreal, Montreal District.
 " " " HON. THOMAS WOOD, Dunham, Bedford District.
 " " " S. J. FOSS, Sherbrooke, St. Francis District.

MEMBERS OF LATE BOARD RETAINING OFFICE FOR ONE YEAR

R. W. Bro. GEO. H. BORLASE, Victoria Lodge, No. 11, Sherbrooke.
 " " " STEVENS BAKER, Prevost Lodge, No. 2, Dunham.
 " " " JOHN RENSHAW, Kilwinning Lodge, No. 13, Montreal.
 " " " JOHN SHAW, St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Quebec.
 V. " " M. M. TAIT, St. Francis Lodge, No. 10, Richmond.
 " " " REV. W. C. CLARKE, Clarke Lodge, No. 23, Ormstown.
 " " " GEO. W. JOHNSON, Clarenceville, No. 14, Clarenceville.
 " " " JOHN TWEDDELL, Harrington Lodge, No. 8, Quebec.

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE.

R. W. Bro. JAMES DUNBAR, St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Quebec.
 V. W. " W. E. COQUILETE, St. George's Lodge, No. 6, Montreal.
 " " C. A. RICE, Stanbridge Lodge, No. 8, Stanbridge.
 " " THOS. HART, St. Francis Lodge, No. 10, Richmond.

APPOINTED BY THE GRAND MASTER.

V. W. Bro. R. H. HANNAFORD, Royal Albert, No. 16, Montreal.
 " " " JOHN ALEXANDER, Albion Lodge, Quebec.
 " " " HOBART BUTLER, Prevost Lodge, No. 3, Dunham.
 " " " T. G. FARMER, Milton Lodge, No. 25, Three Rivers.
 " " " W. ADAMS,
 " " " D. A. MANSON, St. John's Lodge, No. 18, Mansonville.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, 1870-1.

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| M. W. Bro. | JOHN HAMILTON GRAHAM, LL.D., Richmond, | Grand Master. |
| R. W. Bro. | H. J. PRATTEN, Quebec, | Deputy Grand Master, |
| " " " | WILLIAM MILLER, Quebec, D.D.G.M. Stadacona Dist. | |
| " " " | ISAAC H. STEARNS, Montreal, | Montreal " |
| " " " | HON. THOS. WOOD, Dunham, | Bedford " |
| " " " | S. J. FOSS, Sherbrooke, | St. Francis " |
| " " " | M. R. MEIGS, M.D., Stanbridge, | G. Senior Warden. |
| " " " | THOMAS MILTON, Point St. Charles, | G. Jun. Warden. |
| " " " | REV. C. P. REID, M.A., Sherbrooke, | Grand Chaplain. |
| " " " | H. M. ALEXANDER, Montreal, | Grand Treasurer. |
| " " " | C. P. TABOR, West Farnham, | Grand Registrar. |
| " " " | JOHN H. ISAACSON, Montreal. | Grand Secretary. |
| V. W. Bro. | JOHN WILSON, Montreal, | Grand Senior Deacon. |
| " " " | C. STAVELY, Quebec, | Grand Junior Deacon. |
| " " " | GEORGE O. TYLER, Three Rivers, | G. Dir. of Ceremonies. |
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| " " " | DANIEL BOYD, Huntingdon, | Grand Pursuivant. |
| " " " | WM. B. SEELEY, Dunham, | Grand Tyler. |
| " " " | S. J. BURNSTEIN, Quebec, | Grand Steward. |
| " " " | W. JOHNSON, Montreal, | do. |
| " " " | G. H. SHUFELT, Dunham, | do. |
| " " " | W. H. SLEEPER, Coaticook, | do. |

