PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

OF

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,

AT

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

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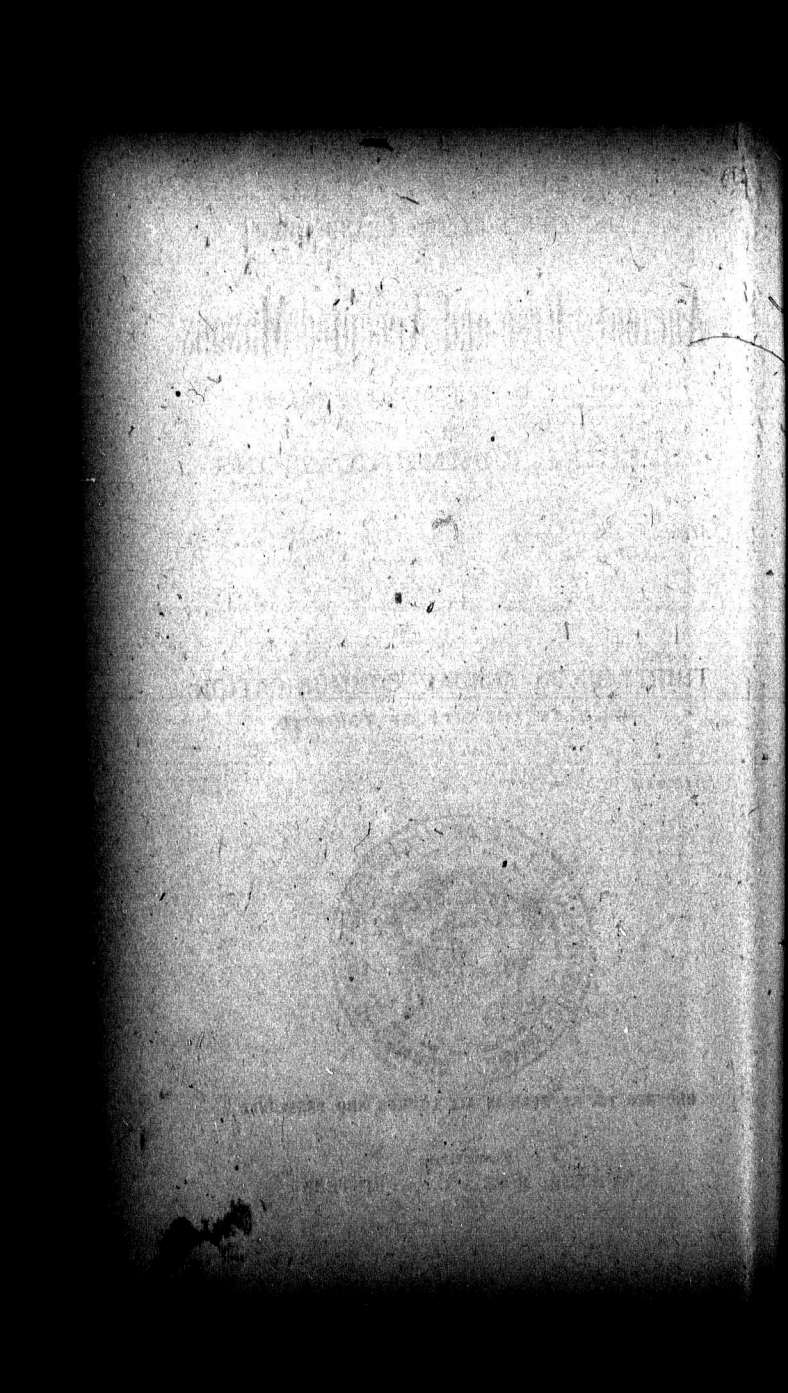

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the Town of Milton, on the 18th Day of September, A.D., 1890, A.L. 5890

PRESENT:

R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, D.G.M	as Grand Master.
R.W. Bro. D. McLellan	as Deputy Grand Master.
Bro. Wm. Ponton	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. J. H. McCallum, Milton	as Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. W. J. Mackenzie, Milton	as Grand Chaplain.
W. Bro. J. A. Fraser, Milton	as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. George Ferguson	as Grand Registrar.
R.W. Bro. J. J. Mason	as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. S. Beaumont, Georgetown	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. John Cudmore, York	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro W. H. Speers, Oakville	as Grand Superintendent of Works.
V. W. Bro. W. A. Ferrah, Oakville	as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. T. T. Elliot	as Assistant Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. W. B. McNab	as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. J. Smyth	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro Hy. Watson	as Grand Assistant Organist.
W. Bro. John Lyon	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. Henry Clarke	as Grand Tyler.

And a large number of brethren from lodges in the Eighth Masonic District.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form, at 2 o'clock, p.m., by the R.W. Bro., the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, who announced that this special communication of Grand Lodge had been summoned for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of Knox Presbyterian Church, in the town of Milton. The D.G.M. stated that he had undertaken the duty in the place of the M.W., the Grand Master, who was absent from the jurisdiction. The brethren acting as Grand Lodge Officers having received the necessary directions, the Grand Lodge was called off, and a procession formed, under the direction of W. Bro. W. A. Ferrah, of Oakville, as Grand Director of Ceremonies, and marched to the site in prescribed order, taking their proper positions at the north-east corner of the building. The acting Grand Master addressed the large assemblage as follows:—

REVEREND SIRS AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF MILTON,—"At the request of the authorities of Knox Church, and acting in the absence of M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, the Grand Master of Canada, who is at present in Europe, I am with you to-day, surrounded by the officers of the Fraternity of Masons in Canada, to lay the corner stone of this building, which, when finished, will add one more edifice to the thousands already raised for the worship of the Great Architect of the Universe—the Supreme Ruler—the author of all good, and giver of all mercy, whose blessings we ask to-day, as we commence a work that is to the honor and glory of his Holy Name."

The acting Grand Chaplain then asked a blessing, and the Grand Superintendent read the inscription on the scroll, and placed the same in the cavity of the stone, after which the acting Grand Treasurer deposited the phial containing the coins of Canada and records in the

cavity, after which Mr. J. A. Fraser presented the acting Grand Master, and the ceremony proceeded, the stone being duly laid according to the forms prescribed in the book of Constitution. The acting Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, then addressed those assembled:

REVEREND SIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—"There is no part of the Craft work more acceptable than that in which we are engaged to-day. It is the pride and pleasure of the fraternity to do what they can to co-operate with the people of the land in works which stimulate men, women and children to good works, and by influence and example soften the asperities of life, and as shareholders in public morality, encourage the reverence of the Deity, and enable us to restrain our passions, and do all that lies in our power to practise in every day life the teaching of our Order, so that we may be true men and loyal citizens. Masonry is an association for a common object, and whatever criticism its work may evoke in foreign lands, in Anglo-Saxon jurisdictions it has proved not only a powerful factor for good, but as a benefactor of humanity; one of the almoners of the Divine Architect, it has brought sunshine to many weary and heavy-hearted, and, in so doing, has been guided by the golden lesson: "When thou doest thine alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." This is one of the fundamental principles which guide the Craft in its work. No man can be made a Mason unless he believes in God, that His will is revealed to man, and that He will reward virtue and punish vice. It is a belief in these principles which gives the fraternity its stability and permanence. All ceremonials of this kind I know awaken a certain amount of curiosity on the part, perhaps, of our fair friends, and although I should like to give you all the same insight as I have myself into the mysteries of the Order, while I know that the fair sex could shield the secrets, there are so many of the stronger portion of humanity present, that it might not be advisable, under the circumstances, to say any more on this particular feature of the subject. (Laughter.) The members of this congregation, and the adherents of this church, are to be congratulated on the outlook of prosperity stretching before them, and in this fine structure, the corner stone of which is to-day being laid, I can assure the people will be a building which, from an architectural standpoint, and as a commodious and well arranged edifice for worship, will not only be a credit to the town but to the Province at large. The advance in church architecture in this Province has, of late years, been phenomenal, and no branch of the Christian Church has founded more useful, commodious or beautiful places of worship than the descendants of those who, in the olden time, on the heather-clad fields of old Scotland, notwithstanding persecution of the bitterest character, opened the Word of God, making the mountain ranges resound with the echo of prayers and songs in His praise. To you all, whom we, as Masons, are so pleased to have with us to-day, let me briefly state that the fraternity of Masons came originally from the Colleges of Roman Builders, that the laying of foundation stones was, in ancient times, attended with great pomp and ceremony, and that the Masons of the earlier ages were operative craftsmen in the strict sense of the term. In later days men of learning, seeing that there was in these operative lodges the essence of work which might be turned to good account, joined or affiliated, in other words, became members of these operative lodges. The bands of operative Masons soon spread over Europe, then into Britain, and the great churches, which stand to-day all over the Continent, and in many parts of England, owe their sublime fronts to the hands of the travelling bands of Freemasons. The early English Guilds really were the out-

come of these primitive operative bodies. As men of learning predominated in the membership, the operative idea passed away, the tools, which were used to aid in the construction of buildings, became, under speculative Masonry, symbols for the instruction of the mind, and the Masonic fraternity of to-day, the members of which number millions, with thousands of lodges occupying every habitable part of the globe, with a membership, which may be found in every respectable walk of life, from the king upon the throne to the humblest subject, stands to-day as an organization, whose influence in the advance guard of social progress is felt, one might almost say, from pole to pole. This stone, before which I now stand, is placed in the north-east corner, the north being the place of darkness and the east the place of light, symbolising progress from ignorance to knowledge, and it is also intended to remind not only Masons, but you all, of the corner stone of immortality of the soul, the sure foundation of eternal life, which survives the tomb and rises clothed with immortality above the decaying dust of death and the grave. This, ladies and gentlemen, concludes the ceremony." (Cheers.)

The procession then reformed and returned to the Masonic Hall, and the Grand Lodge closed in due form.

ATTEST:

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA

J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Brantford, on Wednesday, the 15th day of October, A. D. 1890, A. L 5 890.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,
M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on the Throne.

R. W. Bro. C. W. Mulligan	as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. D. W. McLellan	as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. George C. Davis	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. R. Ashton	as Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell	as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. H. McK. Wilson	as Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro J. J. Mason	Grand Secretary.
Bro. R. A. Hutchinson	as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. T. H. Crouse	as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. J. G. Liddell	as Grand Superintendent of Works.
V. W. Bro. T S. Hind	as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. T. McCallum	Assistant Grand Secretary
	as Assistant Director of Ceremonies.
R. W. Bro. D. McPhie	as Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. C. Hackney	as Grand Organist.
W. Bro. I. J. Birchard	as Grand Pursuivant.

AS GRAND STEWARDS.

W. Bro. W. Watt.	W. Bro. G. J. Fraser.	W. Bro. W. D. Hep burn.
W. Bro. T. S. Heath.	W. Bro. R. Dowling.	W. Bro. Forbes Wi son.
W. Bro. D. Leitch.	W. Bro. A McPherson.	W. Bro. Robt. McDonald.

Bro. James McKay as Grand Tyler.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and Brethren to the number of about 100, hailing from lodges in the Sixth, Eighth, Tenth and Eleventh Masonic Districts, and others.

Prior to the meeting of Grand Lodge, the M. W. the Grand Master, the Grand Officers and the brethren were escorted to the Kerby House, where a reception was held. The officers of the local Masonic lodges, the Mayor and Corporation, the Clergy and the School Board, and many leading citizens were presented to the Grand Master. At one o'clock 2,370 school children assembled in the Market-square, where they were marshalled into companies, and, headed by the Citizens' Band, they marched to the site of the new school, the Corner-stone of which was to be laid, on Sheridan, Marlborough, Charlotte and George streets.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at two o'clock in the afternoon in the Masonic Hall, and from thence, in the regular order of procession, the Craftsmen marched to the school site. All along the route the streets were thronged with enthusiastic spectators, and as a popular townsman or distinguished visitor passed, the crowd was liberal with applause and cheers.

When the procession had filed into the school yard, the members of the Craft took up their positions about the walls of the new building, which are just appearing above ground, the adult audience occupied seats or standing room on a temporary floor laid across the growing walls, while the 2,300 school children occupied a pyramid of seats directly in front of the stone about to be set in position. Chairman Grant

then invited Rev. Dr. Cochrane, who delivered the opening invocation.

Directly Dr. Cochrane had concluded his supplication, Chairman Grant ascended the dais, and calling the M.W. the Grand Master before him, read the following address on behalf of the Board of Education and the Municipal Council:

M. W. SIR:—"It devolvss on me, as Chairman of the Public School Trustees, to tender you a cordial welcome to the city of Brantford, and to invite you to participate in the ceremonies attendant on the laying of the corner stone of our new Central School."

The chairman then gave a history of the former edifice, which had been destroyed by fire. After which he said: "And now, Most Worshipful Sir, having made this explanation, I again welcome you and all other strangers to Brantford, and thank you most heartily in the name of the Board for having consented to lay the corner stone of a school building which, we all trust, may contribute in some degree to promote the honor and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe."

As Chairman Grant handed to the Grand Master the address of welcome, a little girl, Miss Aleon Park, daughter of Bro H. Park, of Brantford, dressed in approved grandmother style, came forward to the dais and was lifted up beside the speakers. In her hand she carried a gigantic bouquet of white and red roses, bordered by ferns, which she presented to the Grand Master, accompanying the presentation with a graceful salutation, and as she stepped backward daintily threw a kiss to the assembled Grand Lodge officers.

In replying to these dual honours the Grand Master said: "I can only remark on behalf of the Masonic fraternity, which I have the honour to represent as their Grand Master, that I thank you cordially for such an enthusiastic and graceful reception. I assure you that the compliments are entirely appreciated, and the demonstration of to-day shews to all visitors conclusively that the cause of education is a dear one to the people of Brantford. The phenomenal progress and excellent record in such matters that Brantford has won during the past years will not only be maintained but decidedly increased. It makes my heart leap with joy to see before me the assembled boys and girls just climbing into manhood and womanhood of this fair Canada of ours. You may depend upon it that their record in future years will show many achievements in art, literature and science, and rest assured, gentlemen and brethren, your visitors will retain many pleasant recollections of this day's visit to Brantford. (Applause.) If the young lady who presented me with this bouquet is a fair representative of the femininity of Brantford, the girls of the other great cities of Canada must look to their laurels or they will be completely outstripped in the race for beauty and grace."

The ceremony of laying the corner stone was then proceeded with.

Prayer having been said by the acting Grand Chaplain, the Grand Secretary read the following scroll:

In the Name and by the Favor of the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth,

On the 15th day of October, A. D., 1890, A. L. 5890, in the 54th year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and dependencies in Asia, Europe and Africa, Australasia, Dominion of Canada, Etc., Etc.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR FREDERICK ARTHUR STANLEY, Baron Stanley, of Preston, in the County of Lancaster, in the Peerage of Great Britain, K. C. B., being

Governor General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same.
The Right Hon. SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, G. C. M. G., being Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario.
The Right Hon SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, K. C. B., G. C. M. G., P. C , being Premier of Canada.
The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of Ontario
The Hon. G W. ROSS, M. P. P., Minister of Education for Ontario.
WILLIAM PATTERSON, ESQ , M. P. for South Brant.
JAMES SOMERVILLE, Esq., M. P. for North Brant.
The Hon. ARTHUR STURGIS HARDY, M. P. P. for South Brant, Commissioner of Crown Lands
W. B. WOOD, Esq , M. P. P. for North Brant.
SAMUEL GEORGE READ, Mayor City of Brantford.
M. J KELLY, M.D , L L B. Public School Inspector.
R. L. HAMILTON, Esq', Warden of the County of Brant,
J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Esq , Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F & A. M. of Canada.
C. W. MULLIGAN, Esq., D D.G.M. 8th Masonic District.

This Corner Stone of the Central School building, in the City of Brantford, was laid by M. W. Bro J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master, assisted by R. W Bro. The Hon. J. M. Gibson, M. P. P., Provincial Secretary, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers and a large concourse of brethren, with the usual ceremonies of the order.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD.

Wm Grant, Chairman; S. M. Thompson, E. L. Goold, T. S. Wade, E Sweet, John Ott, W. S. Brewster, Thos. H. Spence, E. P. Park, J. H. Belfry, Wm. Wilkinson, M. A. Principal, E. D. Passmore, Secretary.
Architect,—William Stewart, Hamilton.
Clerk of the Works,—Hugh Thompson.
Builders,—Schultz Bros., Brantford.

The scroll having been deposited with a phial containing the coins of Canada and other public records, the Grand Lodge Officers applied the implements of their office to the stone after it had been swung into position, whereupon they pronounced that the Craftsmen had done their duty. The Grand Master then consecrated the stone with corn, wine and oil, and pronounced it well and truly laid. In laying the stone the Grand Master used a handsome, solid silver trowel, presented to him for the occasion by the Brantford Public School Board.

Incidental to the laying of the stone, the school children sang in concert a selection entitled: "Wisdom's Corner Stone," expressly composed for the occasion by Miss E. Pauline Johnstone, of Brantford. It was sung to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Chairman Grant then called upon the Grand Master to address the assembly, which he did as follows—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—"Perhaps there is no invitation that could have been offered me to which I would more willingly respond than that which calls me here to-day with my brethren of the Craft in Grand Lodge, assembled to perform, at the request of your Public School Board, the pleasing duty of laying the corner stone of a structure to be reared in the interests of true education, and which I feel assured, from a knowledge of your people, will prove a stronghold of intelligence in this important and enterprising city.

"To Masonry the Public Schools of any country have relationship, sentimental perhaps, but still genuine. In a free nation the Public Schools is the earliest, almost the truest, teacher of equality. It levels all ranks, and through its doors troop the children of the rich and poor to be armed for the battle of life, and gather the knowledge that will fit them for their places in the daily struggle that engages the energies of all of us—in this country that owns no idlers. (Applause.) Thus early in life they learn that merit in this Canada of ours is sovereign, and this lesson helps them to become examples of what the great Province of Ontario can do in the way of education, and to illustrate

in their every-day lives the truth that in the imparting of practical knowledge the moral training has not been overlooked. It is rather a coincidence in connection with this ceremony, that during my recent visit to Europe—indeed, it is only forty-eight hours since I reached my home at Toronto—I had occasion, along with some friends, to make an examination of some of the systems of minor education, both on the Continent and in England. From a practical knowledge previously obtained by actual presence at school examinations in Canada, I am satisfied that in respect to schools in England, which stand on the same plane as our Public Schools, we in Canada have reason to be proud, and can congratulate ourselves on the success we have attained. Indeed, I feel assured—and I say this with all due deference to our English and Continental Cousins—that the youth trained in our Public Schools are in general proficiency and intelligence far in advance of those turned out of what are known as the Board Schools of England. (Cheers.)

Ontario—and I am glad to see on this platform to-day, in Craft clothing, a Minister of the Crown, and a man of advanced thought, in the person of Bro. the Hon. A. S. Hardy—Ontario, I say, has not been slow to act upon a belief that intelligence is the secret of a nation's greatness, and statistics prove that no people have spent or sacrificed more to give their children the schooling that means opportunity to them. Statistics, as a general rule, are dry and uninteresting, but on this subject they are really palatable and instructive. Since 1855 the total receipts for Public school purposes have increased from $944,000 to $4,456,000, and the sum paid for teachers' salaries has risen from $680,000 to the large sum of $2,521,000. During the same period the number of pupils attending the Public schools has increased from 227,000 to 464,000, nearly double, and the number of school buildings from 3,325 to 5,330. Further, since 1860, five years later, the number of brick school-houses has increased from 368 to 2,040, while the old log school-house—the typical old building where so many of our ancestors became acquainted with the rudiments of education, and were perhaps introduced to the use of the birch—has decreased from 1699 to 491—a most satisfactory decrease. In this connection let me say that a few weeks ago I had the pleasure of meeting, at Kingston, Bro. Robert Sellars, then the oldest Freemason in Canada—a man born in 1790, who, if death had not called him home yesterday, would next Christmas morn have passed his one hundreth milestone in life's journey. As I talked to this veteran of a century, and heard the story of his early school days in the first log school in the old City of Kingston, my heart went out for the venerable pioneer who could tell me of the years of 1799-1800, when the good Dr. Strachan, whose memory will be forever green in the hearts of the Canadian people, visited the school and examined the boys in their primitive lessons, with a kindly look for those who did well, and a word of advice for those who perhaps had neglected their home studies. When I first visited our old Brother Sellars, I was shown into his garden by his daughter, a young lady of about 75 years of age, who pointed to her father, hale and hearty, spade in hand, turning over the native soil as he had done in the same garden plot nearly a century ago. (Applause.) Here was an man schooled in the old log school, one who, in the dark days of 1812-15, shouldered his musket in defence of his native Canada, and who, as a pioneer of Masonry—for he was made a Craftsman in 1820—had carried the banner and worked for Masonry in its early struggles in the days when the way was long and weary. Grateful indeed did I feel to Providence for allowing me the privilege of shaking the hand of this veteran, whom I

did hope might be spared to see many Christmas morns. I am digressing, however. In 1875 there were 10,000 children between the ages of seven and twelve who did not attend any school, and I am glad to learn that in 1888 this number was reduced to 5,744, and by this time it is probably under 5,000. In your own city of Brantford in 1849 you had only two teachers and 268 pupils, while to-day you have 30 teachers and 2,443 scholars. The teachers' salaries then aggregated $500, to-day they total $10,000. Am I not right when I claim that we have reason to be proud of our progress? (Cheers.)

"The curious among you are doubtless anxious to know why this ceremony should be entrusted to the Craft. I can only say that from time immemorial, long before practical Masonry gave way to speculative, away back in the olden days, when the colleges of Roman Builders founded the great edifices, many of which lie in ruins in continental Europe, it was the peculiar charge of these handicraftsmen to lay the corner-stones and foundations of public buildings. In justice to these honest workers, let me say that the weakest of their structures lasted many centuries beyond the life of a modern architectural triumph. I say this with all due respect to the master builders of Brantford. (Hear, hear.) Our Craft has ever been foremost in aiding the cause of education, and when we look across the sea and see such magnificent institutions as the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, supported by the great and generous Grand Lodge of England, and with the records of the centuries behind us, Canadian Masons may well undertake the responsibility of placing this stone, as I have placed it, in the north-east corner of this building between the north, the place of darkness, and the east, the place of light, symbolizing the progress not only of Masonry, but of education, art and science from darkness to light. I need hardly tell you that, speaking for Grand Lodge and all its officers, we are glad to be in Brantford. We might recognize this new building as a new proof of Brantford's enterprise, but the character of your city is already established. (Hear, hear.) The scenic beauty of its surroundings is matched by the vigour of its people, and we can only hope that in prosperity and population it may go on from strength to strength. Speaking for Grand Lodge I can cordially thank the School Board for the opportunity of officiating, and for myself I must say that I thank you all for your attention that which I count a rich reward for the labors of the day." (Loud cheers.)

Turning from the audience and addressing himself especially to the arsembled Craftsmen, the Grand Master said:—

"To you, brethren, I must also express my unqualified satisfaction in seeing the ceremony attended by such a large and representative gathering of the Craft. You know better than anyone the import of the ceremony which has just been enacted, and you can appreciate the symbolism with the keen minds of Craftsmen. To the outside world our ceremonies may be meaningless, and yet I believe that as the cause of education progresses the intelligent men and women of the country will willingly admit that Masonry is the unvarying friend of man; that our mission is the cultivation and improvement of the human mind and the promotion at our firesides and in the daily walks of life of fraternity, fellowship and good-will. My travels during the past quarter of a century have been extensive, and my experience in meeting the intelligent men of this Continent and of Europe has been that our fraternity is a grand one—commanding the respect and admiration of the world, and without a peer in the realm of fraternal organizations.

"It warms my heart as I see you, strong in numbers, and, I am sure, zealous in the work, aiding me by your presence in the impressive ceremonial which has just taken place. To have you here to-day is most encouraging, and I feel more than ever a realization of the great honor the Craft conferred on me when they selected me for the highest position in its gift.

"The welcome to-day has been a happy one. Our Brantford brethren have given us a reception—just such a one as I would expect from the brethren of the 8th Masonic District. These brethren are doing excellent work, and in their lodges represent the intelligence of this beautiful city.

"I again thank you for your attendance, and trust that we may long be spared to meet one another in social and other gatherings, and that ceremonies such as those of to-day may inspire you with renewed energy on behalf of the Craft, satisfied that you belong to an honorable institution—one that is doing a good work, and that your executive and other officers and your Grand Master are doing their duty. (Cheers.)

"To the children—the boys and the girls—whose bright faces I see in thousands before me, I want to say that their cheers and welcome shall never be forgotten. It gladdens my heart to see those who are climbing into manhood and womanhood in their thousands to-day, and reminds me of the thoughts that passed through my mind as on my way home from the railway station at Toronto, I saw the flag of our country floating from the tops of the school houses, in commemoration of a day past and gone, but a great day in Canadian history. Surely I was right when I said to myself, that if history had ever to repeat itself—and I hoped to God it never would—that if another struggle for victory ever took place on our soil, at Queenston Heights, or anywhere else, we could look to the boys brought up in the Public Schoolhouses of the Dominion, to defend, as citizen soldiers, our firesides and our homes. To-day's proceedings have given me an enormous amount of pleasure, this being the first ceremony of the kind that I have undertaken since my election. I will repeat the gift to the Central School of Brantford, that I made to the High School at Meaford, and I hereby donate four prizes to be competed for by Public School scholars, the subject being proficiency in Canadian history."

Once more the children were asked to sing, and they rousingly rendered "The Maple Leaf For Ever," accompanying the music by waiving their 2000 little flags. Chairman Grant then called upon W. B. Wood, M. P. P. for North Brant, who delivered an interesting address.

The band played a selection, and the school children sang, "Canada the Gem of the Crown," after which the Chairman called upon Mr. Wm. Patterson, M. P., who addressed the gathering.

The next speaker was Hon. A. S. Hardy, Minister of Crown Lands for the Province of Ontario, who appeared in Royal Arch Regalia. He said:—

MR. CHAIRMAN, BRETHREN, TRUSTEES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—"Mr. Grant was careful to whisper in my ear that I would not be allowed to exceed ten minutes, and that I might make it as much shorter as I wished. I got the hint that he said this loud enough to me to let somebody else hear, and that he really did not mean me, but was referring to some one else. However, I mention no names. I will not trespass above my ten minutes, as I merely wish to take the opportunity of congratulating the Brantford School Board and its enterprising Chairman on the success of the demonstration, and the promising circumstances under which the erection of their magnificent building was begun. I

congratulate the Board and Members on their good taste in securing the presence of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada to preside over and execute the imposing ceremony just witnessed. I am sure we have all heard, with great admiration and pleasure, the forcible and timely address of our Grand Master. He is a man eminently fitted to occupy the distinguished office which he now holds by virtue of his merit; a man more energetic in the discharge of the important duties of the ruler of the Craft in Canada would be hard, if not actually impossible, to find. To-day we have seen something of the munificent spirit and well-directed liberal elements which he combines with his abilities in exercising the function of his office. The gift of four prizes, to be competed for by Public School scholars, in the subject named, is characteristic of the man. (Applause.)

"I am not at all surprised at the decision of the Brantford School Board to erect a new school instead of restoring the destroyed structure. There was a time that any building would answer the purpose of a school. Four walls and a roof just enough to shelter the scholars from the elements and the rain, was all that was required. Little attention was paid to their comfort, and less to their health. Modern ideas have taken the position that health and comfort are as necessary to pupils attending school as instruction. Popular thought and public opinion have been forced to this conclusion, and the Brantford School Board has shown itself to be thoroughly modernized, enterprising, in step with the times. In building this school they are giving you to-day your first lesson upon hygiene, which is now a recognized study in the curriculum of our public schools. It was not many years ago, when I had the honor to be a member of the High School Board of this town, we then took the view that Brantford was lagging in the rear in collegiate matters, and ought to be provided with a better institute. It was a long struggle and a hard one, but it eventuated in our securing an institution which is now famed throughout the whole land. I shall not pretend to speak upon the question of other advances made by Brantford, and matters so eloquently dealt with in the addrsss of Grand Master Robertson. The M. W. has elaborately pictured to you our situation, and I believe with him that Brantford is held in high esteem in all parts of Canada. We have an inspector known to and beloved by all men, who has not an equal in Ontario. We have a Head Master equally known and beloved, and whose scholars have acquitted themselves with great distinction in the learned professions. These are some of the foundations of our successful school system. It is impossible for us to estimate the value of a careful Public School training to the future generation. The teacher's duty does not consist merely in drilling his scholars in the alphabet and the three R's, but to him we look to establish national character. What are the elements of national character? what are our coming men learning in the Public Schools? Personal bravery, honesty, which implies truthfulness and strength of will, resolute determination and self control, for a man who cannot control himself can never control others—these are some of the elements which go to form a nation's character, and no man can rise higher than his character. They are taught by their masters to respect the old flag of freedom, and, with respect to England's ensign, they learn to venerate the flag of our beloved Canadian home."

The oratorial portion of the programme was concluded by Hon. A. S. Hardy's speech. The entire assembly arose and sang "God Save the Queen," after which cheers were given for the Grand Master, the Chairman of the Public School Board, and the Central School. The Crafts-

men re-formed their procession and marched back to the lodge room, while the assembly, which numbered fully seven thousand, dispersed.

Upon motion by R. W. Bro. Hyde, seconded by R. W. Bro. Ashton, it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Eighth Masonic District be and is hereby extended to the M. W., the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for the efficient and eminently satisfactory manner in which he has performed the ceremonies of the day. Bro. Hyde felt that thanks were also due to the Grand Lodge Officers for their kindness in attending and officiating to-day. The motion was carried by a standing vote and cheers.

In response the Grand Master said :—"Votes of thanks to a Grand Master and Grand Officers for discharging their duties, while gratifying, are nevertheless out of place, from the simple fact that no man should be thanked for discharging his duty. In the present case, however, I think it might be admissable. No meeting of the Craft that I have ever attended perhaps has given me more personal satisfaction than the gathering that has taken place to-day. I feel assured that it is similarly regarded by the other members and officers of Grand Lodge who have been present. In expressing this gratification I am sure I voice the sentiments of every one concerned. It is particularly pleasing to me as Grand Master, on this the first occasion that I have had the honor of presiding at a ceremony of this nature, to see so many prominent brethren present, and the attendance of such a large and influential assemblage of my brethren will be cherished amongst my most delightful recollections. It adds zest to my cherished hope and well defined conclusion that in the cause of Masonry the interest taken by the world at large is rapidly on the increase, and it strengthens the view that I have held for many years that in the realm of fraternal organizations, the Masonic body stands without a peer.

"The Committee of arrangements has certainly performed their duty in an exceptional manner, and although the time for preparation on my part was rather short, having just left the deck of an Atlantic flyer racing across the ocean with its attendant excitement it is surely sufficient to justify even a Grand Master to plead that he is hardly in condition to discharge the important duty which the kindness of the brethren had imposed upon him. It was particularly pleasant to meet as we have in Brantford, and the speeches which were delivered to-day justify the belief that the natives of this old county were being reared in a nursery of oratory. Brantford is situated in a district that lives in the anals of parliamentary eloquence in the speeches of Hon. A. S. Hardy, Mr. Wood, M.P.P., and Mr. Patterson, M.P. The city of Brantford is not only noted for being the home of masters in the art of oratory, but it is also rich in Masonic memories in that it was identified with the name of the first native Canadian Craftsman, Bro. Jos. Brant, whose monument ornaments your public square. Here also lived the first Grand Master of the Order in the person of William Mercer Wilson. I feel that a meeting such as that of to-day is doing an incalculable amount of good in promoting good-will, fellowship and kindness between men and brethren assembled to take part in so important a ceremonial. My experience in all parts of Craft work, covering a quarter of a century, has confirmed me in the belief that the practice of the tenets and principles of the Craft were such as commanded the admiration of the world.

"Each of the Grand Lodge officers on the occasion of this visit have performed his duty faithfully and well. They were as sincere and as energetic as any Grand Master could desire. It is particularly pleasant

to be with the brethren of Brantford. The were all brethren and the best of good fellows. There are no Craftsmen in the jurisdiction that we have warmer hearts for than those of the 8th Masonic District, and the welcome was such as would be expected from those brethren who work so close to the lines of their Masonic obligation. All over Canada we look on Brantford as an example of integrity and enterprise, and its successes are as pleasurable to us as if they were bestowed upon the cities which we individually hail from. Permit me to assure you that I am one with you all, and if in any possible way, either as an individual or as a member of the Craft, whether in Grand Lodge or in subordinate lodges or in the every-day walk of life, it will be the greatest pleasure to assist if I can, any one and all of you—from the youngest apprentice to the Deputy Grand Master. If the brethren could only have witnessed, as I did, in the Mother Grand Lodge of the world, in the Grand Lodge of England, before an audience of five hundred Masons—men of the brightest minds and intelligence, they would have been overjoyed to have heard the hearty welcome extended to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Our brethren in Old England are monarchs in kindness, and their wealth of welcome was as generous as the sunlight. Brethren like Col. Clarke, the Grand Secretary of England, Robert Freke Gould, the eminent historian, and W. J. Hughan, one of nature's noblemen, the greatest living authority on Craft matters, gave me a welcome that showed the kindliest thought for the phalanx of Craftsmen who guard the banner in this jurisdiction, proud to claim descent from the Mother Grand Lodge of the world. I did, indeed, spend happy hours with my brethren in England, and as I turned over the leaves of the old records away back in the early days of the Seventeenth Century, and scanned the writings of the Grand Lodges of later date, I feel that if the Masons of these days had ever dreamed that a Canadian Grand Master would handle their manuscripts, they would, perhaps, have given us better records of the doings of the early Craftsmen of Canada.

"I find that during my absence kindest words have been spoken of me at meetings presided over by the R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, the Deputy Grand Master, who, on account of public business could not be with us to-day. I hope to be able to show the Craft that my interest is by no means of a flagging character. My aim is to promote, in every way, the harmony existing in the lodges. Since my election, the best of fellowship and concord have prevailed, and I trust that during my term of office nothing will occur to mar the satisfaction in presiding over such a distinguished body of the Grand Lodge of Canada. I feel most thankful towards the members from a distance, for their presence with us. They have added materially to the success of the ceremony to-day. It was likewise as pleasant to see the assembled thousands of people of this good city, with men of reputation and standing, as Bro. the Hon. A. S. Hardy, and statesmen, judges, and other prominent Canadians, gathered with the Craft. The presence of such gentlemen cannot fail to impress the mind of the world, that we have an institution that any man might well be proud to be a member of. (Cheers.) The good that Masonry has done, and is doing, is incalculable, and while occasionally we find critics, even amongst our own ranks, I feel assured the heart of the Craft is all right, and that ninety-nine per cent. of the rank and file are thoroughly loyal. I am afraid that some of those who criticise are actuated by motives that might be more generous if they had an appreciation of the great responsibility entailed upon the guiding hand of an organization that is looked up to and respected by every jurisdiction in the world."

The Grand Master thanked the brethren who assisted in adding pleasure to the day's proceedings. After which the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

ATTEST:

J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Canada, held in the Presbyterian Church in the Village of Westport, in the Fourteenth District, on the 28th Day of October, A.D. 1890, A. L. 5890.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER.

M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on the Throne.

R.W. Bro. Dr Preston, Newboro'.....as Deputy Grand Master.
V.W Bro. J. Adams, Kingston.....as Grand Senior Warden.
R.W. Bro. Derbyshire, Brockville.....as Grand Junior Warden.
R.W. Bro. R. Craig, Deseronto.....Grand Chaplain.
V.W. Bro. Colcock, Brockville.....as Grand Treasurer.
R.W. Bro H. J. Wilkinson, Kingston.....as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. O. Brown, Toledo.....as Grand Registrar.
W. Bro. G.W. Judson, Lyn.....as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro C. W. Bulloch, Lyn.....as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. Motherwell, Perth.....as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. Reynolds, Newboro'.....as Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

AS GRAND STEWARDS.

V. W Bro. Quigg, of Brockville. Bro H Eyre, of Delta.
Bro R G. Murphy, of Newboro'. Bro. J. P. Lamb
Bro Chapman.....as Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. T. Butler, North Augusta.....as Grand Tyler.

Together with R W. Bro. J. R. Dargavel, D D G M., of the Fourteenth District, R.W. Bro. Col W. H. Jackson, D D G.M., of the Fifteenth District, and Masters, Pas Masters and Brethren to the number of 150, hailing from lodges in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Districts, and others

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at two o'clock in the afternoon, in the Presbyterian Church, which had been kindly loaned for the occasion, through the courtesy of the Rev. Mr. Ross and his trustees, and from thence the brethren marched in procession to the Church foundation in the village. Having reached the site, a halt was made, the ranks opened out and faced inwards, when the M. W. the Grand Master, supported by the Grand Officers, passed through to the corner stone, where a platform had been erected for their convenience. Prayer having been said by the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. George Bousefield read an address of welcome signed by churchwardens Messrs. T. G. Buller and A. O. Johnston. The address expressed the pleasure that the congregation had in welcoming the Grand Master and the fraternity, and pointing out that the principles of Masonry are essentially those which underlie the constitution of the Anglican Church. The address was followed by the presentation of a silver trowel to the Grand Master, who, in reply, said that it afforded him pleasure to be present with the Craft, to add to the solemn scene to be performed in the erection of another structure, which will testify to the earnestness of the people in matters of religion and their fidelity to the faith handed down from generation to generation in the broad principles upon which the grand old Church of England was founded, respected and venerated as it was by all sections of the Christian church in every part of the world. The impressive Craft ceremonies were then proceeded with, the stone being duly tested by the square, level and plumb rule, and consecrated

with corn, wine and oil as emblems of plenty, cheerfulness and consolation, and declared well and truly laid by the Grand Master.

The following scroll was deposited in the cavity of the stone:

In the Name and by the Favor of the Grand Architect of the Universe,

ON THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, A. D. 1890,
And the era of Freemasonry, A L 5890, and in the Fifty-fourth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and Dependencies in Asia, Europe and Africa, Dominion of Canada, Australia &c.,
LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.
The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of Ontario.
GEORGE TAYLOR, Esq., M P, for South Leeds
R H PRESTON, Esq., M P. P, for South Leeds.
E. G. ADAMS Esq., Reeve of North Crosby.
W. C. FREDENBURGH Esq, Deputy Reeve, North Crosby
The Rt. Rev. JOHN TRAVERS, by Divine Permission, Lord Bishop of Ontario.
The Rev. GEORGE BOUSFIELD, Priest and the Rev. FREDERIC B. NORRIE Deacon in charge Churchwardens, THOS G BUTLER and A. W. JOHNSTON. Building Committee Dr. PARRER, Chairman; GEORGE JEACLE, Secretary; JAMES DIER, JOHN DIER Sr JOHN DIER, Jr., GEORGE PREVOST and A. W. JOHNSTON. Builders, A. W. JOHNSTON and W. CARSTAIRS.

The Corner Stone

Of St George's Church, Westport was laid by M W. Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F & A. M. of Canada, assisted by R W. Bro. J. R. DARGAVEL, D.D G.M, and other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Canada; J. R. GORRELL, W.M. of Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro', together with a large concourse of visiting brethren from different lodges in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Districts, in accordance with the ceremonies and usages of the Order, which may the G A O.T.U. ever protect and prosper.

M. W. Bro. Robertson, stepping to the front of the raised platform, amid cheers from the assemblage, spoke as follows:—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The Masonic fraternity, within its circle, is called upon to exemplify the impressive ceremonies of the Craft in that portion of its work which may not be viewed by the outer world. These ceremonies convey to us great truths; teach us important lessons which should so impress the minds of brethren that, both at home and abroad, in the lodge-room, or as they struggle in the ranks of business life, they may remember the words spoken, knowing that the principles we endeavour to inculcate are those which help to clothe the young Mason with all the attributes of perfect manhood. While it is pleasant to know and to feel that we are thus trying to act on a high level with the best thoughts of mankind, we are glad that those without the purview of our altars recognize the good work in which we are engaged, by inviting us to take part in ceremonies similar to that which we have performed to-day. What greater testimony does a fraternity require of the soundness of principles and tenets on which our institution is built, than the requests to take part in ceremonies connected with the cause of religion and education. This week—as it is to-day—to lay the foundation stone of a Temple to be reared to the worship of the Great Architect of the Universe, the Divine Being, the Infinite Spirit, without belief in whom the future would be a mist—and at another time, as last week, to place in position the corner-stone of an edifice where the Hope of our favoured country, the boys and girls, who, in a few years, will take our places in the business of every-day life, in the forum, in the pulpit, or as mothers of the future, are gathering that knowledge

which will strengthen the mind, tone the morals, and confirm the belief in all that is written within the Holy Book, that for centuries has been read to us by our mothers, and lies ever open on the altar of all Masons hailing from the noble ancestry of British fathers. It was, therefore, with gratification that I acceded to the request made by the incumbent of this parish through our R. W. Bro. Dargavel, the District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District, to add the dignity of our Craft ceremonies to the intense solemnity of this occasion.

On behalf of Grand Lodge, its officers and members, and for myself, as Grand Master, I can assure you that we are delighted to have the opportunity of taking part in what must be an important event in the religious life of this section of country—a district, let me inform you, that should be sweet to the memory of our Craft, for, but a few miles from here, some of our first altars were reared in the early days of this century, where the sturdy pioneers, many of whom were Craftsmen, hewed into squares the monarchs of the forest and built the primitive log cabins, which have given place to the comfortable home, with its modern improvements, and guided the plough through the stump dotted fields, to be hidden at harvest time with the golden grain that to-day is the staple production of this garden of the world, our native province.

When I look at the faces of many before me, desirous I have no doubt to know the secrets of the Mason's Art, I feel that it would be an injustice if I did not satisfy their curiosity, and tell them why we, as Masons, relegate to ourselves the duty of to-day's ceremonial. The corner stone is the most important part of the structure, and those of you who have either of your own free will and accord, or at the suggestion—please mark the word—of your school teachers, delved into the fathoms of ancient history, will remember that at the rebuilding of the capital at Rome, other impressive ceremonies, accompanied by solemn prayer, the magistrates, the priests, senators, and citizens, amid general demonstrations of joy, dragged the ponderous load, the corner stone, to its destined spot.

This stone, which must be square, speaks to us as an emblem of morality. In its solid contents it must be a cube, which to us is a symbol of truth. Its position is important, and exemplifies to us the progress of Masonry from darkness to light, from ignorance to knowledge, for it is laid in the north-east corner, between the north, the place of darkness, and the east, the place of light, and to the Freemason this signifies and is typical of the corner stone of immortality. We use the square, the level, and the plumb rule as fitting emblems of our calling. The square teaches morality, the level equality, and the plumb rule justness and uprightness of life and action. From the gavel we learn that perseverance is necessary to establish perfection, so that the mind may be enlightened and the soul rendered pure. The corn, wine and oil are, as you may have observed, also symbolical, as emblems of plenty, cheerfulness and happiness, for with bread we feed the hungry, with wine we cheer the sorrowful, and with oil we pour consolation on those sickened in body or sorrowed in heart.

Reverend Sir, our Masonic ancestors reared the greatest temples of your faith, and, while in England, as I gazed on the massive and imposing minster at York, the noble front of Lincoln's mighty cathedral, or the turretted roof of grand old Peterborough, and knew that the hands of the operative Masons of long ago had placed these stones in position, I indeed felt that the speculative Masonry of to-day might, with all its energies, enable each individual Mason to become a stone of that living temple, in which shines a light to pilot the Craftsmen who

worship at our altars through the rocks and breakers which mark the ocean of unbelief, in safety to that haven of quiet waters where the signals of Faith, Hope and Charity are forever flying.

Masonry, rightly understood, is the ally of the church, the friend of the schoolhouse. It is the glory of English-speaking Masons that has always stood like granite against the assaults of unbelief, and that in a crisis of Craft history, when at least one great jurisdiction was carried away by a flood of agnosticism the British Craft formed a gigantic square around our first great landmark and declared that without the belief in the cardinal truth that there was a Supreme Being, that He had revealed His will to man, and that He would punish vice and reward virtue, the entire fabric of Masonry would crumble to dust.

As a benevolent institution we do not claim to be in the foreground, and it is well that on an occasion of this kind I should define the position of the Craft with regard to its general charity. It is true that we have accumulated funds with which we endeavor to brighten the lives of our widowed ones, but while other associations of men are leagued in brotherhood for mutual aid, the material beneficence of Masonry is always an act of grace, not the fulfilment of a legal or moral obligation. Far be it from me to institute comparisons that would minimise the incalculable amount of good that the leading benevolent and friendly societies have accomplished for English-speaking humanity. Masonry stands alone and must be judged by its own laws. Our endeavor is to do good by stealth, and I am thankful to state that all over this Jurisdiction in the great cities and around the little hamlets where our Craft fires burn, we have through the goodness of the twenty thousand Craftsmen of this Province been enabled to send streaks of sunshine into many a saddened home, with comfort for the widowed heart and cheer for the orphan child.

I thank you heartily for your kindly presence here to-day, and trust you may carry away pleasant recollections of the Craft ceremonies which are now concluded.

The Rev. C. Sydney-Goodman, Rector of Bell's Corners, Ottawa, also delivered an address.

The Grand Lodge then re-formed and the brethren returned to the odge room, and Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

ATTEST:

J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A F. & A.M. of Canada, held at the Village of Kingsville, on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, A.D. 1891, A.L. 5891.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. James Birch, D.D.G.M. ..... as Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, P.D.D.G.M. ..... at Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. E Allworth ..... as Past Grand Master.
W. Bro. W. R. Pizer ..... as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. C. Foster ..... as Grand Junior Warden.
W. Bro. Rev. R. Hinks ..... as Grand Chaplain.
Bro. Geo. Grenville ..... as Grand Treasurer.
W. Bro. Hugh Ruthven ..... as Grand Registrar.
Bro. Jos A. Fitch ..... as Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. J. Radcliffe ..... as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. Wm. Jamieson ..... as Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro. J. A. Maycock ..... as Grand Superintendent of Works.
W. Bro. S. T. Copus ..... as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Bro. Chas Koeller ..... as Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Bro. A. Daugherty ..... as Asst. Grand Secretary.
Bro. H. W Copus ..... as Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. G. Stanton ..... as Grand Organist.
Bro. H. Wigle ..... as Grand Assistant Organist.
Bro. Geo Cady ..... as Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. Chas. Elliott ..... as Grand Tyler.

AS GRAND STEWARDS.

Bro. L. Malott.	Bro. D. A. McDonald.	Bro. R. Walker.
Bro. S. Florey.	Bro. L. Case.	Bro. A. C. Black.
Bro. A. J. Brown.	Bro. E S. Wigle.	Bro. J. Duck.

Together with Masters, Past Masters and Brethren to the number of about 175, hailing from Thistle Lodge, No. 34; Parvaim, No. 395; Leamington, No. 290; Great Western, No. 47; Windsor, No. 403; Central, No. 402; St. George's, No. 41, and others,

The Grand Lodge was opened in Form at 10·30 a.m., at the Town Hall, Division street, and from thence the brethren marched in procession, preceded by the Town Band, to the grounds of the Anglican Church, the site for the proposed building. The procession was a very fine one indeed, and its imposing appearance was very much enhanced by a Guard of Honor, formed by about twenty-five or thirty members of Windsor Preceptory, who kindly lent their aid towards the success of the ceremony. Prayer having been offered by the Grand Chaplain, the following scroll was read by R. W. Bro. P.D.D.G.M.:

In the Name and by the Favor of the Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth.

ON THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE, A D 1891,
And in the era of Freemasonry, A L. 5891, and the Fifty-fifth year of the reign of Our Gracious Sovereign

Victoria

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India and the Dependencies in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, Dominion of Canada, &c., &c.
His Excellency, the Rt. Hon SIR FREDERICK A. STANLEY, Baron Stanley of Preston, G.C.B., being Governor-General of Canada,
Hon. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.
Hon OLIVER MOWAT, Attorney-General and Premier of Ontario.
SIDNEY A KING, M.D., Reeve, and

JOHN J. MALOTT, LEVOY CASE, CULVER FITCH and JOHN MCDONALD, Councillors.
S. T. COPUS, Clerk, and JOSEPH A. FITCH, Treasurer, of the Village of Kingsville.
The Rev. C. R. MATTHEWS, Rural Dean and Rector of Epiphany Church in the Village of Kingsville.
JASPER GOLDEN, Esq., and EDWARD ALLWORTH, M.D., Churchwardens.
Messrs. C. R MATTHEWS, JASPER GOLDEN, Dr. W. H. DRAKE, Dr S. A KING, Dr. E. ALLWORTH, S T. COPUS, W. A. SMITH, JOHN BIRD, JAS. W. KING, and CHAS. S. MILLER, Church Building Committee
JOHN A. MAYCOCK, Architect, and THOMA JENNER, Contractor.

This Corner Stone

Of Epiphany Anglican Church was laid by R W. Bro. James Birch, D.D.G.M., of the First Masonic District, attended and assisted by the Grand Officers and a large concourse of the Brethren, in accordance with the Ancient usages of the Order of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, whom may God protect and prosper.

The Acting Grand Treasurer then deposited the phial and coins and other records in the cavity of the stone. A presentation was then made by Mr. Jasper Golden, Churchwarden, on behalf of the Church Committee, to the Acting Grand Master, of a beautiful silver trowel, suitably inscribed, as a memento of the auspicious occasion. After a proper acknowledgment of the gift, made by the Acting Grand Master; the cement was spread and the stone was laid in its bed, according to the usual forms and ceremonies.

Grand Honors were then given and R. W. Bro. James Birch, Acting Grand Master, delivered an address to the large gathering assembled, he said:

REVEREND SIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the commands of our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and at the invitation of the Rev. C. R. Matthews, Rural Dean and Rector of Epiphany Church, we have met here to-day to discharge a duty peculiarly agreeable to us as Freemasons. While I regret exceedingly that the Grand Master cannot be with us in person, it is a matter of congratulation to me that so pleasant a duty has fallen to my lot, and I assure you that in no way could I be more pleased to be engaged. It is quite possible that some among you may be anxious to know why Freemasons should be called upon to lay the foundation stone of a church. I think I can give some good reasons for the fitness of such an invitation. The interests and aims of your church are, in many respects, identical with those of Freemasonry, the fundamental principles of which are brotherly love, relief and truth. In extending relief and consolation to the afflicted, Masonry has at all time and in all parts of the world taken a most prominent part, not only to the members of the Order, but whenever any great calamity has taken place, or when the exercise of general beneficence and charity was required, Masons have always been found ready and willing practically to exemplify their principles; and so it is with the church. Masonry is also found foremost in every good work, and has ever been a friend to true religion. A man must be a believer in God and His revealed will before he can become a Mason. He should also be a man of good judgment and of strict morals, and I think a fair indication of the principles of the Order, in another respect, may be had by noting the kind of members of which it is composed. Every rank in life, from a monarch on his throne to the upright and skilful artizan, as well as the honest and industrious laborer, can be found represented in our lodges, on the same level and with the same faith and hope. While we have certain necessary signs and secrets, the general objects and aim of our society are open to the world. We meet for the purpose of social and brotherly inter-

course, and for giving and receiving moral instruction. In this, too, we are one with the church. I have frequently been astonished at the remarks made by outsiders with regard to Masonry. They seem to think we are bound to shield and protect each other, even if guilty of monstrous crimes. Such, I need hardly say, is not the case. Instead of shielding such an one, a true Mason is bound to see that no base criminal shall remain in connection with the Order. I was rather amused a short time ago at the remark of a seemingly intelligent gentleman, who asserted most emphatically that no one ever knew of a Freemason having been hung or publicly executed. I was not able nor at all anxious to dispute the point with him, but quietly said that he was certainly paying a high compliment to Masonry in stating that there had never been a member of their Order deserving of capital punishment. But, no! he immediately said that he neither asserted nor admitted any such thing, but that Freemasons were so bound together, and had such enormous influence, that they could protect their members even from the strong hand of the law. A glance at those who, in every country, are brethren of the mystic tie should be quite sufficient to dispel many of the strange notions that thus prevail with regard to our Order. The sons of our beloved Queen, the late Emperor of Germany, many of the crowned heads of Europe, our late and much lamented Sir John A. Macdonald, Lord Stanley, Governor-General of the Dominion, are or have been members of the Craft, as well as many of the brightest and best men in the world, including clergymen of various denominations in large numbers. But you can look nearer home, at your own St. George's Lodge of Kingsville, with its beloved Master, R. W. Bro. Allworth, who is held by us in such esteem, both as a man and a Mason. True, we do occasionally find a black sheep in the flock, but in what church or society does not this occur? I think we may fairly say in this respect: "The exception only proves the rule more true." Now, as to the propriety and fitness of Masons being called upon to lay foundation stones of stately buildings, I may say that it is in commemoration of the old College of Builders, from whom we claim descent, who, in the days of the Romans, laid with great pomp and ceremony the corner-stones of churches, temples and public buildings. With us the foundation stone should be placed at the north-east corner of the building, as that is between the North, the place of darkness, and the East, the place of light, illustrating the progress of the newly-initiated candidate from darkness to light, from ignorance to knowledge. The shape of the stone being a perfect square, and its solid contents a cube, are respectively emblematical of Morality and Truth, both being essential parts of Masonry. I may now be permitted to refer briefly to the rapid growth of our Order in this province. In 1855, I believe, the number of lodges was about fifty. Now the number is between four and five hundred, with a membership of over 20,000 good and true men, at the head of whom is now placed, by their unanimous vote, one of the most zealous, enthusiastic and warm-hearted Masons in the world, our Most Worshipful Master, John Ross Robertson, a man of large heart and ample means, who gives most generously of his time, influence and wealth for the benefit of the suffering poor, whether connected with Masonry or not. The "Globe," in commenting on his late munificent donation to the Lakeside Home for Little Children, said: "This is practical Christianity." True, and it is also practical Masonry. Before closing I wish to say a word or two with regard to other societies, which have our good-will and respect, and are sometimes compared with Masonry to our disadvantage. Masonry is and

always has been a *benevolent* society, giving aid and cumfort where most needed. Other bodies, such as the Odd Fellows and Foresters, are *benefit* societies, giving aid to all their members whether in need or not, for they all pay for such benefits, just as an insurance company pays the relatives of the insured who has continuously paid the premium for such protection. I heartily thank you, Reverend Sir (Rector of Epiphany Church), and those associated with you, for giving me this opportunity of laying the corner-stone of this church, and to the brethren around who know the real meaning of our ceremonies. My best thanks for their assistance and attendance are most sincerely accorded. And now, Reverend Sir, having completed our work according to the ancient usages and customs of our fraternity, we congratulate you upon this auspicious commencement, and as it has been so happily begun, may it be steadily continued and carried to a speedy and successful termination. (Cheers.)

The Rev. C. R. Matthews, Rector of Epiphany Church, made a few fitting remarks, thanking the Masonic fraternity for their kind services on behalf of the erection of their church, and called attention to the fact that the ladies of the congregation had prepared refreshments in the grove, where he hoped they would now repair for a period of rest and social enjoyment. After spending a short time in refreshing the inner man, the procession reformed and the brethren returned to the lodge-room, when Grand Lodge was duly closed in Form.

ATTEST:

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF CANADA

J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS.

At the Thirty-Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, held in the City of Toronto, commencing on Wednesday, the 15th day of July, A. D. 1891, A. L. 5891.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,
M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on the Throne.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
R. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q. C.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf.....as Grand Senior Warden.
W. Bro. B. Allen.....as Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. David McLellan.....as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson.....as Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro J. J. Mason.....as Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. R. Oliver.....Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. Jas Glanville.....Grand Junior Deacon
V. W. Bro. Geo. Tait.....as Grand Superintendent of Works.
V. W. Bro. N. L. Steiner.....as Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon.....Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. J. H. Pritchard.....Grand Tyler.

R.W. Bros G J Bennett, D D.G M; T. Sargant, P D.D G M, E. T. Malone, P.D.D.G.M, G. G Rowe, P.G.J.W.; Jas. Greenfield, P.G.J W; V.W. Bros R Cuthbert, Geo Hodgetts, F F. Manley, and J. A Cowan; W. Bros W. A. Lyon, W. R. Clarke W. McCartney, J. H. Patterson, and Malcolm Gibbs; Bros. E. W. Gardner, E. C. Davies and others.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 10 a.m.

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

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Thirty-Fifth Annual Communication, held at the City of Kingston, on 16th and 17th days of July, A.D. 1890, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to Subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and be now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the Minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

The M. W. the Grand Master then delivered an address, as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master said:

Brethren of Grand Lodge,—This is the Thirty-Sixth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, duly summoned in accordance with the Constitution, which provides that the Annual Communication "shall be holden on the third Wednesday in July." This year, however, I have found it necessary to make a change in connection with our Communication, from the fact that, owing to the assemblage of one of the largest gatherings ever held in this city—that of the National Educational Association of America—it has been found impossible to secure

adequate and proper accommodation for the representatives who attend Grand Lodge. With the comfort and convenience of the delegates in view, and knowing that, under the circumstances, it would be impossible to carry on our proceedings as usual, I consulted the members of the Board of General Purposes and the W. M. of each lodge in the jurisdiction, and requested an opinion as to whether it would be advisable to call Grand Lodge for the transaction of business at the usual time or at an earlier or later date. The opinion of nearly all was in favor of the fourth week in July, and, therefore, I have summoned Grand Lodge formally on this the regular date, and when the opening routine business has been transacted, I will call off until Wednesday, the 22nd July, when we shall meet again for the despatch of business.

I thank you for your attendance, and trust that we all may be spared to meet as proposed, and discharge our duties with that zeal and earnestness which have always characterized the Craftsmen of this jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge was then called off, to meet at the Grand Opera House on Wednesday, 22nd July, at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, 22nd July, A.D. 1891.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 11 a.m.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,
M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
R. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Q.C.

R. W. Bro. John Kinghorn.....Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Geo. E. Davis.....Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. R. J. Craig.....Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell.....Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. J Craig Boyd.....Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason.....Grand Secretary
V. W. Bro. Robt. Oliver.....Grand Senior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. J. C. Kearns.....Grand Junior Deacon.
V. W. Bro. R. E. Fletcher.....Grand Superintendent of Works.
V. W. Bro. D. T. Hind.....Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. Thos McCallum.....Assistant Grand Secretary.
V. W. Bro. A. G Horwood.....Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V. W. Bro. R. Cuthbert.....as Grand Sword Bearer.
V. W. Bro. C. Hacking.....Grand Organist.
V. W. Bro. J. K. Brydon.....Grand Pursuivant.

GRAND STEWARDS.

V. W. Bros. O. Bascom, A. Shaw, W. Abernethy, W. T. Toner, J. D. Graham, A. McKechnie.

Bro J. H. Pritchard.....Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. James Birch	Erie	District No. 1
R. W. Bro. J P. Whitehead	St. Clair	" " 2
R. W Bro. A. B. Munson	London	" " 3
R. W. Bro. Wm White	South Huron	" " 4
R. W. Bro. W R. Telford	North Huron	" " 5
R. W. Bro. D. H. Hunter	Wilson	" " 6
R. W. Bro. John C. Fox	Wellington	" " 7
R. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt	Georgian	" " 9
R. W. Bro. A. B. Hurrell	Niagara	" " 10
R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett	Toronto	" " 11
R. W. Bro. Wm. Miller	Ontario	" " 12
R W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne	Prince Edward	" " 13
R W. Bro. J. R Dargavel	Frontenac	" " 14
R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson	St. Lawrence	" " 15

R. W. Bro. J. H. Bothwell	Ottawa	District No 16
R. W. Bro. J A. Fraser	Algoma	" " 17

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES	FROM GRAND LODGE OF
R W. Bro, J. C. Hegler	Arkansas.
M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson	Brazil.
R. W. Bro. John Creasor	British Columbia.
R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell	California.
R W Bro. F. J. Menet	Colorado
V. W Bro. Geo. Tait	Colon and Island of Cuba
M. W. Bro. A. A Stevenson	Connecticut.
M W. Bro. Henry Robertson	District of Columbia.
R. W. Bro J. J. Mason	Florida
R. W. Bro. David McLellan	Georgia.
M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry	Greece.
R. W. Bro. David McLellan	Illinois.
M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr	Indiana.
R W. Bro. J. H. Widdifield	Iowa.
R. W. Bro Kivas Tully	Ireland.
R. W. Bro. G. G Rowe	Italy.
R W. Bro. J. J Mason	Kansas.
M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry	Kentucky.
R. W. Bro. R. B Hungerford	Michigan
M. W. Bro A. A. Stevenson	Minnesota.
R. W. Bro. J. F. H Gunn	Mississippi.
M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr	Missouri
R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson	Montana
V. W. Bro. C W. Brown	Nebraska.
R. W. Bro. R. Radcliffe	Netherlands.
R. W. Bro. R. L. Patterson	Nevada.
M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray	New Brunswick.
V. W. Bro. J. A. Cowan	New Hampshire.
M. W. Bro. J. K Kerr	New Jersey.
R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown	New Mexico.
M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson	New York.
R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson	North Carolina.
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar	North Dakota.
R. W. Bro. David Taylor	Oregon.
M. W Bro. R. T Walkem	Peru.
R. W. Bro. Robert McKay	Quebec.
V. W. Bro Robert Lewis	Rhode Island.
M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz	St. Domingo.
R. W. Bro. H. A. Mackay	Scotland.
R. W. Bro. T. C Macnabb	South Carolina.
R. W. Bro E. T. Malone	South Dakota.
M. W. Bro. J. K Kerr	Texas.
M. W. Bro. J. K Kerr	Utah.
R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn	Vermont.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Gibson	Victoria.
M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson	Virginia
M. W. Bro Otto Klotz	Washington Territory.
R. W. Bro, J. E Harding	West Virginia.
R. W. Bro. T. Sargant	Wisconsin

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

PAST GRAND MASTERS :—M. W. Bros. A. A. Stevenson, J. K. Kerr, Daniel Spry, Ott^{o} Klotz, Hugh Murray and Henry Robertson.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS :—R. W. Bros. H. J. Wilkinson, W. L. Hamilton, Wm. Gibson, Gavin Stewart, Geo. Russell, L H. Henderson, A. McGinnes, E. H. Smyth, Donald Ross, Kivas Tully, Wm. Roaf, G. H Dartnell, W. R. Howse, T. L. M. Tipton, P. J. Brown, John Malloy, W. G. Reid, L Slater, Robert McKay, T. C. Macnabb, R. B Hungerford, J. B. Nixon, J. C. Hegler, F. J. Menet, B. Saunders W. Milner, T. Sargant, J. Nettleton, D. H. Martyn, Jas. Wayling, C. W. Holwell, J H. Burritt, W. R. White, J. F. H Gunn, Robt. McCaw, W. McCabe, J. E Harding, R. W. Longmore, D. Forsyth, J. Fisher, Wm. Rea, David Taylor, John Scoon, John Boyd, C. R Church, T. F. Blackwood, R. Mahony, A. B Jardine, E. E. Wade, J. Creasor, E. T. Malone, W. Jaques, Hy. Jennings, and J. H. Widdifield.

PAST GRAND SENIOR WARDENS :—R. W. Bros R. Bull Jas. Bain, G. R. Vanzant, John A. Wills, David McLellan and R. L. Patterson.

PAST GRAND JUNIOR WARDENS :—R. W. Bros. W. F. Forbes, Dr. G. G. Rowe, Joseph Beck, M. Walsh, J. Greenfield and J. S. Dewar.

PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN :—R. W. Bro. Rev. D. Armstrong, D.D.
PAST GRAND REGISTRARS :—R. W. Bros. F. M. Morson, H A. MacKay, Geo. Hodgetts, J. B. Bickell and F. C. Martin
PAST GRAND SENIOR DEACONS :—V. W. Bros. F. F. Manley, C. W. Postlethwaite, T. Beattie, James Wilson, Geo Tait and J. E. Beeton.
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF WORKS :—V. W. Bro. C. F. Mansell.
PAST GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES :—V. W. Bros. N. G. Bigelow, Alex. Patterson, and W. Ballantyne.
PAST ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARIES :—V. W. Bros. George E. Mason and Thomas McCracken.
PAST ASSISTENT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES :—V. W. Bro. J. Parker Thomas
PAST GRAND SWORD BEARERS :—V W. Bros J Caverley, A. Denne and J A Cowan.
PAST GRAND ORGANISTS :—V. W. Bros C. W. Brown, N. L. Steiner and A. W. Carkeek.
PAST ASSISTENT GRAND ORGANISTS :—V. W. Bros. Geo. Gott and L Secord.
PAST GRAND PURSUIVANTS :—V. W. Bros. J. McCarter and E. E. Kitchen
PAST GRAND STEWARDS :—V. W. Bros. J. Quigg, S. Dubber, J. H Flock, R. R. Fulton, R. McKnight, G. E. R. Wilson, A. Borngasser, W. F. Miles, S. B. Fell, W. Miller, J. Erskine, T. W. Chapple, S. Pearcy, A. Hess, A. Chard, I. Baker, W. H. Chittick, W. A. Ferrah, W. B. Irving, W. A. Woolson, Isaac Huber and Alva Trusler.
PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARER :—V. W. Bro. C. Pye.

A deputation of Masters and Past Masters from the City Lo were announced, introduced, and presented the following :—

THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

To M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :—

M. W. SIR,—On behalf of the Brethren of Toronto, we extend to you and the officers and members of Grand Lodge, a most cordial welcome on the occasion of this the Thirty-Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Since last Toronto was honored with the assembly of Grand Lodge, our city has achieved remarkable advancement Its many advantages combine to make it, what its name signifies, "the place of meeting," and it is now the acknowledged convention city of the North.

While this general prosperity is universally admitted, the progress of Masonry in this city and district has also been marked by a large addition in numbers, and an increased zeal, not only in attention to the beautiful ceremonies of the Craft, but in carrying out its practical teachings.

It is with no less pleasure that we proudly refer to the fact that you, Most Worshipful Sir, one of our worthiest and most respected citizens, are the first Canadian Mason who has had the honor of presiding as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in his native city. The exalted position, and its responsibilities, have been appreciated in an eminent degree by yourself. You have spared neither time nor means to maintain and defend the dignity which haloes the Grand East, and we recognise the gratifying fact that throughout the jurisdiction your energy and your willingness to share with your brethren the great store of Masonic knowledge, acquired in years of busy research, have given an impetus to the good work, which must prove of lasting benefit.

We trust, Most Worshipful Sir that this annual communication may, under your guidance, be memorable for its evidences of advancement, and that the brethren of Grand Lodge will carry away pleasant recollections of a re-union, which on this occasion honors the Queen City of the West, and over which you so worthily preside.

Signed on behalf of the Brethren of Toronto

GEORGE J. BENNETT, D.D G.M. Eleventh District.
J T SLATER, W. M St Andrew's Lodge, No. 16.
W. A. LYON, W M King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22.
J H. PATERSON, W. M. Ionic Lodge, No 25.
J. S. BALLANTYNE, W M Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65.
JOHN A. EWEN, W. M. St John's Lodge, No. 75.
THOS. PIERDON, W. M, Wilson Lodge, No. 86.
GEORGE REEVES, W M. York Lodge, No. 156
J. H HORSWELL, W. M Stevenson Lodge, No. 218.
J. LITTLEJOHN, W. M Ashlar Lodge, No. 247.
HARRY LEESON, W. M. Doric Lodge, No. 316.
C. J. HOHL, W. M. Zetland Lodge, No 326
G. S. CLELAND, W. M. Orient Lodge, No. 339.
SAMUEL REID, W. M. Occident Lodge, No. 346.
W. E LEMON, W M St George's Lodge, No. 367.
E. J. VOSS, W. M Alpha Lodge, No. 384.
G. G ROWE, W. M. Zeta Lodge, No. 410.

Toronto, July 15th, A. L., 5891.

The M. W. the Grand Master replied as follows :

R. W. Bro. Bennett and brethren of the Eleventh District,—Speaking as the voice of the Grand Lodge, I can on its behalf assure you that there is no brother here who does not heartily appreciate your welcome. Not alone felicity of language or beauty of design that gives worth to your address, but the knowledge that its kind words come from the hearts of the Craftsmen in the District. The Grand Lodge is glad to be here A diffidence from the fact that your Grand Master is presiding in the city of his birth keeps him from praising Toronto with the freedom and truth of one who is privileged to view its greatness from afar. I am sure the opinion of Grand Lodge is but an echo of your own just esteem for the Masonic and natural eminence of Toronto. Let me in a word assure you that your good words for me personally will be always among the precious memories of my term in the Grand East.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Bro.'s R. B. Hungerford, Wm. Rae and Wm. Roaf, the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and proxies from Lodges, reported the following as being present:—

No. 3. *The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.*
Bro. W. J. Wilson, S.W.; M. W. Bro. R T. Walkem, R. W. Bros. H. J. Wilkinson, John Kinghorn and W. L. Hamilton, P.M's.

No. 5. *Sussex, Brockville.*
W. Bro Jas. S Dodds, W.M.; Bro. Urquhart, J.W.; R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, V. W. Bro. J. Quigg, P.M's.

No. 6. *Barton, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. R. Hobson, W.M ; R W. Bros. R. Bull, Wm. Gibson, Gavin Stewart, George Russell H. A. MacKay ; V. W. Bro. G. E. Mason ; W. Bros. W. E. Henderson and J. Ferres, P.M's.

No. 7. *Union, Grimsby*
W. Bro. D. Sykes, W.M ; Bro. G. R Secor, S W ; R W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, P.M.

No. 9. *Union, Napanee*
Bro. T. D. Pruyn, J.W. ; W. Bros S. C. Warner and W. C. Scott, P.M's.

No. 10. *Norfolk, Simcoe.*
W. Bro. E. S. Wells, P.M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, W. Bro. G. H. Luscombe, P.M's

No. 11. *Moira, Belleville*
W. Bro. W. Latimer, W.M. ; R. W. Bros. L. H. Henderson and A. McGinnis, W. Bro. J. Newton, P.M's

No. 14. *True Briton, Perth.*
Bro. T. Elliott, S.W. ; W. Bro. W. J. Pink, P.M.

No. 15. *St. George's, St. Catharines.*
W. Bro. C. H. Connor, W.M. ; R. W. Bro R Ker, W. Bro. J. D. Christie, P.M's.

No. 16. *St. Andrew's, Toronto.*
W. Bro. J. T. Slater, W.M. ; Bro Thos Bell, S.W. ; R. W. Bros. Jas. Bain, and E. H. Smyth, V. W. Bros. Geo Tait, Geo. Hodgetts, and N. G. Bigelow, W. Bros. Jas. Glanville, A R Macdonald, D. Ross and Jas. Lovell, P.M's.

No. 17. *St John's, Cobourg.*
W. Bro. Robt Craig, W.M. ; R. W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne, W. Bro. G. R. Hargraft, P.M's.

No. 18. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
W. Bro. R. A. Williamson, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, P.M.

No. 20. *St. John's, London.*
Bro. John Smith, S.W.

No. 21a. *St. John's, Vankleek Hill.*
W. Bro. W. R. Eagleton, W.M ; Bro. A R. Metcalfe, S.W.

No. 22. *King Solomon's, Toronto*
W. Bro W. A. Lyon, W M.; M. W. Bro. J Ross Robertson ; R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully; W. Bros. Wm. Anderson, N T. Lyon Wilbur Grant, Thos. Langton, W. H. Walkem and W. J. Hamb y, P Ms

No. 23 *Richmond, Richmond Hill.*
W Bro. H. A. Nicholls, W.M ; Bro. J. E. Clubine, S W.; W. Bro. Thos. Newton, P M.

No. 24. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
W. Bro. S. N. Percival, P.M , Proxy.

No. 25. *Ionic, Toronto.*
W. Bro. J. H Paterson, W M ; Bros. W. Barwick, S.W., T. B. Lee, J.W.; M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr ; R. W. Bros F. M. Morson and Wm. Roaf ; V. W. Bros F. F Manley, C. W. Postlethwaite, T. McCracken and C. W. Brown ; W. Bros. G S. Ryerson, J. F. Mowat, J. R Roaf, A. J. Robertson, Thos. Millman, R. A. Stevenson and W. Lehmann, P.M's.

No. 26. *Ontario, Port Hope.*
W. Bros. R. A. Mulholland, W.M.; W. J. Robertson, P.M.

No. 27. *Strict Observance, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. F. J. Howell, W M.; R. W. Bros. J. M. Gibson and J. J. Mason; W. Bro. T. W. Lester, P.M's

No. 28. *Mount Zion, Kemptville.*
V. W. Bro O. Bascom, W.M.

No. 29. *United, Brighton.*
W. Bro. D. C. Bullock, W.M.; R. W. Bro. J. B. Bickell, P.M.

No. 30. *Composite, Whitby*
W. Bro. R S. Cormack W.M; Bro. A. G. Henderson, S.W.; R. W. Bros. G. H. Dartnell and W. R. Howse; W. Bros. A. M. Ross and James Brown, P.M's.

No. 31. *Jerusalem, Bowmanville*
W. Bros. E. R. Bonsall, W.M; Wm. McKay, P M.

No. 32. *Amity, Dunnville.*
Bros. G. S. Middaugh, S.W., L. A. Congdon, J.W.; R. W. Bro. T. L. M. Tipton, P.M.

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W. Bro W. B. Lawson, W.M.

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W. Bro. James Noble. W.M.; R. W. Bro. W. Jacqes and V. W. Bro. D. T. Hind, P.M's.

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No. 375. R. W. Bro. Wm. Miller, P.M., Proxy

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No. 386. *McCall, West Lorne.*
W. Bro Fred. Phaston, W.M.

No. 387. *Lansdowne, Lansdowne.*
V. W. Bro Jas. Quigg, Proxy

No. 388. *Henderson Hide t n.*
W. Bros R. C Hobson, P.M , Proxy ; T E. Robson, P.M.

No 389. *Crystal Fountain, No th Augusta.*
W. Bro N. B. Colcock, Proxy.

No. 391. *Howard, Ridgetown.*
W. Bro. B. Paine, W.M.

No. 392. *Huron Camlachie.*
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R. W. Bro. A. B. Munson, Proxy.

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No. 400. *Oakville, Oakville.*
W. Bro. W. H. Speers, W.M.; V.W. Bro. W. A. Fe rah, and W. Bros. M. Felan, C. Armstrong, and T. Ho arth, P.M's

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R. W. Bro. Rev. R. J. Craig, P M

No. 402 *Central, Essex Centre.*
W. Bro. Rev. W. M. Fleming, W M.

No. 403 *Windsor Windsor.*
Bro. E. S. Wigle, S.W.; W. Bros G. D. Adams, and J. S. Edgar, P.M's.

No. 404. *Lorne Tamworth.*
W. Bro. Jas. Aylsworth W.M

No. 406 *The Spry, Fenelon Falls.*
W. Bro. W. E. Ellis, W.M.

No. 408. *Murray, Beaverton.*
W. Bro. Hugh Stoddart.

No 409. *Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.*
W. Bro. A. P. Cornell, W.M.; V. W. Bro. A. B. Irving, P.M

No. 410. *Zeta Pa kdale.*
R. W. Bro G G. Rowe, W M.: R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett and W. Bros. W. Walker, T. W. Todd and W. R. Cavell, P.M's.

No. 411. *Rodney, Rodney.*
W. Bro. H. F. Jell W.M

No. 412. *Keystone, Sault Ste. Marie.*
W. Bro. D. Bole, P.M., Proxy

No. 414. *Pequonga, Rat Portage.*
V. W. Bro J. K. Brydon, P M., Proxy.

No. 416. *Lyn Lyn.*
W. Bros. A. E. Cumming, W M.; C. W. Bulloch, P.M.

No. 417. *Keewatin Keewatin Mills.*
R. W. Bro. J. A. Fraser, Proxy.

No. 418 *Maxville Maxville.*
W. Bro. C. T. Smith, W.M

No. 419. *Bismarck, Point Edward.*
W. Bro. B. F. George, W.M.

No. 420. *Nipissing, North Bay.*
W. Bro. H. A. Washburn W.M.; Bro. W. J. Small, S.W.; W. Bro. W. H. Burgess, P.M.

No. 421 *Se tt, Grand Valley.*
W. Bro R. Hopkins P.M.

No. 422. *Strong, Sundridge.*
Bro. J. H. Howse, J.W.

No. 424. *Doric, Pickering.*
W. Bro. J. H Eastwood W.M

No. 425. *St Clair, Port Lambton.*
Bros. W. J. Finlay, S.W.; Asa Cronk, J W.

No 426. *Stanley, West Toronto Junction.*
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GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The M. W. the Grand Master delivered the following address to the brethren assembled in the Grand Communication:—

BRETHREN OF GRAND LODGE,—The pleasure of meeting my brethren of Grand Lodge as they assemble in this their Thirty-sixth Annual Communication, is enhanced by a knowledge that the calendar of the Craft year is marked by evidences of advancement and material progress.

This meeting, as you are all aware from the record in the minutes, is a continuation of the regular Annual Communication, opened on Wednesday, 15th of July, and called off to meet on this date.

The records in the hands of the executive officers of the Craft, inform us that the numerical strength of our lodges has increased, that the financial position of Grand Lodge is visibly stronger and that, at the same time, a keener interest has been developed in the cause. This, in a phenomenal manner, has increased the membership, and confirms the belief that the steadfast and earnest endeavors of my predecessors have laid the foundation of a work which possesses a moral magnetism to attract all who labor in the cause of fraternal progress, and creates a feeling which compels those who do not gather at our altars, including many who view with hostile mind our rites and ceremonies, to recognize the exceptional position the fraternity occupies, as being composed of men who, firm in their belief in and under the guidance of the Deity, are intent upon good, imbued with a desire to foster in every-day life a feeling of kindly charity one for another, and to soften the sad unrest of our common humanity.

Before referring to the work of the year, let me state that, in the hope of making more palatable as a literary and business effort the annual message of the Grand Master, and divesting it of routine and statistical information, which is more properly the work of record by the executive officers of the Craft, my official acts and visits, and everything pertaining to the routine labor of my office, will, at my suggestion, be found in the report of the Grand Secretary, who in thus amplifying his report makes a commendable departure. It is to be hoped that the innovation will meet with the approbation of Grand Lodge, as it harmonizes with the procedure in many other jurisdictions and facilitates the business. This report is already in print and before the Board of General Purposes for consideration. Further let me observe that as a kindly memorial of those who have labored with us in the past, but who are now beyond the sunlight, the R. W. Brother, the president of the Board, has at my suggestion appointed a Committee on the Fraternal Dead, which, in fitting terms, has referred to the work of our brethren who have fallen by the road along which they journeyed with us. This change will also lighten the labors of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, and make a special feature of a theme heretofore referred to in the Grand Master's address.

My desire in placing before you the record of the duties which day by day during the past year fell to the lot of your Grand Master, is to err rather on the side of brevity. I have no wish to harass you with the minutiæ of routine, which, while acceptable no doubt to many, augments a writing that, after reciting that which is necessary, should at least be distinguished by thoughts, the fruit of experience in presiding over a jurisdiction which has three hundred and fifty lodges on its register, and a roll of twenty thousand Craftsmen, who, in the quiet, dignified and honored work of the Craft, are looked upon with regard by all ranks and conditions of the people.

The recollection of that pleasant day in Kingston, when at least a thousand of my brethren stood in the stately hall where Grand Lodge convened, and with unanimous voice honored me with the privilege of guiding and governing the interests of this fraternity for the Masonic year, was yet fresh in my mind when opportunity called me to England. On the 4th day of September, 1890, at the Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England, at London, held in the historic meeting-place of the Craft of the motherland, a reception was accorded me as your Grand Master, which, while memory runs, will never be effaced from mine. The welcome of English Masons, assembled in their Quarterly Communication—a goodly company, composed of the flower of the land, men eminent in literature, art and commerce, and many as well who have fought on land and sea and carried the flag to victory—made my Canadian heart warm again for the land of my ancestors, the birthplace of our sires, my brethren, who have left you a heritage which gives our Anglo-Saxon blood a nobility that comes alone by merit without the garnishing distributed by earthly creation, sometimes without due heed to the characteristics of the recipient. The pen halts as my thoughts go back to that grand gathering. Words can scarcely be found in fitting form to express the pleasure of that reunion with the English Craft, and my mind retains with delight the pleasant words of the acting Grand Master of England when he wished me God-speed in my journey home, and desired me to convey to you all a fraternal message of good-will and fellowship from the children of the British race and Craft to those who, with love for the old land, were now strong in the strength of their own manhood in the land across the sea.

Fellowship makes men fraternal, and with a desire to meet the rank and file of the Craft in their Masonic homes—their own lodge rooms—I have journeyed over the entire jurisdiction, visiting one hundred and thirty lodges, covering nearly ten thousand miles of travel, one thousand miles of which were by road, and giving the Craftsmen—in all about ten thousand, or about half of our membership—an hour's talk upon the trials and triumphs of those who founded the Craft in Canada, an epitome of our pioneer history, and if expressions of good-will and gratitude are evidence of sincere thanks, my cup is indeed full to overflowing. These meetings were varied by talks on other subjects. Deep attention was paid to my words and the evident desire of the brethren was to drink in all that could be given concerning not only the fraternity and its mission, but the actual work, esoteric and exoteric. Personal experience, joined to information gleaned by those faithful messengers of the Grand East, whose untiring zeal and unfaltering interest are exemplified in the record that every lodge in the jurisdiction has, for the first time in the history of the Craft in Canada, had the presence of a District Deputy Grand Master, convinces me that we to-day have an outlook which presents itself to but few jurisdictions. The bright prospects encourage a belief that slowly but surely we will be able to not only keep the primary lodges clear of those who become Masons for revenue only, but so maintain our position as the advance guard of all fraternal organizations that our influence for good will be felt to the very core of the membership, and our work will be to ourselves, our families and our children's children, a mentor to evoke those excellences of character which stamp the upright man—the ideal Freemason.

THE CONDITION OF THE LODGES.

The primary and important subject which most deeply concerns us all is the condition of the lodges. In their work we naturally look for

the essentials, which define the general status, and either make or mar the work of the Grand Lodge. The views expressed are not penned with the purpose of delighting you all with pleasant words, nor to invite commendation when criticism is needed. You will therefore hear with satisfaction, that carefully gauging the work by a fair standard, the large majority of the Craft Lodges of this jurisdiction have not only made a decided advance in leading features of the work, but are improving slowly, and developing as organizations that, under suitable direction, will carry on their affairs in a systematic and business-like manner.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are an excellent narration of the details of Craft work. Yet it may not be amiss for me to refer to these reports, which are most readable, in a few general observations, elaborated by the results of personal observation, consultations with W.M.'s and P.M.'s, and friendly conversations with intelligent men in the rank and file, whose practical ideas and anxiety to see the cause progress gave me an insight into the views of those who are the primal power which clothes with rank the representatives who deliberate in this, the governing body of the Craft.

My pleasure is completed by an assurance that out of the three hundred and fifty lodges on the roll, sixty per cent. are in an active and prosperous condition; thirty per cent., while in a semi-prosperous state, are showing in each case strong signs of improvement; only seven per cent. are weak; and three per cent. are either dormant or dead. In not a small percentage of the active and prosperous lodges the improvement during the year, even if slow, has been very marked. In those doing less than average work, many causes continue to keep them back in the general advancement, while in those that are retrograding, a settled inertness prevails, which seems to defy even the persistent efforts of my faithful District Deputies and myself. Those that are dormant are better in that condition than if struggling for existence, and the lodges which have passed away, have done so with a decorum that was lacking in much of their work while in life.

While my official visits were arranged so as to cover the points of each district, which would take in all the lodges, my aim was to as much as possible meet with the lodges at outlying points—those that would be benefited by the presence of the official head of the fraternity. This course enabled me to thoroughly feel the pulse of the Craft.

It is nevertheless a difficult matter to determine, even after a personal contact with the membership, a definite reason for the lethargy which marks some lodges. Some minds incline to the belief that indifferent work in the ceremonies dulls the interest, others attribute the torpor which prevails, to the lack of personal magnetism and neglect of direction in lodge business on the part of the W.M.'s, which has its effect in making not only the Secretary, but other officers, remiss and careless in the discharge of their duties. Not a few entertain the idea that the too frequent change in the position of the W. M. and that of Secretary has a weakening effect on the work, while others claim that the contiguity of lodges one to another in many districts, and the organization of other associations of a fraternal character, have contributed largely against the advance that should naturally come to all properly managed fraternal organizations.

Out of this array of opinion need it be wondered at that one hesitates in reaching a conclusion, and yet fresh from the Craft field a line of thought presents itself, that makes one feel that all the causes assigned are reasonable and within the possibility of removal.

There is, therefore, no doubt that after an examination as close as one can make in a brief visit, the election to the East of brethren who are utterly incompetent, not to say indifferent, and who are honored either by personal popularity or by persistent canvassing for office, is a primary cause of trouble in lodges.

This, followed by the wilful neglect of Boards of Installed Masters, who deliberately violate their duties and obligations by presenting for installation brethren, who ofttimes are actually known to the Board to possess but the rudiments of the work, is another source from which danger springs, while the rapid change in office, for which the rising membership craves, relegates a W. M. to a P. M.'s seat before he has perfected himself in the Master's work and duty.

Closely allied to reasons for non-success in many lodges which affect the Masters, there are others in the executive work of the lodge, which intensify the inactivity, more especially the non-collection of dues. While the W. M. is the presiding and directing mind in a lodge, the executive officer—the Secretary—holds in his hands the life cords of the Craft work, and, without minimizing the responsibility for any failures on the part of the W.M., it is admitted by all who have given the question thought, that the inattention, indifference and neglect of the Secretaries of many lodges, are factors which do not contribute to success; indeed, constitute a danger which is a principal cause of weakness in the lodges. This conclusion is reached after experience in correspondence with all, and personal interviews with about two-thirds of the Secretaries in the jurisdiction. While a large proportion of these officers do effective work, there are those whose neglect seriously retards, not only the work of their own lodges, but that of Grand Lodge. Nearly one-half of them neglect to fill up and remit the printed returns to the Grand Secretary at the stated period. As to benevolent returns, about five hundred postal reminders and over two hundred personal letters had to be written this year in order to secure the returns due by lodges for past grants, with the new applications for relief filled out in accordance with the rules. In some cases blank returns had to be sent by registered post to secure attention. These facts are not evidence of executive zeal, especially when we know that one hour's work at the May and June meetings of the lodge would have materially aided the work of the officials of Grand Lodge.

Another point of importance in connection with the Secretary's office is that concerning the collection of dues. While the causes assigned for laxity in lodges are correct, there can be no doubt that both the W. M. and Secretary are personally responsible for neglect in this feature. Intelligent opinion expressed in every lodge visited touches a vital point when it claims that the larger number of W.M.'s shirk the responsibility in connection with the collection of dues, either from indifference or from fear of giving offence to the membership. Very many Secretaries are blameworthy for their neglect, yet not a few admit that the W.M.'s, if they do not obstruct, look with disfavor upon action that might create friction among the membership. Thousands of dollars have been lost to lodges in the past, through the neglect in this regard, and proof is in my possession of the fact that men, in receipt of large incomes and landed wealth, P. M.'s in the Craft, some occupying high positions in the land, knowing the methods of the W. M., allow their dues to run for years, eager, however, to be known as Craftsmen, and always in the front rank at public Craft ceremonials. The non-payment of dues seems to be the spectre which haunts the Craft, and when its curse surrounds a lodge, when the W.

M. fails to direct collection, and when the Secretary contributes to this neglect of duty, the work lapses, the attendance falls off, and a lodge which was organized with the brightest prospects, after a few years is reported in default for its returns and payments, finds its place on the list of lodges that gasp for life without a succoring hand to give them either renewed vitality or enable them to become resigned to the inevitable in the form made and provided.

These reasons for weakness in the lodges are those which are most prominent, and while others might be added they are exceptional rather than common, and in a very few cases are of permanent character. In some districts may be found members of lodges who cannot retire to their homes after meetings without an adjournment to a convenient house of entertainment, and, forgetting the principle of moderation in all things, keep up the after meeting with far more vigor than the earlier one, thus creating an impression among those we love that carousal is part and parcel of Craft work. As a consequence the lodges concerned, although so situated as to have the acme of prosperity, go down with the reputation of being composed of an aggregation of evil spirits rather than of men who are pledged to brotherly love, relief and truth.

In other cases, as you will learn further on, the drink curse has ruined lodges—two, at least, in this jurisdiction. Politics but rarely interferes with the prosperity of a lodge, although one or two cases might be named. It was delightful one evening in a Craft lodge-room to hear two men of different political views, whose plans for the government of this country were as far apart as the poles, rise, one with pleasant words to speak of the benevolent features of Masonic work, and propose a grant of money to the widow of an earnest brother, who, with little ones around her asking for bread, was in sore distress, while the other brother, in kindly voice, paid a like tribute to the work of the Craft, and seconded the proposal. "Surely," I thought, "this is true Masonry. There is one place, at least, in this world, where men of all creeds and of varied opinions may meet as brethren, and, forgetting the concerns of everyday life, show that side of humanity which makes all the world kin."

The attendance at lodge meetings is not proportionate to the membership, and while at my visits the attendance was not only large but intelligent, an examination of the register books of 130 lodges prompts the enquiry as to the reasons for the absence of so many brethren. Curiosity may not be one of the essential attributes of a Grand Master, and yet when the presiding officer of the Craft is devoting months of time in an endeavor to strengthen the work where it is weak, he may be pardoned for researches which bring to light unpleasant facts. The truth is that if the W.M. and officers are active and zealous, attendance increases and the success of the lodge is assured.

Numerical growth in Masonry is not indicative of the success for which we are anxious, and although we desire to add to our membership, we pre-eminently desire to avoid the difficulties which present themselves when we make too many members and too few Masons, and for that reason we should see that all who are permitted to enter should be men who in morals and manners are respected by the community in which they live, are provident and careful in their living, and, as good citizens, are eager to take part and encourage all influences for good. Such men becoming Masons ought to be regular in their attendance at the lodge meetings. An hour or two once a month is not a great part of a man's time. The force of example, either for good or bad, is strong, and if the older brethren will but lead the way and show that they value the lodge reunions, our youthful members will follow in their footsteps.

Other meetings in the daily routine of life do occasionally interfere—home duties may sometimes prevent attendance, while indifference may account for non-attendance.

In the exemplification of the work it is satisfactory to know that there is a steady improvement—an advance that is in great part due to the activity of my District Deputies, as well as to the persistent efforts made by the Committee on the Condition of Masonry for years past to impress the necessity for progress in this feature You will, I am sure, be gratified to learn that 260 of the W. M.'s can exemplify the E. A., F.C. and M.M. ; 48 can exemplify the E.A. and F.C. ; 29 can work the E.A.; 9 are only able to open and close, and 3 are unable to work.

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

During the year four Especial Communications of Grand Lodge have been called for the purpose of laying the corner-stones, in one case of a school, and in the three others of places of worship. It is pleasant to know that those without the Order value and appreciate the impressiveness of the Craft ceremonies, but I am not free from a fear that sometimes the Craft is asked to render its services, rather from a desire to secure monetary advantages for the organization concerned than from a veneration for our Order. In the performance of our ceremonial, the managers were more interested in the results of a silver collection than impressed with the sublimity of the service, and in another, the supporters of a church, failing to secure the assistance of a bishop in performing the ceremony, fell back upon what they were pleased to emphasize as "your Ancient Order" to take his place, with the deliberate intention of using the Craft as a makeshift, when the bishop failed them.

These cases are exceptional and yet on record. Some discrimination should be used in considering invitations to officiate on such occasions. It depreciates our work and destroys a grand ceremonial, which in other lands is looked upon with reverence. Expense is involved in the Grand Secretary's office, the carriage of regalia, the personal expenses of the officiating officer and the Grand officers and brethren from a distance, and, within my knowledge, no offer has ever been made to discharge any portion of this expense. My view is that a section of the community consider the Craft a useful annex to a service which will bring coin to the coffers of the particular institution concerned, save and except when a public institution is concerned, and even then, as in the case of schools, the trustees are sometimes anxious to know if Grand Lodge does not give a scholarship in return for the honor of laying the foundation stone! In another case, when a church stone was to be laid, the idea so "caught on" that a request was made to have the corner-stone of a school laid the same day, perhaps to be followed up by a repetition of the request made to a former Grand Master to render the Craft ceremonies at the founding of a waggon shop. Some years ago a Grand Master consented to lay a corner-stone On arrival at the railway station he found that the church was located some three miles distant, and to reach it had not only to engage his own conveyance but to provide himself with lunch, a courtesy which, without creating financial embarrassment, might have been extended to him; while in another case, when a corner-stone was laid by the Craft, the clergyman in charge, although a Mason, did not draw liberally upon his stock of civility in presenting a trowel to the acting Grand Master, but turned his back on the Craft and the congregation almost before the ceremony had been concluded.

These cases are uncommon, and yet too frequent. The Craft should not be at the beck and call of every and any organization, even if the request be made from the best of motives. There is dignity worthy of our honorable fraternity which should be preserved, and the gavel of the Grand East should only be used in ceremonies connected with large and important public edifices, and not in the erection of seven-by-nine structures, which, to say the least, are neither pictures of architectural design nor beauty.

LODGES UNDER SUSPENSION.

The outlook on my accession to office was favorable, and the general harmony which prevailed did not lead me to anticipate that I would be called upon to exercise more than ordinary measures in dealing with lodges. This hope, however, was dispelled by the state of Craft matters in Prince Albert Lodge, No. 183, Port Perry, in the Twelfth District, and Manitoulin Lodge, No. 407, Gore Bay, in the Seventeenth District. After a careful consideration of the respective cases and consultation with the District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth District, I directed a commission to issue on the first case, composed of R. W. Bros. Miller, F. M. Morson, and W. R. Howse, and, in the second, after consultation, and on the suggestion of the District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventeenth District, who felt that an investigation could be held with more advantage and less cost by a brother from Toronto, I appointed R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett as a commission, the duty of both being to investigate thoroughly and report to me. Their several reports are before Grand Lodge. A reading of the evidence taken will, I think, convince you all, as it convinced me, that a much worse state of matters could not possibly exist. If we desire the Craft to maintain the respect of the membership and the people, who, if not of our ranks, at least look upon the fraternity as one with an unblemished record—one of the greatest influences for good in the world—we must keep our lodges clear of a following whose inclinations are of a lowering character, men who have rendered themselves liable, not only to Craft discipline, but, perhaps, to the common law of the country. Such a state of affairs could not be permitted, and although I regretted depriving a membership of its privileges, I decided in the case of Manitoulin Lodge, No. 407, Gore Bay, to suspend the W.M. and the warrant, and in the case of Prince Albert Lodge, No. 183, Port Perry, to suspend the warrant. If ever evidence justified such a course it is that now in the hands of the Board of General Purposes, and which in due course will be submitted to you.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The financial statements, which will be submitted to you, and which have been carefully prepared by the Grand Treasurer, show our receipts to be $19,312.45, and our expenditures $18,088.07. An investment in debentures to the amount of $10,000 has matured and must be re-invested. After consultation with and on the recommendation of the Grand Treasurer, than whom there is none more competent to give advice on questions of finance, I decided not to make any re-investment, but to defer action pending a decision by Grand Lodge. As will also be seen by the Grand Treasurer's report, a further sum of $10,000 may with all prudence and safety be taken from our current account and invested at the same time.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

We are on terms of harmony with all foreign jurisdictions, and during the past year the vacancies for this jurisdiction near those of the

Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, Michigan, New York, Mississippi, and Cuba and the vacancies for the Grand Lodges of Victoria and Cuba, near this jurisdiction, have been filled. I am glad also to state that we have exchanged representatives with the Grand Orients of Italy and the Netherlands. I fraternally ask your confirmation of these appointments.

The duties of representatives are not very strictly defined. In my opinion all these officers should report to the respective Grand Lodges to and from which they are accredited, even in a formal way, and neglect to do so should void the appointment. It is true that the position is an honorary one merely, and that there is no specific acts to perform. Surely, the courtesy of a yearly letter would not unduly tax the time of the recipient of an honor which is not altogether empty.

NEW LODGES.

The warrants for new lodges at Sundridge and Pickering have been issued, the lodges instituted, and the dispensation of St. Clair Lodge at Port Lambton continued. I have granted a dispensation for Stanley Lodge, West Toronto Junction, a lodge which promises to do effective work in a territory which, with its large increase in population, was entitled to an opportunity for Masonic fellowship.

DEDICATIONS.

The lodge rooms at Collingwood, Pickering, Oshawa and Sundridge have also been dedicated during the year. The text of the ceremony for dedication authorized by Grand Lodge might be materially improved. Its exemplification has not an impressive effect, and were it not that the officers who perform the duty have an opportunity of amplifying it with a contribution of original thought, their ceremonial would be devoid of interest. In England it is one of the most interesting in the Craft series. I leave the matter in the hands of Grand Lodge.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

I declined to grant a dispensation for a new lodge at Thessalon in the Seventeenth District. The planting of a warrant in this locality could not in any way be justified. The population is sparse and, as a prominent brother says, to open a lodge at Thessalon would be merely to organize a degree factory.

I also declined to grant a dispensation for a lodge at Havelock in the Twelfth District. To do so would materially interfere with the work of at least three lodges within a radius of a few miles.

Neither of the above applications had the endorsation of the D. D. G. M. of the district.

I also received an application for a dispensation for a new lodge to be known as Mount Acra, the proposed meeting place of which was the corner of College-street and Dovercourt road, Toronto. I did not refuse the dispensation, but resolved to hold it and report to the Board of General Purposes for the consideration of Grand Lodge. The proposed site is within fifteen minutes' walk of two lodges to the west of it and twenty minutes of two to the south—all prosperous lodges. The lodge, if warranted, should meet not nearer than the corner of Bloor and Bathurst-streets, or not south of Bloor-street, which would give it a fair amount of territory and enable it to do efficient work. From enquiry I am led to believe that the petitioners are not a unit as to the location of this lodge.

THE WORK OF BENEVOLENCE.

While all divisions of Craft labor are equally important, there is none that appeals so directly to our hearts as that which concerns those around whom the shadows have deepened, and who in time of sorrow and distress look to the brotherhood for comfort. The luxury of doing good is identified with every principle connected with the mission of the Craft. So that those whom it is our glory to aid may reap the full advantage of our grace, we must, while not losing sight of the results to be accomplished, have a care that our beneficiaries are the legitimate wards of the Craft. Pardon my frankness, but after an experience in the work of benevolence and earnest interviews and discussions with our M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz, whose services for the fraternity as Chairman of Benevolence can never be repaid, and whose life work is a monument of unselfish labor, and strengthened by the opinion of those who can speak with authority, as well as by personal knowledge, it is my opinion that a close and immediate revision of the list of beneficiaries is imperative. While of late years an effort has been made in this direction, the results have not been satisfactory. The purse strings of the Craft have never been tightly drawn, and our bounty has been unstinted, but there is a point at which the line should be drawn, and when well-to-do-brethren can sit in their lodge rooms and hear applications for the charity fund of the Craft made on behalf of the mothers who have rocked them in the cradle, it encourages the belief that in some men, even if they are brothers, the sparks of manhood are few and far between. The idea prevails with many brethren that the funds set apart for benevolence may be drawn on at will, and, in some lodges, the effort seems to be to apply for aid, not only for those who are deserving and in need, but for all who are widows and orphans of deceased members of the lodge. Indeed, cases have been reported to me of application forms having been filled up, endorsed by the lodges and transmitted to the Grand Secretary, notwithstanding the protests of brethren who are familiar with the circumstances of the proposed beneficiaries. In one case, a widow had a comfortable, well-furnished house and had been left some thousands of dollars. Nevertheless an application was sent in, and when the D.D.G.M. of the district called attention to the impropriety of such action, the Secretary said it was "sent in as a matter of form." Working on the "matter-of-form" principle might keep many a deserving one without bread. In other cases, in order to swell the amount given for local relief, the charges of bands of music and other funeral accessories have been included in the returns. My belief is that if Grand Lodge would depute some special officer to make a personal examination of each claim, not a few would be stricken from the list, and many worthier claimants, who have been uncheered by our helping hand, would receive the benefits of the goodness of the Craft. Let me repeat—kindness to the undeserving is cruelty to those whose burdens we should share. This year, through the persistent efforts of the chairman of the committee, M.W. Bro. Klotz, we have the returns in better shape than ever before, but in order to accomplish this, some hundreds of letters and five hundred postal reminders for returns for grants made had to be issued. In this particular, at least, one-half of the W. M.'s and Secretaries are at fault, although they must know that the work of the committee is impaired and impeded by their neglect to give a few hours' time to the preparation of returns.