REPRESENTATIVES

IN THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

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| R. W. Bro. | W. B. Colby..... | Stanstead, From Grand Lodge of District of Columbia. |
| “ “ “ | G. H. Borlase | Sherbrooke, From Grand Lodge of Illinois. |
| “ “ “ | Frank Edgar..... | Montreal, From Grand Lodge of Iowa. |
| “ “ | W. C. Judge..... | Quebec. From Grand Lodge of Kansas. |
| “ “ “ | J. H. Isaacson | Montreal, From Grand Lodge of Maine. |
| “ “ “ | Alexander Murray | Montreal, From Grand Lodge of Michigan. |
| “ “ “ | H. P. Leggatt | Quebec, From Grand Lodge of Nebraska. |
| “ “ “ | Thomas Milton..... | Montreal, From Grand Lodge of Nevada. |
| “ “ “ | Isaac H. Stearns | Montreal, From Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. |
| “ “ “ | Thomas Wood | Dunham, From Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. |
| “ “ “ | James Dunbar | Quebec, From Grand Lodge of Ohio. |
| “ “ “ | Edson Kemp..... | Nelsonville, From Grand Lodge of Texas. |
| “ “ “ | M. R. Meigs | Bedford, From Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. |

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURN OF LODGES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1870.

| No. | LODGE. | WHERE HELD. | Initiations. | Passings. | Raisings. | Joinings. | Withdrawals. | Died. | Restored. | Members. |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-------|-----------|----------|
| — | Albion | Quebec | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| 1 | St. John's | Quebec | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 55 |
| 2 | Prevost | Dunham | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 55 |
| 3 | Nelson | Philipsburg | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| 4 | Golden Rule | Stanstead | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 132 |
| 5 | St. Andrew's | Quebec | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 63 |
| 6 | St. George | Montreal | 9 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 93 |
| 7 | Zetland | Montreal | 4 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| 8 | Harrington | Quebec | 7 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 36 |
| 9 | Hoyle | Lacole | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| 10 | St. Francis | Richmond | 5 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 46 |
| 11 | Victoria | Sherbrooke | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 66 |
| 12 | Stanbridge | Stanbridge | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 56 |
| 13 | Kilwinning | Montreal | 13 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 162 |
| 14 | Brown | West Farnham | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| 15 | Royal Albert | Montreal | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 55 |
| 16 | Victoria | Montreal | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 17 | St. John's | Mansonville ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 51 |
| 18 | Ascot | Lennoxville | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| 19 | Ashlar | Coaticook | 9 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 |
| 20 | Tuscan | Levis ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 |
| 21 | Clarenceville | Clarenceville | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 22 | Frelighsburg | Frelighsburg | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| 23 | Doric | Danville | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| 24 | Chateauguay | Huntingdon | 7 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 50 |
| 25 | Milton | Three Rivers | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 |
| 26 | Abercorn | Abercorn | 6 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| 27 | Corner Stone | Cowansville | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 28 | Clarke | Ormsdown | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 29 | St. Charles [Unis | Pt. St. Charles | | | | | | | | |
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| TOTALS, | | | 107 | 78 | 55 | 24 | 60 | 7 | 2 | 1379 |

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, Rendered October, 1870.

NIGHT OF MEETING

WHERE HELD

LODGE.

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RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, Rendered October, 1870.