THE SPRINGHILL DISASTER.

A Mason's bounty is not confined to those who participate in our mysteries. The Craft the world over is renowned for its munificent

benefactions in times of public distress and sorrow. Believing that my brethren are imbued with this feeling and prompted by a spirit of fraternity for our kinsmen in the land down by the sea, I directed the Grand Treasurer to transmit to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia the sum of $250 in aid of the Springhill sufferers, $50 of which was expended in relieving the wants of a widow and her children, left desolate by the death of the husband and father, a member of the Craft Lodge at Springhill.

THE GENERAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

No money ever expended by this Grand Lodge gives us a better return than our assessment for membership in the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. For years this jurisdiction was the happy hunting-ground of the tramp and imposter. They came singly and in pairs, weary men, who claimed to be brethren—yes, many who had been in the fold—sympathetic sisters, whose ancestors, they claimed, had from dawn to sundown been toiling in the Craft vineyard in other jurisdictions, and sad to relate in eight cases out of ten they bore the hall-mark of the tramp, and driven from foreign fields and unknown, as they thought, in this jurisdiction, they told tales with variations, which would delight a novelist, and yet under the keen eye of secretaries of the Boards of Relief in the Dominion, their well-told tales were shattered and the Craft funds preserved. Thousands have been saved the Canadian Craft through this Association. Indeed, in the city of Toronto, the amount expended for transient relief, has, since affiliation with the General Association, decreased nearly 70 per cent., with a proportionate decrease throughout the jurisdiction. The familiar face of the Masonic tramp in this jurisdiction is a reminiscence.

THE CENTENNIAL OF MASONRY.

The incoming year brings with it the Centennial of the Craft in this jurisdiction. One hundred years ago the first Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada opened in Niagara, Ontario, and at the same time the pioneer Craft Lodge of this city, "Rawdon, or the Lodge between the Lakes, No. 498, E. R.," was at work within sight of this Grand East. I purpose at this meeting appointing the committee ordered by Grand Lodge in 1889, to consider how this important event may be celebrated in a fitting manner.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Nothing has given me so much pleasure as to know that my suggestion to the lodges to attend divine service on the Craft Thanksgiving Day, the 24th June, has been carried out by a large number. I am aware that many lodges object to marching in public procession in Craft regalia on such occasions, and, in one way, I appreciate this view. A lack of ostentatious display is characteristic of the fraternity, and I fear that public Craft processions are looked upon by a few brethren merely as chances to advertise their respectability by identifying themselves with Freemasonry. This objection, however, might be obviated by following the example of some of the lodges in the jurisdiction, which at divine service merely wear a small blue button to denote their connection with the fraternity. I sincerely hope this goodly practice of visiting the House of God in a body may be followed by all the lodges throughout the jurisdiction, at least once a year.

THE EXPENSES OF GRAND LODGE.

While the work of Grand Lodge has been an unqualified success ever since its formation, and while it is gratifying to know that we have been able to carry out, in the fullest sense of the term, not only the spirit but the intention of Masonry, there is a business as well as a sympathetic estimate to be formed of the work of the fraternity. We may meet in our lodge rooms and exemplify our ceremonies; we may be well known as an organization with all the requisites for fraternal intercourse, and yet be lacking in some of the qualities essential to prosperity.

Since my connection with the Craft, I have always had an interest in watching the financial situation, and as information under this head could only be gleaned from a comparison of the annual financial statements, I have caused to be prepared statistical tables, which you will find in the annual report of the Grand Secretary, showing the receipts and expenditures of Grand Lodge, so itemized and classified that I am sure they will be scrutinized with interest by the membership.

I know that it is treading upon delicate ground when certain classes of the expenditures are criticized, and yet the knowledge that such proposed references are for the advantage of the multitude of Craftsmen of this jurisdiction, as against the few directly concerned, determines me to express my views in the spirit which should actuate all who have the welfare of the Craft at heart.

After surveying the tables presented, I am forced to the conclusion that it costs Grand Lodge more than it should to handle its business. We receive about $19,500 per annum, and by a careful revision of the yearly expenditure, making allowance for a due return of money expended for printing certificates and other items, you will find we pay over thirty per cent for transacting this business, an amount that might be considerably curtailed, and that without the slightest injustice to any department of the work. The statements presented deal with the receipts and disbursements of Grand Lodge from 1864 to 1890.

The expense of the Grand Secretary's office for the past twenty-six years amounts to $70,867.36. While my relations official and personal with that officer have been of the happiest character, a conviction presents itself to me that Grand Lodge should so arrange that his entire time should be devoted to the work, and that the services of a stenographer should be paid either out of the amount allotted for the office or that an increase should be provided to meet the expense. In these modern days, with the mass of correspondence connected with an office of this character, such an aid is indispensable. The experience of the past year convinces me that, with the clerical aid suggested, a large portion of my correspondence could have been transmitted through the Grand Secretary's office A large number of the Secretaries of lodges are not prompt in remitting returns. Many lodges are invariably in arrears for statutory payments and returns for the Benevolent Board. Applications are received without the necessary and required information, and the conduct of other business would be visibly improved if adequate assistance were provided.

Another large expense is incurred in connection with the Board of General Purposes—in twenty-six years no less a sum than $17,721.28. We all recognize the work of the Board, and as a directing body in the transactions of Grand Lodge its services are invaluable. It is composed on an average of fifty members, all of whom are presumed to share in its deliberations and assist in the discharge of its work, and yet we know that the actual business of the Board is practically accomplished

by less than a dozen members. Possibly the fact that the expenses for attendance are paid creates undue competition for sinecures on the Board, either by election or appointment. The persistent canvassing for the Board is a feature that is not in harmony with true Masonic practice, and encourages the opinion that the time may come when the payment will be abolished. Without any desire to influence the judgment of Grand Lodge, it seems to me, at least, the labour might be discharged by a reduced membership, by eliminating from the Board the District Deputy Grand Masters. While I quite recognize and appreciate the zeal, ability and worth of these officers, I fail to see the reason why the framers of our constitution should have considered that they were entitled to a seat upon the Board, as they are in my opinion only the Deputies of the Grand Master in their respective districts. If this reduction were made and payment granted the members of the Board for only the two days preceding the meeting of Grand Lodge, a material reduction would be made in our expenditure.

There is no man who, looking backward and reading the roll of those who have held the honoured position of governing the Craft, have kindlier feelings and truer friendship for his predecessors in office than I have. Personally I am known to nearly all of you. I have, during the past three years, as Deputy Grand Master, and as Grand Master, looked at your faces in your own homes, in two hundred and twenty meeting places of the Craft. I have had the hearty, personal greeting of, at least, fifteen thousand of the membership of this jurisdiction, and I think you will all vouch for me as being earnest in my desire to see the Craft progress and prosper. The position of Grand Master is a most honorable one, and while other offices may of necessity have pecuniary rewards, I fain would hope that the day is not far distant when the honorarium which accompanies this distinguished office may be abolished, and expended in rendering efficient other departments of the work. I do not ask, nor do I wish you to allow the position, which I owe to you, to lend the weight of its dignity to my stroug personal views on this, to me, important question. Believe me, none more than I honor those who have gone before me, who sincerely and unselfishly held a contrary opinion, but I must speak the truth as I see it. I am advocating no change that would make this a rich man's office. In Masonry merit alone counts. A just innovation would not debar brethren who are millionaires in Masonic worth and enthusiasm but not princes in pocket, from aspiring to the highest office in the gift of the Craft. Accounts might, therefore, be so adjusted as to make disbursements equal actual expenditure incurred. Liberal as we are in our work of benevolence, how much more could we do for those, whose kinship is dear to us, if our funds in all departments were so conserved that we could not only increase our gifts, but extend our giving to many, whose husbands and brothers, if not in life as prosperous as we are, were in heart as earnest Craftsmen? I am well aware that many differ with me on this subject, and possibly with some the thought may arise that my views are a reflection upon past work. Such, however, is far from my mind. I write and speak as my heart and conscience prompt me, and I value too highly the honors bestowed on me by you, my brethren, not to be candid and express to you what I believe is for the advancement in every way of the fraternity of Masons.

A FRATERNAL CONGRESS.

The general good of the Craft in every jurisdiction concerns all who desire to see Masonry retain its place in the front rank of fraternal

associations. Perfection in government is the ambition of all who have a part in guiding the affairs of governing bodies, and yet none assume the position that they have attained the summit towards which they strive. Differences of opinion exist in all jurisdictions. There are varying views concerning Masonic jurisprudence. There are differences in the ritualistic work. The forms of the government of the Craft are diverse. The drink question agitates some jurisdictions; the color question others. The recognition of the higher rites is in the arena of debate. The powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master have led to animated discussion, and the question of territorial jurisdiction might be argued to advantage. Many other points as well occupy attention in at least our English-speaking jurisdictions. With so much food for reflection, will it be considered beyond the line of diffidence if I advance the thought that a representative gathering of delegates composed of leading men in all jurisdictions should meet in fraternal congress—if you like at Toronto, next year when we celebrate our Centennial—or at any other centre on this continent, and deliberate on the questions alluded to, arriving, if possible, at results which would serve as guide marks—as suggestions—offerings of advice, which should be accepted in the true spirit of fraternity by the jurisdictions of this continent?

DEATHS.

During the year death has called many brethren who were dear to us; one of our Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, whose presence was always welcome, also R. W. Bros. J. Morrison, Dunn, Robert Leslie, and V.W. Bro. H. Ponton, all brethren who in their time did yeoman work in the Craft. Another brother, prominent in matters political as the First Minister of the Crown, the Right Hon. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, near the Grand Lodge of Canada, has also gone to his last home. The R.W. Brother, although unable through pressure of public duties, to take an active part in Craft matters, always looked upon the fraternity with kindly favor, and was proud of his connection with Masonry.

DUTIES OF GRAND MASTER.

None but those who have filled this office, with the exception perhaps, of the executive officers of the Craft, can form a just estimate of the amount of work necessary to faithfully discharge its duties. It practically occupies three parts of one's time. In addition to the payment of official visits to the lodges, matters of correspondence must receive attention, all of which require care and promptitude in answering. During the past year I have received fifteen hundred letters, the replies to which varied from a page of note to a page of letter paper. The money expended in correspondence with the different lodges in the jurisdiction does excellent service for the Craft. It not only keeps one in touch with the business of the entire jurisdiction, but assures the W.M.'s and Secretaries of lodges that their efforts are appreciated and that there is a desire to aid them in every way in the work.

THE REVIEW OF THIS ADDRESS.

For many years this address has been reviewed by a special committee, appointed for that purpose. While I consider reviewal in any form desirable, might I suggest that consideration would be more fruitful if the different subjects contained were considered by a committee, which

might consist of the chairmen of all the standing committees, who should recommend its subdivision and reference to the stated committees which deal with the departments of work to which each section refers? For instance, so much as refers to the welfare of the Craft to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry; so much as refers to new lodges to the Committee on Warrants; so much as refers to the work of Benevolence to the Committee on Benevolence; so much as refers to financial matters to the Committee on Audit and Finance. In like manner, the report of the Grand Secretary, which in great part is a record of the work of the Grand Master, should be also subdivided amongst the different committees.

Brethren, one word more. My desire, my endeavor, has been to be zealous, active and sincere in the discharge of the duties of the high office, to which a year ago, you with unanimous voice called me. If I have accomplished little, I have striven much to advance the interests so dear to us all. Although wanting in merit, I have tried to be abundant in effort. May I not claim that in the Masonic year just going out, it has been my privilege to work a few stray threads of strength into the cord which binds the Craft together? May I not hope that in the aftertime a few of the thousands of Craftsmen who have cheered me with their hearty greetings may remember with good-will one who has worked and always will work for the upholding of the fraternity of Masons?

J. Ross Robertson,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded, by R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett, and

Resolved,—That the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. Sir and Brethren: I beg to present to Grand Lodge my annual report containing an account of all moneys received by me during the year and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, with return of subordinate lodges as at 24th June, 1891, and ledger balances at 31st May, 1891, together with, by instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, a record of Especial Communications summoned, decisions given during the year, dispensations issued, warrants issued, returned and suspended, by-laws approved, Grand Representatives appointed, official visits and other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The receipts and expenditures from 1st June, 1890, to 31st May, 1891, have been as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

Certificates	$ 2,971 00
Dues	10,338 75
Fees	1,805 50
Dispensations	150 00
Warrants	10 00
Constitutions	492 50
Commutation Fees	525 00
P. M. Certificates	19 00
Interest	3,060 95
Miscellaneous	105 25
	$19,477 45

EXPENDITURES.

Grand Secretary's salary	$1,600 00
Grand Secretary's assistant's salary	800 00
Grand Treasurer's salary	200 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office	175 00
M. W. Bro. Walkem, half-yearly grant for expenses.	250 00
Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery	6 00
R. Duncan & Co., stationery	51 80
Rolph, Sm th & Co., dies and stationery	35 80
"Times" Printing Co., proceedings, constitutions, etc.	1,055 37
Copp, Clark & Co., printing certificates, etc.	276 66
Hunter, Rose & Co., printing specifications	19 00
Hunter, Rose & Co., on account general printing	753 00
Expenses printing G. M.'s address, etc.	45 00
Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals to 31st May, 1890	24 30
Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals to 31st May, 1891	400 00
Expenses of annual meeting of Board	1,034 85
Mrs. Hodd, repairl g regalia	24 03
Grand Secretary, sundry expenses of Grand Lodge, Kingston	96 85
R. W. Bro. Wilkinson, sundry expenses of Grand Lodge at K ngst n	38 90
Grand Lodge of Ireland, dues owing by St. John's Lodge 21a	49 26
Grand Chapter, half expenses commission at Brockville	39 50
Committee on Foreign Correspondence	100 00
Chairman of Benevolence, postage, etc.	15 00
B. H. Carnovsky, ballot boxes	16 00
Premium on Grand Secretary's bond	50 00
Masonic Relief Association, U. S. and Canada	205 00
Testimonial to M. W. Bro. Walkem	260 00
Grant in aid of sufferers at Springfield, N.S	250 00
Insurance on regalia, etc.	17 50
Orders on benevolence	10,206 25
	$18,088 07

ESPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

By the direction of the M. W. the Grand Master, Especial Communications of Grand Lodge were called:—

On the 18th September, 1890, at the town of Milton, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of Knox Presbyterian Church, R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, D. G. M., acting as Grand Master.

On the 15th October, 1890, at the City of Brantford, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Central school, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, G. M., presiding.

On the 28th October, 1890, at the village of Westport, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Anglican church, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, G. M., presiding.

On the 24th June, 1891, at Kingsville, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Anglican church, R. W. Bro. James Birch, D.D.G.M. of the First District, presiding.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren have, upon the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master been appointed Grand Representatives of foreign Grand Lodges, near the Grand Lodge of Canada :—

On 2nd April, 1891, V. W. Bro. John A. Cowan, of Toronto, for the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of the late M. W. Bro. James A. Henderson.

On 12th March, 1891, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, for the Grand Lodge of New York, to fill a vacancy created by the death of the late M. W. Bro James A. Henderson.

On 10th April, 1891, R. W. Bro. G. G. Rowe, of Toronto, for the Grand Lodge of Italy.

On 28th May, 1891. R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, for the Grand Lodge of Michigan, to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of R. W. Bro. J. F. H. Gunn.

On 8th June, 1891, R. W. Bro. R. Radcliffe, of Goderich, for the Grand Orient of the Netherlands.

On 22nd June, 1891, V. W. Bro. George Tait, for the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of R. W. Bro. G. F. H. Dartnell.

On 27th June, 1891, R. W. Bro. J. F. H. Gunn, for the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford.

And, on the recommendation of the respective foreign Grand Masters, the M. W. the Grand Master has appointed the following Representatives of this Grand Lodge, near the respective foreign Grand Lodges :

On 4th March, 1891, R. W. Bro. W. T. C. Kelly, near the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

On 15th May, 1891, R. W. Bro. Carlo Meyer, near the Grand Orient of Italy.

On 4th July, 1891, Bro. T. A. O. Ridder, near the Grand Orient of the Netherlands.

On 4th July, 1891, W. Bro. Joaquin Lancis, of Havana, near the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba.

WARRANTS RETURNED.

The following lodges have returned their warrants to the M. W. the Grand Master :

13th March, 1891. Hiram Lodge, No. 342, Wolfe Island, Frontenac District, No. 14.
18th May, 1891. Albion Lodge, No. 80, Newbury, Erie District, No. 1.
20th May, 1891. Langton Lodge, No. 335, Langton, Wilson District, No. 6.
2nd June, 1891. Welland Lodge, No. 36, Fonthill, Niagara District, No. 10.

WARRANTS SUSPENDED.

The M. W. the Grand Master suspended, on 11th May, 1891, the warrant of Prince Albert, No. 183, Port Perry, and on 16th May, 1891, the warrant and W. M. of Manitoulin Lodge, No. 407, Gore Bay.

DECISIONS DURING YEAR.

The M. W. the Grand Master has given the following decisions during the year :

1. It is irregular and unmasonic for any lodge to issue a letter of recommendation to be used by a brother for the purpose of influencing a business transaction.

2. A brother who is a P.M. of this jurisdiction, and a P.G.J.W. of a foreign jurisdiction, cannot rank as an R.W. in this jurisdiction.

3. The widow of a brother who was unaffiliated at time of death, is not entitled to receive aid from the benevolent fund.

4. None but a W.M. or a P.M. can confer or take any part in the conferring of the degrees. The charges and explanation of working tools and lecture on the tracing board in the first and second degrees may, however, be given by the wardens.

5. In case of death of W.M. a dispensation is not necessary for election or installation.

6. No lodge can make a physician an officer of the lodge, but may pass a by-law appointing a physician, but he cannot hold rank as an officer of the lodge.

7. No man with an artificial leg can be initiated.

8. If in a lodge under dispensation one of the wardens dies, the warden appointed by the G. M. to fill the vacancy is not eligible for the W. M.'s chair until he serves the office for twelve months.

9. A candidate of a foreign jurisdiction, who is employed in Canada, cannot be initiated in a Canadian lodge, unless with the consent of the lodge, to which he properly belongs, and the consent of the G. M.'s of the jurisdictions interested.

10. An assessment for a lodge supper or festival cannot be levied on each member of the lodge by resolution of the lodge.

11. A brother, who severs his connection with a lodge, must be granted a certificate of his standing, providing that he is not charged with a Masonic offence. His desire being granted, he cannot withdraw his request, even at the same meeting, but must be proposed for affiliation in the usual way.

12. A brother, who is suspended from his office of W. M., cannot sit in the East nor take any part in the work.

13. A brother, who has received the Craft degrees, and served in a Warden's chair, but who afterwards loses his right arm, is still eligible for W. M.

14. A brother, elected Junior Warden in his absence, and who was not invested nor occupied the chair during the year, is not eligible for the East, as he cannot be said to have duly served the office of Warden. If he had been invested, he would have been eligible, even if he had only occupied the chair on the night of his investment

15. The initiation fee cannot be paid by instalments.

16. A W.M. has no right to carry away the warrant of a lodge, with the object of preventing the opening of the lodge on the night of its regular meeting.

17. No W. M. or Warden of a lodge has a claim against a lodge for expenses attending the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, but a lodge may by resolution authorize the payment of such expenses.

18. A person, who is an adherent of the Mormon faith, but who is loyal to the civil government of this country, and who does not believe in polygamy, and who can answer in the affirmative the usual questions, is eligible as a candidate for Masonry.

19. An eligible brother, who is elected W. M. of a lodge, must be declared elected by the W. M., who presides. The question of qualification does not rest with the W.M., but with the Board of Installed Masters, who are supposed to have examined the brother prior to presentation for installation.

20. A brother, who desires to withdraw from a lodge, cannot do so unless by personal application in open lodge, or by letter under his own signature. If the lodge does not meet, he cannot get his certificate of resignation, but, having served his request on the W. M., he cannot be charged dues after that date.

21. A brother, who is liable to criminal arrest in this jurisdiction and is a fugitive from justice in a foreign jurisdiction, must, on application, receive his certificate of standing, but a statement of his position may be endorsed thereon.

22. When a P. M. is elected to office all that is necessary is to open in the second degree, giving him the obligation as W.M. of the lodge, proclaiming him severally in the first, second and third degrees in due form. It is not necessary to open a Board of Installed Masters.

23. A brother who is only able to open and close in the three degrees and unable to exemplify one, cannot be installed.

24. A lodge is liable to Grand Lodge for dues on all members who have been suspended as soon as they are reinstated, including the period of such suspension.

25 The dedication of a lodge room or the installation of officers cannot be exemplified other than in a lodge of Masons, as provided. It is irregular and unmasonic for such to be performed in public.

26. A man without the thumb and first finger of right hand cannot be made a Mason.

27. Lodges cannot make any arrangement with one another as to the disposal of the territory between them, even when the line of jurisdiction is very closely marked. The jurisdiction extends half way in all directions, from lodge to lodge.

28 A District Deputy Grand Master has no power to suspend the work of a lodge, except as provided in sections 65 and 68 of the constitution. But any irregularity must be referred to the Grand Master.

29. A brother who is grand officer, but who is suspended by his lodge, cannot remain on the roll.

30. Honorary membership cannot be considered as conferred without notice of such intention having been placed upon the circular.

31. It is improper for a Masonic certificate to be exhibited in any public office or place of public resort.

32. It is not proper for a committee of a lodge to offer a recommendation for a brother to withdraw from his lodge.

33. If at a lodge meeting certain brethren refuse to sit with a brother, who is present, the W.M. is not justified in excluding him from the lodge. A member of a lodge cannot be deprived of his privileges without due trial.

34. If a brother, who is elected and installed as W.M., resigns and leaves the jurisdiction, the brother who is elected in his stead cannot be invested as a P.M. unless he has served as W.M. for twelve months.

35. A man whose occupation calls him from home for ten months in the year, can only be initiated in the lodge situated at his home.

36. It is irregular for a Mason, clothed as such, to attend or take part in any public meeting, or to deliver a public address on Masonry, other than at a church service or Craft ceremonial.

37. A candidate for any of the degrees cannot receive them at a Lodge of Instruction.

38. A notice of motion to remit a brother's dues must contain the name of the brother and the amount of the dues to be remitted.

39. A hall of a society other than Masonic, even if circumstances compel its use by the Craft, cannot be dedicated.

40. A commercial traveller's domicile is considered to be where his father, mother or family reside, and for Masonic purposes he is within the jurisdiction of the lodge at or nearest his domicile, unless he resides permanently elsewhere.

41. A brother who receives his first degree in this jurisdiction, and removes to a foreign one, cannot receive his second and third degrees without the consent of the Grand Masters of both jurisdictions, obtained through the Grand Secretary, at the request of a lodge in this jurisdiction.

42. A person whose second, third and fourth fingers of right hand, through accident, are doubled down and cannot be opened, with the thumb and first finger perfect, cannot be made a Mason.

43. A native of Canada, who resides in a foreign jurisdiction for eleven months and returns to Canada, is eligible for Masonry in this jurisdiction. To have lived outside of the jurisdiction for over twelve months and then return, would compel him to obtain permission from the foreign jurisdiction to which he properly belongs.

44. A resident of Canada, who is rejected by a lodge and goes temporarily to a foreign jurisdiction, obtains his degrees and returns, and then applies as a visitor for admission, should be refused entrance.

45. A Junior Warden, who is suspended for non-payment of dues, is subject to the same rules as an ordinary member, and in addition loses his standing as J. W., in that he must serve twelve months as a Warden before he is eligible for the chair.

46. Craft clothing cannot be worn at a funeral unless the ceremonies, other than the religious services, are exclusively under the charge of the Craft.

47. A lodge should only attend a Craft funeral when the request is made before death or by the members of the family of the deceased brother. Without such request it is obtrusive, undignified and unmasonic to take part.

48. Masons as such cannot join in mixed funerals, that is, funerals in which other societies take part in the burial ceremonies. In Masonic funerals the Craft should head the cortege and immediately precede the hearse. No other societies can take part in any portion of the Masonic ceremony. After the church service that of the Craft is given and a return made to the lodge room.

49. A chaplain is not a "serving brother," and, therefore, no person can be initiated under the regulation for serving brothers, with the intention of filling the office of chaplain. The rule is intended to apply to tylers. The making of serving brethren should be avoided unless under necessitous and exceptional cases.

50. A person desirous of being initiated must reside absolutely twelve months in the jurisdiction of the lodge he desires to join, or have a certificate of character from the lodge within whose jurisdiction he has resided.

51. The names of the petitioners for a dispensation for a new lodge

cannot be removed from the dispensation, unless at their own request, and must appear on the warrant as charter members, even if they do not attend lodge or take any further part in its work. They are, however, liable to discipline as ordinary members.

52. In a Craft procession or Craft lodge, Craft degrees only are recognized and only the clothing and jewels pertaining thereto can be permitted.

53. A person, whose home is within the jurisdiction of a lodge, but who resides for five months in the year at a college in another place, and then returns to his home, may be made a Mason.

54. A brother, who is an M. M. of this jurisdiction, affiliates in a foreign jurisdiction and attains rank as a P. M. He cannot be returned as a P. M. on the roll of his lodge in this jurisdiction.

55. A brother, who has received his First and Second degrees in a foreign jurisdiction and desires to affiliate and receive his Third degree in this jurisdiction, may be required to pay a proportionate amount charged for initiation by the lodge, with which he desires to affiliate.

56. A brother who is suspended for any cause cannot be buried with Masonic honors.

57. A brother who is a member of two or more lodges and is suspended for any cause in one of these lodges, even if in good standing in the others, is under suspension in all and cannot visit any lodge in the jurisdiction.

58. A brother who makes application either personally or by letter for a certificate of withdrawal must be granted same if no charges are against him. This does not apply to arrears of dues. The certificate must be granted, and if necessary, the amount of arrears may be stated thereon.

59. A motion is before a lodge and is voted on; 20 members were present, the vote standing six for and four against. The W.M. declared the motion carried. I held that this ruling was incorrect as in a lodge voting is not optional. Every member present, unless excused by the lodge, must vote.

60. A committee of a lodge appointed for a special purpose must carry out the instructions of the lodge, as embodied in the motion. These instructions cannot be varied by the committee without the permission of the lodge.

61. It requires the vote of a majority to sustain a charge, hence in a case where 12 were present and three voted "guilty" and nine voted blank, as three is not a majority of 12, the charge could not be sustained.

62. An affiliated brother did not vote on balloting for a member, claiming that as he had not signed the by-laws, he was not entitled to vote. I ruled that the brother should have voted or retired from the lodge room, as signing the by-laws is not absolutely essential to complete membership in a lodge.

63. An application is made for membership by a person who occupies the position of a Fellow in the University. The position is an elective one, but is understood to be for a term of three years. He had occupied this position for a year when application was made. His duties called him for eight months from the jurisdiction of the lodge where he made application to another place within the jurisdiction of another lodge. He returned and resided in his original home for four months. I held that he belonged to the jurisdiction of the lodge in which his home was situated.

64. A tyler who is a member of a lodge, but not a serving member, may be called into vote.

65. When a vote is not a tie or when a two-third vote is necessary, a W. M. may vote.

66. A motion of which notice has been given may be taken up in the absence of the proposer by another brother.

WARRANTS FOR LODGES, U.D.

The M. W. the Grand Master, in accordance with the direction of Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication, on 20th Oct., 1890, granted a warrant to Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge; in the Georgian District, No. 9, and on 16th August, 1890, to Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering, in the Toronto District, No. 11.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

The M. W. the Grand Master in accordance with the direction of Grand Lodge, on Friday, 1st August, granted a continuance of the dispensation of St. Clair Lodge, Port Lambton, in the St. Clair District, No. 2.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

The M. W. the Grand Master has declined to grant dispensations for new lodges in the following localities:

On 29th November, 1890, for a lodge at Thessalon, Algoma, in the Algoma District, No. 17.

On 19th Dec., 1890, for a lodge at Havelock, in the Ontario District, No. 12.

And on the 17th June, 1891, he referred to the Board of General Purposes the application for a dispensation for a lodge to be known as Mount Acra, in the City of Toronto.

NEW LODGES.

The M. W. the Grand Master issued, on 16th August, 1890, his dispensation for a lodge to be known as Stanley Lodge, West Toronto Junction.

APPEALS.

The appeal of Bro. Scarrow, of 209a, was referred to the M. W. the Grand Master. The lodge loaned a sum of money to the Victoria Masonic Club, with which it is connected. Bro. Scarrow appealed, alleging that the lodge had made an illegal grant of money from its funds. The M. W. the Grand Master dismissed the appeal, ruling that 209a had power to grant or loan these moneys from its own funds.

In the matter of Pynx Lodge, No. 312, vs. Moore, No. 291, in which the latter was charged with invasion of jurisdiction, the appeal has been withdrawn.

REVISION OF LODGE BY-LAWS.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of the by-laws of each of the following lodges:

Aug. 16, '90	Rehoboam,	65,	Toronto.
Aug. 16, '90	Kilwinning,	84,	London.
Nov. 7, '90	Strong,	423,	Sundridge.
Jan. 6, '91	Doric,	121,	Brantford.
Feb. 4, '91	Murray,	408,	Beaverton.
Feb. 2, '91	Parvain,	395,	Comber.
Feb. 2, '91	Vaughan,	54,	Maple.

Feb. 2, '91	Doric,	424,	Pickering.
Feb. 9, '91	Brant,	45,	Brantford.
Feb. 25, '91	Doric,	316,	Toronto.
Ap'l 27, '91	St. George's	88,	Owen Sound.
Ap'l 27, '91	Shuniah,	237,	Port Arthur.
May 13, '91	Riverpark,	356,	Streetsville.
May 6, '91	Zeredatha,	220,	Uxbridge.
May 8, '91	Cornwall,	125,	Cornwall.
June 4, '91	River Park,	356,	Streetsville.
July 10, '91	Minden,	253,	Kingston
July 15, '91	York,	156,	Eglinton.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS OF LODGES.

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined, revised and approved of amendments to the by-laws of the following lodges:—

July 25, '90	Pembroke,	128,	Pembroke.
Oct. 24, '90	Bernard,	225,	Listowel.
Nov. 3, '90	Stevenson,	218,	Toronto.
Nov. 3, '90	Zeta,	410,	Toronto.
Nov. 8, '90	Zetland,	324,	Toronto.
Dec. 4, '90	Merrill,	314,	Dorchester St'n.
Dec. 5, '90	St. John's,	82,	Paris.
Dec. 19, '90	Farran's Pt,	246,	Farran's Point.
Dec. 23, '90	Builders',	177,	Ottawa.
Feb. 2, '91	Barton,	6,	Hamilton.
Feb. 24, '91	St'r in the E't	164,	Wellington.
Mar. 28, '91	Howard,	391,	Ridgetown.
Mar. 30, '91	Mercer,	347,	Fergus.
Ap'l 9, '91	Keystone,	412,	Sault Ste. Marie.
Apr. 25, '91	Fidelity,	231,	Ottawa.
May 13, '91	Kerr,	230,	Barrie.
June 17, '91	Pythagoras,	137,	Meaford.
June 18, '91	Alpha,	384,	Toronto.
July 4, '91	St. George's	367,	Toronto.
July 6, '91	North'n Light	93,	Kincardine.

DEDICATIONS.

By instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, the following halls have been dedicated for Craft purposes during the year:

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood, on the 4th of February, 1891, R. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt, D. D. G. M., officiating.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 239, and Cedar Lodge, No 270, Oshawa, on 13th February, 1891, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson officiating.

LODGES INSTITUTED AND DEDICATED.

By instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master, on 7th Sept., 1890, Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering, was instituted and dedicated by R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett, D. D. G. M., Eleventh District. On 20th October, 1890, Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge, was instituted and the lodge room dedicated by R. W. Bro. D. F. MacWatt, D. D. G. M.

OFFICIAL VISITS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

The M. W. the Grand Master has during the year paid the following official visits to the lodges in the jurisdiction:—

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Y'r.	D	Mnth	Hour.	Route,	Place.	Lodge.	N'mb'r	Dis't.	Occasion of Visit.	No.	Miles
1890	15	Oct...	2 p.m.	Toronto and return.	Brantford.....	Brant and Doric	45, 121	8th	To lay corner stone of Central school	1	180
"	16	"	9 a.m.	Toronto and return.	Kingston.....	St. John's	3	14th	Attend funeral Bro. Sellars.....	2	328
"	24	"	8 p.m.	Toronto and return.	Hamilton	.....	.....	8th	Attend A. & A. R. as G. M	3	84
"	28	"	2 "	Toronto to	Westport	.....	.....	15th	To lay corner stone Anglican church	4	.....
"	28	"	8 "	Return to Toronto..	Newboro'	Simpson	157	15th	Address and lecture at Newboro'...	5	450
"	31	"	8 "	.....	Toronto	.....	.....	.....	Reception by Toronto Craft	6	364
"	10	Nov..	8 "	Toronto to	Essex Centre...	Central	402	1st	Address and Lecture.....	7	260
"	11	"	8 "	.....	Dresden.....	Sydenham	255	1st	" "	8	65
"	12	"	8 "	.....	Bothwell.....	Star of the East.	422	1st	" "	9	35
"	13	"	8 "	.....	Glencoe	Lorne.....	282	1st	" "	10	25
"	14	"	8 "	.....	Ridgetown.....	Howard	391	1st	" "	11	65
"	15	"	8 "	.....	Amherstburgh	Thistle	34	1st	" "	12	70
"	17	"	8 "	.....	Mooretown	Moore.....	294	2nd	" "	13	100
"	18	"	8 "	.....	Point Edward..	Bismarck	419	2nd	" "	14	20
"	19	"	8 "	.....	Forest.....	Forest.....	263	2nd	" "	15	20
"	20	"	8 "	.....	Watford	Havelock	238	2nd	" "	16	48
"	21	"	8 "	Return to Toronto .	Mount Brydges.	St. John	81	2nd	" "	17	145
"	24	"	8 "	Toronto to	Port Stanley...	St. Mark's	94	3rd	" "	18	143
"	25	"	8 "	.....	Belmont	Belmont	190	3rd	" "	19	20
"	26	"	8 "	.....	Delaware	Delaware	358	3rd	" "	20	25
"	27	"	8 "	.....	Ilderton	Henderson	388	3rd	" "	21	20
"	28	"	8 "	Return to Toronto..	Thorndale	Mount Olivet...	300	3rd	" "	22	146
"	1	Dec..	8 "	Toronto to	Parkhill	Doric.....	233	4th	" "	23	145
"	2	"	8 "	.....	St. Mary's	St. James'	73	4th	" "	24	30
"	3	"	8 "	.....	Mitchell.....	Tudor	141	4th	" "	25	25
"	4	"	8 "	.....	Clinton	Clinton	84	4th	" "	26	20
"	5	"	8 "	Return to Toronto..	Exeter	Lebanon Forest.	133	4th	" "	27	140
"	8	"	8 "	Toronto to	Wingham.....	Wingham	286	5th	" "	28	278
"	10	"	9 a.m.	.....	Kingston.....	.....	.....	14th	Fun'l Dr. Henderson, ad'ss Cat'qi Lge	29	328
"	12	"	1 p.m.	Return to Toronto..	St. George.....	St. George	243	8th	Address and Lecture	30	65
"	12	"	8 "	.....	Paris	St. John's	82	6th	" "	31	8
"	13	"	1 "	Return to Toronto..	Burford	Burford	106	6th	" "	32	70
"	15	"	8 "	Toronto to	Aylmer	Malahide	140	3rd	" "	33	140
"	16	"	1 "	.....	Norwich	St. John's	104	6th	" "	34	40
"	16	"	8 "	.....	Tilsonburg.....	King Hiram ...	78	6th	" "	35	15

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Yr	D	Mnth	Hour.	Route.	Place.	Lodge.	N'mb'r	Dis't.	Occasion of Visit.	No.	Miles
1890	17	Dec.	8 p.m.	.....	Waterford	Wilson	113	6th	Address and Lecture	36	20
"	18	"	8 "	.....	Peterboro'	Cor'n and Peter.	101, 155	12th	At Home Peterboro' Craft	37	142
"	19	"	1 "	.....	Preston	Preston	297	7th	Address and Lecture	38	130
"	22	"	8 "	.....	Erin	Wellington	271	7th	" "	39	40
"	23	"	1 "	.....	Elora	Irvine	203	7th	" "	40	20
"	23	"	8 "	.....	Drayton	Conestoga	295	7th	" "	41	20
"	25	"	8 "	Return to Toronto	Harriston	Harriston	262	7th	" "	42	90
"	26	"	1 "	Toronto to	Arthur	Prince Arthur	334	7th	" "	43	90
"	29	"	8 "	Return to Toronto	Mount Forest	St. Alban's	200	7th	" "	44	100
"	30	"	8 "	Toronto to	Shelburne	Lorne	377	9th	" "	45	60
"	31	"	1 "	.....	Orangeville	Harris	216	7th	" "	46	10
"	31	"	8 "	.....	Beeton	Spry	335	9th	" "	47	30
1891	1	Jan.	11 a.m.	Return to Toronto	Albion	True Blue	98	9th	" "	48	70
"	2	"	4 p.m.	Toronto to	Thornhill	Patterson	263	11th	" "	49	18
"	3	"	8 "	.....	Maple	Vaughan	54	11th	" "	50	5
"	6	"	8 "	Return to Toronto	Aurora	Rising Sun	129	11th	" "	51	45
"	7	"	1 "	Toronto to	Wiarton	Cedar	396	5th	" "	52	175
"	7	"	8 "	.....	Tara	Maple Leaf	362	5th	" "	53	30
"	8	"	1 "	.....	Chesley	Forest	393	5th	" "	54	15
"	8	"	8 "	.....	Paisley	Aldworth	235	5th	" "	55	12
"	9	"	1 "	.....	Walkerton	Saugeen	197	5th	" "	56	15
"	9	"	8 "	.....	Teeswater	Teeswater	276	5th	" "	57	15
"	12	"	2 "	Return to Toronto	Lucknow	Old Light	184	5th	" "	58	150
"	12	"	8 "	Toronto to	Stayner	Northern	266	5th	" "	59	100
"	13	"	8 "	.....	Meaford	Py'thagoras	137	9th	" "	60	30
"	13	"	8 "	.....	Gravenhurst	Golden Rule	409	9th	" "	61	100
"	14	"	2 "	.....	Huntsville	Unity	375	9th	" "	62	34
"	14	"	8 "	.....	Beaverton	Murray	408	12th	" "	63	75
"	15	"	11 a.m.	.....	Cannington	Brock	354	11th	" "	64	5
"	15	"	8 p.m.	.....	Omemee	Lorne	375	12th	" "	65	20
"	16	"	2 "	.....	Fenelon Falls	The Spry	406	12th	" "	66	20
"	16	"	8 "	.....	Bobcaygeon	Verulam	268	12th	" "	67	10
"	19	"	2 "	Return to Toronto	Lakefield	Clementi	313	12th	" "	68	110
"	19	"	8 "	Toronto to	Acton	Walker	321	8th	" "	69	40
				.....	Georgetown	Credit	219	8th	" "	70	10

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Y'r.	D	Mnth	Hour.	Route.	Place.	Lodge.	N'mb'r	Dis't.	Occasion of Visit.	No.	Miles
1891	20	Jan.	1 p.m.	.....	Waterdown	Waterdown	357	8th	" "	71	30
"	20	"	8 "	.....	Oakville	Oakville	400	8th	" "	72	15
"	21	"	1 "	.....	Pickering	Doric	424	11th	" "	73	30
"	21	"	8 "	Return to Toronto	Markham	Markham Uni'n	87	11th	" "	74	30
"	22	"	8 "	Toronto to	Grimsby	Union	7	10th	" "	75	62
"	23	"	8 "	.....	Hamilton	.....	.....	8th	Attend A. & A. R. as G.M.	76	62
"	26	"	2 "	.....	Plantagenet	Plantagenet	186	16th	Address and Lecture	77	338
"	26	"	8 "	.....	Vankleekhill	St. John's	21a	16th	" "	78	25
"	27	"	2 "	.....	Maxville	Maxville	418	15th	" "	79	25
"	27	"	8 "	.....	Lancaster	Lancaster	207	15th	" "	80	25
"	28	"	2 "	.....	Cornwall	Cornwall	125	15th	" "	81	20
"	28	"	8 "	.....	Farran's Point	Farran Point	256	15th	" "	82	15
"	29	"	2 "	.....	Morrisburg	Excelsior	142	15th	" "	83	15
"	29	"	2 "	.....	Iroquois	Friendly Bros.	143	15th	" "	84	20
"	30	"	8 "	Return to Toronto	Hamilton	.....	.....	8th	Attend Charity Ball as G.M.	85	320
"	2	"	10 a.m.	Toronto to	Lyn	Lyn	416	15th	Address and Lecture	86	244
"	2	Feb.	2 p.m.	.....	Farmersville	Rising Sun	85	15th	" "	87	8
"	2	"	8 "	.....	Delta	Harmony	370	15th	" "	88	10
"	3	"	2 "	.....	Mallorytown	Macoy	242	15th	" "	89	40
"	3	"	8 "	.....	Lansdowne	Lansdowne	387	15th	" "	90	10
"	4	"	2 "	.....	Bath	Maple Leaf	119	14th	" "	91	45
"	4	"	8 "	.....	Odessa	Prince Arthur	228	14th	" "	92	10
"	5	"	10 a.m.	.....	Newburgh	Prince of Wales	146	14th	" "	93	12
"	5	"	2 p.m.	.....	Centreville	Victoria	299	14th	" "	94	10
"	5	"	8 "	.....	Tamworth	Lorne	404	14th	" "	95	10
"	6	"	2 "	.....	Shannonville	Quinte	241	13th	" "	96	30
"	6	"	8 "	Return to Toronto	Deseronto	Craig	401	13th	" "	97	160
"	9	"	10 a.m.	Toronto to	Consecon	Consecon	50	13th	" "	98	110
"	9	"	2 p.m.	.....	Wellington	Star in the East	104	13th	" "	99	5
"	9	"	8 "	.....	Trenton	Trent	38	13th	" "	100	40
"	10	"	10 a.m.	.....	Frankford	Franck	127	13th	" "	101	20
"	10	"	2 p.m.	.....	Stirling	Stirling	69	13th	" "	102	15
"	10	"	8 "	.....	Madoc	Madoc	48	13th	" "	103	25
"	11	"	2 "	.....	Tweed	Tweed	239	13th	" "	104	15
"	11	"	8 "	.....	Brighton	United	29	13th	" "	105	60

OFFICIAL VISITS OF M. W. BRO. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, GRAND MASTER, 1890-91.

Yr	D	Mnth	Hour.	Route.	Place.	Lodge.	N'mb'r	Dis't.	Occasion of Visit.	No.	Miles
1891	12	Feb.	2 p.m.	.....	Colborne.....	Colborne.....	91	13th	Address and Lecture	106	20
"	12	"	8 "	.....	Cobourg	St. John's	17	13th	" "	107	15
"	13	"	10 a.m.	.....	Port Perry.....	Prince Albert ..	183	12th	" "	108	65
"	13	"	2 p.m.	.....	Brooklin	Mt. Zion.....	39	12th	" "	109	15
"	13	"	8 "	Return to Toronto .	Oshawa.....	Cedar	270	12th	" " & D. of H.....	110	50
"	16	"	8 "	Toronto to and ret'n	Parkdale.....	Alpha.....	384	11th	" "	111	6
"	18	"	10 a.m.	Toronto to	Garden Island..	Elysian	212	14th	" "	112	175
"	18	"	2 p.m.	.....	Wolfe Island ..	Hiram	342	14th	" "	113	10
"	18	"	8 "	Return to Toronto .	Pittsburg.....	St. John s	340	14th	" "	114	210
"	19	"	8 "	Toronto to and ret'n	W. T. Junction.	Stanley	U. D.	11th	" "	115	8
"	20	"	8 "	Toronto to and ret'n	Eglinton	York	156	11th	" "	116	8
"	26	"	8 "	.....	Toronto	.....	.....	11th	D. D. G. M's Lodge of Instruction	117	..
"	.....		8 "	.....	Toronto	All	.....	11th	" "	118	.....
"	5	May	8 "	Return to Toronto..	Newbury	Albion	80	1st	Emergency meeting.....	119	366
"	18	"	8 "	Return to Toronto..	Newbury	Albion	80	1st	" "	120	366
"	20	"	2 p.m.	.....	Langton	Langton	335	6th	" "	121	109
"	20	"	8 "	Return to Toronto .	Vienna	Vienna	237	6th	Address and Lecture	122	114
"	26	"	8 "	.....	Toronto	Zetland	326	11th	Address	123	.....
"	29	"	11 a.m.	.....	Ancaster.....	Seymour.....	276	8th	Address and Lecture	124	46
"	29	"	3 p.m.	.....	W. Flamboro' ..	Dufferin	291	8th	" "	125	10
"	29	"	8 "	Return to Toronto.	Dundas	Valley	100	8th	" "	126	46
"	1	June	8 "	.....	Beamsville	Ivy	115	10th	" "	127	50
"	2	"	11 a.m.	.....	Wellandport ...	Dufferin	338	10th	" "	128	30
"	2	"	2 p.m.	.....	Fonthill	Welland	36	10th	Emergency meeting.....	129	15
"	2	"	8 "	Return to Toronto.	Drummondville.	St. Mark's	105	10th	Address and Lecture	130	110
											9,141

The following statistical tables have been prepared and are inserted in this report by the instruction of the Grand Master, for the information of Grand Lodge.

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF GRAND LODGE FROM 1862 TO 1890.

Year.	Certificates.	Dues.	Fees,	Dispensations.	Warrants.	Constitutions.	Commutations.	Interest, Gen. Fund.	Interest.	Sundries	P. M. C'r'fic's	Total.
1862	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 1,976 82
1863	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,113 42
1864	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,129 03
1865	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,871 72
1866	$ 1,171	$ 2,189 53	$ 434 50	$199 00	$ 139	$ 48 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,182 00
1867	1,285	2,487 20	845 80	136 75	70	57 02*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,881 77
1868	1,266	2,787 10	816 50	148 00	20	31 08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,068 68
1869	1,462	2,866 11	908 25	279 00	160	20 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,695 61
1870	1,769	3,206 89	1,044 00	198 00	110	320 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,650 24
1871	1,978	3,220 66	1,156 50	162 00	80	302 95	.....	.....	.....	$ 23 75	.....	6,923 86
1872	2,118	3,366 50	1,413 50	351 00	100	304 27	.....	.....	.....	370 06	.....	8,023 33
1873	2,545	3,756 85	1,533 00	288 00	130	311 14	.....	.....	.....	48 74	.....	8,612 73
1874	2,627	4,420 40	1,585 50	431 00	140	430 97	.....	.....	.....	48 61	.....	9,683 48
1875	2,655	4,619 73	1,615 00	345 00	180	356 13	.....	.....	.....	13 02	.....	9,783 88
1876	2,634	4,747 13	1,802 50	524 00	240	390 85	.....	.....	.....	8 16	.....	10,346 64
1877	2,968	5,309 99	1,971 50	576 00	230	596 56	.....	.....	.....	46 50	.....	11,698 55
1878	3,502	6,490 01	2,176 50	526 00	220	605 23	.....	.....	.....	12 75	.....	13,532 49
1879	3,446	6,985 48	2,272 00	549 00	190	625 00	.....	.....	.....	2 63	.....	14,070 11
1880	3,337	7,622 21	2,085 50	473 00	160	401 67	.....	$2,544 48	.....	51 46	.....	16,675 32
1881	2,948	8,155 75	1,817 50	578 00	130	442 85	.....	2,805 54	$ 44 59	91 25	.....	17,013 48
1882	2,899	8,492 37	1,568 50	337 00	150	357 21	.....	2,698 18	422 00	20 87	.....	16,945 13
1883	2,688	8,154 75	1,537 25	276 00	130	502 76	.....	2,825 07	422 00	17 96	$ 19 00	16,570 79
1884	1,965	7,958 50	1,104 00	252 00	160	271 10	.....	3,127 25	488 50	11 25	60 00	15,460 60
1885	3,217	11,591 62	1,755 50	297 00	90	500 19	.....	3,502 27	488 40	14 87	46 00	21,499 85
1886	2,531	8,979 25	1,335 50	192 00	110	431 92	.....	2,750 40	360 00	5 40	18 00	16,913 47
1887	2,888	9,248 00	1,807 00	139 00	40	431 75	.....	3,075 65	395 00	6 50	14 00	18,044 90
1888	2,468	9,088 75	1,520 50	127 00	40	315 87	.....	2,569 22	325 00	4 65	20 00	16,478 99
1889	2,238	9,227 00	1,422 50	226 00	30	378 25	$ 20 00	2,860 08	324 00	6 00	11 00	16,742 83
1890	2,117	9,328 00	1,344 00	157 00	50	330 00	165 00	2,649 34	324 00	1 75	16 00	16,482 09
1891	2,471	9,157 25	1,379 50	144 00	50	325 75	.....	1,755 12	226 00	95 15	.....	15,604 77
1892	2,284	10,077 50	1,438 00	196 00	50	603 00	190 00	2,657 05	349 50	828 50	.....	18,973 55
1893	2,347	9,453 25	1,351 00	82 00	40	473 00	125 00	2,632 77	333 00	170 30	.....	17,007 32
1894	2,683	10,002 25	1,683 00	199 00	50	485 00	249 25	2,620 79	333 00	103 40	.....	18,408 69
	$70,505	$192,992 03	$42,984 30	$8,387 75	$3,289	$10,654 09	$749 25	$41,073 21	$4,831 99	$2,004 53	$204 00	$388,766 4

* Fifteen months.

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS OF GRAND LODGE FROM 1864 TO 1890.

G. Sc.	Asst.	Gr.	Exp'nse	Exp'se	Expense		F'n	G. Mas.	Gr. M's Print'g	Certifs.	

* Fifteen months.

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS OF GRAND LODGE FROM 1864 TO 1890.

Year	G. Sc. Sal'y.	Asst. G. Sc. Sal'y.	Gr. Tr. S'y.	Exp'nse G. Sec's Office.	Exp'se meet'g G. L'ge	Expense Board of Gen. Pur.	Ins'r. ance.	F'n cor- p'e.	G. Mas- ter's al- lowa'ce	Gr. M's Pres'n- tation.	Print'g, Statn'y, B'dg, e'c	Certifi- cates, war'nts	Sun- dries.	Total expenses	Benevo- lence.	Special Grants.	Charity.	Total disburse- ments.
64	$ 1,300	$	$	$ c. 224 53	$ c. 16 00	$ c. 18 50	$ c.	$	$ c.	$ c. /1025 65	$ c. 643 24	$ c. 385 00	$ c. 67 63	$ c. 3,689 61	$ c. 150 00	$ c. o 100 00	$ c. r 55 00	$ c. 3,985 61
65	1,200	100		332 18			4 00			260 65	247 95	467 50	3 08	2,615 36	310 00	o 200 00		3,145 36
66	1,200	100		280 75		21 75	4 00				737 20	731 20	129 57	3,253 64	401 00	o 100 00	q 2,017 00	5,771 64
67	1,200	100		203 50		22 50			50 00		283 16	275 00	127 34	2,261 50	460 00	o 100 00		2,821 50
68	1,200	150		345 00	107 25	13 25				u 185 00	851 91	563 75	51 18	3,467 34	910 00	o 100 00	p 50 00	4,527 34
69	1,200	150		331 17	25 75	31 40				264 40	558 38	772 40	153 70	3,487 20	1,245 00			4,732 20
70	1,200	150		448 93		v 887 06					1,067 52	700 00	m 96 06	4,549 57	2,190 00		n 40 00	6,779 57
71	1,200	325		554 50	179 70	v 586 38	35 00	40		312 47	1,476 87	144 03	l 1,827 35	6,681 50	3,481 00			10,162 50
72	1,200	462		334 72	147 91	v 1,015 45	14 00	100			596 44	455 77	86 50	4,412 79	4,100 00		k 2,000 00	10,512 79
73	1,440	518		394 92	72 20	v 885 18		50	50 00		870 25	424 07	116 01	4,760 63	4,870 00		j 250 00	9,880 63
74	*2,000	973		612 33		v 1,573 06		50	730 50	400 00	1,536 86	591 57	89 98	8,607 30	4,640 00		387 21	13,634 51
75	1,200	525		469 92	68 50	v 1,067 33	21 00	50	750 00	930 00	1,002 18	404 11	167 40	6,655 44	5,605 00		h 200 00	12,460 44
76	*2,400	875		944 38	119 75	v 994 67	14 00	50	250 00		2,403 04	529 14	42 50	8,622 48	5,925 43	a 300 00	g 5,056 44	19,904 35
77	1,600	750		738 06	78 80	v 1,342 05	14 00		250 00		1,539 99	499 36	216 22	7,029 20	6,040 00	a 975 00		14,044 20
78	1,600	800		631 50	128 57	v 964 25	14 00		500 00		940 75	517 69	87 90	6,184 66	7,425 00	a 825 00	e 1,000 00	15,434 66
79	1,600	800		565 76	57 10	v 620 00	14 00		250 00		1,007 70	272 31	131 75	5,318 62	6,872 50	a 675 00		12,866 12
80	*2,000	1,000		630 62	34 50	353 70	14 00		750 00	436 54	895 25	248 98	78 00	6,461 59	11,077 50	a 1,331 25		18,870 34
81	1,600	800		432 00	70 00	443 00	14 00		500 00	310 62	828 35	470 51	15 00	5,483 48	8,711 82	a 825 00		15,020 30
82	1,600	800		558 24	42 70	619 80	14 00		500 00	253 50	585 76	414 99	46 00	5,434 69	9,264 83	a 825 00		15,524 52
83	1,600	800		700 95	128 25	w 1,012 90	17 50		500 00		1,257 75	591 71	71 67	6,680 43	9,000 00	a 825 00		16,505 43
84	1,600	800		577 25	44 88	527 90	17 50		500 00	305 00	557 98	267 09	34 25	5,416 55	9,800 00	a 825 00		16,041 55
85	1,600	8 0		580 92	109 75	831 50	17 50		500 00	260 00	270 29	459 73	57 80	5,831 64	9,260 00	a 825 00		15,916 64
86	1,600	800	150	637 48	86 00	781 50	17 50		500 00		1,632 87	443 99	s 219 50	6,868 84	9,840 00	a 825 00	b 400 00	16,342 94
87	1,600	800	200	332 33	169 00	901 10	15 75		500 00	290 00	1,186 69	306 77	s 209 15	7,011 29	9,770 00	a 825 00		17,533 84
88	1,600	800	200	325 88	33 00	757 75	15 75	100	500 00		1,152 12	474 74	s 337 55	6,796 79	9,610 00		c 200 00	17,806 29
																		16,406 79
T	40,700	15,778	550	14,425 26	1,958 86	17,721 38	309 00	590	8,880 50	5,479 33	26,628 55	12,176 90	4,908 30	150,105 88	/158,784 08	12,356 25	12,655 65	333,902 06

a Mrs. W. Miss W. and Mrs. R. Charleston earthquake. *c* Yel. fever, Jacks'v'lle. *d* Yel. fever, Tenn. and Miss. *e* Rel'f St. J'n fire. Stephens, and $885 65 for pres't'n to G. M. Wilson. *f* Of this $140 was for presentation to P. G. M. *g* Of this $580 30 fun'l late G. M. W., and $476-05 fun'l G. S'y H., and $4,000 paid G. L. Quebec. *b* Sufferers. *h* Louisiana sufferers. *j* Relief Franco-Prussian war. *k* Chicago fire. *l* Of this sum $1,608 05 was for G. L. regalia. *m* Of this $50 for Palestine Exploration fund. *n* Funerals deceased brethren. *o* Mrs. T. G. R. *p* Monument late R. W. Bro. Scott. *q* Masonic Asylum. *r* Sewing machine for widow. *s* Of this $194 50 was for Masonic Relief Ass. *t* Total bal. '85-90, $192,000. *u* Presentation G'nd Sec. T. B. H. *v* Two m't'gs B.G.P. for year. *w* Ottawa meeting. *x* Five quarters. *y* $400 Mrs. T. B. H. and $400 extra work. *z* 16 months.

I have issued by instruction of the M. W. the Grand Master the following dispensations from 17th July, 1890, to 3rd July, 1891.

Date 1890	No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	For what granted.
July 19....	394	K'g Solomon	To attend church
Aug. 19....	369	Mimico	To attend excursion
Oct. 21....	230	Kerr	To initiate under 21
Nov. 14....	121	Doric	To attend church
" 21....	45	Brant	To attend church
" 28....	5	Sussex	To elect officers
Dec. 1....	153	Burns	To elect officers
" 2....	153	Burns	To instal officers
" 2....	192	Orillia	To instal and banq't
" 4....	145	J. B. Hall	To elect officers
" 5....	140	Malahide	To elect officers
" 6....	18	Prince E'dw	To elect & instal offi'rs
" 9....	11	Moira	To elect officers
" 9....	311	Blackwood	To instal officers
" 9....	420	Nipissing	To elect officers
" 11....	56	Victoria	To instal officers
" 11....	79	Simcoe	To instal officers
" 11....	135	St. Clair	To elect officers
" 11....	41	St. George	To elect officers
" 12....	65	Rehoboam	To instal officers
" 12....	90	Manito	To instal officers
" 12....	156	York	To at'd conversazione
" 12....	346	Occident	To meet at 6 and conv.
" 12....	222	Marmora	To instal officers
" 12....	241	Quinte	To instal officers
" 12....	164	St'r in th' Est	To instal officers
" 16....	101	Corinthian	To at'd an 'At Home
" 17....	44	St. Thomas	To instal officers
" 17....	323	Alvinston	To elec. & i. st. officers
" 18....	1	Moira	To elect officers
" 19....	294	Moore	To elect officers
" 19....	10	Norfolk	To instal officers
" 20....	32	Amity	To instal officers
" 21....	140	Malahide	To instal officers
" 22....	3	Ancient St. J.	To instal of's & dinn'r
" 22....	149	Erie	To instal officers
" 23....	277	Seymour	To attend church
" 24....	348	Georgian	To instal officers
" 26....	116	Cassia	To instal officers
" 26....	193	Scotland	To instal officers
" 26....	257	Galt	To instal officers
" 27....	326	Zetland	To attend an At Home
" 27....	113	Wilson	To instal officers
" 27....	415	Fort William	To instal officers
" 27....	287	Shuniah	To instal officers
" 30....	412	Keystone	To instal officers
" 30....	145	J. B. Hall	To attend an At Home
1891			
Jan. 1....	76	Oxford	To instal officers
" 3....	127	Franck	To instal officers
" 3....	196	Burford	To instal officers
" 6....	228	Pr. Arthur	To instal officers
" 7....	364	Dufferin	To elect and instal
" 7....	168	Merritt	To attend ball
" 12....	172	Ayr	To instal officers
" 13....	422	Star of East	To instal officers
" 13....	291	Dufferin	To elect officers
" 13....	309	Morn. Star	To elect and instal of's.
" 15....	376	Unity	To instal officers
" 16....	295	Conestogo	To instal officers
" 17....	30	Mt. Zion	To instal officers
" 21....	27	St. Observ'ce	To attend ball
" 23....	263	Harriston	To instal officers

DISPENSATIONS—*Continued.*

Date. 1891.	No. of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	For what granted.
Jan. 26....	384	Alpha	To attend "at home"
" 28....	135	St. Clair	To at end ball
" 29....	90	Manito	To attend "at home"
Feb. 7 ...	387	Lansdowne	To elect and instal of's
" 13....	294	Moore	To instal officers
" 13....	283	Eureka	To instal officers
" 23....	239	Tweed	To attend church
" 24....	414	Pequonga	To attend an At Home
Mar. 3....	418	Maxville	To instal officers
" 12....	18	Pr. Edward	To in.cand from without jurisdiction
" 18....	291	Dufferin	To instal officers
April 1....	304	Minerva	To elect and instal
" 14....	295	Conestogo	To attend At Home
May 8....	336	Highgate	To instal officers
" 13....	166	Wentworth	To at. conversazione
June 11....	116	Cassia	To attend church
" 12....	225	Bernard	To attend church
" 13....	400	Oakville	To attend church
" 17....	203	Irvine	To elect officers
" 19....	412	Keystone	To attend church
" 20....	352	Granite	To attend church
" 20....	18	Pr. Edward	To attend church
" 20....	93	Nor. Light	To at. church & pro.
" 23....	108	Blenheim	To instal officers
" 24....	145	J. B. Hall	To attend church
" 27....	166	Wentworth	To attend church
July 2....	272	Seymour	To attend church
" 3....	186	Plantagenet	

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. J. Mason

GRAND SECRETARY.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST W. SIR AND BRETHREN:—

I herewith submit my statement of the receipts and disbursements of Grand Lodge funds for the year ending 30th May, 1891:

The balance at credit of current account as at 31st May, 1890, was (as per balance sheet)		$10,564 06
During the year I have received from the Grand Secretary		19,312 45
		$29,876 51
The expenditure for general purposes during the year, including grant to sufferers (by explosion) in Nova Scotia was	$ 7,881 82	
and for benevolence, as per list herewith submitted	10,206 25	18,088 07
Balance at credit of current account in Canadian Bank of Commerce as per official acknowledgment of Bank officials attached to statement		$11,788 44

I also submit balance sheet as on before mentioned date, showing condition of the finances and the several investments of the funds, and in this connection I have to advise you that since my statement and balance sheet were prepared as required at 30th May, that the $10,000 debentures of the Hamilton Provident and Loan Co. matured and were paid and the amount placed at credit of current account in the Bank, subject to the authorized order of Grand Lodge, and now awaiting your decision and instructions regarding re-investment. The total amount, therefore, at credit of the current account at this date (15th July), and which includes deposits recently made by the Grand Secretary, will, I respectfully submit, warrant and justify Grand Lodge investing $20,000 in such securities as may be determined upon.

STATEMENT—GENERAL FUND.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in account with E. MITCHELL *Grand Treasurer.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

1890.				
June	30	—Paid	Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th June	$ 50 00
July	2	"	Grand Secretary's salary to 30th June	400 00
"	2	"	Assistant to Grand Secretary to 30th June	200 00
"	2	"	Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th of June	43 75
"	2	"	Grand Master Walkem, half yearly grant	250 00
"	22	"	Buntin, Gillies & Co., for stationery	6 00
"	26	"	*Times* Printing Co., for printing Proceedings, etc.	1,055 37
"	26	"	Grand Secretary, balance incidentals to 31st May, 1890	24 30
"	26	"	Grand Secretary, advance for incidentals	400 00
"	26	"	Pay List Board of General Purposes	1,034 85
"	26	"	Mrs. Hood for repairing Regalia	24 03
"	29	"	Grand Secretary, Expenses, G.L. Meeting, Kingston.	96 85
"	29	"	Grand Secretary, Dues owing by Lodge 21a to G.L. of Ireland.	49 26
"	31	"	Grand Chapter, half expenses of Deputation to Brockville	39 59
Aug.	1	"	H. J. Wilkinson, expenses connected with meeting of G.L.	38 90
"	1	"	Copp, Clark & Co., printing Certificates, etc	276 66
"	1	"	R. Duncan & Co., for stationery	54 80
"	1	"	M.W. Bro. Henry Robertson, report on Foreign Correspondence	100 00
"	4	"	M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz, postages, etc., as Chairman of Benevolence	15 00
"	12	"	R. H. Carnovsky, for ballot boxes	16 00
"	12	"	Hunter, Rose & Co., printing specifications	9 00
"	12	"	*Evening Telegram*, printing G.M. Address, etc.	45 00
Sept.	8	"	Seneca Jones, premium on G. Sec's. bond	50 00
Oct.	1	"	Grand Secretary's salary to 30th Sept.	400 00
"	1	"	Ass't. to G. Secretary "	200 00
"	1	"	Grand Treasurer's "	50 00
"	1	"	Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th Sept.	43 75
"	30	"	G. Secretary for draft favor Sec. Gen'l. Relief Association	205 00
Nov.	1	"	Gr. Secretary *re* testimonial to M. W. Bro. Walkem	200 00
Dec.	1	"	Hunter, Rose & Co., printing proceedings etc	453 00
"	31	"	Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st December	50 00
1891				
Jan'y.	2	"	Grand Secretary's salary to 31st December	400 00
"	2	"	Assistant to Grand Secretary, salary to 31st December	200 00
"	2	"	Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st Dec.	43 75
March	5	"	G. Treas. for offering in aid of sufferers at Springfield, N.S.	250 00
"	20	"	Rolph, Smith & Co., dies and stationery, G.M. & D.G.M	35 80
April	1	"	Grand Secretary, salary to 31st March	400 00
"	1	"	Asst. to Grand Secretary, salary to 31st March	200 00
"	1	"	Grand Treasurer's salary	50 00
"	1	"	Hamilton Masonic Hall Associations, rent to 31st March	43 75
"	23	"	Hunter, Rose & Co., acct of printing	300 00
"	23	"	Grand Secretary, insurance on regalia, etc., to 5th April, 1892.	17 50
May	30	"	Benevolence Orders, as per list	10,206 25
"	30	"	Balance, as per Balance Sheet	59,365 19
				$77,453 26

RECEIPTS.

1890.				
May	31	—By balance, as per Balance Sheet		$58,478 81
July	9	" Grand Secretary		4,000 00
Sept.	30	" " "		4,000 00
Nov.	38	" " "		4,000 00
Dec.	16	" " "	Interest on Bank Account	136 00
1891.				1,500 00
Jan'y	31	" " "		5,000 00
Feb'y	28	" " "		1,800 00
April	6	" " "		1,000 00
May	30	" " "		783 50
"	30	" " "	Interest on Bank Account	149 55
				$77,453 26

BALANCE SHEET 30th MAY, 1891.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in account with E. MITCHELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

Debentures :—			**General Fund**		$59,365 19
London Loan Co. of Canada, at 5 percent	$10,000 00		**Asylum Fund—Balance 31st May, 1890**	$12,690 25	
Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Co., at 4½ pr. ct.	10,000 00		Add interest deposited by G. Sec 9th July, 1890	111 00	
Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., at 4½ pr.ct.	10,000 00		" " " 16th Dec., 1890	55 50	
Hamilton Provident and Loan Co., at 4½ per cent.	10,000 00		" " " 31st Jan., 1891	111 00	
Canada Permanent Loan Co., at 4½ per cent.	10,000 00		" " " 6th April, 1891	55 50	
Landed Banking and Loan Co , at 4½ percent	10,000 00				$12,423 25
		$60,000 00			
Current Account :—					
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hamilton		11,788 44			
		$71,788 44			$71,788 44

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE, HAMILTON, 30th May, 1891.

We hereby certify that the Debentures named and set forth in the above Balance Sheet are in the custody of this Bank for safe keeping, and the above-mentioned Balance of $11,788.44 o the credit of the current account of the Grand Lodge at close of business at this date is correct.

S. READ, Jr., pro. Manager.
T. R. BILLETT, pro. Accountant.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. MITCHELL,
Grand Treasurer.

Hamilton, 15th July, 1891.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and resolved,

That the Reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

June	1890.	
	30 Mrs. Leaney	$15 00
	30 Bd. Rlf, Kingston	25 00
	30 Mrs Cummings	5 00
	30 Mrs. Cummings	5 00
	30 Mrs. Tuttle	10 00
	30 Mrs. McKay	10 00
July		
	31 Mrs. Wilson	75 00
	31 Miss Wilson	75 00
	31 Mrs. Harris	56 25
	31 B. Rlf, Chatham	10 00
	31 B. Rlf, Chatham	10 00
	31 Mrs. Cosseboom	15 00
	31 Mrs. Quirk	10 00
	31 Mrs. Love	10 00
	31 Mrs McLeod	15 00
	31 Orp.Br Banghart	5 00
	31 Mrs. Gavitz	15 00
	31 Mrs. Tuke	10 00
	31 Mrs. Garbutt	10 00
	31 Mrs Jones	15 00
	31 Mrs. Manning	15 00
	31 Mrs. Parker	15 00
	31 Mrs Jolley	15 00
	31 Mrs. Berry	10 00
	31 Mrs. Nixon	10 00
	31 Mrs. Scott	10 00
	31 Mrs Mander	10 00
	31 Mrs. Stares	20 00
	31 Mrs. Pettit	15 00
	31 Bro. Worsfold	25 00
	31 Orphs. Br Barber	5 00
	31 B. Rellef, Guelph	10 00
Aug		
	31 Mrs. Davies	10 00
	31 Bd Relief, Ham.	50 00
	31 Bro. Bain	20 00
	31 Mrs. Wills	15 00
	31 Mrs McLellan	10 00
	31 Mrs Bradley	10 00
	31 M'r. B.Cummings	10 00
	31 Mrs. Christison	10 00
	31 Mrs. Metherell	10 00
	31 Mrs. Smyth	15 00
	31 Mrs. Hallett	15 00
	31 Bro. Longstaff	20 00
	31 Mrs Howe	10 00
	31 Mrs. Beaver	20 00
	31 Mrs. Murray	10 00
	31 Mrs. Carter	10 00
	31 Mrs. Sweeney	15 00
	31 Mrs. Patterson	10 00
	31 Mrs. Porter	15 00
	31 Bro. Crste	25 00
	31 Mrs. Pocock	10 00
	31 Mrs. Liersch	15 00
	31 Mrs. Wellbank	15 00
	31 Mrs. Ash	10 00
	31 Mrs. Reid	10 00
	31 Bro. Marcus	25 00
	31 Mrs. Hall	10 00
	31 Mrs. Tighe	20 00
	31 Mrs. Kennedy	25 00

Aug.	1890.	
	31 Bro. McNally	25 00
	31 Mrs. White	10 00
	31 Mrs. Rubridge	10 00
	31 Mrs. Rowel	20 00
	31 Bro. McConklin	20 00
	31 Mrs. Perry	10 00
	31 Mrs. Scott	10 00
	31 Eliza C. Smith	20 00
	31 Mrs. Marriott	15 00
	31 Mrs. Cook	15 00
	31 Bro. Couper	20 00
	31 Mrs. Blythe	10 00
	31 Mrs. Adams	10 00
	31 Mrs. Coulter	10 00
	31 Mrs Moore	15 00
	31 Bd. Relief, Lon	50 00
	31 Mrs. Griffith	10 00
	31 Mrs. Hill	10 00
	31 Mrs. McKenzie	10 00
	31 Mrs. Amsden	15 00
	31 Mrs. J. C. Smith	15 00
	31 Daugr. Bro. Lee	10 00
	31 Mrs. LeClair	5 00
	31 Mrs. Rob. Smith	10 00
	31 Mrs. Jackson	10 00
	31 Mrs. Sharpe	10 00
	31 Mrs. Martin	15 00
	31 Mrs. Miller	10 00
	31 Mrs. Small	15 00
	31 Mrs. Allen	15 00
	31 Mrs. Sharpe	10 00
	31 Mrs. Milne	15 00
	31 Mrs. Mitchell	10 00
	31 Mrs. German	15 00
	31 Mrs. Evans	15 00
	31 Mrs. Elsasser	15 00
	31 Mrs. Oakley	10 00
	31 Mrs. Berlet	10 00
	31 Mrs. Fraser	15 00
	31 Mrs. Phillips	15 00
	31 Mrs. Oliver	15 00
	31 Mrs. Stethem	10 00
	31 Bro. Ross	25 00
	31 Mrs. Robson	20 00
	31 Bro. Davis	20 00
	31 Mrs. Elliott	10 00
	31 Mrs. Witmer	20 00
	31 Mrs. Hortop	10 00
	31 Mrs. Shaw	10 00
	31 Mrs. Godfrey	15 00
	31 Mrs. Look	15 00
	31 Mrs. McKellar	10 00
	31 Mrs. McTaggart	5 00
	31 Mrs. Bogart	10 00
	31 Mrs Sanderson	15 00
	31 Mrs. Martin	20 00
	31 Mrs. Burgess	10 00
	31 Mrs. Locke	10 00
	31 Mrs. Almond	15 00
	31 Orphs. Bro. Orr	20 00
	31 Mrs. Hunter	20 00
	31 Mrs. Riggot	10 00
	31 Mrs. Baxter	10 00

Aug.	1890	
	31 Mrs. McCadden	10 00
	31 Mrs. Murphy	15 00
	31 Mrs. Smith	10 00
	31 Bro. Butterworth	25 00
	31 Bro. Patterson	25 00
	31 Mrs Waltho	10 00
	31 Mrs. Clayton	20 00
	31 Mrs. Young	10 00
	31 Mrs. McVeaty	10 00
	31 Mrs. Salmoni	15 00
	31 B. Rl't, Brockville	10 00
	31 Mrs. Oldham	10 00
	31 Bro. Black	25 00
	31 Bro. Meyers	20 00
	31 Orphs. Bro Cove	15 00
	31 Mrs. Allen	10 00
	31 Mrs. Newberry	10 00
	31 Mrs. McInnes	15 00
	31 Mrs. Leister	10 00
	31 Mrs. Spencer	10 00
	31 Mrs. Wallace	20 00
	31 Mrs. Johnstone	20 00
	31 Bro. Willmot	25 00
	31 Mrs Edwards	10 00
	31 Mrs. Sommerville	15 00
	31 Mrs. Arnson	20 00
	31 Mrs Miller	20 00
	31 Mrs. Graham	15 00
	31 Mrs. McKillican	15 00
	31 Orph.Br.McBride	15 00
	31 Mrs. Barber	15 00
	31 Mrs. Stappleben	10 00
	31 Mrs. Bryant	15 00
	31 Mrs Gray	10 00
	31 Mrs. Thompson	10 00
	31 Mrs Chasely	25 00
	31 Mrs. McKay	10 00
	31 Mrs. Blondheim	15 00
	31 Bro. Bowman	25 00
	31 Mrs. Tripp	10 00
	31 Mrs. Street	10 00
	31 Mrs. Benedict	15 00
	31 Mrs. Bridgeport	15 00
	31 Mrs. Goldsmith	20 00
	31 Mrs. Hessel	15 00
	31 Mrs Wescot	10 00
	31 Mrs. Sproule	15 00
	31 Mrs. Cronin	20 00
	31 Mrs Hurst	10 00
	31 Mrs. Berry	15 00
	31 Harriet Steele	20 00
	31 Mrs. Gipson	10 00
	31 Mrs. Thoburn	15 00
	31 Mrs. Turner	15 00
	31 Mrs. Wright	10 00
	31 Mrs. Deacon	15 00
	3 Mrs. Hixon	15 00
	31 Mrs. McRae	10 00
	31 Mrs. Shupe	15 00
	31 Mrs. O'Nell	15 00
	3 Mrs. Rome	15 00
	31 Orphs Br. Perley	20 00
	31 Mrs. Phipps	10 00

BENEVOLENCE—*Continued*

Aug.	1890.	
31	Mrs. Davey.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Roblin.....	10 00
31	Orphs Bro. Riggs	5 00
31	Mrs. Christie....	10 00
31	Mrs. Rees.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Bald	10 00
31	Mrs. McNice....	10 00
31	Mrs. J. R S. Smith	20 00
31	Mrs. DeGrassi...	20 00
31	Mrs. Shields.....	20 00
31	Mrs. Jewell.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Piggott.....	20 00
31	Bro. Tracey.....	20 00
31	Mrs. Conklin....	15 00
31	Mrs. Aishton....	10 00
31	Orphs. Br. Fraser	10 00
31	Mrs. Thomson...	10 00
31	Mrs. Galer.....	20 00
31	Mrs. Beal.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Sutherland.	15 00
31	Mrs. Dack.....	10 00
31	Mrs. James.....	20 00
31	Mrs. McLeod....	15 00
31	Mrs. Richardson.	10 00
31	Mrs. Chard.....	20 00
31	Mrs. Harper.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Imlay.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Varney.....	20 00
31	Mrs. Lawrence...	15 00
31	Mrs. Bennett...	15 00
31	Mrs. Graham.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Johnston...	10 00
31	Mrs. Handy.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Eppiett....	10 00
31	Mrs. Rogers.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Hunter....	10 00
31	Mrs. Harington..	20 00
31	Mrs. Ramsay....	10 00
31	Orp. Br Benjamin	5 00
31	Mrs. Baptie.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Crawford...	15 00
31	Mrs. Ross.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Hill.....	10 00
31	Ophs Br. Erskine	5 00
31	Mrs. Howard....	10 00
31	Mrs. Nash.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Blue.....	20 00
31	Mrs. Jolliffe....	15 00
31	Mrs. Ecclestone..	10 00
31	Mrs. Noble.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Leaney....	15 00
31	Mrs. McCay.....	10 00
Sept.		
30	Mrs. Irwin.....	15 00
30	Bro C. W. Smith	25 00
30	Mrs. Weir.....	10 00
30	Mrs. Dow.....	10 00
30	Mrs. Heslop.....	15 00
30	Mrs. Hall.....	15 00
30	Mrs. Barnard....	40 00
30	Mrs. Gifford....	5 00
30	Mrs. Kerr	15 00
30	Mrs. Francis....	10 00
30	Mrs. Fowler.....	20 00
30	Mrs. Playter....	10 00
30	Mrs. Vanluvec...	10 00
30	Mrs Wright.....	15 00
30	Mrs. Spearman..	20 00
30	Mrs. Inman.....	10 00

Sept.	1890.	
30	Mrs. France.....	20 00
30	Mrs. Burns.....	15 00
30	Mrs. Neal	10 00
30	Mrs Rodgers....	10 00
30	Mrs Fortier.....	15 00
30	Mrs. Nuttall	10 00
30	Mrs Pattison....	10 00
30	Mrs. Ellis	15 00
30	Mrs. Upham	10 00
30	Mrs. Tandy.. ..	15 00
30	Ophs. Br McPhail	15 00
30	Bro.. Black.....	25 00
30	Mrs. Bailey.....	10 00
30	Mrs. Merriman..	10 00
30	Mrs. Forder.....	20 00
30	Mrs. Hill..	10 00
30	Mrs. Nelson.....	15 00
30	Mrs. McKay.....	10 00
30	Mrs. Goslee.....	5 00
30	Mrs. Bethune....	10 00
30	Mrs. Morris.....	20 00
30	Mrs. Campbell..	10 00
30	Bro. Ingram....	20 00
30	Mrs. Kirby.....	15 00
30	Mrs Bailey.....	10 00
30	Mrs. Gordon....	15 00
30	Orphs. Bro. Oliver	10 00
30	Bro Munroe....	25 00
30	Mrs. Tuttle.....	10 00
30	Mrs. Taylor.....	10 00
30	Mrs. Harvey.....	15 00
30	Mrs. Bourke.....	10 00
30	Mrs. B air	15 00
30	Mrs. Cosseboom.	15 00
30	Mrs. Nancollas..	5 00
30	Mrs. Ross.....	15 00
30	Mrs. Scott.....	10 00
30	Mrs. Wright....	10 00
30	Mrs. LeRoy.....	10 00
30	Mrs Parney.....	10 00
Oct.		
31	Mrs. Stafford.....	15 00
31	Bd. R'f't, Toronto	75 00
31	Orphs. Br Davey	10 00
31	W. M. Lodge 236	20 00
31	Mrs Pickhaver..	10 00
31	Mrs W M. Wilson	75 00
31	Mrs. Ramsay....	10 00
31	Mrs. T. B. Harris	56 25
31	Mrs. Beam.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Burton.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Allen.....	10 00
31	Mrs. McCullough	10 00
31	Mrs. Whitehead.	10 00
31	Orphs Br. Palmer	20 00
31	Mrs. McPherson.	15 00
31	Mrs. Munro.....	15 00
31	Mrs. McRae.....	20 00
31	Mrs. Bowman...	10 00
31	Miss Mary Wilson	75 00
31	Mrs. Robertson..	10 00
31	Mrs. Galt.....	10 00
31	Oph Br. Reynolds	5 00
31	Mrs. Phillips....	20 00
31	Mrs. Richardson.	10 00
31	Mrs. Scott.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Peverett....	15 00
31	Mrs. McGibney..	10 00

Nov.	1890.	
30	Bd R'f't, Stratford	10
30	Bro. Scott.....	25 00
30	Mrs. Harvey....	10 00
30	Mrs. Boulton....	15 00
30	Mrs. Waddington	15 00
30	Mrs. Curtis.....	15 00
30	Mrs. Shipman...	20 00
30	Ops. Br. Reynolds	5 00
30	Mrs. Spence.....	15 00
30	Mrs Malcolm....	15 00
Dec.		
31	Bd. R'f't, Kingston	25 00
31	Mrs. McPherson.	15 00
31	Mrs. Badgley....	10 00
31	Bro. Bond.....	25 00
31	Mrs. Vardon....	10 00
31	Mrs. Stafford...	15 00
31	Mrs. Howells....	10 00
31	Mrs. Laing.....	15 00
31	Mrs. McKenzie..	10 00
31	Mrs. Reid.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Leith.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Bennett....	15 00
31	Mrs. Leitch.....	20 00
31	Mrs. Thompson..	20 00
Jan.	1891.	
31	Mrs. T. B. Harris	56 00
31	Mrs. Wilson.....	75 00
31	Miss Wilson.....	75 00
31	Bd. R'f't, Chatham	15 00
31	Mrs. Wills	15 00
31	Mrs. Nelson.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Scott.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Adams.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Phipps.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Nixon.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Tuke.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Jolly.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Martin.....	20 00
31	Mrs. Reid.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Manning...	15 00
31	Mrs. Allen.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Ramsey....	10 00
31	Mrs. Davies.....	10 00
31	Bro. Bain.....	20 00
31	Mrs. Thoburn...	15 00
31	Mrs. Varney....	20 00
31	Mrs. Johnston...	10 00
31	Mrs. Merriman..	10 00
31	Mrs. Bailey.....	10 00
31	Bd. R'f't, Brockv'le	10 00
31	Orph. Bro. Smith	20 00
31	Mrs. Porter.....	15 00
31	Mrs Garbutt....	10 00
31	Mrs. McKenzie..	10 00
31	Mrs Parker.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Smith.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Heslop.....	15 00
31	Mrs. Mander.....	10 00
31	Mrs Christison..	10 00
31	Mrs. Hall.....	10 00
31	Mrs Hill.....	10 00
31	Mrs. Hunter....	10 00
31	Bro. Elkington..	25 00
31	Orphs. Bro Dean	25 00
31	Mrs. Patterson..	10 00
31	Bro. McConklin..	20 00
31	Bro. Langstaff ..	20 00
31	Mrs. Grifford....	5 00

BENEVOLENCE—*Continued.*

Jan. 1891.		Jan. 1891		Feb. 1891.	
31	Mrs. German.... 15 00	31	Mrs. Allmond .. 15 00	28	Mrs. McCay..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Inman 10 00	31	Mrs. White..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Griffith..... 10 00
31	Bro. Ross 25 00	31	Mrs. Smyth 15 00	28	Mrs. Crawford... 15 00
31	Orp Br. Benjamin 5 00	31	Mrs. Jewell .. . 10 00	28	Mrs. Graham.... 15 00
31	Mrs. Cronin ... 20 00	31	Mrs. Turner 15 00	28	Mrs. Stetham... 10 00
31	Mrs. Kennedy .. 25 00	31	Mrs. Clayton.... 20 00	28	Mrs. Berry..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Tighe..... 20 00	31	Mrs. Badgley.... 10 00	28	Mrs. Innes..... 20 00
31	Mrs. Stares 20 00	31	Mrs. Smith..... 20 00	28	Mrs. Small..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Evans..... 15 00	31	Mrs. Burns 15 00	28	Mrs Weir 10 00
31	Mrs. McInnes ... 15 00	31	Mrs. McKillican.. 15 00	28	Mrs. Martin..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Edwards .. 10 00	31	Mrs. Armson..... 20 00	28	Mrs. Blair..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Newberry.. 10 00	31	Bd. Rlf., Barrie.. 10 00	28	Mrs. Francis.... 10 00
31	Mrs. Peverett .. 15 00	31	" " " (2) 10 00	28	Mrs. Cook..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Wallace ... 20 00	31	Mrs. Harrington. 20 00	28	Mrs Street..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Marriott .. 15 00	31	Mrs. Sinclair.... 5 00	28	Mrs. Stafford.... 15 00
31	Mrs. Curtis.... 15 00	31	Bd Rlf., London. 50 00	28	Bro. Smith..... 25 00
31	Orphs. Bro. Lovell 15 00	31	Mrs. LeRoy 10 00	28	Mrs. Shipman... 20 00
31	Bro. McNally ... 25 00	31	Mrs. Couper 20 00	28	Mrs. Bowman... 10 00
31	Mrs. Pettit 15 00	31	Mrs. Pocock 10 00	28	Bro. Black..... 25 00
31	Orphs. Bro. Orr.. 20 00	31	Mrs. McIlwell.. 10 00	28	Mrs, Sharpe..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Waltho 10 00	31	L. 236 e B. Nelson 20 00	28	Bro. Crate..... 25 00
31	Mrs. Johnston .. 20 00	Feb.	1891.	28	Bro. Black..... 25 00
31	Mrs. Fortier 15 00	28	Mrs. Morris 20 00	28	Mrs. Oakley..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Howard.... 10 00	28	Mrs. Vanluven.. 10 00	28	Mrs. Elsasser..... 15 00
31	Daugh. Bro. Lee. 10 00	28	Bro. Munroe.... 25 00	28	Mrs. Berlett..... 10 00
31	Mrs. France 20 00	28	Mrs. Gaslee 5 00	28	Mrs. Liersch..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Tripp..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Bridgeport. 15 00	28	Mrs. Bogart..... 10 00
31	Orps. Br. Pearley. 20 00	28	Mrs. Dack 10 00	28	Mrs. Campbell.. 10 00
31	Orps. Br. Barber. 5 00	28	Mrs. Upham 10 00	28	Mrs. Bagley..... 10 00
31	Bd. Relief Guelph 10 00	28	Mrs. Forder 20 00	28	Mrs Chantler.... 10 00
31	Mrs. Spearman.. 20 00	28	Mrs. Carter..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Flood..... 20 00
31	Mrs. Wright 10 00	28	Mrs. Bethune.... 10 00	28	Mrs. Chantler... 10 00
31	Mrs. Chard 20 00	28	Mrs. Bald..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Miller..... 20 00
31	Mrs. Fowler..... 20 00	28	Mrs. Beal 10 00	28	Bd. Rl'f, Stratford 10 00
31	Mrs. Perry 10 00	28	Mrs. Tuttle..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Baptie..... 10 00
31	Mrs. McTaggart. 5 00	28	Mrs. Rodgers 10 00	28	Mrs. Flood..... 20 00
31	Mrs. McKay 10 00	28	Mrs. Bennett.... 15 00	28	Mrs. Hessel..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Allan..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Christie.... 10 00	28	Mrs. Smith 10 00
31	Bd. Rlf. Hamilton 50 00	28	Mrs. McCadd n.. 10 00	28	Mrs. Wescott..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Roblin 10 00	28	Mrs. Joliffe..... 15 00	28	Mrs. Murphy..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Neal..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Baxter..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Hall..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Blondheim.. 15 00	28	Mrs. Stoppleben. 10 00	28	Mrs. Aishton..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Hunter 20 00	28	Mrs. Zavitz 15 00	28	Mrs. Philips..... 15 00
31	Bro. Scott 25 00	28	Mrs. Kerr..... 15 00	28	Mrs. Shaw..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Sproule.... 15 00	28	Mrs. Bryant 15 00	28	Mrs. Harvey..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Ecclestone. 10 00	28	Mrs. Leister 10 00	28	Mrs. Rogers..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Rees 15 00	28	Mrs. Young 10 00	28	Mrs. Shupe..... 15 00
31	Bro. Worsfold .. 25 00	28	Orps. Bro. Fraser 10 00	28	Mrs. McRae..... 20 00
31	Mrs. Moore..... 15 00	28	Mrs. Ash..... 10 00	28	Mrs. McKay..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Piggott..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Noble..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Galer..... 20 00
31	Mrs. Davey 15 00	28	Mrs. Ross 10 00	28	Mrs. Blythe..... 10 00
31	Mrs. W. Piggott. 20 00	28	Mrs. Harper..... 10 00	28	Bro. Bond..... 25 00
31	Mrs. Hallett 15 00	28	Bro. Chasely..... 25 00	28	Mrs. Gipson..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Blue 20 00	28	Orps. Bro. Riggs. 5 00	28	Mrs. Mitchell.... 10 00
31	Mrs. Jackson ... 10 00	28	Mrs. Scott..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Hill..... 10 00
31	Bro. Patterson .. 25 00	28	Mrs. McRae..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Murray..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Somerville.. 15 00	28	Mrs. Ross..... 15 00	28	Mrs. Gordon..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Barber 15 00	28	Mrs. Elliott..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Oliver..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Imlay..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Harvey..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Munroe..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Scott..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Boulton..... 15 00	28	Mrs. Amsden..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Sutherland. 15 00	28	Mtr. Br. Cummins 10 00	28	Orp. Bro. McPhail 15 00
31	Mrs. Sanderson.. 15 00	28	Mrs. Hill..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Irwin..... 15 00
31	Mrs. Pattison.... 10 00	28	Mrs. Lawrence... 15 00	28	Bro. Butterworth 25 00
31	Mrs Robson..... 20 00	28	Mrs. Bradley..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Rowed..... 20 00
31	Mrs. McVeaty.... 10 00	28	Orp. Bro Erskine 5 00	28	Mrs. Handy..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Salmon!.... 15 00	28	Mrs. Miller..... 10 00	28	Orp. Br. McBride 15 00
31	Mrs. Wellbank .. 15 00	28	Mrs. Howe..... 10 00	28	Mrs. Witner..... 20 00
31	Mrs. McGibney.. 10 00	28	Mrs. Milne..... 15 00	28	Mrs. Hortop..... 10 00
31	Mrs. Godfrey.... 15 00	28	Mrs. Conklin.... 15 00	28	Mrs. Beam..... 10 00

BENEVOLENCE—*Continued*

Feb.	1891.		Feb.	1891		April	1891.	
28	Mrs. Kirby.....	15 00	28	Mrs. Tandy.....	15 00	30	Mrs Whitworth 1	10 00
28	Mrs. McKellar...	10 00	28	Mrs. Goldsmith..	20 00	30	Mrs Whitworth 2	10 00
28	Mrs Locke.....	15 00	28	Mrs Coulter....	10 00	30	Bd. Rl'f, Chatham	15 00
28	Mrs McLellan...	10 00	March			30	Mrs. Cameron...	15 00
28	Mrs. Frazer.....	15 00	31	Mrs. Sweeney....	15 00	30	Op. Br. Banghart	5 00
28	Mrs. Philips. ..	20 00	31	Mrs. Allen	10 00	30	Bd. Rl'f, Toronto	75 00
28	Mrs. Benedict...	15 00	31	Mrs. Nutall.....	10 00	30	Bro. Willmot....	25 00
28	Bro. Meyers.....	20 00	31	Mrs. Livingstone	5 00	30	Mrs. Leaney.....	15 00
28	Mrs. Scott.....	15 00	31	Mrs. Ellis.....	15 00	30	Miss L. Harris...	18 75
28	Mrs. Ramsay....	20 00	31	Mrs. Shields.....	20 00	30	Miss M Harris..	18 75
28	Mrs. Richardson	10 00	31	Mrs. McNeice....	10 00	May		
28	Mrs. Hurst.....	10 00	31	Mrs. Rubidge....	10 00	30	Orphs. Bro. Dean	25 00
28	Mrs. Oldham....	10 00	31	Mrs. Graham....	15 00	30	Mrs. Sharpe.....	10 00
28	Mrs. Burgess. ...	10 00	31	Bro. Davies.....	20 00	30	Whitehead.....	10 00
28	Mrs. McCullough	10 00	31	Mrs Wright.....	10 00	30	Orph Bro Palmer	20 00
28	Mrs. Nixon.....	15 00	31	Mrs. Spencer....	10 00	30	Mrs. Eppiett....	10 00
28	Orp Bro. Olliver	10 00	31	Mrs. Taylor.....	10 00	30	Mrs. Reid..	10 00
28	Bro. Bowman....	25 00	31	Bro. Elkington..	25 00	30	Mrs. Leith.....	10 00
28	Mrs Bourke....	10 00	31	Mrs. Playter....	10 00	30	Mrs. Howells....	10 00
28	Mrs. Nancollas..	5 00	31	Mrs. Burton....	15 00	30	Mrs Malcolm....	15 00
28	Mrs Richardson.	10 00	31	Mrs. Deacon....	15 00	30	Mrs. Bennett....	15 00
28	Orph. Bro Davey	10 00	April			30	Mrs. Stafford....	15 00
28	Mrs Pickhaver .	10 00	30	Mrs. McPherson.	15 00	30	Mrs. Spence.....	15 00
28	Mrs Locke.....	15 00	30	Miss Wilson.....	75 00	30	Mrs. Laing.....	15 00
28	Mrs. Beaver.....	20 00	30	Mrs. Gray.....	10 00	30	Mrs. McKenzie .	10 00
28	E. Casseboom...	15 00	30	Mrs. Smith.....	10 00	30	Mrs. Leitch.....	20 00
28	Mrs. Parney	10 00	30	Mrs. Wilson.....	75 00	30	Chdn.Br. Ingram	20 00
28	Orph Bro. Steele	20 00	30	Bro. Tracey.....	20 00			
28	Mrs. Nash	15 00	30	Mrs. Vardon....	10 00		Total	$1,206 25

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the Reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT, No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the First Masonic District for the past year. I have visited each lodge in the district at least once. Some I have visited a second time. In every case I notified the W. M. of intended visit and have invariably been received with the utmost courtesy and attention.

Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg: My first official visit was made to this lodge on 25th August. The circumstances were rather unfavorable for a large meeting, as arrangements had previously been made by many of the brethren for attending a reception given to a prominent member who had just returned from his wedding tour. It was also raining. Still there was an attendance of about twenty, and the third degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by W. Bro. Stewart, the Master of the lodge, fairly supported by the other officers. There are 92 members in this lodge, but I am sorry to say that the amount of arrearage is $374. I am assured, however, that immediate steps will be taken to collect this. At the time of my visit I spoke, as in other places, strongly on the matter. Amount of insurance, $400; paid for relief, $20.

Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury Centre: I visited this lodge on 26th September. The weather was on the occasion, too, very unfavorable, and the roads very bad. Several officers absent on account of sickness, either personal or in their families. The Senior Warden, who seems very well up in his work, had to leave on this account before the lodge closed. There was work in the second degree, and I am pleased to say that it was very well done by the W. M., W. Bro. J. R. Palmer, and officers assisting. Although there is an arrearage of $48, I think the prospects are good. Several suspensions (9) have been reported for N. P. D., but several new and good members have been received. I find there is no insurance though, and I have written to the W. M. on the subject.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, Chatham: This lodge I visited on first October and found the attendance rather small. Work in the second degree, in conferring which the W. M., W. Bro. Rankin, was efficiently assisted by his officers. W. Bro. Rankin does his work well and impressively. He is also an enthusiastic and zealous Mason, and is working up his lodge with effect. Five new members have been received this year. The total number of members is now 50. Arrearage amounts to over one hundred dollars, but much of this will be collected, and I think the prospects financially and otherwise are good. Insurance, $500; paid for relief, $16.50.

Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex Centre: I visited this lodge on 3rd October. The weather was favorable and there was a good attendance. Both Wardens were absent, but their places were efficiently supplied. There were three candidates on hand for the first degree, which was conferred in a very creditable manner by W. M., A. S. Scott. I had the pleasure of meeting here R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, who cheerfully gave his assistance and kindly addressed the brethren after work was done. I have not yet got return from this lodge, but its prospects, I believe, are good. Insurance, $200.

Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor: This lodge, which I visited on 16th October, has a very fine lodge room and banqueting hall, finely and

tastefully furnished and decorated. There was not as large an attendance as there would have been had notice been given in summonses of official visit of D. D. G. M. My notice to Secretary did not allow sufficient time for this. Still there were about thirty present, but both Wardens were absent. The W. M. explained to me that attendance of officers and others was considerably affected by many of them being employed in various ways on boats and railways. The third degree was conferred in a very impressive manner by the W. M., W Bro. T. McGregor. There are over one hundred members, with cash on hand of, I believe, over $1,200, so that they are strong both numerically and financially in this good old lodge.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney: I visited this lodge October 23rd, under unfavorable circumstances. It rained continuously from early morning till late at night, and the roads were in a terrible state. Everybody and everything seemed dull and gloomy, and I doubted very much that we should have a meeting at all. Judge then of my astonishment in finding about twenty members present, including three P. M.'s, W. Bros. Dorland, Kirkpatrick and Lusty (in a lodge of 27 all told), and every one determined to do his best in spite of the weather. The gloom disappeared as if by magic. The W. M. and Bro. Hugill opened and closed in the several degrees and exemplified the work in the first. The W. M., Wardens and other officers did their work exceedingly well, and I can most emphatically confirm the good report given of this lodge last year by my predecessor R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke. There are at present only three members over twelve months in arrears. Prospects financially and otherwise good.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate: I made my official visit to this lodge on the 24th October, and notwithstanding the fearful state of the roads there was an attendance of about twenty members, many of whom had eight or ten miles to drive. There was no work, and the W. M., W. L. Backus, opened and closed in the several degrees. The W. M. is a good and zealous Mason and works very well, but is not just as well supported (I mean in the routine work) by the other officers as he should be. This is evidently from want of practice, and I strongly urged the holding of a Lodge of Instruction, especially during the winter months. I had the pleasure of meeting here three Past Masters, W. Bros. Dr. Davey, Watson and Murray. There is first rate material in this lodge and I am told they are now increasing in numbers and doing well. I have not received return for "information of D. D. G. M.," nor have I received any copy of summons for a considerable time.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber: I visited this lodge on 31st October, and found an attendance of 16 out of a total membership of 26. Past Masters Mann and Scherer were among those present. Junior Warden, Chaplain and Tyler were absent. There was work in second and third degrees. Both degrees were conferred in a very creditable manner by the W. M., W. Bro. A. J. Brown, fairly supported by his officers, who, however, would do much better with more practice. Good material in the lodge, and the prospects are also I believe good.

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg: This good old lodge I visited on 7th November. The W. M., W. Bro. T. J. Harris, who is most highly respected here, was present, but not feeling very well asked Past Master Patten to confer the second degree on a candidate who was in waiting. W. Bro. Patten did the work very well, considering that he was not expecting to be called on, and was fairly supported by the officers. Number present, 14, (among whom was Past Master Webber) out of a membership of 36. I find now the number is 42. Many by occupation sailors

cannot attend regularly. The sum of $94 has been paid by the lodge for relief. Total arrearage only $24. Insured for $300. Prospects good.

Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe: On 21st November I visited this lodge and had the pleasure of meeting R. W., Bro. Dr. Lumley, a most zealous and enthusiastic Mason. Number present about 30. The W.M., W. Bro. G. M. Harrison, conferred the second degree well and was fairly supported by the other officers. S. D., J. D., I. G. and one Steward absent, however. Total membership, 38. Amount paid for relief, $30. Arrearages, $65. Average attendance, 15. No debt. Small surplus on hand. Insurance, $600. Prospects very fair. Past Masters present on occasion of the visit, W. Bros. A. McIntyre, J. S. Harris, W. S. Rogers and W. J. French.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington: Visited this lodge 23rd December. This was the night for the election of officers. There was also work in the third degree. I was informed that the number of members was 68. Between 30 and 40 were present. The W.M., E. C. Foster, conferred the third degree in a highly creditable manner; was fairly supported by his Wardens and other officers. Amongst those present were Past Masters W. C. Coulson, M. G. Hetherington, A. T. Bristow and J. F. Sherwood. I have no return of information from this lodge, but I believe its prospects are very good.

Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor: This lodge was visited by me on 2nd January, 1891. There was a very large attendance, between 60 and 70, many of whom were visitors from Detroit. An interchange of visits and social courtesies is, I am told, quite frequent and highly appreciated on both sides. The brethren of Windsor Lodge meet in the same fine room that accommodates Great Western Lodge as also the Chapter and Receptory of Windsor. The W.M., J. S. Edgar, was present and opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees. But as he has for a considerable time been in poor health he called upon Past Master Morgan to confer the third degree on a candidate who was in waiting. This W. Bro. Morgan did in an impressive manner, well assisted by the Wardens and other officers or those who represented them. The S.W., Chaplain, S. D., J. D. and I. G. were absent. I had very great pleasure in meeting here my highly esteemed brother, R.W. Bro. Clarke, as also Past Masters D'Avignon, Grosscup, Adams and Park. Total membership in the lodge is 52. Amount paid for relief, $20. Arrearages, $166. Insurance, $300. Prospects of lodge financially and otherwise good.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: I paid official visit to this lodge on 6th March. There was a smaller attendance than there would otherwise have been owing to its being the day immediately following the General Election. The number present was 18. Average attendance, 35. Total membership, 52. The W.M., W. Bro. E. H. Moran, was evidently not in good health and asked the assistance of Past Master J. Davidson in conferring the third degree. This assistance was rendered in a cheerful and effective manner, and the W.M. showed that notwithstanding his indisposition he knows his work well. Past Masters present, W. Bros. Davidson, W. B. Albertson and A. J. Campbell. Prospects of the lodge good, I believe. I have not received return of information.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville: I visited this lodge on 26th March. There was a large attendance, between forty and fifty, amongst whom were Past Masters S. T. Copus, C. G. Fox, A. C. Black and Geo. Melott. The brethren here have a fine lodge room and everything in good order, and I had much pleasure in observing the very impressive and correct manner in which the W.M., R.W. Bro. Dr. Allworth, conferred the third degree on a candidate who was in waiting, ably assist-

ed by Wardens and other officers. I have not received return of information, but I know that the prospects and position of this lodge are excellent.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham: I paid an official visit to this my mother lodge on 6th April. There were between 30 and 40 members present, amongst whom I was very glad to see R. W. Bro. McNabb, so long and favorably known in this district, R.W. Bro. Milner, also well known and highly appreciated, V.W. Bro. Johnston, Grand Steward, V.W. Bro. Joseph E. Peers, Grand Sword Bearer, and W. Bro. Houston. This was the first occasion on which the W.M., W. Bro. Robert Riddell, had to confer a degree, and he conferred the first degree on two candidates who were in waiting in a most correct manner, ably assisted by his Wardens and other officers. It was also the first time for the J.W., Bro. R. P. Dolson, to deliver the long lecture required of him. I am glad to say he did it admirably without the slightest mistake. Number of ordinary members, 83. Life members, 4. Total, 87. Average attendance, 26. Paid for relief, $35. Amount on hand, including Benevolent Fund, about $300. Prospects of lodge financially and otherwise good. Insurance, $700. The room is a large one, well furnished and decorated, and occupied conjointly with Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, and Wellington Chapter, No. 47.

Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville: My official visit to this lodge was made on 24th April. There were present about 20 members, amongst whom were three Past Masters, W. Bros. E. Aitchison, D. Johnson and G. B. Fleming. The W.M., W. Bro. H. A. Willson, opened and closed in the several degrees, and called upon W. Bro. Aitchison to confer the third degree on a candidate who was in waiting. This the W Bro. did in an impressive and creditable manner. There is not a large membership in this lodge—under thirty I believe—but it is composed of excellent material and its prospects are promising.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne: I visited this lodge on 15th May and was accompanied by the W. M. of Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Past Masters Hugill, Kirkpatrick, Dorland, and several other brethren of same lodge. About twenty-seven members were present, including Past Masters McFate, R. Stalker and P. Stalker. W. Bro. Stalker conferred the first degree, and W. Bro. Dr. Dorland, of Rodney Lodge, in a most impressive and able manner conferred the third degree. The work in all respects was very good. Number of members, 35. Prospects financially and otherwise very good I understand, but in this case as in most others I have not return of information for D.D.G.M.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim: On 18th May I officially visited this lodge. The first degree was conferred on a candidate in waiting in a very correct and impressive manner by the W. M., Bro. W. G. Collins, ably assisted by the Wardens and other officers. The W. M. immediately afterwards opened and closed in the second and third degrees. Everything was very well done indeed. Twenty-five members were present, amongst whom were W. Bros. J. K. Morris, H. Faust, Jno. Nichol and C. Senior. Total membership, 51. Amount paid for relief, $24. State of lodge financially good and prospects excellent.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden: I visited this lodge on 29th May. It was raining heavily, which somewhat affected the attendance. Twenty members, however, were present, amongst whom were Past Masters J. B. Carscallen, W. H. Switzer, S. McVean, and D. V. Hicks. The first degree was conferred on a candidate very correctly by the W.M., Jas. H. McVean, assisted by W. Bros. Carscallen and Switzer. The W. M. then opened and closed in the second and third degrees in a correct manner, ably assisted by his Wardens and other officers. The

Junior Warden, Bro. W. McVean, delivered the lecture required of him to the candidate in first degree in a manner I have never seen excelled. This is the only lodge in the district in which I was assured that every member had fully paid up his dues. There is no arrearage whatever. Total membership, 44. Small surplus on hand. Insurance, $400, and prospects good. I also visited the lodge on the occasion of the visit of the M. W. the Grand Master, 11th November, when there was a large and appreciative audience who expressed great pleasure at his visit and address.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown: On the 15th June I visited this lodge. The heat was excessive; it was I believe the warmest day and night of the season so far, and of course very materially affected the attendance. There was no work on hand, but the W. M., V. W. Bro. B. Paine, opened and closed the lodge in the several degrees, and exemplified the work in third degree with a volunteer candidate. V. W. Bro. Paine is an experienced Master and renders the work correctly in every particular. I had the great pleasure of meeting here two esteemed Past Masters, W. Bro. Middleditch and M. Hay. Total membership, 68. Average attendance, 27. Amount paid for relief, $50. Arrearage, $69. Prospects of lodge fair. I had also the great pleasure of meeting the M. W. the Grand Master at this lodge on the 14th November, when he delighted about 70 brethren by his visit and most interesting address.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell: I had tried on several occasions to pay an official visit to this lodge, but was obliged from various causes to postpone it, and, after all, on the day appointed, 17th June, the W. M., W. Bro. W. R. Hickey, was called away on professional business. However, we had a very fair meeting, W. Bro. Rheintgen, P. M. of Florence Lodge, No. 390, acting as W. M. There was work in the first and second degrees, and in conferring these degrees W. Bro. Rheintgen proved himself an efficient substitute for the W. M. The weather was warm, but there was an attendance of 18. The Wardens and other officers discharged their duties fairly. Total membership, 23. Only one member over 12 months in arrears. Insurance, $160, and no debt that the lodge is unable to pay. Prospects fair.

Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence: I paid this my final visit on 19th June. Nearly thirty present, amongst whom were Past Masters Clarke and Carey, of Florence Lodge, and W. Bros. J. Davidson, W. B. Albertson and S. Hoyle, of Tecumseh Lodge, Thamesville, with several other brethren from that village. The W. M., W. Bro. Lawrence, opened and closed in the three degrees, and called upon W. Bro. Walter Drew, a Past Master of Florence Lodge, to confer third degree on candidate who was in waiting. This W. Bro. Drew did in a very correct and impressive manner. I have not yet received usual return of information for D. D. G. M. from W. M., but believe that this lodge has very fair prospects.

Albion Lodge, No. 80, Newbury: This lodge has been pratically dead for some years and at a meeting held on the 18th day of May this year at which the M. W. the Grand Master was present, it was decided to surrender their charter, which has accordingly been done. This will tend to strengthen the neighbouring lodges of Wardsville, Bothwell and Glencoe, and in my opinion it was the best course to pursue, as a very weak or dormant lodge only serves to injure the cause it should strengthen and support. Two or three strong and active lodges in a section of country are infinitely better than five or six weak, struggling ones. And now that Albion Lodge has been disposed of I am glad to say that there is not a weak, inactive lodge in the district. Some may

be weak numerically, but they show vigorous symptoms of life and are advancing rather than retrograding.

The Masters in most cases can work the three degrees. I do not think that at present there is a W.M. in this district who cannot at least open and close in the several degrees and confer the first degree. In all cases, suggestions, hints and instructions given by me have been received in the true brotherly spirit in which they were given. I have been treated by all in a courteous and hospitable manner. All did their best in the work and I cordially thank them for their kindness. The points on which I have laid particular stress in addressing lodges are holding Lodges of Instruction, regular payments of dues, careful exercise of the ballot in rejecting all doubtful material, prompt and regular attendance at the lodge, especially on the part of officers, and last, but not least, endeavoring to exemplify in our lives and conduct the fundamental principles and essential parts of Masonry.

I granted dispensations to the following lodges to attend Divine service on various dates, viz.: Parthenon, No. 267; St. George, No. 41; Sydenham, No. 255; Kent, No. 274; Leamington, No. 290; Howard, No. 391; Central, No. 402; Rodney, No. 411, and Naphtali, No. 413.

Death has removed from us in this district, several esteemed members, amongst whom are W. Bros. John G. Kolfage, Wm. Bungey and James Gott, all of Thistle Lodge, No. 34; Bro. Robert Marcus, of Howard Lodge, No. 391, and Bro. Robert Laird, of Leamington Lodge, No. 290, and Bro. Gordon of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245.

The returns containing information for D.D.G.M. cannot be made up till after 24th June, and the D.D.G.M.'s report should be in Grand Secretary's hands by the 1st July. Now very few returns reach the D. D.G.M. in time, and I think there should be some change in this respect.

While the Secretaries in this district are generally good and efficient, many of them exceedingly so, there are several who are remiss in forwarding to D.D.G.M. copies of summonses, regular or emergent.

I had the pleasure on 24th June, at Kingsville, of acting, by instruction of the Grand Master, in laying the foundation stone of Epiphany Church. I had here the assistance of R. W. Bros. T. C. McNabb and E. Allworth, and a very large number of experienced Past Masters, officers and brethren from surrounding lodges.

In the month of November, 1890, the lodges in Essex Centre, Dresden, Bothwell, Glencoe, Ridgetown and Amherstburg were honored by a visit and lecture from M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, the Grand Master, at two of which I had the pleasure of being present. These visits were received with delight by the brethren and were highly beneficial to this district besides being very helpful to the D.D.G.M.

In conclusion let me say that harmony prevails in the First Masonic district, not a single complaint has been made during my term of office, and I sincerely trust that my successor may have an equally agreeable time in discharging his duties..

JAMES BIRCH, D.D.G.M.,
Chatham, 4th July, 1891. First Masonic District

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:

With feelings of respect and pleasure I herewith submit my second report on the condition of Masonry in the St. Clair District, No. 2.

During the past Masonic year I have visited every lodge at least once, and several of them twice, and in my visits I have allowed the ordinary work of the lodges for the evening to be gone through with, and in those lodges where there was no work, I called for exemplification of one of the three degrees, and I find that the work over the district is commendable, as regards its quality and uniformity. I have endeavored as far as I have deemed it consistent with the principles of the Order, to encourage lodges to introduce at their meetings social mirth, as I considered it would increase the attendance. I with pleasure re-appointed Rev. Bro. Gunne, of Burns Lodge, No. 153, District Chaplain, and W. Bro. P. M. Cockburn, of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, as District Secretary, and to both I herein express my sincere thanks for kindly assistance rendered. Never in the history of the Craft has this district been so greatly honored as it has been in the past Masonic year. Mooretown, Point Edward, Forest, Watford, and Mt. Brydges were selected as centres, at which the M. W. the Grand Master gave an interesting and instructive lecture to the brethren of the district. These meetings were well attended, and much benefit derived, not only from the interesting lecture given, but from bringing hand to hand, him who sits and labors in the Grand East, whose territory is provincial, and him who diligently labors in his own vineyard.

Euclid Lodge, No. 366, Strathroy: My first official visit was made to this lodge on Sept. 25th. Officers all present except J. W. They are well skilled in the work, which was exemplified in the passing of a candidate. I again visited this lodge on Oct. 17th, when by request I conferred the third degree on a candidate. Number present, 17.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy: I visited this lodge on Oct. 3rd, and witnessed work in third degree. The work was partly done by the W. M. and a P. M., and was well done. Number present, 19. I again visited this lodge on Nov. 25th, and saw a candidate correctly initiated. Number present, 25. I paid my third visit to this lodge on March 27th; a candidate was expected but did not put in an appearance. Number present, 17.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges: I paid a visit to this lodge at an emergent meeting, held on Nov. 21st, when I had the pleasure of listening to the address of the M. W. the Grand Master. I again visited this lodge on Dec. 27th, when I installed the officers, all of whom are well skilled. Number present, 30.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia: I paid my official visit to this lodge at a regular meeting, on Nov. 25th. Officers were all present. The work for the evening was the passing of a candidate, which was ably and correctly done. This is the oldest lodge in the district and possesses many well skilled brethren. Number present, 20.

St. Clair Lodge, M. D, Port Lambton: This is the infant lodge of the district. I visited same at a regular meeting on Dec. 23rd. Officers all present. The labors of the evening consisted of two initiations and one raising, which was performed in a manner highly commendable. I had the pleasure of welcoming about 20 of our American brethren from Marine City, Michigan, who manifested considerable interest in the work. Number present, 45.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming: I visited this lodge at an emergent meeting, Dec. 30th, called for the purpose of installation under dispensation. I conducted the ceremony, and I have every confidence in the ability and zeal of the officers. W. Bro. Dr. Harvey and the Wardens are among the most active officers in the district, and they are supported by excellent assistant officers. Number present, 40. The officers of this

lodge exemplified the third degree at Lodge of Instruction, held at Petrolia on June 11th, and did it very efficiently.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne: I visited this lodge at a regular meeting Jan. 21st, of which I notified the brethren for the purpose of electing officers and subsequent installation of the same, under dispensation issued by the M. W. the G.M. This lodge, I am sorry to say, has not been recently presided over in a manner that would reflect much credit upon one entrusted with the gavel. A meeting of this lodge was held on Dec. 24th, which was their regular meeting for the election of officers, the ballot for W.M. was collected and reported upon by the scrutineer, giving the S.W. a majority of all the votes cast. The W.M. refused to declare him elected, claiming that he was not duly qualified. The W.M. then vacated the chair and called upon a P.M. of the lodge to assume command, who announced that they would proceed with the election of officers at their next regular meeting. The lodge was then closed. The action of the W.M. having been regularly reported to me I notified the brethren that I would visit Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, on Jan. 21st, for purpose of conducting election and installation of officers. I summoned the S.W. to attend me in order to prove his proficiency, and I found him well skilled in the work, and I reported accordingly to the Board of Installed Masters which were present, and which they accepted in lieu of examination by themselves. Previous to the lodge hour I had an interview with the W.M., who refused to be present, and requested me to make application to the lodge for his demit. By request of P.M. I assumed command of the gavel, opened lodge, stated object and purpose of meeting, appointed the same scrutineers who had been appointed on December 24th, and had a scrutineer to report upon result of ballot for W.M. on December 24th., after which I declared the S.W. duly elected W.M., and proceeded with election of other officers, following with installation, and I am fully convinced that this lodge will be more prosperous in the future than it has been in the immediate past, as its location is excellent. I again visited this lodge at a regular meeting, held on June 17th. Number present, 16. The evening was spent as a Lodge of Instruction and from the interest taken by the officers and members it must progress.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie: Visited this lodge on February 18th, at a regular meeting, officers all present. No work, lodge opened and closed in the three degrees and work exemplified in each. The W.M. has a good knowledge of the work but requires practice to become a proficient worker. As they have done but little work for the past year they are deficient in practice. They have no insurance owing to the fact that they meet in a room occupied and owned by other societies; however it is the only suitable room obtainable in the village. Number present at meeting, 14.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier: Paid my official visit to this lodge on March 20th, at a regular meeting, in company with W. Bro. Pool, W.M., W. Bro. McBeth, P.M., and Bro. Dampier, J.W. of Euclid Lodge, No. 366, and W. Bro. Richardson, W.M., and Bro. Fitzpatrick, of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy. A candidate was expected for the third degree, but did not put in an appearance. The work, however, was correctly exemplified. Number present, 20. I again visited this lodge on June 24th, when I duly installed the officers. A candidate also received the third degree in correct and efficient manner. I cannot allow my report of this lodge to pass without alluding to the worthy Secretary, Bro. H. Thompson, who is one of the oldest workers in Masonry in the district, being now in his 78th year. He has been Sec-

retary of this lodge for 14 years. He lives three miles from the lodge and was never known to be absent from a meeting. He invariably walks, and in his services as Secretary he has walked upwards of a thousand miles, and he displays as much zeal and attachment as ever for the welfare of the Craft generally, and Ionic Lodge particularly.

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford: I visited this lodge at a regular meeting held on March 24th. Officers all present but Deacons. A candidate was correctly initiated. The W. M. is a very correct worker; other officers require to pay a little more attention. Number present, 17.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden: Paid my visit to this lodge at regular meeting on March 25th. Officers at their stations. A passing and raising was the work of the evening. The former was ably performed by the W. M., Bro. Ward, the latter by W Bro. Dr. Seager, P.M. The work was correctly and forcibly given, all the officers being well skilled. Bro. Dr. Seager exemplified the second degree at Lodge of Instruction held at Petrolia on June 11th. Number present at meeting, 19.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs: I visited this lodge on March 26th at a regular meeting, W. M. in the chair, other principal officers absent owing to impassable condition of the highways. There was no work, opened and closed in the three degrees and exemplified portions of each. This lodge is now apparently having its period of depression, but with a little more zeal and push they will soon start on. Number present 11.

Washington Lodge, No. 260, Petrolia: On April 17th I visited this lodge at regular meeting. Officers all present. The work was the initiation of a candidate, which was correctly and ably performed. The officers of this lodge exemplified the first degree at District Lodge of Instruction held at Petrolia on June 11th.

Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, Petrolia: This lodge called an emergent meeting on date of my visit to Washington Lodge, and I consequently paid this lodge a visit on same date. Officers all present. After Lodge No. 260 had finished their labors for the evening, the W.M. and officers of Petrolia Lodge then opened, and passed a candidate in correct and efficient manner. Number present, both lodges, 46.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward: Visited this lodge at a regular meeting on April 13th. Officers present and are all well up in the work. Passed a candidate which was done very satisfactorily and correctly. Number present, 27.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford: April 20th was date of my visit to this lodge. The S.W. was absent, other officers at their post. A candidate was correctly passed. Number present, 14.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest: Paid my visit to this lodge at a regular meeting held on April 22nd. Officers all present. No work. Opened and closed and exemplified work in each degree. The three principal officers of this lodge are well up in the work and can render it in a very effective manner. They are supported by excellent assistant officers. Number present, 17.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Mooretown: Date of my visit to this lodge, April 23rd. Officers present. W. Bro. Dr. Wilkinson still wields the gavel in a masterly manner. They have not been doing much work; however, they are ready at any time to make Masons in a manner highly satisfactory and creditable. The meeting was one of instruction. Number present, 13.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston: I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on May 20th. Officers all present. By request of the W.M.

I conferred the third degree on a candidate. The officers are well grounded and manifest much interest in the work. Number present, 22.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona: At a regular meeting held on May 21st, I paid my official visit to this lodge. Officers all in their places. The work was the initiation of a candidate, which was conferred in a correct and able manner. Lodge also opened in other degrees, and questions pertaining to them asked and answered. Number present, 20.

I held a District Lodge of Instruction in the Masonic Hall, Petrolia, on afternoon and evening of Thursday, June 11th. The meeting was well attended. W. Bro. McColl and officers, of Washington Lodge, No. 260, opened the lodge at 2.30 p.m., exemplified the first degree. W. Bro. Dr. Seager, of Leopold Lodge, No. 397, assisted by officers from Petrolia Lodge, No. 194, opened in the second degree and exemplified the passing. W. Bro. Harvey, W.M. and officers of Burns' Lodge exemplified the third degree. R. W. Bro. John Sinclair, P.D.D.G.M., exemplified the examination of visitors in an able manner, and much information on this point was rendered to the brethren assembled. All the work was freely discussed by brethren present, and much interest manifested. I herein express my thanks to the W. Bros., who by their assistance made the Lodge of Instruction a success.

I have issued dispensations to the following lodges to appear in public clothed as Masons, for the purpose of attending Divine worship:—Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie, September 28th, service conducted by Rev. Bro. Gunne, Dist. Chaplain; Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming, October 26th, and June 28th; both services conducted by Dist. Chaplain; Beaver Lodge, No. 83, and Euclid Lodge, No. 366, Strathroy, May 31st; Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward, June 28th: Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford, July 5th; Moore Lodge, No. 294, Mooretown, July 5th.

The deaths of the following brethren have been reported to me:—Bro. R. C. Carter, of Havelock, No. 323; Bro. R. Brydon, St. John's Lodge, No. 81; Bro. Arthur McDonald and Bro. O. C. Watson, of Victoria Lodge, No. 56; Bro. Wm. Richardson, of Beaver Lodge, No. 83.

The books in all of the lodges have been neatly and properly kept with the exception of those lodges making application to G.L. for Benevolence, and they have all failed to enter in the minute book the date when the W.M. reported the receipt of half-yearly orders for grants.

In the performance of my duties as D. D. G. M., I have travelled upwards of 1200 miles, and all of the lodges have contributed towards paying my expenses.

In closing, I wish to convey to the officers and members of the lodges in this district my sincere thanks for their kindness and courtesy in assisting me in the discharge of my duties.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

(Signed) J. P. WHITEHEAD, D.D.G.M.,
Second Masonic District.

Strathroy, June 29th, 1891.

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M.W. SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit my report as to the condition of Masonry in the Third Masonic District, for the past year. The kindness accorded

APPENDIX No. 2 MASONIC DISTRICT.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership. Total No. of all members.	Membership. Increase during year.	Membership. Decrease during year.	Degrees conferred. E. A.	Degrees conferred. F. C.	Degrees conferred. M. M.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held. Regular.	Meetings held. Emergent	Meetings held. Total	Average attendance of Members.	Amount paid for Relief.	Number of Members in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
56	Victoria	Sarnia	67	4	6	3	5	6	1	1	5	0	0	1	12	4	16	15	...	9	$ 72 06	Dec 27, '90	Good	Good	Yes	Ins.
81	St. John's	Mt Brydges	78	2	6	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	4	2	16	20	$ 15 00	7	80 30	Jun. 24, '91	Good	Good	Yes	Ins.
88	Beaver	Strathroy	66	1	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	2	15	20	101 30	14	146 85	Dec. 27, '90	Good	Good	Yes	Ins.
116	Cassia	Thedford	30	4	0	3	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	11	12	5 00	1	7 00	" 27, '90	Good	Good	Yes	Ins.
153	Burns	Wyoming	50	12	0	13	11	9	0	2	0	0	0	1	14	7	21	20	38 00	13	132 00	Jun. 24, '91	Good	Good	Yes	Ins.
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	68	12	2	9	7	9	3	0	0	2	0	0	8	1	9	10	.....	25	125 50	Dec. 27, '90	Good	Medium	Yes	Ins.
233	Havelock	Watford	64	4	0	5	5	5	4	1	0	2	0	0	14	2	16	18	.....	5	15 00	Dec. 27, '90	Good	Good	Yes	Ins.
260	Washington	Petrolia	60	7	1	6	7	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	13	3	16	24	10 00	1	13 50	Jun. 2 , '91	Good	Good	Yes	Ins.
263	Forest	Forest	...	N	eg	le	ct	ed	to	se	nd	in	a	n	re	po	rt	.....	.....	5	60 00	Dec. 27, '90	Fair	Good	Yes	Ins.
294	Moore	Mooretown	...	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
307	Arkona	Arkona	37	3	5	2	2	2	1	0	2	3	0	0	14	0	14	16	5 00	15	125 80	Jun. 24, '91	Good	Fair	1st & 2d	None
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	50	8	1	8	8	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	5	17	18	.....	24	131 75	" 24, '91	Fair	Good	Yes	Ins.
328	Ionic	Napier	34	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9	8	.....	11	50 00	Dec 27, '90	Good	Good	Yes	Ins.
361	Dufferin	Melbourne	33	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	11	0	11	13	.....	12	100 00	" 27, '9	Fair	Fair	Yes	Ins.
366	Euclid	Strathroy	53	0	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	14	1	15	14	.....	22	165 67	" 27, '90	Medium	Fair	Yes	Ins.
392	Huron	Camlachie	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	12	1	12	12	30 00	22	100 00	" 27, '90	Medium	Medium	Yes	Ins.
397	Leopold	Brigden	32	3	9	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	8	0	13	0	13	12	.....	15	125 0	" 27, '90	Good	Good	Yes	Ins.
419	Bismarck	Point Edward	58	5	1	8	5	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	12	5	17	22	.....	1	8 00	Jun. 24, '91	Good	Good	Yes	Ins.
U.D	St. Clair	Port Lambton	26	7	0	7	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	6	19	12	.....	7	17 50	Jun. 24, '91	Good	Good	Yes	Ins.

me by my brethren in unanimously electing me to this honorable position in July last stimulated me to give as much time and attention as possible to visiting the lodges throughout the district, which number twenty-eight, all of which I have visited once; eleven, twice, and several of them a third time.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London: Visited this lodge Oct. 14th, 1890. Forty members and 45 visitors present. Every officer in his place, routine work and third degree done in a faultless manner, every movement with clockwork regularity, leaving no room for criticism. Much time must have been spent by each officer in so thoroughly mastering every detail of the work. As a mark of approval, the members unanimously elected this staff of officers for a second term, in December last.

I visited again, May 12th, 1891: Forty members and 70 visitors were present, including R.W. Bros. Davis and Dewar, V.W. Bro. Burke, and 20 P.M's., who had gathered together to take leave of the W.M., W. Bro. Ford, who was leaving for New York city. The lodge presented him with a magnificent P.M. jewel and gold-headed cane. At the banquet which followed, W. Bro. Ford gave a capital address replete with eloquent words, counsel and advice. That prosperity might attend him in his new home was the sincere wish of every heart.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London: Am a member of this lodge and attend its meetings regularly. I visited officially, however, on Feb. 4th, 1891. Twenty-five members and 25 visitors present. During 1890 the lodge made rather slow progress owing to the serious illness of W. Bro. Parker. The present staff of officers seem to be well qualified and the lodge is prospering finely. On the night of my visit two candidates were balloted for and four applications received, and the second and third degrees given. The degree work was perfect, neither the W.M., Wardens, nor Deacons making an error, and I do not hesitate to say that it cannot be excelled. W. Bro. Luscombe is a model ruler. At the April meeting, the officers of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, were present, by invitation, and conferred the E. A. degree in an excellent manner. Between these two lodges there seems to be a generous rivalry, but it is a rivalry of love as to who can best excel and best agree. This lodge has a membership of 110, average attendance, 20. Degrees—E.A., eight; F. C., seven; M.M., seven; affiliations, one; deceased, two; meetings held, 11 regular; five emergent; members in arrears over 12 months, 10; total of all arrearages about $50.

St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, St. Thomas: Visited this lodge April 2nd, 1891, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Davis, G.J.W., and Bro. A.D. Hodgins, of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64. About 50 present, including 20 visitors. R.W. Bros. McKay, Slater, and Doherty, P.D.D.G.Ms. are members and were present. V.W. Bro. Dubber presided, and every officer was in his place. The E. A. degree was correctly given, but owing to the late hour the M.M. degree was not exemplified. I agree cordially with the report of my predecessor that this lodge is in fine shape, both financially and otherwise, and is increasing in membership. Degree work at every meeting. At the banquet which followed, the G.J.W. delivered an eloquent address, full of advice and instruction as to our individual duty as members of the Craft. Visited again, July 2nd, 1891, with R.W. Bro. Davis, G.J.W., and W. Bro. Birdle, of Union Lodge, No. 380. Twenty members and six visitors were present. Both deacons absent, rest of officers present; second and third degrees conferred. I had the pleasure of conferring part of the M.M. degree on Bro. T. C. Jones, W. Bro. Birdle conferred the concluding portion of the degree. Number on roll, 117; average attendance, 23; meetings

held, 14 regular and two emergent. Degrees, E.A., 5; F.C., 6; M.M., 7. Total of all arrearages of dues, $186. Prospects and financial standing good. Insurance, $800.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London: Visited this lodge September 18th, 1890; 25 members and 40 visitors present. Every officer on hand. W. Bro. Morgan conferred the first and second degrees in a splendid manner. The charges and lectures were also correctly and impressively given I shall long remember gratefully the kind reception accorded me on this occasion. Visited it again February 19th, 1891; quite a number of visitors present, but only about twenty members, owing to a political meeting. Two petitions received, and third degree conferred by W. Bro. Campbell. The work was finely done, creditable indeed to every officer, and fully sustaining the good record held by this lodge for some years. Visited again May 21st, 1891: 25 members and 50 visitors present, including nearly all the Craftsmen in the city. V.W. Bro. Lewis, on behalf of the lodge, presented W. Bro. Morgan with a fine P.M. jewel, to which he fittingly replied. W. Bro. Luscombe, of St. George's Lodge, No. 42, with his full staff of officers, was present by invitation, and the M.M. degree was exemplified with a perfection of detail which was certainly highly creditable. The chanting of certain portions of the sublime degree by a choir of trained voices under the direction of Pro. Berks, was solemnly impressive. The reception tendered by W. Bro. Campbell and his lodge to their guests was generous in the extreme, and a spirit of brotherly love and fraternity reigned. The Secretary, W. Bro. Overell, keeps the books in excellent order, and they are certainly worthy of imitation. Number on roll, 135; average attendance, 25; meetings held, 12 regular, 3 emergent; degrees conferred, E.A. 5; F. C. 6, M.M., 8; suspension N. P. D., 8; deceased, 1; members in arrears over 12 months, 43; total of arrearage, $315.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley: Visited this lodge December 22nd, 1890, accompanied by W. Bro. Edgecombe, of London. About 25 present. The S.W. absent, but other officers present. The E.A. degree, as well as the lecture, was correctly given by the W.M. The election of officers was also held, and W. Bro. Ellison was re-elected for a third term. Two new Wardens were elected. Prospects fair.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth: Visited this lodge on Christmas Eve, 1890, in company with W. Bros. O'Neil and Norton, of London, both P.M.'s of this lodge. 25 present; 3 candidates balloted for and elected; two of them initiated. The Secretary, W. Bro. Crinklaw, gave one degree, and the W.M. the other. The officers were all present, and the degree work was fairly done. The lecture given by the J.W. was well done. This is one of the oldest lodges in the district, and has quite an array of P.M.'s who take an active interest in the work. The building is owned by the lodge, though not quite free from debt; the members should make an earnest effort to wipe the debt off. This lodge did a kindly act during the year by restoring to membership an aged and infirm brother, who had been suspended for N.P.D. nearly 30 years.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal: Visited this lodge May 5th, 1891, with V. W. Bro. Dubber, of St. Thomas Lodge; 44 at an emergency meeting called to receive me. There was no work, but the lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the evening was spent as one of instruction. The meetings are held regularly, but there seems to be a feeling of apathy and indifference amongst some of the members which does not augur well for the future of this lodge. The books are neatly kept, and dues fairly well paid up, very few being in arrears.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer: Visited this lodge August 27th, 1890, for the purpose of performing the ceremony of healing, under the special authority of Grand Lodge. Officers all present, and about 35 members and visitors. The lodge was opened in the three degrees correctly. Visited again, April 22nd, 1891; about 40 present, and a dozen visitors, among whom were W. Bro. J. A. Smith, of 209a, London, and W. Bro. Penfold, of St. David's, 302, St. Thomas. Officers all present. M.M. degree worked by W. Bro. Rutherford correctly, and in an impressive manner. W. Bro. Rutherford is principal of the Aylmer High School, and makes an admirable ruler. The books are neatly kept by W. Bro. Fear. I am certain this lodge will maintain its high standing in the district. Number on roll, 64; average attendance, 20; meetings held, regular, 12; emergent, 6; degrees given, E.A., 4; F.C., 4; M.M., 4; susp., N.P.D., 6; deceased, 1; members in arrears over 12 months, 6; total arrearages, $50; insurance, $500.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Iona: Visited this lodge on Feb. 27th, 1891, accompanied by W. Bro. J. A. Smith, of 209a, London. Fourteen members and four visitors present; J.D. absent. Lodge opened in the three degrees correctly, and M.M. degree conferred by P.M. Weldon, and was well done. The W.M excused himself, that on account of severe domestic trial and affliction he had been quite unable to perfect himself in the M.M. degree. I have no doubt whatever that in a short time he will be proficient. The lodge seems to be prospering finely, applications coming in at almost every meeting. D. McColl, M.P.P., West Elgin, is an officer of this lodge.

Sparta Lodge, No 176, Sparta: Visited this lodge officially April 20th, 1891, with V.W. Bro. Dubber and Bros. Carl and Drake, of St. Thomas. Twenty-five present, including some five or six visitors. Both S.D. and J.D and I.G. absent. The lodge was opened up, and the M.M. degree conferred. The work was fairly well done by the W.M. This lodge has done little work for some years, yet meetings have been held regularly. Prospects are not bright for the future.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont: Visited this lodge on Nov. 25th, 1890, on which occasion the M.W. the Grand Master lectured on the History of Freemasonry in Canada; about 35 present, including R.W. Bros. Davis and Dewar, and W. Bros. A. Carrothers and Cooper, of London. In this instance the seed sown by the Grand Master has apparently fallen on stoney ground, for I believe but one meeting has been held since. No lodge can thrive, nor will the members have any feeling of satisfaction when the W.M. gives such certain proof of his inability to govern, as was done on the occasion of my visit. This lodge is surrounded by vigorous offshoots, and as her territory is necessarily limited, and as the interest of the older members lessens, the outlook for this mother lodge certainly is not very bright.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London: Visited officially, 3rd Nov., 1890. The J.D. absent; other officers present. The M.M. degree was well done by Bro. Paul. There was nothing to find fault with. The lodge had taken in some excellent material. The visitors were handsomely entertained afterwards. Visited again April 6th, 1891. Fine attendance of members and visitors: every officer present. E.A. degree conferred. Even the most critical could not find fault with any portion of the work. W. Bro. Broderick is a most zealous and expert Craftsman, and every officer seems to be animated with but one desire to excel. I agree with my predecessor that Tuscan Lodge is one of the most successful lodges in the district. Number on roll, 58: average attendance, 20; degrees conferred, E A, 5; F.C, 4; M.M., 8. Only one member in arrears over one year. Total arrearages, $100.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a: Visited officially Nov. 18th, 1890. Every officer and 50 members present and 62 visitors, including 15 P.M.'s. Irish work. It is safe to say that nothing could surpass the superb manner in which W. Bro A. Carrothers and his officers conferred the M.M. degree. Everything was perfect. This lodge has been for some years fortunate in electing to the W.M.'s chair brethren who are active and zealous workers, and it is to their efforts, to a great extent, the success of the lodge is due. It is the largest in the district, and has by far the largest average attendance. Visited again February 12th, 1891, when, in the presence of a large gathering of members and visitors, on behalf of the lodge I presented R.W. Bro. Davis, G.J.W., with a full set of G.L. regalia, and R.W. Bro. Dewar presented W. Bro. Carrothers with a fine gold P.M. jewel, to both of which suitable replies were made. It proved the popularity of both the brethren, and was a practical recognition of their zeal for their lodge. Visited again June 11th, 1891. Fifteen members and a few visitors present. The W.M. and both Deacons absent, the two former being in Kingston attending the funeral of our late Bro. Sir John Macdonald. One candidate received E.A. degree, which was given by R.W. Bro. Davis, G.J.W. I shall long remember the kindly welcome given to me by this lodge on the occasion of my visits. No. on roll, 160; average attendance, 50. Degrees—E.A., 9; F.C., 9; M.M., 6. Susp. N.P.D., 12; No. over 12 months in arrears, 19. Total of all arrearages, $82.00.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Dutton: Visited this lodge March 25th, 1891. Ten members and three visitors present; The S.W. and both Deacons absent. The roads being in such a wretched state may account for the slim attendance. No work, but I caused the lodge to be opened in the three degrees by the W.M. and the evening was profitably spent in instruction. This lodge, which was removed from Wallacetown two years ago, is simply holding its own. The members are paying rental in both places, but are hopeful for the future, although some internal troubles seem to mar their progress. Several eligible candidates have been blackballed and members are afraid to bring in applications.

Springfield Lodge, No. 259, Springfield: In company with W. Bro. Fear, of Aylmer, I visited this lodge January 19th, 1891, and found things in a bad state. Last G.L. return sent 1888. Only four meetings held in 1887, none in 1888, three in 1889, and one in 1890. Only 22 members on roll, and every one in arrears except the Secretary and Tyler (they being exempt by by-law). Occupy rental lodge room, paying $25.00 rental. Furniture had been insured, but policy had expired: dust and neglect visible on every side. Books not audited since 1888. No installation of officers since July, 1886, and the W.M. absent from this jurisdiction for over two years. With the exception of Bro. Lucas, the Secretary, who held the office continuously for twenty years, except one year, members had lost heart. However, we held a meeting and W. Bro. Dr. Mills, an old P.M., conferred the M.M. degree with the assistance of W. Bro. Fear. Seven of the members promised to make one more effort, but although I have written a number of times I have heard nothing from them since. June 30th, 1891, I received a letter from Bro. Lucas to-day saying that no meeting had been held since my visit in January, but he had collected sufficient funds to pay G.L. dues and would endeavor to have a meeting this month to suspend those who will not pay up. They lack a head, the only P.M. seeming to take no interest in the lodge, although capable.

Doric Lodge, No. 229, Lobo: In company with W. Bro. Cooper, of 209a, London, I visited this lodge January 22nd, 1891, and installed their

officers for the coming term. I found the members very much in arrears, in fact over $300.00. Meetings are held regularly and well attended, but unless members are urged to pay they grow careless, and in the meantime the amount increases and becomes a burden. I impressed it strongly on the new W.M. that some action must be taken at once, and I am pleased to say that my request has been complied with. The Secretary, W. Bro. Graham, I do not consider to blame in this case, although laxity in this office is too often the cause of trouble in this regard.

Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale: Visited this lodge March 24th, 1891. All the officers present and about twenty members, all told. The M. M. degree was nicely done by the W.M., W. Bro. Wright, although some slight irregularities were corrected. This is a thriving lodge, and has done considerable work during the year. There are several P.M.'s who attend regularly and take a deep interest in the work. Number on roll, 26; average attendance, 12; meetings held, regular, 12; Emergent, 1. Degrees—E.A. 3; F.C. 3; M.M. 3; Susp. N.P.D. 3. G.L. dues paid up to June 24th, 1891; insurance, $700.00; prospects, favorable; finanancial standing, good.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas: Visited this lodge Aug. 24th, 1890. F.C. degree given by V.W. Bro. Hess, W.M.; work well done. I then installed the W.M., S.W. and I.G. About 30 members and visitors present. Visited again 16th April, 1891. Large number present, every officer on hand except I.G. Two candidates received E.A. degree and M.M. degree also, given by W. Bro. Penfold. Lodge has had a successful year. Hall is convenient, although getting small for present membership. Books neatly kept by W. Bro. Long, an old P.M. Total number of members, 104, largely non-resident; average attendance, 20; meetings held, 12 regular, 2 emergent; degrees, E.A. 9; F.C. 9; M.M. 6. There are 90 members in arrears for dues over one year, making a total of $350, far too large a sum.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London: Visited this lodge 2nd Sept., 1890. Fair attendance of members and visitors. As the candidates for second and third degrees did not come, there was no work, but the lodge was opened in the three degrees correctly. Two applications received. Visited again Feb. 2nd, 1891. Thirty present, including a few visitors. W. Bro. Metherall and his officers conferred the E.A. and M.M. degrees in a correct and impressive manner. I was indeed much pleased at everything I saw, and this year, at least, the lodge can truthfully be said to be the best in the district. Financially, the lodge is said to be in fine shape, and prospects good. They occupy a rented hall which is suitable. Insurance, $500; G.L. returns sent in up to 24th June, 1891; total on roll, 75; average attendance, 27; degrees given, E.A. 5; F.C. 6; M.M. 5; number of members over one year in arrears, 9; total of arrearage, $750.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station: Visited here March 11th, 1891. About 20 present, half of whom were visitors. The S.W. and I.G. absent. One application received, the first in some years. The lodge opened in the three degrees, and proved that the officers were competent, even if they had little to encourage them. However, they were all hopeful of better times, and since my visit two applications have been received, so there are certainly signs of renewed prosperity. Number on roll, 28; average attendance, 9. Twelve meetings have been held; 4 resignations and 4 suspensions N.P.D.; 5 members in arrears over one year, and total of all arrearages, $43. The hall is owned by the lodge. Insurance $500.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 245, Nilestown: Visited this lodge Feb. 17th, 1891. Thirty present, including a dozen visitors. All officers present except S.W. E.A. degree conferred on one candidate, which was well performed, considering it was the W.M.'s first attempt. The other officers did very well. The lodge room is suitable, and the building is owned by the Craft, and money on hand. Prospects are good. Number on roll, 30; average attendance, 12; 11 meetings held; degrees, E.A. 2; F.C. 2; M.M. 2; Susp. N.P.D. 2. Insurance, $400.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware: Visited here Oct. 24th, 1890. W.M. absent, ill. Secretary away. Other officers present. E.A. and M.M. degrees correctly and intelligently given by W. B. Reilly, P.M. (who presided), E. Bro. Sawyer, of St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mount Brydges, assisted in the M.M. degree. Found finances in a bad shape. Books not audited for years, and lodge funds held by several members of the lodge. Audit committee could not get books. Members and visitors' books written in lead pencil. On my return I wrote to W. Bro. Guest, to endeavor to have matters cleared up at once, and all lodge funds placed in Treasurer's hands, and all books carefully audited from this date. I never had any communication from the lodge whatever, until a week ago, upon a second enquiry for information. The returns of officers installed in Dec. last were sent me on Sunday, 14th June, 1891. The members of this lodge, together with a large number of visitors from adjoining lodges, attended divine service in Masonic clothing. No dispensation was procured, and my letter to the W.M., enquiring why this was done, has not been answered yet.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 378, London West: Visited this lodge on Sept. 17th, 1890. Large number of members and visitors present; J. W. absent. Other officers in their places. The W.M., D. R. Smith, conferred the first degree. Work well done. Visited again March 18th, 1891. Two candidates initiated and one passed. W. Bro. Symonds was in the chair, and did the work correctly. I. P. M., Dr. Smith, assisting in F C. degree. Wardens perfect, leaving no room for criticism. Both Deacons absent. This lodge is in good shape, although quite a large number in arrears for dues. Will reduce. R. W. Simpson is Treasurer of this lodge. Number on roll, 59; average attendance, 30; insurance, $500.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston: W. Bro. A. E. Cooper accompanied me on my official visit to this lodge, on Feb. 18th, 1891. No work. Neither W. M. nor Wardens could open the lodge in second or third degrees. The W. M. claimed he should be excused in a measure, because he had been absent from home for some months, but the members are to blame also, in forcing the position on the brother, and that, too, in face of the circular issued to each lodge in the district, in December last. They simply pigeon-holed the instructions contained therein, and elected as their W M. a brother who, although serving as Warden for some years, yet was incompetent as Master of a Masonic lodge. The hall is situated over an open shed attached to an hotel, and with the door of the only ante-room facing the street, the whole being, in my opinion, unsuitable for a Masonic lodge. Number on roll, 28; average attendance, 11. Degrees, E. A., 2; F. C., 1; M. M., 1. Meetings held, 0. Thirteen members over one year in arrears; total arrearages, $115; insurance, $300.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London: Visited this lodge Oct. 13th, 1890. Every officer present and also 20 members and 20 visitors. W. Bro. Stratford conferred the M. M. degree, and the work done was very creditable indeed to each officer. W. Bro. Stratford has proved

an energetic and skilful worker. Visited again May 11th, 1891; 26 members and 20 visitors present; I. G. absent, other officers in their places. Three candidates balloted for and they, together with one other, received E. A. degree. W. Bro. Carrothers did a portion of the work, but the most of it was done by P. M's. Stratford and Birdle. The W. M. cannot work the degrees. The work of all the other officers was good. Books are neatly and correctly kept by W. Bro. Stewart. Last returns to G. L., Dec. 1889. Number on roll, 96; meetings held, regular, 12, emergent, 1; degrees E. A., 15; F. C., 16; M. M., 12; 30 members in arrears, total, about $200.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton: Officially visited this lodge Feb. 23rd, 1891. Thirteen members present, S. W. and J. W. and S. D. absent. Excuse was made that a number of the members lived some distance away, and as preparations were being made for a Masonic ball the following evening, they could not well come both nights. However, we spent the evening pleasantly, the lodge being opened in the three degrees. Many questions were asked and answered. They occupy a rented hall, being cosy and convenient. The lodge is prospering.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford. Visited this lodge Oct. 22nd, 1890, accompanied by about 20 of my London brethren and V. W. Bro. Sutherland, M.P., of Woodstock. All officers and about 50 members present. W. Bro. Dandas, for the first time, conferred the M. M. degree. It was really well done; the other officers competent. Books fairly well kept, and the lodge in good shape generally. Building owned by the lodge, on which they owe $180; insurance on building, $500; contents, $250. I regret to say that a few weeks ago the building was burned, also a portion of the contents. Charter, all books and papers and a portion of the furniture saved. The lodge is meeting at present in the Orange hall. Number of members on roll, 52; average attendance, 34; meetings held, 14 regular and 4 emergent; degrees conferred, E. A., 3; F. C., 3; M. M., 2. Three members in arrears over 12 months. Suspended N. P. D., 1; suspended other causes, 1.

Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville: Visited here Jan. 21st, 1891, with V. W. Bro. Rowat, Nilestown, and W. Bro. Capt. Robson, of Ilderton. Seven members present out of a total membership of 17, but even with this handful the meetings are attended regularly. Dues pretty well paid, but G. L. dues not paid since Dec., 1888. Furniture belongs to I.O.O.F., whose hall they lease, paying $12 a year rent. The candidate for M. M. degree was not prepared, so degree not given. Caused the lodge to be opened up in the three degrees, which was correctly done, and from what I saw, believe the W. M. competent. Though this is the smallest lodge in this district, yet the members are enthusiastic, and as they increase slowly, and fully half of them are P. Ms., they bid fair, before long, to become what will certainly be unique in this jurisdiction, a lodge composed entirely of Past Masters. On Dec. 27th I installed the officers of six city lodges in the Masonic Temple here, viz.: St. George's, No. 42; Kilwinning, No. 64; Tuscan, No. 195; St. John's, No. 209a; King Solomon's, No. 378, and Union, No. 380. The officers of St. John's, No. 20, had been re-elected for another term. The gathering was large and representative, although the night was stormy. I was ably assisted by R. W. Bros. Hungerford, P.D.D.G.M., Davis, G. J. W., V. W. Bros. Burke, A. G. O., and W. Bros. E. Paul, J. D. Clark, W. Skinner, W. Morgan, C. C. Reed, J. Ferguson, A. Carrothers, W. O'Brien, Jas. A. Smith, W. R. Vining, G. A. Somerville, H. T. Ford, R. B. Walker, and many others. From my acquaintance with and knowledge of the newly installed W. M's., I am safe in

predicting that, with probably one exception, the honor bestowed upon them by their brethren will not be misplaced.

I have issued dispensations to the following lodges for the purpose of attending divine service · St. John's, No. 20: and the London city lodges on January 4th, and also June 28th; to Malahide, No. 140; Alymer, June 28th, and St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas, June 28th. At each service the gathering of the Craft was large and representative. Notably in this city, on 28th June, where 400 of the Craft marched to St. Paul's Cathedral and listened to an excellent sermon by M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon O'Meara, of Winnipeg, the P.G.M., G. Lodge of Manitoba. On this occasion the collection was for the benefit of the Masonic Hospital, Morden, Manitoba. I also procured dispensations for Lodges 44 and 140 to elect and instal officers on nights other than those fixed by by-laws. I find that quite a number of lodges in the country do not scruple to not only elect but instal their officers on dates quite independent of their by-laws. This is irregular, and I have pointed it out to the lodges which have been guilty of the practice. Another custom I find quite common, in fact almost general throughout the district, is that the Secretaries omit to insert the names of members and visitors, and lodges hailing from, in their minute books. This should be done in every case, and I have called the attention of the Secretaries to the omission. During the latter part of November this district was favored with a visit from the Grand Master, who addressed large gatherings of the Craft on six different occasions. I know from personal observation and enquiry that his visit has deepened the interest and love for the Craft in nearly every part of the jurisdiction, and the eagerness with which the brethren gathered around him and the long journeys undertaken in order that they might hear him, make me firm in the belief that the Grand Lodge must adopt some such method or delegate the duty to a trusted and efficient officer in order to restore and retain the interest of a number of the weak lodges in the country districts. While I am pleased to record the fact that, on the whole, the condition of Masonry in No. 3 District is hopeful, and members, with very few exceptions, are thoroughly alive to the best interests of the Craft and every movement calculated to aid its progress and advancement, yet I am confident that the employment, under the authority of the Grand Lodge, of some skilled brother, thoroughly competent to instruct and teach, who would hold district or sectional Lodges of Instruction, would awaken a renewed interest, correct irregularities and secure uniformity in the work. On May 2nd I called a meeting of the P.M.'s, W.M.'s and Wardens of the eight city lodges to discuss the notices of motion coming before the Grand Lodge at the approaching session. The meeting was large and representative, and the discussion was full and free. The result was forwarded by me to M.W. Bro. Murray, Hamilton, Chairman of Special Committee on Laws and Constitution.

Although a number of the brethren have died during my term of office, no official report has been made to me concerning them. I cannot but speak of the laxity of the Secretaries in not giving full information as required. More than half of the lodges have not forwarded the report containing statistical information as to the standing of each lodge, blanks for which I distributed some time ago. My thanks are due to R.W. Bros. Hungerford, Davis and Dewar for advice and counsel during the year. To the latter I am under special obligations. R.W. Bro. Davis, G.J.W., visited many of the lodges and accompanied me several times while making official visits. His reception was at all times cordial and his remarks were well received. My unanimous election in July last to this responsible office, unsought on my part, led

me to expect generous treatment and considerate forbearance. My expectations have been more than realized, and the brethren in every part of the district vied with each other in ministering to my comfort and convenience, and making my term of office as pleasant as possible. I have honestly endeavored to do my duty. While the year has certainly been a prosperous one, it has not been altogether a harmonious one. According to the instructions from the B. of G.P. I investigated the appeal of Bro. Wm. Scarrow against St. John's Lodge, No. 209a. I submitted the evidence taken, with resolution of the lodge bearing on the case, to the Grand Master, who dismissed the appeal. In the case of a P.M., who had appealed to me against the decision of his lodge for having suspended him for U.M.C., I gave the matter due attention, examined the evidence submitted, and dismissed the appeal.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

A. B. MUNSON, D.D.G.M.,
Third Masonic District.

London, July 3rd, 1891.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:—

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the Fourth District. I did not pay any official visits during the first few months, as M.W. the Grand Master had covered in his official tour a large number of the lodges. I am pleased to state that these visits had a most salutary effect. On Nov. 19th, 1890, I held a Lodge of Instruction at Seaforth as being the central and having one of the largest lodge rooms in the district. It was well attended by brethren from Thedford, Clinton, Goderich, Hensall, Blyth, Baden, Mitchell and Kincardine. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. Bowes, of Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford; the second by W. Bro. Ball, Maitland Lodge, Goderich, and the third by W. Bro. Wood, Tudor Lodge, Mitchell, the opening and closing in the three degrees being by V.W. Bro. Wm. Ballantyne and officers of Britannia Lodge, Seaforth. The work was correctly exemplified and a very pleasant and profitable time was spent. The following is an account of my official visits:

Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 133, Exeter: Visited Jan. 19th, 1891. The officers exemplified the first degree and the opening and closing in the three degrees, also examination of a candidate seeking admission to a lodge. The work was done fairly well. This lodge is in a flourishing condition. Members present, 27; visitors, 4; average attendance, 20; financial condition good, and dues well paid up.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Park Hill: I visited this lodge Jan. 20th, '91. The officers were all present and a candidate passed to the second degree. The W.M. and officers gave an accurate explanation of the work. The prospects are encouraging for Doric. It has an excellent staff of officers. There were 16 members present and 3 visitors. The average attendance is 15, and dues are well paid up.

Craig Lodge, No. 214, Ailsa Craig: I visited this lodge, but could not get a meeting. This lodge has not met for some time, and I think that the warrant should be called in. I saw many of the members and they did not think it was any use trying to revive the lodge. My predecessor, R.W. Bro. Duff, endeavored several times to get the brethren to take hold but failed.

New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, New Hamburg: I visited this lodge Jan. 26th, being the regular meeting. There was no work on, but the W.M. and all the officers were present, and the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees and the work fairly done. The officers should have more practice. There were 12 members present and 12 visitors. The average attendance is 13; dues are well paid up.

Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton: I visited this lodge Jan. 30th. The W.M. and officers were present. A candidate was initiated by the newly elected W.M., after which the lodge was opened in the second and third degrees. With the exception of the W.M. all the officers have only been in the fraternity about eighteen months, and they deserve credit for the excellent way in which the work was given. The other lodges will have to look sharp or Clinton Lodge will claim the credit of being banner lodge of the district. There were 27 members present and 3 visitors. The average attendance is 20, with a total membership of 68, with 65 clear on the books—an excellent showing.

St. James Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's: I visited this lodge on Feb. 2nd, 1891, at the regular meeting. One candidate was passed and another raised to the third degree. Both degrees were well worked. There were 20 members present and one visitor. The average attendance is only 7, and the dues are well paid up.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall: I visited this lodge March 19th, at the regular meeting. A candidate was raised to the third degree, and the work correctly done. The W. M. is determined that Zurich Lodge will take first place among the lodges of the Fourth District. The prospects of the lodge are good. There were 20 members present and one visitor. The average attendance is 17. Dues are well paid up.

Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden: I visited this lodge March 27th. As it was a stormy night the attendance was not as large as usual. The W. M. and officers were all present. A candidate was initiated, and the work well done. There were 13 members present. The average attendance is 14. The prospects are good, the dues well paid up, and the books neatly kept.

Blyth Lodge, No. 303, Blyth: I visited this lodge on March 31st, 1891. The W. M. and all the officers present. One candidate was initiated and one raised. The W. M. exemplified the first degree, and P. M. Dr. Carder the third. Both of the degrees were well worked. There were 30 members present. The average attendance is 15. The dues are well paid up, and the lodge is in a prosperous condition.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford: I visited this lodge on April 2nd, 1891, and was greeted with a large turn out of the brethren in Stratford. The W. M. and all the officers present. The first degree and the opening and closing in the second and third, were correctly exemplified. There were 40 members present and one visitor. The average attendance is 25. The dues are well paid up, and the membership increasing.

Maitland Lodge, No. 33, Goderich: I visited this lodge on April 14th, 1891, the W. M. and officers being present. The first degree and the opening and closing in the second and third were exemplified. This is W. Bro. Park's first year in the chair, and he has the work perfect. There were 20 members present. The average attendance is 18, and the dues are well paid up.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Smith's Hill: I visited this lodge April 15th, 1891, and had a splendid meeting. A number of the brethren from Blyth were present, and the W. M. and I. P. M., and several of the officers of Maitland Lodge, Goderich, were present. A candidate was initiated, and the opening and closing in the second and

third degree exemplified. W. Bro. Ball, Goderich, delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board, and W. Bro. Park delivered the charge extempore. W. Bro. Munroe did his work correctly. There were 30 members present. The average attendance is 13, and the dues fairly paid up.

Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell: I visited this lodge April 9th, 1891. The W. M. and officers were present. The W. M. opened the lodge in the three degrees. The W. M. did his work fairly well, but would be the better of a little more practice. Members present 15. Average attendance 12. This lodge is not as prosperous as I would wish, but I hope for improvement in the near future.

Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford: I visited this lodge on Dec. 8th, 1890. The W. M. and all the officers present. The lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the work correctly done. Stratford Lodge is one of the best worked lodges in the district. There were 25 members present. The average attendance is 20. The dues are well paid up, and the books properly kept.

Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan: I visited this lodge May 21st, 1891. The W. M. and all the officers present. The W. M. opened the lodge in the three degrees, and did the work fairly well. A little more practice is required. They have a good set of officers, who seem to take a great interest in the lodge. There were 25 members present. The average attendance is 15, and the dues are nearly all paid up, and the books well kept.

Britannia Lodge, No. 170, Seaforth: I visited this lodge on April 6th, 1891. The W. M. and officers were present. The first degree was exemplified, and the opening and closing in the second and third degree, and the work fairly done. There were 26 members present. The average attendance is 20. The dues pretty well paid up.

I have issued dispensations to allow brethren clothed as Masons, to attend divine service—to Lebanon Forest, No. 133; Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford.

I thank the brethren for the kindness with which I have been greeted, and assure them that I look back on my visits during the year with pleasure.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. WHITE, D.D.G.M.,
Mitchell, June 27th, 1891. Fourth Masonic District.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 5.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.—

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 5, for the past year.

Having been elected to the important office of D.D.G.M. during my necessary absence from Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, I would take this opportunity of thanking the brethren of the district for the honor conferred upon me and for the uniform kindness and courtesy with which I have been received by them in discharging the duties which my election has imposed upon me. After paying one or two visits I thought nothing could exceed the kindness of my reception, but I had to complete my visitations before I could realize to what extent the brethren would go in doing honor to the representative of the Grand Master. During the year the district has been honored by the M. W.

the Grand Master, who visited eight of the fifteen lodges within its bounds, and delivered his lecture on the History of Craft Masonry at each visit. Much interest was taken by the brethren in these visits, and the enthusiasm produced by them has acted beneficially on the lodges.

I have officially visited all the lodges in the district. All my visits were made at regular meetings, except in one case where a lodge desired to hold an emergency meeting to overtake the work, and I took advantage of this meeting to pay my visit. At each visit the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, and one of them worked. Some years ago I had the pleasure of visiting several lodges in the district, and I was not then impressed very favorably with the character of the work done. I commenced my official visits with this impression strongly fixed, and it is but fair to the lodges to state that I am pleasantly surprised at the great improvement I found in them. The statistical table at the end of this report shows that considerable work has been done during the year, and, judging from the character of the material presenting itself, I am satisfied substantial gains have been made. In too many lodges, however, the question of dues is not in a satisfactory state, the greatest lack being in those lodges which have considerable funds on hand. If the promises made by the officers in this connection be carried out, improvement will be noticed by my successor. The following lodges are deserving of special mention for their good showing in this particular: St. Lawrence, No. 131; Wingham, No. 286; Forest, No. 393; Saugeen, No. 197; Teeswater, No. 276.

Many lodges also make a practice of handing to the newly initiated candidate a copy of the By-laws printed 20 or 30 years ago, and without any note to indicate where the By-laws have been amended or where they are at variance with the Constitution. Old copies of the Constitution are frequently given out in the same way. While visiting the lodges my aim was to give instruction where it was needed, and strengthen the hands of the officers in their work—this I considered of more value to the lodges than the delivery of formal addresses. I am glad to be able to report that all lodges in the district are active and doing a fair share of work.

Following is a brief report on the different lodges, based on observation of the work done and evidence gleaned at the time of my visit. For statistical information of all kinds reference is made to the appendix at the end of this report.

Forest Lodge, No. 162, Wroxeter: My first official visit was made to this lodge, Dec. 22nd, 1890; 16 members were present and the second degree worked by the regular officers. The work of the W. M., S. W. and subordinate officers was very well done; that of the J. W. might be improved upon. No meetings of this lodge were held from March to October, 1890. Since that time considerable interest has been taken and good progress made. Bro. Miller, who is acting Secretary, is a painstaking officer and his books are in good shape, but there is altogether too large a sum outstanding against the brethren. The Treasurer's book showed nearly $100 in the treasury and this has since been considerably increased. I recommended the procuring of some additional books, the better to preserve the records of the lodge, and I believe this has been attended to. Had the pleasure of meeting V. W. Bro. Shaw, of Brussels. After closing the lodge the wives and daughters of the brethren took charge and a very pleasant hour was spent socially.

Bruce Lodge, No. 341, Tiverton: I visited this lodge on Dec. 23rd, 1890, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Martyn and V. W. Bros. Macpherson

and Miller, of Northern Light Lodge; 31 members present. The third degree was worked by the regular officers. The W. M., W. Bro. Henders, is an excellent worker and is fairly supported by the other officers. The lodge building is owned by the brethren and is very comfortable. While the books of the lodge are well kept, I consider them marred by the large sums standing against some of the brethren. I urged the officers to take some steps towards remedying this evil, either by remitting the dues, compromising with those in arrears, or suspension, but in some way to deal with it. The prospects of the lodge are very good, and considerable work is being done.

Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton: I paid my first visit to this lodge, January 13th, 1891. The attendance was small, owing chiefly to the fact that this was the third meeting of the lodge within little more than two weeks, the Grand Master having visited the lodge just five days previous. A second visit was made on May 12th, attendance, 27, including W. Bro. Mickle and three other brethren from Chesley; third degree worked. This lodge makes a practice of taking the third degree in three sections, the W. M. taking one part and the two P. Ms being called on to take the others. I commend this feature. On this occasion V. W. Bros. Harris and Clark assisted W. Bro. Birss. Bad work is not known in the lodge. Under efficient officers, and numbering amongst its members such enthusiastic Masons as R. W. Bros. Gunn and Green, V. W. Bros. Harris and Clark, etc., the lodge is not likely soon to lose its reputation of being one of the best worked lodges in the jurisdiction. In no lodge are the financial affairs better looked after, the arrears at any time being a very small sum. Both Secretary and Treasurer are capable officers, and their books are in good shape. A new issue of the By-laws would be in order.

St. John's Lodge, No. 234, Brussels: Visited January 20th; attendance, 20, including R. W. Bro. Wade, P.D.D.G.M., now of Owen Sound. The second degree was worked in a manner to reflect credit on the officers. The books of the lodge are in good hands, V. W. Bro. Shaw being a model Secretary. Only in the matter of dues could fault be found. The lodge has considerable funds on hand, and considerable work has been done during the twelve months preceding my visit. The absence of the W. M. in the North-west during the latter part of the year has thrown the management of the lodge on the P. Ms. In no lodge in the district is a more fraternal spirit shown.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: I visited this lodge January 21st. The hall is the largest and best furnished in the district, and I found the brethren to be enthusiastic Masons. A large number was present on the occasion of my visit, and I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Hyndman, W. Bro. Miscampbell, M.P.P., and others here. The work of the evening was an initiation, and it is simple justice to state that I consider it the most perfect initiation ceremony that I observed during the year. All the officers are deserving of praise, and W. Bro. Irwin is to be congratulated on his assistants. In the past the business affairs of this lodge seem not to have been well managed, and it is only lately that this part of the officers' duty has received the attention that it should. For about eight months last year the same member acted as Secretary and Treasurer. The outstanding arrears, which a year ago amounted to over $100, have been reduced to $21.

Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, Paisley: Visited this lodge January 23rd. The third degree was worked by the W.M. on the night of my visit. The S.W's. chair was occupied by W. Bro. Richardson, who has been the stay of this lodge for several years. On this occasion he was paying

his last visit previous to his departure for Strathroy. The work of the W.M. and subordinate officers was fair; that of the J.W. considerably under the mark. The Secretary is efficient and his books are in good shape. I did not see the Treasurer's books, and was informed that he does not attend lodge. Considerable work has been done by this lodge during the year, and the prospects are very fair; the lodge is financially well off; there is a laxity in dealing with arrears. The hall is small but appears to be large enough for the attendance.

Forest Lodge, No. 393, Chesley: My official visit was paid to this lodge, February 3rd, 1891. I was accompanied by R.W. Bros. Gunn and Green, and V. W. Bros. Clark and Harris, and other brethren of Saugeen Lodge. The night was stormy, as some of the Walkerton brethren have reason to remember, still the attendance was 29. The third degree was worked by the W.M. and regular officers, and it is but just to say that the work was well done by all without exception. This lodge ranks amongst the best officered and best managed in the district, though a few years ago it was in a deplorable state. W. Bro. Mickle, W. Bro. Stewart, and the other brethren who labored to bring about this result are deserving of all praise. The hall is commodious, and tastefully furnished, and a spirit of enthusiasm is manifest that promises a bright future for the lodge. The books are well kept, and the dues well in hand, the arrears at the time of my visit being only $9.

Fordwich Lodge, No. 331, Fordwich: I paid an official visit to this lodge on February 19th, accompanied by W. Bros. Edy and Wyness of Harriston. Though the membership is but 26, there were 20 present to meet me, and otherwise an interest was shown that is very commendable. The lodge room is very small, but the W.M. said it was the intention to have it enlarged as soon as spring opened. The first degree was worked by the W.M. and regular officers in a very fair manner. The Secretary's book is in good shape, but the other books are not, and the arrears require looking after. Many questions were asked and answered, and some time spent in giving instruction which the brethren appeared to appreciate.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 93, Kincardine: Visited March 4th, 1891. Several brethren of Old Light Lodge were present on the night of my visit. This is the largest and wealthiest lodge in the district. The brethren own their hall, valued at $3,000, besides other property, and I understand that their income from investment is sufficient to pay all the ordinary expenses of the lodge. The cash on hand at the time of my visit was about $300, while the arrears averaged about a dollar a member. The first degree was worked by W. Bro. Fox, P.M., who opened and closed in the others. This was the only feature of my visit that I did not like, the W.M. doing no part of the work, though I understand he is quite capable of doing it. The brethren of Northern Light have been particularly kind to me during the year. I had the pleasure of meeting some very old Masons here, some of whom are completing their half century in the Order. The Secretary's books are well kept, and the prospects of the lodge are of the brightest. With R.W. Bro. Martyn to keep a fatherly eye over the lodge there is little likelihood of its falling into second rank. Including visitors, the attendance on the night of my visit was 46.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 131, Southampton: Visited March 10th; 31 members present. This, though an emergent meeting, was a very successful one; three brethren were raised to the Master's degree. V.W. Bro. Nokes, assisted by W. Bro. Macaulay, performed the work in a very creditable manner. The former is an enthusiastic Mason, and

under his management St. Lawrence is making substantial progress. The hall, which is owned by the brethren, and is kept fully insured, has lately been fitted up at an expense of nearly $200, and is now quite attractive. The W.M. reports no arrears for dues and about $150 in the treasury. The books are in good shape, though the removal of the Secretary has caused some inconvenience. But eight meetings were held during the year. An evidence of the care shown in the admission of strangers was given the night of my visit by the rejection of a visitor whose "rustiness" prevented him coming up to the standard of W. Bro. Nokes.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 363, Tara: Visited March 20th, 1891. Attendance 20, among whom was my predecessor in office, R.W. Bro. Bruce. W. Bro. Sword, assisted by the regular officers, conferred the second degree in a very creditable manner. The brethren have a fine hall, and an inventory of lodge furniture is kept in connection with the insurance. Credit is due to the Secretary for the state of the books, but the practice of taking the rough minutes on loose sheets of paper was disapproved of. The officers can scarcely congratulate themselves on the question of dues, as nearly one-fifth of the members are over twelve months in arrears. A large sum has been paid by this lodge in relief during the year, and in other ways a truly Masonic spirit is shown. The prospects of the lodge are very good.

Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton: Visited March the 21st. I was unfortunate in the date of my visit to this lodge as the Assize Court was sitting at Owen Sound and Walkerton, and as cases were entered in which many of the brethren were interested their absence was unavoidable. A letter was sent requesting me to postpone my visit, but I had started for that end of the district before receiving it, and did not know of the difficulty until I arrived. It was feared that a quorum could not be got together, but finally an attendance of 11 was secured. In the absence of the W.M. the work of the evening was performed by Past Masters McKim and Irwin, the J.W.'s chair being filled by W. Bro. Johns, of St. Lawrence. These brethren, not expecting a meeting to be held, are to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which the work was done. The lodge is hurt by the absence from the village of the W.M. The Secretary being absent, I was not able to make as close an examination of the books as I would like. My thanks are specially due to W. Bro. McKim for kindness shown me while in Wiarton.

Wingham Lodge No. 286, Wingham: Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Martyn I made my official visit to this lodge on April 21st. W. Bro. Hiscocks, I.P.M., conferred the second degree on a candidate in a satisfactory manner. The Secretary's book of this lodge is a model one. The arrears for dues at the time of my visit were but twelve dollars, and these have since been reduced to about five dollars. Trouble with a late Treasurer and lack of harmony among the brethren are causes which militated against the success of this lodge in the past, but W. Bro. Morton, the Secretary, writes me that the prospects of the lodge are now brighter than they have been for years. The W.M., W. Bro. Groves, is a resident of Toronto, and in his absence the work of this lodge is looked after by P.M.'s Hiscocks and Morton. The attendance on the night of my visit was 25.

Old Light Lodge, No. 184, Lucknow: Visited April 23rd., R. W. Bro. Martyn again showed his interest in the work by running down from Kincardine to be present at the visitation. The first degree was conferred by W. Bro. Hayes and the regular officers in a very fair manner. The Secretary of this lodge is also a very efficient officer, and

leaves no part of his work undone. The brethren own the hall and have spent a considerable sum in repairs during the year. An earnest effort is being made to place the question of dues on a more satisfactory footing. Too many are behind, some of the members having the largest sum against them that I found in the district—three brethren having $42 of the $64 against them. Harmony reigns, and a strong desire is shown to present the work in a manner to reflect no discredit on Grand Lodge. Judged by the reports of my predecessors, this lodge is gaining in all its interests.

Teeswater Lodge, No. 276, Teeswater: This lodge has been dormant and no meeting held from July 1889 to February of this year. After entering on the duties of my office I entered into correspondence with the W. M., with a view of having the lodge resuscitated and again take its place as one of the active lodges of the district. I found W. Bro. Carter very anxious to attain this end, and advised him to get together those of like spirit among the old members and see what could be done. The visit of the G. M. about this time helped to infuse new life into them. About 8 or 10 members were all that could be counted on, owing to removals, etc., but all were anxious to open up again. A suitable hall was rented, comfortably fitted up, and a fresh start made. Five applications for initiation came in the first night, and having promised the W. M. to assist in the work when called on, I went over, accompanied by several W. Bros. of Walkerton, and helped to give these applicants their first degree at a meeting called for the purpose on April 10th. I paid my official visit to the lodge on June 19th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Gunn, V. W Bro. Harris and others from Saugeen Lodge, and had the pleasure of meeting a strong contingent from Wroxeter, headed by W. Bro. Ireland. The work of the evening was two passings and one raising, the work being done by the visiting P. M's. The election of officers took place the same evening, W. Bro. Chapman going to the East. Five additional applications were received this evening, and the lodge seems entering on a career of prosperity. Evidence of the long sleep of the lodge is seen in the rustiness of some of the officers, but the amount of work offering and the earnest spirit shown will overcome this in a short time. The Secretary's book is correctly kept, but some tact will be needed in dealing with the brethren whose dues were running on during the dormancy of the lodge. I congratulate the brethren in Teeswater on the promising start they have made, and will always feel a special interest in their success.

The travelling expenses of the D. D. G. M. have been generously met by all the lodges without exception. No troublesome questions came up for settlement during the year, and harmony prevails in the district. I am particularly pleased at the large number of the brethren who have turned out to meet me on the occasion of my official visit to the different lodges. Of the six hundred and forty-seven members repeated last year, I have had the pleasure of meeting three hundred and seventy-three, or over fifty-seven per cent. of them.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year:—Bro. Greenlees, of Cedar Lodge, Wiarton; Bro. Thomas Johnston, of Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine; Bros. J. S. McDonald and A. McConnell, of Forest Lodge, Chesley; and Bro. Little, of Bernard Lodge, Listowel.

Two lodges, Bruce, 241, and Cedar, 396, have failed to send in returns in time for this report, though I sent two telegrams to each lodge asking for it. In the table which follows, the figures for 1890 are reported in the case of these two lodges for this year, and the comparative state-

ment is impaired to that extent. The summary of work done in the district during the past year brings out the following facts which should be a cause of satisfaction to members of Grand Lodge. The district shows an increase in the number of members; an increase in the number of meetings held; an increase in the average attendance of members; an increase of almost one hundred per cent. in the sum paid for relief; a decrease in the arrears of dues of nearly thirty per cent; a decrease in the number of resignations of thirty per cent.; and a decrease in the number of members over twelve months in arrears of almost thirty-five per cent. In fact there is gain all along the line. It only remains for me to bear testimony to the valuable assistance received during the year from R. W. Bros. Gunn and Martyn, and to acknowledge the helpful services of my District Secretary, Bro. Chas. Astley, whose unremitting attention to the duties of his office has relieved me of much laborious work.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. R. TELFORD, D. D. G. M.,
Fifth Masonic District.

Walkerton, June 30th, 1891.

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada:—

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit my second annual report on the Condition of Masonry, in Wilson District, No. 6. Owing to the duties imposed on W. Bro. J. W. Rippon, District Secretary, 1889-90, by the Masters and P. Masters at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in Kingston, I very gladly re-appointed him for a second term, and am pleased to state that in the discharge of his duties he has given satisfaction to the Craft, and has rendered me valuable assistance, for which I am greatly indebted. The District Secretary was, by resolution adopted at the District Meeting, requested to correspond with the various lodges with a view to raising funds for the purchasing of a new D. D. G. M.'s regalia. So cheerfully did most of the lodges respond that in a few weeks a sufficient sum was collected to purchase a very handsome regalia. At the beginning of the year there were twenty-two lodges in this district, all in active operation and doing good work, excepting two, viz.: Blenheim, No. 108, at Drumbo, and Langton, No. 335, at Langton, both of which have been dormant for some years. As regards the latter I am glad to state that my recommendation in last year's report to have Langton's charter surrendered has been carried out, and that the brethren have given up their charter to the M.W. the Grand Master, who visited this lodge in May. Regarding Blenheim, No. 108, I have the following to report: A petition was presented to me from thirteen brethren of Drumbo and Princeton, asking to have the lodge moved to the latter place, five miles distant. The petitioners assured me that in Princeton and surrounding country there was an excellent field for the support of a Masonic lodge, and it would prove a great convenience to the brethren to have a lodge in their midst, some of them having to travel a long distance to attend their lodges; further, that there was no desire on the part of the Drumbo brethren to attempt the resuscitation of the lodge in that village. After two preliminary meetings had been held in Princeton, and after a very careful investigation of the new field,

I became satisfied that the prospects for maintaining a successful lodge in that village were most encouraging, and accordingly granted the prayer of the petitioners. The first meeting was held on April 20th, 1891, and since that date two more have been held at which nine new members have been added to the roll of old Blenheim. I have little doubt of this lodge standing before many years in the front rank of the lodges of this district. I am quite well aware that in some cases lodges formed under what appeared very auspicious circumstances, have proved failures, but in Princeton there is every reasonable probability of the lodge being permanently supported. During the year I have visited officially all the lodges in the district once, and some oftener; in all, twenty-six official visits were made by me the past year, besides attending the communications of Woodstock lodges and those in the immediate vicinity as often as time permitted or matters of special interest required. Having had during the past two years ample opportunities of observing the condition of Masonry in this district, it is a very great pleasure for me to state that the Craft is flourishing; the lodges as a general rule are well attended, financially prosperous, and the work undertaken by the well skilled and zealous Craftsmen into whose hands it has been entrusted is faithfully and creditably performed. I am of the opinion that those brethren of Wilson District best able to judge will agree with me when I state that the brethren, taken as a whole, love the Order, are jealous of its honor, and are earnestly striving to exemplify within and without their lodges, in their own lives and practice, the excellent principles inculcated in Freemasonry.

This past year many of the lodges of this district were honored by visits from the M.W. the Grand Master, J. Ross Robertson, Esq., who delivered in each lodge visited an able and instructive lecture. The presence of the G.M. amongst the brethren gave them great encouragement and assistance in carrying out the tenets of the Order. His addresses were highly appreciated, and will be long remembered by the brethren. As evidence of the harmony existing throughout my jurisdiction, but one case of complaint has been presented. Not only is good fellowship maintained among the brethren of each lodge, but among the lodges with each other, peace and harmony prevail. As a table is appended to this report showing the work done in the district for the year, and as in this table full details of the standing of each lodge are given, my remarks on each official visit will be brief.

Burford Lodge, No. 106, Burford: My first official visit of the year was paid to this lodge on October 22nd, 1890. The first degree was conferred by V.W. Bro. Miles, W.M., in an excellent manner, the subordinate officers taking their parts well. The attendance was large, the occasion being a sort of festive one, to which the brethren of all neighbouring lodges were cordially invited. About sixty brethren were present from Brantford alone, besides numbers from other points of the district. The brethren have a very handsome lodge room, furnished and equipped in the very best style. The musical ceremony was fine, and no point was omitted to render the work of the evening as perfect as possible. The success of this lodge is greatly due to the zeal and energy of V.W. Bro. Miles, who was the W.M. for some years, and who, rarely, if ever, missed attendance at a meeting of the lodge. In May again I visited this lodge when the new W.M. Bro. Dr. Johnston was present, and with his officers ably exemplified the work of the first degree. This lodge is sure to succeed under its present staff of able and zealous Craftsmen.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, Delhi: Visited November 5th, 1890; attendance fair, work done in the first degree. The brethren have a comfortably equipped lodge room which is rented. On my visit I found only five

members in arrears for dues, which speaks well for their attachment to the lodge. The total membership at that time was forty-three, and the average attendance twenty, an average comparatively higher than many stronger lodges. Liabilities nil. The books of the lodge are in good condition, and all the entries very correctly made by their efficient Secretary, Bro. Hillicker. A unique feature in the management of this lodge is this: an insurance policy of some $12,000 on the life of W. Bro. Cook is carried by the lodge. This lodge has very good prospects of a successful career.

Vienna Lodge, No. 237, Vienna: Visited November 6th, 1890. V.W. Bro. Jno. McDonald, with W. Bro. Wood and others of Tilsonburg, accompanied me on this visit. Work was exemplified in the first degree to the satisfaction of the brethren. W. Bro. J. H. Teall has been for about nine years in his present position, and has kept the brethren well together. The hall is comfortably furnished; liabilities, nil, and arrearages are not of a serious character.

Oriental Lodge, No. 181, Port Burwell: Visited November 7th, 1890. W. Bro. Davidson, W.M., was unavoidably absent, and the lodge was in charge of W. Bro. Burwell, P.M., who is a good stand-by to the brethren and can always be relied upon to assist them as occasion may require. The building in which the members meet is owned by the lodge; their hall had been recently furnished, and is now in splendid order, comparing favorably with any in the district. The total number of members at the time of the visit was thirty-three. The Secretary did all his duties to the satisfaction of the members. Their liabilities are nil, and the lodge is financially sound.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich; Visited November 26th, 1890. W. Bro. T. B. Phepoe, W.M., presiding. There was a very large attendance of the brethren of the lodge and visitors, as it was the occasion of a Masonic re-union. About seventy were present from Brantford alone, besides many from surrounding sister lodges. The W. M. and his officers conferred the first degree in such a manner as to win the commendation of all the brethren present. The books are kept in a neat and orderly manner, and the dues fairly well collected. There are no liabilities. Amount paid out in relief, sixty dollars. The brethren had a magnificent banquet prepared for the visiting brethren, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. This lodge is among the very first of the district, a condition greatly owing to the skill and ability with which its affairs have been for some years managed by W. Bro. Phepoe, who I regret has moved to West Toronto Junction. I also visited this lodge on the 24th of June, and installed a new staff of officers, who, I feel assured, will maintain its high standing. I was also present at divine service with the brethren on Sunday, September 14th, 1890. R.W. Bro. Rev. R. J. Craig, Grand Chaplain, G.L.C., officiated and preached a most eloquent and instructive sermon. The attendance was large, and the whole arrangement of the ceremony so perfect as to reflect the highest credit on the Order.

Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, Plattsville: I visited this lodge Dec. 26th, and installed the officers. No degrees were conferred, but the W. M., whom I have seen in the East since, is well skilled in the work. This lodge is in excellent condition; but few members are in arrears. The books have been kept for some years by a most exemplary Secretary, Bro. Geo. Sauer, who has left the town, to the deep regret of the brethren. Everything in connection with the management of the lodge indicates liberality, zeal, and attachment for the Order.

Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe: Visited Dec. 29th, R. W. Bro. Boyd, Grand Registrar, W. M., was in the chair. As the work of in-

stallation occupied the time, no degrees were conferred. The new W. M. I am informed is doing excellent work. At the time of my visit I found too many of the brethren in arrears; doubtless this has been remedied to some extent since. The brethren have a fine hall, handsomely furnished, and in all its appointments well suited for the work intended. There are no liabilities, and a fairly good membership. The books of the lodge are properly kept. The subordinate officers are well skilled Craftsmen. With such advantages this old historic lodge should maintain a good record.

Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover: Visited officially Dec. 30th, 1890, W. M. and subordinate officers present. The attendance was large, and the work of the evening, apart from the installation of officers, a sort of Lodge of Instruction. The books of the lodge are all satisfactorily kept, the finances in good shape. The W. M. and his officers are capable of exemplifying well the work in the three degrees. Meetings have been regularly held throughout the year, 19 in all, at which there was a fair average attendance. The finances are in a healthy condition, and the prospects of the lodge are good.

Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford: Visited Dec. 30th, 1890. In the afternoon I had the pleasure of dedicating and consecrating a new lodge room, the old hall, as I mentioned in my report of last year, having been burnt. There was a good attendance of the brethren and visitors, and a deep interest was taken in the ceremony. The brethren of Wilson Lodge have shown remarkable pluck and energy in procuring and equipping their new hall. As everything in the old was destroyed, an entire new outfit was required. This has been provided, and the members have now one of the finest lodge-rooms in the district. Further evidence of their financial soundness is the fact that there is no indebtedness. The membership is not to say large, being only 63, but they are brethren of the right stamp. In the evening I installed the new officers. Deep regret was felt by all at the absence, through illness, of W. Bro. Massacre, who has so successfully conducted for years the affairs of the lodge. The subordinate officers are all competent brethren. The prospects of this lodge are excellent.

Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland: I visited this lodge on New Year's eve, and though the rain poured in torrents the hall was filled. The W. M., Bro. Winegarden, was present and all his officers. The chief work of the evening was the installation of officers, V. W. Bro. Miles, of Burford, No. 106, assisting in the ceremony. The new W. M., Bro. Eddy, has, I understand, done the work for the past six months very efficiently. The dues are all fairly well paid, and the books are kept in a satisfactory manner. Great credit is due to the retiring W. M., who labored zealously and perseveringly for years to bring No. 193 up to its present good condition. I have no fear of the new officers allowing it to retrograde.

Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock: Visited Jan. 2nd, 1891. The work of the evening was chiefly the installation of officers by dispensation from the G.M. The attendance was large, the spacious hall being well filled with the brethren and visitors from sister lodges. I have enjoyed many opportunities of witnessing in this lodge during the past year the work of the immediate past and present staff of officers, and on all occasions have seen the work most efficiently done. In my opinion, to find a brighter staff of officers in the jurisdiction of G.L. would be a somewhat difficult matter. The books of the lodge are correctly and systematically kept, and every detail of the business of the lodge most carefully attended to, excepting perhaps in one respect, namely, delin-

quent members are not dealt with as promptly as circumstances demand; notwithstanding this, the lodge is sound financially, and prospects never more favourable.

Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip: Visited Jan. 22nd, 1891. The work of the evening was the installation of officers. The attendance was good. W. Bro. Leitch, I.P.M., had charge of the lodge for three years, and handed it over to his successor in good working order. The new staff are brethren of ability, and no doubt will give their services faithfully and zealously to the work. The brethren own the building in which they have their lodge room, the lower story being rented. They have but few members in arrears. The Secretary, re-elected, keeps the books in a creditable manner. The by-laws are probably the most correct in the district, and were provided for the lodge by the favour of the M.W. the Grand Master. The liabilities are nil. There is no reason save indifference on the part of the members why the lodge should not prosper.

Vittoria Lodge, No. 359, Vittoria: This lodge was visited Feb. 19th, 1891. Owing to the fact that there was a political meeting that evening, the lodge communication proved a failure. I am able to state, however, from examination of the books and information furnished by the W.M. and Secretary, that the lodge is in good condition. The brethren have a fine, well-furnished hall, which is the property of the lodge. The books are well kept, and the dues of the members well paid. Not having seen any work performed by the present staff of officers, of their efficiency I cannot speak.

Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan: Visited this lodge Feb. 20th, 1891. The I.P.M., Bro. Smith, had charge of the lodge in the absence of the W.M., who was unable to be present, being on his way from an important meeting that evening in Toronto. The attendance was not very large, the subordinate officers all being in their places. The hall is the property of the lodge, and is a fine, spacious room, very well equipped. The indebtedness in the way of Grand Lodge dues is considerable. The books are well kept by W. Bro. James Ryan, a very enthusiastic Mason. There is a considerable amount of work done in this lodge, and I have no doubt, judging from what I saw of the efficiency of the officers on the occasion of my visits, is done fairly well. I hope that the present staff of officers will redouble their efforts to bring the lodge up to the high standard it had years ago.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg: Visited March 25th, 1891. Attendance fair. All the officers of the lodge present. The W.M., Bro. J. F. Wood, exemplified the first degree in a very creditable manner. The brethren have a very fine lodge room, handsomely furnished, and everything in connection with the Order here indicates love and zeal for the Craft. The lodge has been unfortunate during the year in losing two very valued and highly esteemed officers, Bro. McDonald, for many years Treasurer, who died last August, and Bro. Dewar, Secretary, who has moved to New York. The lodge is financially sound. The books are well kept, and "Excelsior" is the motto of the brethren.

St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll: This lodge was visited March 20th, 1891. Attendance very good. The officers were all present. The W. M., Bro. W. Parks, with his officers, exemplified the work in the first and third degree in a most satisfactory manner. The Secretary, Bro. W. Ewart, who has held this position in the lodge for some twenty years, is no novice in the work, which a glance at his books shows. The lodge is very prosperous, some fifteen degrees having been conferred this year. The condition of the lodge financially is fair, and all Grand Lodge returns have been sent in up to date.

St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris: Visited March 27th. The attendance was lower than is usual on occasions of this kind, owing doubtless to the severe storm of that evening. W. Bro. J. H. Fisher and his officers exemplified very ably the work in the first and second degrees. The books of the lodge are well kept and the dues well collected, there being but two members over a year in arrears. The brethren have a good hall, well furnished and equipped for the purpose intended. The membership is not large, nor is the lodge wealthy, yet the whole is a credit to the district.

Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton: This lodge had a meeting on the 20th April, 1891, for the purpose of re-organization. The brethren of Plattsville, the nearest neighbor to the old lodge, turned out in force to lend a helping hand in the good work. An exemplification of raising and lowering the lodge was given by W. Bro. Marshall, Plattsville. The brethren have not yet a hall of their own, but expect to have one shortly. On this evening four applications were presented for initiation and five for affiliation. I visited No. 108 again on May 17th, when W. Bro. Henderson, Plattsville, and myself initiated four new members and five affiliated. The W.M., Bro. Patten, at subsequent meetings presided and carried out the work like an old veteran. I had the pleasure of installing the officers on June 26th, the old Master of Blenheim, W. Bro. Patten, having been re-elected Master. The W. Bro. is one of the best skilled Masons in the district, and in his hands the lodge cannot fail to prosper. He is well supported by an efficient staff of subordinate officers.

Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Embro: This lodge was visited April 23rd, 1891. The attendance was fair. W. M. Bro. Munro and his officers were present. Not much work was done, as the time of the evening was spent in investigating a charge against a demitted member. However the W. M. and his subordinate officers do the work of the lodge well. The books are well kept and the business of the lodge most carefully looked after by a very efficient Secretary. Although the brethren have been dealing very strictly of late with delinquents, the arrearages are still too high. The liabilities are nil. All dues to G. L. are regularly and punctually paid. The condition of the lodge financially is fair, and the prospects favorable.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll: I visited this lodge June 5th, 1891. A pretty fair representation of the membership were present. W. Bro. J. P. Boles, W.M., exemplified the work of the first degree in an excellent manner. There is one feature that the Ingersoll brethren of both lodges give special attention to, and that is the musical part of the ceremony. In this they excel the other lodges of the district, excepting Burford, where nothing is left undone to render the work as perfect and pleasing as possible. Although the brethren have been applying the knife pretty freely in lopping off the barnacles, there is still quite a large amount of arrears; twenty-two members out of the sixty-four being over twelve months in arrears. The financial condition is fair and the prospects good.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock: The communications of this lodge I attended pretty regularly throughout the year, but made my official visit on the 25th June, when I installed the newly elected officers. The work of the lodge has been for a good part of the year in the hands of W. Bro. J. W. Rippon, District Secretary, the W. M., Bro. McGachie, having moved to Ingersoll. A fairly good year's work has been done—twenty-six degrees having been conferred. The lodge is on a very good financial basis. The exemplification of the work has been

most satisfactory. The books are neatly and correctly kept and the business of the lodge in every respect carefully attended to. It may be mentioned that the equipment and furniture are the joint property of the two lodges, and is fully insured. By reference to the tabular statement it will be seen that the membership is ninety, the average attendance nearly twenty-five; the number in arrears for dues eight, not a large number considering the total membership. The prospects of the lodge are very good.

It is a great pleasure and satisfaction to me to be able to report that all the Masters in the district are capable of working the three degrees, many of them in a very superior manner, so that in no case is a lodge dependent on a P.M. to perform the work. This is certainly a matter of congratulation.

With a view to stimulating the brethren to deliver lectures on Masonic or other interesting topics in their lodge when time will permit, some of the brethren have begun this pleasing duty. Foremost in this work is R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin, P. G. R., who has given a very interesting course on the symbols and principles of Masonry to the Woodstock Lodges, and one lecture to Burford Lodge. The R. W. Bro's. lectures had been very favorably received by the brethren, and it is hoped that others will be led to follow his example.

I have pointed out to some lodges the desirability of having their by-laws revised. Many of them contain clauses which are not in accord with the constitution. Some of the copies I examined have not been revised for many years and are now quite archaic. Many alterations have been made in our constitution, and with these alterations the by-laws conflict. I would suggest that most of the lodges should have their by-laws inspected and revised by competent brethren. I may mention that Oak Branch, Innerkip, has possibly the most correct by-laws in the district, this lodge having been favored with a copy of by-laws by the M. W. the G. M.

The death roll of the district for the present year contains the names of the following brethren: Bro. McDonald, Treas. of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, Tilsonburg, a most faithful, zealous brother; Bro. J. H. Millar, an esteemed member of St. John's, No. 104, Norwich; Bros. Cornelius Kerr, R. McLeod and E. G. Thomas, King Solomon's, No. 43, and Bros. Neil McKinnon and C. H. Whitehead, of Oxford, No. 76, Woodstock; all deeply regretted by their Masonic brethren, and by all others to whom they were known. The above names are all that were reported to me during the year.

I had the honor and pleasant duty of installing the W. M. and officers of the following lodges:—

Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, Plattsville, Dec. 26th, 1890; Norfolk Lodge, No. 10, Simcoe, Dec. 29th, 1890; Erie Lodge, No. 149, Port Dover, Dec. 30th, 1890; Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford, Dec. 31st, 1890; Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland, Jan. 1st, 1891; Oxford Lodge, No. 76, Woodstock, Jan. 2nd, 1891; Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, Innerkip, Jan. 26th, 1891; St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Norwich, June 24th, 1891; King Solomon Lodge, No. 43, Woodstock, June 25th, 1891; Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, Princeton, June 26th, 1891.

It is a matter of special gratification to me to be able to state that brethren well qualified to fill the responsible positions of officers of these lodges have been selected.

Since my appointment to office I have nad my attention drawn to cases where lodges have lost their funds in consequence of not having taken sufficient caution to secure them. Treasurers were allowed to use

and bank the moneys of the lodge to their own credit, and if securities were given they were mere men of straw. I would recommend that lodges keep their funds in some chartered bank, wherever available, to the credit of the lodge, to be withdrawn on signature of the Treasurer and authorized by the Secretary, with the impression of the seal on the cheque. If this precaution be not followed, some other, at all events equally good, should be taken to have the moneys of the lodge safe. I have granted dispensations to several lodges to appear in public in Masonic clothing at divine service, and have been assured that all things have been done decently and in order, and that the services attended gave pleasure and profit to the brethren.

In concluding this report I again thank the brethren of Wilson District for the high honor of being elected twice D.D.G.M. by a unanimous vote. In return for such confidence I have endeavored to the best of my ability to discharge the duties entrusted me, and to promote in every way the good of Masonry. I have also to thank the officers and members throughout the district for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me whenever I have visited the lodges either officially or otherwise, for the liberal and generous manner they contributed towards my travelling expenses and personal comfort. I sincerely hope that the acquaintanceship formed with so many will ripen into a lasting friendship, and I assure all the brethren that I shall always remember with pleasure the two years that I occupied the office of D.D.G.M. of Wilson District.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

D. H. HUNTER, D.D.G.M.,
Woodstock, July 1st, 1891. Sixth Masonic District.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:—

I have the honor to submit to you the following report of the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District, for the past year.

The district contains 21 lodges, all of which I visited at regular meetings of the different lodges, no notice being given of my intended visit to any. I was desirous to see how each lodge was worked, and not what they could do, had the due notice of my intended visit been given.

I will omit giving the number of members present on the occasion of my visits.

I feel not only a pride, but great pleasure, in being able to report that peace and harmony prevail in all the lodges throughout the district. There are no complaints, or grievances of any importance, in fact, none sufficient to be brought under the notice of the Grand Lodge.

My first act was to appoint Bro. George Irwin, District Secretary, which position he has filled to my entire satisfaction, and to him I now desire to tender my sincere thanks. I had the pleasure of visiting several lodges, in company with the M. W. the Grand Master, and am much pleased to know that his visits have done much good, infusing new life into every lodge he has visited.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: I visited this lodge and found the attendance fair, considering the warm weather. The W. M. and officers conferred the second degree to my satisfaction. Every officer from the W. M. down could do his work thoroughly. I had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Bro. Mahoney, and a number of Past Masters and brethren from Speed and Guelph Lodges. Although not in possession of the report of the Secretary, I am satisfied, from the manner in which

TABLE SHOWING THE WORK DONE IN WILSON DISTRICT FROM JUNE 24th, 1890, TO JUNE 24th, 1891.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership.		Degrees conferred.			Affiliations.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held.			Average attendance of Membs.	Amount paid for Relief.	No. of Members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
			Total No. of all membs.	Increase during year.	Decrease during year.	E. A.	F. C.	M. M.							Regular.	Emergent.	Total.									
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	70	0	2	6	6	4	0	0	0	3	0	1	11	1	12	25	$ 79 20	14	$2 0 00	Jun. 24, '91	Good	Encourag'ng	Yes	$ 700 00
42	King Solomon	Woodstock	64	0	9	4	3	3	1	0	0	7	0	5	14	1	15	22	113 00	22	149 75	" 24, '91	Good	.....	Yes	300 00
68	St. John's	Ingersoll	90	0	3	6	10	10	1	1	1	7	0	3	14	5	19	24	55 50	8	132 00	" 24, '91	v.fair	Good	Yes	Yes.
76	Oxford	Woodstock	112	9	7	6	5	4	0	0	1	6	0	0	...	...	14	18	none.	7	75 00	" 24, '91	Fair	Good	Yes	300 00
78	King Hiram	Tilsonburg	84	5	0	4	4	5	2	0	1	3	0	0	14	1	15	...	17 00	47	250 00	" 24, '91	Good	Good	Yes	1,200 00
82	St. John's	Paris	48	3	0	3	3	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	7	2	9	10 00	4	.....	" 24, '91	Good	Good	Yes	400 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	81	0	3	6	6	6	3	2	2	5	6	0	2	13	8	21	60 00	2	.....	Dec. 27	Fair	Good	Yes	.....
106	Burford	Burford	79	16	5	11	4	4	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	13	9	22	25	.....	49 25	" 27	So'nd	Good	Yes	200 00
108	Blenheim	Princeton	17	9	0	4	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	re	or	ga	ni	zed	Apr	il	20	10 91	.....	Good	Good	Yes	2,000 00
113	Wilson	Waterford	63	13	0	12	10	8	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	14	5	19	15	30	167 00	" 27	Good	Good	Yes	.....
140	Erie	Port Dover	49	5	3	5	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	11	25	22	.....	.....	.....	Good	Good	Yes	200 00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	48	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	8	0	8	10	12	36 10	Jun. 24, '91	Good	Good	Yes	None.
178	Platterville	Plattsville	36	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6	1	7	13	13	59 50	" 24, '91	Fair	Fair	Yes	600 00
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	55	3	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	5	16	9	.....	27	81 00	Dec. 27, '90	Fair	Fair	Yes	300 00
198	Scotland	Scotland	26	2	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	13	14	.....	4	25 50	Dec. 1890	Good	Good	Yes	1,500 00
217	Frederick	Delhi	34	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	12	2	14	15	.....	13	58 31	" 1890	Fair	Fair	Yes	250 00
227	Vienna	Vienna	31	10	3	9	9	8	1	0	0	3	0	0	12	2	14	13	.....	8	42 50	Jun. 24, '91	Good	Fair	Yes	1,400 00
250	Thistle	Embro	29	4	8	4	3	3	0	3	2	7	0	0	14	2	16	13	.....	1	.....	" 24, '91	Good	Good	Yes	None.
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	20	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1	15	12	30 00	13	84 53	Dec 27, '90	Good	Good	Yes	300 00
335	Langton	Langton	20	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	2	14	12	10 00	9	78 00	" 27, '90	Fair	Fair	Yes	Yes.
350	Vittoria	Vittoria	Ch	ar	te	r	S	ur	re	nd	er	ed	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	3	21 00	Jun. 24. '91	Fair	Fair	Yes	200 00
			44	4	0	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	13	12	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes.
																			.....	2	52 50	Jun. 24, '91	Good	Fair	Yes	.....
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they do their business, and the state of their books, that their financial affairs are satisfactory. The suggestions I made to the lodges, and to the Masters personally, were always kindly received, and I hope they will be carried out.