| NO. | LODGE. | WHERE HELD | NIGHT OF MEETING. | W. MASTER. | SECRETARY. |
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| 1 | Albion Lodge | Quebec | Second Friday of every month | W. Br. J. Alexander. | Bro. William Miller. |
| 2 | St. John's | Quebec | Second Wednesday | " C. Stavely | " Peter Brady. |
| 3 | Prevost | Durham | Tuesday on or preceeding full moon | " G. H. Shufelt. | " F. F. Wood. |
| 4 | Nelson | Phillipsburg. | Thursday | " E. A. Bourret. | " P. E. Luke. |
| 5 | Golden Rule | Stanstead. | Tuesday | " H. M. Hovey | " H. C. Hyatt. |
| 6 | St. Andrews | Quebec. | First Wednesday | " C. Judge | " Joseph Bates. |
| 7 | St. George | Montreal. | Third Tuesday | " W. F. Coquillette | " G. A. Sargison. |
| 8 | Zetand | Montreal. | Second Thursday | " M. Doyle | " Jas. G. Cleghorn. |
| 9 | Harington | Quebec | Third Thursday | " S. J. Burnstein | " Wm. Jacques. |
| 10 | Hoyle | Lacolle | First and Third Tuesday | " T. Featherstone | " James A. Hume. |
| 11 | St. Francis | Richmond | First Thursday | " M. Burne | " Edwin Cleveland. |
| 12 | Staubridge | Sherbrooke | Second Tuesday | " E. W. Wiswell | " A. D. Bostwick. |
| 13 | St. John's | Stanbridge. | Wednesday on or preceeding full moon | " L. Snyder | " M. V. Bryan. |
| 14 | Brown | Montreal. | Second Monday | " John Wilson. | " W. H. Hall. |
| 15 | Royal Albert | W. Parnham | Friday on or preceeding full moon | " D. R. Meigs | " Hy. Bowker. |
| 16 | Victoria | Montreal. | First Wednesday | " H. M. Alexander | " Jno. S. Ferguson. |
| 17 | St. John's | Montreal. | First Monday | " J. T. McMinn. | " Alex. Murray. |
| 18 | Ascot | Mansonyville. | Wednesday on or preceeding full moon | " D. A. Manson. | " |
| 19 | Ashlar | Lenoxville. | Monday | " Jas. Addis | " W. H. Learnet. |
| 20 | Tuscan | Coaticook | First Wednesday | " W. Sleeper | " W. H. Thomas. |
| 21 | Clarenceville | Levis | First Thursday | " Moses Cass | " |
| 22 | Frelightsburg | Clarenceville | Third Thursday | " W. M. Macfie. | " W. L. Simpson. |
| 23 | Doric | Frelightsburg | Monday on or preceeding full moon | " G. R. Marvin. | " E. E. Spencer. |
| 24 | Chateaugay | Danville | Wednesday | " T. Leet | " Wm. Boutselle. |
| 25 | Milton | Huntingdon. | Second Tuesday | " D. Boyd | " Stuart McDowell. |
| 26 | Abercorn | Three Rivers | First Wednesday | " G. O. Tyler | " Augustus F. Holt. |
| 27 | Corner Stone | Abercorn | Wednesday on or preceeding full moon | " H. L. Jacquays | " B. Seaton. |
| 28 | Clarke | Cornwall. | Second Wednesday | " E. H. Goff | " |
| 29 | t. Charles [Units Pt. St. Charles | Ormstown | Fourth Tuesday | " R. W. R. Thos. Milton | " Joseph Patenaude. |
| 30 | La-Loge des Cœurs | Montreal | First Wednesday | " W. Bro. A. Schwob | " H. T. Loomis. |
| | | | | | " A. Bolté. |




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| NAMES. | NO. OF LODGE. | DATE. |
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| Horatio W. Reynolds | Prevost, No. 2 | 7th August, 1870 |
| James Carter | St. Andrew's, " 5 | January, 1870 |
| Desire Corneau..... | Harington, " 8 | 21st August, 1870 |
| Patrick Horan..... | Harington, " 8 | 17th July, 1870 |
| Nelson Adams | Stanbridge, " 12 | February, 1870 |
| Leighton Beamen... | St. Francis, " 10 | 27th May, 1870 |
| Rev. Alex. Wallace | Chateauguay, " 23 | 4th July, 1870 |



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RECAPITULATION

OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER, 1870.

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| Lodges working under warrants | 28 |
| “ “ “ dispensation | 2 |
| “ represented in Grand Lodge | 29 |
| “ organized | 30 |
| “ affiliated | 7 |
| “ working | 30 |
| Initiations reported..... | 107 |
| Passings “ | 78 |
| Raisings “ | 55 |
| Joinings “ | 24 |
| Resignations “ | 60 |
| Deaths “ | 7 |
| Restorations “ | 2 |
| Members in good standing | 1379 |