I have granted dispensations to the following lodges to appear in public, clothed as Masons, for the purpose of attending divine service:—Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston, Sept. 8th; Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville, June 28th; Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus, June 28th; Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston, June 28th.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin: I visited this lodge Aug. 26th. The attendance was fair, considering the warm weather. The heat was oppressive, so much so that it was impossible to expect large meetings. It afforded me much pleasure to meet with R. W. Bros. Dewar and Forsyth on that occasion. As Past Masters they take a great interest in the lodge, and everything works smoothly. W. Bro. Peterson, W. M., and officers, initiated a candidate to my satisfaction. The Secretary's books are well kept, and every item is properly recorded. The lodge has a membership of 84, with an average attendance of 35. The dues are well collected, and arrearages are very small. The lodge is in a good state financially, prospects bright, and lodge property fully insured.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: Visited this lodge Aug. 27th. Attendance good. The W.M. and officers conferred the third degree in a very creditable manner. The lodge has a membership of 45; average attendance, 20. Lodge dues collected promptly, thereby enabling it to have funds to its credit, and good prospects as to the future. The books are well kept, and with the assistance of R.W. Bro. Jardine (who is an enthusiastic Mason, one willing to aid the officers and members in their work), New Hope Lodge cannot but prosper.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: I visited this lodge Oct. 7th. The W.M. had no work to present. I examined the Secretary's books and found that they were well kept. The arrearages of the lodge are such that I advised the W.M. to have them collected or suspend the brethren. The latter measure I presume has been resorted to, as it appears the lodge is decreasing in numbers. However, the decrease is caused by the weeding out of non-paying members, who, I hope, have already seen the error of their ways. The membership is 52. The future prospects of the lodge are good.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville. Visited this lodge officially Sept. 23rd. Attendance above the average. The W.M. and officers initiated one candidate and raised two, in a very creditable manner. All the officers are well up in their work. The J.W. gave a lecture on tracing board, which did him credit. The Secretary's books are exceedingly well kept. Total membership, 83; increase during the year, 12; average attendance, 30; only three members in arrears; lodge finances good. I may here state there is a benevolent fund in connection with the Harris Lodge, which has been found to be useful. The lodge is at present carrying an insurance policy for a brother who was unable to meet his payments, and would, if the fund referred to had not been in existence, certainly have lost the amount he had paid. W. Bro. Browne can work the three degrees thoroughly. Furniture, etc., fully insured. The lodge is well officered, and the prospects are the brightest.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: Visited this lodge Sept. 24th, accompanied by W. Bro. J. C. Browne, W.M., Harris Lodge, No. 216. Not having any work to present, the W.M. of 271, at my request, opened and closed the lodge in the three degrees in a very satisfactory manner. Being personally acquainted with many of the brethren, I spent a very

enjoyable evening. Total membership, 43; average attendance of members, 12. The dues are fairly well paid up. The financial position of the lodge is good, with fair prospects of success. W. Bro. Campbell, W.M, is well skilled and can work all the degrees to perfection.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: Visited this lodge at an emergency, Sept. 26th. W. Bro. Scott, W.M., and officers, conferred the first and third degrees in an able manner. Although situated in a small village, the brethren are enthusiastic Masons, and are supporting the lodge by their regular attendance and good work. I visited this lodge again on June 17th, when the W.M. and officers conferred the first and second degrees in an efficient manner. The J.W. gave the lecture on the tracing board. Scott Lodge is forging ahead, so much so that it is intended to build a lodge room at an early date, that will be a credit to the Valley and pride to the Craft.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: I visited this lodge Oct. 7th. There was a fair attendance of the brethren, many of them P.M.'s. There being no work, the W.M. opened the lodge in the third degree. W. Bro. Shupe is enthusiastic, and his officers are well skilled. The degrees are conferred in a satisfactory manner. There is a membership of 52, which shows a decrease of 19, owing chiefly to the number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. The average attendance is 25. Financially the lodge is in good standing. Prospects good, and property well insured.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur: Visited this lodge Dec. 26th, in company with the M.W. the Grand Master. There was a very good attendance of the brethren, each of whom seemed to enjoy the meeting. I visited the lodge again on Jan. 20th, and installed the officers-elect, since which time the meetings have been regularly held. I am inclined to think Prince Arthur will pull up again. They have had ten meetings during the year, and initiated two candidates. They have their Grand Lodge dues paid up to date. Have no members in arrears. The financial position is much improved, and the prospects are brighter than ever. The lodge furniture is fully insured. W. Bro. Neil, the W.M., is able to work the three degrees, but is rather slow in answering communications.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: I visited this lodge in company with the M.W. the Grand Master. I notified the lodge twice of my intention to visit. I was, however, wired not to go, for what reason I cannot tell. Surely the members of St. Alban's were not afraid to meet the D.D.G.M. The lodge meets in a room belonging to another society, by dispensation. I informed the W.M. that a proper lodge room must be procured for the members of St. Alban's to meet in. I think them very dilatory in not having one of their own before this. The average attendance is 11; financially the lodge is improving, but prospects are not bright. The W.M. can work the three degrees well. Lodge furniture is insured for $200.

Ayr Lodge, No. 172, Ayr: Visited this lodge Jan. 15th. Average number of members present. I was pleased to meet R.W. Bros. Forsyth and Dewar, and also Bros. Eaton and Hall, of Grand River Lodge, No. 151. There being no work except installation of officers, R.W. Bro. Forsyth performed the ceremony impressively. The building in which the lodge room is situated is the property of the lodge. I was surprised to learn that there was a lodge of another society usually met in the lodge room of Ayr Lodge, and I at once gave instructions to have it removed. The financial position of the lodge is excellent, and the prospects are all that could be desired. The W.M. can work the three degrees in a satisfactory manner.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: Visited this lodge May 26th; the attendance was good. There being no work on hand the W. M. and officers exemplified the first degree in an able manner. Total number of members, 109; increase during the year, 3; average attendance, 28; brethren in arrears, 27. The W. M. is using every effort to have outstanding dues collected, and I have every confidence that he will be successful. Notwithstanding the arrearages, the lodge is in a good state financially; although Speed, contrary to its name, has not made much speed numerically, it is pleasing to notice that as a lodge there are bright prospects for its increase in the future. The W.M. and officers can work the three degrees correctly. I had the happiness of meeting with R. W. Bros. Scoon and Mahoney, so well known as valued members of the Craft. Waverley and Guelph Lodges were well represented by the W.M.'s, P.M.'s and brethren.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: Visited this lodge February 27th. The attendance was small on account of another meeting being held in the town. The W.M. and officers conferred the second degree in an able manner. Membership, 48. The dues are well collected, and the lodge is in a good financial position. The W.M. can work all the degrees, and the Secretary keeps his books in good order. The lodge property is insured, and with R.W. Bro. Hyndman and P.M.'s who take a great interest in the lodge, its affairs cannot but prosper.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph: Visited this lodge March 10th. The attendance was very good both of members and visiting members from Speed and Waverley lodges. Guelph is a live Masonic city. The members of the different lodges make it a practice to visit each other, which I think is very commendable. W. Bro. Beckman, the W.M., and officers are well skilled. They conferred the second degree on a candidate in a very creditable manner. The books of the lodge are very well kept. The lodge, I am pleased to know, is prospering, with every prospect of a continuance.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: Visited this lodge March 16th, 1891; average attendance. It afforded me much pleasure to visit this lodge, which I am proud to say is my mother lodge, and in whose welfare I will ever take a deep interest. W. Bro. Biggar, the W. M., and officers, conferred the second degree in a manner deserving of credit. The S. W. gave a lecture on the tracing board in a style that was very satisfactory. According to my predecessor's report the lodge was not progressing very well. I am glad, however, to be in a position to state that the W.M., officers and members deserve credit for bringing Clifford Lodge to a state of high proficiency. They have recently renovated their lodge room, and by special subscription raised enough to remove a large debt with which it was encumbered. The lodge now is in good financial standing. The books are well kept, and I must say that it was with great pleasure and satisfaction that I witnessed the interest taken in the lodge by the old P.M.'s.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: I visited this lodge, March. Good attendance. It afforded me much satisfaction to meet with the brethren of this lodge. W. Bro. Telford, the W.M., conferred the second degree very efficiently. The lodge is in a good position financially. The books are neatly kept. I am pleased to know that the lodge is prospering. W. Bro. Mockler, I.P.M., takes a deep interest in the lodge.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: I visited this lodge on March 30th. The attendance was fair and included a number of P.Ms. The W.M. and officers initiated two candidates in a very satisfactory manner. Number on the roll, 53; average attendance, 23; the arrearages

are large; however there is a good prospect that they will soon be cleared up, a committee having been appointed to collect all outstanding dues. Notwithstanding the amount due, the lodge is financially in a good position, with good prospects in the future. W. Bro. Eddy can work all the degrees. Lodge property well insured.

Conestoga Lodge, No. 295, Drayton: Visited this lodge March 31st. The attendance was fair. As there was no work, the W.M., Bro. Adams, opened the lodge in the three degrees. The lodge has not been making the progress it should have made considering the opportunities. If the brethren would only take a little more interest in building it up, success would soon crown their efforts. Punctuality in answering correspondence should be more strictly attended to, of which the brethren, whose duty it is to attend to this matter, will please make a note. The books are fairly well kept. Financially the lodge is in a good position. I regret very much to state that owing to the carelessness of the W.M. in not forwarding the information required, I am not in a position to report more fully.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: Visited this lodge April 17th, 1891. Average attendance. W. Bro. Clarke, the W.M. and officers initiated two candidates in a very efficient manner, the J.W. giving the lecture on the tracing board in a very impressive manner. This is a splendidly working lodge and a credit to the district. The W.M., P.M.'s and members are enthusiastic Masons. I was very happy to meet R.W. Bro. Macdonald. He it was that initiated me into the mysteries of Freemasonry some 16 years ago, while acting in the capacity of D.D.G.M. I also had the pleasure of meeting R.W. Bro. Smith and W. Bro. Hanlin of Mercer Lodge, No. 347. Irvine Lodge can boast of having the dues well paid up and good prospects in view. The Secretary's books are remarkably well kept.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus: Visited this lodge June 5th, 1891. Average attendance present. There were a number of visitors whom I was pleased to see, viz.: W. Bro. Clarke and 13 members of Irvine Lodge; Bro. Chapman, King Hiram, No. 37, and Bro. Hynd, Stevenson Lodge No. 218. W. Bro. Craig, the W.M., and the officers, initiated two candidates very creditably. Arrearages of dues are rather large for so small a lodge, and I advised the W.M. to try and have dues collected. Financial position of this lodge is fair; prospects are improving. The W.M. can confer all the degrees. The lodge has its furniture, &c., &c., fully insured.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston: Visited this lodge May 22nd, 1891. Average attendance. The only business was the election of officers, a duty which was quickly performed. Preston Lodge, although not strong in numbers, can truly say that its members are composed of the right material, each taking a deep interest in the welfare of their lodge. Very little work presents itself, however. When such should offer, I feel confident that R.W. Bro. Hepburn and his officers are capable of working the three degrees. I was very much pleased to meet M.W. Bro. Otto Klotz, who is always present at lodge meetings. I had also the pleasure of meeting an old schoolmate in the person of W. Bro. Otto Klotz, Jr., the astronomical Past Master of the lodge, who I understand laid out the starry canopy of heaven in proper order, from which he occasionally lectures to the brethren. The prospects of the lodge are fair, and under the guidance of M.W. Bro. Klotz and R.W. Bro. Hepburn, it will remain a credit to Grand Lodge.

In concluding my report, I desire to return my sincere thanks to the brethren of the Seventh District for the very kind and courteous man-

ner in which they have always received me when visiting them in my official capacity.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JNO. C. FOX, D.D.G.M.,
Seventh Masonic District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

It is with much pride and pleasure that I submit the Annual Report on the condition of Masonry in the Eighth Masonic District for the year ending June, 1891.

It has been my pleasing duty to visit every lodge in the district once, and in many cases twice and three times; and to our city lodges on many more occasions than is possible for me to record; and in every case I have been received in the most loyal manner, and with such kindness and hospitality that distinctly mark it in this jurisdiction of Freemasonry.

My first official act was to appoint the District Secretary, which I immediately did upon my election at Kingston, and I trust I may never do a worse action.

My official visits were made in the following order, and I shall in a great measure trust to the tabulated statement, to show a more detailed statement than what will be contained in the body of this report :—

Sept. 18th.—St. John's Lodge, No. 40, where I had the pleasure of investing R.W. Bro. T. Malloy, P.D.D.G.M., with the very handsome regalia of his office, it being presented to him by the members of his mother lodge, St. John's, No. 40; a gift that was fairly earned by the genial brother. On this occasion also, M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, invested V.W. Bro. T. McCallum, Asst. Grand Secretary, with the regalia of his office. This also was the gift of his brethren in St. John's Lodge.

Sept. 24th.—Harmony Lodge, No. 57, Binbrook. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. R. Ball, P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. R. L. Gunn, and W. Bros. McAllister, Hoodless, and Greenhill. I was exceedingly pleased with the work of this lodge; its condition in every way was good, except that the minutes had not been written up from the rough minutes for some time, but this I am pleased to say at the present time has been accomplished.

Oct. 7th.—I visited Ionic Lodge, Toronto in company with the W.M., officers, and thirty-seven brethren of Temple Lodge, No. 324, who were paying a fraternal visit, and also to exemplify the third degree. I was exceedingly pleased with my visit, and I trust that the coming W. Masters will extend the custom which is now getting a foothold, of one lodge paying a fraternal visit to another, and exemplifying the work, as it will not only increase the good fellowship and fraternal feeling which exist among the brethren, but will greatly aid the more correct rendering of the beautiful work.

Oct. 15th.—I had the pleasure of being present at laying the corner-stone of the new school at Brantford, by the M.W. the Grand Master, I acting in the position of Deputy Grand Master, and one of the most pleasing features of the proceeding was the singing rendered by the children. In the evening the visitors were entertained at a joint banquet given by Brant and Doric lodges.

Nov. 7th.—Attended meeting of Temple Lodge, No. 324, on the occasion of the return visit of Ionic Lodge, Toronto. W. Bro. Dr. Ryerson and fifteen brethren composed the deputation, the first degree being worked in a very able manner by W. Bro. H. N. Kittson, after which W. Bro. Dr. Ryerson read a very instructive paper upon the rise of Freemasonry. The visitors were afterwards entertained in the Banquet Hall, and I here congratulate the W.M. of Temple Lodge, Bro. H. N. Kittson, in establishing such gatherings, as such grand and noble meetings as these make life a more easy burden.

Nov. 18th.—Visited Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, on the occasion of a re-union of its Past Masters, who took part in the work. The attendance of the members of the fraternity on this occasion must have been very pleasing to the W. M.; the first degree being exemplified by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson; the second degree by R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason. These meetings are very desirable, as they impress upon its old and tried warriors that they are still dear to the new comers; and I would strongly advise each and every lodge to have its annual re-union of its Past Masters for the purpose of doing the evening's work.

Nov. 24th.—Wentworth Lodge, Stoney Creek, No. 166, being accompanied by over 40 of the Hamilton brethren. The W. M. worked the second degree very correctly. The lodge-room has been refurnished, and now ranks amongst the neatest and best appointed lodge-rooms in the district. The building is a two-storey frame, the upper part being owned by the lodge, and the lower or first storey being occupied as a store. I would suggest the propriety of the lodge becoming sole owner, if possible. The proceedings terminated with the usual banquet and fireworks.

Nov. 26.—Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington. Attended by 10 brethren from Hamilton. The beautiful work of the third degree was exemplified very impressively by the W. M. There was a large attendance of members and visitors (67). The lodge is managed by an efficient staff of officers, and is doing good work.

Dec. 9th.—Temple Lodge, No. 324. My visit was exceedingly pleasant, knowing full well beforehand the unbounded success that has attended the efforts of the W. M. During the year (up to this date) 42 applicants received the first degree; and although the quantity is great, not one degree of fault can be found with the quality of the material admitted into its ranks. The energetic manner with which the W. M., Bro. H. N. Kittson, has conducted the lodge deserves the highest praise; and although never failing to attend every meeting of his own lodge, I am informed that, during the year, he has attended every meeting (except two) of the other five city lodges, and taken part in the ceremonies; and it is his genial manner and sterling worth that have endeared him to the hearts of his brethren. His work is excellent, backed up by a very efficient staff of officers; the brethren saw fit to give him a second term. The meeting terminated with the usual banquet.

Dec. 12th.—Acacia Lodge, No. 61. On my visit to this lodge, I was very cordially received, and was presented with a very handsome basket of flowers. There was a large attendance of Past Masters and brethren, it being the election of officers. It resulted in an unanimous choice, but the usual move of one step. This pleasant meeting terminated with a banquet.

Dec. 16th.—Strict Observance Lodge. This visit to a certain extent was marred by the absence of its W. M., who has been called to his long home. The memory of such a sterling brother will long weigh heavily

upon the minds of his brethren; his quiet, gentle disposition was a pattern for any of us to copy. This being the lodge's annual meeting, the chief point of interest was the election of officers, which resulted in the almost unanimous choice of its present officers. This lodge ranks as one of the foremost under the Grand Lodge for its good work.

Dec. 18th.—St John's Lodge, No. 40, was next visited, being the largest lodge on the register of the Grand Lodge. The harmony which prevails among so large a number of brethren is truly remarkable, and I was more than pleased at this gathering, as many of its members have become almost as dear to me as relations in blood. Again the unanimous feeling was displayed at the election of officers; and on this occasion I was presented with a beautiful palm plant, by W. Bro. Berrill. The meeting finally terminated in the banqueting room, the members severely testing its capacity.

Dec. 27th.—Attended installation of officers of the following lodges:—Strict Observance, No. 27; St. John's, No. 40; Acacia, No. 61; Temple, No. 324.

I was ably assisted by M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, R. W. Bro. T. Malloy, P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, R. W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, V.W. Bro. C. R. Smith, W. Bros. Dr. Griffin, P. Carse, G. Holden, Dr. Emory, and H. N. Kittson. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read, showing the financial positions of the lodges to be very satisfactory. The report of the Examining Board was to the effect that the W. Masters-elect were equal to the standard of proficiency required in this district, as their rendition of the work was all that could be desired.

Feb. 17th, 1891.—Oakville Lodge, No. 400: Accompanied by many Hamilton brethren, saw the second degree worked in a very correct and able manner by W. Bro. Speers, the W.M. He was also backed up by a good set of officers. This lodge is doing excellent work, and ranks among the prominent ones of the district. The finances are also in good condition.

Feb. 20th.—Credit Lodge, Georgetown, No. 219: Being accompanied by W. Bro. Kittson and several Hamilton brethren. The first and third degrees were worked in a very able and correct manner. The lodge is in good shape, and bids in the near future to be more prosperous than it is now. Light refreshments were supplied in the ante room, and a very pleasant time was had. This lodge may be complimented upon the possession of such a capable Secretary.

Feb. 23rd.—Walker Lodge, Acton, No. 321; was very cordially received by the W.M. Bro. Stark, and the brethren. The second degree was worked in a very satisfactory manner. This lodge, during the year, has made a stride towards success, having up to this time initiated six, passed five, raised six. Pleasantly entertained by the brethren at a banquet.

Feb. 25th.—Visited Strict Observance, No. 27, on the occasion of a fraternal visit of the members of Doric Lodge, Brantford, and St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll. About 50 visitors. W. Bro. C. V. Howell of Doric Lodge, exemplified the first degree. The meeting was exceedingly pleasant, and was largely attended; about 200 sat down to the banquet.

March 17th.—Visited Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford, accompanied by many of the Hamilton brethren. Witnessed the work in the first degree done by the W.M. This lodge is overflowing with Masons, whose true Masonic ring endears them to the heart of all those with whom they may associate. The lodge is in particularly good shape, and well worked. The evening's proceedings terminated in the usual banquet.

March 19th.—Dufferin Lodge, No. 291, West Flamboro': Witnessed the second degree worked. This lodge, I am proud to say, is making its way out of the despair which has attended it during the last year or so; having during the year initiated 5, which is certainly good work for a lodge so situated as this. The lodge is free from debt, but is being depressed by the small attendance of its members; and I trust that during the coming year the brethren will render more assistance to the W.M. by their presence.

March 23rd.—Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas; was accompanied by several Hamilton brethren. Did not witness any work, but know of my own knowledge that the W.M. is an earnest worker. W. Bro. Herald is one of the most enthusiastic Masons of the district, and labors to his utmost will in the cause of Freemasonry.

April 14th.—Temple Lodge, No. 324, on the occasion of a fraternal visit from St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London; and Kerr Lodge, of Barrie. The W.M. of the latter exemplified the first degree in a very able and impressive manner, and the W.M. and officers of 209a exemplified the third degree. The spacious lodgeroom was crowded in every part; over 400 members and visitors were in attendance. This was one of the largest gatherings that I have seen in one lodge room, and W. Bro. Kittson again deserves credit and praise, the visit of Kerr Lodge, of Barrie, being in return for one paid them by Bro. Kittson. The whole of the brethren were entertained at a sumptuous banquet.

April 21st.—Visited Waterdown Lodge, No. 357, and found the lodge in far better working order than it had been previously. Witnessed the first degree worked by W. Bro. H. Clarke. The report of this lodge to the question of its prospects replies gloomy. How this can be when the lodge is doing good work and is free from debt I do not know. The minutes of the lodge are not kept in such a detailed manner as they ought to be, neither has the Secretary taken such care of the lodge documents as should have been done. I trust the next D.D.G.M. will see a marked improvement, and I also notice with regret that this is the only lodge in the entire district without any insurance. I believe this lodge in other respects is working on a firm footing.

April 23.—Paid official visit to St. George, No. 243, St. George. This lodge has done but little work during the year. The W.M. was ready to exemplify the work upon a brother had I desired it, but this I did not, further than have the lodge opened in the three degrees and closed accordingly. Everything seems to be in good harmony, and the brethren turn out in fairly good numbers. I was particularly careful to find out if there was any discordant element to mar the harmony, but found everything pleasant. I trust the coming year will find them doing good work, but it is apparent to me that it is better to do without material than to have it poor.

May 20.—Seymour Lodge, No. 272, Ancaster: Accompanied by several Past Masters; witnessed the second degree. This lodge has made vast improvements during the year and may be said to be in a fair way to success. I was very cordially received and am exceedingly pleased to report in the lodge's favor. A pleasant time was afterwards spent at the banquet table.

May 29th.—Met the Grand Master at the Grand Trunk depot, at 9 o'clock, a.m., in company with W. Bros. Hoodless and H. N. Kittson. Visited the following lodges, where the Grand Master delivered his very instructive and interesting paper on the early history of Freemasonry in this locality. The trip was a most enjoyable one in every point:—Dufferin Lodge, West Flamboro', 10.30, a.m.; Seymour Lodge, Ancaster, 3, p.m.; Valley Lodge, Dundas, 7.30, p.m.

June 9th.—Brent Lodge: Accompanied by the District Secretary, W. Bro. J. Hoodless. I was very cordially received, it being the annual meeting and election of officers for the coming Masonic year, which resulted in the almost unanimous re-election of all the present officers. This lodge is also doing good work. There was an applicant waiting for the first degree, but owing to the lateness of the hour it was thought advisable to postpone the initiation. I know that the officers are fully competent to conduct the work as it should be, as the lodge is officered by capable brethren.

June 10th.—The Barton Lodge, No. 6: This being the annual meeting the election of officers took place, and resulted in a general move round. This meeting was a particularly interesting one, as no less than eight of the old Past Masters were presented with Past Master's jewels on the occasion. The happy recipients were W. Bro. Colin Munro, V. W. Bro. Geo. E. Mason, W. Bro. T. C. Clappison, W. Bro. Dr. H. S. Griffin, W. Bro. G. H. Bull, W. Bro. John Hoodless, W. Bro. W. T. Grant, and W. Bro. S. M. Kenny, all worthy and distinguished brethren, who have rendered valuable services to the Order. This lodge does not need any recommendation from me, as it is so well known in the history of the Craft, but I think I would be neglecting my duty were I not to mention the name of W. Bro. T. Ferris, who has, during the year, rendered valuable assistance to his lodge, by his zeal and energy in the cause of Freemasonry.

June 15th.—Doric Lodge, No. 382: This lodge, under the able Mastership of W. Bro. Dr. Emory, has been doing good work, and it was very pleasing to witness the unanimous manner and good feeling in which the election of officers terminated. The ritualistic work done by the officers of this lodge is equally successful as that of sister lodges.

June 24th.—Installation of officers of Barton and Doric lodges. I was assisted on this occasion by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, and the other W. Bros. who kindly assisted in Dec. last.

I think that from the tabulated statement, it will be seen that the different lodges in this district were never in better working order than at the present time. The lodges that were reported as weak by my esteemed predecessor, and rightly so, have during the year made good progress. During my official visits I have tried to correct what little irregularities I have noticed, and have bestowed praise where it has been justly earned. But I trust that if, in the exercise of my official duties, I have seemed to be less pleasant than was expected of me, I shall be pardoned, and will ask my brethren to attribute it to my zeal in the cause of our noble institution.

I have in several instances noticed the somewhat careless and indifferent manner in which committees as to character make their reports. In every case it should be fully set forth in writing, and when disposed of should be carefully filed away by the Secretary, as well as all other documents connected with the business part of the lodge.

As regards the expenses of the D.D.G.M., which I have seen so frequently noticed by other G.L. officers, I am pleased to state that in this district the lodges in every instance pay all expenses, and cheerfully too. This I attribute in a great measure to having a faithful District Secretary.

During the whole of my visits I have been received with the utmost kindness and courtesy, and I have not had the slightest occasion to judge upon anything that could tend to disturb the harmony of the district. My visits have been a procession of pleasant meetings, which I

believe have tended to strengthen the good-will and fraternal feeling which have so long reigned in this jurisdiction.

One lodge in the report in answer to its prospects—replies "gloomy." How this can be I do not understand, as during the years 1889 and 1890 no work whatever was done, but I am pleased to say that during 1890-1891 this lodge initiated five and worked the balance of the degrees. This lodge is free of debt, with the balance of $50 or $60 in the treasury and $145 back dues.

There is not a lodge in the whole district that has one dollar of debt upon it, except the actual running expenses, and, of course, this cannot be avoided. This in itself is a most pleasing statement for me to make. The work done by the officers in the district is, on the whole, very correctly rendered. The tabulated statement will speak for itself, and will also point out many important facts not recorded in the body of this report.

I notice with regret the large amount of outstanding dues, and I trust that the different Secretaries will respectfully and continually notify the members of the fact until it has almost if not entirely diminished. I hold that the reason that members run back in a great measure as to their dues is because the Secretaries do not personally canvass the members for their subscriptions. No matter how unpleasant this may be, it must be done to keep the back dues from increasing.

I am also pleased to state that we have over 2,200 affiliated members of the fraternity in this district, being an average of over 100 per lodge. Waterdown Lodge is the only one in the district that is without insurance. I have strongly advised them to take the proper steps to attain it. I also trust that the Secretary of this lodge will, in future, bestow more pains and time upon his minutes.

I am pleased to say that I have not attended any meeting in this district without the proceedings being terminated in the usual Masonic banquet (except where I have requested it not to be given), and I am pleased to say that at all the festive scenes (and many of them sumptuous ones) I have yet to witness the slightest element or cause that any advocate of total abstinence could find one tittle of fault with, and I hold that it is at these annual feasts where the brotherly feeling which exists is strengthened and new relationships formed, which is the key to the marvellous good feeling and contentment which is so characteristic in the Hamilton District.

Before I conclude, let me again say a word in favor of my District Secretary, and again thank him for his many kindnesses and devotion to the D.D.G.M. And now, M.W. Sir and brethren of the Grand Lodge, as I am about to sever myself permanently from this field of Masonic labor for a new home in Chicago, I tender to you my best wishes, and to my brethren of the Hamilton District. I trust as the years roll on that you will ever be found the good, true and trusty friends with whom I have been so long chained by love and affection, and when "He who all commands" summons us to "pipe all hands" we shall be found true and acceptable in His sight, and be assured, my brethren, that wherever I may be, or whatever fickle fortune may do for me, the brethren of the mystic tie in this jurisdiction will never be separated from the thoughts of

Yours fraternally and respectfully,

C. W. MULLIGAN, D.D.G.M.,
Eighth Masonic District.

June 28th, 1891.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to submit my report as to the condition of the Craft in the Georgian Masonic District. My first official acts were the appointment of W. Bro. Samuel Wesley, W.M. of Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie, as District Secretary, and the issuance of a circular notifying the lodges of my election.

I have officially visited each of the twenty-four lodges in the district once, and three twice. I append a tabulated statement showing the distance each lodge is from Barrie and the miles travelled:

OFFICIAL VISITS, 1890-91.

No.	Name.	Place.	Date of Visit.	Dist. from Barrie.	Dist Trav'ld
79	Simcoe	Bradford	26th December, 1890	23	46
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	22nd October, 1890	132	132
90	Manito	Collingwood	4th February, 1891		
96	Corinthian	Barrie	25th March, 1891	33	132
			27th December, 1890		
98	True Blue	Albion	2nd April, 1891		
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	24th April, 1891	56	112
192	Orillia	Orillia	27th March, 1891	53	106
230	Kerr	Barrie	20th March, 1891	22	44
			20th January, 1891		
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	24th June, 1891		
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	21st April, 1891	46	60
249	Caledonia	Midland	27th January, 1891	18	36
266	Northern Light	Stayner	13th January, 1891	54	108
285	Seven Star	Allizon	24th March, 1891	24	48
304	Minerva	Stroud	22nd April, 1891	33	68
322	North Star	Owen Sound	20th January, 1891	7	14
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	22nd October, 1890	132	
348	Georgian	Penetanguishene	24th October, 1890	99	126
352	Granite	Parry Sound	4th December, 1890	41	82
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	17th June, 1891	106	212
376	Unity	Huntsville	25th November, 1890	57	20
377	Lorne	Shelburne	26th November, 1890	81	48
385	Spry	Beeton	23rd October, 1890	75	57
409	Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	29th April, 1891	27	54
423	Strong	Sundridge	24th Nov., 1890	47	94
			17th September, 1890	118	236

This makes a total of 1,835 miles, including the double trip to and from Collingwood. Had I not been able to group certain outlying lodges I would have had to travel 2,634 miles. I notified each W.M. at least one month prior to the date of my visit, that I would expect to have the work exemplified and the books in the lodge one hour before the opening for my inspection. I held a Lodge of Instruction at the Masonic Hall, Barrie, on 2nd April, 1891. The E.A. degree was exemplified by W. Bro. George M. Aylesworth and the officers of Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood; the F.C. by W. Bro. J. H. Jacks and the officers of Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner. Both degrees, especially the F.C., were rendered in a very efficient manner. The M.M. degree was to have been exemplified by W. Bro. Geo. Inglis, of North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound, but as he and his officers were not present the chairs were filled by P.M.'s, I acting as W.M.

The attendance was about 85. I had intended to call this lodge for an early day in March, but the Dominion elections coming on, I had to postpone. This affected the attendance, as March would have been a better month than April. There were 20 P.M.'s present and 15 lodges were represented. The candidates were not regular ones, under instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master. At the conclusion of each degree questions were invited and much interest was evinced. I trust the instructions given will be of benefit to those in attendance, and help to secure that uniformity which I have tried to establish in my district. I have to thank the W.M. and officers of Manito Lodge and the W.M. and officers of Northern Light Lodge for their kindness in exemplifying the work in such an able manner. I refer to the table appended for detailed information regarding each lodge.

Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Bradford: The W.M., at the date of my visit, W. Bro. William Kilkenny, opened and closed in the three degrees, and exemplified fairly well the M.M. degree. The Wardens' work was not quite up to the average. The Deacons were not present. The books of the Treasurer and Secretary are well kept, and the cash is handed over promptly. The funds are deposited in a chartered bank in the name of the Treasurer. This lodge suffered from fire lately, hence the average attendance has been small, and several meetings have been omitted. The assets are $400.00, the liabilities $50.00. The arrears of dues cannot be got at as their books were destroyed at the time of the fire. The hall is suitable and nicely furnished. The prospects should be good, but there is not sufficient life in the lodge.

St. George's Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound: W. Bro. Ewing Cameron, W.M., exemplified the F.C. degree in a correct manner. The Wardens and Deacons also performed their work creditably. The W.M. can open and close in the three degrees, and has worked them in full. The books of the Secretary and Treasuror are well kept. The cash is handed over promptly. The general fund is deposited in the Treasurer's name in a chartered bank. They have a fund invested in the Post Office Savings Bank, to the credit of the lodge, in the names of two brethren as trustees. The assets are $400.00, with no liabilities. The prospects of this lodge are of the best.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood: Many of the members of this lodge are engaged on the lakes from spring to fall, yet the average attendance is about the largest in the district. I visited this lodge on the 4th February, 1891, and, under instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master, dedicated their new lodge room. The Craft in Collingwood is to be congratulated on the large and magnificent suite of rooms they possess. They are certainly the best and most commodious in the district. I again visited this lodge on the 25th March, 1891, but as the W.M. and his officers were to work the E.A. degree at the Lodge of Instruction the week following, only routine work and opening and closing in the three degrees were done. The W.M., Wardens and Deacons do their work correctly. The Secretary's books are exceedingly well kept and it was a pleasure to examine them. The Treasurer's books are also very creditable. The assets are $873.00, and one-half interest in the new block in which the lodge is situated, worth, as estimated, $7,500.00; the liabilities about $5,000.00. The prospects are favorable.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie: This being my mother lodge I have, besides my two official visits, attended every meeting during the year except one, when I was Masonically engaged elsewhere. The W.M. can open and close in the three degrees, but so far has not conferred any of them, P.M.'s generally having to do the work. He can give the

working tools in each degree, however, and promises to have all the work complete at an early date. The Wardens and Deacons do their work well. The Treasurer's and Secretary's books are well kept and audited yearly. The assets are about $1,200.00, with no liabilities. There has been a great deal of work during the year, and the prospects of this lodge are the best. Corinthian and Kerr Lodges have recently moved into a new and commodious suite of rooms, which they are furnishing magnificently, and which will be a credit to the Craft in Barrie.

True Blue Lodge, No. 98, Albion: This lodge should, without doubt, belong to the Toronto district. The night I paid my official visit, R. W. Bro. Bennett, D.D.G.M., of the Toronto district, was visiting one of the lodges in his district, within a few miles of Bolton. The members of this lodge visit lodges in the Toronto district because they are close at hand; whereas, the nearest lodge in the Ninth District is twenty miles away. It can be reached from Toronto very easily, whereas to go to it from Barrie or elsewhere in this district, in time to do it justice, a day and a half is necessary. The present W.M., Bro. Robert Roberts, has occupied that position for years. He has evidently studied the old work thoroughly, and consequently has a difficulty in becoming acquainted with the changes made in the new work. The lodge owns the land and building, which, although on the ground floor, is safely protected, is suitable and well furnished. I did not examine the Treasurer's books because he was not present, and did not send his books, although I had instructed the W.M. to have this done. The Secretary promised to send them to me, but has not done so at the date of writing. The Secretary's books are fairly well kept but could be improved. I have had difficulty in getting him to answer my letters promptly. I understand, however, that another brother was elected to this position last month, and I trust he will pay more attention to his duties. The assets are $1,200.00, liabilities $120.00. The Grand Lodge returns have not been promptly sent. The lodge should prosper, but I am afraid a few have to do the active and necessary work to keep it alive.

Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137, Meaford: W. Bro. Rev. J. H. Fairlie, W.M., can open, close and work all the degrees. The third degree was exemplified correctly by the W.M. The Wardens and Deacons do their work fairly well. The funds are not deposited in the bank. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are correctly kept. The lodge is slightly in debt at present, which should easily be remedied. The prospects of this lodge should be good. The hall is suitable, but the ante-rooms are too small.

Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia: W. Bro. C. L. Macnabb, W.M., can open, close and work all the degrees. The E.A. was exemplified fairly well. The funds are not deposited in a bank, although there are two in the town. The books are correctly kept. The assets are $750.00, liabilities, $160.00. The hall is suitable and nicely furnished. The balance on hand at last installation was small.

Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie: W. Bro. J. C. Morgan, W.M., and the Wardens work well. The W.M. can exemplify all the degrees, and open and close in a thoroughly efficient manner. The books are well kept, and the funds are deposited in a bank to the credit of the lodge. The lodge has had 27 initiations during the year, and is in a sound condition financially.

Beaver Lodge, No. 234, Clarksburg: W. Bro. T. H. Dyre, W.M., can open and close in the three degrees. He had no work up to the date of my visit. He can, I understand, exemplify the degrees. The Secretary's books are correctly kept. The Treasurer's books are properly

kept. The funds are not deposited in a bank. The assets are $200.00, liabilities nil.

Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, Cookstown: The conduct of several of the members of this lodge has not been in accordance with Masonic teaching, and I felt called upon to speak plainly to the members. W. Bro. A. Kirk, the W. M., can open and close in all the degrees fairly well. The E. A. degree was exemplified creditably. The W.M. had not exemplified the three degrees at the date of my visit, but I have no doubt he will do so during his year of office, as it was very soon after installation when I visited his lodge. The finances have not been kept in a proper manner, but I trust they will from this out. The Wardens' work was fair; the Deacons' only middling. The Secretary's books were in a fair condition. There is no bank in the village so the funds cannot be deposited. The assets are $340, liabilities, nil.

Caledonian Lodge, No. 249, Midland: There has been too much municipal politics introduced into this lodge. They had no work on this account for over two years. A better state of affairs, I hear, now exists, and they have had work. W. Bro. C. A. Phillips, W.M., can open, close and work all the degrees, I understand. The F.C. was exemplified, but could be much improved, likewise the work of the Wardens and Deacons. There should be a large and prosperous lodge in Midland, and I trust better things are in store. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are well kept. The funds are deposited in a bank in the name of the Treasurer. The assets are $495.00, and liabilities, $145.00. Now matters are brighter, I hope the financial affairs of this lodge will improve. The hall is suitable.

Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner: This lodge was at a low ebb a very few years ago. It is now in a first-class position, with $190 in the treasury. Its assets are $450.00, and no liabilities. W. Bro. J. H. Jacks, W.M., can open, close and work all three degrees. The M.M. degree was exemplified at the date of my visit, and the F.C. at the Lodge of Instruction in Barrie in a correct manner. The work of the W.M., Wardens and Deacons, was excellent. The hall is suitable. The ante-rooms would be improved if they were made larger. This lodge is fast getting into the first rank, and is officered by a young and enthusiastic body of Masons.

Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston: This lodge has been a source of annoyance to some of my predecessors, and I looked forward to trouble on the occasion of my visit. I was most agreeably disappointed. W. Bro. H. S. Brennan, the W. M., opened and closed in the three degrees very well indeed, and exemplified the F. C. degree in a creditable manner. He had up to the date of my visit, worked the E. A. and F. C., and I have no doubt that ere this he has exemplified the M. M. The officers were fairly well versed in their duties, and altogether the visit was a most pleasing one. I regret to say that very shortly after I had been with them, many of the members of the Craft suffered severely through the disastrous fire which almost swept the town out of existence. While the lodge room escaped, I am sure every member of the Craft will sympathize with our brethren in their disaster. The Secretary's books are fairly well and correctly kept. The Treasurer's could be improved on. The funds are deposited in a bank to the credit of the Treasurer. The assets are $350.00, liabilities $100. The hall is suitable, but the ante-rooms are very small.

Minerva Lodge, No. 304, Stroud: This lodge has been in a comatose state for some years. The W. M., elected in December, refused to accept office, and at the date of my visit the old officers were holding over.

No work had been done since January, 1888, until my visit, when a P. M. worked the E. A. fairly well. The W. M. could open and close in all three degrees, but poorly. There had been dissensions, and the membership was steadily decreasing. I, therefore, under instructions from the M. W. the Grand Master, made a special report as to this lodge. The auditors' report for 1890, showed total receipts of $69.77, including a balance of $26.27, from 1889, and an expenditure of $56.88, leaving a balance of $12.87. There were then 20 members on the roll, but at the date of my visit several had affiliated, and others have since done so with other lodges. In 1888, two meetings were held with an average often members. In 1889, ten meetings, with an average of 8·3. and 1890, nine meetings, with an average of 8·3. Some years ago R. W. Bro. King, of Barrie, accepted the office of the W. M. of this lodge, and after him, V. W. Bro. C. H. Bosanko, of Barrie, and during their terms the lodge flourished. Immediately after my visit, W. Bro. J. F. Palling, of Barrie, Bro. E. E. Sheppard, of Toronto, and Bro. W. D. B. Spry, of Barrie, applied for affiliation, were accepted, and at once elected to the three principal chairs. This of course has given an impetus to the lodge, and they now have several applications and work at every meeting. I am glad to be able to report this state of affairs, and if there was a prospect of it being permanent, I would rejoice. But is it not too much to expect brethren to travel monthly from Barrie and Toronto to Stroud for years? I fear it is only a repetition of the "spoon-feeding" which continued under R. W. Bro. King, and V. W. Bro. Bosanko, and that when the three brethren I have mentioned have got the lodge in good working order, and discontinue their monthly visits, the old troubles will revive. The hall is not suitable. The ante-rooms are too small, and as the hall is on the ground floor, when the weather is at all warm, work is carried on under very great difficulties.

North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound: I visited this lodge jointly with St. George's, No. 88, Owen Sound. I had expected to see work done, but did not. W. Bro. Geo. Inglis, the W.M., can open, close and work all three degrees. He and his officers were to work the third degree at the Lodge of Instruction, but failed to attend. I understand the work is well done, however. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are well and correctly kept. The money is deposited in a bank to the credit of the lodge. The financial standing is good, the assets being $616.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, Flesherton: The W.M. could open and close in all degrees fairly well, but had only worked the E.A., although he was then in his second term. The E.A. was exemplified on the occasion of my visit, but very poorly. The Wardens' and Deacons' work was not up to the mark. The membership is only 24, and there does not seem to be that life about the lodge which I would like to see. The books are fairly well kept. The assets are $335; liabilities, nil. The furniture is valued at $300. The hall was leased to another society, which I instructed to be cancelled as soon as proper notice could be given.

Georgian Lodge, No. 248, Penetanguishene: My visit to this lodge having been made early in December, the old officers then occupied the chairs, so I cannot speak of the work of the new staff. The W.M. could open, close and work all degrees. The third was exemplified fairly. The Wardens and Deacons did their work fairly. The arrears are very heavy, as the appendix will show. The Secretary and Treasurer's books were correctly kept. The assets (furniture entirely), are $600, and liabilities, $50.

Granite Lodge, No. 352, Parry Sound: The W.M. was absent on the

occasion of my visit, also the S.W., J.D. and I.G. The W.M., I am told, can open, close and work all the degrees. A P.M. opened up to the third very nicely. The books of the Secretary are correctly kept. The Treasurer was absent and had not sent his books. The assets are $2,700, with liabilities of $1,000. They own the block in which the hall is and value it at $2,400. The financial condition is therefore very good, and the prospects are the best for this lodge.

Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge: W. Bro. James C. Nelson, the W.M., can open, close and work all three degrees. He exemplified the M.M. degree correctly. The Wardens and Deacons were absent. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are kept correctly. The assets are $525; its liabilities, nil. The balance on hand last Dec. was $154.56.

Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville: This lodge has greatly improved during the last few years. W. Bro. Lorenzo McKinny, who was the W.M. at the time of my visit, could open, close and work the lodge in all the degrees. He exemplified the E.A. and F.C. degrees correctly. The Wardens rendered their work in an excellent manner, the charges being very well given. The Deacons were absent. The Secretary and Treasurer's books are well kept. The assets are $350; liabilities, nil. They had no insurance till the date of my visit. The lodge was leased to another society, but this I understand has been discontinued. They have plenty of work on hand, and the membership is steadily increasing.

Lorne Lodge, No. 377, Shelburne: W. Bro. B. Tansley, the W.M., can open, close and work all the degrees. He exemplified the M.M. accurately on the occasion of my visit. The Wardens and Deacons also did well. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books are well kept. The funds are deposited in a bank to the credit of two officers. The assets are $500; liabilities, nil. The balance on hand at last installation was $106.69.

Spry Lodge, No. 385, Beeton: The W.M. can open, close and work all the degrees. He conferred the M.M. degree fairly well. The work of the Wardens and Deacons was very good. The assets are $450; liabilities, nil. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer are properly kept.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 409, Gravenhurst: The W.M., at the time of my visit, could open and close the lodge in all the degrees. He had exemplified the F.C. and M.M. degrees, and a P.M. the E.A. He worked the F.C. on the occasion of my visit, but it was poorly done. The Wardens and Deacons did middling. The assets are $400; liabilities, nil. Work is increasing, and I hope for an improvement under the present staff.

Strong Lodge, No. 423, Sundridge: Under instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master, I instituted this lodge and installed the officers. The W.M. elect was a P.M. of Unity Lodge, Huntsville. He opened and closed the lodge in anything but a satisfactory manner. I understand that P.M.'s have had to work all the degrees for him. Although I arrived in Sundridge the day before the meeting, so as to be in time, I had to wait till nearly 10 p.m. for a quorum. As they are getting in lots of new material, I hope they will soon be able to work the lodge within themselves. The lodge-room is fairly suitable. The Secretary's books were not very well kept, and could be much improved on. The assets were $265.95, with $73 of liabilities.

Besides my official visits as above, I instituted Strong Lodge, No. 423, dedicated the new hall for Manito Lodge, No. 90, and installed the officers of Strong Lodge, No. 423; Simcoe, No. 79; Corinthian, No. 96; and Kerr, No. 230. The M.W. the Grand Master visited seven lodges

in the district, namely, Lorne, No. 377; Spry, No. 385; True Blue, No. 98; Northern Light, No. 266, Pythagoras, No. 137; Golden Rule, No. 409; and Unity, No. 375, and I feel satisfied from the enthusiasm created among the brethren, that these visits will be of great benefit to the Craft in this district.

I am satisfied the time has come (if some scheme can be devised with reference to the expenses) when no brother should be placed in the East until he is competent to open and close a lodge in all the degrees, confer them in a creditable manner as well, and produce a certificate to this effect from the D.D.G.M., or from some well-skilled brother appointed by him to examine the W.M. elect. I find Masters presiding over lodges for months who cannot open and close in a creditable manner, and have never troubled themselves about getting up the work, trusting to Past Masters to perform this duty. In many cases this tends to make poor lodges, and from experience we know that inefficient Masters make badly-conducted lodges.

I have issued the following dispensations, the fees for which have been duly remitted to the R. W. the Grand Secretary: To attend divine service on 21st Sept., 1890, Manitoba, No. 236, Cookstown; Spry, No. 385, Beeton, on 28th Decemb r, 1890; and to Unity, No. 376; Manito, No. 90; Northern Light, No. 266, and Lorne, No. 377, on 28th June, 1891. I also granted a dispensation to St. George's, No. 88, to appear in public in regalia on St. John's Day, 24th June, 1891.

The following deaths among the members have been reported: V.W. Bros. Geo. Reekie and David Donaldson,, of Beaver, No. 234; W. Bro. Henry Fraser, a charter member of Corinthian, No. 96; Bros. Robert Simpson and Ezra Bethel, P.S.W., of Corinthian, No. 96; Bro. D. H. McMahon, Manitoba, No. 236; Bro. Hugh Quirk, Kerr, No. 230.

My experience teaches me that the Georgian District is too large. That a D.D.G.M. should have a compact district so as to enable him to pay two official visits during his year, or otherwise make his term a two year term. In this way he could see if his instructions had been of benefit to the lodges. While there are only 24 lodges in this district, still the distance to travel is so great that a D.D.G.M. does his duty well if he pays one visit to each lodge. The correspondence has been so heavy that I have had to write nearly 450 letters, besides several circulars issued and sent to each lodge. I have received $5 from each lodge visited for expenses, with the exception of five. Three did not pay anything, and two less than five. I endeavored to make all pay my expenses because it is in accordance with the Constitution, and if a law becomes a dead letter and cannot be enforced, it is injurious and should be repealed. I also considered it was in the interest of my successors that all laws should be obeyed. The lodges in Muskoka and Parry Sound should certainly be cut off from the Georgian District, and so should Bolton, and in fact the two Owen Sound lodges, with Flesherton and Shelburne, if it were possible for them to be easier visited from some other district. Out of the 24 lodges in this district, four have voted in favor of the lodges in Muskoka and Parry Sound being separated from the Georgian District. The other lodges have not been heard from. Politics and the immoderate use of whiskey have prejudicially affected a few lodges in this district. In one or two localities, a Masonic lodge is as much required as a fifth wheel to a coach.

When a lodge can barely pay its way, and only gets questionable material for the building, it is injurious to the Craft and of no use to the community. Although I sent out a circular on 20th May last to every

lodge in this district, pointing out what was necessary to enable them to obtain grants for those requiring aid from Grand Lodge through its Committee on Benevolence, I find from correspondence with the M.W. the Grand Master, that many failed to make their returns in time. This is simply negligence on the part of the officers in many cases, and shows a want of sympathy for those who are so unfortunate as to require our assistance. In a few cases I have found that the ballot has been passed and general business transacted at emergent meetings, also that seven days' notice had not, in some cases, been given of such meetings. One lodge in this district merely notifies the members of emergent meetings, all the others issue monthly notices. I have also had to call the attention of Secretaries to their neglect to send a copy of every notice, calling meetings of their lodges, to the D.D.G.M., an important duty that should never be neglected, if a D.D.G.M. is to have a proper supervision of the work done in his district. While I have felt compelled to criticise, in several cases, the action of lodges and my brethren adversely, it was done solely from a sense of the duty demanded of me. I do not believe in informing officers or members that they are doing well, when I felt satisfied they were not. Where praise was justly due I awarded it. Where it was necessary to find fault, I did not hesitate to express my disapproval. I have had a year of hard work, but in many respects it has been a pleasant one. In all cases, whether I had to administer censure or praise, my action was received in the becoming manner the representative of the M.W. the Grand Master should be received in every district. Several amendments to by-laws have passed through my hands, but as I was merely the conduit pipe laid down by the Constitution, as the means by which such should reach the M.W. the Grand Master; they will likely be referred to in his address to Grand Lodge. I trust that my efforts to discharge the duties of my office will commend themselves to you, M. W. Sir, and to the officers and members of Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

D. F. MacWatt, D.D.G.M.,
Ninth Masonic District.

Barrie, 1st July, 1891.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. Sir and Brethren:—

I have the honor to submit to you the following report of the condition of Masonry in 10th District:

Having been duly honored by Grand Lodge with the position of D.D.G.M., I determined that, so far as my ability lay, I would endeavor to fill that important position in a manner that would not reflect any discredit on the selection. I have visited every lodge in the district once, and three of them twice, and I can candidly say that Masonry in the Niagara District is in a fairly prosperous condition; in some sections of the district I find it making very rapid and substantial progress, while in other sections it is only growing very slowly. I find also that the main cause for stagnation is due to the neglect of the lodges enforcing the law of suspension for non-payment of dues. This is to be regretted, and I have always spoken very plainly on this matter to the lodges, and

am pleased to say, whenever they have acted on advice given, it has had a salutary effect.

Clifton Lodge, No. 254: I visited this lodge September 25th, and witnessed two initiations, which were conferred in a highly creditable manner. All the officers are doing work in a manner to reflect credit upon themselves and the Craft. The W.M. works all the degrees, and as a consequence, the lodge is prospering. The membership is 70; the average attendance is 27. The hall is tastily fitted up. On April 23rd I again visited this lodge, and witnessed work done correctly; this lodge is growing rapidly, and the material connecting itself with the Craft here are the leading men of the town. The prospects of this lodge are exceedingly bright. The books are kept correctly.

St. John's Lodge, No. 35, Cayuga: I visited this lodge October 30th, and witnessed one passing of a Bro. who had been an E.A. over twenty years, and had kept his standing, but being away from the jurisdiction of his own lodge, had never affiliated until the evening when he received the degree. The work was done by a P. M.; the lodge is slightly behind in G.L. dues, but an order was drawn for $25.00 on acct. of same, on the evening of my visit, and prospects brightening. I believe the balance of indebtedness will shortly be liquidated. The membership 33, and the average attendance 10. The books kept in a creditable manner, but W.M. and Wardens are not well up in the work.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland: Visited November 24th. This is one of the strongest lodges in the district, having a membership of 82; average attendance 28; members present on occasion of visit 50. There being no work the Master opened in the three degrees, and exemplified portions of it accurately. Officers all well up in the work, and prospects bright. Books kept admirably.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 105, Niagara Falls South: I visited Nov. 25th; witnessed the exemplification of the F. C. degree. For perfection in work, it was certainly second to none. The W.M. works all the degrees and is supported by an efficient staff of officers. This lodge is making its mark. Membership, 55; average attendance, 14; number present at my visit, 33. While here I was pleased to see such a number of Masonic records of a lodge held in the year 1802. The members prize them highly; I think them of such value that they should be stored in a fire-proof vault. On June 2nd I visited this lodge again in company with the M.W. the Grand Master, who delivered his interesting lecture on the History of Craft Masonry, which was listened to with appreciation by every member present, all of whom anticipate with pleasure future visits from the M.W. the G.M., and have expressed themselves in terms of unqualified praise for his indefatigable labors on behalf of the Craft.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunville: I visited Nov. 26th. Witnessed an initiation which was done fairly well considering that the lodge has not done much work. This lodge has been financially weak for years, and I have given them some sound advice in reference to collection of dues, which I trust will have the desired effect. The membership is 61. The number present at visit, 26; the average attendance 12. Being election night a new staff of officers were elected, and I am pleased to say since that time the regular meetings and emergent meetings of the lodge show that the work in the future will be well in hand, so that the prospects of the lodge are now good.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines: Visited Nov. 27th. I witnessed the F. C., which was creditably done. All the officers are doing their work fairly accurately. This being election of officers I was-

pleased to see the unanimity which prevailed. All the officers were re-elected. This is a move in the direction of perfection. The W. Master works all the degrees. The membership is 102, and the average attendance 22. The members present at my visit were 38. The prospects of lodge financially are good.

Hiram Lodge, No. 315, Hagersville: Visited Dec. 11th. At a special meeting called for the election of officers, the regular meeting falling upon Christmas, I was pleased to find the brethren having confidence in their Master, by electing him for the second time. This lodge is not in as prosperous a condition as I would wish, a number of brethren being in arrears for dues, but I trust that acting on my advice this trouble will diminish, with hope for better reports in the future. The membership is 32, and the average attendance, 12. The number present at my visit, 13. The W.M. works all degrees.

Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York: Visited Dec. 22nd. Witnessed an exemplification of the M.M. degree, which, so far as the Master was concerned, was fairly well done. The other officers were not at all up in their work. R.W. Bro. Jacques, P.D.D.G.M., V.W. Bro. D. Hind and W. Bro. Noble, of King Solomon Lodge, 329, Jarvis, and W. Bro. Jas. Old, jr., of St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, were present. The number of members on roll, 21; average attendance 10; number present at visit, 25. Being election, the W.M., Bro. Seun, was re-elected. The lodge is making some progress; prospects fair. I am much indebted to V.W. Bro. Hind for driving myself and visiting brethren from Caledonia to York and return.

Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville: Visited Dec. 23rd. Witnessed the M.M. degree, which was very accurately done. The officers are all well up in the work. The lodge is prospering, and the utmost harmony prevails. The future of this lodge is assured. Being election night, new officers (with the exception of the Treasurer, who was re-elected), were elected on the first ballot; such unanimity is gratifying. This lodge has a fine room and intend expending four or five hundred dollars in refurnishing it, the desire being to make it more attractive and comfortable. The number of members is 53; number present at my visit, 32; average attendance, 16. I had the pleasure of meeting here W. Bro. Johnson, of Maple Leaf Lodge, W. Bro. McGregor, of Temple Lodge, St. Catharines, also W. Bro. Clark, and a number of brethren from Grimsby. The hospitality of the Beamsville brethren is unsurpassed; the prospects are bright.

Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby: Visited Jan. 22nd. I witnessed an exemplification of the M.M. degree, which was perfectly rendered. The W.M. and all the officers are well up in the work, and the lodge requires from every candidate for advancement accurate knowledge, an example that it were well if other lodges would copy. The membership is 56, and the average attendance 18. The number present at my visit was 40. I had the pleasure on this occasion of meeting M.W. Bro. Robertson, G.M., and heard for the first time his interesting lecture on Craft History. I need not say that all enjoyed the treat. I also had the pleasure of meeting here R.W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, P.D.D.G.M., of Beamsville, and Bros. T. A. Simpson, J. H. Beaty and Sinclair, of Ivy. The lodge is prospering, and is financially and numerically strong, and the prospects are good.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 329: Visited Jan. 23rd. I witnessed one initiation; the work was done perfectly. The W.M. and officers are all well up in the work, and the greatest interest taken by all to attain and maintain perfection. The membership of this lodge is 42; number

present at my visit, 23; average attendance, 21. The books are kept nicely. The lodge has $150 in bank. Their room is tastily fitted up, and the prospects of the lodge are good.

Temple Lodge, No. 296, St. Catharines: Visited Jan. 28th. I witnessed one initiation and one passing, which were creditably done, all the officers being well up in the work. I feel confident the officers will keep up the standard of the lodge. This lodge is in a good financial condition, and from indications, the future will be prosperous. The number of members is 56; number present at visit, 33. The average attendance 15, and prospects of the lodge good. The books of this lodge are better kept than any I have so far inspected. Bro. Norris is certainly a model Secretary.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 337, Port Robinson: Visited Feb. 17th. This lodge has been burned out and now occupy a new hall completely fitted up. Having been insured they were able to furnish hall, procure regalia and all necessary requirements, and still have a surplus left. Membership, 39; average attendance, 12; number present at my visit, 15. The W.M. being ill, I did not have the pleasure of meeting him. W. Bro. Bell opened the lodge in the three degrees. I found the officers well up in the work. The prospects of lodge are fair. Books kept creditably.

Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie: Visited Feb. 18th. Having no work, the W.M. opened and closed in the three degrees, and exemplified the examination of visitors, which was done correctly. The lodge has not been doing much work, and has recently suspended quite a number for non-payment of dues. Membership, 34; average attendance, 10; number present at my visit, 20; officers well up in the work. I am indebted to W. Bros. Johnson, of Maple Leaf, Robertson and McGregor, of Temple Lodge, St. Catharines, for accompanying me on my visit, and for conveyance furnished. On April 1st, I received notice that this lodge room was destroyed by fire, only minute book and ledger saved, in consequence of Secretary having them home Loss covered by insurance. This is either the third or fourth time the lodge has been burned out. The W.M. informs me that the lodge will soon have a new hall and be at work again. By being insured, the brethren will have a new lodge-room without indebtedness.

Palmer Lodge, No. 377, International Bridge: Visited March 31st. Witnessed one F. C., which was performed in an efficient manner, the officers, without exception, being well up in the work. The W.M. works all the degrees, and is ably assisted by his other officers. This lodge is not growing rapidly, but is doing good work Membership, 40; average attendance, 17; number present at visit, 20. The prospects of lodge are good.

Mountain Lodge, No. 221, Thorold: Visited April 22nd. This lodge has a membership of 71; average attendance, 15; number present at my visit, 14. This is one of the first lodge-rooms in the district. Being no work on hand, and having no notice of my intended visit, there were not a great many present. The W.M. opened and closed in the three degrees. He is a correct worker, and receives excellent support from all his officers, who are imbued with zeal in the work. The financial affairs of the lodge are healthy. The lodge has had to have emergent meetings, in order to get through the work. The prospects are good, and the books well kept. The utmost harmony prevails.

St. George's Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines: Visited May 19th. Witnessed one passing, which was done in a very efficient manner. The W.M., C. H. Connor, is an excellent worker. The lodge under his care is making steady progress, and holding the reputation of bygone days.

Owing to another meeting on the evening of my visit, the attendance was small, but the work passed off nicely. Membership, 108; average attendance, 20; number present at my visit, 13. Books kept very nicely. The prospects of the lodge are good.

Welland Lodge, No. 36, Font Hill: Visited June 3rd, in company with the M.W. the G.M., when the brethren assembled and opened a meeting, and upon consultation with the G.M., after discussing the prospects of the future of the lodge, a resolution was unanimously passed to surrender the warrant to the Grand Lodge. This, I think, is the only course left them. The surrender of the warrant removes a lodge from the roll that for years has been practically dormant.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 338, Wellandport: I visited June 2nd, in company with the M.W. the G.M. This lodge has a membership of 20; the average attendance is 10. The number present at visit was 16. The meetings of this lodge have not been held with the regularity of a lodge that is active; but after listening to the able and interesting address from the G.M. I feel assured they will take on a new lease of life, and in the near future give a good account of themselves. I was pleased to find that the indebtedness to Grand Lodge has been materially reduced, and think it will soon be among the number of lodges that take front rank for promptness in meetings and returns. The material of which the lodge is composed is A 1, and should render a good account of themselves. The books are kept neatly and the room is comfortably fitted up.

Copestone Lodge, No. 373, Welland: Visited June 4th. Witnessed two passings, which were fairly well done. I pointed out some minor defects in the work. The lodge having no notice of my intention to visit, the attendance was not an average one. The membership is 41, average attendance, 15. The number present at visit, 13. A number of members have removed from the town who are still members of this lodge, which makes the attendance light. Passed a pleasant evening. This lodge is growing slowly and the prospects are fair, but I am of opinion that one lodge would be ample for the town of Welland. Other lodges have gained by amalgamation.

McNab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne: I visited June 16th. This lodge has a membership of 57, average attendance, 12; number present at my visit, 14. The lodge is not growing, and is not in as good a condition financially as I would wish. Two-thirds of the members are in arrears for dues. I pointed out the necessity for a more prompt fulfilment of this important duty by the members, and hope my advice may have the desired effect. In consequence of a professional call, the W.M., Bro. Dr. Neff, was not present. There was no work, and a P.M. not being anxious to do anything in the way of examinations I did not see the working of the lodge. The W. Bro. works all the degrees. The prospects of the lodge are only fair.

Niagara Lodge, No. 2, Niagara: Visited June 18th. This is the oldest lodge in the jurisdiction; has a membership of 44; average attendance, 14; number out at visit 25. There being no work, W.M. opened and closed in the three degrees. The officers are well up in the work. The lodge owns its hall and has everything well appointed. Passed a pleasant evening. The lodge prospects are good.

During the year I have issued dispensations to the following lodges:—Clifton, No. 254, Niagara Falls; Ivy, No. 115, Beamsville; King Solomon, No. 329, Jarvis, for the purpose of attending divine service on the 28th of June.

I held one Lodge of Instruction in Masonic Hall, Hagersville, March

25th and 26th, and feel that the exemplification of the work will have an excellent effect throughout the district.

The fraternal courtesy extended by Batavia Lodge, No. 475, Batavia, N. Y., who at the request of Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunville, received and buried Bro. N. A. Barnea with the honors of the Order in that place, in September last, deserves especial mention, as it once more marks the universality of our Brotherhood.

The following deaths have been reported to me during the year past:—Bro. J. Matthews, McNab Lodge, Sept. 14th; R. W. Bro. J. Morrison Dunn, Copestone Lodge, Welland, Oct. 19th; J. Delaner Furry, Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunville, April 24th; David Murray, King Solomon Lodge, No. 329, Jarvis; R. Radcliffe, Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 103, St. Catharines.

I thank the brethren of the District for the cordial reception, and for the many acts of kindness rendered to me during the year.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. B. HURRELL, D.D.G.M.,
Tenth Masonic District.

Amigari, June 30th, 1891.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M.:

MOST W. SIR AND BRETHREN:—

To furnish a circumstantial account of my official proceedings during the past year, as demanded by the Constitution, together with a report of the condition of Masonry within the district I was privileged to superintend, must, in order to do justice to myself and to the lodges inspected, necessarily claim a no inconsiderable share of your attention. It would be a very easy matter for me, or indeed for any other D.D.G.M., to summarize the narrative of official visitations and by so doing please certain critical brethren who urge that life is too short and printer's ink too precious to waste either time or space on so monotonous a relation, but with all proper respect for the opinions of these sapient and censorious brethren, I would venture the suggestion that the report is not prepared for their special delectation, and with the knowledge and assurance resulting from experience, that the increased and increasing desire to advance, perceptible in the great majority of the lodges, is attributable in no small degree to these same reports, I am disposed to follow what I believe to be a good example, and let Grand Lodge and the Craft at large be the judges.

Embraced within the district over which I had the honour to preside are 36 warranted lodges and one under dispensation. In a brief introductory circular I announced the appointment of W. Bro. W. R. Cavel of Zeta Lodge, No. 410, as District Secretary, and Bro. the Rev. Chas. Duff, of Alpha Lodge, No. 384, as District Chaplain, and put forward a number of matters affecting the internal economy of the lodges in which it was my intention to interest them. I had barely started my duties before I realized that, considering what was required of a D.D.G.M., it would be next to impossible to complete an inspection in a single visit. I determined, therefore, if at all practicable, to repeat it, and although it was often accomplished at considerable personal inconvenience, I succeeded. I have thus visited every lodge in the district twice, 17 of them three times, and 6 four times. In all, 97 visits, as detailed in the following table:—

Lodge No.	Lodge Name	Location.	Visits by D.D.G.M.			
			First.	Second.	Third.	Fourth.
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	Oct. 14.	Mch 12.	.....	.....
22	King Solomon's	Toronto	Nov. 13.	Mch 12.	June 11.	.....
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	Dec. 1.	May 18.	June 24.	.....
25	Ionic	Toronto	Oct. 7.	Mch 3.	June 2.	.....
54	Vaughan	Maple	Nov. 25.	Feb. 17.	.....	.....
65	Rehoboam	Toronto	Oct. 2.	Feb. 5.	May 7.	.....
75	St. John's	Toronto	Dec. 2.	Mch 2.	.....	.....
86	Wilson	Toronto	Oct. 21.	Mch 17.	May 28.	.....
87	Markham Union	Markham	Nov. 21.	Mch 29.	.....	.....
97	Sharon	Sharon	Jan. 21.	June 16.	.....	.....
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	Oct. 8.	Feb. 11.	.....	.....
118	Union	Schomberg	Oct. 27.	Feb. 23.	.....	.....
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	Nov. 7.	Feb. 6	.....	.....
136	Richardson	Stouffville	Nov. 19.	Ap'l 22.	June 29.	.....
166	York	North Toronto	Dec. 26.	May 22.	.....	.....
218	Stevenson	Toronto	Nov. 10.	Feb. 9.	Ap'l 13.	June 8.
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	Nov. 24.	Mch 13.	June 15.	.....
229	Ionic	Brampton	Oct. 22.	Jan. 21.	Feb. 25.	June 17.
247	Ashlar	Toronto	Oct. 28.	Ap'l 28.	.....	.....
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Oct. 23.	Feb. 19.	June 24.	.....
269	Brougham Union	Brougham	Oct. 29.	Ap'l 29.	.....	.....
292	Robertson	Nobleton	Dec. 11.	May 20.	.....	.....
305	Humber	Weston	Nov. 26.	Mch 25.	.....	.....
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	Sept. 26.	Dec. 31.	Ap'l 14.	.....
316	Doric	Toronto	Oct. 16.	Ap'l 16.	.....	.....
336	Zetland	Toronto	Oct. 24.	Oct. 31.	Mch 27.	.....
339	Orient	Toronto	Dec. 2.	Feb. 3.	.....	.....
343	Georgina	Sutton	Dec. 8.	June 18.	.....	.....
346	Occident	Toronto	Oct. 15.	Ap'l 15.	.....	.....
354	Brock	Cannington	Sept. 24.	May 4.	.....	.....
356	River Park	Streetsville	Dec. 15.	Ap'l 21.	.....	.....
367	St. George	Toronto	Sept. 5.	Oct. 3.	Dec. 5.	Ap'l 3.
369	Mimico	Lambton Mills	Sept. 23.	Dec. 23.	June 10.	.....
384	Alpha	Toronto	Sept. 4.	Dec. 27.	Ap'l 2.	June 1.
410	Zeta	Toronto	Aug. 28.	Dec. 12.	Ap'l 10.	June 12.
424	Doric	Pickering	Sept. 3.	Mch 19.	.....	.....
U.D	Stanley	W. Toronto J'n.	Oct. 10.	Jan. 6.	Feb. 24.	May 5.

Lodges.....37. Visits.....97. Miles travelled.....2,715.

It may not be out of place here to suggest that there is too much expected of the D.D.G.M. He is supposed, primarily, to satisfy himself that the work in the several degrees is uniform with that prescribed by the Grand Lodge, taking due observation of the various officers, and the methods in use for the proper carrying out of the ceremonies. To do this consistently with the requirements, he ought himself to be an accurate ritualist so as to be prepared, without warning, to give a correct answer to any possible question, otherwise the dignity of the position must suffer. This part of his duty would alone absorb an evening. But he is further to see that the hall is suitable, the furniture in good order, the insurance policy and inventory in safe keeping, and that the lodge generally is secured from disaster. Then there is the examination of the books and accounts, which, in most instances, demand more than a cursory glance. In fact, to acquire a true knowledge of a lodge's condition, a searching scrutiny, taking considerable time, is very often necessary. It does not do, as I found on more than one occasion, to accept the assurance of the W.M. or Secretary, and all this cannot be accomplished within the compass of one visit, nor is it every D.D.G.M. who can afford the time to make two. But, as if the foregoing were not enough, the Board of Benevolence has compiled a code of regulations which comprises additional duties for the D.D.G.M. in connection with

applicants for relief, and which in themselves exhaust a formidable portion of his time.

I respectfully refer these suggestions to the consideration of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, because I am convinced that, of these manifold duties, some must of necessity be neglected unless indeed the D.D.G.M. can give to his office more time, and consequently more outlay, than Grand Lodge can reasonably expect with justice.

CONDITION OF THE 11TH DISTRICT.

That the condition of Masonry in the 11th District is prosperous and harmonious is beyond question. Never, I believe, have the lodges shown to better advantage, nor exhibited a keener desire to excel. There are, as the reports will reveal, one or two that may be classed as decidedly weak, but they are not dormant by any means. The additions to the district, viz.: "Doric" Lodge, No. 424, constituted by myself in September last, and "Stanley" Lodge at West Toronto Junction, under dispensation, are both active and flourishing. "Richardson" Lodge at Stouffville, which of late years existed with difficulty, has taken a fresh lease of life, and by a recent infusion of new blood gives hope of regaining much that it has lost. "The Rising Sun" Lodge at Aurora, has also displayed palpable signs of renewed vitality, and I believe will be heard from ere long. "Robertson" Lodge at Nobleton, and "River Park" Lodge at Streetsville, are in a state of lethargy which, however, betrays no fatal symptoms. They will wake soon to their condition. All the rest are more or less active, and in a happy state of progressive comfort or lively affluence. When the brethren of "Patterson" and "Richmond" Lodges, at Thornhill and Richmond Hill, respectively, realize that it will be to their mutual advantage to amalgamate, as suggested elsewhere, it will greatly benefit Masonry in their locality. The lodges there are too close to be comfortable. It is to be hoped that the pleasant frame of mind suggested will actuate them to that end in the near future. And should there at any time, not far away, be a further redistribution of districts, the exchange of "Union" Lodge at Schomberg, for that of "True Blue" Lodge at Bolton, would be an act of reciprocity welcomed in both the 9th and 11th districts.

QUESTIONS OF JURISDICTION.

Two questions affecting jurisdiction have been submitted to me, one in which I have ruled, but against which an appeal has been lodged, and the other I felt compelled to refer to the Board as the alleged infringements occurred anterior to my taking office.

The former case is briefly as follows:—At the regular meeting of "Mimico" Lodge, No. 369, held at Lambton Mills, on September 23rd, seven applications from gentlemen resident in the town of West Toronto Junction, were put in and received. Some time previously the M.W. the Grand Master had received and acceded to the petition of a number of brethren in West Toronto Junction for a dispensation to open a new lodge, to be called "Stanley" Lodge, and at the time of the occurrence above mentioned, they were actively engaged in furnishing their hall, and otherwise making ready for the opening night which had already been decided upon. The morning following the meeting of "Mimico" Lodge, the selected W.M. for the new lodge, W. Bro. R. L. McCormack, called upon me and protested against the proceeding of the night previous, explaining that it was well known in the vicinity that the establishment of "Stanley" Lodge at the Junction was only a matter of a few days, although official notice to that effect had not been promulgated, that the brethren had gone to considerable outlay in prepar-

ation for that event, and that it was one of the petitioners for the new lodge—for reasons that need not be enlarged upon—who had fathered the seven applications of the Junction men in "Mimico" Lodge. He further explained that the new lodge had fixed its initiation fee at $30, while that of "Mimico" Lodge was the minimum figure. On the 10th of October, the Grand Master's dispensation was entrusted to the brethren of "Stanley" Lodge, the W.M. of which, in a letter addressed to the W.M. of "Mimico" Lodge next day, formally protested against the acceptance of the seven applicants in that lodge, on the ground that they resided within the jurisdiction of the new lodge. The matter being put to me by the W.M. of "Mimico" Lodge, who stated that he had received no *official* notification of the approaching establishment of the new lodge, I ruled that while he was within the law in receiving the applications, there being practically no existing lodge to interfere with his jurisdiction, yet it would be highly improper for him to take action thereon, from the fact that an authorized lodge, possessing all the rightful privileges and claims of a warranted lodge, had in the interval been duly established, and referred him to Sec. 222 of the Constitution. From this ruling the W.M. declared his intention to appeal.

The Secretary of "Markham Union" Lodge, No. 87, Markham, wrote me in November last that he had discovered that "Orient" Lodge No. 339, which is located at the eastern limit of the city of Toronto, had been encroaching upon their preserves for a number of years, and giving me the names of Bros. T. M. and T. A. Whiteside, J. D. McKay, J. P. Wheeler, D. Beldon, J. W. Hunter and John Richardson, who, living within the jurisdiction of "Markham Union," had been initiated without permission in "Orient." By a scrutiny of the York County map, he had determined that Bros. McKay and Wheeler had resided 9 miles from Markham, and 12 from "Orient"; the Bros. Whiteside, 8 miles from Markham, and 13 from "Orient"; Bro. Hunter about the same. Bro. Beldon had not been "measured." These "he had found out with certainty." There might be others that he did not know of. In December he discovered another, Bro. Jas. Angus, agent at Agincourt, and adds, "and still there may be others." I communicated with "Orient" Lodge, which protested its innocence in the matter, and further informed me that most of the cases referred to so long a time back, that it was difficult to furnish data. Old members, however, were of the belief that the applicants were accepted with the assurance that no other lodge could have a claim upon them, and furthermore, that "Markham Union" Lodge in the years past was in a dormant condition. To verify this I tried to get at the old minutes of the lodge when next I visited Markham, but failed, nor could the Secretary or any other member tell me where they were deposited. The dates of the initiation of those brethren as furnished by "Orient" Lodge, are as follows:—D. Beldon, June, 1880; J. P. Wheeler, January, 1882; J. D. McKay, January, 1882; J. Richardson, November, 1883; Bros. Whiteside, October and November, 1884, respectively, J. W. Hunter, May, 1890. As it was possible to err in the matter of determining distances, even with the aid of a York County map, I urged a mutual consideration of the territory before arriving at anything final, and on June 25th I received the following:—"Markham Union" Lodge, No. 87, G.R.C., charges "Orient" Lodge, No. 339, with trespassing on our jurisdiction by initiating David Beldon, John Richardson, T. M. Whiteside, T. A. Whiteside, and J. W. Hunter. We tried to settle the affair with "Orient," but they would not, consequently we desire the matter brought before the Grand Lodge and settled definitely. —G. M. Farwell, Sec.

No other details have ever been furnished me by "Markham Union," and it will be seen from the foregoing communication that the names of Bros. McKay and Wheeler included in the original indictment have been omitted, but no reason therefor is assigned.

In view of the fact that all these alleged violations have occurred at periods remote from my official term, I respectfully submit the case, as here put, for decision.

VISITATIONS.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, Toronto; This, the senior lodge in the district, maintains its reputation for uniform excellence. The occasion of my first visit was the annual reunion of the old members, an event which is looked forward to with much interest, and which, in my opinion, should be regarded by the younger brethren as an institution of peculiar value and significance. Five months later I again visited St. Andrew's and saw the first degree worked by the W.M. and his officers in a most careful manner, and I have had the opportunity since of knowing that the other degrees receive equal attention. St. Andrew's Lodge, like the other lodges meeting in the Toronto St. hall, leases from the Masonic Hall Trust, and has with them an equal interest in the property. Its membership is 184, and steadily increasing. The average attendance is 40. The books, which are very neatly kept, show that, notwithstanding the employment of a collector, something like $250 in dues are outstanding.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto: The "Banner" Lodge of the Province, as its members are proud to call it, exhibits all the signs of vigorous prosperity. A long period of inactivity, occasioned by one of those cloud-bursts which disturb the serenity of the best regulated lodges at times, has been followed by a revival of such promising magnitude that soon the unpleasant incident will be but a memory. In the three visits which I paid to this lodge I have seen much to admire and commend. The present staff of officers work zealously, and together, and with a single desire to promote the interests of the lodge. The W. M. is a careful exponent of the several degrees, and his subordinates, as a whole, support him faithfully. My last visit was on the occasion of the Past Master's reunion, when all the chairs were occupied by veterans of the East. The attendance was worthy of the event, and the work of the first degree was rendered most impressively and with due appropriateness. King Solomon's membership is 150, and, as renewed interest in the work is manifested, the attendance increases month by month. The dues are well in hand, only three members being in arrears over the regulation time, probably owing to the fact that collections are made quarterly, instead of half-yearly or annually.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23, Richmond Hill: Having a fine hall of its own, and situated most favorably, this old lodge might, with reason, be expected to possess an extensive membership. Such is not the case, however, but if it lacks in members it is not behind in an earnest desire to keep up with the best, and so far as its working goes, presents a very fair showing. In the three degrees the W.M. and his Wardens displayed a praiseworthy familiarity with their respective offices, but the floor work was lamentably defective. My instructions on the first occasion of visiting were carefully observed, and I noticed at subsequent visits that they were not forgotten. The planting of a lodge some nine years ago, four miles to the south of Richmond Lodge, has contributed not a little to retard the progress of the latter, and as another lodge exists about the same distance to the west of it, the chances for progress are further handicapped. There are only 26 members enrolled, but they

are all good Masons, as an average attendance of 15 will testify to. The dues are fairly paid up, although a mistake is made in permitting brethren to run two or three years in arrears. The revenue from the public hall and other rooms, situated underneath the lodge room, enables the brethren to ease off their liabilities. The furniture is their own, and insured. Taking it altogether, Richmond Lodge, if not numerically strong, is happy, and can afford to wait for the "good time coming."

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto: "The distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart" may also be said to be the distinguishing feature of the business of this lodge, that is, if one may judge by the actions of its members on the three occasions when it was my privilege to visit them in an official capacity. I was deeply impressed, not only with the truly Masonic spirit and fraternal promptitude with which deserving cases were discussed and generally disposed of, but also with the delicate tact which characterized the treatment of the subject. That which we are told "covereth a multitude of sins" reveals, too frequently, imperfections which bring the exercise of "that virtue" away below the level of our professions. The methods of Ionic Lodge in this respect might with safety be imitated. Nor is this lodge prominent only in its style of helping the needy. The ritualistic work in all of the degrees is completely, accurately and forcibly expressed. The present W. M. and officers are as near perfect as it is possible to be—more cannot be said. An average attendance of 35 out of a total of 170 members, is what the register shows. The books and records are in the custody of a Secretary whose labors are in keeping with his lodge. There was no difficulty in arriving at the information sought. Eight members are over two years in arrears, and five over three years, otherwise the dues are fairly well gathered in. The lodge has adopted an excellent plan of securing one of its own members as authorized collector. Few lodges are in a better condition financially than Ionic, and few can look forward to a more hopeful future.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple: This is one of the "active" lodges of those outside the city, that is, it boasts a fairly strong membership —56—and tries to do its share of the good work by a careful avoidance of all topics calculated to impair the existing happy fellowship. At both my visits I was struck with the harmonious tone which characterized all their doings, and was consequently not surprised at the prosperity which, as a lodge, they took pride in. The working of the degrees, if not as perfect as I have seen it elsewhere, was certainly marked by an earnestness which indicated a desire to do so. From the W.M. to the I.G. all were prepared to show in each degree that they knew their business, and their anxiety to acquire further knowledge was evidenced by the many questions put to me while I stayed with them. The brethren meet in a hall which is their own, the lodge room being situated over a public meeting hall which yields a fair revenue. Building and contents are kept well insured. The dues appear to be promptly collected, about $20 being outstanding. Vaughan Lodge maintains a reputation for good work and progress, and there is no sign of it receding from that position.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto: Possessing a large membership, 190, active officers, an honorable record, and a body of Past Masters, whose zeal is not put aside with the jewel of office, Rehoboam Lodge upholds its reputation for steady advancement. What I witnessed at my two first visits, in October and February, justified me in selecting it to exemplify the Sublime Degree at the General Lodge of Instruction, held in the Toronto Street Hall, on the 26th of March. The officers of the

lodge, on that occasion, acquitted themselves with all the ardor for which Rehoboam is proverbial, and with a result so gratifying that they must have felt amply repaid for the time devoted to perfecting themselves. On the 7th of May I again visited the lodge to assist in doing honor to one of its old Past Masters, and a distinguished member of the Craft, M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, Past Grand Master. He was accompanied by the W. M. and officers of Kerr Lodge, Barrie. The visitors took charge of the third degree, and gave an impressive illustration of the ceremony. It is worthy of remark that one of the deacons acting on that occasion, was Bro. W. D. B. Spry, a son of the distinguished guest, and one of the very few instances of a "Lewis" recorded in the annals of our Grand Lodge, having been initiated by special dispensation during the previous year. The average attendance for twelve months, according to the register, is 50. About $250 in dues are outstanding, but active steps are being taken to have them collected. The applications for admission during the year have been phenomenally large, and the future gives promise of similar industry.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75, Toronto: To the present, at any rate, this lodge has confided to competent hands the fair record which its pioneer members achieved for it, and in finances as well as membership, can boast a strength not equalled by any other. I selected for my first official visit the Past Master's night, and a finer or more harmonious meeting I have seldom had the pleasure of assisting at. On the second occasion the regular officers demonstrated a comprehensive knowledge of their duties in the three degrees to my complete satisfaction. There need be little fear for the stability of St. John's Lodge if its members continue to exercise the same care in their choice of officers. Numerically, it is the strongest lodge in the city or district, having over 200 members at present, though the fact that about $450 stands against the names of tardy dues-payers would lead one to infer that the roll might be reduced with profit. Over 60 brethren are in arrears above 12 months, and while some 15 were decapitated, the effect on the rest had not yet made itself apparent. The lodge has a well furnished "strong box," and is prepared for a siege at any time. Its prospects are as favorable as at any period in its history.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto: There were about 150 brethren present when I visited this lodge first, in October, and the occasion was made memorable by the presentation of a set of G. L. regalia to V. W. Bro. Robert Oliver, a most zealous Craftsman, and highly esteemed Past Master. The veteran, R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, officiated on behalf of the lodge, and subsequently assisted in the conferring of the first degree upon a candidate, to the gratification of those present. In the following March I saw the new staff of officers at their posts, and they made a most creditable appearance. The J. W. was not prepared with the lecture, but with that exception, all did well. I made a third visit in May, but the absence of the J. W. on necessary business, deprived me of the opportunity of observing how industriously he had employed the interval. The W. M., in all the degrees, is a careful and impressive ritualist, and he has good officers. An attendance of 34 out of 130 members is the showing Wilson makes monthly. The outstanding dues are considerably over $250, yet this lodge engages a collector. In the past year the lodge roll was augumented by 14, and the good work continues.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, Markham: Strugglingagainst adverse circumstances for a long time, this lodge has certainly made a decided advance and gives promise of recovering much of its old vitality. The

members had hardly elected the W. M., 12 months ago, when he was compelled to leave for the Pacific coast and W. Bro. Speight, a veteran P. M., although residing in Toronto, cheerfully took charge of the helm and has captained the Craft profitably during the year. At my two visits, in November and March, there was work in the several degrees for inspection. The acting W. M. and Wardens were good in each, the Deacons fair, but what was chiefly gratifying was the desire on the part of each and all to be set right on points with which they were hitherto not very familiar, and it was noticeable that the instruction asked for, and given at the first visit, was not forgotten at the second. Another pleasing feature was the marked increase in attendance, and a proportionate interest in the proceedings. The lodge is blessed with a Secretary who is painstaking and punctual, and whose books and accounts are witnesses to his careful attention. There are now 30 members in the lodge with the prospect of several additions. Twelve meetings were held in the year, at which the attendance averaged 15. The dues are well looked after, only two members being in arrears. The hall is the property of the lodge, and the property is insured. Markham Union Lodge has weathered its rough season and may be expected to give a good account of its stewardship in the future.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon: The brethren of Sharon Lodge have been persistent in their efforts to retain the good name they earned for themselves in past years, and their register of attendance, which averages 15, will compare favorably with that of many other lodges outside the city of Toronto. My visit to them in January last was the meeting at which the officers for the new year assumed control for the first time, and they illustrated the E. A. degree for me with tolerable accuracy throughout, the W. M. and Wardens being especially good. Where errors were pointed out they were carefully corrected, and at my second visit it was pleasant to notice that the subordinate officers had acquired a closer intimacy with the intricacies of the floor work. The lodge is now 52 strong, and if it progress as at present, will be sixty by the end of the year. The members have recently re-arranged their hall, which is now roomier and more comfortable. It is leased at a reasonable figure, and the property within it is insured. There are too many of the brethren, however, permitted to run behind in their dues. More attention should be paid to this most important feature in the integrity of the lodge.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99, Newmarket: This cannot be regarded as a growing lodge notwithstanding its situation, yet it owns a membership which, if small, is of sterling quality, and may be looked to at any time to give a creditable account of itself. Other organizations which spring up frequently here as elsewhere, have seduced many from active allegiance to the old Craft, but the effect can only be temporary. The officers of Tuscan Lodge are good average workers in all the degrees, and only wait for the opportunity to display their proficiency. With Sharon and Aurora Lodges hard by, their jurisdiction is necessarily confined, nevertheless, they look forward to a busy future. My visits were very pleasurable, inasmuch as the development of discussions on subjects Masonic not only evinced a praiseworthy desire on their part, but was not a little instructive to myself. The hall they meet in might be improved with more ante-room accommodation. The membership is not strong, but it is rendered all the weaker by reason of the many that are allowed to drop into arrears of dues.

Union Lodge, No. 118, Schomberg: Situated in a remote and comparatively isolated section, this lodge may be said to occupy a unique

position in the district. Except in good weather, it is no easy matter to reach it, and even then, fraternal assistance is necessary. In this connection it may not be amiss to mention that in my two journeys to Schomberg I was piloted by W. Bro. G. Gilmour, of Robertson Lodge, Nobleton, who has done the same good office for my predecessors in years past, and to whom our collective gratitude is due. Union Lodge, I found on my second visit in February, in the same condition of blissful desuetude that characterized it on my first visit in October. They had a candidate some time in 1889, and they are now living in hope. Aside from these hindrances, their position in other respects is ahead of many lodges. The hall they meet in is their own property, commodious and comfortably furnished. The members, what there are of them, meet regularly, and the attendance shows an excellent average. The W.M. and officers demonstrated that so far as opening and closing in the three degrees were concerned, they were *au fait*, but with the ritual otherwise, they were not on terms of intimate familiarity, an oversight that will probably be remedied in the near future. The by-laws under which they do business were compiled some sixteen years ago, but no rest is lost on that account. The Secretary is a worthy P.M. who has looked after the books and accounts for years. An examination of them revealed this. The lodge financially, is good; dues well paid up; the members in the most complete harmony, and the prospects, to use the Secretary's expression, "medium." Union Lodge may have its drawbacks, but in some respects it could be set up as a noble example to others more pretentious. If the brethren in Schomberg sought for candidates they might have been able to show an increased membership. They, however, wait for the man to seek the Craft, and even then, he must come with the flawless tongue of good report or he stays out.

The Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, Aurora: For the purposes of the present report at any rate, the title of this lodge is not a happy one. The refulgence that once shed a genial, healthy warmth over the fraternity in Aurora seems to have paled under wintry influences, and a depression unmistakable in its chilliness would lead one to believe that the noontide of prosperity had passed and that those who were left were but waiting for the fateful evening. This is one of the places, of which too many can be recorded, where in years past the cankerous operations of outside squabblings were permitted ingress to the lodge, the baneful effects of which cannot now, except by extraordinary means, be neutralized. Many of the old members, who, with a mistaken discretion cut themselves loose from the Craft, might, with benefit to themselves and the lodge, ally themselves with it once more. Indeed I have learned that with the new regime, matters are shaping in that direction, and if such is the case, the hope may be entertained that The Rising Sun will again be seen, unshadowed by the cloud which has so long darkened its progress. The attendance at both my visits was poor. The W.M.'s knowledge was confined to the first degree and the openings and closings; the Wardens were hardly up to the average, while the floor work was treated with a neglect, that was, to say the least, unkind; and yet if I were to put the blame anywhere, it would be on those old members to whom the inside of the lodge is strange, and who stay away forsooth, because things failed to run to suit their particular notion. They appear to have forgotten for the nonce that it is their duty to support the lodge under any circumstances. There are 38 members on the roll now, and with the assistance of the old-timers, the lodge might reasonably be expected to take a foremost position.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136, Stouffville: Perhaps within the district

there was no lodge nearer dissolution than was this. For years it has been steadily going down hill, and the history of its descent has been related in annual chapters and by different authors. The present contribution cannot brighten the story, but it can furnish a reason to hope for improvement, and an assurance, that well or ill, the narrative will be "continued in our next." A series of adverse occurrences have combined in the past to keep the millstone round the neck of Richardson Lodge. Elements of discord cut a wide swath in the solidity of the membership that baffled all the efforts of the few who adhered to its interests to bridge over. The present Master, a worthy and well-posted Mason, labored under the disadvantage of being a non-resident, yet he did his best to aid the lodge, but with indifferent success. My first visit to Stouffville would have been fruitless had I gone there unaccompanied; five members only put in an appearance. The second was little better. The W.M. demonstrated that he knew his work, the S.W. was a chronic absentee, and the J.W. had never succeeded in establishing an acquaintance with even the rudimentary exercises. The Secretary, a veteran P.M., was a valuable ally to the W.M., and his books were kept with care. Anything further, except with assistance from old members, was treated with lofty indifference. Except a radical change was at once effected it was plain that collapse was certain. I suggested the introduction of a new element, to affiliate brethren from elsewhere and endeavor by a harmonious division, as it were, to weld the opposing sections and attract them to duty again by kindly influences. The idea was favored and subsequently carried out. The good effects showed themselves on the evening of installation, when the lodge-room witnessed a larger gathering than for years previously, all imbued with an enthusiasm which was practically exhibited in the presentation of applications from gentlemen who had hitherto held aloof. It indicated the beginning of an era of prosperity, and I left Stouffville with the conviction that the mists which had enveloped Richardson Lodge so long had at last commenced to lift. The 24 who now comprise the membership will be strengthened by further additions ere long.

York Lodge, No. 156, North Toronto: Sure and steady progress has characterized this lodge for several years, and its condition was never better, nor the outlook more promising, than at present. It has been singularly happy in its selection of officers, and at both my visits I was struck with the care and accuracy displayed by all. The present staff is exceptionally good in all the degrees, and should be an example to younger aspirants. The Past Masters of the lodge are faithful in attendance and in their desire to assist, a feature which to my mind is no small factor in the existing harmony. There are on the roll nearly 90 members, and the register shows an average attendance of 33. The hall, which is leased, is cosily furnished, and the property fully protected. The Secretary's department receives due attention, and commendable punctuality is exercised in the collection of dues, two members only being in arrears over twelve months.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto: With a membership of 170, this old lodge should compare with the best in the district. That it does not, is owing chiefly to a certain lack of regard for the proprieties which give to a Masonic lodge, above all other assemblages, that decorous dignity which its antiquity and ceremonial demand. "A calm enquiry into the beauties of wisdom and virtue, and the study of moral geometry," cannot be conducted with a by-play and badinage which might better be the concomitants of post-labor exercises. Levity in the management of lodge business, or in the performance of our ceremonies,

robs them of all impressiveness, and breeds a spirit of inattention calculated to do serious injury to the cause we are pledged to protect and love. Four times I visited Stevenson Lodge. What I witnessed on the two first occasions necessitated the subsequent visits, and I have every reason to believe that a better realization of what is required has been the result. The W.M. and his officers certainly displayed a genuine inclination to perfect themselves. The former, at my final visit, made a most creditable showing, and the other officers were not slow to support him. The lodge possesses a capital Secretary, and in his custody the books are well looked after. A commendable feature in Stevenson Lodge, and one that might well be imitated by others, is the attention paid to sick members. The visitations are systematically arranged, and most fraternally attended to. The lodge financially, is in good condition; dues fairly paid up. The prospects are excellent, and with disciplinary care Stevenson Lodge might vie with the best, for it possesses within itself all the elements that go to make a successful lodge.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220, Uxbridge: One of the best attended lodges outside the city of Toronto, and one which exhibits many of the qualifications that combine to make a lodge attractive. It possesses a staff of Past Masters, the regularity of whose attendance, and the harmony with which they conduct the discussions, tend in a great degree to create in the breasts of the younger members an abiding interest and solid affection for their lodge. An aspirant for office knows that he must qualify ere he can satisfy his ambition, and the result is a thorough acquaintance all round with the working. I visited Uxbridge on three occasions and was more pleased with the lodge each time. The W.M. and officers demonstrated in the several degrees their fitness for their respective positions, and an examination of the books indicated that the important duties of Secretary were placed in competent hands. A few members are in arrears over the regulation period, but the most of these are accessible. There are 60 members on the roll, and there is an average attendance of 20. The present condition of the lodge and its prospects are excellent.

Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton: From the excellence invariably displayed by the officers of this lodge, I was induced to select them to exemplify the second degree, at the first General Lodge of Instruction held in Toronto, on the 26th of February. It will be admitted that the choice was not misplaced, and therefore no better tribute could be paid to the care manifested in the work of Ionic Lodge than the fact that the good opinion formed by myself was endorsed by the representatives of the lodges present on that occasion. What they did so well in the second degree they do equally well in the others. The lodge may be said to be in a fairly comfortable condition, with indications of continued progress. It possesses a membership of 65, with an average attendance of 20. They meet in a pretty and well-furnished hall, though if more regard was given to convenience than to the cardinal points of the compass, it would add to its appearance considerably. The lodge books are looked after by an old-time Past Master, and of course are in good keeping. Carelessness, or perhaps einxperience, in a former Secretary had not helped to continue matters as of old, and the lodge in this respect learned a useful lesson. I visited the lodge four times during the twelve months, and saw something to admire at each. Like the last mentioned lodge, it boasts of a line of Past Masters who do not doff their enthusiasm with the cares of office.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto: To the faithful and determined devotion of its Past Masters, in years gone by, Ashlar Lodge owes its

present proud distinction of being, so far as its ceremonial and executive working is concerned, the best lodge in the Eleventh District. Some nine or ten years ago they administered a salutary lesson to a set of officers distinguished for negligence and lack of punctuality, by ignoring them at the following annual election, and assuming all the chairs themselves. The admonition was severe but wholesome. It was never forgotten, and year after year the lodge has progressed in excellence until to-day, it may be said without exaggeration, to be a bright example for others. With a healthy treasury, active and increasing membership, punctual and accurate attention to business and ceremonies, there can be little doubt but that prosperity must continue to characterize it. Notwithstanding the large membership (150 or thereabouts) there are little or no arrearages, and the system of monthly payments is, I believe, to a great extent responsible for so gratifying a state of things. The hall, situated in the northern part of the city, is commodious, very comfortably furnished, but with limited ante-room accommodation. The lodge property and appurtenances are of the best and fully insured against loss by fire. The present staff of officers are well skilled, assiduous in attention, and merit the full confidence of the brethren. The setting apart of one night in the month for drill and instruction to which all the members are invited, but at which the presence of the officers is imperatively demanded, has tended in a great measure to the attainment of that degree of perfection which is now, and justly, the boast of Ashlar Lodge.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265, Thornhill: Situated on Yonge-street some fourteen miles from Toronto, and almost equi-distant from York and Richmond Lodges on the same road, this lodge may be said to have existed precariously for years. It is difficult to understand why, considering the contiguity of the lodges named, Patterson Lodge was ever permitted birth. It is there, however, and in its own peculiar way it endeavors to hold the fort. I trust that the day is not far distant when the brethren in the interests of the Craft will entertain the advisability of casting in their lot with either of the adjacent lodges, both of which are much older and both of necessity handicapped by its juxtaposition. So contracted is the field that but for the aid given by brethren from the city who have affiliated in recent years it would frequently have been a matter of great difficulty to open Patterson Lodge at all. A laudable desire to contribute strength to the membership has led to infractions of regulation that have occasioned trouble, and although the error has been condoned, and may be characterized as more the fault of heart than head, yet it will take time to eradicate the evil effects. I visited the lodge on three occasions and cannot say that I was charmed with either the method of conducting the business or the accuracy exhibited in the ceremonies by the subordinate lodge officers. The W.M., an old P.M. of the lodge, did well and worked the second degree with average exactness. His Secretary, also a Past Master and another of the pillars of the lodge, looked after his duties faithfully, while a third, who had likewise passed the chair and who was entrusted with the custody of the funds as Treasurer, W. Bro. J. T. B. Lindsay, was, I regret to say, summoned to his last account during the year and the members were thus called upon to mourn the loss of a faithful brother. The lodge is once more governed by young blood, and a new and improved condition of affairs is assured, but even the present outlook, though promising, may be retarded by undue haste. With a comfortable lodge room free from debt and a desire to perfect themselves in the ceremonies and general working, there is no reason why the officers

should not make their mark. The lodge has passed through its stormy period; it is entitled to enjoy a calm now.

Brougham Union Lodge, No. 269, Brougham: While exhibiting no evidences of decay, it cannot at the same time be said that this lodge is in a flourishing condition. In the first place, the establishment of a lodge at Pickering, some six miles to the south, affected it to a greater or less extent, and the symptoms of a little internal disquiet have not tended to advance its prospects. Nevertheless the lodge is there to stay, and the members live in the hope of a joyful future. The membership is about 36, and there is an average attendance of ten. The lodge room is leased, and is not too luxuriously furnished, but what there is of it is insured. The present W. M. is familiar with the three degrees, but rarely gets opportunity for practice. His officers under his guidance are fairly well posted. Owing to the scattered condition of the membership, dues are not as promptly gathered in as they might be, although the lodge has the benefit of a painstaking Secretary who looks after its interests carefully. There is money in the treasury, no debts to bother them, and the prospects of new material are good. The suggestion ventured in former reports that the lodge would be benefited by its removal to Claremont does not seem to strike the members favorably, as I found at my two visits that they were quite content to remain as they were.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292, Nobleton: A brilliant future may be in store for this lodge, but I failed to observe any indication of it at either of my visits. It possesses a membership of 34, most of whom exhibit a reprehensible inclination to keep themselves and their lodge a wide distance apart. The attendance at any meeting is miserable, and sometimes a quorum is lacking. At my second visit in May, five members only put in an appearance, and, but for visitors, we could not proceed. In a burst of mistaken enthusiasm the members built a hall of their own a few years since, and they have been burdened with an uncomfortable debt ever since. Unfurnished, except for a few wooden benches, and uncarpeted, the room presents a cheerless, depressing aspect, certainly not calculated to attract. The W. M., who resides at Kleinburg, is an excellent worker, indeed one of the best informed Craftsmen I have met, and his Secretary, also a P. M., is equally well posted, but they have no support. In fact during the progress of a third degree, it was painful to listen to the mangling of the ceremony in the hands of the Wardens and others. Carelessness in attendance produces negligence in the payment of dues, and I found that a third of the members were in arrears. The prospects of the lodge are the reverse of good, and as the W. M. himself said, "the lodge will live, but it will give no great lustre."

Humber Lodge, No. 305, Weston: Convenient to the city, Humber Lodge would be expected to reflect a little of the city's zeal, and while it cannot be classed among those that are indifferent or bad, it yet exhibits a vast room for improvement. It is a lodge that, in the past, permitted an easy going style of procedure, and would without check have rapidly developed into one of those which are facetiously regarded as working a ritual of their own. It only needed a tight rein to effect a different gait, and the officers were quick to accept the hint. At my last visit there was a marked change, and if the good work goes on, the lodge under its present ruler will take the position it should always have occupied. The W. M. is a fairly good worker, and it is his care to see that his Wardens and Deacons are familiar with their duties and perform them well. In other respects, too, the lodge requires attention,

and the present Secretary, an old P. M., promises to furnish it. With a membership of 40, there are eighteen over twelve months in arrears, and twelve of them over two years. The average attendance is only ten. The hall is leased from another fraternity, and is used jointly with it, although the furniture is mainly owned by the lodge, and is insured. The financial condition of the lodge is good, and its future is not uncertain. Nevertheless I am of the conviction that where a Masonic lodge is dependent upon another fraternal organization for its home it loses in the respect of the community where it is situated, and its chances for success deteriorate in proportion.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, Woodbridge: But a short time ago, and it seemed as if this lodge could never have survived the loss it experienced in the removal from Woodbridge to Toronto of a prosperous industry employing many hands. Its vitality however, was truly Masonic, and to-day Blackwood Lodge is prospering. It has now 40 members on its roll, and records an average attendance of 15. I visited the lodge three times, and observed signs of progress at each visit. Within the last year or two it fell into the hands of enthusiastic brethren who established weekly meetings of instruction, thus creating a lively interest in the younger members, and with the result that every officer is acquainted with his duties. The present W. M., like his predecessor, is an enthusiastic Mason and an impressive worker in each degree, and his Wardens are quite up to the average. Dues are promptly collected, not more than $25 being outstanding; the treasury is well supplied and the future promises fairly. The great drawback to the lodge is the wretched room in which it meets, but from the enterprise which now characterizes the brethren I am led to hope that this is the last time fault will be found on that score.

Doric Lodge, No. 316, Toronto: Of late years Doric has made great strides in its efforts to be up with the procession, and it may now with justice be classed among the leading lodges of the city. The present W. M. was elevated from the South, and the wisdom of the members was shown in their selection. He is a zealous worker, whose aim is to keep his lodge in the front rank. His zeal is reflected in his officers, who each and all support him loyally. One-third of the membership (140) is the average attendance, a fact that testifies in no small degree to the attractiveness of the working. Three members only are in arrears, a speaking tribute to the labors of the Secretary, whose books and records are a credit to him and to his lodge. Doric financially is sound, and affords every indication that its prosperous career will not soon slacken. The W. M., his Wardens and their subordinates are proficient in all the degrees, and their desire to further learn is shown in the systematic course of visiting, which they have mapped out. Like others similarly progressive, Doric Lodge has faith in the wisdom of the East, and its Past Masters reciprocate the confidence by their active interest in its welfare.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326, Toronto: This lodge claims a high standard of excellence, and it certainly seems to be the aim of its officers and Past Masters that no effort shall be wanting on their part to justify that claim. Zetland is undoubtedly a good lodge, and just now may be included among those fortunate enough to boast competent rulers. The W. M., in addition to enjoying a merited popularity, is imbued with a desire to deserve well of his lodge, and performs his duties admirably throughout. In their respective stations the Wardens are consistent, plodding workers, and the floor work is executed with due attention to detail. My visits of inspection were most satisfactory, and I concluded

them with the conviction that Zetland Lodge, in its ceremonial work, showed no falling away. The Secretary's books were models of neatness, and but for the fact that they revealed over $300 owing in dues, might be regarded as perfect. This blot, however, was in process of erasure, and I presume ere this, has left but small trace of its ugliness. With a membership of 160 and an average attendance of 35, Zetland may be looked upon as influential and growing. I visited Zetland Lodge on the 31st of October, when under its auspices the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, was tended a congratulatory reception by the brethren of his native city. It was one of the grandest Masonic gatherings ever seen in the Queen City, and must have been peculiarly gratifying to the distinguished brother. Almost every lodge in the district was represented, fully 600 brethren being in attendance. R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, P.D.D.G.M., presided and read the address, which was handsomely executed in book form. The Grand Master's reply embraced an account of a recent visit to the United Grand Lodge of England and Wales, and his cordial welcome at the hands of the brethren in the Motherland. His acknowledgment of the fraternal tribute from his brethren in Toronto was couched in expressive terms and evoked much enthusiasm.

Orient Lodge, No. 339, Toronto: The lodge "over the Don" is not by any means the least of the many good lodges in the city. It enjoys a membership of 170, and its regular meetings are attended by between 40 and 50. During the past year the roll was increased by over a score, and the prospects of further additions indicate a busy future. The W. M. is an excellent worker in all the degrees, and the other officers emulate his good example. The meetings are held in a spacious hall, leased, but well appointed, and which would show to more advantage if better illuminated. The furniture and other property are insured. The books are very fairly kept, but the old complaint of too much outstanding dues is again apparent. Something like $120 had to be collected in this way. Orient Lodge is doing well nevertheless, and promises to do better.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Sutton, W.: An average attendance of 1 out of a membership of 54 would hardly be accepted as a symptom of active interest, nor is it. A large proportion of the brethren live at long distances from the lodge, and even some of the officers drive 10 miles or more to be on hand at the meetings, but the fault, if any, lies with those who reside near. There was a good turn out at each of my visits, and I was much pleased with the alacrity with which both Master and Wardens responded to my desire for an exemplification of the work. Notwithstanding that a candidate had not been seen for 12 months it was clear that the officers had practised otherwise. The openings and closings were well done throughout, and the illustration of the sections of the work by the W. M. was also good. The Wardens, however, did not know the lectures. An examination of the books at my first visit, showed that the amount of outstanding dues was startling. There were 6 members over three years in arrears, 19 over two years, and 8 over one year, owing altogether to the lodge over $160. The result of my inspection was a vigorous rattling of the dry bones, and the remedy was promptly applied with good effect. At my last visit in June, there was a hopeful tone about the lodge with premonitions of a revival.

Occident Lodge, No. 346, Toronto: This is one of the strongest lodges in the West end of the city, its home being in Occident Hall, which it leases in conjunction with St. George Lodge. There are 170 members on the roll, and the average attendance is 36. The W. M. can

work all three degrees, and the Wardens and the other officers, well drilled in their respective parts, give him excellent assistance. The financial condition of the lodge would be more than fair if the dues were properly looked after. That there should be $720 arrearages shows not only weakness but culpable neglect. There can be no possible excuse for so deplorable a condition of affairs, especially after repeated caution. Out of the 170 members there are 8 over three years behind, 35 over two years, and 70 one year. To continue these delinquents in membership is a positive injustice to the brethren who are sustaining the lodge by paying regularly.

Brock Lodge, No. 354, Cannington: There is no great evidence of "rush" about this lodge, nevertheless it can hold its own. It has a membership of 51, and being favorably located, will probably advance steadily. On each occasion of my visiting I had the pleasure of seeing work in the several degrees, and saw it done well. The duties of the floor officers were perhaps defective, but the desire generally to learn and perfect themselves was an augury of future improvement. The attendance of members too, was good, and I observed from the books that it was fairly maintained. The hall, which is leased, is a very good one, and tolerably well appointed, the property being securely insured. I found here, as in other places, a gross laxity in the collection of dues, the books showing that about $100 were owing. Five of the brethren were over three years in arrears, five over two years, and a number considerably over the regulation twelve months. I pointed out the mistaken leniency which prompted them to retain those brethren on their roll, and they promised to remedy matters. The prospects for Brock Lodge, otherwise, are very fair.

River Park Lodge, No. 356, Streetsville: Dependent wholly on another fraternal organization for its meeting place and furniture, it is little wonder that this lodge should be comparatively at a standstill. Outsiders in a small place like Streetsville, aware of these conditions, naturally regard Masonry as an inferior fraternity, and even the members themselves can take little pride in a lodge which possesses nothing but the warrant, a few blue collars and a name. "The dignity and high importance of Freemasonry" are lost sight of under such circumstances, nor can I understand why the warrant could ever have been issued with so little to back it. However, the mischief is done, and it is more than likely that the membership, weak as it is, will be able to exist even under difficulties. The average attendance out of a total of 36 on the roll, is but sufficient to form a perfect lodge. A large proportion are in arrears, about $176 in dues being now owing. Nine members are behind in their payments over three years and five over two years, and there appears to be a careful avoidance of any suspensions. The brethren who do stick to the lodge are worthy Masons, but lack the courage to knock off the barnacles. The W.M. at present is an old P.M., and is thoroughly conversant with the ritual, and with the assistance of two or three more faithful brethren like himself, can get through the work, otherwise his support is of the poorest. The outlook is far from encouraging, but as they have no debts and possess a few dollars in the treasury, there is a prospect of a continuance even at a slow pace.

St. George Lodge, No. 367, Toronto: This may be termed a fairly prosperous lodge, having a good membership roll, 132, and an average attendance of 40. With Occident Lodge, it leases the hall at the corner of Bathurst and Queen Streets, and with it is joint owner of the furniture, which, with the jewels, etc., is protected by insurance. The W.M., who is comparatively a young Mason, is diligent, and can, in a

fairly accurate manner, work the three degrees. Both the Wardens are careful and attentive, and indeed the same may be said of the other officers. I visited the lodge four times and regretted to observe a feeling of unrest which detracted much from the general harmony. A factional spirit seemed to pervade a certain element, the object apparently being to embarrass and annoy, and what lent a deplorable aspect to it all was the fact that the obstructive tactics were directed by some who had been previously honored with the dignity of the East, and who, more than any others, should have been prepared to sink personal differences rather than encourage discord and contention. The good sense of the members, however, may be relied upon to discountenance conduct that should have no place within the tyled recesses of a lodge. Apart from this, the prospects of St. George are fair, but again the lack of proper attention to the prompt collection of dues calls for rebuke. The amount owing, $236, is much too large, and the latitude allowed to delinquents is to be blamed. It is a grievous wrong to continue brethren two and three years in arrears.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369, Lambton Mills: Considering its membership, 68, no lodge outside the city shows a better attendance than does this, an average of 23 in fifteen meetings. The lodge owns a cosy, well-furnished hall, all paid for and well insured. The quality of the work in the hands of the present officers is fairly average, with every desire to improve. The dues are here collected monthly, with the result that about $10 would cover the arrearages. The books, in the hands of an efficient Secretary, are exceedingly neat, and his system might be copied with profit in lodges of greater pretensions. Mimico, as is the case with other successful lodges, has a band of Past Masters who are always present to assist and advise the officers, and whose counsel in matters pertaining to the good of the whole is asked for and acted upon. I visited the lodge three times and was well pleased, not only with the work which I witnessed, but with the thorough harmony and good fellowship which distinguished all the proceedings.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384, Toronto: This may still be classed as a suburban lodge, although within the city limits. Its hall, situated at the corner of Dowling Avenue and Queen Street, is one of the prettiest and most inviting in the district, and as might be expected, attracts numerous visitors. There are on the roll 161 members, with an average attendance of nearly 40. Non-payment of dues is apparently not treated as it should be, too many members being permitted to run one, two and three years in arrears, until now over $300 is owing. The membership has not increased within the past year in proportion to preceding years, but the future is replete with healthy promise. The present officers are, on the whole, a capable set of brethren, the W.M. being singularly painstaking and zealous. He works all the degrees with care, and his officers throughout are fairly competent. I visited Alpha Lodge on four occasions, and each visit was pleasurable.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410, Toronto: Probably no lodge within the jurisdiction furnishes a better illustration of the evil of placing inexperienced brethren in positions of authority than does this. Five or six years ago Zeta enjoyed the distinction of being one of the best worked lodges in the district, and deservedly so. If not now one of the worst it is only because of the efforts of the R. W. Bro. who at present holds the gavel, and the assistance he is receiving from the older Past Masters. Through a chain of circumstances, not necessary to particularize, assisted by a mistaken modesty on the part of these older members, the affairs of the lodge were entrusted to brethren whose knowledge of Masonry might

with truth be described as in an embryo condition only, but whose opinion of their own fitness for the position of ruler was fully developed. As a result, a perceptible falling away was manifested which finally grew into positive indifference or total neglect on the part of some of the members. This rapid descent was in part arrested at the last election, and although the staff of officers then chosen was, with the exception of the W.M. and one or two more, of very mediocre quality, there is every reason to hope that a permanent benefit was effected. At my last official visit, the chairs of both the Wardens and Junior Deacon and the Inner Guard were filled by Past Masters and others. The good inclination of the members to their lodge may be relied upon to improve this state of things, and in the future to keep a check upon doubtful ambition. The lesson has been a severe one and will not soon lose its effect. Yet, notwithstanding such conflicting conditions, the prospects of Zeta Lodge are most encouraging. The brethren lease a cosy lodge-room, which has recently been refurnished luxuriously. The ante-rooms are well appointed, and the whole is carefully looked after and protected by insurance. The dues are promptly collected, the arrearages being trifling.

Doric Lodge, No. 424, Pickering: On the 3rd of September last I had the honor, by request of the M.W. the Grand Master, to constitute and dedicate this lodge, with the assistance of R.W. Bros. W. Roaf, J. A. Wills, F. M. Morson; V.W. Bros. F. F. Manley, R. Cuthbert, C. F. Mansell, A. G. Horwood; W. Bros. W. R. Cavell and D. H. Watt; and I was then impressed with the go-ahead spirit which seemed to actuate the brethren entrusted with its affairs. Nor did the enthusiasm end with that occasion. They continued steadily to add to their membership, until when I again visited them in March they had contributed fifteen to the roll. At my second visit I had an excellent opportunity to test the efficiency of the officers, and found that they were familiar with all their duties in the several degrees, the W.M. especially being proficient. The lodge has now over thirty members, and the outlook is very hopeful.

Stanley Lodge, U. D., West Toronto Junction: I entrusted the dispensation of the M.W. the Grand Master to W. Bro. McCormack and the other petitioners for a new lodge at West Toronto Junction, to be called "Stanley" Lodge, on the 10th of October last, and they have since established a sound claim to a warrant of confirmation, which I trust will be granted them. They received their dispensation in the hall selected by them at the Junction, which has been comfortably furnished and fully appointed, and which they have made good use of since, and not only has excellent progress been recorded, but the care displayed in the selection of material is a cause for much congratulation. Moreover, the officers have not been unmindful of their working. Indeed I was more than impressed with the manner in which the several degrees were conferred at my earlier visits, and I selected this, the youngest lodge, to illustrate the first degree at the General Lodge of Instruction in Toronto in February, which it did to the gratification of all. I am satisfied that Stanley Lodge will realize all the expectations of its promoters, and justify the good opinion which has already been formed of it. Willing and enthusiastic Masons are guiding its interests, and being favorably located, there is every reason to count upon Stanley Lodge being an ornament to the Craft.

LODGE RECORDS, BY-LAWS, ETC.

When too late, many lodges will regret the lack of diligence shown in the custody and preservation of minute books and other records. I

was amazed at the negligence in this most important matter displayed by some lodges whose standing, age and membership call for a greater exercise of care on the part of the officers. Old books are regarded by some Secretaries in the same light as old lumber. They can discern value only in the book that they are using themselves. Lodges should be called upon to furnish Grand Lodge with an inventory of the minutes and other records in their possession, and where anything is missing a search should forthwith be instituted.

Lodges too are careless in the revision of By-laws, not a few being content to worry along with those compiled fifteen and twenty years ago. A few, it must be confessed, accepted the suggestion offered, and appointed committees to revise or recompile, to wit, Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, Maple; Rehoboam, No. 65, Toronto; York, No. 156, Eglinton; Zeredatha, No. 220, Uxbridge; Doric, No. 316, Toronto, and River Park, No. 356, Streetsville. Many of the others are revised up to date, or within a year or two, but with By-laws fashioned as far back as 1872 it is only to be expected that conflicting opinions must often occasion needless discussion.

The dates opposite the following lodges show when the By-laws were last compiled:

No. 87, Markham Union Lodge, 1873; No. 97, Sharon Lodge, 1879; No. 229, Ionic Lodge, 1873; No. 99, Tuscan Lodge, 1879; No. 292, Robertson Lodge, 1873; No. 369, Mimico Lodge, 1879; No. 136, Richardson Lodge, 1874; No. 86, Wilson Lodge, 1880; No. 118, Union Lodge, 1875; No. 269, Brougham Union Lodge, 1881; No. 343, Georgina Lodge, 1876, No. 22, King Solomon's Lodge, 1882; No. 354, Brock Lodge, 1878; No. 346, Occident Lodge, 1884; No. 129, Rising Sun Lodge, 1878; No. 16, St. Andrews Lodge, 1885; No. 247, Ashlar Lodge, 1885; No. 75, St. John's Lodge, 1885; No. 265, Patterson Lodge, 1885; No. 311, Blackwood Lodge, 1885; No. 367, St. George Lodge, 1886.

Copies of the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge, which I presume are annually sent from the Grand Secretary's office, are seldom visible to the naked eye in a private lodge room. I enquired regularly as to their disposition, but with a unanimity that would in other matters be positively charming, the officers professed more or less ignorance. It is a matter for genuine regret that these printed records of Grand Lodge are not better looked after. I would strongly urge a regulation, having for its object their care and preservation, and placing upon the incoming W. M. the responsibility for their safe keeping during his term and their transfer intact to his successor.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Two general Lodges of Instruction were held by me in the Masonic Hall, Toronto Street, Toronto, viz.: On the 26th February and the 26th March, each occasion being honored by the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master, and both of which were very largely attended, many of the outlying lodges sending representatives. At the first the E.A. and F.C. degrees were accurately illustrated by the W.M. and officers, respectively, of Stanley Lodge, U.D., West Toronto Junction, and Ionic Lodge, No. 229, Brampton, and at the second, the Sublime degree was most carefully and impressively exemplified by the W.M. and officers of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, Toronto. A lively interest was evinced by the brethren attending at each meeting, the questions asked being generally appropriate and pertinent, and many points in dispute discussed, and apparently satisfactorily decided. As I visited a number of lodges subsequent to these meetings, most of which had been repre

sented by their officers or other members, I had a capital opportunity of observing how studiously the lessons learned were either forgotten or ignored, and I was further established in the opinion, grounded upon previous experience, that more permanent benefit is effected by a carefully conducted half hour's drill in the private lodge, than by these large and necessarily stilted gatherings, where too often brethren with peculiar fads or quibbles, exhaust time that might be employed to advantage in debating points of value, which less obtrusive, but more studious brethren might desire to put forward. Nevertheless, the importance of a General Lodge of Instruction cannot be minimized, inasmuch as it is an authority for the frequent settlement of differences of opinion in matters pertaining to esoteric working.

PAST MASTERS' NIGHTS.

A practice, that cannot be too highly commended, has of late obtained much favor in the city lodges, and I am glad to say it is being adopted by some of the rural lodges also. I allude to the Past Masters' nights, which have in every instance proved so enjoyable. Not only do they aid in sustaining the interest of the older brethren, but they create a healthful spirit of emulation in the young members. These reunions, so successful wherever tried, will I trust be observed frequently, and in this connection it may not be amiss to add that in my many visits I have noticed, and the conviction is forced upon me, that where the Past Masters are in unison, and enjoy the confidence of the members, the lodge is prosperous. On the other hand, there is little stability and less harmony in lodges where those who should be examples of propriety are openly divided.

So impressed was I with the necessity for cohesion among the Past Masters that the idea, born perhaps with others, of a general union of the veterens in the city of Toronto, where some two hundred and fifty or more re reside, suggested itself again. I issued an invitation to these brethren to meet me in the Masonic Hall, and over eighty responded. The project of an association was discussed in all its bearings, agreed to with much cordiality, and now, I am proud to say, "the Toronto Past Masters' Association" is an established fact. I trust it may exercise a potent influence in elevating to its proper standard in the Queen City the good old Craft, which deserves our devotion and commands our undivided loyalty.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

The question of non-payment of dues is a problem with which many have wrestled, but the solution of which is still in the future. It will be seen from the reports that many of the best lodges make a bad showing in this respect. My observations have led me to the opinion that the monthly system of payments tends in a great measure to prevent accumulation of dues. Lodges which have adopted this plan are comparatively free from the record of formidable balances against the members, while lodges otherwise perfectly managed, but which adhere to the annual or semi-annual collections, are afflicted with the periodical list of delinquents, and consequent disagreeable duty of reading names. I have noticed also that in lodges where the W.M. has graduated from the Secretary's desk there is a better knowledge of the internal working. The Secretary, more than any officer, is acquainted with the members, their standing and circumstances, and if the Master possesses a similar information, between them they are able to avoid much of the unpleasant features which tardiness in paying dues must of necessity bring to prominence. Every Secretary cannot be a Master, nor can a brother efficient as a presiding officer always make a good scribe, but it would

be to the benefit of many lodges if the W.M. had a more intimate knowledge of the books and membership.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

One or two circumstances affecting the financial standing of a lodge led me to enquire into the system of life membership, permitted by Grand Lodge. Of the thirty-seven lodges in this district, sixteen availed themselves of the privilege, one of them, Zeredatha, No. 220, has since abandoned it. Three out of the fifteen which retained the system, deposit the fees received on this account, and apply the interest only to the general fund, viz: St. Andrew's, No. 16, Rehoboam, No. 65, and Ashlar, No. 247. The following lodges have failed to the present to keep life membership fees funded separately, although one or two are making provision to that end. They are all of the city, except York, which is the next thing to it. King Solomon's with eighteen life members, Ionic with thirty-nine, St. John's with thirty-eight, Wilson with twenty-two, York with one, Stevenson with sixteen, Doric with five, Zetland with sixteen, Orient with nine, Occident with one, Alpha with two, and Zeta with nine. A little reflection will make apparent to the thoughtful reader the risk these lodges run, and that unless they apply the brakes at once, the privilege of life membership will run them swiftly into a shoal of difficulty. The benefit it was intended to effect will have worked the wrong way, and what was at first looked upon as a blessing will have turned out to be just the reverse.

THE GRAND MASTER'S VISITS.

That benefit has resulted from the visits of the M. W. the Grand Master to the private lodges must everywhere be admitted. In this district he visited and lectured to the brethren in the lodges at Maple, Markham, Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Brampton, Eglinton, West Toronto Junction, Cannington, Pickering, and in Alpha and Zetland Lodges, Toronto. A fresh impetus was given to the Craft working, and the brethren, old and young, were encouraged to renewed activity.

The practice of inter-visitation has during the past year developed to a remarkable and gratifying extent, nor is it confined to the urban lodges; for I find in many of the rural sections of the district that it is no unusual thing for representatives of lodges distant eight, twelve or more miles to be present, and assist in the work, at meetings where in past years such appearances were like angels' visits.

The recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master that the festival of St. John the Baptist be marked by an attendance of the Craft at divine service was very generally observed throughout the district, and many charitable objects were benefited thereby. In Toronto an imposing service was arranged for the occasion in St. James' Cathedral, and over six hundred Craftsmen, including the M. W. the Grand Master were present. The preacher, the Rev. Canon Dumoulin, D.C.L., made an eloquent and successful appeal on behalf of the Lakeside Home for Little Children on Toronto Island, an institution the doors of which are always open to the children of Freemasons.

IN MEMORIAM.

One visitor there is who seldom fails to "alarm," and whose summons is peremptory. There are few lodges that can point to a register on which the fatal record does not appear. In the course of one brief year many have gone whom we knew and cherished as brethren. The angel of death has erased from membership, but not from memory, the names of the following:—St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, W. Bros.

J. G. Howard, John Kent, H. Rowsell, and Bro. G. M. Lynn; King Solomon's, No. 22, Bros. John Graham, J. C. Clapp, J. H. McPeak; Ionic, No. 25, W. Bro. W. T. O'Reilly and Bro. A. G. Lightburn; Vaughan, No. 54, Bro. D. Kinnee; Rehoboam, No. 65, Bros. Geo. T. Porter, Jas. Alton, A. G. Burns, W. Raeside, and W. Bro. J. E. Day; Tuscan, No. 99, Bro. J. Roodhouse; The Rising Sun, No. 129, W. Bro. Seth Ashton; Richardson, No. 136, Bro. Abram Miller; Stevenson, No. 218, Bros. H. Kerrison, W. Black, W. Young, Jas. Erskine and G. E. White; Patterson, No. 265, W. Bro. J. T. B. Lindsay; Doric, No. 316, W. Bros. Jas. Summers, John Ritchie, junr., akd Bro. S. C. McKell; Zetland, No. 326, R. W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, and Bro. C. E. Stevens; Orient, No. 339, Bros Col. J. W. Lewis, Robt. Morrison and Wm. Blair; Occident, No. 346, Bro. W. H. Stone; Brock, No. 354, Bro. J. Smith; St. George, No. 367, Bro. Wm. Curtis; Alpha, No. 384, Bro. Robert Carey; Zeta, No. 410, Bro. Cornelius Davies; Doric, No. 424, Bro. Thomas Gormley.

In the death of the Dominion Premier, the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, the Craft also lost a distinguished brother. He was an honorary member of Zetland Lodge, No. 326, the members of which attended the obsequies at Kingston in large numbers. Concurrently, a memorial service under the auspices of the Craft was held in the Horticultural Pavilion, Toronto, at which there was a very large gathering, and where eloquent addresses eulogistic of the public and Masonic career of the deceased were delivered.

CONCLUSION.

I am impelled ere bringing this report to a close to acknowledge the fraternal and warm-hearted hospitality with which I have been everywhere received, and also to remind the brethren of the 11th District of a duty which with them has been honored more in the breach than in the observance. Perhaps the blame for its disuse should not be attributed altogether to the lodges, nevertheless it must be remembered that the Constitution provides that the expenses of the D. D. G. M's. visit is to be defrayed by them to the extent of one journey at any rate. Such is the law, and being the law it should be obeyed. I feel at liberty to mention this matter now, as my race is run, and I am not referring to it on my own account, but there are others to succeed me, and in their interests and in the name of fair play, I consider it only proper to bring it to the notice of the lodges. On three occasions was the subject of expenses touched upon in all my ninety odd visits. Lodges should not place the D. D. G. M. in the humiliating position of an applicant, nor should they expect him to spend his money as well as his time in their behalf. If a D. D. G. M. chooses to visit the lodges more than once, that is his own business, but certainly the one occasion should be covered by the lodge. It has been a standing rebuke against the 11th District in the past; it should be so no longer.

The trust placed in my hands twelve months ago I now relinquish to my successor. I have endeavored to show my appreciation of the honor by devoting as much time as possible to the duties of the position. The experience I have gained, and the many fraternal friendships which my visits have cemented have made the year eventful and memorable. If I have been the humble means of contributing even in a small way to the advancement of our beloved fraternity, I shall ever regard that period as well spent time.

Fraternally submitted.

GEO. J. BENNETT, D.D.G.M.,
Eleventh Masonic District.

Toronto, 30th June, 1891.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:

I beg leave to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Ontario District, No. 12.

I have visited each of the 22 lodges in this district, and trust that these meetings were as profitable and pleasing to the brethren as they were to myself. The prevailing fault in the district seems to be the non-collection of dues, and the arrearages which have accumulated have rendered it necessary to suspend members, and this act naturally creates ill-feeling in the minds of some who do not recognize the fact that without funds lodges could not exist. I have urged the necessity of prompt collection, and am pleased to say that some lodges are making efforts to remedy this evil by making dues payable quarterly. This new departure seems to work well in many of the lodges. The general work of the lodges is fair, although the floor work in some might be improved. It is impossible for a W.M. to discharge his part satisfactorily if he has not proper support from his subordinate officers. While the district has suffered by removals of their membership, a fair amount of work is being done, encouraging the belief that those added to the number will be a credit to the fraternity. Harmony has prevailed in the district, save in one instance in Prince Albert Lodge, No. 183, Port Perry, where the M.W. the Grand Master, finding so unsatisfactory a condition of matters as not only to permanently injure the lodge, but also to affect the status and welfare of the Craft in the opinion of the public at large, ordered a commission consisting of R. W. Bros. F. M. Morson, of Toronto, W. F. Howse, of Whitby, and myself to investigate and report. The findings are with the M.W. the Grand Master, and by his instructions the lodge warrant was suspended pending action by Grand Lodge. It is essential that order and decorum should not only be preserved in our lodge-rooms, but that nothing should be done by a lodge membership that would bring discredit upon the fraternity of Masons. The M.W. the Grand Master has honored us with eight visits during the year, all of which were appreciated. The exemplification of the work in all the lodges, while fair, might be strengthened by an interchange of exemplification among the different lodges of the district. I have paid 26 visits, and 16 of the lodges have complied with the requirements of the constitution regarding the payment of D.D.G.M.'s. I forwarded without endorsement a petition for a dispensation for a new lodge at Havelock. The undue multiplication of lodges in that part has done harm, and there are enough lodges in this district for all the membership that offers. I have granted dispensations to the lodges at Port Hope, Orono, Oshawa, Lindsay, Fenelon Falls, Lakefield and Whitby to attend divine service clothed as Masons. The brethren at Millbrook attended church without Craft clothing. There have been 250 degrees worked, 12 affiliations, while arrearages of dues amount to about $1,200. Two deaths have been reported, viz.: Bro. R. Focerty, No. 114, Port Hope, and Bro. Denoon, No. 161, Peterboro'. The following is a detailed account of my visits:

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa: Visited this lodge April 28th, 1891. A large number of brethren present and visitors from Whitby, Brooklin, Newcastle, and Orono. The work of the evening was passing, and the candidate was put through by the W. M. in a very creditable manner,

being his first attempt, assisted by the I. P. M., Bro. J. Laurie. These brethren tell me they have not missed one meeting in four years. They deserve honors conferred on them for promptness. This is a union hall of full dimensions, and well furnished, and insured together with Lebanon Lodge. Fraternal feelings exist between these lodges extensively, and both are, and have been, very prosperous during the year. The Secretary keeps his books in good shape, but arrears are rather large.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby: Visited this lodge Nov. 6th, 1890. The work of the evening was raising, worked by the W. M. in good style, ably assisted. This is a lodge of 59 members and a good average attendance. The dues are well collected, and the books in good shape. The Secretary deserves credit for the way he does his work, and his promptness in forwarding summonses. Love for the Order and fraternal feelings exist in Composite Lodge.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood: Visited this lodge Nov. 10th, 1890, and witnessed the exemplification of the work of the E. A. and F. C. degrees by the W. M. It might be improved. The books of this lodge are kept at the house of a brother, so could not be seen on the occasion of my visit. I can say but little of the lodge business. My printed form has been sent three times to be filled up, and Grand Lodge form as well, but up to this date, June, 1891, I heard nothing of either one. Their last return, as in proceedings of 1890, is reported Dec., 1887. The lodge is certainly not in satisfactory shape.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield: Visited this lodge Feb. 3rd, 1891. The work was raising, and was fairly done by the W. M., assisted by a P. M. and good officers. The lodge is not large, but the brethren are enthusiastic Masons. A more efficient Secretary could hardly be found. Too much credit cannot be given him for the labor he spends on his books. The outlook for the future is hopeful.

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bowmanville: Visited this lodge April 22nd, 1891. The work was in E. A. degree, and the W. M. did his work well, assisted by good officers. Visitors were present from Oshawa, Orono, and Newcastle. After the work was done, the meeting turned into one of General Instruction, both pleasing and profitable to all present. This lodge has a membership of 61. Meetings are well attended, and great interest taken in the work, and the continual visiting of sister lodges, makes this part of the district pleasant for the official visit of the D.D.G.M. The Secretary keeps his books in first-class shape, and of late has given much attention looking after old records and early history of this lodge, born Feb., 1849. The compilation is made in an efficient manner, for which he deserves great credit. Only one member out of 31 is in arrears.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee: Visited this lodge May 7th, 1891. The attendance was small, as the majority of the members live too far from the lodge to attend regularly. There being no work, the W.M. opened and closed in the three degrees. The books of the lodge are well kept, better than in former days.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton: Visited this lodge February 17th, 1891. The work of the evening was the F.C. degree, which was well done by the W.M., Bro. Dove, a fine worker. Few are better. His officers are fairly up in the work. This bids fair to be a first-class lodge. The book of by-laws contains the history of the lodge from its foundation. It has a membership of 52 and attendance good. The prospects are excellent.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono: Visited this lodge October 23rd, 1890. The work of the evening was the M.M. degree by the W.M., Bro.

Thompson, assisted by efficient officers. They have a neat room well furnished, and have a large membership of first-class material. The true fraternal spirit exists in this lodge, and it would be hard to find a more genial body of men. The books are well kept by the Secretary, Bro. Wm. Armstrong.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Victoria Road: Visited this lodge December 17th, 1890. The membership is 32 and is scattered over a wide range of country. There was no work, the candidate not being present. The W.M. had been well posted but, on account of illness, a Past Master opened and closed the lodge in the third degree. There is room for more improvement. I found the officers rusty, but they would be able to work well if they had the instruction from the East, but continued bad health prevented this. The members complain of being neglected by former D.D.G.M.'s.

Ontario Lodge, No. 20, Port Hope: Visited this lodge March 19th, 1891: The work of the evening was the M.M. degree. The ritual was correctly rendered by W. Bro. W. Robertson and R.W. Bro. Trayes, assisted by W. Bro. Gaudrie, of Hope Lodge. The W.M. is getting up the work in an efficient manner, well appointed and directed for Masonic purposes. The Secretary is prompt in the discharge of his duties, but has allowed dues to accumulate more than can be collected on short notice.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle: Visited this lodge January 20th, 1891. There being no work for the evening the W.M. opened and closed in the three degrees. His work was correct. We had a number of visiting brethren from Bowmanville and Orono. The evening was spent in giving instruction and addresses on Masonic work and history. The lodge has a well furnished room, but on account of proximity of lodges the territory is limited, consequently a rapid increase in members is not to be expected. The past records and the books are in good shape, but there are too many members in arrears for dues.

Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls: Visited this lodge January 19th, 1891. The work of the evening was the E.A. degree. It was fairly done by the W.M., a young Master, assisted by P.M. Fitzgerald. It seems to me young Masters do their work better when no visitors are present. The lodge has a good membership, and the efficient Secretary is determined to keep down the list of arrears. I commend him for his promptness in these matters. It would save trouble if other lodges were to copy his example.

Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene: Visited this lodge September 11th, 1890. I found the lodge in good order. The work of the evening was raising, which was well done by the W.M., Bro. McCamus, ably assisted by efficient officers. There are about 25 members on the roll, 11 of whom were present. The books are well kept by Secretary Bro. John Shaw. The lodge is composed of excellent material, although the surroundings are not first-class.

Peterboro' Lodge, No. 155, Peterboro': Visited this lodge Feb. 6th, 1891. There was no work, but the evening was spent in profitable conversation on Masonic subjects. This is one of the best as well as the largest lodges in the district. The room is well furnished, and the members take pride in their hall, which is a credit to the entire jurisdiction. The membership is 92. The books are kept in a businesslike manner by Bro. Carmichael. Only 38 members in arrears.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa: Visited this lodge October 14th, 1890. I witnessed four initiations, the work being well done by W.M. Bro. J. Rea, assisted by first class officers. The standing of this lodge

is excellent, having had more than an average share of work this year. All the Oshawa lodges meet in this room, which is one of the most comfortable in the district. The Secretary, Bro. J. McCaw, deserves credit for the correctness of his books and promptness in business.

Hope Lodge, No. 14, Port Hope: Visited this lodge October 3rd, 1890. The work was in the third degree. The brethren of this lodge deserve credit for the zeal manifested in the furnishing of their hall. The W.M. is a good worker and keeps close to the text. He was assisted by P.M. Gaudrie, whose ability is well known. A fraternal feeling exists between the Port Hope lodges, and peace and harmony are the order of the day.

Prince Albert Lodge, No. 183, Port Perry: Visited this lodge January 23rd, 1891. I paid, during the year, three visits to this lodge. The first on January 23rd, 1891, when I installed the officers; the second, when, as chairman of the commission with R.W. Bro. Morson, we held an investigation by instruction of the M.W. the Grand Master as to the state of the Craft in this lodge and place; as a third visit, in May 1891, by instruction of the M.W. the G.M. to see that the directions he had given with regard to the suspension of the lodge were carried out. The report of the commission is in the hands of the Grand Master. This lodge was at one time prosperous, but year after year it seems to have degenerated through irregular conduct on the part of some of the members and other causes that militate against the welfare of any lodge.

Verulam Lodge, No. 368, Bobcaygeon: Visited this lodge Sept. 26th, 1890, accompanied by R. W. Bro. J. D. Graham, W. Bro. J. W. Wallace and others, of No. 77, Lindsay. I was pleased to witness four initiations, all well done by the W. M., Bro. Stewart, assisted by V. W. Bros. Graham and Wallace, of Lindsay, and McDonald, of Peterboro'. Removals have left this lodge weak in numbers but not in finances. This year 13 applications of good men helped to bring it up to first-class standing, and prosperity beams on it. The old lodge room of former years has given place to a new one.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook: Visited this lodge April 23rd, 1891. The principal work of the evening was an initiation. The W.M. did his work well although it was his first. The lodge has a fine room, well furnished, and good surroundings. Membership, 44, and a fair average attendance.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay: I visited this lodge Nov. 7th, 1890, and April 3rd, 1891. I saw the M. M. degree worked on two occasions, and was much pleased. This lodge has some fine workers and they take pride in having every detail attended to. The room is ample and well furnished. Bro. J. S. Patrick is an excellent Secretary, and his books are a credit to him.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterboro': I visited this lodge March 25th, 1891. The work of the evening was raising. The W. M. conducted the ceremony, assisted by R. W. Bro. Shortly, of No. 155, all of which was very nicely done. The lodge has a membership of 61, but the average attendance is small for so many members. The Secretary keeps his books creditably and does not allow dues to accumulate. The lodge has joint insurance with Peterboro' Lodge.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin: Visited this lodge Jan. 22nd, 1891. The main business was the installation of officers, R. W. Bro. Howse officiating. A number of visitors were present from Whitby and Oshawa, and a pleasant evening was spent. The Secretary's books bear inspection. The lodge owns the hall which could accommodate

more than usually attends. The arrears of dues are too much for so few members.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. MILLAR, D.D.G.M.,
Twelfth Masonic District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I have the honor to present to you my second report on the condition of Masonry in the Thirteenth District, having been elected to the honorable position of D. D. G. M. for the second time, at the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, held at Kingston. On assuming the duties and responsibilities of D. D. G. M., my first official act was the appointment of Bro. R. J. Craig, of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg, as District Secretary, and the Rev. Geo. E. Stokes, of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg, as District Chaplain. There are in this District twenty lodges, and during the year just past I have visited officially, with two exceptions, every lodge. I have found the lodge rooms suitably equipped and comfortable, and the furniture well adapted for the proper exemplification of the beautiful work of our Order, which in almost every case is carried out in strict conformity to the requirements of Grand Lodge. I endeavored this year to visit all the lodges at their regular meetings, and succeeded in doing so with the above exceptions. When visiting many of the lodges I was accompanied by brethren from Cobourg, Colborne, Belleville Trenton, and other places, a favor which I greatly appreciate and am heartily thankful for. This shows the interest many of the brethren belonging to the different points in the district take in furthering the interests of our noble Craft. The general condition of Masonry in the district, with the exception of one or two lodges, is most satisfactory. All the lodges in the district, with the above exceptions, are well officered, and have had plenty of work on hand during the year. The material taken in has, so far as I can ascertain, been of the kind calculated to do credit to the Craft. I find that the work in all the lodges is done by the regular officers, and that it is generally very well done. In cases where I found any want of efficiency, I advised the holding of special meetings for drill and instruction in the ritual. The lodge books are, almost without exception, neatly kept, and the only fault I find with some of the officers is, that several of them are negligent about sending the D. D. G. M. copies of the summonses for lodge meetings. While nearly all the lodges in this district have a very good membership, the attendance at the regular communications is not what it should be. This may be attributed in some measure to members falling in arrears for dues. In every lodge I have visited I have strongly impressed on the brethren the necessity of insisting on dues being properly paid. I have found in some of the lodges that a loose system prevails in the examination of visitors. I have urged upon the W. M. and P. M's, and the lodges generally, the absolute necessity for greater strictness, both as to vouching and as to the most searching examination of all brethren presenting themselves as visitors. I find the by-laws in several lodges in the district in need of revision, and desire to direct attention to the necessity of having these by-laws brought into harmony with the constitution of the Grand Lodge. In

this particular I would recommend the appointment of a committee by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, to revise all existing by-laws of the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as I am convinced that many lodges outside of this district have provisions in their by-laws directly in conflict with the constitution in force to-day. This is quite to be expected, as I have seen by-laws now in force, which have not been amended for twenty years, and naturally they are not in harmony with the constitution now in force, and consequently trouble is imminent at any time, and frequently occurs. I have granted dispensations to Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth, for the purpose of attending divine service clothed as Masons on the 21st June, 1891; Colborne Lodge, No. 91, and Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto, for the same purpose, on the 28th June, 1891. I cordially acquiesced in the practice of our lodges attending as a body divine service on the occasion of our two great festivals; and I recommend that in future amendments to the constitution, there shall be no necessity for a dispensation for such occasions, the W. M. being held responsible, as he is for all regular meetings of his lodge. During the year several dispensations on my recommendation were granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, viz.: To Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville; and to Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, to elect officers on other than the day stated in their by-laws. To Quinte Lodge, No. 241, Shannonville; Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora; Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton; Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington; Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, to instal their officers on a date other than that named in their by-laws.

During the year it was a great pleasure to me to instal the officers of:—Franck Lodge, No. 127, Frankford, Jan. 19th, 1891; Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, Jan. 8th, 1891; Quinte Lodge, No. 241, Shannonville, Jan. 13th, 1891; Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora, Jan. 20th, 1891; Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope, Dec. 27th, 1890; Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope, Dec. 27th, 1890; St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg, June 24th, 1891.

During the year I held the following Lodges of Instruction:—Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto, Dec. 9th, 1890; Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, Jan. 8th, 1891; Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling, Jan. 29th, 1891; United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton, Jan. 5th, 1891; Tweed Lodge, No. 239, Tweed, Feb. 11th, 1891; Golden Rule Lodge, No. 126, Campbellford, Feb. 17th, 1891; Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth, Feb. 18th, 1891; Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville, Feb. 25th, 1891.

All the lodges in the vicinity were notified by circular, and on all occasions there was a good attendance, the result being satisfactory to me and apparently to all present. In every instance the three degrees were perfectly exemplified, and the examination of visitors thoroughly gone through with, and very much interest was manifested. It gave me a great deal of pleasure and encouragement to find on every one of the above occasions the young members took a keen and active interest in the work. They seemed to be imbued with the idea that because I was there with the proper regalia of my office as D.D.G.M., they were likely to learn more than they had previously been taught, but it was all the more gratifying to me to be able to tell them at the close that their W.M. was as capable (and in some cases, in my estimation of my own humble abilities) more competent than I to instruct them. Modesty on the part of the D.D.G.M., in my two years' experience, has led me to believe that the D.D.G.M. can do a great deal by standing loyally by the W.M.'s. I thank the brethren in all these places for their kindness and attention, and their exertions to make the meetings successful.

During the year the following deaths were reported to me, viz.: Bro. James Scougall, M.M., of Colborne Lodge, No. 91; V.W. Bro. W. H. Ponton, Moira Lodge, No. 11; Bro. Lewis Minaker, Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton; W. Bro. Thos. Battell, St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg. I am aware that there have been several deaths which have not been reported to me. In this respect the Secretaries have not complied with the constitution except those of the lodges above named.

Moira Lodge, No. 11, Belleville: I called a Lodge of Instruction in Belleville on Feb. 25th, 1891, under the auspices of Moira Lodge, to exemplify the work in the first, second and third degrees. The work was exemplified by the officers of Moira, the Belleville and Eureka Lodges, with absolute accuracy, and in every respect the attendance was large. Too much praise cannot be given the officers of the different lodges in Belleville, for their care in getting up the work so thoroughly, and it gives me great pleasure to note their praiseworthy efforts. At the conclusion of the work, questions were invited, and very much interest was evinced by the intelligent manner in which the different points brought up were discussed. At the close of the meeting a very nice supper was tendered the D.D.G.M. and visitors.

St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg: This lodge has 55 members on its register, the average attendance being 18. The W.M., W. Bro. John Miller, is one of the cleverest and closest workers in the district, and with his Wardens exemplifies the work with fidelity and accuracy of detail. The J.W., Bro. A. R. Hargraft, gives the lecture on the tracing board as perfectly as I have ever heard it given. The Deacons' work is well done, and I may say there is really nothing wanting in the able, careful and perfect work on the floor. This lodge has always been noted for years for its good work. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer have been well kept for years. The hall is one of the most commodious in Ontario, and is convenient in every respect, having very suitable ante-room accommodation, and with the advantages of the town of Cobourg, St. John's Lodge, No. 17, should be one of the best, strongest and happiest in the Thirteenth District. The removal of V.W. Bro. R. J. Winch, to Peterboro', was, and is yet, felt as a great drawback, because it might be said of him that he was mother and father of it. He was never missing when wanted, and was always willing to take a hand in the work, and few anywhere could do it better than he did.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton: I visited this lodge on Jan. 8th last, for the purpose of holding a Lodge of Instruction, and to instal the officers. There was a very large attendance. Wellington, Consecon, and Ameliasburg made a splendid turn out. The officers of Prince Edward Lodge are all a D.D.G.M. can wish for. W. Bro. Burlingham, W. M. of Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, and his officers, conferred the second degree to my entire satisfaction, and I look on Star in the East Lodge as one of the best worked lodges in this district. The third degree was conferred by myself, after which a banquet was tendered to the D.D.G.M. and other visitors.

United Lodge, No. 29, Brighton: I visited this lodge on Feb. 5th, 1891, for the purpose of holding a Lodge of Instruction. Colborne Lodge, No. 91, and Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth, were invited, and I had the pleasure of seeing the W. M., W. Bro. Bullock, and the officers of United Lodge work the first degree, the work being well done, and the attendance good. Percy Lodge exemplified the second degree to my entire satisfaction, and I exemplified the third degree myself, at the particular request of the officers and brethren. The

prospects of United Lodge are excellent. A supper was in waiting at the hotel, after the meeting, to which ample justice was done, and a pleasant hour was spent.

Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton: I visited this lodge on March 24th, last. About 25 members were present. The second degree was conferred by the W. M., W. Bro. Wilkins, in a very creditable manner. The Wardens and other officers performed their work exceedingly well. The Secretary was able to show me a most complete and well kept set of books. This lodge is growing, and making very satisfactory progress, and the hall is very suitable. Too much praise cannot be given the W. M. and officers for their care in getting up the work so thoroughly, and it gives me great pleasure to note their praiseworthy efforts.

Madoc Lodge, No. 48, Madoc: I asked to call an emergency meeting in May, but the officers and members, under some misapprehension, intimated to me that a visit from the D.D.G.M. was not then necessary. Judging from former reports about the working of the lodge I would infer that it is such as would pass fair inspection.

Consecon Lodge, No. 50, Consecon: I visited this lodge at a meeting held on March 20th, last. There being no work, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees in a correct manner, and the evening employed as a Lodge of Instruction. This lodge is under the guidance of a zealous and energetic Mason, W. Bro. Jno. H. Young, and is supported by young, active and enthusiastic officers, but I regret to say that its future prospects are not more than fair.

Stirling Lodge, No. 69, Stirling: I called a Lodge of Instruction for Jan. 29th, last. I was accompanied by W. Bro. Wilson, of Colborne Lodge, and a large number of brethren from Belleville, Madoc, Marmora, and Golden Rule Lodges, were invited to attend, but owing to bad weather, very few of the members of the invited lodges attended. The work was all that could be desired. The attendance was very good, and I trust the meeting resulted in profit and benefit to the members of the various lodges present.

Colborne Lodge, No. 91, Colborne: This lodge has 69 members on its register. The W.M. exemplifies the entire work, and he and his Wardens and Deacons are indefatigable in their zeal to bring about perfection. Their work is absolutely perfect. The books of both Secretary and Treasurer are kept in a business-like manner. There are no members in arrears, and the prospects of the lodge are extra good. This lodge is taking in a fine class of members, and its work is equal to any lodge in the district. The lodge is insured for $1,050; the hall is owned by the lodge, is very suitable and in good condition. Regular meetings during the year, 14; emergencies, 6; making the total number of meetings 20.

Franck Lodge, No. 137, Frankford: I visited this lodge on January 14th last, and installed the officers. I was accompanied by a number of brethren from Trent Lodge, No. 38, Trenton. This lodge has done very little work lately, yet the meetings are well attended. The lodge has met regularly, and the greatest harmony prevails. The lodge room is very suitable, and the future prospects of the lodge are good.

Percy Lodge, No. 161, Warkworth: I visited this lodge on February 18th last, and was pleased to find that there was work in the three degrees. I found the lodge in a most healthy condition. Every officer from the W.M., W. Bro. J. Humphries, has his work perfect. The Secretary, Bro. Prall, deserves great credit for the neatness and correctness of his books. The future prospects of the lodge are very good.

The ancient charges and regulations for private lodges have been read in open lodge, which is unusual in this district. Too much praise cannot be given the W.M. of this lodge for the efficient condition to which he has brought his officers, and the business-like manner which characterizes everything in connection with it.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, Wellington: I visited this lodge on April 21st last. The W.M., W. Bro. F. A. Burlingham, is a nice, clear able worker, and he is well supported by his officers, all of whom pride themselves on the accuracy of the performance of their duties. The Secretary's books are neatly and well kept. The hall is owned by the lodge and is very suitable. The prospects for Star in the East Lodge for the future are excellent, and this is greatly due to the able manner in which everything connected with its affairs are managed.

Lake Lodge, No. 215, Ameliasburg: I visited this lodge on May 8th last. I was accompanied by P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton, of Belleville, and a large number of Moira Lodge, No. 11; the Belleville Lodge No. 123, and Eureka Lodge, No. 283. A pleasant surprise greeted us on this occasion, when the brethren of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18; Consecon Lodge, No. 50; and Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, put in an appearance in strong force. On my official visits two candidates for the M.M. degree were present. I look upon W. Bro. W. D. Stafford, W.M. of Lake Lodge, as a very good worker. The members of Lake Lodge take a deep interest in Masonry, and creditably acquit themselves in everything they do. The work on this occasion was done by the regular officers of the lodge, to my entire satisfaction in every way. The Secretary's, Bro. James E. Glenn, books are well and neatly kept, he being a practical and efficient officer. The prospects of Lake Lodge are very bright. At the close of the meeting an excellent supper was tendered to the D.D.G.M. and visitors, which proved a most pleasant and happy close to a very successful and profitable meeting.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222, Marmora: I visited this lodge on January 20th last, for the purpose of installing the officers, who appeared to have been judiciously selected. The W.M., W. Bro. R. B. Prout, is well up in his work. This lodge has very good prospects of extending its usefulness.

Quinté Lodge, No. 241, Shannonville: I visited this lodge on January 13th last, and installed the officers. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton, P.D.D.G.M., and a large number of Belleville brethren. The W.M., who is a P.M., has exemplified all the degrees, and is a fairly good worker, wanting only a little particular attention to details. I tested him in parts of all the degrees, and was favorably impressed with his rendition of them. The outlook for this lodge is not favorable. It seems to have outlived its usefulness and means of vitality. The W.M. is anxious and willing, and I am far from attributing blame to him. The attendance is very small, and I do not think it will improve. In my opinion, it would be advantageous to the lodge and creditable to the Craft if the warrant were surrendered, as the existence of so weak and inefficient a lodge extends its evil effects throughout the whole vicinity and reflects injuriously on other lodges near by.

Mystic Lodge, No. 278, Roslin: I did not visit this lodge, as the officers and members attended a Lodge of Instruction at Tweed, and also on account of their having no work on hand. I know that the lodge is well looked after by the W.M., W. Bro. Hy. Judson. He is a good worker and deserves great credit for the perfect manner in which he has got up the three degrees.

Craig Lodge, No. 401, Deseronto I visited this lodge on December

9th last for the purpose of holding a Lodge of Instruction, when I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton, of Belleville. All three degrees were exemplified. The W.M., Bro. Geo. A. Brown, took charge of the second degree, evincing skill and earnestness in the work. W. Bro. George Greatrix, of Quinté Lodge, worked the first, and I took charge of the third myself. A very social time was spent at refreshment at the close of proceedings.

During the year the Thirteenth District was officially visited by M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, G.M., who delivered an interesting lecture on "A Hundred Years of Masonry in Canada." The visits of the G.M. cannot fail to have a beneficial effect on the Craft in the Thirteenth District. In conclusion, I desire to tender to the officers and members of the lodges in the district my cordial thanks for the courtesy and hospitality shown to me at all times. I trust that my efforts have met with the approval of the members. Of the many brethren who have assisted me, I desire to particularly mention R.W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton, P.D.D.G.M., and my thanks are due to R.W. Bro. R. J. Craig, District Secretary, for his assistance, and for the faithful discharge of his duties.

It is with feelings of thankfulness to the Great Architect, now that the time has arrived for me to surrender the gavel of this district to my successor, that I have not at the same time to leave him some difficulties to settle or unpleasantness to cast a shadow over the opening hours of his reign. I bespeak for him an equal measure of that kindness and fraternal loyalty shown to myself, and which will be remembered by me with gratitude as long as I live.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

P. J. LIGHTBURNE, D.D.G.M.,
Thirteenth Masonic District.

TABULATED STATEMENT OF PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13.

Number of Lodge.	Name of Lodge.	Location.	Membership. Total No. of all members	Membership. Increase during year.	Membership. Decrease during year.	Degrees conferred. R. A.	Degrees conferred. F. C.	Degrees conferred. M. M.	Admissions.	Restorations.	Resignations.	Suspensions, N. P. D.	Suspensions, other causes.	Deceased.	Meetings held. Regular.	Meetings held. Emergent.	Meetings held. Total.	Average attendance of Members.	Amount paid for Relief.	Number of Members 12 months in arrears.	Total of all arrearages.	Date of last G. L. Return.	Financial Standing.	Prospects of Lodge.	Can W. M. work all degrees.	Insurance.
11	Moira	Belleville	108	20	14	18	25	14	0	2	6	7	0	2	14	5	19	50	$ 5 50	2	$ 80 75	'91 Jun. 27,	Good	Extra good.		Yes.
17	St. John's	Cobourg	55	6	1	7	8	2	4	0	0	2	0	1	13	3	16	13		0		'91 Good	Fair			Yes.
18	Prince Edward	Picton	142	2	6	15	17	6	2	0	2	1	0	1	12	2	14	90	70 00	7	22 00	'91 Good	Good			Yes.
20	United	Brighton	49	4	2	7	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	14	50		0		'90 Fair	Good			No.
38	Trent	Trenton	61	2	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	14	2	16	50		7	82 00	'91 Fair	Fair		Yes.	Yes.
48	Madoc	Madoc	80	10	0	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	13	30		32	151 75	'90 Fair	Fair			Yes.
60	Cosneom	Cosneom	30	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1	14	12		2	118 50	'91 Good	Fair		No	Yes.
69	Stirling	Stirling	80	10	0	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	13	15		2	24 00	'91 Fair	Fair			Yes.
97	Oakbay	Oakbay	20	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	15	30		0	60 00	'91 Good	Fair			Yes.
123	The Belleville	Belleville	121	10	3	8	8	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	14	2	16	30		0	84 60	Dec. 24,	Good			Yes.
126	Golden Rule	Belleville	45	3	1	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	16	19		1	66 00	'90 Extra good.				Yes.
127	Frank	Campbellford	80	5	2	6	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	12	2	14	30		0	60 00	Jun. 2,	Good			Yes.
129	Percy	Frankford	48	3	2	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	15	25		1	24 00	'91 Fair	Fair			Yes.
161	Star in the East	Warkworth	80	5	0	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	14	30		0	60 00	'91 Fair	Fair			Yes.
164	Lake	Wellington	47	3	2	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	15	30		0	60 00	'91 Good	Fair			Yes.
215	Lake	Amelialburgh	42	2	0	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	13	25		0	60 00	Dec. 27,	Good			Yes.
222	Marmora	Marmora	51	6	0	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	15	30		0	60 00	'90 Good	Fair			Yes.
230	Tweed	Tweed	78	9	1	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	15	30		0	60 00	Jun. 24,	Good			Yes.
241	Quinte	Shannonville	19	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	14	16		0	60 00	'91 Good	Fair			Yes.
248	Kyle	Roslin	30	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	13	16	10 00	11	22 00	'91 Fair	Good			No.
288	Eureka	Belleville	48	6	0	7	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	14	30		0	60 00	Dec. 27,	Poor.			Yes.
401	Prior	Deseronto	37	1	3	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	15	30		0	60 00	Jun. 27,	Good			No.
																				0	60 00	'90 Fair.	Fair.			Yes.
																				0	60 00	'90 Good	Good			Yes.
																				0	10 00	Dec. 27,	Good		Yes	Yes.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Fourteenth District.

The district at the time of my appointment was composed of 15 lodges, since which time one warrant has been returned to Grand Lodge, leaving now 14 lodges in this district. During my year in office, I have visited every one of those 15 lodges in this district.

Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3: On December 29th, I visited the banner lodge of the district, and with the assistance of R.W. Bro. Wilkinson, P.D.D.G.M., installed the officers for current year. The immediate Past Master, W. Bro. W. H. Macnee, had a very fine record to show of work done during his official year. I inspected the books, and found them neatly and correctly kept by the efficient Secretary, W. Bro. J. Sutherland. This lodge has been called upon during the present year to mourn the loss of two illustrious brethren, whose names were intimately known and revered in the Masonic and political world respectively, of at least the Dominion of Canada. I refer to the late M.W. Past Grand Master James A. Henderson, and to the late R.W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, K.C.B., the Premier of Canada.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee: On the evening of June 9th, I visited this lodge, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Hendry, P.D.D.G.M., and Bro. S. Sutherland, of Ancient St. John's. I found this lodge meeting in the finest room in the district; attendance rather small. I requested the W.M., Bro. Lenox, to open up into the second and third degrees, and close down again, which was done in a very creditable manner. This lodge is in good shape and prospering.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston: Visited this lodge on the evening of June 10th. A fair number of members present. There being no special work to do, I requested the W.M., Bro. Gibbs, to open and close his lodge in the three degrees, which was done in a very efficient manner. I found this lodge had been doing good work during the present year. I examined the books of the Secretary, Bro. Callahan, and found them exceptionally well kept.

Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith: Visited this lodge on the evening of June 19th. About 20 members present. W.M. Bro. Meyers in the chair. At my request the lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, the W.M. and officers doing their work very creditably. There are some very enthusiastic Masons here, and I believe this lodge is working fairly well.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 119, Bath: Visited this lodge on evening of 15th June, regular meeting night. W.M. Bro. Daley, in the chair. About 15 members present. No special work on hand. W.M. opened and closed in the three degrees; work done fairly well. The J.W. was absent. The membership of this lodge is small, but it appears to be working harmoniously.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh: Visited this lodge on evening of June 17th. R.W. Bro. Longmore, in the chair. Eighteen members present. Lodge opened and closed in three degrees, and as might be expected, the work was well done by R.W. Bro. Longmore and

his officers. The books of the lodge fairly kept. This lodge has erected a fine hall in the place of the one burned a few years ago, and when properly furnished will be a credit and comfort to the members of this lodge.

Simpson Lodge, No. 157, Newboro': Visited this, my mother lodge, officially on evening of 24th June, and installed the officers. Being a regular attendant at this lodge, I can say it is working well and harmoniously. The I. P. M., Bro. Gorrell, is an enthusiastic Mason, and during his double term of office, has done all in his power to promote the welfare and prosperity of the lodge. R. W. Bro. Preston, the present W.M. and father of the lodge, will no doubt keep up the record of the lodge.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque: Visited this lodge on the evening of St. John's Day, the Evangelist, when I installed the officers for current year. I found the W.M. elect, Bro. Bain, and his officers, well up in their work, and the lodge in a prosperous condition; found the Secretary, W. Bro. Hawyard, a painstaking officer, and his books well kept. The brethren here are to be congratulated on their beautiful hall.

Elysian Lodge, No. 212, Garden Island: Visited this lodge on 18th February, in company with M.W. the Grand Master J. Ross Robertson, and a number of the Kingston brethren. The Grand Master delivered his lecture on Craft Masonry, which was very highly appreciated by the brethren. This lodge, on account of its position (being on an Island), has not hitherto had a large field to draw upon for membership, but if small in membership, it is working harmoniously, and is in a healthy state.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa: Visited this lodge on evening of June 11th, and found only eight members to receive me. This lodge has not been in a prosperous state for some time, for which a number of reasons were assigned, among which were removal of members, failure of crops locally, hard times, financial difficulties, and some slight dissensions among the brethren. The members present, however, were very anxious to retain their warrant, and seemed to think that better prospects were in store for them. They promised me that they would reduce their indebtedness to Grand Lodge before the annual meeting. I did not like the system of keeping their books, and advised the lodge to procure a new set of proper blank books, including blank order book. They have a few enthusiastic members among them, and I have hopes that they will improve their position.

Minden Lodge, No. 253, Kingston: Visited this lodge on evening of June 8th. About 25 brethren present. As there was no special work to do, the W.M., Bro. Oram, kindly offered to exemplify the work in the second degree, the Secretary, Bro. Gill, very kindly acting as the candidate. The work was done in a very creditable manner, the lecture of the J.W. particularly so. This lodge, like its sister lodges in Kingston, is in a prosperous condition.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: Visited this lodge on evening of June 18th. W.M. Bro. Lockridge in the chair. About a dozen members present. After the election of officers, which was conducted with much unanimity, the lodge was opened up into the second and third degrees and closed again, the W.M. and his officers doing their work fairly well. This lodge is not apparently making much progress. Books fairly well kept.

St. John's Lodge, 340, Pittsburgh: Visited this lodge in company with the Grand Master on February 18th. After the Grand Master had delivered his lecture on Craft Masonry, a discussion took place regarding a difficulty the lodge had had with one of its members who is now

residing in Montreal. The whole proceedings on the part of the lodge seemed to have been quite irregular. After the close of the lodge the papers bearing on the question were placed in the hands of the Grand Master for adjudication. The lodge does not appear to be working as harmoniously as it should, and the prospects for the future are anything but bright. I believe the cause of Masonry would be better served if the brethren would surrender their warrant and connect themselves with the Gananoque or Kingston lodges.

Hiram Lodge, No. 341, Wolf Island: Visited this lodge with M. W. the Grand Master J. Ross Robertson, on 18th February. We found this lodge to have been in a dormant state for a longwhile, with no better prospects for the future. Advised the members to surrender their warrant, which they agreed to do, and they have done so, and it is now in the hands of the Grand Secretary. Some months afterwards I received a petition addressed to the Grand Master from a number of the late members of this lodge, asking for a return of their charter. I could not, however, recommend that their petition be granted.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth: Visited this lodge on evening of June 16th. Emergent meeting, 16 members present. W. M. Bro. McLachlan, in the chair. As there was no work, requested the W. M. to open up into the second and third degrees and close down again, which was done in a very satisfactory manner. There have been some slight dissensions in this lodge, but believe they are dying out. There are a number of unaffiliated Masons in this section who are expected soon to connect themselves with the lodge. Books of this lodge have been well kept. The Master-elect, Bro. Aylsworth, is a hard-working Mason, and I believe this lodge will start on a new era of prosperity under his rule. I found that the visits of the Grand Master through the country had had a most beneficial effect, and in a great many cases where he had delivered his lecture a fresh awakening had taken place and weak lodges considerably strengthened.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks to the brethren of the district for the kind, courteous and fraternal treatment extended to me. Can only say that whether the incumbency of the office by myself has been of any service to the Craft in general, or not, it has been productive of much good to me, and riveted stronger than ever those fraternal ties which bind me to Masonry.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. R. DARGAVEL, D.D.G.M.,
Fourteenth Masonic District.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 15.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:—

I have the honor to submit, for your information, this my second annual report on the condition of the twenty-two lodges comprising this district, together with a statistical epitome. Having last year reported on the condition of the respective lodge rooms and furniture, it does not appear necessary to touch on those subjects in this report, except where special changes have been, or are about being, made. I have visited all the lodges once, two twice, and two others several times. Before commencing I prepared extracts from the respective excellent

reports of the Grand Master and Chairman of the sub-committee, on the Condition of Masonry, in such a form as to occupy about ten minutes in reading, and where I thought the lodge required a stirring up, these extracts were read, supplemented with such remarks as the occasion appeared to require. I also had lectures prepared, which occupied twenty, thirty, and thirty-five minutes respectively in their delivery, one of which was read in each lodge, where the extracts were not applicable. This system appeared to meet with general favor, and the result to have been beneficial, particularly to those brethren who have not the means at their disposal to acquire a knowledge of ancient history, and esoteric teachings of the Craft, other than what may be learned in the usual lodge routine. I also called special attention to the necessity of strictly complying with the regulations relating to benevolence. I made an effort to establish uniformity in the work, and in the arrangement of the furniture. Some small errors and some of considerable magnitude had crept into almost every lodge. In several instances, where the work had been satisfactory last year, considerable innovations were observable, some of such magnitude as to require the ruling of the Grand Master. The brethren always appeared glad to have irregularities pointed out, and they cheerfully commenced their correction. D.D.G.M.'s will ever find these difficulties, requiring constant and careful supervision. The lodge rooms throughout present a more attractive and comfortable appearance, and the general tone of the Craft is gradually improving. My travelling expenses have been cheerfully paid by all, except one lodge, and this omission, I presume, was through inadvertence. Postage and stationery, which cost a considerable sum, should also be defrayed. The M. W. the Grand Master, visited 11 lodges in the district, and was on all occasions received with enthusiasm by the large number of brethren who assembled to do him honor, and hear from the head of the Craft the valuable and instructive truths inculcated. These visits have done much good, the weak have been strengthened and the strong have been encouraged, and the stimulus thus imparted will show its beneficial results in ways that cannot now be comprehended.

The large number still in arrears for dues is a crying evil. In some lodges there are those who are from three to eight years behind, and although many appear to be quite able to pay, and never enter the lodge room, action towards relieving the Craft from such parasites is not attempted. If permitted to continue, this evil can only result in disaster. The Grand Lodge should devise some means to compel Masters to enforce the constitution in this very important matter. I have at all times, when necessary, urged the required action, and am glad to say some few lodges have acted on my advice, and they now unhesitatingly express how exhilarating and beneficial have been the results. All dispensations have been reported to the Grand Secretary, and the fees forwarded. By special authority from the Grand Master, I healed one brother, who had been made in the unrecognized Ontario organization. The non-resident Master is an incubus, which has demoralized many lodges, and should not be permitted. I trust the Grand Lodge will consider this question, and not allow the East to be held by any brother, who is not a resident within the jurisdiction of the lodge. The forms supplied by G. L., to be filled in for information, contain several columns that might be dispensed with and others added, in which to show cash on hand or invested, value of real estate, value of furniture, jewels, &c., liabilities, and total assets. If this were done the financial standing could be seen at a glance. Before proceeding to report on each lodge

separately, I wish to thank the brethren throughout the district for their kind receptions and marked desire, at all times, to carry out the true principles inculcated by the teachings of the Craft.

Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville: Visited this lodge 10th December, 1890. Fifty-four present. I delivered a lecture and witnessed the transactions of business. On the 26th of the same month, assisted by R.W. Bro. John Menish and V.W. Bro. D. Derbyshire, I installed the officers, there being about 50 brethren present. My frequent visits to the lodge have enabled me to witness the conferring of all the degrees, and I can testify to the correct and impressive manner of working. Books correctly and well kept, except inventory of furniture which is not complete; cash on hand and invested, about $750; dues in arrears, $677, an increase of $29 over last year. While the lodge appears to be, and is at present, in a prosperous condition, were it not for the many initiations and large number of paying members the drones would soon create financial difficulties and probably ruin the institution. The Master has recently promised to take action in this important matter. The annual entertainment was attended with the usual *eclat*. After speeches, music, and recitations, the brethren, with their families and friends, numbering about three hundred, sat down to supper in the comfortable banquetting hall.

True Britons' Lodge, No. 14, Perth: This lodge I visited on the 6th April, 1891. Thirty-one present. A careful and painstaking Secretary, but a proper ledger is not kept. A correction is again promised. Opening and closing in the three degrees well done, but a raising very indifferently performed. This is not owing to inability but simply the want of attention on the part of the Master. On a former visit the present Master conferred the first two degrees in an impressive and satisfactory manner. Cash on hand, $183; dues in arrears, $100. This is one of the most interesting lodges in the district, and appears to be in a prosperous and healthy condition.

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls: Visited this lodge 21st November, 1890. Forty-one present; a candidate initiated; work well and impressively performed; an intelligent and prosperous lodge; cash on hand, $196; dues in arrears, $82. The veteran Secretary, Bro. S. Moag, is still at his post. Last year I did an injustice by saying that he had served continuously for thirty years. It appears that the brother has occupied the position for thirty-two years, making him in all probability the senior Secretary in the jurisdiction, and probably in the Dominion. May he be spared for many more years to perform the duties for which he is so competent. On the 19th of February, 1891, the Master reported the purchase of a new and substantial set of books to replace the old limp covers.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28, Kemptville: I visited this lodge on the 19th of November. Twenty present. The work throughout, including a raising, was correctly and impressively performed. A superior class of members and an excellent lodge. Books correctly and neatly kept; cash on hand, $56; dues in arrears, $20. R.W. Bro. Robert Leslie, P.G.J.W. of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada, under the Grand Mastership of the late Sir Allan Napier McNab, now eighty-four years of age, came all the way from Ottawa, especially. The R.W. Bro. presented the lodge with a number of suitable engravings, and he was the recipient from the brethren of an affectionate address accompanied by a gold-headed cane, the whole ceremony having been of the most pleasant and impressive character, showing that kindly and brotherly feeling ever inculcated by the sublime teachings of the Craft.

A banquet followed. The brethren are arranging for a more central, convenient, and suitable hall. After having written the above, I was advised by telegram on the 19th May, 1891, of the decease of R.W. Bro. Robt. Leslie, at Ottawa. His remains were conveyed to Kemptville, where they were buried with Masonic honors on May 21st, under the auspices of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 28.

Merrickville Lodge, No. 55, Merrickville: This lodge I visited on 20th November, 1890. There were ten present. The Master had not been in the lodge during the year up to date of my visit; the Tyler being the only regular officer present. But one meeting has been held since my visit in April; Secretary had left the country. The furniture, which has been of good quality, shows neglect, and with the room, requires a thorough cleaning. Dues in arrears, $41; books require more care and attention. This state of things appears to be attributable to the want of a resident Master, and the misfortune of allowing petty village and personal squabbles to influence the brethren in their communications. The Grand Lodge should speak out plainly on the question of non-resident Masters. At the election of officers on the 27th December, 1890, brethren were elected who were quite capable of conducting the affairs of the lodge. W. Bro. R. W. Watchorn, a prominent citizen and an efficient Mason, having been placed in the chair, I now have great hopes that this old lodge will again prosper.

St. James' Lodge, No. 74, Maitland: I visited this lodge on the 27th Oct., 1890; 12 present. Secretary had left the jurisdiction; Treasurer doing his work; but little progress during the year; roof of hall leaks; furniture of interior of room requires cleaning and renovating. Opening and closing in the three degrees fairly well; the Master of Salem Lodge acting as J.W., and the I.P. Master in the chair—(Master absent.) More attention is required to properly demonstrate the work. Books correct in form, except the names of officers present or acting not shown in the minutes. The numerous charters and old historical papers on the walls make this an interesting lodge to visit.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Athens: This lodge I visited on the 22nd January, 1891. 16 present; minutes too closely written, and names of officers not entered; ledger has not been balanced for years; Treasurer appears to be painstaking and careful; dues too low, and many members in arrears; a motion carried to suspend all over two years. The second degree was conferred. The Master did the work correctly and impressively, and is quite capable in every respect, but junior officers not well up. The room appeared cleaner and brighter than at any previous visit. The situation, however, is the same and not suitable. I note, with pleasure, the marked improvement in the work and general tone of the lodge since my former visits. Cash on hand, $31; dues in arrears, $130; prospects good.

Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott: Visited 3rd Feb'y.; 24 present. The second degree was well and impressively conferred—marked improvement in the work since the previous visit. The books are in perfect order, and kept by a model Secretary. Cash on hand, $501; dues in arrears, $164; lodge prosperous. It is very gratifying to be able to report so favorably on this old lodge.

Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, Cornwall: Visited 6th January, 1891. 26 present. The brother for passing was not prepared; an initiation by substitute took place; work fairly well done. With more practice the lodge will work very well. Books well kept; ledger not balanced by Past Secretary; the present one will do so. Prospects have much improved during past year, and everything points to a brighter future. I cannot

refrain from again referring to the well furnished, comfortable hall and adjoining rooms; furniture cost about $860, while the lodge liabilities are only about $75. This may be considered a good financial showing.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, Morrisburg: Visited 9th October, 1890. Twenty-four present. One initiation and two passings; the work impressively and satisfactorily performed. Officers and brethren enthusiastic, and lodge highly creditable. A careful and painstaking Secretary, and well and regularly kept books; paid for relief, $75; dues in arrears, $64; prospects bright.

Friendly Brothers Lodge, No. 143, Iroquois: Visited January 7th, 1891. Twenty present. Work in second degree fair, but all the officers require more study and practice in order to exemplify the ceremony impressively. Books correct as to form, but manual should be improved. A new and substantial ledger has now been opened; although the dues are but $2.00 per annum, the outstanding amount is $240. I urged action towards collection or suspension. It affords me pleasure to be able to report a magic change in the appearance, and consequently comfort, of this hall since my former visit. It has been thoroughly cleaned, renovated and papered. New members are being accepted and everything points to a bright and prosperous future. Cash on hand $127.

Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, Lancaster: Visited October 22nd, 1890. Fifteen present; opening and closing in the three degrees, and a raising. Work fairly well exemplified, but the Master does too much of it. He should require the junior officers to take their share. A few innovations have crept in. The landmarks, however, are well preserved. Outstanding dues $105. The books have not been audited for some years. I called special attention to the necessity of having this corrected. The present Secretary is improving the appearance of the books. I was favorably impressed with the brethren, and the lodge may be considered in a fairly healthy and satisfactory state.

McCoy Lodge, No. 242, Mallorytown: Visited November 24th. Twenty-three present; opening and closing in the three degrees and a raising, the Wardens of Lyn Lodge acting. The work fairly well exemplified; books fairly well kept. Arrears for dues $214; if not collected, embarrassment must be the result, particularly as there is a debt of $600 on the property. The lodge is composed of an excellent class of rural population, and appears to be in a prosperous condition.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320, Chesterville: Visited November 18th, 1890. Sixteen present. Roads so wet and bad, members living in the country were unable to come in. Opening and closing in the three degrees; work satisfactory; books correctly kept by the careful and painstaking Secretary; dues in arrear, $191. An effort should be made to have this collected. A prosperous and enthusiastic lodge.

Salem Lodge, No. 368, Brockville: Visited January 12th (and on several other occasions). Twenty-eight present; books all well and correctly kept by the efficient and zealous Secretary, opening and closing in the three degrees, and a passing; all work correctly and impressively carried out; assets about $757; dues in arrear, $325; nearly doubled since last year. I was pleased to hear the names of several read out, preparatory to taking further action. This has, I believe, resulted in quite a number paying up. Brethren of this lodge are particularly well instructed before being advanced; a satisfactory and well-worked lodge.

Harmony Lodge, No. 370, Delta: Visited January 21st, 1891; 29 present, (and once visited subsequently). The second degree was fairly

well conferred; both Wardens and Senior Deacon absent; more study and practice required in order to work smoothly; books fairly kept; minutes too close and names of officers omitted; Tyler's register signed with pencil; dues in arrear, $54. The annual dues of $1.50 are quite too low. A by-law has since been carried to increase to $2. This lodge is wealthy in real estate and furniture. It is well managed and prosperous.

Henderson Lodge, No. 383, Winchester: Visited 17th Nov., 1890. Eleven present. Day and night exceedingly wet and roads bad; members were unable to come from a distance in the country. Two brethren examined for the third degree, and one raised. Work fairly well done, but did not go off with that smoothness and solemnity the degree requires. A new hall, conveniently and centrally situated, has been secured and occupied. Books kept in proper form, but written too hurriedly; Secretary also doing work of Treasurer, who lives in the country. It is gratifying to note great improvement since my first visit last year, indicating a more prosperous and brighter future.

Lansdowne Lodge, No. 387, Lansd wne: On the 14th Nov., 1890, I notified the lodge, addressed to the W.M., or Secretary, that I would visit them on the 25th of that month. On the morning of the latter date, when at Mallorytown on my way, a letter was received from W. Bro. Bradley, P.M., saying summonses had not been issued, consequently a communication could not take place. This was very disappointing, but there was no alternative but to return to my home. Subsequently the M.W. the Grand Master visited the lodge and appeared to infuse, for a time, at least, new life. A hall (not quite desirable, but best available), was leased for three years. By request, I visited the lodge on the 19th Feb.; 17 present, and, by dispensation from the Grand Master, installed the officers. It was with difficulty that the required number of P.M.'s was secured to perform the ceremony. W. Bro. Taylor, the W.M., appears energetic and enthusiastic, and will, I think, master the work, but I fear that some of the other officers, as well as members, lack in promptness and energy, on which so much depends.

Crystal Fountain Lodge, No. 389, North Augusta: Visited 11th Dec., 1890. Thirty-three present; work in first degree fairly well done; attention called to a few errors, corrections of which were promised; books fairly well kept, but Tyler's register not suitable; hall built and owned by the lodge; a creditable and prosperous institution.

Lyn Lodge, No. 416, Lyn: Visited 11th Nov., 1890. Twenty present. A second visit subsequently. There being no work available, the lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, all correctly and well done; no ledger kept, correction promised; other books satisfactory. The walls, ceiling and hangings of room have been much improved, making it very bright and cheerful; a well conducted, prosperous and satisfactory lodge.

Maxville Lodge, No. 418, Maxville: Visited 21st Oct., 1890; 18 present; work in the third degree exemplified. Junior Warden and both Deacons absent. While the Master appears to have a fair knowledge of the work, being somewhat nervous and indifferently assisted, the ceremony was not what it should have been. There appeared to be a want of harmony amongst the brethren, which resulted a week or two later in an open rupture. Subsequently the M.W. the Grand Master, visited the lodge, after which work was resumed, and it is presumed the affairs are now satisfactory. The summons for a regular meeting on March 10th, showed two for initiation and one for passing, and subsequent notices show that work is regularly going on. Unless the brethren

leave the village quarrels outside the lodge room, harmony cannot exist.

Financial standing, good ($175 in hand), and applications numerous. Books fairly well kept, but not balanced. A more commodious, comfortable and centrally situated room is in contemplation. This lodge could be much more conveniently visited if attached to the Ottawa District, while Simpson Lodge, Newboro', with advantage, could be attached to this district.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. H. JACKSON, D.D.G.M.,
Brockville, 17th June, 1891. Fifteenth Masonic District.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN :—

I have the honor to submit herewith my official report on the condition of Masonry in the Ottawa or 16th Masonic District.

I have officially visited thirteen of the lodges in this district. The remaining five I was unable to visit personally, owing to the illness and death of two members of my family, and to my own illness in June. However, through the kindness of R. W. Bro. David Taylor, of Ottawa, and R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, of Pembroke, who visited these lodges on my behalf, I am enabled to report that all the lodges in this district have been visited, and with one exception all seem to be doing good work, are in good financial standing, and have good prospects for the coming year.

The exception is Madawaska Lodge, No. 196, Arnprior. This lodge I regret to say has not made any progress during the past year, and its members have grown apathetic and indifferent. Their Secretary writes, "The lodge at present is not in as satisfactory condition as we would like, the older members showing considerable apathy, and the younger members being exceedingly few. We are in hopes, however, of making things better." I may say that I am led to hope that the next year will give a more favorable showing with reference to this lodge. With reference to the character of the work done by the officers in the different lodges, I have to say that I found it well exemplified, and there was a general desire on the part of the officers to become proficient in their several parts. While the lodges are financially sound, yet the arrearages in some instances amount to a large sum. Lodge officers require to keep a watchful eye on this matter, and see that arrears are not allowed to accumulate. There is one lodge in this district deserving of special mention in this respect as having no arrears—Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond.

Another matter to which attention might be directed is that of attendance. I find that while there is a large membership, yet the average attendance is small, not being over one-fourth of the total. Many members are too lax and careless in this respect. There is no surer way to destroy the usefulness of any lodge than for a number of the members to habitually absent themselves from the regular meetings. The example is pernicious in its effects. Each member should make it his special business to fulfil his duty in this matter of attendance, and not wait to be asked by the W. M., or wait for election night or a public procession to bring him out.

The Ottawa city lodges devised a plan to endeavor to bring out those who were not in the habit of attending. Each lodge in turn exemplified some of the degrees, and issued cards of invitation to the members of the other lodges. On these evenings the attendance was large, and many who were not in the habit of coming out were present. I trust that their anticipations may be realized, and that the result may be larger attendance and increasing interest in the cause of Masonry. All the lodges with the exception of three have their property covered by insurance. I have impressed on these lodges the necessity of having this matter attended to. I have issued the following dispensations to attend divine service clothed as Masons: St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place; Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet; Renfrew Lodge, No. 122, Renfrew; Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay; Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, Mattawa; Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond; and to Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond, to initiate a serving brother without fee. I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Nipissing Lodge, No. 420, North Bay, on the 27th December, 1890. On that occasion I had the pleasure of meeting with V. W. Bro. Tait, of Toronto, who kindly assisted me.

The district has been honored by a visit from the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, who visited Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, Plantagenet, and St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, Vankleek Hill, and delivered an interesting address, which has had a most beneficial effect. Plantagenet Lodge was formerly a weak lodge, but the W.M. writes me very lately: "Now the circumstances are different, harmony prevails, and the Grand Lodge dues are paid up to the 30th June, 1891," and that "the prospects are good."

I am pleased to be able to report that the utmost harmony prevails in all the lodges in the district. A number of the brethren seem to measure the prosperity of a lodge by the number of new members made during the year. While to a certain extent this may be a criterion, it should not be forgotten that lodges do not exist solely for the purpose of making members. It is not ritual alone, no matter how beautifully rendered, that will make a Masonic lodge. The true aim and object of the institution, viz., moral instruction and social intercourse, must not be overlooked, and I think that if more attention were directed to these objects, there might be a better attendance.

I thank the brethren of the district for the high honor conferred on me, and have to express my high appreciation of the courtesy extended to me in all the lodges I have visited. I am aware that my duties have been imperfectly performed, but I trust that the brethren will kindly overlook my shortcomings, as it has been my earnest desire to contribute to the advancement of Masonry in the district.

Owing to my illness, the M. W. the Grand Master requested R. W. Bros. Burritt, P.D.D.G.M., of Pembroke, and D. Taylor, P.D.D.G.M., of Ottawa, to visit certain lodges. The following are their reports:—

R. W. Bro. Burritt says:—"Having visited Pembroke and Mattawa Lodges, at the request of the M.W. the Grand Master, owing to your inability to visit them on account of illness, I beg to report as follows: The summons for the regular meeting of Pembroke Lodge having been issued before I was aware I was going to make the visit, the fact of such official visit was practically unknown to the members. I found the attendance about 13 out of a membership of 91; this gives you a good idea of the general interest taken by the members when they know of nothing specially interesting to bring them out, and is certainly not as it should be, and of which fact I told them, and that I would probably

inform you. Of course this is a pretty general complaint in nearly all lodges, and my view as to the way of bettering it is to bring their shortcomings before the Masonic public. I told them the officers were required to be there, and that alone should impose a duty on them to be more thoughtful of their meetings even if they overlooked their obligations; I made somewhat similar remarks in Mattawa Lodge last evening, but there is a great excuse there, as a great many of their members live distances from the village, and not their own masters in most cases. Pembroke, of course, do their work strictly in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge, and the officers are well skilled. The other information as to financial standing, etc., the Secretary tells me he forwarded you the regulation slip filled up. The work in Mattawa Lodge was specially well done, and the lodge in every respect is a great credit to the district. They have been in existence only a few years; have a membership of 80, have their room very well furnished and have bought a piece of land and are about erecting a building of their own. Both lodges wished me to convey to you their sincere regrets that you were unable to visit them, and more particularly because of the reason for your inability, and also to extend to you their sympathies in your recent great family affliction. I may say in closing that it is a pleasure to me to be of any assistance to my brethren in the Craft."

R.W. Bro. David Taylor, says:—I have the honor to present report on special visits. On Tuesday, July 14th, I visited Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, at Plantagenet, at an emergency meeting, at 2 p.m. I find they have held 13 regular meetings during the year, with an average attendance of 113, with a membership of 25; initiations, 2; passing, 1; raising, 2. On Sunday, 12th inst., attended church service in a body, where the Rev. C. O. Carson, Chaplain of the lodge, preached to a large assembly, and they then visited the cemetery and there decorated the graves of the four brethren there interred, in accordance with the suggestion made by the M.W. the Grand Master. I also found their books in good order, and the old feuds heretofore existing entirely wiped out, and harmony prevailing. I could not help congratulating W. Bro. Smith on what I consider a great improvement in the general well-being of the lodge.

I have visited St. John's Lodge, No. 21a, at Vankleek Hill, on the 13th July, and beg to report of the same that I find everything as well as could be expected, with this exception, that the room is not suitable to meet in. This they promised to remedy by building a proper hall. I find the regular attendance good, and their books exceptionally well kept, the lodge being out of debt and some money on hand. The work of the evening was one F.C., which was creditably performed. The officers are fairly well up in their work. I consider the lodge in a prosperous condition, and a credit to the Craft.

I visited on Friday, 3rd inst., Doric Lodge, No. 58, Ottawa, at their regular night of meeting. There was no work on hand, and the attendance was rather small. Past Masters were conspicuous by their absence. The general attendance is, however, usually good. The books are well kept and in good order. The W.M. opened and closed in the three degrees fairly well, and the officers are well up in their work. I consider the lodge to be doing fairly well.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. H. Bothwell, D.D.G.M.,
Sixteenth Masonic District.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN:

I have the honor to present to you my report on the condition of Masonry in this the 17th Masonic District (Algoma), for the Masonic year 1890-91.

Upon assuming office, I appointed Worshipful Brother Andrew More, of Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur, as District Secretary. I then issued a communication to every lodge in the district, reminding them of some constitutional points and duties, and it is but fair to state that their acknowledgment and response, except in the case of one lodge were prompt and hearty. I visited all the lodges once, all but one twice and only omitted that one because it was under suspension by the Grand Master. As there are but six lodges in this district, this may not appear much of a task until it is remembered that from the easterly to the westerly limit of the lodges in this district it is about 800 miles.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415, Fort William West: My first official visit was paid to this lodge, on Wednesday, September 24th, 1890, being their regular night of meeting. I was accompanied by V. W. Brother J. E. Johnson, G.S.; W. Bro. A. More, D.S.; W. Bro. Beaver, and several brethren from Port Arthur. After routine business, I witnessed regular work in the second degree, which was exemplified by the W.M., W. Bro. Perry, also opening and closing in all three degrees. The work was fairly well done, but the W.M. was not as well supported as he should have been by his officers. The S. W's lecture, however, was well delivered by Bro. A. McDougall. I visited this lodge again on January 2nd, 1891, and installed the officers, assisted by R. W. Bro. S. W. Ray, of Shuniah Lodge, and W. Bro. Perry, and again on Wednesday, June 17th, 1891, when, after routine business, I witnessed the opening and closing in all three degrees and exemplification of the third degree. The work was fair, though not as good as I expected to find it. It would have been better had all the officers been in their places. This lodge has a membership of 51, is financially sound, having nearly $700 on hand, has added 14 members during the year, has good territory, and is about to move into more commodious quarters. Attendance good on both occasions.

Manitoulin Lodge, No. 407, Gore Bay: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, October 28th, 1890, at an emergent meeting called to receive me. I was very much dissatisfied with the condition of the lodge and the quality of the work performed. Not an officer in the lodge room could open or close correctly. The books were not well kept nor the funds promptly handed over. As the affairs of this lodge will doubtless be made the subject of a special report to the Grand Lodge, I will say no more about it further than that, in my opinion, the sentence of suspension passed upon it by the M.W. the Grand Master, and under which it now rests, was richly merited. There is, however, good material in that locality from which an excellent lodge could be formed and operated. I would suggest that an opportunity be afforded those of the members who have not been guilty of any unmasonic conduct, of forming a new lodge.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.: I visited this lodge on Tuesday, October 28th, 1890, at an emergent meeting. The

lodge was opened and closed in all three degrees, and the second degree was exemplified. The work was ordinary and the officers seemed unfamiliar with it. I gave them several hours' instruction, and on the occasion of my second visit on Saturday, June 13th, 1891, I found a marked improvement. The lodge was worked up to the third degree, which was then exemplified in a creditable manner, all the officers doing their work well and almost perfect in detail. This lodge has a membership of 68, and has recently moved into more commodious and suitable quarters. When their furnishings are completed, they will have one of the nicest lodge rooms in the district. The financial standing is good, and with such a bright, intelligent set of officers, as it now possesses, the prospects of this lodge are bright. There were from 20 to 25 present on each occasion.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur: I visited this, my mother lodge, officially on November 5th, 1890, at an emergent meeting, when the first and third degrees were conferred in a perfect manner by W. Bro. More, who is an admirable worker. I visited again officially on June 24th, 1891, when the third degree was conferred by W. Bro. Leaney in a creditable manner. He was well supported by those of his officers who were present. This lodge has a membership of 100, has about $1,000 cash on hand, but unfortunately there is a larger amount of unpaid dues and more delinquent members than in any other lodge in the district. The work done and the quality of material admitted are high. This lodge has a bright outlook. I installed the officers on January 7th, 1891, by special dispensation, assisted by R.W. Bro. S. W. Ray, P.D.D.G.M., and W. Bro. Beaver. The attendance on each occasion was fair, but not what it should have been.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Rat Portage, Ont.: I visited this lodge the first time on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 1890, when W.M. W. Bro. A. Carmichael kindly called an emergent meeting for my benefit. The lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the third exemplified. The W.M. was not well supported by his officers. I visited again on June 4th, 1891. As their elections, unlike the others in the district, are held in June, the same officers were in office; on this occasion the W.M. conferred the first degree, and the S.W. Bro. Currie (the W.M. elect), gave the J.W. lecture and conferred the second degree. The work was fairly done on both occasions, but on the occasion of my first visit, the officers were not as familiar with their work as I expected to find them. However, I found an improvement in that respect on my second visit, and do not think my successor will have occasion to complain of them in this respect. This lodge has a membership of 84, and is in a sound financial condition, and although it ranks next to Shuniah in number of delinquents and amount of arrearages, still its prospects are good, and it will doubtless continue to prosper. There were about 40 present on the occasion of my first visit, but a small attendance the last time.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin, Ont.: I visited this lodge on the night of their regular meeting, Dec. 5th, 1890. After routine business and election of officers, the first degree was conferred by the W.M., W. Bro. R. A. Mether, and the lodge opened in the second and third degrees and closed again. The work was well done, and the W.M. was well supported by his officers, particularly the Deacons, who did their work nicely. I visited again on the night of their regular meeting, June 5th, 1891, when, after routine business, the lodge was raised to the third degree, which was exemplified by the W.M., Bro. Neil, for my benefit. The work was good, but the officers exhibited a nervousness

which will doubtless wear off as more work presents itself. This lodge has a membership of 54, and is in a sound financial condition, with dues well paid up, and a bright future. I was accompanied on both visits by R.W. Bro. Ferguson, P.D.D.G.M.; V.W. Bro. Brydon, G. Pur.; W. Bro. Carmichael, and others from Pequonga Lodge, Rat Portage. These lodges are all held in rented rooms, well furnished, and all carry insurance ranging from $200 to $800 on their furniture and regalia. I found the books in every instance, with the exception of Manitoulin, No. 407, well kept, the funds promptly paid over by the Secretaries, and in the cases of Fort William, Pequonga and Keewatin, the books were models of neatness. I have received the notices of meeting regularly, and in my visits and in correspondence have been received and treated with the greatest courtesy.

I have granted dispensations to the following lodges to attend divine service in Masonic clothing, viz.: Shuniah, No. 287, on Jan. 4th and on June 28th, 1891; Fort William, No. 415, on Jan. 4th and on June 28th, 1891; Keystone, No. 412, on Jan. 4th and on June 28th, 1891; Pequonga, No. 414, on Jan. 4th, and to Keystone, No. 412, on June 27th, 1891, to initiate without fee a serving brother to act as Tyler.

Some amendments to by-laws have been submitted to me, and two of the lodges, viz.: Shuniah, No. 287, and Keystone, No. 412, have adopted new and much improved by-laws throughout. In the matter of D.D.G.M.'s expenses, I may say that some of the lodges have contributed their share towards the expenses of one visit, which is all I would accept, and in this respect Keystone, No. 412, has been generous, Pequonga, No. 414, coming next. This is a matter of much more consequence to the lodges and the D.D.G.M. in this sparsely settled district of immense distances, than in the older and more thickly peopled districts throughout older Ontario, and I think Grand Lodge might bear a portion of the expense in this district, particularly as the lodges throughout this district have never been burdensome on Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, some of them never having received anything therefrom.

From the above it will be seen that Masonry is in a prosperous condition in this district. I desire to thank the brethren throughout the district for the courtesy shown to me at all times. I trust if at any time my remarks may have appeared less complimentary than the brethren expected, that the same fraternal feeling which prompted them to honor me by election to office, will induce them to believe that my sole object has been to perform the duties of my office, in a manner that would tend to the general welfare and advancement of the Order.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES A. FRASER, D.D.G.M.
Seventeenth Masonic District.

Port Arthur, Ontario, June 30th, 1891.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following

REPORT:

The Board beg to report that they have examined the books of St. Clair Lodge, Port Lambton, and the D. D. G. M. having reported that said lodge has complied with all requirements as per clause 64 of the Book of Constitution, recommend that a warrant be granted.

Also, that a warrant be granted to Stanley Lodge, West Toronto Junction, and at the request of said lodge, and by request of the brethren themselves, the names of Albert W. Ball, Daniel Blea, Bernard S. Kerr, William Milne and Christopher Sinclair, who have signified their desire in writing, are omitted therefrom.

The Board have considered the petitions of the brethren of Havelock Co. of Peterboro', of Thessalon, District of Algoma, and of proposed Mount Acra Lodge in the city of Toronto, and recommend that warrants be not granted.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

DONALD ROSS,
Chairman Sub-Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following

REPORT:

The Board through the Committee on Finance have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and certify to their correctness.

All moneys received by the Grand Secretary have been regularly paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and the receipt acknowledged by that officer. Vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The new departure this year whereby under instruction of the M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Secretary has prepared and presented to Grand Lodge a full report of the business transacted by that officer, is to be highly commended, and relieves the Board from the necessity of giving an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditure, as you have it in printing in said report.

You have also a full report from the Grand Treasurer, clear, concise, and business-like, as all reports are from that efficient officer.

The total receipts have been	$19,477 45
" Expenditure	18,088 07
Balance	$1,389 38

The receipts last year were $18,408.69, leaving a balance in favor this year of $10,687.06.

The expenditure last year was $16,188.74, whilst this year it is $18.088.07, leaving a balance against this year of $1,899.33, which is accounted for as follows:

Expenses of Board (excess of year previous)		$297 62
Testimonial to Grand Master Walkem		260 00
Grant in aid sufferers at Springfield		250 00
Benevolence (extra grants)		596 25
Hunter, Rose & Co., Printing		753 00
		$2,156 87

Making a difference of $257.54, in favor of the year.

The item of Hunter, Rose & Co., is on account of their contract for printing, and is explained thus:

Heretofore, the account for printing has been carried until the meeting of Grand Lodge, when, if correct, it is passed and paid. It did not seem just that contractors should wait nine months for their money, and the M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of the chairman of Finance, directed that the amount of $753.00 be paid Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co., on account, hence it appears as one item of the excess in expenditure.

The funds of the Grand Lodge on 30th May, 1891, were as follows:—

London Co. of Canada, at 5 %	$10,000	
Huron & Erie Savings Co., at 4½ %	10,000	
Western Canada Loan & Savings Co., at 4½ %	10,000	
Hamilton Provident & Loan Co., at 4½ %	10,000	
Canada Permanent Loan Co., at 4½ %	10,000	
London Banking & Loan Co., at 4½ %	10,000	
		$60,000 00
Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce		11,788 44
		$71,788 44

Which represents the balance at the credit of the following accounts:—

General Fund	$59,365 19	
Asylum Fund, Dec. 31, 1890	12,090 25	
Add interest collected	333 00	
		$71,788 44

The Board have examined the following accounts, and, finding them correct, recommend their payment:—

Com. on Foreign Correspondence	$100 00	
M.W. Grand Master, expense as per ac. rendered.	100 00	
Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals	30 57	
" " advance "	400 00	
Chairman of Benevolence Com., postage, &c	30 00	
Insurance on regalia	17 50	
General Masonic R. Association	205 00	
		$ 883 07
Grants to Benevolence		5,070 00

The Committee on Printing and supplies, having reported the following accounts submitted to them from the Committee on Finance as being correct, the Board recommend their payment:—

Geo. Kenning, London, Eng., Vessels for Ceremonies, Sword, and repairing Regalia, £56 18s. 7d.	$278 08
R. Duncan & Co., books and stationery	39 80
Rolph Smith & Co.	35 80
J. B. Trayes, P.M. certificates	75 00
Times Printing Co., Sundry Printing	137 07
Copp, Clark & Co., certificates	577 50
Hunter, Rose & Co., proceeedings, constitutions, etc.	806 35

Your Board recommend that an appropriation of $800 be made to pay the accounts of Messrs. Hunter & Rose, which may become due upon their printing contract during the coming year.

The Grand Treasurer having reported to the Board that the Hamilton Provident and Loan Co.'s debenture became due and was paid since 30th May, 1891, and that a large payment had been made to him by the Grand Secretary, as receipts during the month of June, leaving the balance in the Bank of Commerce at date about $26,000, your Board recommend that the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be instructed to invest the sum of $20,000 in such and similar securities as our present investments are made.

Your Board have carefully considered the application of Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, which for a long time has been to say dormant, and which now has been recuscitated and removed to Princetown, for a remission of a portion of their indebtedness to Grand Lodge, beg to recommend the following:

Whereas, said Blenheim Lodge, No. 108, has lost its records, and that of the fourteen members upon the roll of the Grand Secretary three of them died some years ago, and three or four claim to have a demit, that the sum of $22.75, being six and one-half years' dues for the seven members who remain upon the roll at the time of resuscitation be accepted in full for their indebtedness, which, with fees and dues for this year amounts to $8.75, make a total of $31,50, and that they be entitled to representation to this communication of Grand Lodge.

Your Board recommend to the members of Grand Lodge the perusal of the statistical tables prepared by the Grand Secretary, showing the receipts and expenditures for the years 1862 to 1890, and beg to say that they deem them well worthy of consideration, as being of incalculable value to the Craft.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

T. SARGANT,

Chairman of Sub-Committee on Audit and Finance.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Sargant, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT:

The Board have had under consideration the several cases for relief that were submitted to the Committee on Benevolence, viz.:

Aid for transient relief to local boards	9
Renewals of grants	326
Applications made for the first time	72
In all	407

And after due consideration, and guided by the rules of Grand Lodge, recommend that the appropriations as per list hereunder, be paid during the ensuing year in accordance with the Rules of Grand Lodge, and comprising :

Grants to Local Boards of Relief for transient relief	9
" upon renewals of applications.....	124
" upon applications made the first time	31
In all.....	164

Amounting in the aggregate to $5,090, leaving rejected applications 243, being on renewals 202, and on applications made the first time, 41. The causes of rejection may be enumerated as follows :—A small number whose applications had only been made by a letter, or only recommended by the D.D.G.M., but had not been followed up by any application upon the printed forms, or whose application was without copy of resolution, and without signature of either the Master or the Secretary, hence an application recommended by an individual brother ; or on behalf of unaffiliates ; but by far the larger number by reason of no local aid having been given to the party recommended, neither by a lodge nor by individual brethren, contrary to Rules of Grand Lodge, which make it imperative that local aid be given during the last twelve months preceding the application.

It is further recommended that the following words be added to Rule 6, in the fourth line, immediately after the word application :—" Provided that when a lodge in its Return made under Rule 7 shows that it has during said period given local aid at least equal to the amount or amounts sought to be obtained under such application or applications, though such local aid was not given to the applicant or applicants, the same shall nevertheless be considered as aid given in compliance with this rule."

GRANTS RECOMMENDED JULY, 1891, PAYABLE IN TWO HALF-YEARLY PAYMENTS.

No	Grantee.	$	Payer.
1	Toronto B. R.	100	Toronto B R
2	Hamilton "	100	Hamilton "
3	London "	100	London "
4	Ottawa "	20	Ottawa "
5	Kingston "	50	Kingston "
6	Chatham "	20	Chatham "
7	Guelph "	20	Guelph "
8	Windsor "	30	Windsor "
9	Barrie "	20	Barrie "
10	Wid. of J. K.	10	Toronto "
11	" W. J.	20	" "
12	Bro. C. W. W.	50	" "
13	Wid. of C. D.	40	" "
14	" T. H.	20	Hamilton "
15	" W. L.	20	" "
16	" J. S. L.	30	" "
17	" F. B.	30	" "
18	" P. P.	20	" "
19	" J. H. W.	20	" "
20	" W. W. B	20	" "
21	" P. S.	30	" "
22	" W. S.	20	" "
23	" J K	20	" "
24	" T. S	30	" "
25	" J. A M.	30	" "
26	" J. McK.	20	" "
27	" J B.	20	" "
28	" W. D	30	" "
29	" J L	30	" "
30	" W. O.	20	" "
31	" F. W. C.	30	" "
32	Bro. C. W. S	50	" "
33	Wid. of E. M.	20	London "
34	" J. C.	20	" "
35	" G B. G.	20	" "
36	Bro. G L E	50	" "
37	Wid. of J. L. C.	20	" "
38	" P. B.	20	" "
39	" J. W.	20	" "
40	" L. H.	30	" "
41	" L. G. J.	30	" "
42	Wid. of W. C.	30	London B R
43	" J. P.	30	" "
44	" W. H. S.	40	" "
45	Bro. J. B.	50	" "
46	Or. of W. H. McB.	10	Ottawa "
47	Wid. of J. W. I.	20	" "
48	" A. G.	30	" "
49	" J. S.	20	" "
50	" W. W. A	30	" "
51	" T. S.	30	" "
52	" J H.	20	" "
53	" E. P.	30	" "
54	" W. W. H.	40	" "
55	" A. H	30	" "
56	" P. V.	40	" "
57	" E. C. B.	30	" "
58	" J McK.	40	" "
59	" A. M.	40	" "
60	" T. S. S.	20	" "
61	" F. S. H	10	Kingston "
62	Orph. of J. D.	50	" "
63	" J. McP.	20	Chatham "
64	Wid. of W. C	20	Guelph "
65	" S. I.	20	Stratford "
66	" W. M.	30	St. Thos. "
67	" J C. S.	30	Galt "
68	" T. B	20	" "
69	" J. B	30	" "
70	" A. McP.	30	" "
71	" M. McP	30	Goderich "
72	Bro. Z R. R	40	Brockv'le "
73	" J. C.	50	Ridget'n "
74	" J. S.	40	" "
75	Wid. of W. H. P.	40	Belleville "
76	" T. L.	40	" "
77	" S. V. P	20	Union 9.
78	" W. D. H.	20	Norfolk 10.
79	" A. D.	20	" "
80	" W. S.	30	Pr. Edw'd 18
81	" J. J. C.	20	" "
82	" R. L.	20	St. Franc's 24
83	Wid of R. T.	20	St. Franc's 24
84	Bro. J. W. C.	50	"
85	Wid. of W. J. P.	30	Ontario, 26.
86	" W. R. P.	50	Jerusalem 31
87	" A. D.	30	"
88	" S. W.	20	Amity, 32.
89	" M. S.	20	Thistle, 34.
90	" J. McV.	20	"
91	" W. T.	20	K. Hiram 37
92	" R. McL.	40	"
93	" T. S	20	Brant, 45.
94	" A. G.	30	Merrickv 55
95	" I. S T.	30	Durham, 66.
96	Bro. J. W. T.	40	St James, 73
97	Wid. of W. P.	30	Oxford, 76.
98	" G. F. P.	20	"
99	" A. S	40	"
100	" W. J. L.	20	Faith. Br. 77
101	" J. McK.	20	St. John's, 81
102	" E. H.	20	"
103	" D. McL.	20	"
104	" C. N.	40	" 82
105	" A.S McI.	20	St. George 85
106	" J. B	40	Manito, 90.
107	" R. H.	20	"
108	Bro. J. M	50	Nor. Light 93
109	" R. F	50	"
110	Wid. of W. H.	2	Sharon, 97.
111	" C. G.	30	"
112	" G. B.	30	Valley, 1 0.
113	" R. R	40	Maple Lf. 103
114	Orphan of S S.	40	St. John's 104
115	Wid. of C. B.	20	St. Paul's 107
116	Bro. P. M.	40	Albion 109.
117	Wid. of T. D. H.	40	Central, 110.
118	Bro. J. S.	50	Warren, 20.
119	" E. L	50	"
120	Wid. of C. B.	30	Doric, 121
121	" J. R. M.	20	St. Clair, 135
122	" J. P.	20	"
123	" W. R.	40	"
124	Bro. J. B.	50	Rich., 136.
125	" J. F. B	50	Excel. 142.
126	Daugh. of J. R. S.	40	Pr. of W., 146
127	Wid. of R. G.	20	"
128	" W. S.	20	G. River, 151
129	Bro. R. D	50	Burns, 153.
130	" E. J. H.	20	Simpson, 157
131	Wid. of J. B. R.	40	Percy, 161.
132	" F. B	30	"
133	" J. C	40	"
134	" W. S.	10	Mer itt. 168.
135	Bro. J. C. S	50	Craig, 214.
136	Wid of E. S	20	Lake, 215.
137	Bro. J. S	50	Harris, 216.
138	Wid. of W. L.	30	Bernard, 225
139	" J. Z	20	"
140	" D. P	20	"
141	" J. V	20	Aldw'th, 235
142	" R. C C.	40	Havel'ck, 238
143	" E J	30	Tweed, 239.
144	" J. W.	40	Crifton, 254
145	Bro. A. B	50	Spr'g'f'd, 259
146	Wid. of J. H.	30	Oak Br., 261.
147	" J A	20	Harris., 262.
148	" R. C	20	"
149	Bro. J. C. W	50	Patter'n, 265
150	" R. H. H	50	Kent 271.
151	Wid. of J. H	10	N. Hope, 2 9
152	" S. W.	40	"
153	" J. R. A	20	Victoria, 289
154	" A. B	40	Minerva, 3 4
155	Bro E. McC	40	Durham, 306
156	Wid. of G. H. R	40	M. Star, 3 9
157	" R. M.	20	Pnyx. 3 2.
158	" J. M.	20	Blair, 314.
159	" R. V	10	Brock, 3 4.
160	" E. A.	30	Florence, 390
161	" J. W.	30	Huron, 392.
162	" J. G. C.	40	Keyst'ne, 412
163	" G. S.	20	Scott. 421.
164	" A. B.	40	M W B A A S

RETURNS BY LOCAL BOARDS OF RELIEF AS AT 31st MAY, 1891.

Name of Board.	RECEIPTS.								EXPENDITURES.								
	Balance on Hand.	Direct Grant for Transient Relief.	Special Grants to Applicants.	From Private Lodges.	From Private Chapters.	From Other Sources.	Total Receipts.	Balance due Treasurers.	Balance due Treasurers.	Special Grants to Applicants.	Transient Relief.	Local Relief.	Funeral Expenses.	Orders Returned.	Other Payments.	Incidentals.	Total Expenditures.	Balance on Hand.
	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Toronto	1,164 35	150 00	880 00	280 20	.....	139 30	2,563 85	.....	.....	795 00	116 60	144 50	24 00	35 00	240 00	60 40	1,415 50	1,148 35
Hamilton	243 19	100 00	530 00	219 41	.....	256 10	1,348 70	.....	.....	530 00	131 00	526 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,187 11	161 59
London	209 60	100 00	670 00	65 56	.....	83 70	1,328 86	.....	.....	660 00	150 75	272 35	.....	10 00	.....	8 95	1,101 35	227 51
Ottawa	60 01	.....	450 00	136 25	.....	.....	646 26	5 24	.....	450 00	30 00	168 00	.....	.....	.....	3 50	651 50	.....
Kingston	4 30	50 00	560 00	277 86	.....	15 00	906 66	.....	.....	560 00	65 00	188 00	84 98	.....	.....	2 2	900 10	6 56
Peterborough	12 84	.....	150 00	30 25	.....	9 25	202 34	.....	.....	150 00	6 00	39 50	.....	.....	.....	1 65	197 15	5 19
Chatham	17 50	30 00	30 00	48 00	.....	.....	125 50	.....	.....	30 00	21 00	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	86 00	39 50
Guelph	25 73	20 00	150 00	42 00	.....	10 00	247 73	2 02	.....	150 00	25 50	45 25	30 00	.....	.....	1 00	249 75	.....
Stratford	37 48	20 00	20 00	42 40	.....	5 00	124 88	.....	.....	20 00	5 77	42 30	16 90	.....	20 00	5	105 47	19 41
St. Thomas	13 63	.....	60 00	.....	.....	.....	73 63	.....	.....	30 00	2 05	10 74	.....	.....	.....	5	73 22	34
Galt	2 90	.....	110 00	50 00	.....	.....	162 90	.....	.....	110 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	03	160 03	2 87
Strathroy	.....	.....	160 00	101 30	.....	.....	261 30	.....	.....	160 00	.....	98 00	3 00	.....	.....	30	261 30	.....
Goderich	.....	.....	60 00	80 00	.....	.....	140 00	.....	.....	60 00	.....	.....	59 75	.....	.....	11 25	140 00	.....
Barrie	2 25	20 00	90 00	55 00	.....	.....	168 35	.....	.....	90 00	15 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	155 00	13 35
Brockville	56 14	20 00	100 00	90 00	.....	.....	266 14	.....	.....	100 00	3 70	100 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	210 70	55 44
Ridgetown	.....	.....	100 00	32 50	.....	.....	132 50	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	32 50
Oshawa	24 50	.....	160 00	.....	.....	.....	184 50	.....	.....	160 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 63	169 63	22 87
																50	169 50	24 00

REPORTS ON APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF RECOMMENDED BY PRIVATE LODGES.

In compliance with Rule 15, the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence hereby lays before the Board of General Purposes the following report upon applications for relief received:

The total number of applications received is 392; among these are renewals, 320; first applications, 72.

Reports made by District Deputy Grand Masters upon applicants for relief in their respective districts, and which have come to hand, are from the following districts, viz.: St. Clair, No. 2; Wellington, No. 7; Niagara, No. 10; Toronto, No. 11; and Prince Edward, No. 13; some of which reports embrace nearly all, others only a small number of the applicants in such district.

The Rule requiring applications to be sent in by the first day of June instead as formerly by the first day of July, has proven to be of great advantage to applicants, because time was given to the Chairman after discovering defects in the applications, to write to the Master or Secretary about the same, and where possible to have the same corrected. In fact there is no reason why applications, especially renewals, should not be sent in by at least the first day of June, and only in rare cases, such as a recent death, exception to that rule needs to be made.

The number of applications received which show that no local aid at all has been given to the applicant was remarkably large, and although through correspondence, by which it was ascertained that aid had been given, but the questions incorrectly answered, that number has been considerably reduced, there still remains a large number of applications in which it is admitted that no local aid of any kind has been given during the last twelve months, and since the last grant by Grand Lodge was made.

REPORT UPON RETURNS MADE BY LOCAL BOARDS OF RELIEF AND BY PRIVATE LODGES.

In compliance with Rule 15, the chairman of the Committee on Benevolence hereby lays before the Board of General Purposes the following report upon returns made by Local Boards of Relief and by private lodges:

All local Boards of Relief through whose Secretary-Treasurer grants were made payable, have made due and very satisfactory returns, as will be seen by the list of returns hereunder.

All private lodges through whose Master grants were made payable, upon applications in July, 1890, have made due returns. This is the first time since the rule was established requiring returns to be made that all lodges have complied therewith. The reason why that has been accomplished is that under present rule the returns are required to be sent in not later than the first day of June; this gives time for correspondence respecting defective returns, as also returns which have not been made by that date; such correspondence would not have been carried on with any degree of success under the former rule, but chiefly took place *after* the session of Grand Lodge and *after* the lodges had been reported as in default.

Special thanks are due and hereby tendered by the chairman to the M.W. the Grand Master, who, upon being furnished with a list of all local boards and lodges that are required to make returns, showing thereon those in default, wrote to every defaulting lodge urging the Master and Secretary to make returns forthwith. In a number of in-

stances the chairman, at the request of the Grand Master, prepared for signature and seal those returns and forwarded them with the Grand Master's letter to the proper officer. The result upon the whole has been most gratifying, since not one lodge of 1890 grants is in default. Of the grants made in preceding years only one lodge remains in default, viz.: Macnab Lodge, No. 169, Port Colborne, for a grant of $30 in 1889. This lodge has disregarded letters from the chairman, as also from the Grand Master.

LOCAL AID BY PRIVATE LODGES.

The lodges which by their Returns of grants made by Grand Lodge and payable through the Master of the Lodge, show that they have raised money by local contribution and expended the same for benevolent purposes are the following, viz.:—No. 9, $23.90; No. 10, $69.20; No. 11, $116; No. 18, $20; No. 24, $40; No. 26, $36.10; No. 30, $10; No. 31, $20; No. 32, $15.25; No. 34, $50; No. 37, $57; No. 43, $40; No. 45, $40; No. 69, $49; No. 73, $10; No. 76, $3; No. 77, $106.53; No. 81, $15; No. 90, $60; No. 93, $205; No. 97, $35; No. 103, $10; No. 104, $20; No. 110, $23.75; No. 113, $8; No. 121, $87.10; No. 123, $143.50; No. 135, $100; No. 136, $25; No. 142, $75; No. 146, $15; No. 151, $20; No. 156, $10; No. 168, $124.95; No. 200, $5; No. 201, $61; No. 216, $30; No. 239, $10; No. 254, $47.24; No. 261, $6; No. 262, $56.25; No. 279, $25; No. 282, $30; No. 296, $45; No. 300, $20; No. 304, $20; No. 309, $99.59; No. 312, $10; No. 314, $8; No. 341, $5; No. 362, $122; No. 369, $57.13; No. 390, $10; No. 397, $20; No. 407, $5, and No. 386, $50.

The lodges, which by their Returns of grants made by Grand Lodge, and payable through the Master of the Lodge only, show the money received from Grand Lodge and paid out to the grantees, but do not show that any money was raised or expended by such lodges for benevolent purposes, are the following, viz.:—Nos. 2, 14, 36, 38, 74, 91, 99, 106, 109, 115, 119, 137, 147, 181, 192, 194, 196, 209, 214, 219, 220, 222, 234, 236, 238, 250, 299, 306, 313, 318, 321, 323, 352, 354 and 389.

OTTO KLOTZ,
Chairman Sub-Committee on Benevolence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be received and (subsequently) adopted.

APPENDIX.

To the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario:

BRETHREN,—The chairman of the Committee on Benevolence has deemed it opportune at this present time, being the twenty-fifth year of the introduction by Grand Lodge of a regulated system whereby relief to applicants is granted, to lay before your honorable body several summary statements in relation to grants made by Grand Lodge, and to aid given by local boards of relief and by private lodges.

These summary statements have been compiled from the several books of entry kept by the chairman, and wherein the results of yearly returns and other information are entered.

The First Summary shows in four different sections the total sum paid out for aid by Grand Lodge.

First Section.—Grants from 1858 (being the year the first grant was made) to end of 1864.

Second Section.—Various grants upon applications from 1865 to the end of May, 1890.

Third Section.—Special grants as per resolutions of Grand Lodge.

Fourth Section.—Special grants in aid of parties outside of the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge. Grand total, $192,619.05.

The Second Summary shows under different heads the receipts and expenditure of local boards of relief.

And the Third Summary shows in the aggregate the sum of Grand Lodge grants, payable to the W. M. of each private lodge, and the local aid given by the same, 1865 to 1st June, 1890.

NOTE.—In the sum stated as such local aid by private lodges, the funeral expenses paid out are not included.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

OTTO KLOTZ,
Chairman Sub-Committee on Benevolence.

FIRST SUMMARY.

Statement of Expenditure by Grand Lodge for Benevolence to the end of May, 1890.

FROM 1858 TO END OF 1864.		
Various grants upon applications		$ 945 00
Special Grants upon Resolution of Grand Lodge.		
Widow Ridout, 1862, 1863, 1864		$ 300 00 $ 1,245 00
FROM 1865 TO MAY, 1890.		
Various grants upon applications, according to the system adopted in 1865		66,962 00
Special Grants upon Resolution of Grand Lodge.		
Widow Ridout, 1865 to 1872, inclusive	$ 800 00	
Widow of late Grand Master Wilson	4,950 00	
Daughter of late Grand Master Wilson	4,950 00	
Widow and Daughters of late Grand Secretary Harris	4,121 25	
Funeral expenses of late Grand Master Harrington	143 91	15,025 16
Special Grants in aid of Parties outside of the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge.		
1871—Sufferers of Franco-German War	250 00	
1872—Sufferers from Fire in Chicago	*2,000 00	
1873—Refund of expenses Denver Lodge, No. 5, Colorado	125 65	
1874—Sufferers from yellow fever in Louisiana	200 00	
" —Quebec Grand Lodge, for Benevolent Fund	4,000 00	
1877—Sufferers from Fire in St. John	1,000 00	
1878—Sufferers from yellow fever in Southern States	1,000 00	
1882—Lodge Humanitas, Vienna, sufferers from Fire at the Ring Theatre	123 91	
1883—Sufferers from Fire at Kingston, Jamaica	488 33	
1888—Sufferers from yellow fever in Florida	200 00	9,386 89
GRAND TOTAL		$192,619 05

*Chicago returned $994, not being required.

SECOND SUMMARY.

RETURNS MADE BY LOCAL BOARDS OF RELIEF from 1st July, 1875, to 1st July, 1890, being 18 years

SECOND SUMMARY.

RETURNS MADE BY LOCAL BOARDS OF RELIEF from 1st July, 1873, to 1st July, 1890, being 18 years

NOTE.—Prior to 1873 several grants were made by Grand Lodge to Local Boards of Relief, of which no Returns were made, since the Rule requiring such Return did not then exist. These grants were: Toronto L. B. R., $750: Hamilton L. B. R., $400, and Ottawa L. B. R., $340, and these sums are not included in the following Summary:—

NAME OF BOARD.	Term of years.	RECEIPTS. Direct Grant for Transient Relief.	No. of Applicants.	Special Grants to Applicants.	From Private Lodges.	From Private Chapters.	From other Sources.	Total Receipts.	EXPENDITURE. Special Grants to Applicants.	Transient Relief.	Local Relief.	Funeral Expenses.	Orders Returned.	Other Payments and Incidentals.	Total Expenditure.
		$ c.		$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
Toronto	18	5,775 00	408	11,165 00	12,563 40	575 00	2,449 41	32,532 91	11,060 00	13,437 95	3,248 30	659 80	105 00	3,781 46	32,187 51
Hamilton	18	2,950 00	430	1,620 00	3,419 30	.....	2,329 83	20,319 13	11,360 00	2,492 17	5,049 99	644 16	260 00	344 20	19,890 52
Ottawa	15	2,265 00	335	8,765 00	2,736 00	.....	2,016 17	15,877 17	3,740 00	1,770 94	4,288 16	639 25	20 00	198 24	15,636 60
Kingston	15	1,100 00	123	3,740 00	1,459 25	.....	157 50	6,436 75	3 585 00	389 25	2,049 15	106 50	120 00	119 34	6,219 24
Peterborough	18	1,225 00	218	7,225 00	3,523 72	51 00	434 80	12,489 52	7,225 00	910 44	3,151 65	1,122 96	.....	45 86	12,485 92
Chatham	14	435 00	115	3,553 00	469 00	20 00	90 49	4,614 49	3,535 00	127 20	621 54	193 80	15 00	169 11	4,486 65
Guelph	13	325 00	31	845 00	831 42	101 12	219 50	2,125 04	845 00	436 00	345 57	181 67	.....	.....	1,808 54
Stratford	14	295 00	41	1,233 00	644 62	15 00	362 50	2,547 12	1,230 60	169 49	1,032 86	93 18	.....	6 06	2,534 59
St. Thomas	14	195 00	8	190 00	520 40	.....	30 00	913 40	190 00	62 25	446 12	158 85	.....	19 90	877 12
Galt	13	195 00	20	570 00	146 70	.....	2 00	975 70	570 00	103 65	157 95	8 25	.....	31 10	870 95
Stratford	11	100 00	53	1,980 00	821 61	.....	1 55	2,903 46	735 00	35 15	483 90	8 10	.....	5 72	1,262 94
Goderich	10	80 00	52	1,630 00	506 97	.....	153 20	2,400 17	1,650 00	18 00	711 00	184 90	.....	10 48	2,904 38
Windsor	9	290 00	1	30 00	254 75	.....	35 00	609 75	30 00	289 25	135 45	96 50	.....	40 00	591 20
Woodstock	7	100 00	43	1,710 00	526 54	.....	28 04	1,964 58	1,310 00	60 30	366 48	210 10	.....	23 66	1,970 54
Barrie	8	70 00	14	710 00	193 57	15 00	33 70	1,022 27	710 00	89 75	135 25	97 62	.....	.....	1,132 62
Brockville	7	70 00	19	560 00	451 80	.....	13 90	1,095 70	560 00	121 15	269 00	88 50	.....	90	1,139 56
Owen Sound	5	40 00	9	190 00	50 00	.....	.....	280 09	190 00	23 75	32 00	37 80	.....	.....	283 55
DEFUNCT BOARDS.															
St. Catharines 77-78.	2	.....	6	180 00	.....	.....	.....	180 00	180 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ingersoll " 1890.	1	20 00	2	70 00	.....	.....	.....	90 00	70 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	180 00
Niagara " 1881.	1	30 00	3	100 00	.....	.....	.....	130 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00
Belleville " 83-85.	3	30 00	12	360 00	60 00	.....	42 00	172 00	360 00	2 00	42 00	35 00	.....	5 00	184 00
Postrolle " 1894.	1	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	450 00	.....	4 00	89 00	.....	.....	.....	453 00
Clifton " 1885.	1	20 00	1	30 00	50 00	.....	4 00	20 00	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00
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THIRD SUMMARY.

SUMMARY OF GRAND LODGE GRANTS TO PRIVATE LODGES, AND OF LOCAL AID FROM 1865 TO 31ST MAY, 1890.

No.	Lodge.	Where held.	Grant.	Lodge Aid
2	Niagara	Niagara	$1,140	$192 00
3	St. John	Kingston	55	35 00
5	Sussex	Brockville	505	360 69
7	Union	Grimsby	160	50 00
9	Union	Napanee	1,235	258 65
10	Norfolk	Simcoe	1 115	254 00
11	Moira	Belleville	160	25 00
13	Western Light	Bolton	25	
14	True Briton	Perth	1,105	287 00
15	St. George	St. Catharines	110	60 00
16	St. Andrew's	Toronto	30	
17	St. John's	Cobourg	40	
18	Prince Edward	Picton	965	548 76
20	St. John's	London	55	10 00
22	King Solomon	Toronto	80	25 00
23	Richmohd	Richmond Hill	145	64 00
24	St. Francis	Smith's Falls	600	226 00
25	Ionic	Toronto	30	
26	Ontario	Port Hope	965	535 19
27	Strict Observance	Hamilton	100	
28	Mount Zion	Kemptville	260	176 50
29	United	Brighton	585	289 00
30	Composite	Whitby	1,565	385 38
31	Jerusalem	Bowmanville	740	327 50
32	Amity	Dunnville	1,795	544 10
33	Goderich	Goderich	25	20 00
34	Thistle	Amherstburg	626	179 00
36	Welland	Fonthill	370	140 00
37	King Hiram	Ingersoll	460	45 00
38	Trent	Trenton	175	
39	Mount Zion	Brooklin	320	60 00
40	St. John's	Hamilton	125	385 00
42	St. George	London	90	
43	King Solomon	Woodstock	685	286 55
44	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	225	126 56
45	Brant	Brantford	695	110 00
46	Wellington	Chatham	115	106 00
47	Great Western	Windsor	465	542 15
48	Madoc	Madoc	140	443 90
54	Vaughan	Maple	515	170 00
55	Merrickville	Merrickville	350	129 00
59	Corinthian	Ottawa	115	40 00
61	St. Andrew's	Caledonia	100	20 00
63	St. John's	Carleton Place	40	
64	Kilwinning	London	70	20 00
66	Durham	Newcastle	215	
68	St. John's	Ingersoll	115	75 00
69	Stirling	Stirling	205	94 00
73	St. James'	St. Mary's	730	324 50
74	St. James'	Maitland	490	65 00
76	Oxford	Woodstock	605	175 30
77	Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	470	245 34
78	King Hiram	Tilsonburg	200	70 00
79	Simcoe	Bradford	120	
80	Albion	Newbury	1,310	168 00
81	St. John's	Mount Brydges	590	92 90
82	St. John	Paris	815	314 50
83	Beaver	Strathroy	370	207 25
84	Clinton	Clinton	201	55 00
87	Markham Union	Markham	115	75 00
88	St. George	Owen Sound	310	479 86
89	King Hiram	Lindsay	20	
90	Manito	Collingwood	475	652 00

THIRD SUMMARY—GRAND LODGE GRANTS—*Continued.*

No.	Lodge.	Where held.	Grant.	Lodge Aid
91	Colborne	Colborne	$1,605	$244 55
92	Catarqui	Kingston	60	
93	Northern Light	Kincardine	1,330	519 73
94	St. Marks	Port Stanley	290	
96	Corinthian	Barrie	120	90 75
97	Sharon	Sharon	1,035	696 25
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	815	109 00
100	Valley	Dundas	375	342 25
101	Corinthian	Peterborough	280	150 00
103	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	590	56 00
104	St. John's	Norwich	380	296 55
105	St. Mark's	Drummondville	70	80 00
106	Burford	Burford	560	87 00
107	St. Paul	Lambeth	40	
109	Albion	Harrowsmith	1,000	
110	Central	Prescott	710	295 90
111	Morpeth	Ridgetown	45	20 00
112	Maitland	Goderich	120	124 92
113	Wilson	Waterford	1,395	326 00
114	Hope	Port Hope	410	90 00
115	Ivy	Beamsville	280	
116	Cassia	Thedford	380	20 00
118	Union	Shumberg	170	80 00
119	Maple Leaf	Bath	695	128 00
121	Doric	Brantford	750	145 25
122	Renfrew	Renfrew	120	62 15
123	The Belleville	Belleville	955	412 00
125	Cornwall	Cornwall	455	155 00
126	Golden Rule	Campbellford	630	569 34
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	275	17 00
131	St. Lawrence	Southampton	150	
133	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	30	50 00
135	St. Clair	Milton	460	80 00
136	Richardson	Stouffville	480	130 00
137	Pythagoras	Meaford	310	92 00
138	Aylmer	Aylmer	40	
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	540	211 00
140	Malahide	Aylmer	390	223 55
141	Tudor	Mitchell	100	150 71
142	Excelsior	Morrisburg	90	65 00
143	Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	20	
145	J. B. Hall	Millbrook	170	
146	Prince of Wales	Newburg	1,360	339 50
147	Mississippi	Almonte	600	
149	Erie	Port Dover	80	
150	Hastings	Hastings	85	191 30
151	The Grand River	Berlin	120	140 00
153	Burns	Wyoming	30	
154	Irving	Lucan	630	85 00
155	Peterborough	Peterborough	70	
156	York	Eglinton	200	150 00
157	Simpson	Newboro	440	80 00
158	Alexandra	Oil Springs	50	
159	Goodwood	Richmond West	80	
161	Percy	Warkworth	400	
162	Forest	Wroxter	50	
164	Star in the East	Wellington	30	12 50
165	Burlington	Burlington	50	20 00
169	Merritt	Welland	120	88 25
169	Macnab	Port Colborne	60	
171	Prince of Wales	Iona	420	181 00
174	Walsingham	Port Rowan	400	
176	Spartan	Sparta	25	
178	Platteville	Platteville	500	8 00
179	Bothwell	Bothwell	80	50 00
180	Speed	Guelph	190	

THIRD SUMMARY—GRAND LODGE GRANTS.—*Continued.*

No.	Lodge.	Where held.	Grant.	Lodge Aid
181	Oriental	Port Burwell	$550	$ 45 00
183	Prince Albert	Port Perry	120	25 00
184	Old Light	Lucknow	20	
185	Enniskillen	York	20	
189	Filius Viduae	Adolphustown	460	34 00
192	Orillia	Orillia	240	160 00
193	Scotland	Scotland	60	90 00
194	Petrolia	Petrolia	210	70 00
196	Madawaska	Madawaska	585	50 00
198	White Oak	Oakville	160	81 28
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	370	45 00
201	Leeds	Gananoque	285	161 50
203	Irvine	Elora	170	40 00
205	New Dominion	New Hamburg	520	148 00
207	Lancaster	Lancaster	100	
209	Evergreen	Lanark	300	25 00
209a	St. John's	London	120	40 00
210	Hawksbury	Hawksbury	230	
211	Brome Lake	Knowlton	25	
214	Craig	Ailsa Craig	280	
215	Lake	Amelinsburg	315	
216	Harris	Orangeville	690	160 50
217	Frederick	Delhi	30	
219	Credit	Georgetown	415	153 00
220	Zeredatha	Uxbridge	120	
221	Mountain	Thorold	50	
222	Marmora	Marmora	130	
223	Norwood	Norwood	30	
224	Zurich	Hensall	25	
225	Bernard	Listowel	350	
228	Prince Arthur	Odessa	145	65 25
229	Ionic	Brampton	350	252 50
230	Kerr	Barrie	20	100 00
234	Beaver	Clarksburg	320	5 00
235	Aldworth	Paisley	20	
236	Manitoba	Cookstown	520	68 94
237	Vienna	Vienna	20	
238	Havelock	Watford	300	
239	Tweed	Tweed	120	30 00
241	Quinte	Shannonville	230	
242	Macoy	Escott Front	60	139 00
244	St. George	St. George	115	70 00
248	Eureka	Packenham	160	40 00
250	Thistle	Embro	650	255 50
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls	70	17 88
255	Sydenham	Dresden	90	
256	Farran's Point	Farran's Point	60	10 00
257	Galt	Galt	30	50 00
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	150	5 00
263	Harriston	Harriston	340	23 00
263	Forest	Forest	170	
265	Patterson	Thornhill	75	10 00
266	Northern Light	Stayner	120	
267	Parthenon	Chatham	60	
270	Cedar	Oshawa	650	217 84
271	Wellington	Erin	100	
273	Seymour	Ancaster	120	10 00
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	30	
278	Mystic	Roslin	70	29 00
279	New Hope	Hespeler	560	180 60
280	Mount Sinai	Napanee	95	
281	Thorne	Orillia	20	
282	Lorne	Glencoe	900	15
284	St. John's	Brussels	70	
286	Wingham	Wingham	190	56 79
287	Shuniah	Prince Arthur Landing	50	

THIRD SUMMARY—GRAND LODGE GRANTS—*Continued*

No.	Lodge.	Where held.	Grant.	Lodge Aid.
289	Doric	Lobo	$ 85	$ 10 00
290	Leamington	Leamington	80	234 56
291	Dufferin	West Flamboro	60	20 00
293	Royal Solomon	Jerusalem	100	
294	Moore	Mooretown	80	
296	Temple	St. Catharines	80	16 60
297	Preston	Preston	20	
299	Victoria	Centreville	160	70 00
300	Mount Olivet	Thorndale	40	20 00
301	Hanover	Hanover	40	
302	St. Davis	St. Thomas	80	50 00
303	Blyth	Blyth	160	
304	Minerva	Stroud	260	311 50
305	Humber	Weston	240	80 00
306	Durham	Durham	430	266 25
307	Arkona	Arkona	200	50 00
308	Grafton	Grafton	120	
309	Morning Star	Smith's Falls	530	80 00
311	Blackwood	Woodbridge	160	280 00
312	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	120	140 00
313	Clementi	Lakefield	170	
314	Blair	Palmerston	770	218 38
318	Wilmot	Baden	310	30 00
319	Hiram	Hagerville	130	
321	Walker	Acton West	220	100 00
323	Alvinston	Alvinston	180	
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	50	6 00
328	Ionic	Napier	30	
329	King Solomon	Jarvis	80	113 88
336	Highgate	Highgate	40	
339	Orient	Don Mount	70	
341	Bruce	Tiverton	50	
346	Occident	Toronto	270	50 00
347	Mercer	Fergus	60	
352	Granite	Parry Sound	120	45 00
353	Excelsior	Colborne	180	
354	Brock	Cannington	180	
357	Watertown	Watertown	100	63 00
362	Maple Leaf	Tara	130	
369	Mimico	Lambton	80	25 00
375	Lorne	Omemee	30	
377	Lorne	Shelburne	30	
384	Alpha	Parkdale	30	
386	McColl	West Lorne	130	
388	Henderson	Ilderton	30	
389	Crystal Fountain	North Augusta	80	
390	Florence	Florence	90	31 00
391	Howard	Ridgetown	100	78 00
392	Huron	Camlachie	60	110 00
397	Leopold	Brigden	60	
400	Oakville	Oakville	260	40 60
407	Manitoulin	Gore Bay	80	22 00

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OTTO KLOTZ,

Chairman Sub-Committee on Benevolence.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PRINTING AND SUPPLIES.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:

The Board desires to congratulate Grand Lodge on the neat and at the same time compact form in which the last proceedings of this Grand Body were printed. The increase in the number of districts, consequent upon the redistribution scheme adopted at a recent Communication, necessitated additional space for the reports of the new District Masters and other matters of importance absolutely indispensable as records of this Grand Lodge. At the same time it was felt that by economizing space, a large saving could be effected in the expenditure for postage. Your Board therefore cordially recommend for payment the accounts for the publication of the same from the contractors, as well as the following bills for necessary certificates, etc., incidental printing and stationary required by the M. W. the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary:

Hunter, Rose & Co.	$806 35
R. Duncan & Co.	39 80
Rolph Smith & Co.	35 80
Times Printing Co., Hamilton	137 05
Copp, Clark & Co., Toronto, Certificates	577 50
J. B. Trayes, Port Hope, "	75 00
Total	$1,671 50

The accounts of George Kenning, London, Eng., for £51 8s. 4d., for consecration vessels, etc., and for £5 10s. 3d., for repairing Grand Lodge Officers' regalia, having been certified as correct, are recommended to the Finance and Audit Committee for payment. The M. W. the Grand Master, during his recent visit to England, was empowered by the Board to procure the necessary appliances for the consecration of lodges, the dedication of lodge rooms, and the laying of corner stones, in furtherence of the recommendation contained in M. W. Bro. Walkem's last address. The Board now desire to congratulate Grand Lodge on the possession of proper furniture for the conduct of the ceremonies referred to, and trust that in the future no cause for complaint may be heard on this account.

The Board will endeavor as far as possible to have the reports of the Board (such as are ordered) printed and ready for distribution among the members of Grand Lodge at the earliest convenience.

Fraternally submitted.

J. S. DEWAR,

Chairman Sub-Committee or Printing and Supplies.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Printing and Supplies be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following report:

RE-RETURNS OF SALEM LODGE, NO. 368.

With regard to the returns of this lodge forwarded to the Grand Secretary, showing the result of election of officers for current year, the

Board find that inasmuch as W. Bro. Colcock had been re-elected to the office of W. M. for a second term, that W. Bro. McEathron should have been returned as the immediate P. M., the rule regarding this office being the same as that of any other officer of the lodge, namely, that the I. P. M. shall remain as such officer until his successor is invested in his stead.

IN THE MATTER OF BRO. WOLFE AND UNION LODGE, NO. 380.

This brother made an application to Union Lodge, No. 380, London, for membership, alleging in his application that he resided in London, whereas it appears he at that time had his domicile in Detroit, in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

After he was initiated, and before being passed to the second degree, it became known that he had misstated his domicile in his application, whereupon the Grand Master ordered that he should receive no further degrees until after action by Grand Lodge.

The Board would recommend that the Junior Warden of Union Lodge be directed to lay a charge against Bro. Wolfe for falsifying his application, and the Board would further recommend that in case it appears by the evidence taken in such case that the parties who recommended Bro. Wolfe for membership, or that any other brothers knew of the incorrectness of the said application at any time before he was initiated that the Grand Master have power to order charges to be preferred against any other brother or brothers of the said lodge who may be found to have been privy to or to have connived at the statement contained in Bro. Wolfe's application, it being the opinion of your committee from reading the papers produced that there may have been others implicated in the falsification who are equally guilty with Bro. Wolfe.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. C. HEGLER,
Chairman Sub-Committee on Jurisprudence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Jurisprudence be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board have carefully reviewed the reports of the seventeen Districts under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and have herein endeavored to record as briefly as possible the condition of the Craft. The reports, as a rule, are composed with care, and will repay a perusal of them. Various matters of Craft interest are therein dealt with at length, and as same have been printed for distribution to the members of Grand Lodge, the Board have decided to deal only with matters of immediate importance, trusting at some future time to discuss the remaining topics.

It is but fair to point out that the task of reviewing is a work of considerable magnitude, requiring more time and care than allotted to the Board by Grand Lodge. It is therefore necessary that no obstacles should be thrown in the way which may have the effect of preventing a fair, honest and fearless report to Grand Lodge of Craft movements

within its borders, and although not desiring to censure the overworked District Masters, their reports must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary at least fourteen days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge, in accordance with the terms of the Constitution. A faithful observance of said Constitution is as necessary from D.D.G.M's as from the humblest member of the Craft. The disadvantage under which the Board labors can be readily understood when you are informed that all the reports were not received until the morning of the opening of Grand Lodge.

It is to be hoped that complaints in future will be unnecessary.

REPORTS OF D. D. G. M.'S.

With a few exceptions, the reports are a valuable addition to the Craft records, and display an ability which redounds to Canadian Masonry. The brethren will enjoy the perusal of them, as many matters of interest and good wholesome advice are therein contained. The same should be read by the representatives assembled at their respective lodge meetings, when those who have obtained approval will be encouraged to greater efforts, and those who have been censured will accept the remedies pointed out for their instruction, so that improvements may, in the future, be reported all along the line.

Grand Lodge can be congratulated on the work of the District Masters. Their work has been one of love for the Craft in all its surroundings. Their time has been at the disposal of the brethren; they have encouraged the weak and placed a number of them on the road to prosperity, and above all, they fearlessly report all matters where the honor of the Craft is at stake. They have ably assisted the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in his unequalled and unexcelled task of educating the brethren in matters pertaining to Masonry, and thereby awakening a greater interest therein. It would be unfair to the brethren; it would not be doing justice to the Grand Master, if this Board did not place on record an acknowledgment of the indebtedness due to him for the success of his efforts. Every District under the jurisdiction has been visited by him, Seven and eight visits have been made in several Districts, making in all 130 visits.

These visits were not confined to the lodges in cities and towns, to the strong and prosperous, but to the weak and dormant. In the lodges at the cross-roads, and wherever good could be accomplished, the Most Worshipful Brother was to be found giving counsel, encouragement and advice, and entertaining the brethren with lectures most instructive. In order to give the result of such visits, a few quotations from the reports will be in order. They are as follow, and will speak for themselves:—"New life has been infused into weak lodges, enthusiasm prevails everywhere." "Much benefit has been derived, not only from the interesting lectures, but from bringing hand to hand him who sits and labors in the Grand East, him whose territory is provincial, and him who diligently labors in his own vineyard." "By these visits, the weak have been strengthened, the strong encouraged, and a stimulus imparted which will show its beneficial results in more ways than can be comprehended."

The reception of the Grand Master by the mother Grand Lodge of England, as well as the honors paid him by his Toronto brethren in October last were deserving, and are appreciated by Grand Lodge.

It would, therefore, have ill become the District Masters if they had not made extra exertions in the performance of their duties with such an example of self-sacrifice by the Grand Master. It is, however, neces-

sary to point out that the suggestions made by the Board last year, with reference to statistical information, have been adopted by only the following Districts, viz., North Huron, Wilson, Hamilton, Georgian, Niagara, St. Lawrence, Prince Edward and Ottawa, which leaves ten Districts which have not furnished tabulated statements, the absence of which prevents the Board from giving the Grand Lodge definite information regarding increase in membership and attendance. It is desirable that the Grand Lodge should get specific information on various points, which it is impossible to give without assistance from the District Masters, and which it is to be hoped will be given in future. Tabulated forms have been sent to each lodge in order to gather the information required by D.D.G.M.'s. It is noticeable that several W.M.'s and Secretaries fail to forward same. A little wholesome discipline should be administered in order to prevent repetitions of such neglect.

The attention of the District Master is drawn to the fact that it is unwise to rely altogether on the information given in those forms by Masters and Secretaries. They are of valuable assistance in making up his report, but in addition thereto a personal and careful inspection of the lodge and its surroundings, a personal examination of the officers as to qualification, is exceedingly desirable. The plan adopted by the District Master of Georgian, No. 9, is commended. He notifies the lodge one month prior to the intended visit that he expects the work to be exemplified, and that the books must be ready for inspection one hour before the opening of the lodge. He is thus enabled to gather a great deal of reliable information which can be compared with the forms subsequently sent him. As complaints are made concerning the date on which the forms have to be filled up, the Board recommend the Grand Secretary to change the date from the 24th to the 1st of June, which will give the District Master a longer time to collect the information and prepare the reports.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

The D.D.G.M.'s have performed their duty in this respect with the greatest fidelity. There are now 348 lodges on the roll of Grand Lodge, and one lodge working under dispensation, all of which have been visited, with the exception of two, viz., Mystic, 278, and Madoc, 48, and with regard to same no blame can be attached to the District Master, as Mystic Lodge attended and took part in the Lodge of Instruction held at Tweed, and convinced the District Master of their ability to correctly exemplify the work, and as it had received a call from him in the latter part of last year a visit was not considered necessary. With regard to Madoc, the District Master found it impossible to get a meeting called; his communications were treated with contempt, and he was notified that his proposed visit was not necessary. He surmises that their work was not presentable. It must be borne in mind that the members of a lodge are not to decide as to the advisability of a visit; they must remember that the D. D. G. M. is the representative of the Grand Master and of the Grand Lodge, and as such must be treated with respect. If the matter had been reported in time to the Grand Master, an explanation of their conduct would have been forthcoming. The next D.D.G.M. will take charge of the matter and report on conduct and standing of the lodge, as last year it was reported prosperous. There cannot be a great falling off within the space of one year.

Grand Lodge will notice that out of 349 lodges all but one (you may say) have been visited and instructed by our faithful and [illegible] staking

D.D.G.M's. This is a record to be proud of, and will, no doubt, be an example for future District Masters.

The Board cannot help noticing that great sacrifices must have been made to accomplish these visits. In Georgian District 2,634 miles have to be covered to reach all the lodges. In Toronto District 2,715 miles were travelled, while in Algoma, which contains only six lodges, the most easterly and westerly are 800 miles apart. All the lodges in Toronto District have been visited twice, while in all the districts several of the lodges have been visited twice and three times.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

The Board have great pleasure in reporting that their special report of last year has been taken in hand by the Grand Master, and that lodges which were useless and those within whose walls disgraceful conduct was allowed, have been cut off, while on the other hand, careful attention, encouragement and frequent visits, not only of the D.D. G.M 's but of the Grand Master, have been the means of strengthening and infusing new life into weak lodges, so that on the whole the Craft is prosperous throughout the length and breadth of the land, and peace and happiness are greatly enjoyed.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

The Board find that Lodges of Instruction have been held in only the following districts, viz.: St. Clair, No. 2; South Huron, No. 4; Georgian. No. 9; Niagara. No. 10; Toronto, No. 11, and Prince Edward, No. 13. This is only a slight improvement on last year. It is to be regretted that more attention has not been given to this important duty. It is not to be doubted that the numerous lectures given by the Grand Master in every district, as well as the personal attention of the D.D.G.M.'s to each lodge, may have been considered sufficient, nevertheless, the benefits derivable from Lodges of Instruction cannot be enumerated, and during the coming year it is expected that the D.D.G.M.'s will hold at least one such meeting in each district, otherwise we may expect unfavorable reports on the quality of the work, when the blame will be placed on the proper shoulders.

HARMONY.

It is with pleasure that the Board record the decided stand and prompt action taken by the Grand Master with reference to a few of the lodges, which will be referred to under the heading "Lodges Retrograding." Such action was necessary for the sake of the honor and integrity of the Craft. With these exceptions, the Board can again congratulate Grand Lodge on increase in numbers, continuous prosperity and peace and goodwill in all our lodges. The position can be more aptly described in the words of the District Master of Wilson, No. 6: "The brethren love the Order; they are jealous of its honor, and are earnestly striving to exemplify within and without the lodges in their own lives and practices the excellent principles inculcated in Freemasonry."

The attention of the D.D.G.M. is drawn to Maxwell, 418, where village quarrels have been introduced into the lodge with disastrous effect. Harmony will not be found existing in Prince Arthur, 288, and St. John, 340. Reports on these lodges will be looked for next year. Dufferin, 364, can thank the D.D.G.M. for his timely interference in preserving peace which was endangered by the obstinacy of the W.M.

DISPENSATIONS.

The wishes of the Board have been fully realized. In every District the brethren have gathered together on the festival of St. John to offer up prayer and thanksgiving to God.

The services of the Grand Chaplain have been called into requisition on these occasions: his services should be sought after as well outside as within the Grand Lodge.

London District was honored by M.W. Bro. Canon O'Meara, P.G.M. of Manitoba, who conducted the services. The collection taken up on the occasion was donated to the Masonic Hospital of Morden, Manitoba. May the brethren continue to celebrate these festivals by praise and thanksgiving to Him who ruleth over our destinies.

WORK.

As a general rule, there is a decided improvement in the quality of work executed by officers of lodges. Some plain talk and threatenings have been indulged in by the D.D.G.M.'s on the subject. Early in the Masonic year circulars were sent to the lodges pointing out the requirements of a Master elect, before installation, and that the Installing Board would be held accountable for laxity on the subject. However unfortunate it may appear, there have been flagrant violations of the rule, and in the majority of the reports, cases are instanced where incompetent and ignorant Masters have been installed with the inevitable result, viz., weak lodges. Georgian and St. Lawrence Districts complain of the non-resident Master and the effect on the work, and desire legislation on the subject. If the advice of the District Master of Georgian District were followed, viz., that certificates of fitness should be obtained from the District Master before an installation can take place, the disgraceful spectacle of an incapable Master would be a thing of the past. As on former occasions the Board again ask Grand Lodge to legislate on the subject, and thus save the coveted name which will give them a seat in the Grand body. The brethren should bear in mind that perfection in this matter can only be obtained by the constant practice indulged in by our most prosperous lodges. In order that Distriet Masters may make special efforts for improvement in this line they will find the erring ones under the heading of "Weak Lodges."

The Board would again draw the attention of D.D.G.M.'s to the fact that opinions cannot be formed of the work by merely witnessing the opening and closing ceremonies of the several degrees. With one single exception this is all that Kingston District could produce to its D.D.G.M., nor has the Board from a perusal of the report been enabled to ascertain whether a single candidate has been initiated during the year. Grand Lodge will remain in ignorance as to progress therein until next year.

IMPROVEMENTS.

It is gratifying to notice that care and attention and the observance of common sense business methods have produced marked improvement in the following lodges:—Northern Light, 266, and Seven Star, 285, Georgian District; Blenheim, 108, in Wilson, moved to Princeton, with prospects of prosperity. In Hamilton District all the lodges reported weak last year have made marked improvements, particularly Dufferin, 291, Zurich, 224, in South Huron; Teeswater, 276, and Forest, 162, in North Huron. Prince Arthur, 334, in Wellington, is deserving of praise The surrender of the warrant was suggested last year, but now prospect are bright. Grand Lodge dues have been paid and meetings are regu

larly held. Ayr, 172, Clifford, 315, have paid off all encumbrances and refurnished the lodge room, while an increased interest is now taken in the meetings. In fact, throughout the whole of Wellington District Masonry is making decided progress. Amity, 32, in Niagara; Richardson, 136, King Solomon, 22, Markham; Union, 87, Patterson, 265, and Blackwood, 311, in Toronto; Verulam, 268, in Ontario; Prince of Wales, 146, in Kingston: Rising Sun, 85, Friendly Brothers, 143, Lancaster, 207, and Henderson, 383, in St. Lawrence; while in Erie District not one weak lodge can be found.

RETROGRADING.

In past yeara the Board pointed out the weak lodges in this jurisdiction, with recommendations applicable to each. These recommendations were not carried out until a startling report was presented last year, when action was decided upon. When brethren are so forgetful of their duties as to bring discredit not only on themselves but on the fraternity at large it is desirable that all connection with them should cease. Men who introduce political and pot-house quarrels into the lodge rooms, are as much out of place therein as the Serpent was in Eden; they contaminate and produce discord, and ruin and besmirch the fair name of the Craft; it will not do to compromise with such evil, and the course adopted by the Grand Master in putting an end to the existence of some of our lodges is to be approved of.

We have unfortunately some weak lodges at present on our roll which require encouragement and attention. The causes assigned are various, such as non-residence of officers in locality of lodge, careless business methods and close proximity of other lodges. Remedies have been suggested over and over again which will produce relief; such remedies are in the hands of the brethren and if put in action the effect will be magical. A surrender of a charter here and there or an amalgamation of some of the lodges will add greatly to the standing of Masonry in such districts. One strong lodge in a locality is of more importance than three or four weak ones. Proper care could not have been exercised in the creation of a number of lodges; birth was given to them without a care for their future; they were thrown upon territory already occupied and not capable of sustaining further burdens.

The Board is pleased with the efforts made by the Grand Master and D.D.G.M.'s in amalgamating and transplanting lodges; may their efforts be crowned with success.

The lodges which come under the heading of "Retrograding" are:

Quinte, 241; which seems to have outlived its usefulness and reflects injuriously on lodges near by. The District Master suggests the surrender of warrant; the Board recommend that the D.D.G.M. report on the condition of the lodge next year.

Langton, 335; reported against for several years; charter has been surrendered.

Craig, 214; reported against in former years; D.D.G.M. cannot get a meeting called. The members join him in the desire to surrender the warrant. The Board coincide and recommend Grand Lodge to take the necessary steps to have surrender accomplished.

Prince Albert, 183; the reports were of so serious a character that the Grand Master appointed a commission to investigate, and in consequence the charter has been withdrawn.

Manitoulin, 407; reported against last year, no books were kept, nor were lodge funds handed over. A commission was issued by the Grand Master to investigate affairs, which proved so scandalous that the charter was withdrawn.

Belmont, 190; only one meeting has been held since November, and notwithstanding efforts of Grand Master the lodge is retrograding. The District Master will report next year so that action may be taken if found necessary.

Springfield, 259; reported against for four years; there were four meetings held in 1887, none in 1888, three in 1889, and one in 1890. Every member of the lodge is in arrears for dues except the Secretary and Tyler, who are exempt; the books have not been audited since 1888; no installation of officers has taken place since 1886, and the Master of the lodge has been absent for over two years. The Board recommend Grand Lodge to take necessary steps to recall the warrant.

Albion, 80; was reported against last year; the warrant has been surrendered, which will greatly strengthen the neighboring lodges in Wardsville, Bothwell and Glencoe.

Welland, 36; reported against last year. Grand Master visited the lodge and obtained a surrender of warrant.

Hiram, 241; charter has been surrendered.

Prince Arthur, 228; has not been prosperous for some years; the lodge is in financial difficulties and dissensions have sprung up among the members. The D.D.G.M. will make a report on this lodge next year.

St. John, 340; harmony does not exist; the prospects are anything but bright. The District Master reports that the cause of Masonry will be better served if the warrant be surrendered or an amalgamation take place with a lodge in either Kingston or Gananoque. The Board recommend Grand Lodge to take the necessary action. The Board desire to draw the attention of D.D.G.M.'s to certain lodges which may be termed *weak*, and which require attention and encouragement, when it is to be hoped a favorable report with regard to them may be made next year. The lodges are given according to districts.

Alexandria, 158	St. Clair.
Cameron, 232, and Delaware Valley, 358	London.
Tudor, 141	South Huron.
Conestogo, 295	Wellington.
Simcoe, 79, and Minerva, 304	Georgia.
Dufferin, 338, and McNabb, 169	Niagara.
River Park, 356, Robertson, 292, and Rising Sun, 129	Toronto.
Norwood, 223, and Victoria, 398	Ontario.
Victoria, 279	Kingston.
Madawaska, 196	Ottawa.

NEW LODGES.

The Board view with pleasure the care exercised by the Grand Master in granting dispensations for new lodges; only one has succeeded in obtaining the coveted favor, viz: Stanley of West Toronto Junction. There is plenty of scope for a new lodge in this prosperous and growing town, and from the favorable report of the D.D.G.M., no mistake will be made in granting a warrant.

COLLECTION OF DUES.

No congratulation can be offered Grand Lodge on any general improvement herein; nearly six hundred members were suspended for the year ending June 24th, 1890, and if the tabulated statements had been furnished by District Masters it would have been possible to furnish Grand Lodge with the shrinkage in this line for the present year. Year

by year we swell our membership roll, but still the number of delinquents that fall by the wayside is appalling and is apt to be overlooked when an increase to our strength is shown in the yearly statement.

A glance at this year's reports will show the efforts made by District Masters not only to collect statistics on this subject, but to remedy the evil if possible, and it must be admitted that where their advice was followed good results are shown. The reports teem with the expressions, "Prevailing fault" and "Crying evil all along the line." It must be disheartening to District Masters to find at the end of the year that their efforts have been futile and their advice unheeded.

The Board discussed this question last year in all its bearings, and still adhere to the opinions set forth in their report. If W. M.'s had been alive to their duty and had not only studied the report but read it in their respective lodges, much good would have been accomplished. It is all very well for critics to ask the Board to point out the remedies, but when the duty is performed and members do not take the trouble to read such report, or if they do, to act on the suggestion, surely the seed has been sown on stony ground and the brethren are stiff-necked in their disobedience.

However, as a task is allotted, a review must be given and an attempt will again be made to deal not only with this question, but with that of "non-attendance at lodge meeting."

The scale of arrearages now ranges from $5 to $720 a lodge. One district will lose over $1,200 by negligence. In another district members are in arrears from three to eight years, and no steps have been taken to collect, although the delinquents are in good financial circumstances. One lodge has a pressing indebtedness of $600 to meet when sufficient arrearages are on their books to liquidate the same if collected. A lodge in one of our western Districts can boast of having ninety members out of one hundred and four in arrear. A few only of the lodges reported against owe their stagnation and weakness to negligence on this question. What remedy can be suggested? Bear in mind that the Craft is composed of intelligent and successful men in professional and commercial callings, whose success is due to the sound business principles on which their business is conducted; yet these very men leave such business principles outside lodge doors and adopt a policy that heralds ruin and destruction. In business connections you will not allow a man to escape payment of his honest debts; why do you allow him such latitude in dealing with lodge property in which you are also interested? You do not wish to incur his displeasure or enmity by suspending him when you are aware of his ability to pay. But bear in mind that you are false to trusts reposed in you by allowing him to neglect his obligations and escape payment of his just debts. Such conduct would not be tolerated in commercial life, and dishonest people should not be harboured within our walls. Take the advice of a Grand Master in the great Republic to the south of us, "Lop off the dead branches, cut back the feeble ones and infuse the whole tree with new life. Practical business principles should apply to Masonic bodies as well as to other organizations."

It is a successful business rule to send in accounts and make collection at short intervals. Adopt some plan in your lodges. Collect your fees monthly or quarterly; have a diligent persistent Secretary who will attend to collections. He will find quarterly collections less difficult to make than when there is an indebtedness spreading over from one to eight years. The above plan is recommended to all, and may the Board of 1892 be able to congratulate Grand Lodge on the absence of this "crying evil."

As an example of what good management and an efficient Secretary can do, it is a fact that Jerusalem, 31, has only one member in arrear, while in Spry, 406, Sydenham, 255, and Goodwood, 159, not one member is indebted to the lodge. Certainly a record to be proud of. Go thou and do likewise!

ATTENDANCE.

On account of absence of tabulated statements in the majority of the reports (which it is to be hoped will be furnished in future) it is no easy task to form an opinion on the question of attendance. It cannot be said that thore is an improvement over last year through the whole jurisdiction, although large and enthusiastic meetings have been the rule in some localities. It is, however, apparent that decided improvement is noticeable in St. Clair, North Huron, Wilson, Hamilton, Georgian and Toronto Districts. In North Huron alone the average attendance is 57 per cent. of the membership, which is a matter of congratulation not only to D.D.G.M. but to officers of lodges whose hearts are in their work.

It is gratifying to notice the efforts of the District Masters to follow the advice given by the Board last year. Toronto District reports the preparation of papers on Masonic topics for the enlightenment of the brethren, the setting apart of one night in the year by the lodges for a reunion of Past Masters and old members at which meeting the work is exemplified by the "old boys," and the evening spent in fraternal mirth and social intercouse. A Past Masters' Association has been formed in which essays will be read and questions discussed which will be of great benefit to all the lodges. May the association be the means of driving ignorance from the land, so that when a person is styled a Master, his brethren may know him to be such in every sense of the word, and under whom the apprentice may gain knowledge and graduate well skilled in the royal art and noble science. May prosperity attend its efforts, and may it be the forerunner of similar associations in every district.

St. Clair, London, Hamilton and St Lawrence Districts and the City of Ottawa are to be also congratulated on successful efforts put forth in same direction. The plan adopted by the District Master of St. Lawrence District should commend itself to other District Masters; he takes extracts from Grand Lodge proceedings on matters of local interest, and these extracts together with papers on Masonic topics are read by him in the various lodges in which he visits, thus making a proper use of the Book of Proceedings.

Brethren, avoid all levity and unseemly conduct at your meetings; bear in mind that you are members of an honorable institution, and conduct yourselves as gentlemen. Stamp out of existence all bickerings and all quarrels and disputes, whether of a personal or political nature. Such matters are detrimental to your existence; they should have no place in your councils. Rely on it, intelligent, honest and God-fearing men cannot be expected to identify themselves with you if conduct such as above (and which will be found mentioned in some of the reports) is allowed to continue. Let brotherly love and charity prevail; preach, teach and practice same, not only in your meetings, but in your homes, in your various occupations, in the chamber of the sick and afflicted, and in faithfully maintaining and upholding the five points of fellowship in act as well as in word. The lodge has an important part to play; it enables us to ascertain and relieve each other's wants, to relate our mishaps and misfortunes and to obtain assistance, relief and advice; put it

to this use and the world will respect you; an awakened interest will be taken in your meetings; your old members will again take their places in the mystic circle and you will be individually the means of exalting the Order to that high position which it should occupy in all civilized nations.

If thou'rt a Mason
In deed and thought,
Loving thy neighbour,
As Craftsmen ought;
Sharing thy wealth
With the suffering poor,
Helping all sorrow
That hope can cure,
All God's angels will say "Well done!"
Whenever thy mortal race is run.

OBSERVANCE OF GRAND LODGE RULES.

The Board have again to call attention to the disregard of Grand Lodge rules by a number of W. M.'s and Secretaries; communications sent by District Masters are not even acknowledged; the forms supplied by Grand Lodge are not returned to the District Master so as to enable him to prepare his report. It is of the greatest importance that District Masters should enforce obedience in all such matters.

In Georgian District it will be found that work was done at an emergent meeting of which the required notice was not given.

The Grand Lodge dues are in arrears in several districts. It would be advisable to have a list of lodges in arrears presented by the Grand Secretary every year, so that action may be taken, instead of allowing the arrearages to accumulate. In some places in the London District Masonic clothing is worn without the requisite dispensation. Officers are elected and installed without dispensation, on unauthorized dates. Nothing short of discipline in such cases will be of any avail, as laws and regulations were adopted for the promotion and stability of the institution, and must be enforced. Attention is also drawn to loose business methods which prevail in some lodges. The Treasurer treats the lodge money as his own property, the books are not audited, nor are the funds handed over by the Treasurer to his successor. The result must apparent—ruin and disaster. The Board recommend the Grand Lodge to legislate on the subject; make a yearly audit compulsory, and that the funds must be deposited in a chartered bank or savings society to the credit of the W. M. and Treasurer.

From every district comes the startling report that by-laws as old as 30 years are in use in some lodges, while the members appear to be ignorant of the fact that changes have been made therein by Grand Lodge, and, to crown the absurdity, the by-laws are handed to candidates in order that they may ascertain how the lodge is governed in accordance with Masonic usage. It will be necessary for District Masters to insist on all by-laws conforming to Grand Lodge constitution, and in case of neglect, to report to the Grand Master. It is a matter of regret that the Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge falls into the hands of the W. M., who appears to claim it as private property, and gives no opportunity to members to become acquainted with the affairs of the Craft. This book is the property of the lodge, and not of the W.M. and should be treated accordingly.

BENEVOLENCE.

The reports show the efforts of D. D. G. M.'s in having carried out the rules of Grand Lodge relating to applications for relief, but notwithstanding these efforts and the circulars sent out by the Grand Secretary the negligence and carelessness of the Masters and Secretaries of some lodges will prevent needy and distressed people from receiving that aid which Grand Lodge is ready to bestow. While on this point the Board beg to draw the attention of Grand Lodge to the complaints made by D. D. G. M.'s on account of the extra duties imposed on them with reference to benevolent grants; it is apparent to all that their duties are multifarious and have been faithfully attended to; that a great demand is made upon time which might be devoted to various business pursuits and social ties; greater sacrifices are made by these brethren in the discharge of their duties than can be imagined; and now that complaints are made and warnings given, Grand Lodge should not be slow in providing other means for enforcing the laws and regulations relating to this important branch of its system. A word to the wise is sufficient.

RULINGS.

On reviewing the reports it is noticed that an account is given by one District Master of his ruling during the year. The Board is not authorized to comment on the same; this duty will be performed by the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom same will be referred. The Board would, however, suggest to District Masters the inadvisability of so reporting their decisions; when some new or disputed point arises, it would be advisable to forward same to the Grand Secretary to be placed before the M. W. the Grand Master, whose decision will be binding on the Craft at large.

INSURANCE.

The improvement in this respect is a matter of congratulation. Why business principles adopted by all prudent men in this age of cheap insurance should not have been found applicable to Masonic affairs is something astounding. Severe losses, which are to be regretted, have opened the eyes of the brethren, and at the present time, with few exceptions, all lodges are fully insured.

The Board expresses its sympathy with the following lodges, viz.:—King Solomon Lodge, 394, in its loss, also with Seymour. 277, which has been burned out three or four times; but the insurance moneys enabled it to carry on the work of the Craft with renewed vigor. The brethren residing in Alliston have the sympathy of the Craft for loss occasioned by fire which destroyed the town. The brethren of Wilson, 113, deserve credit for pluck and energy, as, notwithstanding their loss, they have a comfortable and well-furnished lodge-room.

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

Too much care cannot be exercised in the examination of visitors, and it is to be regretted that some lodges are lax in this respect. Bear in mind, brethren, that a faithful performance of this duty is due not only to your respective lodges, but to the Craft in general. You are the watchmen on the walls, and any negligence on your part may be disastrous to the whole body. Vouching for visitors is indulged in to too great an extent, and no latitude should be allowed in the rules governing this question. It is noticeable that the brethren are oftentimes imposed on by those who

are under suspension or expulsion. This can only be avoided by insisting on visitors producing their certificates of membership and last receipt for dues.

LODGE ROOMS.

The Board can congratulate St. Lawrence District on improvement in this respect, but are sorry that Merrickville, 55, and St. James', 74, put forth no effort to make the lodge-rooms comfortable and habitable. The existence of such a state of affairs is simply disgraceful; in the former lodge the room and furniture require cleaning; in the case of the latter lodge the roof leaks badly; the furniture and hall require cleaning and renovating, and Masonic charters and records which hang on the walls may be in danger of destruction. The attention of the D. D. G. M. of London District is drawn to Middlesex, 379, which meets in an open shed attached to an hotel; they must procure a hall more in keeping with the dignity of the Craft.

Brethren, make your lodge-rooms attractive and comfortable if you wish to keep your members with you. If you wish to retain the respect of the community your associations and surroundings must be respectable; if you wish to attract respectable men to your meetings offer them some return for the bright firesides and happy homes which they have left in order to enjoy your company for an evening.

The District Masters will call the attention of Prince Arthur, 333, and Ayr, 172, to the fact that it is illegal to allow other societies to use their lodge-rooms, and if prompt attention is not paid, report the case to the Grand Master for instructions.

COMMITTEES OF INQUIRY.

Attention is called by the District Master of Hamilton District to the careless and indifferent manner in which reports on character are made. This is a matter of vital importance, as the prosperity, nay, the very existence of the institution depends on the class of men to whom you open your doors. It is therefore necessary to call the attention of the brethren to their duty in this respect. Appoint on the committee only experienced and skilled brethren who will perform their duty faithfully and fearlessly; who will bear in mind that as water will not rise above its source, neither will the fraternity rise above the level of its initiates. Appoint men who will perform their duty in no perfunctory manner, who will see the applicant personally, enquire about his morals and standing among his neighbors and business associates, ascertain his conduct in the family circle, who will take nothing for granted and will not report favorably simply on the ground that nothing is known by them against the applicant. Good men, intellectual and moral men, are what we require. Then will the institution stand on a firm basis. Let the Masters, therefore, exercise care in their appointment of committees, and instruct the members thereof not only in their duties but in the responsibilities which they assume. It will invariably follow that on a faithful performance of such duties, no discredit will be brought on the fraternity.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF DISTRICTS.

Some dissatisfaction is expressed by Georgian District on account of extent of territory comprised therein. They desire that True Blue, 98, be attached to Toronto District, and that the lodges in Muskoka and Parry Sound should be attached to other districts; while the District

Master of Toronto District agrees that True Blue should be so attached, but that Union Lodge, 118, should be exchanged therefor. As complaints have been received for years past with reference to some of the above changes, the Board recommend that the Grand Lodge give the matter every consideration.

FRATERNAL VISITS.

It is gratifying to notice the number of fraternal visits exchanged not only between lodges in the same locality, but also between lodges in different districts.

Our good brethren in the American jurisdiction also fraternize and visit our lodges along the border. These visits prove beneficial in every respect and a continuance of same is greatly to be desired.

CONCLUSION.

The task of review is now ended; praise has been given to the deserving; faults have been pointed and remedies suggested which, if carried out, cannot but prove beneficial.

May peace, prosperity and happiness be showered on our brethren and those near and dear to them, and in conclusion the Board wish continued prosperity to Grand Lodge, and that the coming year may be fruitful with good works accomplished, which will redound to the honor and glory of the Craft.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

E. T. MALONE,
Chairman of Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved.—That the Report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and (subsequently) adopted

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

To the Board has been confided a task that may with truth be termed a sad labor of love. It is one which each recurring year requires of us. To-day we mourn a goodly company of Craftsmen called away by death, brethren with whom we have exchanged many periodical greetings, and enjoyed the fellowship, which is the cherished privilege of the Masonic tie. As we recall the recent past, their familiar presence is so near that we hesitate to believe that they are gone.

Every district within the confines of our jurisdiction has been afflicted to a greater or less extent, and on a few the blow has fallen heavily. From the register of Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston, two familiar names have been stricken—names, however, which are graven deep into the hearts of Canadian Craftsmen.

The death of M.W. Bro. James Alexander Henderson, Q.C., D.C.L., Past Grand Master, created a void which even the lapse of years cannot easily fill. His Masonic life was an exemplar for all. From early manhood until the hour when, full of years and honor, he went down to the tomb he was actively identified with the Craft, and had attained to the

highest positions which it was in the power of his brethren to bestow upon him. As a man he was good and true; in friendship he was loyal; his citizenship was signalized by an undeviating rectitude, and as a Craftsman he found his highest pleasure in communicating happiness to others. Little wonder then that whem the tidings of his death were known our hearts went out in sorrow to the stricken family, and especially to our esteemed Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Walkem, who, almost within the same hour that took from that hitherto happy home, his revered father-in-law was also called upon to mourn the loss of a son, whose exemplary youth had given promise of a noble manhood.

During the early days of last month the Premier of the Dominion, Rt. Hon. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, was called away. Notwithstanding the cares of public life, the R.W. Bro. never weakened in his affection for the Craft. His connection with his mother lodge was maintained to the end, and he was also an honorary member of Zetland Lodge, Toronto. In the Grand Lodge of Canada he held the honorary rank of Past Grand Senior Warden, and a similar honor was paid him by the Grand Lodge of England and Wales, of which he was the representative at this Grand Lodge for many years, and up to the time of his death.

The Niagara District and Copestone Lodge, Welland, lost a zealous Craftsman when onr R.W. Bro. J. Morrison Dunn was called to his rest. The deceased brother, who was a native of Scotland, was Principal of the Welland Collegiate Institute at the time of his death. In former years he had held similar positions in Guelph, Peterboro', Drummondville and Elora, and at one time was a Professor in a Pitsburg, Pa., College. He was a writer of no mean ability, and a number of his works, notably on chemistry, were authorized as text-books. He was a prominent leader and pulpit orator in the Presbyterian church, and was frequently heard to remark that he prized his church and his lodge above all other institutions. As a Mason he was ever active. In 1881 he was chosen District Deputy Grand Master, and held that office for two years. The Welland *Tribune*, in its obituary notice, paid the following tribute to his Masonic worth: "He lived a spotless life and leaves an untarnished record. A life well spent left no uncertainty as to his standing in the Grand Lodge above; his the gain, ours the loss."

At Ottawa, on the 19th May, there passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-five the veteran Craftsman, R.W. Bro. Robert Leslie, who served as Grand Junior Warden in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada, under the Grand Mastership of the late Sir Allan Napier McNab. The deceased brother was mainly instrumental in forming, in 1858, Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptville, now one of the oldest in the province. Upright in character, a fluent speaker and genial companion, he was beloved and respected, not only by the Craft but by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His remains were interred at Kemptville with Masonic honor, under the auspices of the lodge with which for over thirty years he was so intimately associated.

The Craft at Belleville, as well as the citizens generally, mourned the death of V.W. Bro. William Hamilton Ponton, which took place early this year. Bro. Ponton, who was born in Inverness, Scotland, in 1810, was a son of Dr. Mungo Ponton, Captain and Surgeon of the Cameron Highlanders, with whom he came to this country. He was private secretary at one time to the Hon. Robert Baldwin, and subsequently clerk of the Crown in Belleville. He was elected mayor of the town in 1851, and held the honorable position of chief magistrate for three years. He was the first Canadian director of the Grand Trunk railway, and at the time of his death was the registrar for the county of Hastings, a position

to which he was appointed in 1854. The deceased brother was an active Mason from his young days, having been Master of the old Belleville Lodge, No. 496, English register. He was identified afterwards with Moira Lodge, of which he was also Master. It could be said of him: "If every man to whom he did a favor were to place a flower on his grave his body would sleep beneath a wilderness of fragrance."

And so the list might increase and swell, for the reaper has been out betimes and his harvest is bountiful. Scores of worthy brethren have been taken from us—Masons devoted to the good cause, and whose lodges were to them a hallowed spot, endeared by tender associations. May the lessons of our fraternity be to us as they were to them, living truths, the guiding beacons to a life of unselfish usefulness.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. J. BENNETT,
Chairman Sub-Committee on Fraternal Dead.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R.W. Bro. G. C. Davis, and

Resolved.—That the Report of the Board on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes have had before them the following cases of grievances and appeals, all of which have been duly considered, and the conclusions arrived at are embodied in the report, in detail, upon each case, as follows:

In the matter of the complaint of W. Bro. John M. Cook, of Lodge No. 256, and Lorne Lodge No. 377. (See Grand Lodge proceedings 1890, page 155.) This case, at last convocation of Grand Lodge, was to the D.D.G.M.'s of Districts 9 and 15, for investigation and report. These R.W. brethren report that Lorne Lodge was perfectly justified in initiating and passing Bro. W. S. Degeer. The Board concurs with the reasons given by the D.D.G.M.'s in their report, and therefore dismiss the complaint.

In the matter of Lorne Lodge, No. 377, *vs.* Bro. William Isaac Degeer, Lorne Lodge charges Br. Degeer with un-Masonic conduct, he having been tried by the civil courts and found guilty of bigamy. Bro. Degeer has also been tried for this offence by his Lodge, found guilty, suspended, and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion.

The Board, from the evidence, fully concurs in the finding of Lorne Lodge, and recommends that Bro. Degeer be summoned to show cause at next Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled from the Craft, and that the Secretary of Lorne Lodge be required to send down all papers in connection with his trial before said Lodge, under seal.

In the matter of Cassia Lodge, No. 116, *vs.* Bro. Parsons (see G.L.P. 1890, page 156). Brother Parsons was summoned to show cause, at this present Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, why he should not be expelled from the Craft. Bro. Parsons having failed to show sufficient cause, after being duly summoned, the Board recommends that he be expelled from the Craft.

In the matter of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, *vs.* Bro. Henry Watts (see G.L.P. 1890, page 155). Bro. Watts having been duly sum-

moned to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft, and having failed to make any answer to said summons, the Board recommends that he be expelled.

In the matter of Bro. D. L. Brown *vs.* Quinte Lodge, No. 241. Bro. Brown was charged by Quinte Lodge with unmasonic conduct. This case was investigated by R.W. Bro. McGinnis, under instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master. The Grand Master, upon R.W. Bro. McGinnis's report, having decided that the trial of Bro. Brown by Quinte Lodge was wholly irregular, and in consequence, having set aside the entire proceedings, the Board acquiesces in this finding, and recommends that the suspension of Bro. Brown by said Quinte Lodge be removed, and he be restored to good standing in said lodge.

In the case of Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, *vs.* Bro. Lester Judson (see G. L.P. 1890, p. 155). The evidence produced by the lodge does not warrant the expulsion of Bro. Judson, but the Board recommends that his suspension be continued, he having pleaded guilty to the first specification of the charge.

In the matter of Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, *vs.* Moore Lodge, No. 294 (see G.L.P. 1890, page 155). The D.D.G.M's, to whom this matter was referred, having reported that the difficulty had been amicably settled, the appeal has been withdrawn.

In the matter of W. Bro. O. L. Hicks *vs.* R.W. Bro. Bennett, D.D. G.M., of Toronto District. W. Bro. Hicks complains that R.W. Bro. Bennett had decided, contrary to constitution (as Bro. Hicks claims), that Mimico Lodge could not proceed to ballot on the applications of certain candidates, whose applications had been received. The reason given for said decision being that in the meantime, and prior to the ballot, a new lodge had been established at West Toronto Junction, in whose jurisdiction said applicants resided. The Board recommends that R.W. Bro. Bennett's decision be affirmed, and that the appeal of Bro. Hicks be dismissed.

In the matter of Bro. Jones, of Orient Lodge, No, 339, *vs.* Bro. Henry Parry (see G.L.P. 1890, page 155). Bro. Parry having been duly summoned, and having failed to appear, the Board recommends that he be expelled from the Craft.

In the matter of Bro. William Scarrow *vs.* St. John's Lodge, No. 209a (see G.L.P., 1890. page 155). The R.W. the D.D.G.M. of District No, 3, to whom that matter was referred last year, with instructions to report to the Grand Master, having found that the money had been properly located by the lodge, and sufficient security taken therefor, as reported, and the M.W. the Grand Master dismissed the appeal. The Board recommends that the action of the Grand Master be sustained by Grand Lodge.

In the matter of Simpson Lodge, No. 157, *vs.* Harmony Lodge, No. 370. This is a question of the jurisdiction of these two lodges. The M.W. the Grand Master has decided that their jurisdiction shall be hereafter governed by the line to be established by Bro. Walter Beatty. The Board sustained the Grand Master's decision.

In the matter of Markham Union Lodge, No. 87, and Orient Lodge, No. 339. This is a question of jurisdiction of lodges referred to the Board of General Purposes by the D.D.G.M. of Toronto District..

The Board recommends that the question be referred back to the D.D.G.M. of Toronto District, with instructions to require Markham Union Lodge to have the dividing line between said lodges properly defined by a surveyor, and also the distance the residences of the members initiated by Orient Lodge are from each lodge, said evidence to be

sent into this Board prior to next meeting of Grand Lodge, and that in the meantime further consideration be deferred until next annual convocation.

In the matter of W. Bro. Thomson and Lodge 195, *vs.* Bro. L. McDonald, (see G. L. P. 1890, page 155), Bro. McDonald having appeared before the Board in obedience to a summons to show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft, and the Board having heard his statements and defence is of the opinion that there is sufficient to warrant the decision that the recommendation for expulsion be not entertained at present.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

L. H. HENDERSON,
Chairman Sub-Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

It was moved by R, W, Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson,

That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received and (subsequently) adopted.

It was moved in amendment by W. Bro. O. L. Hicks, seconded by R.W. Bro. Wm. Roaf.

That the Report be amended so far as the matter between Mimico and Stanley Lodge is concerned, by declaring that Mimico Lodge is authorized to deal with the applicants therein referred to, and that the Report so amended be adopted.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared *carried.*

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M.W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when it was moved by R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M.W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved.—That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M.W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the following supplementary

REPORT:

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada,

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred the application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, beg leave to report:—

That from the papers before us it appears that this new Grand Lodge was formed on the 26th day of June, 1890, by the representatives of all the lodges in the colony formerly working under the English, Irish and Scotch constitutions, and that the proceedings were confirmed by the Grand Masters of the three sister colonies, New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria, who were personally present and assisted at the formation.

We therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge of Tasmania be recognised as having the sole right of Masonic jurisdiction in the colony

of Tasmania, and that the Grand Master be requested to exchange representatives with the said Grand Lodge.

All which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R.W. Bro J. M. Gibson, seconded by M.W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved.—That the Supplementary Report on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

R.W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented the following

REPORT:

The Board of General Purposes have considered the several motions of which notice has been given and beg to report upon them as follows:

PLACE OF MEETING.

1. By V. W. Bro. J. Parker Thomas:

That the City of Toronto shall be the permanent place of meeting and holding the Communications of this Grand Lodge.

1. The Board cannot recommend the adoption of any resolution which would preclude Grand Lodge from selecting any particular place in which it would be desirable to hold its annual meeting.

FEE FOR INITIATION.

2. By V. W. Bro. J. Parker Thomas:

That Clause No. 136 of the Book of Constitution be amended by inserting after the work "twenty," in the second line of clause 136, the word "five" so that the clause, as amended, will read "twenty-five" instead of "twenty."

2. The Board cannot recommend the adoption of this amendment.

FORM OF PETITION.

3. By V. W. Bro. J. Parker Thomas, there being an apparent conflict between the form of petition given in Clause 218 and Clause 229, and in order to remove same:

That the Book of Constitution, Clause 229, be amended by adding to said clause the words: "Nor shall any petition be received from any such rejected candidate bearing date within twelve months after the date of such rejection; and in case any candidate is rejected, either by unfavourable report or adverse ballot, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give immediate notice by letters, with the seal of the lodge stamped thereon, postpaid, addressed to the Grand Secretary, the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, and the Masters of all lodges having concurrent jurisdiction with the lodge rejecting such candidate, and that the said officers receiving such notices shall keep a register of same, with dates and particulars, similar to accepted candidates."

3. The Board cannot recommend the adoption of this clause in its entirety. They recommend that in lieu thereof that all the words after "candidate" in the fourth line of section 229 be struck out, and the following words substituted therefor:

"Nor shall any petition be received from any such rejected candidate bearing date within twelve months after the date of such rejection; and in case any candidate is rejected, either by unfavourable report or adverse ballot, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give immediate notice to the Masters of lodges having concurrent jurisdiction."

LIQUOR AT REFRESHMENT.

4. By W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs:

That the use of spirituous liquors as a beverage be discontinued at all refreshment tables in connection with Masonic Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

4. The Board think the adoption of this amendment to the constitution would be an unwarrantable interference by Grand Lodge with the rights of lodges, and that this is a question that each lodge should decide for itself.

GRAND LECTURER.

5. By W. Bro. H. A. Collins.

That section 5 of the constitution be amended by adding after the word "Secretary, in the thirteenth line, the words "The Right Worshipful the Grand Lecturer."

5. The Board cannot recommend the adoption of the amendment suggested.

THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD.

6. By R. W. Bro. E. H. D. Hall:

I give notice that at the next regular meeting of Grand Lodge I will move that in future the members of the Board of General Purposes be not paid their mileage and per diem expenses for attendance at any regular meetings of the Board, and that the Constitution be amended accordingly.

6. The Board think it proper to refrain from expressing any opinion upon this question.

CLOTHING AT FUNERALS.

7. By R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone:

That the proper clothing to be worn at Masonic funerals and which is hereby adopted as such by this Grand Lodge, shall consist of black coat, trousers, vest and hat, white gloves and regulation apron, crape on left arm above the elbow and a sprig of evergreen on the left breast. The apron must in all cases be worn outside the coat

While it is not meant to be obligatory, yet all lodges in the jurisdiction are hereby recommended and most strongly urged to require their members to conform to this resolution in all cases where it will not work a hardship upon them.

7. The Board do not think it advisable for Grand Lodge to prescribe an absolute rule upon this subject; while it might be desirable, it might not always be convenient to carry out the suggestion contained in the proposed amendment.

EXAMINATION OF W. M. ELECT.

8. By R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone:

That hereafter it shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master of each Masonic district in the jurisdiction to examine each and every Master elect in his district as to his knowledge of such portions of the Constitution of Grand Lodge as relate to the duties of Master of a lodge, as well as to his proficiency in the work of the various degrees, according to the established work.

Where the District Deputy Grand Master finds it impossible or inconvenient to personally conduct such examination, same may be taken by a competent Past Master, duly appointed in writing for that purpose by the District Deputy Grand Master, who shall immediately report the result of such examination to the District Deputy Grand Master.

The District Deputy Grand Master, when satisfied with the result of such examination, shall grant to such Master elect a certificate of qualification, which shall state that the Master elect named therein is qualified in both the respects above mentioned

8. The Board cannot recommend the adoption of this amendment. In the Ceremony of Installation, the Installing Master is made to say that "the Master elect must have been presented to a Board of Installed Masters for examination," and to that Board the ancient practice has evidently committed the duty of examining the Master elect,

and proving his efficiency. There are other obvious objections to the proposed amendment, but the Board would recommend that on the night of the election of officers, the lodge shall select by open vote three Past Masters, members of that lodge, of which it is advisable the Master should be one, who shall be the Installing Board to examine the Master elect as to his knowledge of such portions of the Constitution of Grand Lodge as relate to the Duties of Master of a lodge, as well as to his proficiency in the work of the various degrees, and report to the Installing Officer.

In the event of any lodge not having three Past Masters available, Past Masters from other lodges may be selected.

CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION FOR W. M.

9. By R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone:

Also to amend clause 182 of the Constitution so that same shall read as follows:

182. No brother shall be installed Master of a warranted lodge unless he produces to the Installing Board a certificate of qualification from the District Deputy Grand Master of the district that such brother is familiar with the duties of Master, as laid down in the Constitution of Grand Lodge, and is competent to confer the various degrees according to the established work.

9. The Board consider that if Grand Lodge concur in the opinion which the Board has expressed in regard to the previous notice of motion, there will be no necessity for this amendment.

EXTENDING THE LIMIT.

10. By W. Bro. T. H. Brunton:

That section 44 of the Constitution be amended by altering the date in the eighth line from 1st of December to 1st March.

10. The Board would call the attention of Grand Lodge to the fact that Sec. 44, which it is proposed to alter, was only adopted very recently, and they therefore deem it inadvisable to make any further change in the same direction.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP.

11. By V. W. Bro. Fred. F. Manley:

That section 199 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the words: And no brother shall be a member of more than one private lodge, except where honorary membership or the taking out of life membership has already given to a brother that privilege.

11. The Board would state for the information of Grand Lodge that at its formation in 1855, dual membership was permitted. That in 1856, the Constitution was altered by a declaration that a brother could be a member of one lodge only, to take effect in 1857. In that year (1857), this alteration was again repealed and the old rule restored. That in 1871, dual membership was again prohibited, and in 1872 was again restored as it exists at the present time. The Board cannot recommend the adoption of the proposed change.

HOUR FOR DISTRICTS TO MEET.

12. By R. W. Bro. J. A. Wills:

That section 60 of the Constitution be amended by substituting for the words, "Nine o'clock in the forenoon of the second day," the following: "Eight o'clock in the evening of the first day."

12. The Board cannot recommend the change proposed.

ELECTION OF CHAPLAINS.

14. By R. W. Bro. F. M. Morson:

That section 120 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the word "Chaplain" after the words "Junior Warden," in the second line, and striking out the word "Chaplain" in the fifth line.

14. The Board cannot see the necessity for the change suggested.

DATE OF MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

15. By R. W. Bro. A. McGinnis:

That section 19 of the Constitution be amended by altering the words "third Wednesday in July," in the second line, to "second Tuesday in June."

15. The Board cannot recommend the adoption of this amendment. The time suggested being for many reasons inconvenient.

BUSINESS IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

16. By W. Bro. C. C. Robinson:

That hereafter all business to be transacted in a warranted lodge, except initiating and passing, shall be conducted in the third degree.

16. The Board cannot recommend the adoption of this change.

REPEAL OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

17. By W. Bro. C. C. Robinson:

That sections 161, 162 and 163 be repealed, and that the following be inserted in lieu thereof: "Life membership in private lodges is not permissible." This however, does not apply to those brethren who have taken advantage of the rules enacted heretofore for the regulation of life membership and now repealed.

17. The Board cannot recommend the alteration proposed.

ELECTION OF SUBORDINATE OFFICERS.

18. By V. W. Bro. Robt. Cuthbert:

That section 122 of the Constitution be amended by striking out all that part after the words "elected and appointed officers" in the sixth line.

18. The Board cannot recommend the adoption of the proposed alteration.

SUSPENDED MEMBERS.

19. By R. W. Bro. G. J. Bennett:

That section 147 of the Constitution be amended by adding the words: "And to commemorate the Centennial of Freemasonry in Canada, it is further provided that every member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues prior to January 1st, 1890, may be restored without any payment of arrears and by payment of one year's dues in advance to the lodge from which he has been so suspended, the conditions of Sec. 154 being observed in each case, and that this privilege does not extend beyond the first day of February, 1892."

19. The Board cannot favor the adoption of this proposition for a general amnesty.

MASONIC CLOTHING AND INSIGNIA.

20. By R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson:

That clause 255 of the Constitution be amended.

255. The following Masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft, and no brother shall, on any pretence, be admitted into Grand Lodge, or in any private lodge, without his proper clothing and insignia, and no honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in Grand Lodge, or in any private lodge, which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by Grand Lodge.

APRONS.

Entered Apprentice.—A plain white lamb-skin, from twelve to fourteen inches wide, ten to twelve inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament: white strings.

Fellow Craft.—A plain white lamb-skin, similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason.—The same with sky-blue lining and edging one and a half inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels (unless otherwise specially ordered or allowed by this Grand Lodge). No other colour or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in sky-blue in the centre of the apron.

The Master and Past Master of Lodges.—To wear in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Master's apron perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines, one inch, these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same colour as the lining and edging of apron, or of silver. If grand or past grand officers, similar emblems of garter blue or gold.

Grand Stewards of the year.—Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, lined with crimson, edging of the same colour, three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels, with the emblems of their office in silver and crimson in the centre. The fringe of silver.

Other appointed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge present and past, and past Grand Stewards.—Aprons of same dimensions lined with garter blue, edgings of the same colour, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels with the emblems of their office in gold and blue in the centre. The fringe of gold bullion.

District Deputy Grand Masters, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer, Registrar, Secretary, Present and Past.—Aprons lined with garter blue, edgings of the same colour, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their office in gold, within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia, and seven eared wheat embroidered in the centre, and acacia and seven eared wheat embroidered on the edging, one an each side, the fringe of gold bullion.

Deputy Grand Master Present and Past.—Apron lined with garter blue, edging of the same colour, bound with gold, and gold tassels, with the emblem of his office in gold within an embossed wreath, composed of acacia and seven eared wheat, embroidered in the centre, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered on the edging. The fringe of gold bullion.

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Apron lined with garter blue, edging of the same colour, bound with gold and gold tassels, and to be ornamented with the blazing sun, embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and the lotus with the seven eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

COLLARS.

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by nine stars.

Deputy Grand Master, Past and Present.—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by seven stars.

District Deputy Grand Masters of the year.—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by five stars.

Past District Deputy Grand Masters and Senior and Junior Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer, Registrar, Secretary, Present and Past.—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered with the seven-eared wheat, and the acacia in gold, one on each side.

Grand Stewards of the Year.—Collars of crimson, four inches broad, and bound with silver lace.

Other appointed Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Collars of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad, and bound with gold lace.

Of Private Lodges.—Collars of light blue ribbon, four inches broad; (unless otherwise specially ordered or allowed by this Grand Lodge.) If silver chain be used for W. M., it must be placed over the light blue ribbon.

GAUNTLETS.

All Elected Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past.—Gauntlets of garter-blue bound with gold and the jewel of their office, within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven eared wheat, embroidered in gold on the face.

JEWELS.

The Grand Master.—The compasses extended to 45°, with the segment of a circle at the points and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle, also irradiated.

Past Grand Master.—A similar jewel without the gold plate.

Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united, with a five pointed star in the centre.

Past Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square only.
District Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united with a five-pointed star in the centre, the whole to be placed within a circle on which is the number of the district.
Past District Deputy Grand Master.—The same, omitting the five-pointed star in the centre.
Grand Senior Warden, Present and Past.—The level.
Grand Junior Warden, Present and Past.—The plumb.
Grand Chaplain, Present and Past.—A book on a triangle.
Grand Treasurer, Present and Past.—A chased key.
Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—A scroll.
Grand Secretary, Present and Past.—Cross Pens with a tie.
Grand Deacons, Present and Past.—Dove and Olive branch.
Grand Superintendent of Works, Present. and Past.—A semi-circle protractor.
Grand Director of Ceremonies, Present and Past.—Cross rods,
Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Present and Past.—Cross rods.
Grand Sword Bearer, Present and Past.—Cross swords.
Grand Organist, Present and Past.—A lyre
Grand Pursuivant, Present and Past.—Arms of the Grand Lodge with rod and sword crossed.
Grand Standard Bearer, Present and Past—Two staves crossed tied by a ribbon flowing from them two standards of the arms of the Grand Lodge.

The jewels of the Grand Chaplain, Treasurer, Registrar, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Superintendent of Works, Director of Ceremonies, Sword Bearer, Organist, Pursuivant, are to be within a circle, with an embossed wreath, composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn; and of the Grand Junior Deacon, Assistant Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Assistant Grand Organist, to be similar to those of their senior and superior officers, the wreath on the circle being omitted.

The jewel of the Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge is a cornucopia, between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle on which is engraven "Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario."
Grand Tyler.—The sword in a circle, on which is engraven "The Grand Lodge of Canada, Grand Tyler."

All the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters are entitled to wear pendant to their collars, the jewel designing their past rank; all other Past Grand officers to wear the collar without a pendant jewel, a similar but smaller jewel in enamel to be worn on the breast.

Masters of Lodges.—The square.
Past Masters.—The square and the diagram of the 47 Prob. 1st book Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.
Senior Warden.—The level.
Junior Warden.—The plumb.
Chaplain.—A book on a triangle.
Treasurer.—The key.
Secretary.—The cross pens.
Deacons.—The dove.
Director of Ceremonies.—The cross rods.
Organist.—The lyre.
Inner Guard.—The cross swords.
Stewards.—The cornucopia.
Tyler.—The Sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

In the Grand Lodge, and on all occasions where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacities, they shall wear the following Masonic clothing and insignia.

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold or metal gilt, with nine stars, over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold and jewel.
Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold or metal gilt, with seven stars, over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold and jewel.
District Deputy Grand Masters, of the year.—Chain of gold or metal gilt, with five stars, over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold and jewel.
Past District Deputy Grand Masters, and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. Chaplain, Treasurer, Registrar, and Secretary, Present and Past.—Blue collar, gauntlets, apron, all bound and embroidered in gold and jewel.
Grand Stewards of the year.—Crimson collar and apron, all bound in silver and jewel.
All other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Blue collar and apron, all bound in gold and jewel.

20. The Board recommend that the proposed amendment to the constitution regarding Masonic clothing and insignia be adopted with the following exceptions:

1st. That all the words after the word "craft," in the second line, down to words "acknowledged by Grand Lodge," inclusive, be omitted.

2nd. That the three clauses reducing the size of the aprons of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, and also the clauses relating to D. D. G. M.'s, so far as the wearing of chains is concerned, be struck out.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
Chairman, Sub-Com. on Constitution and Laws.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on Constitution and Laws be received.

Subsequently it was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the Report on Constitution and Laws be considered clause by clause.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were adopted without amendment.

R. W. Bro. Hall's proposal (clause 6), to abolish the payment of the expenses of the Board was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

Clause 7 was adopted without amendment.

In amendment to clause 8, it was moved by V. W. Bro. Geo. Tait, seconded by W. Bro. W. E. Smith,

That the Installing Master shall not proceed to install the Master elect until he has received a written report signed by the Past Masters who composed the Board of Installed Masters, before whom the Master elect was examined, setting forth the time, place and result of said examination and the Installing Master shall forward said Report without unnecessary delay to the D.D.G.M.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

Clause 8, as reported, was then adopted.

Clauses 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, were adopted without amendment.

A ballot was demanded on clause 4, "Liquor at Refreshments," and clause 16, "Business in the Third Degree," the Report of the Board being sustained in the former case by 616 yeas against 404 nays, and in the latter case by 604 yeas against 443 nays.

It was then moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved, That the Report as a Whole be adopted.

The following telegram was received and read:—

GREETINGS FROM DETROIT.

DETROIT, MICH., 22nd July, 1891.

Canadian Masons, residents in Detroit, send fraternal greetings to Grand Lodge assembled.

(Signed) W. H. SPARLING.
Past Grand Steward.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to send the following reply:

TORONTO, 22nd July, 1891.

V. W. Bro. W. H. SPARLING,
Detroit, Michigan.

We acknowledge with thanks your fraternal greetings, and cordially reciprocate them.

(Signed) J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
Grand Master.

CALLED OFF.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, 23rd July, at 11 o'clock, forenoon.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, 23rd July, A.D. 1891.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 11, a. m.

PRESENT:

THE GRAND MASTER,
M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on the Throne.

GRAND OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives to this Grand Lodge beg to report that there are 348 lodges on the Grand Register; 224 lodges are represented by their duly qualified officers; 80 are represented by proxy; and 44 lodges are unrepresented for the purposes of voting. There are 749 names registered, having a total vote of 1353.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

R. B. HUNGERFORD,
WILLIAM REA,
WILLIAM ROAF,
Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, and

Resolved, That the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies be received and adopted.

FORM OF BALLOT.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. E. E. Wade, seconded by V. W. Bro. Shaw,

That the vote for Grand Lodge Officers be taken at this Communication, separately, as heretofore.

It was moved in amendment by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. R. White,

That while recognizing the force of the objections to the ballot, and the proposed mode of carrying out the election of officers, Grand Lodge is of opinion, that in view of the ballot papers having been distributed, and the serious delay that would result from the printing and distribution of fresh ballot papers, the election should be proceeded with on the ballots already distributed.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared *carried.*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrutineers of the ballot for Grand Officers, and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, namely, W. Bros. M. Gibbs, W. R. Clarke, J. C. Morgan, H. J. Wilkinson, C. Mole. W. Forbes, J. D. Clarke, W. J. Graham, Jas. Bond, W. Baine, Geo. Clarke and Jas. Ferres.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected office-bearers for the ensuing term, namely:

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson	Hamilton	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Bro. Jas. Sutherland, M. P.	Woodstock	Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Le F. A. Maingy	Ottawa	Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Pettit, M. A.	Cornwall	Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Bro. Edward Mitchell	Hamilton	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Bro. C. C. Robinson	Aurora	Grand Registrar.
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason	Hamilton	Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge

Bro. F. J. Hood	London	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective districts, and were approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz:—

			District, No.
R. W. Bro. Benjamin Paine	Ridgetown	Erie	1
R. W. Bro. W. D. Griggs	Forest	St. Clair	2
R. W. Bro. Thos. E. Robson	Ilderton	London	3
R. W. Bro. Wm. White	Mitchell	South Huron	4
R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell	Listowel	North Huron	5
R. W. Bro. P. H. Cox	Paris	Wilson	6
R. W. Bro. Wm. Conbey	Erin	Wellington	7
R. W. Bro. John Hoodless	Hamilton	Hamilton	8
R. W. Bro. W. T. Toner	Collingwood	Georgian	9
R. W. Bro. Donald Robertson	St. Catharines	Niagara	10
R. W. Bro. Thos. H. Brunton	Newmarket	Toronto	11
R. W. Bro. Wm. McKay	Bowmanville	Ontario	12
R. W. Bro. G. E. R. Wilson	Colborne	Prince Edward	13
R. W. Bro. Stanley C. Warner	Napanee	Frontenac	14
R. W. Bro. S. B. Fell	Morrisburg	St. Lawrence	15
R. W. Bro. G. S. McFarlane	Ottawa	Ottawa	16
R. W. Bro. Wm. C. Dobie	Port Arthur	Algoma	17

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz:—

R.W. Bro. David McLellan	Hamilton.
R.W. Bro. F. C. Martin	Woodstock.
V.W. Bro. L. Secord	Brantford.
R.W. Bro. J. F. H. Gunn	Walkerton.
R.W. Bro. Wm. Roaf	Toronto.

Subsequently, the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments as members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing year, viz:—

R.W. Bro. G. C. Davis	London.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Burritt	Pembroke.
R.W. Bro. L. H. Henderson	Belleville.
R.W. Bro. William Rea	Ottawa.
R.W. Bro J. E. Harding	Stratford.

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

On motion, it was resolved that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of London.

REPORT ON CERTAIN ANNUITANTS.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report that the Chairman of the Sub-Committee appointed to enquire into the matter of the special grants, has left the jurisdiction without notifying the other members of the Committee as to his intention with regard to the matter to be investigated.

The Board recommend that R. W. Bro. T. Sargant be named on the the Committee in place of R. W. Bro. C. W. Mulligan, and that the Committee report at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. S. DEWAR.
Acting Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Board on Special Grants be received and adopted.

DISTRICTS 9 AND 16.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Greenfield, and

Resolved —That the following motion of which notice was given in 1890 be referred to the District Deputy Grand Masters of Georgian District No. 9, and Ottawa District No. 16, and R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding to report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, namely,

By W. Bro. James Whitten,—That Districts Nos. 9 and 16 be divided by detaching all that portion of No 9 lying North of Severn Bridge, and all that part of No. 16 lying west of the eastern boundary of Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, and that a new district be formed out of these portions.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives presented their credentials, which were accepted, and the representatives saluted with Grand Honors, namely:

R.W. Bro. J. S. Dewar.....For the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.
R.W. Bro. G. G. Rowe, M.D.....For the Grand Lodge of Italy.
V.W. Bro. Geo. Tait.....For the Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba.
V.W. Bro. J. A. Cowan.....For the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.
R.W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford....For the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

REPORT ON THE ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT:

The Board have much pleasure in placing on record an expression of their highest appreciation of the chaste and elegant language in which

the Grand Master has delivered his address. The eloquence which always characterises his public utterances in his official capacity is, as might be expected, an unmistakable feature of his Annual Message to Grand Lodge. But more conspicuous still is the evidence pervading every line of the document of his characteristic zeal and energy, and of the determination shown by him throughout to leave no duty unperformed.

The amount of time devoted by the Grand Master to visiting lodges in all parts of the jurisdiction, and the number of lodges visited, are far beyond anything accomplished by any of his predecessors. Our M. W. Brother has been able to forget the cares and demands of business, and to devote most of his time to a very careful inspection of subordinate lodges. The labor involved in the series of visitations has been immense, but it has been a labor of love, and beyond all doubt much good has been accomplished. New zeal has been enkindled in parts of the jurisdiction where the work of the Craft has been flagging, the brethren have been instructed by the admirable lectures delivered by the Grand Master, and in a general way a stronger bond of sympathy has been established between the Grand and subordinate lodges. It is not to be expected that these self-imposed and extraordinary labors on the part of the G. M. shall be recognized as necessarily incidental to the duties of his exalted office, it would be unreasonable that any such sacrifice should be either expressly or implicitly called for; but at the same time the obligation under which the Grand Master has in this respect placed Grand Lodge is very great and cannot well be repaid. If, however, as may reasonably be expected, the stirring up which so many lodges have experienced should result in greater zeal and enthusiasm in lodge work, in increased average attendance at regular meetings, in a more widely spread desire to become familiar with the history and literature of our Order, in manifestly greater promptness in the matter of returns, and in a general improvement all round in the internal economy of lodges, the conscious satisfaction of having contributed so much by his personal efforts to these desirable ends will in the highest sense constitute a reward which will last for all time.

The praise bestowed by the G. M. on our D.D.G.M's. is well deserved. The Districts have never been represented by a more efficient, painstaking and faithful body of men. With barely a single exception, every lodge out of the 349 on our roll has been visited. This is an example for future D.D.G.M's. The services of these brethren have already been recognized in the report presented to Grand Lodge on the Condition of Masonry. With much emphasis it can be said of them, "Well done good and faithful servants."

The Board heartily endorse the remarks of the G. M. on the question of collection of dues, and would recommend the perusal of same by all W. M.'s and Secretaries.

The state of affairs to which the Grand Master has called attention, in connection with Albert Lodge, No. 183, Port Perry, and Manitoulin Lodge, No. 407, Gore Bay, is painfully disgraceful. Fortunately instances of this nature are of rare occurrence in this jurisdiction. The Board recommends that both charters be cancelled, and that the question of dispensations for new lodges in these localities be left to the discretion of the G. M.

The Board approve of the view taken by the G. M. on the question of laying corner-stones, and the calling of Special Communications therefor. The view is acquiesced in that no request of this nature should be entertained except in the cases of places of worship or state or educational buildings.

The reception accorded the Grand Master by the Grand Lodge of England, while flattering and honoring to him personally, in the opinion of the Board indicates the existence of a strong bond of fraternal attachment and sympathy between English-speaking Masons in the Old and New Worlds, intensified in this instance by the sentiment of kinship of blood and of common emotions of patriotism and loyalty. May the close ties which bind us never be severed.

The Board are pleased to note the evidences of harmony and good feeling extended to us by sister Grand Lodges throughout the whole of the civilized world, the appointments of representatives are fully approved of, and the advice given to them with regard to their duties, if fully carried out, will entitle them to greater consideration than they now enjoy from their respective Grand Lodges.

It is, however, a matter for remark that the Grand Officers of some of our sister Grand Lodges practically ignore their Grand Representatives, that no acknowledgment is made to letters written by such representatives, and that it is next to an impossibility to obtain copies of proceedings of such Grand Lodges. It is to be hoped that a perusal of this report by their Grand Lodges will have the effect of a closer connection with their respective representatives.

The Board approve of the dispensation issued to Stanley Lodge, West Toronto Junction, a growing town of 5,000 inhabitants, and certainly a wide enough field in which to plant a lodge. All other dispensations of various kinds, issued by the Grand Master during the year, are also approved of.

The Board approve of the idea of a fraternal Congress, as suggested in the Address. Great benefit would doubtless result from the discussions and deliberations of so widely representative an assembly.

The proposed action of the G. M. in appointing a committee ordered by Grand Lodge in 1889 to make the necessary preparations for the celebration of the hundreth anniversary of the first Provincial Grand Lodge in the Province of Ontario is approved of by the Board. It is to be hoped that the various Grand Lodges in the neighboring Republic will be fittingly represented at such celebration.

During the past year the Grand Master has delivered over sixty official decisions, many of them involving important questions of Masonic jurisprudence. All of these the Board recommend the Grand Lodge to confirm.

It is satisfactory to learn that the Grand Master has seen his way to declare that the loan made by Lodge 209a to the Victoria Masonic Club was not illegally made; and the Board entirely concurs in the ruling that this Lodge had power to grant or loan these moneys from its own funds.

The amicable arrangement of dispute between Pnyx Lodge, No. 312, and Moore Lodge, No 291, regarding an invasion of jurisdiction, and the consequent withdrawal of the appeal in that case, is a result both satisfactory and exemplary.

We fully endorse the expression of the M. W. Brother that there is a point at which the line of Grand Lodge bounty should be drawn; that brethren who can sit in the lodge and hear applications brought up for relief on behalf of their own mothers give evidence that the sparks of manhood are few and far between, and that it is desirable in the interests of the Craft, and of the really poor and needy, that each case should be thoroughly investigated before submission of the application to the Board of General Purposes.

Freemasonry is not, as it appears to be regarded by some brethren, a mere benefit association, from which every member or deceased member's relatives, can, as a matter of right, claim pecuniary aid in case of need. Freemasonry should rather be regarded as a luxury, and the aid given by Grand Lodge as purely voluntary and not compulsory or obligatory.

It is a lamentable fact that through the carlessness of the Masters and Secretaries of a number of private lodges, it has been found necessary to write to so large a number of those officers who either totally failed to make the requisite returns as to previous grants, or made defective returns; and that only after repeated reminders and warnings the Board has been enabled for the first time since the establishment of the Rule requiring such Returns, to report to Grand Lodge that all Returns due in respect of grants in 1890 have been made, though many of them were received as late as the 10th day of the present month. It is also a fact which is much to be regretted that the applications made bear ample proof that due inquiry has not been made into the circumstances and other particulars essential to be known before an application is at all recommended; that a number of essential questions are either not answered at all, or answers are so vaguely given that they convey no real information. The suggestion of the Grand Master, that a competent brother be appointed by the Board of General Purposes to make personal inquiry and examination into the circumstances connected with each claim is highly approved of; and the report of such investigation given to the Committee on Benevolence would, no doubt, give good results.

The aid given to the sufferers of the Springfield disaster at the instance of the M. W. the Grand Master is approved of, being justified by many precedents of similar aid given in past years.

It is with especial gratification that the Board endorse the statement of the M. W. the Grand Master, that no money ever expended by this Grand Lodge gives us better returns than our assessment for membership in the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. Whoever has heretofore experienced the nuisance of Masonic tramps and impostors, both male and female, infesting our jurisdiction, will echo the closing words of our M. W. Brother on the subject of benevolence, "that the familiar face of the Masonic tramp in this jurisdiction is a reminiscence."

The close attention given by the Grand Master to the finances of Grand Lodge, and the manifest desire evinced by him to curtail expenditure where practicable, must be regarded by all with the strongest feeling of approval.

The Board fully agree with the M. W. Grand Master that the special grant heretofore made to Grand Masters should be abolished, and recommend that the resolution upon the records of Grand Lodge be rescinded, and that hereafter the Grand Master's actual expenses be paid when the account therefor is rendered in form.

Concurring in the suggestions contained in the Address, the Board further recommend that a stenographer be engaged to assist in the extensive correspondence of the Grand Secretary's office, and that a typewriter be purchased, being satisfied that such assistance will greatly facilitate the despatch of business and amply justify the slightly increased outlay.

In conclusion, the Board regard the Grand Master's Address as a valuable contribution to Canadian Craft Literature, and earnestly commend

it to the careful perusal and consideration of all brethren throughout the jurisdiction.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. M. GIBSON,
Chairman of Sub Committee on Grand Master's Address.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved. That the Report of the Board of General Purposes on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master, be received and adopted.

TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. WALKEM.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Communication to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Immediate Past Grand Master, presented to him the following

ADDRESS:

To M. W. Bro. Richard T. Walkem, Q. C., Past Grand Master:

It was the unanimously expressed desire of the members of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, that your retirement from the Grand Master's chair should be marked by special recognition of the able and satisfactory manner in which the duties of the high and responsible office were discharged by you during the past two years. Your career as a member of Grand Lodge has always been distinguished by the exhibition of qualities of mind and heart which easily secured for you the highest admiration and affection of your brethren. For many years as a member of the Board of General Purposes, Deputy Grand Master, and Chairman of the Board, you displayed an unmistakable combination of conspicuous ability and earnestness of purpose in the discharge of the duties devolving upon you; and your selection as the ruler of the Craft in this jurisdiction was but the natural testimony that these characteristics were acknowledged and appreciated by your brethren. Without in any sense attempting to review your term as Grand Master, or even alluding to the administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge, it may be said that the hopes previously formed of you have not been disappointed, nor have your brethren been mistaken in their opinions. Under your guidance Grand Lodge has continued to prosper, its deliberations have been presided over by you with dignity, impartiality, and skill; the landmarks have been carefully preserved, cordiality of relationship with sister jurisdictions and respectful acknowledgment by the Masonic world have been maintained. Moreover, your personal bearing and relationship to the members of the Order have at all times been marked by courtesy, consideration, and kindness; and while at the conclusion of a successful term of office, with the consciousness of a duty well performed, you may feel a reasonable pride and satisfaction in being enrolled on the list of distinguished Past Grand Masters, that emotion will doubtless be intensified by the assurance that your successor had received the gavel from one who is regarded by his brethren with the strongest feelings of confidence and affection.

The accompanying testimonial may in the future serve to recall reminiscences of very bright and happy years in your Masonic experience, but in the meantime let it not be regarded in any sense us a symbol of leave taking or parting. Still in the zenith of manhood, and of your professional career, Grand Lodge will continue to expect to enjoy the benefit and advantage of your ripe experience and able counsel. May you be long spared as an honoured ruler in the Craft, and as an exponent of the principles which are dear to the heart of every Mason.

(Signed) J. ROSS ROBERTSON, G.M.
J. J. MASON, G. Sec.
DANIEL SPRY, P.G.M.
HUGH MURRAY, P.G.M.
J. M. GIBSON, D.G.M.

M. W. Bro. Walkem replied as follows:

Most Worshipful Brethren and Brethren of Grand Lodge.

I feel myself quite unable to answer as I should wish the very flattering and touching address which has just been presented to me. It has evidently been penned by a loving hand; by one who has over-estimated my talents and my services to the Grand Lodge and the Craft, and who has lost sight of my failings and shortcomings. It is, however, pleasant indeed, after many years service, to listen to the complimentary

language of the address in speaking of myself and my services to my brethren. As respects my own personal qualifications I will venture to say but very little. What I have been able to do has been the result of an earnest desire on my part to discharge faithfully the duties of the several offices to which I have been elected. I have always held and acted upon the opinion that no brother should accept the honor of an office or position in Grand Lodge unless he is prepared to assume the obligations incident to it, and I am glad to be able to say that this feeling has evidently been the ruling principle which has guided our officers in late years. If the personal qualifications which I possess have been of service to the Craft I can only render my thanks, which I do reverently, to the Giver of all good things for enabling me to be useful to my fellow men.

For the encouragement of my younger brethren I will assure them that if a brother possessed even of moderate talent shows a disposition to do his work thoroughly he is sure to receive his reward at the hands of his brethren.

My own progress has been rapid indeed. Initiated in 1874, I was advanced through the various offices in my mother lodge and Grand Lodge, until, in 1888, I was elected to the highest position in the gift of the Craft. My advancement was due, in my opinion, to my brethren's appreciation of the deep interest which I took in our affairs and in everything which relates to the great organization of which we are members.

I am deeply touched by the expression of the personal regard and affection of the members of the Grand Lodge towards myself. I must thank Masonry for many, very many, of the brightest and happiest hours of my life. Our annual meetings have brought me into contact with brethren whom I would otherwise never have known; and the acquaintances thus formed have in many cases ripened into strong friendships. The meeting of Grand Lodge, though it brings its labours, and they are of no light character, is always looked forward to by me with pleasure, as it enables me to meet and grasp the hand of those to whom I have become attached. Even my hours of sorrow, brethren, have been brightened by the conviction that the burdens laid upon me by an all wise Providence were shared by my loving brethren.

It is satisfactory to me to know that while I have endeavored to do my duty faithfully and while in the performance of that duty I have sometimes been obliged to administer wholesome discipline, I can yet conscientiously receive your assurance that the most cordial relations exist between myself and the members of the Craft generally. I made it a rule for my guidance when the position of Grand Master was given me that I would attend to the business of every brother, however humble his rank; and looking back I think I can truly say that I have never left a communication unanswered for a single day longer than was absolutely necessary, and have never omitted to answer a question addressed to me.

I thank you most sincerely, brethren, for the very beautiful testimonial which has been presented to me with the address. My children will, I hope, in future years point to it with pride and recall the fact that both their father and their grandfather occupied the distinguished position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada; but I hope that many years will elapse before I shall become a mere memory in my Grand Lodge and my house, and I trust, as you do, that I shall be spared for a long me to come to aid my brethren in their work.

To the loving protection of the Great Architect of the Universe I commend you all.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, assisted by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected Officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

At a subsequent date the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz:—

V.W. Bro. Geo. S. Ryerson, M.D.	Toronto	Grand Senior Deacon.
V.W. Bro. R. W. Garrett, M.D.	Kingston	Grand Junior Deacon.
V.W. Bro. J. D. Clarke	London	Grand Superintendent of Works.
V.W. Bro. A. B. Colcock	Brockville	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
V.W. Bro. Jas W. O'Hara	Toronto	Assistant Grand Secretary.
V.W. Bro. J. William Rippon	Woodstock	Assist. Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V.W. Bro. James M. Allen	Newmarket	Grand Sword Bearer.
V.W. Bro. George Inglis	Owen Sound	Grand Organist.
V.W. Bro. Alex. Smith	Hamilton	Assistant Grand Organist.

V.W. Bro. James Moore	Stratford	Grand Pursuivant.
V.W. Bro. W. S. Beaver	Port Arthur	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. Anson Aylesworth	Newburgh	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. George Collins	Trenton	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. D. Allen	Newcastle	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. John Ritchie	Beamsville	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. W. H. Dunlop	Thorndale	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. Geo. Middleditch	Amherstburgh	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. Charles Mole	Sarnia	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. J. C. Kells	Millbrook	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. E. Fox	Kincardine	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. R. H. Marshon	Varkleek Hill	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. W. H. Burgess	North Bay	Grand Steward.
V.W. Bro. Wm. Walker	Toronto	Grand Standard Bearer.
V.W. Bro. Thos. M. Till	Guelph	Grand Standard Bearer.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, seconded by R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, and

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Committee of Management of the Toronto Lodges for the satisfactory arrangement made for the holding of the present Annual Communication.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 10 o'clock p.m., in *ample form*.

ATTEST:

J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24th JUNE, AND LAST

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on Festival of St John

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
2	Niagara	Niagara	W. on or b. f. m.	H. L. Anderson.	Thos. B. Blain
3	a The An. St. John's	Kingston	First Thursday.	R. W. Garrett	Jno. Sutherland
5	a Sussex	Brockville	W. on or b. f. m	Jas. S. Dodds	T. W. Sparham
6	Barton	Hamilton	Second Wednes	R. Hobson	Geo E Mason
7	Union	Grimsby	Th on or b. f. m.	D. Sykes	And. Baird
9	a Union	Napanee	F. on or b. f. m.	R. R. Lennox	R. L. Henry
10	a Norfolk	Simcoe	Tu. on or b.f m.	W. S. Wood	W. P. Jelly
11	a Moira	Belleville	W. on or b. f. m.	W. Lattimer	C. W. Str nger
14	a True Britons	Perth	First Monday	J.W. Motherwell	W. A. Moore
15	St. George's	St Catharines	Tu. on or b.f.m.	C. H. Connor	C. G. McGhie
16	a St. Andrew's	Toronto	Second Tuesday	J. T. Slater	Jno. Pearson
17	St. John's	Cobourg	M. on or b. f. m	R. J. Craig	Wm. Rankin
18	a Prince Edward	Picton	Th. on or b f.m.	R. A. Williamson	H. Welbanks
20	a St. John's	London	Sec'nd Tuesday	H T. Ford	M. D. Dawson
21	a St. John's	Vankleek Hill	F. on or b. f. m.	W. M. Eagleson.	W S Boyd
22	a King Solomon's	Toronto	Second Thurs.	W. A. Lyon	S. Hollingworth
23	Richmond	Richmond Hill	M. on or b. f m.	H A. Nicholls	J. Crosby
24	a St. Francis	Smith's Falls	F. on or b. f. m	J. A. Houston	S. Moag
25	a Ionic	Toronto	First Tuesday.	J. H. Paterson	D. Armour
26	a Ontario	Port Hope	Third Thurs'd'y	R.A. Mulholland	W. J. Robertson
27	a Strict Observ'nce	Hamilton	Third Tuesday.	F. J. Howell	W. C Morton
28	a Mount Zion	Kemptville	W. b. f. moon.	A. Bascom	W. H. Bottom
29	a United	Brighton	Th. on or b.f.m.	D. C. Bullock	T. J. Wright
30	a Composite	Whitby	First Thursday	R. S. Cormack	Robt. Willis
31	a Jerusalem	Bowmanville	W. on or b. f. m.	E. R. Bownsall	John Keachie
32	a Amity	Dunville	W. on or a. f. m.	S. Amsden	J. B. Sheehan
33	a Maitland	Goderich	Second Tuesd'y	R. Park	W. H. Rhynas
34	a Thistle	Amherstburg	Tuesday b. f.m.	G. T. Florey	R. Elliott
35	St John's	Cayuga	Th. on or a.f.m.	J. A. Hoshal	C. C. Gibson
37	a King Hiram	Ingersoll	First Friday	J. P. Boles	W. A. Sudworth
38	a Trent	Trenton	Tuesday b.f.m.	W. T. Wilkins	W. O. Lott
39	a Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tu. on or b f.m.	Francis Scott	R. C. Warren
40	a St. John's	Hamilton	Third Thurs'd'y	A. Rutherford	W. H. Davis
41	a St. George's	Kingsville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	E. Allworth	Geo. Rumble
42	a St. George's	London	First Wednes.	T. H. Luscombe.	A. Ellis, Jr.
43	a King Solomon's	Woodstock	First Tuesday.	R. Brown	G. J. Fraser
44	a St. Thomas	St. Thomas	First Thursday	J. Dubber	L. Slater
45	Brant	Brantford	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. H. Crsuse	I. J. Buchard
46	Wellington	Chatham	First Monday.	R. Riddell	R. J. Birch
47	a Great Western	Windsor	Th. on or b.f.m.	T. McGregor	G. T. Wilkie
48	a Madoc	Madoc	Tu. on or b.f.m.	E. Hill	Jas O'Hara
49	a Consecon	Consecon	F. on or b.f. m.	J. H. Young	J. B. Gott
52	Dalhousie	Ottawa	First Tuesday.	Geo. S. May	Chas. S. Scott
54	a Vaughan	Maple	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Thos. Cousins	J. T. Saigeon
55	a Merrickville	Merrickville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	R. W. Watchorn	Thos. Culbert
56	a Victoria	Sarnia	Tu. on or b.f.m.	S. Kerr	Chas. Mole
57	a Harmony	Binbrook	W. on or b. f. m.	Thos. Powell	I. F. Senn
58	a Doric	Ottawa	First Friday	Jas Smeaton	C. A Abbott
61	a Acacia	Hamilton	Second Friday.	W. G. Townsend	J. V. Hedenburg
62	a St. Andrew's	Caledonia	W. on or b. f.m.	John Thompson.	Wm Galer
63	a St. John's	Carleton Place	W. on or b. f. m.	F. Donald	J. Rushworth
64	a Kilwinning	London	Third Thursday	A. A. Campbell.	Jno. Overell
65	a Rehoboam	Toronto	First Thursday	J. S. Ballantyne	F. Armstrong
66	a Durham	Newcastle	Tu. on or b.f m	J. H. Bel'wood.	E Simmons
68	a St. John's	Ingersoll	Third Friday	Wm. Partle	Wm. Ewart
69	Stirling	Stirling	Thur. a. f. m.	Byron Lott	W. S Boa'dman
72	Alma	Galt	Last Tuesday.	Jno. T. Porteous	G. M. Gibbs
73	a St. James'	St. Mary's	D. Dewar	D. Dewar	D. S. Rupert
74	a St. James'	Maitland	M. nearest f. m.	E. Row	C. B. Murray
75	St. John's	Toronto	First Monday.	John Ewen	H. J. Hamilton
76	a Oxford	Woodstock	Sec. Wednes.	A.R.K. M'Donald	W. T. Wilkinson
77	a Faithful Brethr'n	Lindsay	First Friday	C. H. Begg	G. S. Patrick
78	a King Hiram	Tilsonburg	W. on or b f. m	J. N. Wood	N. P. Dewar

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the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

No.	Initia'd.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Wi'd'n.	Deaths.	S.N P.D	S.U.M.C	Expell'd	Rest'd	Total Memb's	Last Returns	Ledger. Dr. Bal.	Ledger. Cr. Bal.	Paid Grand Lodge.
2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	42	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	21 25
3	12	13	12	2	1	5	..	..	..	2	131	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	89 25
5	4	6	6	3	4	1	12	..	..	2	142	Dec. '90	0 00	4 00	101 75
6	15	16	11	4	2	3	..	..	..	7	283	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	117 25
7	4	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	56	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	70 25
9	4	5	4	..	3	..	7	..	..	3	84	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	72 50
10	6	6	4	..	6	1	3	..	..	..	71	Dec. '90	40 50	.....	54 50
11	18	16	14	..	7	2	7	..	..	2	108	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	91 25
14	2	4	4	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	84	Dec. '90	2 00	.....	64 00
15	1	..	..	1	5	1	9	..	..	1	95	Jne '90	0 00	.....	66 50
16	12	9	9	1	2	4	2	..	..	1	190	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	108 00
17	2	1	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	76	Dec. '90	2 50	.....	28 50
18	3	4	5	2	2	1	2	..	..	1	142	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	92 50
20	10	8	8	3	3	1	9	..	..	4	134	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	98 50
21a	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	41	Jun. 90	0 00	.....	9 75
22	15	15	13	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	153	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	110 75
23	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	20 00
24	10	10	10	6	1	1	3	..	..	..	68	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	62 00
25	11	9	13	4	6	3	4	..	..	1	128	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	212 75
26	3	3	3	1	3	..	2	..	..	..	53	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	38 00
27	13	8	8	3	2	4	2	..	..	..	234	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	155 75
28	9	9	6	..	3	1	7	..	..	1	37	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	37 00
29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	39 00
30	4	5	5	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	70	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	51 75
31	2	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	Dec. '90	0 00	4 00	33 75
32	7	6	7	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	60	Jun. '90	18 75	.....	32 75
33	..	1	2	2	4	2	..	..	..	1	80	Dec. '90	0 00	4 00	46 25
34	3	3	3	2	1	3	1	..	..	6	41	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	28 50
35	3	4	4	2	1	1	2	..	..	2	30	Dec. '90	18 25	.....	76 00
37	4	3	3	2	3	2	5	..	..	1	64	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	47 50
38	4	3	3	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	60	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	54 50
39	3	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	28	Dec. '90	34 25	.....	40 00
40	25	25	23	1	3	5	7	1	..	..	223	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	231 25
41	8	9	11	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	82	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	103 50
42	2	2	1	1	2	4	..	..	..	..	103	Dec '90	0 00	.....	61 25
43	6	6	6	1	1	..	7	..	..	1	90	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	117 00
44	6	6	8	2	16	3	5	..	..	2	108	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	106 25
45	8	10	8	2	3	..	3	..	..	2	93	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	85 50
46	2	3	3	1	2	..	5	..	..	1	84	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	58 75
47	5	2	2	2	2	1	7	..	..	1	98	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	66 50
48	11	7	10	1	6	2	3	..	..	2	90	Dec. '90	0 00	8 00	123 00
50	1	1	..	1	4	..	3	..	..	1	28	Jun. '90	0 00	6 00	30 25
52	4	1	1	1	2	1	3	..	..	1	87	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	50 00
54	3	4	6	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	55	Dec '90	0 00	.....	48 50
55	1	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	32	Jun. '90	33 50	.....	— —
56	4	6	7	1	7	3	1	..	..	2	67	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	52 50
57	12	3	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	58	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	36 25
58	2	2	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	82	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	51 25
61	15	18	16	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	213	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	155 00
62	1	3	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	28	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	27 00
63	13	14	9	3	2	1	1	..	..	..	82	Dec '90	0 00	.....	50 00
64	7	7	7	1	2	4	3	..	..	..	131	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	98 00
65	18	14	11	6	..	3	..	..	..	1	144	Dec '90	0 00	.....	422 75
66	3	2	2	..	2	1	3	..	..	..	86	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	25 25
68	6	6	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	62	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	42 50
69	4	3	2	..	5	1	14	..	..	..	90	Dec. '90	55 75	.....	69 25
72	2	2	2	2	1	..	10	..	..	..	64	Dec. '90	0 00	2 00	52 00
73	7	7	1	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	65	Dec. '89	0 00	.....	49 50
74	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	33	Dec '89	0 00	.....	— —
75	7	10	9	4	8	2	3	..	..	3	198	Dec '9[illegible]	0 00	.....	128 00
76	7	6	4	4	2	3	4	..	..	..	106	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	76 00
77	3	3	4	1	4	..	8	..	..	2	82	Dec. '90	0 00	2 00	65 50
78	12	10	10	5	2	3	8	..	..	..	84	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	61 50

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE,

No.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
79	aSimcoe	Bradford	F. on or b f.m.	Wm. Kilkenny	Thos. McKay
81	aSt. John's	Mt. Brydges	Tu. on or b. f.m	Thos. C. West	H. G. Lindsay
82	St. John's	Paris	F. on or a. f.m	A. M. Parney	Jno. Sorley
83	aBeaver	Strathroy	F. on or a. f.m.	R. F. Richardson	A. A. Cockburn
84	aClinton	C inton	F. on or a. f.m.	R. H. Eywood	C. Ballard
85	aRising Sun	Farmersville	Th on or b. f.m.	Wm. Johnston	Rev. L. A Betts
86	aWilson	Toronto	Third Tuesday.	T. Pierdon	J W. McAdam
8	Markham Union	Markham	F. on or b. f.m.	J. D. McKay	G Fierheller
88	St. George's	Owen Sound	W on or b. f.m.	E. Cameron	Thos. Fraser
90	aManito	Collingwood	W. on or b. f.m.	G.M. Aylesworth	C. A. McDonald
91	aColborne	Colborne	F. on or b. f m.	Jas Cochrane	Geo. Keys
92	aCataraqui	Kingston	Sec. Wednes	Wm. Gibb	D. Gallaghar
93	aNorthern Light	Kincardine	First Wednes	D. Col ins	R. D. Hall
94	aSt Mark's	Port Stanley	Sec. Tuesday	J. D. Ellison	D. M. May
95					
96	aCorinthian	Barrie	First Thursday.	F. J Brown	John Dickinson
97	aSharon	Sharon	Tu on or b f.m	J. J. Terry	D. L Lepard
98	True Blue	Albion	F. on or b. f m	D. A. Kennedy	L. Hutton
99	aTuscan	Newmarket	Sec. Wednes	W. A. Brunton	J. E. Hughes
100	Valley	Dundas	M. on or b. f.m.	W. O. Herald	E W. Kelk
101	aCorinthian	Peterboro'	W. on or b. f.m.	Thos. A. Hay	A. Mercer
103	aMaple Leaf	St Catharines	Th. on or a. f.m	H. J. Johnston	J. Sutherland, Jr
104	St. John's	Norwich	W. on or a. f.m.	A McGurdy	J. L. Farrington
105	aSt. Mark's	Nia. Falls S'th	Tu. on or b. f m.	W. D. Garner	J. A. Lowell
106	aBurford	Burford	W. on or b. f.m	F. H. Johnston	R. Balkwill
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	W. on or b. f.m	A. Bogue	W. Dingman
108	Blenheim	Princeton	W. on or b. f.m	W. P. Patton	J. F. Goodwin
109	aAlbion	Harrowsmith	F. on or b f.m	A. Myers	Jas. Cooke
110	aCentral	Prescott	First Tuesday.	J. F. Graham	H. H. Wells
113	aWilson	Waterford	W. on or b. f.m.	W. Massecar	A. M. Tobin
114	aHope	Port Hope	First Thursday.	T. H. Bull	W. G. Coulter
115	aIvy	Beamsville	T. on or b. f.m.	C. B. Brine	A. H. Dodsworth
116	aCassia	Thedford	M. on or b. f.m.	R. J. Parker	D H. Burlev
118	Union	Schomberg	M. on or b. f.m	Thos. Jennings	W. J. Brereton
119	aMaple Leaf	Bath	M. bef. f.m.	G. T. Daly	F. W. Armstrong
120	Warren	Fingal	Tu on or b. f.m.	M. Campbell	J. K. McPherson
121	aDoric	Brantford	Tu a f. m	C. V. Howell	C. F. Cox
122	aRenfrew	Renfrew	First Monday.	W. M Dickson	M. McKinnon
123	aThe Belleville	Belleville	First Thursday.	W. McEwen	T. Mills
125	aCornwall	Cornwall	First Tuesday.	W. J. Wallace	T. A. Norris
126	aGolden Rule	Campbellford	Tu on or b. f.m.	J. Macoun	A. E. Bailey
127	Franck	Frankford	M b f.m	G. W. Casement	D. Barragar
128	aPembroke	Pembroke	First Thursday.	P. McNaghe ty	J. C. Stewart
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	First Friday	H. J. Charles	A S. Redditt
131	aSt. Lawrence	Southampton	Tu. on or a. f m.	R. Nokes	Wm. Godfrey
133	aLebanon Forest	Exeter	M. on or b f.m.	H. Spackman	M Eacrett
135	aSt. Clair	Milton	Th on or b. f m	Conn Hoff	John Lyon
136	Richardson	Stouffville	W. on or b f.m.	Jas. Bond	D. McMurchy
137	aPythagorus	Meaford	F. nearest f m.	Rev. J. H. Fairlie	Robt. W. Evans
138	aMalahide	Oshawa	Second Tuesday	A. McMillan	Jas. McCaw
139	Lebanon	Aylmer	W. on or b. f.m.	W. W. Rutherf'rd	W. G. Fear
140	aTudor	Mitchell	Tu. on or b. f m.	E. E. Wood	W. White
141	aExcelsior	Morrisburg	F. on or b. f.m.	J. A. Carter	S. R. Loucks
142	aFriendly Broth'rs	Iroquois	W. b. f.m.	T. A Thompson	J. W. Tindale
144	aTecumseh	Stratford	First Thursday.	Alf. Hirst	A. Denne
145	aJ B. Hall	Millbrook	Sec. Thursday.	J. W. Fisher	J. Beatty
146	aPrince of Wales	Newburgh	W. b. f.m.	R. W. Longmore	J. Jackson
147	aMississippi	Almonte	First Friday	W. R. Campbell	R. Pollock
148	aCivil Service	Ottawa	Sec. Tuesday	S. C. D. Roper	T. D. Green
149	aErie	Port Dover	M. on or b. f.m	J. Varey	L. Skey
150	The Grand River	Berlin	Tu. on or b. f m	C. L. Peterson	J. MacQuillan
153	aBurns	Wyoming	Th on or b f.m.	A. E. Harvey	J. M Wilson
154	aIrving	Lucan	Th on or b. f.m.	R. S. Hodgins	Jas. Sadleir
155	aPeterboro	Peterboro'	First Friday	R. W. McFadden	D. N. Carmichael

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No.	Initiat'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	W'hd'n	Deaths.	S.N.P.D.	S.U.M.C.	Expelled	Restor'd	Total Memb's.	Last Returns	Ledger. Dr. Bal.	Ledger. Cr. Bal.	Paid Grand Lodge.
79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86	Dec. '89	23 75	.....	7 00
81	1	...	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	78	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	51 75
82	3	2	3	2	1	1	2	...	...	1	45	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	37 50
83	2	3	3	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	66	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	48 00
84	4	3	6	1	2	...	5	...	...	1	65	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	70 75
85	5	2	3	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	55	Dec. '90	13 50	.....	62 00
86	13	12	11	1	3	2	4	...	...	2	126	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	97 50
87	4	4	2	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	29	Dec. '90	17 00	.....	10 00
88	4	5	4	3	1	1	9	...	...	...	71	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	148 75
90	9	8	5	1	5	...	8	...	...	1	103	Dec. '90	4 00	.....	80 15
91	13	13	9	2	...	1	2	...	...	5	73	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	54 25
92	5	5	4	3	4	2	...	...	...	8	114	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	76 25
93	4	6	6	2	4	1	...	...	...	2	102	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	70 00
94	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	Dec. '89	0 00	.....	18 00
95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0 00	.....	1 50
96	11	10	8	7	2	3	6	...	...	1	97	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	73 25
97	5	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	54	Dec. '90	12 50	.....	28 25
98	10	10	10	1	2	4	...	...	...	3	56	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	.....
99	1	1	1	...	2	2	5	...	...	...	76	Dec '90	13 50	.....	13 00
100	5	5	6	1	6	1	...	...	...	...	70	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	67 50
101	5	5	4	1	3	4	1	...	...	...	58	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	38 50
103	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99	Dec. '90	1 00	.....	61 75
104	6	6	9	3	5	2	6	...	...	1	81	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	70 25
105	4	3	7	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	55	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	45 50
106	11	8	4	1	2	2	1	...	...	...	81	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	51 00
107	6	5	4	3	5	...	...	...	...	1	48	Dec. '88	13 50	.....	.....
108	4	4	...	5	3	3	...	...	...	...	7	Dec. '84	0 00	.....	.....
109	1	1	1	...	2	1	3	...	...	...	46	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	19 75
110	6	8	10	1	4	...	2	...	...	1	88	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	74 25
113	14	10	7	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	63	Dec. '90	10 00	.....	48 00
114	13	12	17	2	2	3	...	...	...	...	50	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	60 50
115	2	2	2	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	54	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	13 75
116	3	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	32	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	24 25
118	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	7 00
119	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	24	Dec. '91	0 00	2 00	15 75
120	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	16 00
121	17	16	14	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	119	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	90 50
122	7	8	9	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	89	Dec. '9	0 00	.....	66 25
123	2	2	1	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	114	Dec '90	0 00	.....	73 00
125	7	7	7	2	1	1	12	...	...	1	37	Dec. '90	12 50	.....	47 75
124	3	3	3	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	40	Dec. '90	8 00	.....	79 50
127	3	3	2	...	4	...	4	...	...	2	46	Dec. '90	61 50	.....	30 00
128	6	8	9	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	91	Dec. '90	0 00	2 00	68 75
129	1	1	...	...	4	1	2	...	...	1	35	Dec. '90	7 50	.....	65 00
131	4	4	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	28 50
133	4	4	5	...	1	2	7	...	...	...	70	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	66 75
135	2	2	1	...	2	2	11	...	...	...	51	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	44 25
146	1	1	1	3	...	...	5	...	...	1	23	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	13 00
137	4	3	3	2	5	1	4	...	...	4	63	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	48 00
139	16	20	15	3	2	...	...	...	...	1	78	Dec '90	0 00	.....	83 00
140	4	4	4	6	1	1	6	...	...	2	64	Jun. '90	0 00	4 00	59 50
141	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	Dec '89	2 00	.....	2 00
142	8	6	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	79	Dec. '90	0 00	2 00	71 75
143	6	5	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	47	Dec '8	4 00	.....	2 00
144	6	4	5	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	77	Dec. '90	0 00	2 00	40 75
145	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	Dec. '89	2 00	.....	26 75
146	1	1	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	47	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	39 00
147	2	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	58	Dec. '90	0 00	2 00	47 00
148	1	1	2	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	61	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	48 00
149	5	5	5	1	2	1	2	...	...	2	51	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	39 00
151	4	5	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	84	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	68 75
153	11	11	8	1	1	1	...	...	...	2	50	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	67 75
154	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	60	Dec '9(	0 00	2 00	40 25
155	3	3	2	1	4	1	...	...	...	1	98	Dec. '9(	0 00	2 00	66 00

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24th JUNE,

No.	Name of Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
156	aYork	Eglington	F. on or b. f. m.	Geo. Reeves	Jno. Willis
157	Simp on	Newboro'	Tu. on or b f m.	R. H. Preston	Jas. Sexton
158	aAlexandra	Oil Springs	Th. on or a f.m.	W. Miller	A. R. Hanks
159	aGoodwood	Richmond	First Tuesday	J. McElroy	J. M. Argue
161	aPercy	Warkworth	Wed. b. f. m	I. Humphries	O. A. Pratt
162	Forest	Wroxeter.	M. on or b. f m	Jas. Ireland	Jas. Fox
164	aStar in the East	Wellington	Tu. on or b.f m.	F. A. Burlingham	J. D. Wilson
165	aBurlington	Burlington	W. on or b. f.m.	Geo. Ferguson	W. G. Nelles
166	aWentworth	Stoney Creek.	M. on or b. f. m.	R. H. Dewar.	R. G Marshall
168	aMerritt	Welland	M. on or b f m.	A. E. Taylor	A. E Douglas
169	aMcNab	Port Colborne	Tu. on or b f m.	J. B. Neff	F. D. Noble
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	First Monday.	Wm. Ballantyne	W. G. Duff
171	aPrince of Wales	Iona	F. on or a. f. m.	A. McCallum	J. W. Brown
172	aAyr	Ayr	Tu. on or b. f m	J. Gillespie	A. J. Reid
174	aWalsingham	Port Rowan	Th. on or b.f.m.	Geo. Stewart	Jas. Ryan
176	Spartan	Sparta	M. on or b. f. m.	S. Bailey	F. A. Henderson
177	The Builders	Ottawa	Sec. Friday	Fred. Cook	G. McNeil
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville	F. on or b f. m.	R. Marshall	Geo. Saur
180	aSpeed	Guelph	First Tuesday.	H. N. Bar y	Wm. Parker
181	aOriental	Port Burwell.	T. on or b. f. m.	W. S. Davidson.	D. M. Chute.
183	aPr nce Albert	Port Perry	F on or b. f. m.	W. H. Taylor	Jas. Baird
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Th. on or b. f.m.	D. W. Hays.	R. Findlater
185	aEnniskillen	York	M. on or b. f.m.	John Senn	Wm. Clarke
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet	M. on or b. f. m	John Smith	E. C. Wright
190	Belmont	Belmont	F. on or b. f m.	A. C. McIntyre.	John Boyd
192	aOrillia	Orillia	F. on or a f m.	C. L. Machab.	Wm. Ironside
193	aScotland	Scotland	M. on or b. f. m.	J. D. Eddy	Thos. Kerr
194	aPetrolia	Petrolia	Sec. Wednesd'y	W. D. Burgess.	Robt. Scott
195	aThe Tuscan	London	First Monday.	P.WD. Broderick	R B Hnngerford
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	Th. on or b.f m.	L. C. Corbett	J. E. Thompson
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton	Sec. Tuesday	Hugh Birss	W. A. Green
200	St. Albans	Mount Forest.	F. on or b. f. m.	W. G. Scott	W Z. Watts
201	aLeeds	Gananoque	Tu. on or b.f.m.	D. Bain	J Hayward
203	Irvine	Elora	Friday b. f. m.	M. Doerbecker	W. B. Bamford
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg.	M. on or a. f. m.	F. H. McCallum	Wm. Miller
207	aLancaster	Lancaster	W. on or b. f. m.	J. P. Snider	R. T. Nicholson
209	aSt. John's	London	Sec. Thursday.	J. T. Stephenson	Jno. Siddons
209	Evergreen	Lana k	First Tuesday.	J. Bond	W. A. Field
212	aElysian	Garden Island	First Monday.	T. Lappen	R Raymond
214	aOraig	Alisa Craig	M. on or a. f. m.	J. T. Owen	John H. McKay
215	Lake	Amelias burg.	M. on or b. f. m	G. E. Roblin	J. E. Glenn
216	aHarris	Orangeville	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J C Brown	Geo. Irwin
217	aFrederick	Delhi	M. on or b. f. m.	Wm Corbett	H. C. Hilliker
218	aStevenson	Toronto	Sec. Monday	J. H. Horswell	G. M. Wilson
219	aCredit	Georgetown	F. on or b. f. m.	R. E. Harrison	T. J. Wheeler
220	aZeradatha	Uxbridge	M. on or b. f. m.	WA.McCullough	M. H. Crosby
221	aMountain	Thorold	W on or b. f. m.	R. Campbell	W. T. Fish
223	aMarmora	Marmora	Tues. b. f. m.	R B. Proutt	D. Clark
228	aNorwood	Norwood	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. B Powell	W. O. Richardson
224	aZurich	Hensall	Th on or b.f.m.	Wm. Dolg	Jas. Bouthron
225	aBernard	Listowel	W. on or b. f m.	Jas. Irwin	M. McD. Fleming
228	aPrince Arthur	Odessa	Monday a. f. m.	R.W.Aylesworth	A. P. Booth
229	aIonic	Brampton	W. on or b. f. m.	W. W. Wood	A. Morton
230	Kerr	Barrie	Fourth Mon.	J. C. Morgan	John Hood
231	Lodge of Fidelity.	Ottawa	Third Tuesday.	B W. Granger	F. C. Lightfoot
232	aCameron	Dutton	W. on or b. f m.	W. H. Nelson	J. C. Price
233	aDoric	Park Hill	Tu. on or b f.m.	Robt. White	A. W. Humphries
234	aBeaver	Clarksburg	Tu. on or b f.m.	T. H. Dyre	J. H. Dickinson
235	Aldworth	Paisley	F. on or b. f. m.	W. W. Brown	John Claxton
236	aManitoba	Cookstown	Tu on or a.f.m.	Alex. Kirk	T. S. Patterson
237	Vienna	Vienna	F. on or b. f. m	J. H Teall	S. Thornton
238	Havelock	Watford	Tu. b. f. m	F. Goodin	D. Watt
239	Tweed	Tweed	F. on or b f. m.	L. Tuttle	Wm. Wray
241	aQuinte	Shannonville	Tu. on or a f.m.	C. E. Clark	R. F. Pegan
242	aMacoy	Mallarytown	M. on or b. f. m	J. C Dickey	H Griffin

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No.	Initia'd.	assed.	Raised.	Joined.	W'd'n.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D.	S.U.M.C.	Expel'd.	Rest'd.	Total Memb's.	Last Returns	Lodges. Dr. Bal.	Lodges. Cr. Bal.	Paid Grand Lodge.
156	10	14	14	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	88	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	$ 64 00
157	3	2	2	1	..	1	5	..	..	..	58	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	38 50
158	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	Dec. '90	9 75	.....	11 75
159	9	6	6	1	3	..	2	..	..	..	60	Dec. '90	35 50	.....	— —
161	17	16	15	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	60	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	55 00
162	5	5	4	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	30	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	19 50
164	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	1	47	Dec. '90	0 00	2 00	31 50
165	3	1	1	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	50	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	33 00
166	6	6	5	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	55	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	23 25
168	2	2	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	32	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	59 00
169	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	36	Dec '89	0 00	.....	30 00
170	..	..	1	2	6	..	3	..	..	1	80	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	51 75
171	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	23	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	26 50
172	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	48	Jun. '90	1 00	.....	29 00
174	1	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	2	29	Dec. '90	160 00	.....	60 00
176	2	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	31	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	21 25
177	3	3	1	3	1	1	..	..	..	1	81	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	34 00
178	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	36	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	23 00
180	3	4	3	2	1	1	..	..	..	2	98	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	77 75
181	5	5	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	34	Dec. '90	..	.....	21 50
183	2	2	2	..	1	..	7	..	..	3	39	Dec. '90	125 50	.....	34 00
184	3	3	3	1	5	..	..	..	..	4	44	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	35 00
185	2	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	22 00
186	3	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	53 00
190	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	22	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	13 25
192	5	5	5	2	6	..	25	..	..	2	100	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	120 00
193	3	4	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	26	Dec. '90	50	.....	22 00
194	9	7	7	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	68	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	66 00
195	9	8	5	4	3	..	1	..	..	1	58	Dec. '89	0 00	19 25	— —
196	..	..	..	..	4	1	3	..	..	..	35	Jun. '90	2 00	.....	21 50
197	2	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	48	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	30 00
200	2	1	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	33	Jun '90	0 00	.....	6 50
201	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	76	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	49 75
203	2	2	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	51	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	44 50
205	..	2	2	5	1	1	2	..	..	..	30	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	15 50
207	6	5	4	1	..	..	5	..	..	2	26	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	14 00
209	8	5	4	2	3	1	12	..	..	..	160	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	152 25
209	4	5	6	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	40	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	28 50
212	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	32	Dec. '90	7 75	.....	43 00
214	..	..	..	1	5	1	10	..	..	1	16	Jun. '88	0 00	25 00	25 00
215	8	5	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	42	Dec. '90	16 25	.....	20 00
216	12	11	9	1	2	..	1	1	..	1	33	Dec. '89	0 00	.....	— —
217	1	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	31	Dec. '90	0 00	2 00	27 25
218	9	10	7	4	..	4	11	..	..	..	168	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	110 75
219	8	9	8	..	4	..	5	..	..	..	47	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	33 00
220	4	5	5	2	7	..	3	..	..	3	53	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	48 75
221	9	7	7	..	2	..	8	..	..	2	71	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	70 25
222	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	36 50
223	2	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	26	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	62 00
224	4	4	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	31	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	26 25
225	2	5	5	..	5	1	18	..	..	..	58	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	50 00
228	2	3	3	..	2	..	11	..	..	..	27	Jun. '90	55 50	.....	4 00
229	3	4	2	3	6	..	2	..	..	..	67	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	95 50
230	27	23	16	4	7	1	1	..	..	1	105	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	102 50
231	1	4	5	4	1	1	2	..	..	..	44	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	52 50
232	7	8	8	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	39	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	30 50
233	2	2	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	2	41	Dec. '90	2 00	.....	36 75
234	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	42	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	22 25
235	3	3	1	1	3	..	2	..	..	..	39	Jun. '90	25	.....	19 00
236	..	..	1	1	3	2	4	..	..	..	31	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	24 75
237	8	8	5	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	31	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	18 50
238	6	5	5	4	2	1	3	..	..	3	64	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	50 00
239	7	6	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	46	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	23 00
241	1	..	1	1	1	1	2	2	..	1	19	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	12 75
242	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	55	Dec. '90	1 00	.....	33 75

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24TH JUNE,

No.	Lodge.	Where held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
243	aSt. George	St. George	Th. on or b. f.m.	R. G. Lawrason.	J. H. Fleming
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	Tu. on o b f.m	B. Gregory	J. Davidson
247	Ashler	Toronto	Fourth Tuesday	J Littlejohn	W. T. Allen
249	aCaledonia	Mid and	Second Tues	C. A. Phillips	R. Finch
250	Thistle	Embro	Th.on or b. f.m.	G. A. Munro	W. Geddes
253	aMinden	Kingston	First Monday	J. P. Oram	W. Gill
254	Clifton	Niagara Falls.	Th.on or b f. m.	M. P. McMaster.	H. Preston
255	Sydenham	Dresden	W. on or a. f.m.	J. B. Carscallan.	R. P. Wright
256	aFarran's Point	Farran's Point	First Wednes.	E. H. Harris	C. S. Ault
257	aGalt	Galt	First Tuesday	A. Taylor	Hugh Wallace
258	Guelph	Guelph	Sec. Tuesday	T. W. Randall	G J. Brill
259	Springfield	Springfield	M. on or b. f.m.	H. T. Honsb'rg'r	J. B. Lucas
260	aWashington	Petrolia	First Tuesday	A. McCall	F. Parker
261	aOak Branch	Innerkip	Th. b/f. m	F. Mitchell	J McFarlane
262	aHarriston	Harriston	M. on or a f.m.	John L. Eedy	Alex. Michie
263	aForest	Forest	W. oh or b. f.m.	Alex. Karr	P. W. Campbell
264	aChaudiere	Ottawa	Fourth Tues	W. D. Jones	W. A. Bangs
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Th.on or b. f.m.	J. E. Knox	J E. Francis
266	aNorthern Light	Stayne	Tu.on or b. f m.	J. H. Jacks	W. H. Benson
267	aParthenon	Chatham	First Wednes.	Chas. Bardwell.	D. Allison
268	aVerulam	Bobcaygeon	Last Friday	C. E. Stewart	D. W. Ferrier
269	aBrougham Union	Brougham	W. on or b.f.m.	F. A Beaton	L. K. Murton
270	aCedar	Oshawa	Fourth Tues	A. E. Henry	W. Conboy
271	Wellington	Erin	W.on or b f.m.	D. Campbell	Geo. Moore
272	Seymour	Ancaster	W. on or b.f.m	P Middleton	C. Senior
274	aKent	Blenheim	M. on or b. f.m.	W. G Collins	C. A. Steele
276	Teeswater	Teeswater	F. on or b. f.m	J. Chapman	A. Kelly
277	aSeymour	Port Dalhousie	W. on or b. f.m.	Geo. Powell	C. Hudson, Jr
278	aShuniah	Hespeler	Th. b. f.m	Henry Hudson	Chris. Pabst
279	New Hope	Glencoe	Th.on or b. f.m	W. J. French	A. McIntyre
282	aLorne	Belleville	W. a. f.m	H. McIninch	W. J. Diamond
283	aEureka	Brussels	Tu on or b. f.m.	D. Strachan	John Shaw
284	aSt. John's	Alliston	W. on or b. f.m.	Jno. Scroggie	H. McC. Wright
285	Seven Star	Wingham	Tu on or b. f.m.	W. E. Groves	J. A. Morton
286	aWingham	Port Arthur	Tu.on or b. f.m.	C. A. Leancy	F. J. C. Roddin
287	aShuniah	Lobo	Th.on or b. f m,	A. McGugan	E. L. Graham
289	aDoric	Leamington	Tu.on or b. f m	S. G. Roach	W. E. Jansen
290	aLeamington	W. Flamboro'	Th.on or b. f.m	W. Clarke	A. Jones
291	aDufferin	Nobleton	W. on or b. f.m.	T. H. Robinson.	G. Gilmour
292	aRobertson	Jerusalem, Pal	First Wed.	W H Kyat	C. N. Tabros
293	aT' Ryl. Sol. Mthr.	Moorston	Th.on or b f.m.	F. B. Wilkinson.	Wm Brown
294	aMoore	Drayton	Th.on or b. f.m.	J. Adams	J. Crozier
295	aConestogo	St. Catharines	Last Wednes.	A. J. McGregor	J. C. Norris
296	aTemple	Preston	F. on or b. f.m.	W. D. Hepburn	J. Battzer
297	Preston	Centreville	F. on or b. f.m.	N. B Carscallen.	A. Walker
299	Victoria	Thorndale	Tu.on or b. f.m.	M. N. Wright	W. H. Salmon
300	aMount Olivet	St. Thomas	Third Thurs	M. S. Carl	R. N. Price
302	St. David's	Blyth	Tu.on or a. f.m.	S. H. Gidley	C. E Tanner
303	aMinerva	Stroud	Tu.on or b.f.m.	J. F. Palling	C S. Chandler
304	aHumber	Weston	W. on or b. f.m.	F. Ineson	J. Bull
305	Durham	Durham	Tu.on or b. f.m.	T. Brown	G. Russell
306	aArkona	Arkona	Th.on or b. f.m.	T. Nelson	T. Hooper
308					
309	aMorning Star	Smith's Hill	W.on or b. f.m	D. E. Munro	Jno. Wilson
311	aBlackwood	Woodbridge	F. on or b. f.m.	R. Cowling	P. D. McLean
312	aPnyx	Wallaceburg	M. on or b. f.m.	A. L. Shambleau	W. E. Amsden
313	aClementi	Lakefield	First Tuesday	J. F. Lillicrap	R. O. Dench
314	aBlair	Palmerston	Friday a. f. m.	A. Hobson	E. Wooldridge
315	Clifford	Clifford	Third Monday.	M.B. Mathew on	R. E. Biggar
316	aDoric	Toronto	Third Thursday	H. Leeson	F. Qua
318	Wilmot	Baden	F. on or a f.m.	J. Livingston	A. Kaufman
319	aHiram	Hagersville	Th.on or b. f m.	R. McDonald	J. Goodwin
320	aChesterville	Chesterville	M. on or b. f.m.	W. B. Lawson	J. G. Gillespie

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No.	Initiat'd	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	W'hd'n.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D.	S U M C	Expell'd	Rest'red	Total Memb'rs	Last Returns	Lodges. Dr. Bal.	Lodges. Cr. Bal.	Paid Grand Lodge.
243	....	....	2	....	....	.....	....	..	..	1	55	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	37 00
245	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	..	..	....	40	Jun '88	0 00	2 00	.....
247	17	12	7	3	9	1	4	..	..	2	147	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	91 00
249	3	4	....	....	2	....	3	..	..	....	36	Dec. '90	29 75	.....	23 00
250	4	7	....	....	3	....	7	..	..	3	27	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	32 25
253	7	7	7	2	7	1	7	..	..	....	72	Dec. '90	0 00	4 00	59 75
254	7	7	8	1	....	....	....	..	..	2	78	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	53 50
255	3	3	2	....	3	1	....	..	..	....	43	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	28 50
256	4	5	6	....	1	....	1	1	..	1	62	Dec. '90	0 00	4 00	33 00
257	3	4	5	1	....	1	1	..	..	....	48	Dec. '89	0 00	2 00	1 00
258	2	4	4	1	3	1	4	..	..	1	52	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	67 00
259	2	1	1	....	1	.....	....	..	..	....	21	Dec. '88	0 00	.....	.....
260	17	17	15	3	3	....	....	..	..	....	60	Dec. '90	55 50	.....	17 00
261	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	..	....	16	Dec. '90	4 25	.....	9 50
262	3	2	....	....	3	1	....	..	..	....	52	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	28 50
263	7	4	4	4	6	....	....	..	..	1	44	Dec. '90	0 00	6 00	36 00
264	3	3	3	....	3	....	5	..	..	....	70	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	42 25
265	5	4	3	11	3	1	2	..	..	....	45	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	28 25
266	10	8	8	....	1	....	....	..	..	1	42	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	30 25
267	4	4	5	2	1	....	....	..	..	....	50	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	43 50
268	13	13	13	1	1	....	2	..	..	1	46	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	42 00
269	1	1	2	....	1	....	....	..	..	....	36	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	26 25
270	7	3	11	....	1	....	6	..	..	1	66	Dec. '90	0 00	2 00	67 00
271	....	....	....	....	1	.....	....	..	..	....	43	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	26 00
272	5	4	3	1	1	....	....	..	..	2	41	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	34 50
274	3	3	1	5	1	1	....	..	..	....	52	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	30 50
276	6	6	2	2	7	1	5	..	..	....	17	Jun. '89	0 00	.....	.....
277	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	32	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	17 00
278	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	20	Dec. '91	0 00	.....	20 00
279	....	2	4	....	....	....	1	..	..	1	40	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	33 25
282	3	4	5	3	2	....	....	..	..	3	48	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	32 00
283	6	3	5	....	....	2	7	..	..	....	46	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	53 75
284	4	6	3	....	....	....	3	..	..	1	41	Dec. '91	0 00	.....	46 50
285	3	3	2	2	1	1	3	..	..	....	26	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	19 50
286	5	5	4	4	3	....	1	..	..	....	31	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	22 75
287	9	10	10	....	3	....	....	..	..	....	49	Dec. '91	0 00	.....	78 75
289	5	7	7	....	2	....	....	..	..	....	58	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	38 25
290	2	3	5	....	....	1	....	..	..	....	69	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	57 00
291	3	4	3	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	30	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	20 50
292	9	8	11	....	1	....	1	..	..	....	34	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	34 25
293	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	30	Jun '89	0 00	.....	.....
294	....	....	1	....	1	....	....	..	..	1	18	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	10 75
295	6	5	5	....	3	1	1	..	..	4	27	Jun. '89	0 00	9 25	16 50
296	5	5	4	....	2	1	....	..	..	....	56	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	26 75
297	....	....	....	....	3	....	4	..	..	....	22	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	13 25
299	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	33	Dec. '89	0 00	.....	.....
300	3	3	3	1	3	....	3	..	..	....	26	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	23 00
301	8	8	5	2	1	1	....	..	..	....	102	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	98 75
303	5	4	3	2	2	1	4	..	..	....	52	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	28 00
304	3	2	2	3	4	....	....	..	..	1	24	Dec. '90	6 00	.....	12 00
305	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	40	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	21 50
306	3	3	3	....	....	2	2	..	..	....	39	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	33 50
307	5	5	5	2	2	1	5	..	..	....	42	Dec. '90	5 00	.....	40 50
308	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00
309	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	45	Dec. '90	0 00	1 00	23 00
311	3	2	5	....	2	....	1	..	..	....	40	Dec. '90	1 00	.....	24 75
312	1	3	3	1	1	1	....	..	..	2	93	Dec. '89	0 00	1 00	.....
313	1	2	2	2	2	....	....	..	..	....	31	Dec. '9	0 00	.....	24 25
314	4	4	4	....	4	....	3	..	..	1	51	Dec. '90	0 00	2 00	35 75
315	2	2	4	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	27	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	25 00
316	19	14	12	8	2	4	....	..	..	2	149	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	116 50
318	2	2	2	....	1	....	1	..	..	....	29	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	17 00
319	5	5	6	1	....	....	....	..	..	....	27	Dec. '90	26 50	.....	52 50
320	1	3	2	....	5	2	3	..	..	....	58	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	32 50

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AS AT 24th JUNE

No.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
321	aWalker	Acton West .	M. on or b. f. m.	Wm. Stark	W. R. Kenney .....
322	aNorth Star.....	Owen Sound..	W. a. f. m	Geo. Inglis	W. A. Bishop .....
323	aAlvinston	Alvinston	W. on or b.f.m.	T. McKay	H. Conn .....
324	aTemple	Hamilton.....	Sec. Tuesday ..	H. N. Kittson ..	G. E. Kittson.....
325	aOrono	Orona	Th. on or b.f.m	R. Z. Hall.....	W. Armstrong.....
326	aZetland	Toronto	Fourth Monday	C. J. Hohl	G. Kappele .....
327	The Hammond...	Wardsville ...	Third Tuesday.	E Aitchison ...	D. Johnson .....
328	Ionic	Napier	F. b. f. m	A. Cameron	H. Thompson .....
329	aKing Solomon ..	Ja vis.....	F. on or b. f m.	Jas. Noble.....	D. Hill .....
330	aCorinthian	London East..	First Tuesday .	J. W. Wetherall	H. C. Simpson.....
331	Fordwich	Fordwich.....	Th. on or b.f.m.	T. Donaghy	A. C. Hutchison....
332	Stratford	Stratford	Sec. Monday ..	S. Robertson ...	I. Baker.....
333	Prince Arthur....	Flesherton	F. on or b. f m	A. S. VanDusen	R. J. Sproule .....
334	aPrince Arthur...	Arthur	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J. T. Neill.....	M. Wilkins.....
335	aHighgate	Highgate	W. on or b. f. m	W. S. Backus ..	J. G. Crosby... ....
336	aMyrtle	Port Robinson	Tu. on or b.f.m.	W. H. Andrews.	C. B. Bennett.....
337	Dufferin.....	Wellandport..	Tu. on or b.f.m.	J R Goring....	J. E. Cohoe .....
338	aOrient	Don Mount....	First Tuesday..	G. S. Cleland ..	H. Tollhurst.....
339	aSt. John's	Pittsburg	W. b. f. m... ...	Rev. J. Gallaher	Alf. Brown .....
340	aBruce	Tiverton	Tu. on or b. f.m.	Wm. Henders ..	J. McKellar .....
341	Hiram	Wolfe Island..	F. on or b. f. m.	D. Cattanach...	J. W. Kyle .....
342	Georgina	Sutton	Tu. on or b.f.m.	F. G Tremayne.	T. B. Bentley .....
343	Merrill	Dorchester Sta	Th. on or b.f.m.	G. Wade	J. Durand .....
344	Nilestown	Nilestown	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. Wilson	A. R. Rowat.....
345	aOccident.....	Toronto	First Wed....	S. Reid.....	E M. Donovan ....
346	aMercer.....	Fergus	Fi st Friday ..	J. ICraig	J. Beattie .....
347	aGeorgina	Penetang'sh'n.	First Thursday	C McGibbon ...	H. Jennings.....
348	aGranite	Parry Sound ..	W. on or b. f. m.	T. McGown	D. McFarlane .....
352	aBrock	Cannington...	W. on or b. f.m.	J M. Hart	Thos. Foster.....
354	aRiver Park.....	Streetsville ...	Tu. on or b.f.m.	Wm. Taylor	W. Andrew .....
356	aWaterdown	Waterdown...	Tu. on or b.f.m	T. A. Page	W. O. Sealey .....
357	oDelaware Valley.	Delaware	F. on or b. f. m.	W. A. Guest ...	W. C. Harris .....
358	aVittoria.....	Vittoria	F. on or b. f. m.	John Pow	D. W. McCall .....
359	aMuskoka	Bracebridge..	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. C. Nelson	I. Huber .....
360	aWaverley	Guelph	Fourth Monday	A. E. Lyon	C. R. Strachan.....
361	aMaple Leaf.....	Tara	M. on or b f. m.	W. Sword	G. W. Campbell ....
362	aDufferin	Melbourne	W. on o b. f. m.	S. Bateman.....	A. R. Huston .....
364	aEuclid	Strathroy	Th. b f. m... ..	Jas. Noble.....	Jas. Noble.....
366	aSt. George	Toronto	Fir t Friday ..	W. E. Lemon...	E. Howse .....
367	Salem.....	Brookvil e	Sec. Monday ..	N. B. Colcock...	I. N. Marshall .....
368	aMimico	Lambton.....	Tu. on or b. f m.	J. M. Cotton....	E. C. Davis .....
369	Harmony	Delta	W. on or b f. m.	A. Stephens	R. J. Whaley .....
370	aPrince of Wales..	Ottawa	Fourth Friday.	G. S. McFarlane	J. J. Mulligan.....
371	aPalmer	Victoria	Tu. on or b.f m.	J. G. Watts.....	W. Thompson.....
372	aCopestone.....	Welland	First Thursday	D. McCanachie..	W. B. Chambers ....
373	aKeene	Keene.....	Th. on or b. f m.	W. D. Kerr	J. M. Shaw .....
374	aLorne	Omemee	First Thursday.	A. Laidley.....	J. Morrison .....
375	aUnity	Huntsville....	First Wed	R. P. Reid	C. Morley .....
376	aLorne	Shelburne	First Friday ..	C. Mason.....	A. Smith .....
377	aKing Solomon....	London West.	Third Wed	H. C. Symonds..	W. Nicholl .....
378	aMiddlesex	Bryanston....	W. on or b. f. m.	G. Wood	J. Nicholson.....
379	aUnion	London	Sec. Monday..	R. A. Carrother.	A. G. Steven .....
380	Doric	Hamilton.....	Third Monday .	R Douglas....	Thos. S. ith .....
382	aHenderson.....	W. Winchester	First Tuesday ..	Byron Lane ...	A. E. Scott .....
383	aAlpha	Toronto	First Thursday	E. J Voss	G. L. Lennox .....
384	aSpry.....	Beeton	W. on or a. f. m.	J. Earley	J. Stewart .....
385	aMcColl.....	West Lorne ...	Tu. a f. m.	F. J. Plastow...	R. McFate .....
386	aLansdowne.....	Lansdowne....	Tu. on or b.f.m	J. W. Taylor ...	J. A. Bradley .....
387	aHenderson.....	Ilderton	M. on or b. f. m.	A. F. Barclay ..	J. Bowman.....
388	aCrystal Fountain	N. Augusta....	W. on or b. f. m	J. B. Love	J. Chapman.....
389	aFlorence	Florence	Th. on or b.f.m.	J. C. Laurance..	W. Drew .....
391	oHoward	Ridgetown ...	M. on or b. f. m.	B. Paine	W. H. Ellsworth....
392	oHuron	Camlachie....	W. on or b. f. m.	B. Richardson ..	A. Trusler .....
393	oForest	Chesley	First Tuesday..	C. J. Mickle....	J. H. Adolph .....
394	King Solomon	Tamesford ...	W. on or b f. m.	E A. Dundass..	Jas. Balgent.....

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No.	Initi'd.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Wi'd'n.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D	S.U.M.C	Expel'd.	Restor'd.	Total Memb's	Last Returns	Ledger. Dr. Bal.	Ledger. Cr. Bal.	Paid Grand Lodge.
321	3	3	3	1	4	1	....	....	....	....	31	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	$ 28 50
322	2	2	5	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	78	Dec. '88	0 00	.....	54 00
323	8	7	5	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	50	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	37 00
324	34	31	26	5	5	2	....	....	....	1	211	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	205 75
325	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	44	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	32 00
326	11	5	8	2	3	2	3	....	....	1	158	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	112 75
327	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	13 50
328	2	2	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	34	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	18 50
329	5	5	5	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	42	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	31 75
330	5	6	5	....	5	1	....	....	....	....	75	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	24 50
331	2	3	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	23 25
332	6	6	7	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	40	Dec. '90	0 00	6 25	43 25
333	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	10 00
334	2	2	3	....	5	1	11	....	....	....	14	Dec. '87	23 00	.....	16 50
336	5	5	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	Jun. '90	1 00	.....	6 25
337	....	2	1	1	2	....	1	....	....	....	39	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	23 00
338	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	Jun. '90	42 00	.....	30 00
339	21	17	15	5	1	1	....	....	1	....	175	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	129 00
340	2	....	1	....	2	1	....	....	....	2	21	Dec. '90	5 00	.....	9 25
341	8	8	8	....	2	....	7	....	....	....	60	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	46 00
342	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	21	....	88 00	.....	56 00
343	....	1	1	....	5	....	5	....	....	....	44	Jun. '90	2 00	.....	27 00
344	1	1	....	....	5	....	1	....	....	....	24	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	14 75
345	2	2	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	30	Dec. '89	0 00	.....	— —
346	9	8	5	3	3	2	12	....	....	....	158	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	123 50
347	3	3	3	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	37	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	19 75
348	5	5	5	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	39	Jun. '89	27 00	.....	— —
352	2	3	3	1	1	....	6	....	....	1	53	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	38 00
354	3	3	3	1	2	1	....	....	....	....	52	Jun. '90	16 00	.....	8 00
356	1	1	1	....	3	....	15	....	....	....	20	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	20 50
357	5	4	2	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	46	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	40 50
359	13	12	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	Dec. '89	20 00	.....	38 25
359	2	3	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	44	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	34 50
360	3	3	3	3	4	1	....	....	....	....	40	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	32 00
361	4	7	3	2	4	1	....	....	....	4	33	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	27 25
362	3	4	3	....	2	1	....	....	....	....	48	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	29 50
364	4	4	4	1	5	....	....	....	....	....	32	Dec. '90	24 00	.....	42 00
366	1	1	1	....	2	....	3	....	....	....	53	Dec. '90	15 75	.....	28 00
367	6	4	6	2	4	....	4	....	....	....	132	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	101 50
368	4	2	3	5	2	....	2	....	....	1	77	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	56 50
369	5	4	5	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	69	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	58 75
370	4	4	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	52	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	44 50
371	5	5	4	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	68	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	45 25
372	3	2	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	37	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	25 25
373	4	3	3	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	41	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	20 50
374	2	2	3	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	25	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	17 75
375	....	....	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	25	Dec. '90	7 25	.....	26 75
376	12	10	10	1	4	1	4	....	....	2	40	Dec. '90	29 75	.....	18 00
377	8	5	5	....	....	....	1	1	....	1	43	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	41 00
378	10	10	8	2	4	1	....	....	....	....	51	Dec. '90	0 00	4 00	51 50
379	2	1	1	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	27	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	19 75
380	22	20	14	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	97	Dec. '89	14 00	.....	62 50
382	9	14	14	....	5	1	1	....	....	2	112	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	96 50
383	2	4	2	....	2	....	1	....	....	....	21	Dec. '90	62 25	.....	35 75
384	8	18	23	12	11	3	3	2	....	1	162	Dec. '90	57 50	.....	121 75
385	5	5	6	3	1	....	1	....	....	....	28	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	29 00
386	2	1	1	....	1	....	2	....	....	....	38	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	25 25
387	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	Dec '88	4 50	.....	1 00
388	2	2	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	46	Dec. '90	0 00	2 00	37 75
389	5	5	10	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	50	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	30 50
390	4	4	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	30	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	26 25
391	5	5	5	1	1	1	5	....	....	....	68	Dec. '89	0 00	.....	— —
392	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	42	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	23 00
393	6	4	3	....	4	2	1	....	....	....	30	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	32 50
394	2	3	2	1	1	....	1	1	....	....	51	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	37 50

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No.	Lodge.	Where Held.	Night of Meeting.	W. Master.	Secretary.
395	Parvaim	Comber	Th.on or b. f.m.	C. N. Anderson.	R. Anderson
396	aCedar	Wiarton	Tu.on or b. f.m.	J. W. McKenney	J. Irwin
397	aLeopold	Brigden	W. on or b. f m.	W. J. Ward	H. J. Leacock
398	Victoria	Victoria Road.	Second Tues...	W. R. Cavana	M. Nelson
399	Moffatt	Harr'etsville..	W. on or b. f m.	R. Lane	W. W. Jelly
400	aOakville	Oakville	Tu.on or b. f.m.	W. H. Spears	W. P. Joyce
401	aCraig	Desoronto	First Tuesday .	G. A. Brown	C. A. Crawford
402	aCentral	Essex Centre..	W. on or b. f.m.	A. S. Scott	E. A. Wismer
403	aWindsor	Windsor	First Friday ...	Chas. Gerald	G. D. Adams
404	Lorne	Tamesworth ..	F. a. f.m.	J. Aylesworth	H. E. Thornton
405	aMattawa	Mattawa	First Tuesday .	R. A. Klock	L. Macnamara
406	aThe Spray	Fenelon Falls.	First Friday ...	W. E. Ellis	E. Fitzgerald
407	Manitoulin	Gore Bay	M. on or a. f.m.		
408	Murray	Beaverton	First Tuesday ..	B. D. Dover	P. D. McArthur
409	aGolden Rule	Gravenhurst...	M. on or b. f.m.	A. P. Cornell	C. Allen
410	aZeta	Toronto	Second Friday.	G. G. Rowe M.D.	E. C. Davies
411	aRodney	Rodney	Th.on or b. f.m.	H. F. Jell	W. Morris
412	aKeystone	S. Ste. Marie.	Tu.on or b f.m.	W. H. Hearst	H. A. Morrow
413	aNaphtali	Tilbury Centre	Tu.on or b. f.m.	J. R. Palmer	J. S Barron
414	Pequonga	Rat Portage .	W. on or b. f m	A. Carmichael	A. Campbell
415	aFort William	Fort William .	First Wednes ..	R. McNabb	J. McLaren
416	Lyn	Lyn	Tu on or a. f.m.	A. E. Cumming.	A. M. Wilson
417	aKeewatin	Keewatin M'lls	First Friday	A. Nell	T. A. Wilson
418	aMaxville	Maxville	Sec. Tuesday...	C. T. Smith	H. A. McIntyre
419	aBismarck	Point Edward.	Sec. Monday...	B. F. George	W. Mitchell
420	aNippissing	North Bay	Th.on or b. f m.	H. A. Washburn	H. G. Reid
421	aScott	Grand Valley..	W. on or b. f.m.	W. R. Scott	J. H. Hamilton
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	W. on or b. f.m.	W. R Hickey	Chas. E. Bayley
423	Strong	Sundridge	Third Wednes..	B. Wickett	A. E. Munn
424	Doric	Pickering	Th on or b. f.m.	J. H. Eastwood.	J. Gormley
425	St. Clair	Port Lambton	Tu.on or b. f.m.	H. Roebuck	W. H. McDonald
426	Stanley	W. Tor. Junc.	First Tuesday .	R.L. McCormack	H. C. Fowler
	Interest, General Fund				
	" Asylum Fund				
	Sundries				
			Total		

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No.	Initia'd.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	W'hd'n.	Deaths.	S.N.P.D	S U M C.	Expell'd.	Restor'd	Total Memb'rs	Last Returns	Ledger. Dr Bal.	Ledger. Cr. Bal.	Paid Grand Lodge.
395	3	4	5	1	3	....	....	..	..	1	34	Dec '90	0 00	.....	40 25
396	2	7	8	1	5	1	....	..	..	....	50	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	70 00
397	2	1	....	....	3	....	8	..	..	....	29	Dec. '89	0 00	.....	25 00
398	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	33	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	51 25
399	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	14	Dec. '88	0 00	.....	.....
400	9	5	5	1	....	1	....	..	..	....	81	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	93 00
401	7	5	5	....	1	....	2	..	..	....	37	Dec '90	0 00	.....	31 00
402	8	8	8	2	1	....	7	..	..	....	57	Dec. '89	3 00	.....	34 50
403	3	3	3	3	....	1	....	..	..	....	52	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	17 75
404	2	1	1	....	3	....	....	..	..	....	90	Dec. '90	0 00	4 00	15 25
405	6	5	3	1	....	....	....	..	..	....	72	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	70 25
406	4	2	2	....	1	....	4	..	..	2	38	Dec. '89	0 00	12 00	7 00
407	2	2	3	....	....	....	....	1	..	....	27	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	36 25
408	4	4	3	....	....	1	....	..	..	....	44	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	26 00
409	9	9	5	....	4	....	4	..	..	1	35	Dec. '90	6 00	.....	39 75
410	6	6	7	5	9	2	4	..	..	1	72	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	60 00
411	....	....	1	....	3	....	....	..	..	....	24	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	19 75
412	14	12	11	2	1	....	....	..	..	....	68	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	113 00
413	5	5	5	1	1	....	7	..	..	1	29	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	32 50
414	5	6	4	1	....	....	....	..	..	....	81	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	61 25
415	12	10	8	1	1	....	....	..	..	....	51	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	47 25
416	5	5	5	....	1	....	....	..	..	....	30	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	24 75
417	6	4	5	....	1	2	....	..	..	....	54	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	38 25
418	5	2	1	....	....	1	....	..	..	....	38	Jun. '90	0 00	.....	10 15
419	8	5	5	1	....	....	....	..	..	....	58	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	50 50
420	11	11	8	3	6	1	....	..	..	....	83	Dec. '90	0 00	2 00	90 75
421	8	6	4	....	1	1	....	..	..	....	25	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	33 50
422	3	2	1	8	8	....	....	..	..	....	23	Jun. '91	0 00	.....	15 50
423	22	18	16	1	....	1	4	..	..	....	2[illegible]	Dec. '90	0 00	.....	69 50
424	7	7	10	1	2	....	....	..	..	....	3[illegible]	Dec. '90	10 00	.....	56 50
425	7	5	5	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	2[illegible]	Dec. '90	0 00	10 00	19 75
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LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1. (22.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Benjamin Paine, Ridgetown.

No.	34,	Thistle	Amherstburg	No.	327, The Hammond	Wardsville
"	41,	St. George	Kingsville	"	386, Highgate	Highgate
"	46,	Wellington	Chatham	"	386, McColl	West Lorne
"	47,	Great Western	Windsor	"	390, Florence	Florence
"	245,	Tecumseh	Thamesville	"	391, Howard	Ridgetown
"	255,	Sydenham	Dresden	"	395, Parvaim	Comber
"	267,	Parthenon	Chatham	"	402, Central	Essex Centre
"	274,	Kent	Blenheim	"	403, Windsor	Windsor
"	282,	Lorne	Glencoe	"	411, Rodney	Rodney
"	290,	Leamington	Leamington	"	418, Naphtali	Tilbury Centre
"	312,	Pnyx	Wallaceburg	"	422, Star of the East	Bothwell

ST CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 2. (20.)

D D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. W. D. Griggs, Forest.

No.	56,	Victoria	Sarnia	No.	291, Moore	Moorotown
"	81,	St. John's	Mt. Brydges	"	307, Arkona	Arkona
"	83,	Beaver	Strathroy	"	323, Alvinston	Alvinston
"	116,	Cassia	Thedford	"	328, Ionic	Napier
"	153,	Burns	Wyoming	"	364, Dufferin	Melbourne
"	158,	Alexandra	Oil Springs	"	367, Euclid	Strathroy
"	194,	Petrolia	Petrolia	"	392, Huron	Camlachie
"	198,	Havelock	Watford	"	397, Leopold	Brigden
"	260,	Washington	Petrolia	"	419, Bismarck	Point Edward
"	263,	Forest	Forest	"	425, St. Clair	Port Lambton

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3. (23.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thomas E. Robson, Ilderton.

No.	20,	St, John's	London	No.	259, Springfield	Springfield
"	42	St. George's	London	"	299, Doric	Lobo
"	44.	St Thomas	St. Thomas	"	300, Mt. Olivet	Thorndale
"	64,	Kilwinning	London	"	302, St. David's	St Thomas
"	94,	St. Mark's	Port Stanley	"	330, Corinthian	London East
"	107,	St Paul's	Lambeth	"	344, Merrill	Dorchester Station
"	120,	Warren	Fingal	"	345, Nilestown	Nilestown
"	140,	Malahide	Aylmer	"	358, Delaware Valley	Delaware
"	171,	Prince of Wales	Iona	"	378, King Solomon's	London West
"	176,	Spartan	Sparta	"	379, Middlesex	Bryanston
"	190,	Belmont	Belmont	"	380, Union	London
"	195,	Tuscan	London	"	388, Henderson	Ilderton
"	209a,	St. John's	London	"	394, King Solomon	Thamesford
"	231,	Cameron	Dutton	"	399, Moffat	Harrietsville

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4. (16.)

D D.G M.—R. W. Bro. William White, Mitchell.

No.	33,	Maitland	Goderich	No.	205, New Dominion	New Hamburg
"	73,	St. James	St. Mary's	"	214, Craig	Ailsa Craig
"	84,	Clinton	Clinton	"	224, Zurich	Hensall
"	138,	Lebanon Forest	Exeter	"	233, Doric	Park Hill
"	141,	Tudor	Mitchell	"	308, Blyth	Blyth
"	144,	Tecumseh	Stratford	"	309, Morning Star	Smith's Hill
"	154,	Irving	Lucan	"	318, Wilmot	Baden
"	170,	Britannia	Seaforth	"	332, Stratford	Stratford

NORTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 5. (15.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. D. D. Campbell, Listowel.

No.	93,	Northern Light	Kincardine	No.	284, St. John's	Brussels
"	131,	St. Lawrence	Southampton	"	286, Wingham	Wingham
"	163,	Forest	Wroxeter	"	331, Fordwich	Fordwich
"	184,	Old Light	Lucknow	"	341, Bruce	Tiverton
"	197,	Saugeen	Walkerton	"	362, Maple Leaf	Tara
"	225,	Bernard	Listowel	"	393, Forest	Chesley
"	235,	Aldworth	Paisley	"	396, Cedar	Wiarton
"	276,	Teeswater	Teeswater			

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 6. (20)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. P. H. Cox, Paris.

No.		
"	10, Norfolk	Simcoe
"	37, King Hiram	Ingersoll
"	48, King Solomon	Woodstock
"	63, St. John's	Ingersoll
"	76, Oxford	Woodstock
"	78, King Hiram	Tilsonburg
"	82, St. John's	Paris
"	104, St. John's	Norwich
"	103, Burford	Burford
"	108, Blenheim	Princeton
"	113, Wilson	Waterford
No.	149, Erie	Port Dover
"	174, Walsingham	Port Rowan
"	178, Plattsville	Plattsville
"	181, Oriental	Port Burwell
"	193, Scotland	Scotland
"	217, Frederick	Delhi
"	237, Vienna	Vienna
"	250, Thistle	Embro
"	261, Oak Branch	Innerkip
"	335, Langton	Langton
"	359, Vittoria	Vittoria

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 7. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Conboy, Erin.

No.		
"	72, Alma	Galt
"	151, The Grand River	Berlin
"	172, Ayr	Ayr
"	180, Speed	Guelph
"	200, St. Alban's	Mount Forest
"	203, Irvine	Elora
"	216, Harris	Orangeville
"	257, Galt	Galt
"	258, Guelph	Guelph
"	262, Harriston	Harriston
"	271, Wellington	Erin
No.	279, New Hope	Hespeler
"	295, Conestogo	Drayton
"	297, Preston	Preston
"	303, Durham	Durham
"	314, Blair	Palmerston
"	315, Clifford	Clifford
"	334, Prince Arthur	Arthur
"	347, Mercer	Fergus
"	361, Waverley	Guelph
"	421, Scott	Grand Valley

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 8. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, Hamilton.

No.		
"	6, Barton	Hamilton
"	27, Strict Observance	Hamilton
"	40, St. John's	Hamilton
"	45, Brant	Brantford
"	57, Harmony	Binbrook
"	61, Acacia	Hamilton
"	62, St. Andrew's	Caledonia
"	100, Valley	Dundas
"	121, Doric	Brantford
"	135, St Clair	Milton
"	165, Burlington	Burlington
No.	166, Wentworth	Stoney Creek
"	219, Credit	Georgetown
"	243, St. George	St. George
"	272, Seymour	Ancaster
"	291, Dufferin	West Flamboro'
"	321, Walker	Acton West
"	324, Temple	Hamilton
"	357, Waterdown	Waterdown
"	382, Dovic	Hamilton
"	400, Oakville	Oakville

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9. (24)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. T. Toner, Collingwood.

No.		
"	79, Simcoe	Bradford
"	88 St. George's	Owen Sound
"	90, Manito	Collingwood
"	96, Corinthian	Barrie
"	98, True Blue	Albion
"	137, Pythagoras	Meaford
"	192, Orillia	Orillia
"	230, Kerr	Barrie
"	234, Beaver	Clarksburg
"	236, Manitoba	Cookstown
"	249, Caledonian	Midland
"	266, Northern	Stayner
No.	285, Seven Star	Alliston
"	304, Minerva	Stroud
"	322, North Star	Owen Sound
"	333, Prince Arthur	Flesherton
"	348, Georgian	Penetanguishene
"	352, Granite	Parry Sound
"	360, Muskoka	Bracebridge
"	375, Unity	Huntsville
"	387, Lorne	Shelburne
"	385, Spry	Beeton
"	409 Golden Rule	Gravenhurst
"	423, Strong	Sundridge

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 10. (21.)

D.D.G.M.— R. W. Bro. Donald Robertson, St. Catharines.

No.		
"	2, Niagara	Niagara
"	7, Union	Grimsby
"	15, St. George's	St. Catharines
"	32, Amity	Dunnville
"	35, St. John's	Cayuga
"	103, Maple Leaf	St. Catharines
"	105, St. Mark's	Drummondville
"	115, Ivy	Beamsville
"	168, Merritt	Welland
"	169, Macnab	Port Colborne
"	185, Inniskillen	York
No.	221, Mountain	Thorold
"	254, Clifton	Niagara Falls
"	277, Seymour	Port Dalhousie
"	286, Temple	St. Catharines
"	319, Hiram	Hagersville
"	323, King Solomon	Jarvis
"	337, Myrtle	Port Robinson
"	338, Dufferin	Wellandport
"	372, Palmer	Victoria
"	373, Copestone	Welland

TORONTO DISTRICT NO. 11. (37.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, Newmarket.

No.	16, St. Andrews	Toronto	No.	265, Patterson	Thornhill
"	22, King Solomon's	Toronto	"	269, Brcugham Union	Brougham
"	23, Richmond	Richmond Hill	"	292, Robertson	Nobleton
"	25, Ionic	Toronto	"	305, Humber	Weston
"	54, Vaughan	Maple	"	311, Blackwood	Woodbridge
"	65, Rehoboam	Toronto	"	316, Doric	Toronto
"	75, St. John's	Toronto	"	326, Zetland	Toronto
"	86, Wilson	Toronto	"	339, Orient	Toronto
"	87, Markham Union	Markham	"	343, Georgina	Sutton West
"	97, Sharon	Sharon	"	346, Occident	Toronto
"	99, Tuscan	Newmarket	"	354, Brock	Cannington
"	118, Union	Schomberg	"	356, River Park	Streetsville
"	129, The Rising Sun	Aurora	"	367, St. George	Toronto
"	136, Richardson	Stouffville	"	369, Mimico	Lambton
"	156, York	Eglington	"	384, Alpha	Toronto
"	218, Stevenson	Toronto	"	410, Zeta	Toronto
"	220, Zeredatha	Uxbridge	"	424, Doric	Pickering
"	229, Ionic	Brampton	"	426, Stanley	Toronto Junction
"	247, Ashlar	Toronto			

ONTARIO DISTRICT NO. 12. (21).

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. McKay, Bowmanville.

No.	26, Ontario	Port Hope	No.	223, Norwood	Norwood
"	32, Composite	Whitby	"	268, Verulam	Bobcaygeon
"	31, Jerusalem	Bowmanville	"	270, Cedar	Oshawa
"	39, Mount Zion	Brooklin	"	313, Clementi	Lakefield
"	66, Durham	Newcastle	"	325, Orono	Orono
"	77, Faithful Brethren	Lindsay	"	374, Keene	Keene
"	101, Corinthian	Peterborough	"	375, Lo ne	Omemee
"	114, Hope	Port Hope	"	398, Victoria	Victoria Road
"	139, Lebanon	Oshawa	"	406, The Spry	Fenelon Falls
"	145, J. B. Hall	Millbrook	"	408, Murray	Beaverton
"	155, Peterborough	Peterborough			

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT NO. 13. (21.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. G. E. R. Wilson, Colborne.

No.	11, Moira	Belleville	No.	127, Franck	Frankfort
"	17, St. John's	Cobourg	"	161, Percy	Warkworth
"	18, Prince Edward	Picton	"	164, Star in the East	Wellington
"	29, United	Brighton	"	215, Lake	Amelisburg
"	38, Trent	Trenton	"	222, Marmora	Marmora
"	48, Madoc	Madoc	"	239, Tweed	Tweed
"	80, Consecon	Consecon	"	241, Quinte	Shannonville
"	69, Stirling	Stirling	"	278, Mystic	Roslin
"	91, Colborne	Colborne	"	283, Eureka	Belleville.
"	123, The Belleville	Belleville	"	401, Craig	Deseronto
"	126, Golden Rule	Campbellford			

FRONTENAC DISTRICT NO. 14. (14.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. C. Warner, Napanee.

No.	3, The Ancient St. John's	Kingston	No.	201, Leeds	Gananoque
"	9, Union	Napanee	"	212, Elysian	Garden Island
"	92, Cataraqui	Kingston	"	228, Prince Arthur	Odessa
"	109, Albion	Harrowsmith	"	253, Minden	Kingston
"	119, Maple Leaf	Bath	"	299, Victoria	Centreville
"	146, Prince of Wales	Newburg	"	340, St. John's	Pittsburg
"	157, Simpson	Newboro	"	404, Lorne	Tamworth

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT NO. 15. (22.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. S. B. Fell, Morrisburg.

No.	5, Sussex	Brockville	No.	207, Lancaster	Lancaster
"	14, True Britons	Perth	"	242, Mscoy	Mallorytown
"	24, St. Francis	Smith's Falls	"	256, Farran's Point	Farran's Point
"	28, Mount Zion	Kemptville	"	331, Chesterville	Chesterville
"	55, Merrickville	Merrickville	"	366, Salem	Brockville
"	74, St. James	Maitland	"	370, Harmony	Delta
"	85, Rising Sun	Farmersville	"	383, Henderson	West Winchester
"	110, Central	Prescott	"	387, Lansdowne	Lansdowne
"	123, Cornwall	Cornwall	"	389, Crystal Fountain	North Augusta
"	142, Excelsior	Morrisburg	"	416, Lyn	Lyn.
"	143, Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	"	418, Maxville	Maxville

OTTAWA DISTRICT NO. 16. (18).

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. G. S. Macfarlane.

No.	21*a*,	St. John's	No.	177,	The Builders'
"	52,	Dalhousie	"	186,	Plantagenet
"	58,	Doric	"	196,	Madawaska
"	68,	St. John's	"	209,	Evergreen
"	122,	Renfrew	"	231,	Lodge of Fidelity
"	128,	Pembroke	"	x94,	Chaudiere
"	147,	Mississippi	"	371,	Prince of Wales
"	148.	Civil Service	"	405,	Mattawa
"	159,	Goodwood	"	420,	Nipissing

		Vankleek Hill			Ottawa
		Ottawa			Plantagenet
		Ottawa			Arnprior
		Carleton Place			Lanark
		Renfrew			Ottawa
		Pembroke			Ottawa
		Almonte			Ottawa
		Ottawa			Mattawa
		Richmond			North Bay

ALGOMA DISTRICT NO. 17. (5.)

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. W. C. Dobie, Port Arthur.

No.	287,	Shuniah	No.	415,	Port William
"	412,	Keystone	"	417,	Keewatin
"	414,	Pequonga			

Port Arthur	Port William.
Sault Ste Marie	Keewatin Mills.
Rat Portage	

NOT ATTACHED TO ANY DISTRICT.

No, 293, The Royal Solomon Mother, Jerusalem, Palestine.

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No.	1	22 Lodges
St. Clair	" "	2	20 "
London	" "	3	28 "
South Huron	" "	4	16 "
North Huron	" "	5	15 "
Wilson	" "	6	21 "
Wellington	" "	7	21 "
Hamilton	" "	8	21 "
Georgian	" "	9	24 "
Niagara	" "	10	21 "
Toronto	" "	11	37 "
Ontario	" "	12	21 "
Prince Edward	" "	13	21 "
Frontenac	" "	14	14 "
St. Lawrence	" "	15	22 "
Ottawa	" "	16	18 "
Algoma	" "	17	5 "
Unattached			1 "
		Total	348 "

EXPULSIONS BY GRAND LODGE.

No. 116—W. O. Parsons. 171—Henry Watts. 339—Henry Perry.

SUSPENSIONS FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

No. 40—Geo. B. Smith. 171—Augustus Clark, H. J. Watts. 216—Eli Southorn. 241—D. L. Brown, P. Williams. 256—J. Stubbs. 266—J. L. Brown. 377—W. I. Degeer. 384—Frank Adams. 385—R. Hammill. 394—C. Brock. 407—J. C. Nelles (suspended by G.M.)

SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. 2—John Pendergast, D. J. Lowry. 5—W. H. Brownlow, M. M. Brooks, L. M. Booth R. Boyd, G. M. Beecher, W. J. Anderson, S. W. Miller, F. McGuinness, Jno. Garret t J. F. Vandusen, A. Sharp, J. Race. 9—J. S. Brandon, E. K. Perry, S. J Potter, W Saul, H. N. Fralick, W. Templeton, Geo, M. Fraser. 10—A. Wood, J. V. Barber, J. L. Brook. 11—G. H. Miller, T. A. Howard, E. Kerteston, W. Reeves, W. A. F. Campbell, C. S. G. Yarwood, R. White. 15—H. C. Eccles, G. LeSeur, J. Balfour, T. J. Hartley, F. E. Wheeler, W. G. Reynolds, G. Woods, Jr., W. H. Harris, G. S. Wilson. 16—J. Carlyle, J. B. Ostell. 18—J. D. Gilbert, F White. 20—A. W. Brown, J. Burton, R. H. Chump, D. Carroll Alex. Ferguson, S. H. Marshall, J. McMurphy, R. J. McKee, J. M. Piper. 24—J. T. Jarvis, A. Foster J. McCrum. 25—F. S. Nugent, E. L. Roberts, M. H. Miller, H. Tulford. 26—H. P. Salter John Carter, Jr. 27—Wm. Lawrence, W. R. Sutherland. 28—M. Gair, A. Cameron, J. K. McCargar, A. Reid, W. H. Knox, John C. Eastman, C. R. Bell. 34—W. L. Wilson. 35—A. R. McLeod W. A. McFarlane. 37 —R. T. E. Scoley, R. W. Smith F. D. Canfield, G. H. Cook, C. Brock, J. R., Walker, F. J. Brown. 38—L. Abbott, J. A Orr. 40—P. Corridi, D. Gauld, G. Hartley, W. Hill. J. H. Johnston, J. McLean, W. F. Wilkinson. 42—J. C. Waters, V. Schwalm, W. I. Lott, J. Williamson, J. Osborne. J. Lucknell, H. Hunter. 44—G. W. Littlejohn M. P. Whipple, John E. Close, D. G. Goodwin, E. Bennett. 45—E. Kester, Wm. Bauld, Jas.

A. Smith. 46—B. W. Burton. G. A. Witherspoon, J. Dalgarno A. G. McKerrall, H. Hollings. 47—Thos. Cowley, M. F. Brooks, Jas. Crampton D. McDonald J. Robinson, W. J. Livesay, W. Pedlow. 48—D McKay, W. T. White J. R. Ruckstuhl. 50—J. P. Cameron, P. V. Veach R. Weeks. 52—D. Coyer, J. M. Musgrove, W. Craig. 56—Wm. Foster. 63—C. Code. 64—Jas. Sloan G. Guest, V. A. Brown. 66—W. Hooper, W. N. Allen J. A. Thompson. 68—C. W. McK. Simpson, J. Reynolds H J. G Hallet, O P. Brown, J. A. Lloyd. D. H. Lancaster. 69—S. Caldwell, J. Gowzell. T B. Marshall, E. Kerteson. R. Bennett, G. A. Kennedy. J. A. McConnell, W. J McConnell I. Barton W. T. Loucks, Thos. Downs, S. Golding Wm. Kennedy. M. Wickett. 72—J. H. Burnett, W. C. Best J. Baugh, J. Doughty E. Doherty, J. G. Head J P. Lee, G. Murray, C. McWilliams, W. Pennock. 73—W. N. Ford, H Purdy. 75—J. W. Bridgman, G C. Phillips, J. H. Elliott. 76—C. Evans. A. Jones, F. Willis. J. Platts. 77—A H. Melville D. McGibbon, Jas. Ross, A. B Terry, A. Wilson, J. W. Wood, J. Pollard, J. H. Dean. 78—P. G. Bremley, J. L. Cummings, R. Clarke, G. W. Hare, R Smith, C. F. Linden. C. Thompson, F E. Winters. 82—Jas. Wilson, G. Arnold. 84—J. A. Rutledge, Jas Moore, J. Scott J. S. Chambers, A. Frackie. 85—J. Roddick, E. Mansell, I. J. Donnell, J. H. Crompton, J. Hines, W. McRae, C E. Perry 90—J. F. Sharpe H. F. Pearson, J Savage, T. J. Robertson, R. J. Widdifield. 101—J. Parker. Sr. 104—W. P. Ray, W. H. Miller, A. Allen, D McDonald. De M. Donald, G. W. Murton. 105—J. W. Mally. 106—E. J. Whale. 109—G. B. Stedman, W. J Hunter, C. N. Purvis. 110—D L Fell, J. S. Huntington. 119—Z T Dewolfe, A Storer. 122—H E. O'Hara, Jas Thompson. 124—M. Mulhern. G. R. McLennan, A. McKay, A. D. McRae, G. E. Webster, J. C. Alguire G. McDonald. R. Morrison, G. T Robertson, C. H. Wood, Jas. McLeod, Jno, Urquhart. 127—H G. Blecker, J. Chapman, I. W. Hennessay, Geo, E. Fraser. 129—R. W. Davis, J. N. Mably. 133—J. Drew W Westcott, J. Sample, M. Bissett, J. Brawn, T. H. Tyndall, W. Irving. 135—G. Smith, J. Hume, Jr., J. H. Beemer, R T. Grinshaw W. E. Bradley, S. Cox, J Moat, G. W Bradt, A Delong T. J. Chisholm, J. Davidson. 136—J. Hunter. R. P. Coulson, P. G. Button J. A. Todd, S. F. Ottewell. 137—R. Campbell, R. Kerr, J. B. Leroy, Jas. Bell. 140—E. W. Cheeseman, R. L. Markle, E. Walker, L. F. Cline, W. J. Cameron, Jas Anderson. 144—J. J. Barton, J. G. S. Craig, C Zoellner. 149—L. Bint, D. Turner. 157—T. K. Scovil, M. Sweet, A. Gilbert, W. Fleming, J. W Davis. 159—Jas. Mills, J. J. Hill. 162—H. J. Bagnall, W. B. Elliott. 166—E. Petitt, S. D. L tridge. 170—J W. Miller M. Munroe, H. G. Mackid 178—W. R. Shannon. 183—W. J. Tronnee Jas. Christie John Nott J. Belong, G. P. Gardner, J. Ruddy, S. E. Allison. 192—B Murphy, C. McPhadden, S. J. Sloan, W. McKenzie, W. O. Black, J. E. Mayward, W. H. McGilray D. L. Elderby, J. S. Wardell. A. Dugmore, John Dane W. H. Thorne A McBirrell, P. W. McLeod, O. Lyod C. C Sommerville, A. H. Beatou, R. Mainer, H. Boys, T. Meader J. S. McPherson, H. M H. Clarke, J. Hill, T. B. Newton, W. Harvey. 194—J. A. Glass, W. A. Perkins, F. L Goring. 196—J. W. Hyman. 196—R. D Fetherston, J. F. Fetherston, J. Stewart. 20—J. J. Piston C. Ritz 207—J. McPherson W. D. McBean. A. McK. Cattanach, I. Irvin W. C. Dickson. 209—A Wilkins W F. Lanagan, W. Tytler. J Ferguson, D J. Arbuckle, W. A. Griffith, G. H. G. Hathorn, A. E. Lennox, L. C. Leonard, T. W McClintock, A. Rolfe, L. H. Standrett. 212—John Bruyce e, Alex. Milligan, F. A Folger. 214—T. Brown, H. Clark D. J. Craig, D. C. McIntyre, M. McIntyre, J. A. Marshall, H. C. Munro, D F, Stuart, J. N Tibeaudo, K. Walker. 215—W. R. Bowerman 216—Fred W. Lewis 218—Thos. Greenway, J. F. Craig, F. Douglas, J. Kerrigan, J. Miller, F. Powell, C. C Rockwood, R. H. Reid, S. J. Sharpe, C Wellbank. J. B Webber. 219—Jas. Bennie, S. Dilts, W. F. Taylor, G. Gibbs, J Christie. 220—Geo Carder, T. Davy, W. C. Van Nostrand. 221—J. Flann. E. S. Pattison, W. T. Wilson, H. James, W. M. Hendershot, I. Usher, H. N. Summers, J. W. McFarland. 225—A. B. McCallum, J. F. Schwalm, S. E. Smith, P. Lillico, A Galloway, J F. Kitchen, Jno. Brown, T. E. Winter, Jno. Connolly, Jas. Green, L. Bolton, T. Rolls, Wm. Dunham. 228—Wm. Walker, H. Smith, H. Benjamin, Jr, H Benjamin, sr., J. Owens, T W. Beeman, B. A. Booth, Jno. Gallaher, J. Woodruff, Wm. Ansley, N. Howard. 229—James Sharp, E. Sparks. 230—Wm. Nelson. 231—E. A. Read, C. J. Stevenson. 236—T. A. Evans, W. D. Clark, I. C. Rose, A. Brown. 238—M. Bambridge, J. Armstrong, C. H. Jones 241—P. Williams, S. Besandy. 242—A. T. Tickey. 247—S. G. Allen, H. I. P. Good, Wm. Lowry, E. W. Wood. 249—Joshua Hicks, W. D. Lumis, Nap. Laurandeau, 250—I. W. Farries, Wm. Gould, J. W. Gunn, J. McRay, I. Hummason, R. McLeod. T. J. Curr. 253—W. L. Atkins, C. McKenzie, S. W. Day, J. Patton, W. Craig, W. King, W. Neilson. 256—C. R. Monck 257—J. A. Harris, J H. Houseman, J. Higginbottom, C. Goetting, Jos. McFeggan, Angus McCormack, John Kir , C. D. Rounds, J. E Keyes, W. H. Broughton, T. A. Forster, Jno. Allison, T R. Watts, Jas Brogden, John C. Tyndall, D. A. McRae. 263—C. C. Culshaw, T. Sherdy, Geo. Morrison, J. Gross, 264—James Elliott, W. H. Morgan R. C W. McCuaig, J. L. Pratt, F. B. Wood.

265—E. C. Warnica, A. W. Duncan. 278—R. L. Tupper, G. H. Houson. 289—T. S. E. Dory, I Mitchell, W. C. Webb, C. W. Mathews, A. Ure, C Russell. 296—W. Coats, B. Sheppard, J. Gillies, N. C. Brown, R. Scott. 299—J. Braid. 283—E. R. Benjamin, A. Davis, C. Lavis, jr., F. Marskell, G. R. Purdy, S. H. Spangonburg, M. B. Vander-water. 284—W H. McCutcheon, T. O'Neil E. E. Wade. 285—G. Keevers, J. Jerrett, D Ross. 286—E. R. Talbot. 292—J Zielinski. 295—G. M. Green, W. Jamieson, J. C. Johnston, W. Wood, A. A. Benny, J. E Cooper, J. Fryer, H Mickie. 247—F. Uttech, A. W. Mishaw, C. Guggisberg, A. Bernhardt. 30 —Ed. Scatcherd, R. Conn, John Henderson. 303—J. Gorman, G. R. Johnston, T. Bawden, T Brandon. 306—W. A. Vollett, P. Saunders. 307—J. Downham, A. Hoover H. Delwiler. 311—C. Medforth. J. C. Pinder, D. Allen, A. Cooke, J. F. Orr 314—John Bugg, James Milan, J. A. Dumas. 318—J. A Becker. 320—S. J. Allison, J. J. Klye, M Knowsland. 223—R. McCarroll. 325—G I. Ferguson 326—T. H. Bache, H. M Graham G. H. McPherson. 334—T. H. Farmer, C. C. Green, J. Green, R T Stephenson, M. Matheson, C. W. Stewart, W. G Johnston, J. G. Graham, Robt. Jones, G. Te non, W. W Collie 337—O. T. Wilkins. 34 —K. McDonald, G. Warder, P. Brown, A. C. McLeod, D. Cameron, A. McLeod, S. R. Browns. 343—C. Traviss, A Mossington, D M. Belling, W. S Morton, G. B. Bowlby. 84 —W. H. Collins. 345—R. Pickel, W. Sumner. 346—G. T. Blackbird, H. Armstrong, R. Campbell, F. A. Dixon, G. Johnston, C Lowe, M. J. Meyerfey. J. C McMurray, Wm. Rose, W. Somerville, H McWhirter, A. G. Wahl. Dumas. 347—H. Vincent 352—W. Burtley, M. N. Connor, A. Caldwell, A. Campbe l, J. S. Scarlett, B. F. Kean 356—W. H. Davidson, J. Edwards, J. Burton, J. Green, T. Shawcross, J. Ferris, W. H. Law, J. B. Henderson, L. Shain, J T Joyce, D. Livingston, W. C Barber, J W. Rolls, S E. Mitchell, R F. Pollard 357—S Ryckman, J. Barker, J. Mitchell, H. Thompson, R. Green, T Cummings. 366—E Neugant, J. Cameron, R. Miller. 367—S. Richardson, J. Pearson, A Stewart, T. R. Brownlee. 368—George Beacock, Jas Clapp 370—Jesse Delong. A. Brown. 374—W. Chambers. 376—C. Peacock, B. G. Beattie, C. A. Toole, J. R. Morrison. 377—I. F. Belfry. 382—J. H. Bunting. 383—J. Alexander. 384—G. J. Potts, R. B. Farewell, W. A. Hollingshead. 386—J. Hind, J. Murray. 391—B A. Shupe, E. H. Edsall, Chas W. Fox, T. A. Raw ins, Jos. Street. 392—C. E. Grundy. 393—John Clarke. 394—A Webb. 397—D Boucher, D. Young, R A Johnston, F. Lossing, J. Stubbs, P. McGrath, F Davis, W. Hewer. 401—D. R. McRae, M. D. Campbell. 402—W. J Johnson, D. Sinclair, G M. Willson, D. G. Austin, W H. Culford, W. Betcome, W. F. Clarke 406—J. D Simpson, G Cunningham, B. Bowman, J. Pritchard. 409—J B Dench, W. J. Langworthy, S. Caswell, J. Mackelin. 410—F Furnival, A. McNab, T. C. Robinette. 413—D. Stevenson, D. D. Ellis, Wm. Langley, Thos Norey, M. Martin, J. F. Falls, T. Taylor. 423—C. A. Toole, W. Armstrong, A. Bannerman, H. S. Brennen.

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No. Lodge	Name.	Date.
2	Robt. Shearer	June 1 .1891
3	A. Livingston	Oct. 10..1890
3	Jas. A. Henderson	Dec. 7 ...1890
3	W. A. Strong	April 25..1891
3	R. Gilbert	May 5 . 1891
3	J. A. Macdonald	June 6 ..1891
5	E. Barr	M'rch 18.1891
6	D. McNichol	Sep. 25..1890
6	E. S. Whipple	Nov. 21..1890
6	C. D. Pulver	Dec. 16..1890
10	Wm. Todd	May 25..1891
11	S. Kennedy	July 18..1890
11	W. H. Ponton	Sept. 5..1890
14	W. W. Berford	Jany. 21.1891
14	T. Brooke	June 10 .1891
15	A. G. Brown	Sep. —..1890
16	Robert Barber	June 18..1890
16	John Kent	Sep. 2 ..1890
16	G. M. Lynn	Oct. —..1890
16	R. P. Echlin	March 17 1891
17	Thos. Battell	Aug. 22..1890
18	L. Minaker	Feb. 23..1891
20	E. Murphy	Jan. 17..1891
22	John Graham	July 18..1890
22	W. Wakefield	Mch. 14..1891
24	Robt. Taylor	Dec. 19..1890
25	W. T. O'Reilly	July 12..1890
25	A. G. Lightburn	Aug. 30..1890
25	B. N. Broburg	Mch. 14..1891
27	A. J. Brennen	July 7 ..1890
27	J. F. Jagoe	July 12...1890
27	J. E. Pointer	Sept. 4..1890
27	Thos. H. Wilson	May 25..1891
28	Robt. Leslie	May 19..1891
32	J. D. Furry	April —.1891
32	J. A. Blott	April 9 ..1891
33	J. S. Videau	Aug. 18...1890
33	P. Green	Feb. 7 ..1891
34	J. G. Kolpage	Sep. 29..1890
34	W. Bungay	Oct. 5 ..1890
34	J. Gott	Dec. 9 ..1890
35	Jas. Burkholder	No date ....
37	Robt. Vance	July 30..1890
37	Geo. A. Thompson	Sep. 19..1890
37	A. M. McKay	Feb. 21..1891
37	W. Tennant	May 31..1891
37	J. Lee	May 3 ..1891
40	John Cox	June 27..1890
40	Jas. Hunter	Sep. 26..189
40	John Kennedy	Jan. 10..1891
40	J. B. Robinson	Mch. 21..1891
40	G. Lee	April 1..1891
41	J. Dixon	Oct. 24..1891
42	Levi Kisby	Jan. 13..1890
42	Jas. Rogers	Jan. 27..1890
42	A. S. Murray	July 28..1890
42	Jas. Smith	Nov. 26..1890
44	G. W. Morgan	Oct. 26..1890
44	J. Lang	May 4 ..1891
44	Jas. Lock	Mch 22..1891
47	T. B Longley	Jan. 11..1890
48	D. Ross	Jan 24..1890
48	R. Squiers	No date ....
52	J. A. Macdonald	June 6 ...1891
54	D. Kinnee	June 2 ..1891
56	A. McDonald	Oct. 25..1890
56	Alex. Ingram	May 1 ..1890
56	O. C. Watson	Mch. 22..1891
57	J. H. Jacobs	May 31..1890
58	J. Brownlee	July 25..1890
61	L. Hawkins	July 27..1890
61	F. W. Cook	Oct. 21..1890
61	Thos. Evans	Mch. 29..1891
62	W. J. Clark	Oct. 4....1890
63	W. J. Ball	July 26..1890
64	C. E. Moorehouse	Apr. 2...1890
64	W. J. Smith	June —..1890
64	A. L. McMullen	Jan. 3 ..1890
64	Wm. Carey	June —..1890
65	J. E. Day	Nov. 10..1890
65	A G. Burns	Mch. 31..1891
65	Wm. Raeside	May 24..1891
67	Jas. Adams	Apr. 2 ..1891
69	G. D. Dickson	May 20..1891
73	J. Ingram	Jan. —..1891
73	T. B Carrothers	Jan. —..1891
74	W. J. B. McL. Moore	No date ....
75	J. Middleton	Apr. 12..1891
75	J. R. Foster	June 15..1891
76	R. H. Gracey	Sep. 29..1890
76	N. McKinnon	Dec. 21...1890
76	C. H. Whitehead	June 22..1891
78	John Thompson	Feb. 6 ..1890
78	J. F. Tribe	May 12..1890
78	W. McDonald	July 23..1890
81	R. Brydon	Sep. 17..1890
82	W. Stanton	Jan. 22..1891
83	W. Richardson	Feb. 18..1891
86	S. Horne	Apr. 20..1891
86	G. Johnson	May 4...1891
88	W. J. Elliott	Dec 15..1890
91	Jas. Scougale, Sr	July 27..1890
92	A. Smyth	July 31..1890
92	A. McCune	May 17..1891
93	T. Johnston	Oct. 21..1890
96	H. Fraser	May 10..1891
96	R. Simpson	Apr. 3 ..1891
96	E. Bethel	Dec. 28..1890
98	F. W. Bolton	Dec. 17..1890
98	R. Beaudah	Feb. 24..1890
98	R. N. Booth	Aug. 19..1890
98	J. McAllister	Apr. 12..1891
99	W. Rowland	July 5...1890
99	S. Roadhouse	Aug. —..1890
100	Geo. Bonner	Oct. 11..1890
101	C. H. Sheffield	Jan. 30..1890
101	R. Meade	Mch. 12..1890
101	W. O. Strong	May —..1891
101	W. Denoon	May 30..1891
104	J. H. Miller	Nov. 18..1890
104	W. Shillard	Mch. 15..1891
105	Chas. Kellar, Sr	Dec. 22..1890
106	N. A. Bernes	Sep. 26..1890
108	L. Cassaday	No date ....
108	S. Stephenson	No date ....
108	F. Burgess	No date ....
109	S. Schuyler	Dec. 18..1890
114	D. Mal ock	May 12..1890
114	A. T. Williams	July ..1890
114	R. Fogerty	Nov. 7 ..1890
115	J. S. Walker	May 4 ..1891
119	C. L. Rogers	Oct. 2 ..1890
121	John Elliott	Apr. 18..1891
123	A. W. Bullen	Mch. 21..1891
123	Richard Taylor	May 29...1891
125	George Pratt	 1890

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No. Lo'ge.	Name.	Date.
126	J. Ketchie	Jan. —..1889
126	Joseph Smith	Dec 28..1890
129	Seth Ashton	June 20..1891
133	James Oke	Sep. 18..1890
133	T. Hodgins	Dec. 25...1890
135	R. Pearson	Aug. 9 ..1890
135	D. Lucas	Sep. 21..1890
137	E. Thompson	Jan. 30..1891
140	W. M Adams	July 7 ..1890
143	John Walsh	April 2..1891
143	John Reid	May 13..1890
146	L. Lott	Jan 31..1891
147	Charles H. Knapp	July —..1890
148	A. Graham	Jan 19..1890
149	E. Ryerse	Jan. 12..1891
153	John Roberts	April 5..1891
155	H. Quirk	July 1—..1890
156	John Davis	Mch. 31..1891
157	D. Wardrobe	Mch. 23..1891
161	J. B. Richards	June 19..1890
164	Ira Clinton	Nov. 7 ..1890
165	J. H. Burns	June 20..1891
168	William Spearman	July 10..1890
169	J. Mathews	Sep. 15..1890
177	Alex Jaques	July 7 ..1890
178	John Potter	April 9..1891
180	Hugh McNair	Mch. 25..1891
190	A. H. Cameron	No date ....
196	James Carmichael	Dec. 2 ..1890
200	J. H. Kilgour	Aug. 8 ..1890
2 3	James Broley	Sep. 1 ..1890
205	M. Hepler	Sep. 28..1890
209a	J. A. Craig	Sep. 13..1890
212	A. I. Chamberlin	Aug 3 ..1890
214	L. E. Shepley	Sep. — ..1889
218	H. Kerrison	Oct. 15..1890
218	William Black	Sep. 8 ..1890
218	William Young	Apr. 15 1890
218	G. E. M. White	Aug. 10..1890
224	H. Shelby	Apr. 19..1891
225	A. Little	Feb. 12...1891
230	Hugh Quirk	Aug. 2 ..1890
231	J. Davidson	Aug.—..1890
232	Wm. Bowlby	July 1 ..1891
234	George Reekie	Sep. 7 ..1890
234	D. Donaldson	April 8 ..1891
236	William Nelson	May 3 ..1890
236	D. H. McMahon	June 22..1890
238	Robert C. Carter	Oct. 5 ..1890
247	M. R. Lake	July 25..1890
247	John James	Mch. 9 ..1891
253	William Reid	Mch. 8 ..1891
256	Thomas Talach	Feb. 4 ..1890
257	John Coffie	Aug.—..1890
258	W. Powell	Oct. 14..1890
262	Josh. M. Bartley	Jan. 20..1890
265	J T B. Lindsay	No date ....
274	J. Tyrrell	 1890
276	J. W. Young	July 5 ...1889
283	Henry Turner	July 9 ..1890
283	W. H. Houston	Apr. 28..1891
285	R. Tegart	Feb. 15 .1890
290	R. Laird	April 2 ..1891
295	C. Flath	Sep. 23..1889
296	D Cameron	May 7 ..1891
302	W. Falkiner	No date ....
303	William Wilson	Aug. 25..1890
3 6	A. A. Hind	Jan. 20..1891
306	J. H. Hunter	Feb 22..1891
307	R E. Dodds	Jan. 7 ..1891
312	W. C. McDougall	Feb. 11...1890
316	James Summers	July 4 ..1890
316	S C. McKell	Dec. 12..1890
316	W. M. Widgery	Apr. 10..1891
316	John Ritchie	Aug. 29..1890
316	D. L. McKinnon	No date ....
320	A. W. Boyce	July 14..1890
321	Robert Taylor	 1885
324	Samuel Slater	Oct. 18..1890
324	A. S Vail	Oct. 31..1890
326	C. E. Stevens	Feb. —..1891
326	J. A. Macdonald	June 6 ..1891
329	D. Murray	Apr. 30..1891
330	W. E. Hare	Aug 9 ..1890
334	A. McPherson	June 14..1890
339	J. W. Lewis	Dec. 21..1890
349	A. Laverty	May 11..1891
342	P. H. Livingston	Nov. 20..1890
346	Henry Stone	Aug. 20..1890
346	B. Rosenthal	June 20..1891
354	J. E. Smith	Apr. 20 1891
360	S. B. Fisk	May 27..1891
361	John Howe	Jan. 20..1891
362	John Robertson	May 31..1890
371	E. C. B nnett	July 11..1890
371	J. A. Halcro	July 16..1890
373	James M. Dunn	Oct. 19..1890
376	L. E. Kinton	Mch. 11..1890
378	J. S. Smith	Jan. —..1890
379	G. McLaughlin	Feb. 18..1891
379	G. McKenzie	Mch. 26..1891
382	William Smith	Dec. 11..1890
384	Robert Carey	Mch. 17..1890
384	P. Peppiatt	Feb. 18..1889
384	Henry T. King	Feb. 8..1891
390	M Davison	Feb 10..1891
391	Robert Marcus	Aug. 30..1890
393	J. S. McDonald	Nov. 14..1890
393	A. McConnell	Mch. 20..1891
396	M. M. Greenlees	Sep. 7 ..1890
400	H. Williams	Mch. 11..1891
403	W. Wilkinson	Aug. 11..1890
408	J. Cameron	May 27..1891
410	C. Davies	Nov 18..1890
410	C Levy	Mch. 11..1891
417	William Crocker	Sep. 17..1890
417	John Evans	Nov. 1..1890
418	J. Robinson	No date ....
420	A. B. Cowan	Jan. 18..1891
421	Geo. Sutton	Sep. 13..1890
423	A. J. Brennen	July 7 ..1890

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JAMES A. HENDERSON,

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THE RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD,

P.G.S.W. and Representative for England. *Died 6th June, 1891.*

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1857	W. M. Wilson	Simcoe	Rev. Jos. Scott	Dunham	Jas. E. Smith	Toronto	Samuel Ross	Brockville	1857
1858	W. M. Wilson	Simcoe	T. G. Ridout	Toronto	P. D. Brown	Montreal	J. K. Brown	London	1858
1859	W. M. Wilson	Simcoe	T. D. Harington	Quebec	F. W. Barron	Toronto	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	1859
1860	T. D. Harington	Quebec	W. B. Simpson	Brockville	Denis Gale	Quebec	T. D. Warren	St. Thomas	1860
1861	T. D. Harington	Quebec	W. B. Simpson	Brockville	E. Heathfield	London	W. A. Osgoode	St. Johns	1861
1862	T. D. Harington	Quebec	W. B. Simpson	Brockville	Hon Robt. Spence	Toronto	Jas Seymour	St. Catharines	1862
1863	T. D. Harington	Quebec	W. B. Simpson	Brockville	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	B C. Davy	Napanee	1863
1864	W. B. Simpson	Brockville	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	E. J. Sisson	Belleville	Jno. Renshaw	Montreal	1864
1865	W. B. Simpson	Brockville	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	A. S. Kirkpatrick	Kingston	M. Croubie	Belleville	1865
1866	W. M. Wilson	Simcoe	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	John Kerr	Toronto	I. H. Stearns	Montreal	1866
1867	W. M. Wilson	Simcoe	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	I. H. Stearns	Montreal	Jno. Turquard	Woodstock	1867
1868	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	Jas. Seymour	St. Catharines	J. W. Murton	Hamilton	S. Baker	Dunham	1868
1869	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	Jas Seymour	St. Catharines	P. J. Brown	Ingersoll	D. Thomas	Sherbrooke	1869
1870	A A. Stevenson	Montreal	Jas Seymour	St. Catharines	Thos. White, Jr	Montreal	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	1870
1871	Jas. Seymour	St. Catharines	Thos. White, Jr.	Montreal	A. McLean	Ingersoll	R. P. Stephens	Toronto	1871
1872	W. M. Wilson	Simcoe	Thos. White, Jr.	Montreal	Jas. Bain	Toronto	H. Merrill	Ottawa	1872
1873	W. M. Wilson	Simcoe	Thos. White, Jr.	Montreal	B. E. Charlton	Hamilton	F. Mudge	Whitby	1873
1874	W. M. Wilson	Simcoe	J. K Kerr	Toronto	W. R. White	Pembroke	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	1874
1875	J. K. Kerr	Toronto	W. H. Weller	Cobourg	G. S. Birrell	London	A. J. Cambie	Ottawa	1875
1876	J. K. Kerr	Toronto	W. H. Weller.	Cobourg	H. F. Sharp	St. Marys	E. Allworth	Kingsville	1876
1877	W. H. Weller.	Cobourg	J. A. Henderson	Kingston	G. J. Waugh	Stratford	Gavin Stewart	Hamilton	1877
1878	W. H. Weller	Cobourg	J. A. Henderson	Kingston	B. Saunders	Toronto	T. H. Tracy	London	1878
1879	J. A. Henderson	Kingston	Jas Moffat	London	D. McLellan	Hamilton	J. Walsh	Ottawa	1879
1880	J. A. Henderson	Kingston	Jas. Moffat	London	R. J. Hovenden	Toronto	Hugh Walker	Guelph	1880
1881	Jas. Moffat	London	Daniel Spry	Barrie	Wm. Hayden	Woodstock	W. A. Gunn	Kingston	1881
1882	Daniel Spry	Barrie	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	W. T. Bray	Wiarton	1882
1883	Daniel Spry	Barrie	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	E. Plant	Ottawa	J. S. Dewar	London	1883
1884	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	G. R. Vanzant	Markham	W. A Green	Walkerton	1884
1885	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	R. L. Patterson	Toronto	Wm. Forbes	Grimsby	1885
1886	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	R. T. Walkem	Kingston	J. E. D'Avignon	Windsor	W. J. Simpson	Brockville	1886
1887	Hy Robertson	Collingwood	R. T. Walkem	Kingston	A. W. Porte	London	Dr. G. G Rowe	Toronto	1887
1888	R. T. Walkem	Kingston	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	J. A. Wills	Toronto	Jos. Beck	Goderich	1888
1889	R. T. Walkem	Kingston	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	Jas. McLauchlan	Owen Sound	M. Walsh	Ingersoll	1889
1890	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	J. M. Gibson	Hamilton	John Kinghorn	Kingston	G. C. Davis	London	1890
1891	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	J. M. Gibson	Hamilton	Jas Sutherland	Woodstock	Le F. A. Maingy	Ottawa	1891

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1889	R. T. Walkem	Kingston	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	Jas. McLauchlan	Owen Sound			
1890	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	J. M. Gibson	Hamilton	John Kinghorn	Kingston	G. C. Davis	London	1890
1891	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	J. M. Gibson	Hamilton	Jas Sutherland	Woodstock	Le F. A. Maingy	Ottawa	1891

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Year	Grand Chaplains.	Place.	Grand Registrars.	Place.	G. Treasurers.	G. Secretaries.	G. Senior Deacons.	Place.	Year
1855	Dr. Lunday	Grimsby			Wm. Be lhouse	T. B. Harris	C Magill	Hamilton	1855
1856	St. Geo. Caulfield	St. Thomas	Thos. B. Harris	Hamilton	Wm. Bellhouse	Jno. Osborne	Jas. Moffatt	London	1856
1857	J. Tremayne	Farmersville	W. H. Miller	Toronto	Wm. Bellhouse	T B. Harris	Reg. Henwood	Brantford	1857
1858	Dr. Lunday	Grimsby	Francis Richardson	Toronto	Wm. Bellhouse	T. B. Harris	E. R. O'Brien	Toronto	1858
1859	Jos. Scott	Dunham	S. B Harman	Toronto	Hy Groff	T. B. Harris	S B Campbell	Toronto	1859
1860	J. A. Preston	Stirling	E. Heathfield	London	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	P. P. Harris	Ottawa	1860
1861	V. Clementi	Peterboro'	D. Curtis	Brantford	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	Jno. Boyd	Montreal	1861
1862	V. Clementi	Peterboro'	J. V. Noel	Kingston	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	J. P. Wilson	Fonthill	1862
1863	V. Clementi	Peterboro'	J. H. Graham	Richmond	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	C. D. Macdonnell	Kingston	1863
1864	V. Clementi	Peterboro'	C. D. Macdonnell	Kingston	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	A. S. Kirkpatrick	Kingston	1864
1865	V. Clementi	Peterboro'	R. Irwin	Montreal	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	C. W. Bunting	Toronto	1865
1866	V. Clementi	Peterboro'	F. C. Draper	Toronto	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	J. E. Brooke	Chatham	1866
1867	V. Clementi	Peterboro'	A. Murray	Montreal	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	John Clark	Simcoe	1867
1868	V. Clementi	Peterboro'	Daniel Spry	Toronto	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	John King	St. Catharines	1868
1869	H. Montgomery	Phillipsburg	S. B. Fairbank	Oshawa	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	R. P. Stephens	Toronto	1869
1870	V. Clementi	Peterboro'	D. McLellan	Toronto	Hy. Groff	T. B Harris	N. B. Falkiner	Belleville	1870
1871	C. Forest	Merrickville	J. B. Bickell	Brooklin	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	E. Racicot	Sweeteburg	1871
1872	E. Lounsbury	London	C. Bennett	Port Rowan	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	J. F. Lash	Toronto	1872
1873	G. M. Innes	London	J. Nettleton	Collingwood	Hy. Groff	T. B. Harris	Wm. Tupple	Pembroke	1873
1874	G. M. Innes	London	D. McG. Malloch	Clinton	Hy. Groff	T. B Harris	F. J. Menet	Toronto	1874
1875	G. M. Innes	London	J. G. Burns	Toronto	Hy. Groff	J. J. Mason	G. H. Dartnell	Whitby	1875
1876	W. R. Ross	Pickering	I. Watterman	London	Ed. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	Jas. Speight	Markham	1876
1877	J. G. Robb	Toronto	C. H. Hawson	Ingersoll	Ed. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	Jas. Wilson	Toronto	1877
1878	C. W. Patterson	Aurora	Wm. Slawson	Picton	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	S. J. Parker	Owen Sound	1878
1879	J. Gallagher	Pitt's Ferry	Jas. Greenfield	Kingston	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	Wm. Tyrler	Guelph	1879
1880	Wm. Hay	Scotland	R. L. Gunn	Hamilton	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	J. E. Beeton	St. Catharines	1880
1881	E. Davis	London	E. H. Long	Waterford	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	R. Radcliffe	Goderich	1881
1882	E. Davis	London	W. C. Wilkinson	Toronto	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	Thos. Beattie	London	1882
1883	J. T. Wright	St. Marys	E. T. Malone	Toronto	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	W. D. Gordon	Kingston	1883
1884	Geo. Crystal	Avonton	F. C. Martin	Woodstock	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	J. H. Knifton	Toronto	1884
1885	H. W. Davies	Toronto	Jno. Satchell	Ottawa	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	Geo. Tait	Toronto	1885
1886	C. L. Worrell	Morrisburg	Geo. J. Bennett	Toronto	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	C. W. Postlethwaite	Toronto	1886
1887	C. L. Worrell	Morrisburg	D. Derbyshire	Brockville	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	F. F. Manley	Toronto	1887
1888	F. B. Stratton	Tamworth	H. A. McKelcan	Hamilton	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	Hy. Clark	Walkerton	1888
1889	D. Armstrong	Moore	F. M. Morson	Toronto	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	John Sutherland	Kingston	1889
1890	R. J. Craig	Deseronto	J. C. Boyd	Simcoe	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	Robt. Oliver	Toronto	1890
1891	Canon Pettit	Cornwall	C. C. Robinson	Aurora	E. Mitchell	J. J. Mason	G. Sterling Ryerson	Toronto	1891

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YEAR.	G. JUNIOR DEACONS.	PLACE.	G. SUPT. OF WORKS.	PLACE.	G DIR OF CER.	PLACE.	ASST. GRAND SECY.	PLACE.	YEAR.
1855	G. L. Allen	Toronto	Thos. Duggan	Hamilton	J. Osborne	Hamilton	J. H. Isaacson	Montreal	1855
1856	Jas. E. Smith	Toronto	F. J. Rastrick	Hamilton	J. C. Spence		R. A Malcolm		1856
1857	Jos. Walker	Grimsby	F. J. Rastrick	Hamilton	S. B Campbell	Toronto	W. H. Fowler	Melbourne	1857
1858	D. Curtis	Dunnville	F. J. Rastrick	Hamilton	S. B. Campbell	Toronto	W. R. Harris	Toronto	1858
1859	T. W. Thomas	London	W. G. Storm	Toronto	L. L. Levey	Toronto	Thos. McCracken	Hamilton	1859
1860	James Seymour	St Catharines	W. G. Storm	Toronto	Alfred DeGrassi	Toronto	Thos McCracken	Hamilton	1860
1861	Wm. Irwin	Hamilton	Wm. Hay	Quebec	W. F McMaster	Toronto	Th s. McCracken	Hamilton	1861
1862	A. W. Ogilvie	Montreal	W. F. Biggar	Grimsby	Wm. McGhie	St. Catharines	Thos McCracken	Hamilton	1862
1863	A. G. Fenwick	Three Rivers	F. J Rastrick	Hamilton	C. J. S. Askin	Chatham	Thos. McCracken	Hamilton	1863
1864	G S. Jarvis	Oil Springs	F. J. Rastrick	Hamilton	J. W. Murton	Hamilton	Thos McCracken	Hamilton	1864
1865	Geo. Smith		H. A. Sims	Prescott	B E. Charlton	Hamilton	Thos. McCracken	Hamilton	1865
1866	W. W. Pringle	Hamilton	E. M. Copeland	Montreal	J. R. Clare	London	J. W. Ferguson	Hamilton	1866
1867	James Bowman	Stouffville	M. H. Spencer	Barrie	Wm. Edgar	Hamilton	Wm. Angus	Montreal	1867
1868	D. Thomas	Sherbrooke	A. T. Honel	Toronto	Jno. Taylor	Belleville	Ed. Mitchell	Hamilton	1868
1869	I. B. Futvoye	St. Johns	W. Chatfield	St. Catharines	Chas. Sharp	Guelph	W. T. Monday	Hamilton	1869
1870	Chas. Storer	Montreal	John Kerr	Kingston	J. F. Dennistoun	Peterboro'	R. Brierly	Hamilton	1870
1871	H. G. Summers	Bell Ewart	C. Bennett	Port Rowan	Jas Gibson	Windsor	J. J. Mason	Hamilton	1871
1872	W. S. Martin	Paris	R. Nichols	Port Hope	H. F. Sharp	St. Marys	C R. Smith	Hamilton	1872
1873	A. D. Stevens	Dunham	J. W. Digby	Brantford	N. G. Bigelow	Toronto	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	1873
1874	G. S. Birrell	London	J. H. Rowan	Ottawa	A. Irving, Jr	Pembroke	F. R. Despard	Hamilton	1874
1875	J. B. Nixon	Toronto	W. Reid	Hamilton	H. L. Vercoe	Seaforth	G. Stewart	Hamilton	1875
1876	J. M Platt	Picton	H. Walker	Guelph	W. J Hambly	Toronto	J. M. Gibson	Hamilton	1876
1877	T. Burnie	Windsor	T. H. Tracy	London	W. Kerr	Kemptville	J. H. Tilden	Hamilton	1877
1878	John Barbour	Galt	D. McNab	Carleton Place	W. A. Gunn	Kingston	R. A. Hutchison	Hamilton	1878
1879	H. G. Lindsay	Mount Brydges	C. E. Stewart	Bobcaygeon	R. T. Coady	Toronto	D. McPhie	Hamilton	1879
1880	M. D. Dawson	London	F. Rowland	Kingston	W. C. Wilkinson	Toronto	Chas. Lemon	Hamilton	1880
1881	F. Gallon	Toronto	H. W. Ansley	Port Dover	C. E Klotz	Preston	J. E. Harrison	Milton	1881
1882	J. N. Carter	Picton	Levi Yale	St. Catharines	W. K. Street	London	H. Bickford	Dundas	1882
1883	J. G. Robinson	Toronto	D. Sinclair	Melbourne	R. L. Patterson	Toronto	C. H. Foster	Hamilton	1883
1884	James Simpson	Blenheim	R. McCaw	Oshawa	F. Wilmott	Barrie	Geo. Russell	Hamilton	1884
1885	C. G. McDermott	St. Catharines	J. A. Campbell	Ottawa	Jas. Hook	London	B. J. Morgan	Hamilton	1885
1886	LeF. A. Maingy	Ottawa	W. H. Ponton	Belleville	John Kerr	Ingersoll	R. E Gallagher	Hamilton	1886
1887	J. McL. Stevenson	Barrie	Wm. Webster	Belleville	J. W. Finlay	Guelph	John Malloy	Hamilton	1887
1888	Jas. Alexander	Peterboro'	C. F. Mansell	Parkdale	Jas. Walters	Napanee	Geo. E. Mason	Hamilton	1888
1889	D. F. MacWatt	Barrie	P. J. Slatter	Toronto	Wm. Ballantyne	Seaforth	A. Poulter	Hamilton	1889
1890	J. C. Kearns	Ottawa	R. E. Fletcher	Barrie	D. T. Hind	Jarvis	Thos. McCallum	Hamilton	1890
1891	R. W. Garrett	Kingston	J. D. Clarke	London	A. B. Colcock	Brockville	Jas. W. O'Hara	Toronto	1891

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1888	Jas. Alexander	Peterboro'	C. F. Mansell	Parkdale	Jas. Walters	Seaforth	A. Poulter	Hamilton	1889
1889	D. F. MacWatt	Barrie	P. J. Slatter	Toronto	Wm. Ballantyne	Jarvis	Thos. McCallum	Hamilton	1890
1890	J. C. Kearns	Ottawa	R. E. Fletcher	Barrie	D. T. Hind	Brockville	Jas. W. O'Hara	Toronto	1891
1891	R. W. Garrett	Kingston	J. D. Clarke	London	A. B. Colcock				

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Year	Asst. G. Dir. of Cer.	Place.	Gr. Sword Bearer.	Place.	Grand Organists	Place.	As. Grand Organist.	Place.	Year
1855	G. E. Fenwick				W. T. Thomas	Hamilton			1855
1856	G. W. Powell	Simcoe	J. W. Haldimand	Montreal	W. T. Thomas	Hamilton	R. J. Fowler	Montreal	1856
1857	Henry Grist	Hamilton	J. W. Haldimand	Montreal	W. T. Thomas	Brantford	R. J. Fowler	Montreal	1857
1858	W. H. Weller	Cobourg	C. R. Wilkes	Brantford	W. T. Thomas	Hamilton	J. P. Clark		1858
1859	Thos. Ridout	Port Hope	Henry Rowsell	Toronto	H. G. R. Tripp	Toronto	A. M. Munro	Toronto	1859
1860	Thos. Mackie	London	Geo. Masson	Sarnia	Alf. Boultbee	Newmarket	J. M. Rogerson	Hamilton	1860
1861	Geo. Twomley	Prescott	A. W. Ogilvie	Montreal	W. H. Weldon	La Colle			1861
1862	Daniel Spry	Toronto	A. G. Fenwick	Three Rivers	John Leggo	Brockville	G. W. Lawler		1862
1863	W. G. F. Downs	Niagara	W. B. Gallwey		F. C. Dittmers	Montreal	Hy. Carlisle	St. Catharines	1863
1864	A. B. Parmelee	Waterloo	John Paterson	Toronto	Hy. Carlisle	St. Catharines	R. Leslie	Kemptville	1864
1865	Wm. Reid	Hamilton	James Bain	Toronto	Hy. Carlisle	St. Catharines	Thos. White, Jr	Hamilton	1865
1866	John Wilson	Simcoe	Otto Klotz	Preston	Thos. M. theson	Mitchell	W. Dalton	Montreal	1866
1867	E. H. Parker	Kingston	W. C. Clark	Aylmer, C E	E. McKay	Belmont	H. Waterman	London	1867
1868	E. C. Barber	Ottawa	J. W. Lethbridge	Brantford	G. A. Pearce	Montreal	A. E. Fife	Brighton	1868
1869	Thos. Munro	Ottawa	F. Mudge	Brantford	A. E. Fife	Brighton	Wm. Nivin	Montreal	1869
1870	J. S. Bartlett	Granby	Robert Lewis	London	Wm. Nivin	Montreal	F. Mudge	Gue-ph	1870
1871	John Dale	St. Catharines	R. Robinson	Toronto	E. W. Beaven	Amprior	N. L. Steiner	Toronto	1871
1872	P. Geraghty	Kingston	P. Patterson	Patterson	Wm. Nivin	Montreal	A. H. Cranston	Galt	1872
1873	J. Midgley	St. Thomas	B. Saunders	Toronto	St. J. Hyttenranch	Paris	C. A. Sippi	London	1873
1874	Jos. Miller	Peterboro'	John Kennedy	Peterboro'	C. A. Sippi	London	T. Aishton	Bath	1874
1875	C. R. Slawson	Ingersoll	J. M Clement	Niagara	A. E Fife	Brighton	A. Irvine	Harriston	1875
1876	Geo. H. Corbett	Kingston	W. Forbes	Grimsby	G. J. Waugh	Stratford	W. D. Lockhart	Orono	1876
1877	R. Struthers	St. Catharines	Wm. Brydon	Toronto	P. Erbach	Baden	J. F. Kennedy	Perth	1877
1878	R. Elder	Peterboro'	T. H. Thornton	Consecon	J. Williamson	Simcoe	Geo. Gott	Amherstburg	1878
1879	G. C. Eden	Woodstock	J. H. Taylor	St. Catharines	J. O. Emmett	Fonthill	R L. Hunter	Lucknow	1879
1880	A. Jamieson	Waterford	E. R. Shepley	Leamington	W. E. Roxburgh	Norwood	B. Rothwell	Amelissburg	1880
1881	Edgar Flood	Lindsay	John Nichol	Listowel	Jas Newell	Wyoming	R. J. Sanderson	Orillia	1881
1882	A. Patterson	Toronto	J. G Miller	Niagara	E. T. Malone	Toronto	C. W. Brown	Toronto	1882
1883	J. P. Thomas	Belleville	Jas. Lockie	Berlin	W. R. Howse	Whitby	A. Q. Dobbin	Lanark	1883
1884	Jas. Gemble	Mt. Brydges	A. K. Scholfield	Port Colborne	Wm. Roaf	Toronto	R. Shearer	Woodstock	188
1885	J. D. Palmer	Belleville	E. E. Loosley	Grimsby	W. J. Simpson	Brockville	L. Secord	Niagara	188
1886	R. O. Simpson	London	J. D. Allan	Galt	A. W. Carkesek	Toronto	J. D. Wallis	Brantford	188
1887	Thos. Millman	Kingston	H J. Wilkinson	Kingston	John Collard	London	A. R. Rowat	Ottawa	1887
1888	B Paine	Ridgetown	J. A. Cowan	Toronto	W. J. Pink	Perth	A. L. Rundle	Nilestown	1888
1889	E. W. Case	Picton	A. Denne	Stratford	Omer Brown	Delta	E. Burk	Oshawa	1889
1890	A. G. Horwood	Toronto	J. Caverley	Madoc	Cyrus Hacking	Listowel	Alex. Smith	London	1890
1891	J. W. Rippon	Woodstock	J. E. Peers	Chatham	Geo. Inglis	Owen Sound		Hamilton	1891
			Jas. W. Allen	Newmarket					

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Grand Pursuivants	Place.	Grand Stewards.	Place.	Grand Stewards.	Place.	Grand Stewards.	Place.	Year
W. Powell	Simcoe	J. R. Holden	Caledonia	J. C. Butler				1855
	Brockville	E. Morris	Montreal	Dr. Fowler	Melbourne	A. S. Abbott	London	1856
R. Bostwick	Dunnville	Wm. Dungay	Amherstburg	Dr. H. Crosse	Simcoe	Jos. A. Fisher	King	1857
	Toronto	E. J. Barker	Kingston	P. Henry	Montreal	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	1858
	Kingston	J. J. Dunyown		Fred. Parsons	Goderich	Augus McKay		1859
	Kingston	C. W. Matheson	Simcoe	Jno. Davidson	Galt	Arthur Murray	Drumbo	1860
	Kingston	W. G. F. Dowse	Niagara	H. S. Borrell	Toronto	T. T. Irving	London	1861
	Kingston	Thos. Matheson	Mitchell	Wm. McCabe	Oshawa	C. J. Askin	Chatham	1862
	Kingston	Geo. W. Parker	Hennyville	D. Barker	Picton	Alex. Walker	Quebec	1863
	Kingston	Jas. Reynolds	Prescott	C. B. Pettit	Richmond	F. C. Draper	Toronto	1864
	Kingston	Hy. Robertson	Co-Ringwood	J. G. Cormack	Pembroke	E. Goodman	St. Catharines	1865
	Kingston	Geo. Farnham	Peterboro'	J. Paterson	Woodstock	G. N. Napier	Melbourne	1866
	Kingston	M. M. Tait	Richmond	Chas. Cameron	Peterboro'	Wm. Wilkinson	Quebec	1867
	Millbrook	L. W. Decker	Phillipsburg	C. S. Rowe	Clarenceville	W. R. Irvine	Dundas	1868
W. Decker	Phillipsburg	Moses Betts	Welland	Geo. Hodgetts	Toronto	D. McLellan	Toronto	1869
	Montreal	J. B. Bicknell	Brooklin	Wm. Carey	London	Wm. McKenzie	Montreal	1870
R. L. Denison	Dundas	P. H. McTavish	Montreal	Thos. Bergant	Toronto	W. L. P. Bagwell	Milton	1871
R. Bickmore	St. George	A. J. Dealy	Simcoe	E. D. Booth	Bowmanville	Wm. Baund	Dunnville	1872
A. C. Muir	Grimsby	John Cavers	Galt	A. Whittaker	Windsor	D. McG. Malloch	Clinton	1873
	Ingersoll	Jas. Suttoe	Lucan	J. A. McKenzie	Sarnia	L. Waterman	London	1874
	Markham	J. Orsman	Brockville	Jno. Fisher	Erlinton	H. B. O'Connor	Riversdale	1875
R. Tennant	Markham	Wm. Young	Chatham	Harvy Morris	Wallaceburg	J. J. Lunday	Peterboro'	1876
	Oshawa	C. L. Beard	Woodstock	John Bledon	Wellocetown	F. W. H. G. Jarvis	Lambeth	1877
J. Wood	Owen Sound	W. Milner	Strathroy	T. R. Powell	Lobo	Hy. F. Smith	Bothwell	1878
	Worcester	John Sinclair	Petrolia	S. S. Clutten	Aylmer	J. C. Rose	Lynedoch	1879
	Canterville	W. L. Tackabury	Chatham	John Pitzallen	Delaware	Lewis Beam	Waterford	1880
	Ottawa	W. Shea	Toronto	Samuel White	Peterboro'	W. E. Millward	Grimsby	1881
	Islington	R. McKnight	Owen Sound	D. B. Dewar	Sarnia	W. H. Sparling	Chatham	1882
	Barrie	W. H. Dickson	Exeter	Jas. Macoun	Belleville	A. Chalfield	Kincardine	1883
	Brampton	E. B. Wells	Brussels	H. W. Watson	Clearville	J. M. Moran	Ottawa	1884
	Peterville	Dr. G. G. Rowe	Toronto	I. Baker	Stratford	E. H. Thompson	Stratford	1885
	Kingston	W. R. Doherty	St. Thomas	J. A. C. Anderson	Ridgetown	T. W. Chapple	Niagara	1886
	Brockville	W. A. Woolcam	Ingersoll	Jas. Newton	Georgetown	M. Henry	Uxbridge	1887
	Toronto	W. F. Mills	Burford	A. Cameron	Napier	S. Dubber	Port Dalhousie	1888
	Lanark	Dan. Welsh	Essex Centre	M. Eacrett	Exeter	W. Abernethy	St. Thomas	1889
	Eglinton	Jno McDonald	Tilsonburg	A. Aylesworth	Newburgh	Geo. Collins	Mooretown	1890
R. Bryden	Rat Portage	W. S. Beaver	Port Arthur				Trenton	1891
Jas. Moore	Stratford							

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Grand Stewards.	Place.	Grand Stewards.	Place.	Grand Stewards.	Place	Grand Stewards.	Place.	Year
Dr. H. Grouse	Simcoe	Thos. Fletcher	St. Catharines	J. R. Carroll	Cayuga	D. Barker	Picton	
Chas. Rawlings	Brantford	D. Moss		Wm. Paidy	Toronto	S. Browning		
Chas. Rawlings	Windsor	John Dutton	Delaware	Jos. Jakes	Toronto	J. B. Hall		
Wm. Reedy	Kingston	John Boyd	Sudbury	Ed. Hines	Montreal		Port Hope	
Wm. Reedy	King	R. C. Barr	Tapanee	Thos. Cassa	Brockville	Thos. Mackie	London	
Dr. E. Nelson		Wm. Livingston	Delaware	Wm. Story	Goderich	E. Moss		
Dr. E. Nelson	Arnprior	M. A. Gemmell	Portsmouth	Jos. Brooks	Newcastle	J. H. Rowan	Kingston	
C. E. Frank	London	G. C. Longley	Maitland	T. White, Jr.	Hamilton	G. C. Reifenstein	Ottawa	
C. E. Harvey	Newburgh	John Amerson	Dunnville	T. E. Pardee	Napier	Jno. MacDonnell	Cornwall	
C. E. Harvey	Perth	W. H. Oliver	Perth	L. H. Bearns	Montreal	E. A. Walker	Barrie	
C. E. Harvey	Niagara	R. J. Earl	Chatham	Jno. Ingsworth	Toronto	M. C. Cameron	Goderich	
C. E. Frank	Chatham	H. G. Meigs	Thamesville	E. W. Flagler	Wellington	Wm. Bowron	St. Catharines	
C. E. Harvey, Jr.	Thorpton	J. Quigley	Brockville	G. Ballington	Delaware	P. J. Brown	Ingersoll	
C. E. Frank, Jr.	Belleville	Jno. Taylor	Brantford	C. Bright	Sweetsburg	S. J. Brown	Niagara	
C. E. Wilkinson	St. Johns	Jno. Nettleton	Collingwood	D. Sutherland	Peterboro	C. R. Ford	Colborne	
Chas. Hale	Hamilton	J. B. Hall	Colborne	W. S. Burnett	Galt	J. Davy	Brighton	
C. E. Hamilton	Collingwood	A. Rattenbal	Waterford	Alex. S. Abbott	London	C. E. Nimmo	Port Colborne	
C. E. Harlock	Orangeville	R. Deadman	Perth	G. B. Reeve	Parkhill	Alex. Chisholm	Montreal	
C. E. Harlock	L'Original	R. Rogerson	Simcoe	J. Ousin	St. Thomas	W. D. Hepburn	Guelph	
C. E. Harvey	Simcoe	G. Hamilton	Chatham	W. D. Ross	Dundas	E. Pepler, Jr	Port Hope	
C. E. Harvey	Orangeville	Robt. Paterson	Port Dalhousie	Wm. Fleming	London	J. Greenfield, Jr.	Kingston	
C. E. Harvey	Thorpton	C. Pentland	Peterboro	J. Ferguson	Collingwood	Henry Smith	Plantagenet	
C. E. Harvell	Port Burwell	Jos. Peck	Goderich	Jas. Broddy	Erin	John Erskine	Toronto	
C. E. Reed	Guelph	H. Hyndman	Palmerston	L. Leitch	St. Catharines	G. McFarland	Thorold	
C. E. Hansford	Brantford	R. S. McCormack	Orangeville	W. H. Bell	Port Robinson	G. W. Morrison	Aurora	
C. E. Hansford	Dundas	Chas. Fyfe	Chatsburg	Chas. King	Whitby	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	
C. E. Reed	Brock	J. B. Bishop	Hamilton	T. L. M. Tipton	Dunnville	Jno. Warnock	Ingersoll	
C. E. Kennedy	Belleville	Alex. Hess	St. Thomas	T. McCarroll	Meaford	E. Plant	Ottawa	
C. E. Kennedy	Guelph	Jas. Mulholland	Newburgh	S. Percy	Toronto	A. S. Allan	Clifford	
C. E. Kennedy	Burford	H. F. Swinarton	Midland	A. Bonnycastle	Sharon	Alex. Hamilton	Stratford	
C. E. Gregory	Collingwood	Jas. Scott	Wallaceburg	Jno. M. Hart	Cannington	E. T. Shaw	Dorchester	
Chas. Gurney	Brantford	Wm. Miller	Omemee	Jno. Mallon	Strathroy	W. Paterson, Jr.	Peterboro'	
Chas. Gurney	Campbellford	E. Eppinger	St. Ste. Marie	Wm. Ballie	Kingston	J. P. Thompson	Belleville	
C. E. Miller	Hamilton	R. R. Forbes	Woodstock	A. J. Little	Guelph	E. E. Dickinson	Wingham	
Chas. Hook	Mattawa	W. T. Tener	Collingwood	A. Shaw	Kingston	W. A. Ferrah	Oakville	
A. Allan	Newcastle	J. Ritchie	Bannerville	W. H. Dunlop	Thorndale	J. D. Graham	Lindsay	
						G. Middleditch	Amherstburgh	

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1855	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1855
1856	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1856
1857	C. H. McCauley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1857
1858	T. C. Prosser.....	Collingwood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1858
1859	Wm. Fitch.....	Grimsby.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1859
1860	W. C. Tait.....	Melbourne.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1860
1861	Geo. Forbes.....	Woodstock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1861
1862	H. J. Martin.....	Sherbrooke.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1862
1863	G. L. Graham.....	Aurora.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1863
1864	J. H Rowan.....	Kingston.....	S. G Dolson.....	St. Catharines	W. B. Gallwey.....	Ottawa.....	H. V. Saunders.....	Port Hope.....	1864
1865	F. Westlake.....	London.....	Hy. Dumble.....	Kingston.....	John Kerr.....	Toronto.....	Thos. Wilkinson....	Brockville.....	1865
1866	Thos. Winter.....	Stratford.....	S. J. Foss.....	Sherbrooke.....	F. F. McArthur.....	Bowmanville.....	B. Powell.....	Port Dover.....	1866
1867	J. S. Clark.....	Montreal.....	Jos. Hurssell.....	Cayuga.....	J. M. Dunn.....	Guelph.....	J. K. Kerr.....	Toronto.....	1867
1868	J. G Gemmell.....	Ottawa.....	A. McLean.....	Ingersoll.....	H. T. Wood.....	Picton.....	I B. Futvoye.....	St. Johns.....	1868
1869	R. W. Laing.....	Waterloo.....	D. McMurchy.....	Markham.....	A. Diamond.....	Belleville.....	W. T. Rickaby.....	Three Rivers.....	1869
1870	Jno. Boyd.....	Oshawa.....	Robt Kemp.....	Grimsby.....	W. C. Morrison.....	Toronto.....	W. S. Martin.....	Paris.....	1870
1871	D. A. Cressor.....	Owen Sound.....	H. O'Neil.....	Campbellford..	Thos. Brook.....	Perth.....	G. S Oldrieve.....	Kingston.....	1871
1872	Wm. Dewar.....	Ancaster.....	W. R. White.....	Pembroke.....	J. S. Scarff.....	Woodstock.....	W. H Archer.....	Toronto.....	1872
1873	Ed. Allworth.....	Kingsville.....	John McLean.....	Montreal.....	A. R. Boswell.....	Toronto.....	John Hoshar.....	Cayuga.....	1873
1874	H. T. Champion....	Winnipeg.....	T. F. Blackwood....	Yorkville.....	Jno. Gibson.....	Stratford.....	D. A. Ferguson....	Smiths Falls....	1874
1875	S. Rogers.....	Ottawa.....	J. N. Fulmer.....	Ridgeway.....	E. King.....	Barrie.....	W. Hayden.....	Glencoe.....	1875
1876	J. C. Doebler.....	Port Hope.....	R. McIntosh.....	Meaford.....	Geo. Risk.....	Plattsville.....	Robt. Weir.....	York.....	1876
1877	Alex. Williams....	Sutton.....	R. McNaughton....	Newcastle.....	A. K. Aylsworth....	Newburgh.....	R. W. McFarlane...	Cornwall.....	1877
1878	F. B. Armstrong....	Stouffville.....	Geo. W. Kellond....	Oshawa.....	I. S Loomis.....	Madoc.....	S. B. Fell.....	Morrisburgh.....	1878
1879	W C. Dobie.....	P. Arthur Landing	A. Davidson.....	Durham.....	P. Taylor.....	Oshawa.....	Albert Chard.....	Sterling.....	1879
1880	L Huber.....	Bracebridge.....	A H. Melville.....	Lindsay.....	C. E Clark.....	Shannonville.....	J. R. Dargavel.....	Newboro'.....	1880
1881	G. E. R Wilson....	Frankford.....	T.W. Thompson....	Iroquois.....	Thos. Brock.....	London.....	Jno. Satchell.....	Richmond.....	1881
1882	W. Colcleugh.....	Mount Forest....	L Becker.....	Waterford.....	M. Day.....	Thamesford.....	Jas. Holmes.....	Chesterville.....	1882
1883	J. Dundas.....	Southampton.....	J. A. Malcolm.....	Hamilton.....	J. A. Wills.....	Toronto.....	Jno Wilson.....	Simcoe.....	1883
1884	S. W. Ray.....	Port Arthur.....	Jno. Carruthers....	Prescott.....	David Trotter.....	Petrolia.....	H. Jennings.....	Penetanguishene..	1884
1885	J Fleming.....	Bath.....	R. C. Bruce.....	Tara.....	Wm. Kerns.....	Burlington.....	W. Miller.....	Oil Springs.....	1885
1886	Jno. Tindale.....	Fergus.....	R. Nokes.....	Southampton.....	Alva Trusler.....	Camlachie.....	J. J. Buckley.....	Penetanguishene..	1886
1887	A. Irvine.....	London.....	G. M. Richardson....	Tamworth.....	W. T. Wilkinson....	Woodstock.....	Wm. Melrose.....	Baden.....	1887
1888	W. B. Irving.....	Gravenhurst.....	H. F. Holland.....	Cobourg.....	Jas. McNeil.....	Keene.....	A. D. Ponton.....	Toronto.....	1888
1889	A. Burrett.....	Meaford.....	W. H. Andrews.....	Po t Robinson....	Thos Kennedy.....	Ottawa.....	J. A. Warren.....	Keewatin.....	1889
1890	O. Bascom.....	Kemptville.....	A. McKechnie.....	Brampton.....	C. F. Harris.....	Walkerton.....	I. E. Johnston.....	Port Arthur.....	1890
1891	Chas. Mole.....	Sarnia.....	J. C. Kells.....	Millbrook.....	E. Fox.....	Kincardine.....	R. H. Marston.....	Vankleek Hill....	1891

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Year	Grand Stewards.	Place.	G. St'd Bearers.	G. St'd Bearers.	D. D. G. M.'s—1.	Place.	D. D. G. M.'s—2.	Place.	Year
					Western District.		*Central District.*		
1855					W. C. Stephens	Hamilton	W. B. Simpson	Brockville	1855
1856									1856
1857									1857
1858									1858
1859									1859
1860									1860
1861									1861
1862									1862
1863									1863
1864	S. Baker	Dunham							1864
1865	E. W. Wiswell	Sherbrooke							1865
1866	Jno. King	Dundas							1866
1867	E. P. Hannaford	Montreal							1867
1868	C. Joncas, Jr.	Quebec							1868
1869	Jas. Canfield	Ingersoll							1869
							St. Clair District		
1870	C. S. Elliott	Orillia					I. E. Brooke	Chatham	1870
1871	J. R. Ormond	Peterboro'					Jno. Tracy	Petrolia	1871
1872	J. W. Stewart	Port Dover					Jas. Gowans	Sarnia	1872
1873	S. L. Bedson	Fort Garry					T. C. Macnabb	Chatham	1873
1874	A. Hudspeeth	Lindsay					T. C. Macnabb	Chatham	1874
1875	A. P. Booth	Odessa					T. C. Macnabb	Chatham	1875
1876	Geo. Walker	Beamsville					T. C. Macnabb	Chatham	1876
1877	Wm. Rea	Ottawa					G. W. Holwell	Thedford	1877
1878	J. G. Cranston	Arnprior					E. Allworth	Kingsville	1878
1879	J. G. Campbell	Perth					T. C. Macnabb	Chatham	1879
1880	W. Cunningham	Pakenham					T. C. Macnabb	Chatham	1880
1881	J. F. H. Gunn	Walkerton					T. C. Macnabb	Chatham	1881
1882	John Hull	Lakefield					N. J. Lindsay	Watford	1882
1883	Ogden Hinch	Napanee					A. Jamieson	Watford	1883
1884	A. Ellis, Jr.	London					W. F. Miller	Walkerville	1884
1885	A H Herschelder	Cannington					Jno. Sinclair	Petrolia	1885
					Erie District.				
1886	D. T. Ferguson	Rat Portage			R. M. Stuart	Dresden	Jno. Sinclair	Petrolia	1886
1887	G. B. Coy	St. Catharines	G. Reekie, Thornbury	D. Barr, Renfrew	R. M. Stuart	Dresden	Jas. Newell	Wyoming	1887
1888	J. P. Whitehead	Strathroy	C. Pye, Clarksburg	L. E. Niesler, Elora	J. A. C. Anderson	Ridgetown	W. S. Calvert	Napier	1888
1889	W. A. Chettick	Dorchester	H Clements Palmerst'n	A. Hood, Arnprior	A. H. Clark	Essex Centre	J. P. Whitehead	Strathroy	1889
1890	T. S. Petrie	Guelph	A J VanIngen, Cobourg	R. Cuthbert, Toronto	Jas. Birch	Chatham	J. P. Whitehead	Strathroy	1890
1891	W. W. Burgess	North Bay	W. Walker, Toronto	T. M. Till, Guelph	Benj. Paine	Ridgetown	W. D. Griggs	Forest	1891

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	Eastern District.								
1855	W. Eaden								1855
	London District.								
1856	Jas. Daniel								1856
1857	Capt. T. Wilson	London							1857
1858	Jas. Moffat	London							1858
					Huron District.		*Wilson District.*		
1859	Capt. T. Wilson	London			A. E Irving	Galt	G. W. Whitehead	Woodstock	1859
1860	T. W. Thomas	London			A. E. Irving	Galt	G. W. Whitehead	Wood-tock	1860
1861	Geo. Masson	Sarnia			A. E. Irving	Galt	G. W. Whitehead	Woodstock	1861
1862	Geo. Masson	Sarnia			John Dutton	Stratford	C. W. Matheson	Simcoe	1862
1863	Geo. Masson	Sarnia			John Dutton	Stratford	D. Curtis	Brantford	1863
1864	C. J. S. Askin	Chatham			Chas. Kahn	Stratford	D. Curtis	Brantford	1864
1865	C. J. S. Askin	Chatham			Chas. Kahn	Stratford	D. Curtis	Brantford	1865
1866	F. Westlake	London			Chas. Kahn	Stratford	D Curtis	Brantford	1866
1867	F. Westlake	London			M. C. Cameron	Goderich	D. Curtis	Brantford	1867
1868	J. E. Brooke	Chatham			Thos. Matheson	Mitchell	D. Curtis	Brantford	1868
1869	J. E. Brooke	Chatham			Thos. Matheson	Mitchell	D. Curtis	Brantford	1869
1870	G. Bellington	Strathroy			I. F. Toms	Goderich	P. J. Brown	Ingersoll	1870
1871	G. Bellington	Strathroy			I. F. Toms	Goderich	P J. Brown	Ingersoll	1871
1872	F. Westlake	London			J. E. Harding	St. Marys	H. McK. Wilson	Brantford	1872
1873	D. B Burch	London			J. E. Harding	St. Marys	W. S. Martin	Paris	1873
1874	W. D. McGloghlon	London			J. H. Benson	Seaforth	C. Bennett	Port Rowan	1874
1875	W. D. McGloghlon	London			J. H. Benson	Seaforth	C. Bennett	Port Rowan	1875
1876	J. Sutton, M.D	Lucan			J. G. Cooper	Walkerton	C. Bennett	Port Rowan	1876
1877	J. M. Banghart	Strathroy			J. G. Cooper	Walkerton	C Bennett	Port Rowan	1877
1878	J. Cascaden	Iona			C. E. Robertson	Goderich	T. B. Bain	Tilsonburg	1878
1879	R. B. Hungerford	London			A. McLenhan	Stratfo d	T. B. Bain	Tilsonburg	1879
1880	Rob. McKay	St. Thomas			De W. H. Martyn	Kincardine	G. C. Eden	Woodstock	1880
1881	W. Milner	Strathroy			De W. H. Martyn	Kincardine	G. C. Eden	Woodstock	1881
1882	L. G. Jarvis	London			R. Radcliffe	Goderich	Wm. Kennedy	Vittoria	1882
1883	H. G. Lindsay	Mt. Brydges			R. Radcliffe	Goderich	Wm. McKay	Woodstock	1883
1884	W. G. Lumley	Glencoe			D. S. Rupert	St. Marys	Robt. Ashton	Brantford	1884
1885	Jno. Simpson	Petersville			D. S. Rupert	St. Marys	J. C. Hegler	Ingersoll	1885
			S. Huron District.		*North Huron Dis.*				
1886	Luke Slater	St. Thomas	C. McLellan	Stratford	J. F. H. Gunn	Walkerton	J. C. Hegler	Ingersoll	1886
1887	C. N. Spencer	Londou	C. McLellan	Stratford	E. E. Wade	Brussels	J. C. Hegler	Ingersoll	1887
1888	Jno. Boyd	Belmont	W. G. Duff	Seaforth	E. E. Wade	Brussels	W. McDonald	Tilsonburg	1888
1889	W. B. Doherty	St. Thomas	W. G. Duff	Seaforth	E. C Bruce	Tara	D. H. Hunter	Woodstock	1889
1890	A. B. Munson	London	Wm. White	Mitchell	W. R. Telford	Walkerton	D. H. Hunter	Woodstock	1890
1891	T. E. Robson	Ilderton	Wm. White	Mitchell	D. D. Campbell	Listowel	P. H. Cox	Paris	1891

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			Hamilton District.						
			W. C. Stephens	Hamilton					
			Chas. Magill	Hamilton					
			Richd. Bull	Hamilton					
			Richd. Bull	Hamilton					
			Chas. Magill	Hamilton					
			Wm. Fitch	Grimsby					
			Wm. Fitch	Grimsby					
			Wm. Bellhouse	Hamilton					
			H. B. Bull	Hamilton					
			H. B. Bull	Hamilton					
			Jas. Seymour	St. Catharines					
			Jas. Seymour	St. Catharines					
	Wellington District.		John Parry	Dunnville	*St. Francis District.*				
	Otto Klotz	Preston			I. H. Stearns	Lennoxville			
	Chas. Hendry	Conestogo	I. P. Wilson	Welland					
	A. R. Petrie	Guelph	Ed. Mitchell	Hamilton			*Niagara District.*		
	T. M. Anderson	Ayr	Ed. Mitchell	Hamilton			I. P. Willson	Welland	
	W. S. Burnett	Galt	Ed. Mitchell	Hamilton			E. M. Willson	Niagara	
	W. F. Savage	Elora	J. J. Mason	Hamilton			E. Kemp	Beamsville	
	John McLaren	Mount Forest	J. J. Mason	Hamilton			R. Kemp	Beamsville	
	John Cavers	Galt	R. Brierly	Hamilton			D. E. Broderick	Caledonia	
	John Cavers	Galt	R. Brierly	Hamilton			D. E Broderick	Caledonia	
			Hugh Murray	Hamilton			John Dale	Thorold	
	J. MacDonald	Elora					John Dale	Thorold	
	W. D. Hepburn	Preston	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	*Georgian District.*				
	A. Irvine	Harriston	J. M. Meakins	Hamilton	John Nettleton	Collingwood	E. Goodman	St. Catharines	
	S. S. McCormack	Orangeville	J. M. Meakins	Hamilton	John Nettleton	Collingwood	J. W. Coy	St. Catharines	
	John Scoon	Guelph	W. G. Reid	Hamilton	John Cressor	Owen Sound	Geo. Walker	Beamsville	
	H. Hyndman	Palmerston	Thos. Clark	Dundas	John Cressor	Owen Sound	J. M. Dunn	Welland	
	D. R. Dewar	Berlin	J. M. Gibson	Hamilton	John Cressor	Owen Sound	J. M. Dunn	Welland	
	A. Cameron	Galt	Gavin Stewart	Hamilton	Robert King	Barrie	Wm. Gibson	Beamsville	
	T. P. Smith	Elora	D. McPhie	Hamilton	Robert King	Barrie	Wm. Gibson	Beamsville	
	A. Jardine	Hespeler	Wm. Kerns	Burlington	H. S. Broughton	Barrie	T. L. M. Tipton	Beamsville	
	S. Mahoney	Guelph	Geo. Russell	Hamilton	Hy. Jennings	Penetanguishene	T. L. M. Tipton	Dunnville	
	D. Forsyth	Berlin	Wm. Freeman	Georgetown	Geo. Monkman	Barrie	C. G. McDermott	Dunnville	
	J. C. Fox	Orangeville	John Malloy	Hamilton	Thos. McCarroll	Meaford	C. G. McDermott	St. Catharines	
	W. Conboy	Erin	C. W. Mulligan	Hamilton	D. F. MacWatt	Barrie	Wm. Jaques	St. Catharines	
			Jno. Moodless	Hamilton	W. T. Toner	Collingwood	A. R. Hurrell	Jarvis	
							D. Robertson	Amigari	
								St. Catharines	

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	Toronto District.								
1856	G. L. Allen	Toronto							1856
1857	Kivas Tully	Toronto							1857
			Ontario District.		*P. E. District.*				
1858	F. W. Cumberland	Toronto							1858
1859	Francis Richardson	Toronto	W. H. Weller	Cobourg	J. C. Franck	Belleville			1859
							Quebec District.		
1860	S. B. Harman	Toronto	J. B. Hall	Port Hope	A. A. Campbell	Belleville	Richard Pope	Quebec	1860
1861	W. G. Storm	Toronto	W. H. Weller	Cobourg	A. A. Campbell	Belleville	Richard Pope	Quebec	1861
1862	A. DeGrassi	Toronto	Thos. Hidout	Port Hope	A. A. Campbell	Belleville	Richard Pope	Quebec	1862
1863	A. DeGrassi	Toronto	Jos. Brock	Newcastle	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	Richard Pope	Quebec	1863
1864	Robert Spence	Toronto	J. Milne	Bowmanville	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	Richard Pope	Quebec	1864
1865	A. DeGrassi	Toronto	C. D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	J. H. Rowan	Quebec	1865
1866	A. DeGrassi	Toronto	W. H. Weller	Cobourg	D. Frazer	Picton	John Turner	Three Rivers	1866
1867	E. A. Walker	Barrie	Wm. McCabe	Oshawa	D. Frazer	Picton	Alex. Walker	Quebec	1867
1868	M. H. Spencer	Barrie	Wm. McCabe	Oshawa	W. H. Day	Trenton	Alex. Walker	Quebec	1868
1869	J. K. Kerr	Toronto	Wm. McCabe	Oshawa	H. W. Delany	Trenton	Alex. Walker	Quebec	1869
1870	J. K. Kerr	Toronto	R. Kincaid	Peterboro'	E. H. Smith	Conway	Alex. Walker	Quebec	1870
1871	J. K. Kerr	Toronto	J. Wright	Port Hope	E. C. Flint	Belleville	W. T. Rickaby	Three Rivers	1871
							Manitoba District.		
1872	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	J. B. Trayes	Port Hope	F. Richardson	Napanee	W. N. Kennedy	Winnipeg	1872
1873	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	J. B. Trayes	Port Hope	F. Richardson	Napanee	W. N. Nennedy	Winnipeg	1873
1874	R. P. Stephens	Toronto	J. B. Trayes	Port Hope	S. S. Lazier	Belleville	Geo. Black	Mapleton	1874
1875	D. Spry	Toronto	E. Peplow	Port Hope	Donald Ross	Picton			1875
1876	D. Spry	Toronto	E. Peplow	Port Hope	Donald Ross	Picton			1876
1877	F. J. Menet	Toronto	E. Peplow	Port Hope	James Smith	Belleville			1877
1878	R. McIntosh	Meaford	E. Peplow	Port Hope	James Smith	Belleville			1878
1879	T. Sargant	Toronto	G. H. F. Dartnell	Whitby	T. K. Ross	Odessa			1879
1880	R. Saunders	Toronto	G. H. F. Dartnell	Whitby	T. K. Ross	Odessa			1880
1881	J. B. Nixon	Toronto	G. H. F. Dartnell	Whitby	J. S. Loomis	Madoc			1881
1882	Jno. Fisher	Eglinton	E. H. D. Hall	Peterboro'	W. L. Hamilton	Belleville			1882
1883	J. G. Burns	Toronto	H. B. F. O'Dell	Oshawa	A. McGinnis	Belleville			1883
1884	T. F. Blackwood	Toronto	Hy. Turner	Millbrook	A. McGinnis	Belleville			1884
1885	J. H. Widdifield	Newmarket	Hy. Turner	Millbrook	R. Longmore	Camden East			1885
							Frontenac District.		
1886	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	R. McCaw	Oshawa	Jas. Tulloch	Stirling	Fred. Welch	Kingston	1886
1887	E. T. Malone	Toronto	B. Shortly	Peterboro'	Wm. Smeaton	Belleville	Fred. Welch	Kingston	1887
1888	Jas. Wayling	Sharon	B. Shortly	Peterboro'	Wm. Smeaton	Belleville	H. J. Wilkinson	Kingston	1888
1889	Wm. Roaf	Toronto	W. R. Howse	Whitby	F. J. Lightburne	Cobourg	H. J. Wilkinson	Kingston	1889
1890	Geo. J. Bennett	Toronto	Wm. Miller	Omemee	F. J. Lightburne	Cobourg	J. R. Dargavel	Elgin	1890
1891	T. H. Brunton	Newmarket	Wm. McKay	Bowmanville	G. E. R. Wilson	Colborne	S. C. Warner	Napanee	1891

1890	Geo. J Bennett	Toronto	Wm. Miller	Omemee	F. J. Lightburne	Cobourg	J. R. Dargavel	Elgin	1890
1891	T. H. Brunton	Newmarket	Wm. McKay	Bowmanville	G. E. R. Wilson	Colborne	S. C. Warner	Napanee	1891

Year	D. D. G. M.'s.—15.	Place.	D. D. G. M.'s.—16.	Place.	D. D. G. M.'s.—17.	Place.	D. D. G. M.'s.	Place.	Year
			Central District.		*Montreal District.*		*Eastern Townships.*		
1856			W. B. Simpson	Brockville	P. D. Brown	Montreal			1856
1857			W. B. Simpson	Brockville	I. H. Isaacson	Montreal	Elisha Gustin	Stanstead	1857
1858			W. B. Simpson	Brockville	E. Morris	Montreal	Elisha Gustin	Stanstead	1858
1859			Geo. F. LaSerre	Kingston	E. Morris	Montreal	H. L. Robinson	Waterloo, C. E	1859
1860			Geo. F. LaSerre	Kingston	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	M. Mitchell	Stanstead	1860
1861			Geo. F. LaSerre	Kingston	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	Geo. T. Moorehouse	St. Johns, C. E	1861
1862			J. A. Henderson	Kingston	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	Geo. T. Moorehouse	St. Johns, C. E	1862
1863			A. G. Macdonnell	Morrisburgh	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	D. Browne	Dunham	1863
1864			Robt. Lyon	Ottawa	R. A. Smith	Montreal	G. H. Borlase	Sherbrooke	1864
1865			J. V. Noel	Kingston	R. Bull	Montreal	D. W. Bryan	Stanbridge	1865
1866			Macneil Clark	Prescott	R. Bull	Montreal	John H. Graham	Richmond	1866
1867			J. P. Featherston	Ottawa	R. Bull	Montreal	John H. Graham	Richmond	1867
	St. Lawrence Dist.		*Ottawa District.*		A. Murray	Montreal	John H. Graham	Richmond	1868
1868	G. M. Wilkinson	Kingston	Wm. Mostyn	Almonte			*Bedford District.*		
1869	Thos Wilkinson	Brockville	J. J. Gemmill	Ottawa	M. Gutman	Montreal	H. L. Robinson	Waterloo, C. E	1869
1870	J. F. Chamberlain	Morrisburgh	E. C. Barber	Ottawa	M. Gutman	Montreal	H. D Pickel	Sweetsburg	1870
1871	Jno. Kerr	Kingston	E. C. Barber	Ottawa	J. Urquhart, jr.	Montreal	I. Erskine	Waterloo	1871
1872	Jas. Reynolds	Prescott	E. C. Barber	Ottawa	Wm. McKenzie	Montreal	Geo. H. Allen	Waterloo	1872
1873	Jas. Reynolds	Prescott	Wm. Mostyn	Almonte	Wm. Niven	Montreal	G. H. Wilkinson	St. Johns	1873
1874	A. S. Kirkpatrick	Kingston	J. W. Pickup	Packenham					1874
1875	Samuel Woods	Kingston	W. R. White	Pembroke					1875
1876	J. Stevenson	Iroquois	Wm. Kerr	Ottawa					1876
1877	R. Hendry	Kingston	Wm. Kerr	Ottawa					1877
1878	G. F. H Forbes	Farrans Point	J. W. Pickup	Packenham					1878
1879	R. T. Walkem	Kingston	Wm. Kerr	Ottawa					1879
1880	R. T. Walkem	Kingston	S. Rogers	Ottawa					1880
1881	A. F. Milliken	Cornwall	J. G. Cranston	Arnprior					1881
1882	J. H. Kenning	Prescott	E. B. Butterworth	Ottawa					1882
1883	W. Waddington, jr.	Kingston	Wm. Rea	Ottawa					1883
1884	Jno. Menlah	Brockville	Wm. Smith	Almonte					1884
1885	R. H. Preston	Newboro'	C. R. Church	Ottawa					1885
					Algoma District.				
1886	A. L. Riddell	Brockville	Jas. H. Burritt	Pembroke	A. W. Thompson	Port Arthur			1886
1887	J. M. Sinclair	Delta	D. Taylor	Ottawa	A. W Thompson	Port Arthur			1887
1888	W. J. Morris	Perth	D. Taylor	Ottawa	S. W. Ray	Port Arthur			1888
1889	W. H. Jackson	Brockville	D. Barr	Renfrew	D. T Ferguson	Rat Portage			1889
1890	W. H. Jackson	Brockville	J. H. Bothwell	Lanark	J. A Fraser	Port Arthur			1890
1891	S. B. Fell	Morrisburg	G. S. Macfarlane	Ottawa	W. C. Dobie	Port Arthur			1891

1864	W. C. Stephens	Detroit	Kivas Tully	Toronto	Jas. Seymour	St. Catharines	W. F Biggar	Grimsby	1864
1865	Robt. Spence	Toronto	Kivas Tully	Toronto	S. B. Harman	Toronto	J. Milne	Bowmanville	1865
1866	Robt. Spence	Toronto	Kivas Tully	Toronto	S. B. Harman	Toronto	J. Milne	Bowmanvil e	1866
1867	Æ. Irving	Hamilton	A. DeGrassi	Toronto	John Kerr	Toronto	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	1867
1868	Æ. Irving	Hamilton	A. DeGrassi	Toronto	John Kerr	Toronto	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	1868
1869	A. Bernard	Montreal	A. DeGrassi	Toronto	John Kerr	Toronto	W. H. Weller	Cobourg	1869
1870	A. Bernard	Montreal	A. DeGrassi	Toronto	'ohn Kerr	Toronto	W. H. Weller	'Cobourg	1870
1871	F. D. Harington	Ottawa	F. J. Menet	Toronto	Dr. Kincaid	Peterboro'	W. H. Weller	Cobourg	1871
1872	J. K. Kerr	Toronto	F. J. Menet	Toronto	Dr. Kincaid	Peterboro'	W. H. Weller	'Cobourg	1872
1873	S. B. Harman	Toronto	F. J Menet	Toronto	Dr. Kincaid	Peterboro'	W H. Weller	Cobourg	1873
1874	S. B. Harman	Toronto	F. J Menet	Toronto	Dr Kincaid	Peterboro'	W H. Weller	Cobourg	1874
1875	S. B. Harman	Toronto	F. J. Menet	Toronto	J E. Harding	St. Marys	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	1875
1876	S. B Harman	Toronto	F J. Menet	Toronto	J. E Harding	St. Marys	Hugh Murray	Hamilton	1876
1877	D. Spry	Toronto	D. McLellan	Hamilton	J. E Harding	St. Marys	James Moffat	London	1877
1878	D. Spry	Toronto	D McLellan	Hamilton	J E Harding	St. Marys	James Maffat	London	1878
1879	D. Spry	Toronto	C. D. Macdonne l	Peterboro'	Donald Ross	Picton	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	1879
1880	D Spry	Barrie	C D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	Donald Ross	Picton	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	1880
1881	R. T. Walkem	Kingston	B Saunders	Toronto	Donald Ross	Picton	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	1881
1882	R. T. Walkem	Kingston	B. Saunders	Toronto	Donald Ross	Picton	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	1882
1883	R. T. Walkem	Kingston	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	Donald Ross	Picton	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	1883
1884	R. T. Walkem	Kingston	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	Donald Ross	Picton	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	1884
1885	R. T. Walkem	Kingston	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	Donald Ross	Picton	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	1885
1886	J. G. Burns	Toronto	R. Hendry	Kingston	Donald Ross	Picton	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	1886
1887	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	R. Hendry	Kingston	Donald Ross	Picton	Hy Macpherson	Owen Sound	1887
1888	L. Secord	Brantford	D. H. Martyn	Kincardine	F C. Martin	Woodstock	J. E. Harding	Stratford	1888
1889	L. Secord	Brantford	D. H. Martyn	Kincardine	F. C. Martin	Woodstock	J. E. Harding	Stratford	1889
1890	L. Secord	Brantford	D. H. Martyn	Kincardine	F. C. Martin	Woodstock	W. Roaf	Toronto	1890
1891	L. Secord	Brantford							1891

1864	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Souud	Æ. Irving	Hamilton	Geo. Masson	Sarnia	A. S. Kirkpatrick	Kingston	1864
1865	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	Æ. Irving	Hamilton	Geo. Masson	Sarnia	John Kerr	Toronto	1865
1866	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	T. D Harington	Ottawa	S. D. Fowler	Kingston	Otto Klotz	Preston	1866
1867	Hy Macpherson	Owen Sound	T. D. Harington	Ottawa	S. D. Fowler	Kingston	Otto Klotz	Preston	1867
1868	I. H. Stearns	Lennoxville	T. D. Harington	Ottawa	W. B. Simpson	Kingston	Otto Klotz	Preston	1868
1869	J. H. Graham	Richmond	T. D. Harington	Ottawa	W. B. Simpson	Kingston	J. Milne	Bowmanville	1869
1870	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	C. D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	W. B. Simpson	Kingston	Otto Klotz	Preston	1870
1871	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	C. D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	W. B. Simpson	Kingston	Otto Klotz	Preston	1871
1872	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	D. Spry	Toronto	P. J. Brown	Ingersoll	Otto Klotz	Preston	1872
1873	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	D. Spry	Toronto	P. J. Brown	Ingersoll	Otto Klotz	Preston	1873
1874	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	D. Spry	Toronto	P. J. Brown	Ingersoll	Otto Klotz	Preston	1874
1875	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	J. B. Trayes	Port Hope	P. J. Brown	Ingersoll	Otto Klotz	Preston	1875
1876	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	J. B. Trayes	Port Hope	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	Otto Klotz	Preston	1876
1877	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	J. B. Trayes	Port Hope	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	Otto Klotz	Preston	1877
1878	F. J. Menet	Toronto	J. B. Trayes	Port Hope	G. J. Waugh	Stratford	Otto Klotz	Preston	1878
1879	F. J. Menet	Toronto	J. B Trayes	Port Hope	G. J. Waugh	Stratford	Otto Klotz	Preston	1879
1880	T. Sargant	Toronto	Hy. Robertson	Col ingwood	A. McLean	Kingston	Otto Klotz	Preston	1880
1881	T. Sargant	Toronto	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	A. McLean	Kingston	Otto Klotz	Preston	1881
1882	T. Sargant	Toronto	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	A. McLean	Kingston	Otto Klotz	Preston	1882
1883	T. Sargant	Toronto	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	A. McLean	Kingston	Otto Klotz	Preston	1883
1884	T. Sargant	Toronto	R. B. Hungerford	London	A. McLean	Kingston	Otto Klotz	Preston	1884
1885	T. Sargant	Toronto	R. B. Hungerford	London	A. McLean	Kingston	Otto Klotz	Preston	1885
1886	T. Sargant	Toronto	R. B. Hungerford	London	A. McLean	Kingston	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	1886
1887	T. Sargant	Toronto	R. B. Hungerford	London	J. S. Dewar	London	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	1887
1889	T. Sargant	Toronto	R. B. Hungerford	London	J. S. Dewar	London	J. F. H. Gunn	Walkerton	1889
1890	T. Sargant	Toronto	R. B. Hungerford	London	J. C. Hegler	Ingersoll	J. F. H. Gunn	Walkerton	1890
1890	T. Sargant	Toronto	R. B. Hungerford	London	J. C. Hegler	Ingersoll	J. F. H. Gunn	Walkerton	1890
1891	T. Sargant	Toronto	R. B Hungerford	London	J. C. Hegler	Ingersoll	J. F. H. Gunn	Walkerton	1891
							J. F. H. Gunn*		

*Died 12th September, 1891. Judge Morson, Toronto, appointed by G. M. to fill the vacancy.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES—ELECTED.

1864	W. H. Weller	Cobourg	Wm. Bel house	Hamilton
1865	W. H. Weller	Cobourg	Jas. Seymour	St. Catharines
1866	James Bain	Toronto	Jas. Seymour	St. Catharines
1867	James Bain	Toronto	Jas. Moffat	London
1868	James Bain	Toronto	Jas. Moffat	London
1869	James Bain	Toronto	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood
1870	James Bain	Toronto		
1871	James Bain	Toronto	A. S. Kirkpatrick	Kingston
1872	Wm. McCabe	Toronto	A. S. Kirkpatrick	Kingston
1873	Wm. McCabe	Toronto	Jas. Bain	Toronto
1874	A. McLean	Ingersoll	Jas. Bain	Toronto
1875	A. McLean	Ingersoll	J. A. Henderson	Kingston
1876	C. D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	J. A. Henderson	Kingston
1877	C. D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	Jno. Walsh	Ottawa
1878	John McLaren	Mount Forest	Jno. Walsh	Ottawa
1879	John McLaren	Mount Forest	D. Glass	London
1880	R. B. Hungerford	London	D. Glass	London
1881	R. B. Hungerford	London	J. M. Meakins	Hamilton
1882	J. B. Trayes	Port Hope	D. McLellan	Hamilton
1883	J. B. Trayes	Port Hope	D. McLellan	Hamiltoh
1884	D. H. Martyn	Kincardine	D. McLellan	Hamilton
1885	D. H. Martyn	Kincardine	D. McLellan	Hamilton
1886	J. H. Widdifield	Newmarket	D. McLellan	Hamilton
1887	J. H. Widdifield	Newmarket	D. McLellan	Hamilton
1888	E. T. Malone	Toronto	D. McLellan	Hamilton
1889	E. T. Malone	Toronto	D. McLellan	Hamilton
1890	E. T. Malone	Toronto	D. McLellan	Hamilton
1891	E. T. Malone	Toronto	D. McLellan	Hamilton

APPOINTED BY GRAND MASTER.

1864	I. H. Isaacson	Montreal	J. A. Henderson	Kingston
1865	A. Bernard	Montreal	J. A. Henderson	Kingston
1866	A. Bernard	Montreal	J. A. Henderson	Kingston
1867	A. Bernard	Montreal	Chas. Kahn	Stratford
1868	A. Bernard	Montreal	Chas. Kahn	Stratford
1869	B. E. Charlton	Hamilton	Geo. Bellington	Strathroy
1870	B. E. Charlton	Hamilton	T. D. Harington	Ottawa
1871	A. Bernard	Montreal	Jas. Moffat	London
1872	G. Levin	Ottawa	Jas. Moffat	London
1873	J. W. Murton	Hamilton	W. R. White	Pembroke
1874	J. W. Murton	Hamilton	J. A. Henderson	Kingston
1875	J. W. Murton	Hamilton	R. P. Stephens	Toronto
1876	J. W. Murton	Hamilton	R. P. Stephens	Toronto
1877	J. P. Wilson	Welland	D Ross	Picton
1878	J. P. Wilson	Welland	D. Ross	Picton
1879	J. Cascaden	Iona	Hugh Murray	Hamilton
1880	J. Cascaden	Iona	Hugh Murray	Hamilton
1881	J. Cascaden	Iona	Hugh Murray	Hamilton
1882	J. Cascaden	Iona	W. G. Reid	Hamilton
1883	W. L. Hamilton	Ottawa	H. A. Mackay	Hamilton
1884	W. L. Hamilton	Ottawa	H. A. Mackay	Hamilton
1885	R. Ramsay	Orillia	F. C. Martin	Woodstock
1886	E. Plant	Ottawa	F. C. Martin	Woodstock
1887	J. H. Burritt	Pembroke	F. C. Martin	Woodstock
1888	J. H. Burritt	Pembroke	F. C. Martin	Woodstock
1889	J. H. Burritt	Pembroke	Hy. Jennings	Penetang
1890	J. H. Burritt	Pembroke	Hy. Jennings	Penetang
1891	J. H. Burritt	Pembroke	J. E. Harding	Stratford

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1864	C. D. Macdonnell	Kingston	J. H Graham	Richmond	S. D. Fowler	Kingston	J. W. Murlin	Hamilton	1864
1865	Jno. Osborne	Hamilton	J. H Graham	Richmond	S. D. Fowler	Kingston	J. W. Murlin	Hamilton	1865
1866	Jno. Osborne	Hamilton	J. H. Graham	Richmond	W. B. Simpson	Kingston	C. D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	1866
1867	W. H. Weller	Cobourg	J. Milne	Bowmanville	W. B. Simpson	Kingston	C. D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	1867
1868	W. H. Weller	Cobourg	J. Milne	Bowmanville	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	Jno. Clark	Simcoe	1868
1869	A. McLean	Ingersoll	G. H. Borlase	Sherbrooke	Hy. Macpherson	Owen Sound	Jno. Clark	Simcoe	1869
1870	A. McLean	Ingersoll	J. Milne	Bowmanville	V. Clementi	Peterboro'	R. P. Stephens	Toronto	1870
1871	J. P. Wilson	Welland	J. E. Brooke	Chatham	V. Clementi	Peterboro'	A. A. Stevenson	Montreal	1871
1872	J. P. Wilson	Welland	J. E. Brooke	Chatham	C. D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	J. J. Mason	Hamilton	1872
1873	F. Westlake	London	J. E. Brooke	Chatham	C. D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	R. P. Stephens	Toronto	1873
1874	F. Westlake	London	J. E. Harding	Chatham	C. D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	E. C. Barber	Ottawa	1874
1875	Jas Moffat	London	J. E. Harding	St. Marys	C. D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	E. C Barber	Ottawa	1875
1876	Jas. Moffat	London	Jas. Bain	Toronto	C. D. Macdonnell	Peterboro'	E. C Barber	Ottawa	1876
1877	P. J. Brown	London	Jas. Bain	Toronto	J. H Benson	Seaforth	A. McLean	Ingersoll	1877
1878	P. J. Brown	Ingersoll	Jas. Bain	Toronto	J. H. Benson	Seaforth	A. McLean	Ingersoll	1878
1879	P. J. Brown	Ingersoll	Jas. Bain	Toronto	J. H. Benson	Seaforth	A. McLean	Kingston	1879
1880	P. J. Brown	Ingersoll	E. Allworth	Kingsville	J. H. Benson	Seaforth	A. McLean	Kingston	1880
1881	P. J. Brown	Ingersoll	E. Allworth	Kingsville	D. McLellan	Hamilton	Jno. McLaren	Mt. Forest	1881
1882	P. J. Brwn	Ingersoll	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	D. McLellan	Hamilton	Jno. McLaren	Mt. Forest	1882
1883	R. Saunders	Toronto	L. H Henderson	Belleville	R. B. Hungerford	London	Jno. McLaren	Mt. Forest	1883
1884	R. Saunders	Toronto	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	R. B. Hungerford	London	Jno. McLaren	Mt. Forest	1884
1885	F. J. Menet	Toronto	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	J. S. Dewar	London	Jno. McLaren	Mt. Forest	1885
1886	F. J. Menet	Toronto	R. Radcliffe	Goderich	J. S. Dewar	London	Jno Creasor	Owen Sound	1886
1887	F. J. Menet	Toronto	R. Radcliffe	Goderich	A. McLean	Kingston	Jno. Creasor	Owen Sound	1887
1888	F. J. Menet	Toronto	J. E. Harding	Stratford	A. McLean	Kingston	Jno. Creasor	Owen Sound	1888
1889	Donald Ross	Picton	J. E. Harding	Stratford	A. McLean	Kingston	Jno. Creasor	Owen Sound	1889
1890	Donald Ross	Picton	H. Macpherson	Owen Sound	A. McLean	Kingston	Jno. Creasor	Owen Sound	1890
1891	G. C. Davis	London	Wm. Rea	Ottawa	A. McGinnis	Belleville	R. McKnight	Owen Sound	1891
			Wm. Rea	Ottawa	A. McGinnis	Belleville	R. McKnight	Owen Sound	1891

1864	Jno. Paterson	Toronto	Jas. Reynolds	Prescott	Otto Klotz	Preston	J. C. Franck	Belleville	1864
1865	Jno. Paterson	Toronto	Jas. Reynolds	Prescott	Otto Klotz	Preston	G. H. Borlase	Sherbrooke	1865
1866	V. Clementi	Douro	Jno. Renshaw	Montreal	Thos. White	Hamilton	G. H. Borlase	Sherbrooke	1866
1867	V. Clementi	Lakefield	Jno. Renshaw	Montreal	Thos. White	Hamilton	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	1867
1868	Thos. Wood	Dunham	M. Gutman	Montreal	Thos. White	Hamilton	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	1868
1869	Thos. Wood	Dunham	Æ. Irving	Hamilton	Thos. White	Hamilton	Frank Edgar	Montreal	1869
1870	D. Spry	Toronto	E. Racicot	Sweetsburg	J. E. Harding	St. Marys	Æ. Irving	Hamilton	1870
1871	D. Spry	Toronto	E. Racicot	Sweetsburg	J. E. Harding	St Marys	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	1871
1872	Jas. Gibson	Windsor	Jno. Urquhart	Montreal	A. McLean	Ingersoll	R. P. Stephens	Toronto	1872
1873	Jas. Gibson	Windsor	Jno. Urquhart	Montreal	A. McLean	Ingersoll	A. S. Kirkpatrick	Kingston	1873
1874	D. McLellan	Hamilton	V. Clementi	North Douro	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	1874
1875	D. McLellan	Hamilton	V. Clementi	Peterboro'	Hy. Robertson	Collingwood	J. D. Henderson	Colborne	1875
1876	Jno. McLaren	Mt. Forest	J. W. Pickup	Pakenham	T. Sargant	Toronto	J. D. Henderson	Colborne	1876
1877	Jno. McLaren	Mt. Forest	J. W. Pickup	Pakenham	T. Sargant	Toronto	T. C. Macnabb	Chatham	1877
1878	C. Bennett	Simcoe	H. Robertson	Collingwood	T. Sargant	Toronto	T. C. Macnabb	Chatham	1878
1879	C. Bennett	Simcoe	H. Robertson	Collingwood	R. Hendry	Kingston	J. B. Nixon	Toronto	1879
1880	John Walsh	Ottawa	J. H. Benson	Seaforth	R. Hendry	Kingston	J. B. Nixon	Toronto	1880
1881	John Walsh	Ottawa	J. H. Benson	Seaforth	R. Hendry	Kingston	D. Glass	London	1881
1882	J. E. Harding	St. Marys	J. B. Nixon	Toronto	R. Hendry	Kingston	D. Glass	London	1882
1883	J. E. Harding	St. Marys	J. B. Nixon	Toronto	R. Hendry	Kingston	E. H. Long	Waterford	1883
1884	J. E. Harding	St. Marys	J. B. Nixon	Toronto	R. Hendry	Kingston	E. H. Long	Waterford	1884
1885	J. E. Harding	Kincardine	E. H. D. Hall	Peterboro'	Jas. Reynolds	Brockville	E. H. Long	Waterford	1885
1886	D. H. Martyn	Kincardine	E. H. D. Hall	Peterboro'	Jas. Reynolds	Brockville	L. H. Henderson	Bellevi le	1886
1887	D. R. Martyn	Kincardine	Jno. Walsh	Ottawa	W L. Hamilton	Kingston	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	1887
1888	J. S. Dewar	London	Jno. Walsh	Ottawa	W. L. Hamilton	Kingston	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	1888
1889	J. S. Dewar	London	W R. White	Pembroke	Wm. Gibson	Beamsville	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	1889
1890	J. S. Dewar	London	W. R. White	Pembroke	Wm. Gibson	Beamsville	L. H. Henderson	Belleville	1890
1891	J. S. Dewar	London							1891

APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1891.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The Committee on Correspondence herewith submit their Annual Report, reviewing all the proceedings of other Grand Lodges which have been received. They are noticed in alphabetical order, and a list will be given at the end of the Report.

It is earnestly hoped that the masters and wardens of lodges under the Grand Lodge of Canada, for whom this Report is primarily prepared, will give it an attentive perusal. The extracts will be found both entertaining and instructive, and this is about the only means whereby may be gained a knowledge of what the members of the Craft are doing in other jurisdictions. The information as to Masonic homes is especially valuable. The best minds in the Craft are being constantly engaged in endeavoring to discover the best means of carrying out the objects of our institution and the most economical methods of distributing our charitable funds, so that they will do the greatest good to the greatest number. From the successes or failures of others we may learn wisdom, and to be truly a Mason one must acquire a knowledge of what Masonry is and what it is doing. From all quarters we can gain information, not only how to avoid mistakes, but also how we may best regulate our Masonic affairs so as to produce the best results, so as to do the most good to others, and so as to be the most satisfactory to ourselves.

ALABAMA.

70th Communication, Montgomery, December 1, 1890.
M. W. Bro. Henry Hart Brown, G.M.

This State continues to grow in population and wealth. Thirteen new lodges have been organized and four others have been reinstated, and the general interest in Masonry is evidently on the increase. The Grand Master recommends a more efficient system of instruction, more care in conferring the degrees, and more organized and systematic efforts in relieving the wants of distressed brethren and widows. On objections to advancement, he has the following very forcible remarks:

"When a man has petitioned a lodge for the mysteries of Masonry; when he has been recommended as a man suitable to be made a Mason by two members of a lodge; when his petition has been received and a committee of investigation has been appointed; when that committee has investigated the character of the petitioner, and reported favorably, and recommended the reception of the candidate; when he has gone through with the initiatory ceremonies, submitting to all the tests, and taking upon himself the obligations of the first, or the first and second degrees; when he has received the solemn charge or charges—when he has been subjected to all of these prerequisites, and submitted to all these ceremonies and charges, and given his assent to all, is he not a Mason? Is he not entitled to some of the rights and privileges of Masonry? Is he then to be left to the caprice of some one member of the lodge, who might through prejudice, or on account of some personal ill-will or spite, secretly object to his advancement? Upon what grounds can such a law be justified?"

We copy two of his decisions, with approval :—

3rd. "A summons to attend a Communication of the lodge, stated or special, may be given by the W.M. in open lodge, to all present; by the Secretary in writing by order of the lodge, or verbally, by a member authorized by the lodge in writing. And summons for any other purpose may be given in the same way."

13. "The Masonic ceremonies should not be performed in laying the corner stone of a factory store house, warehouse, office building, depot building, hotel mill house, dwelling house, storage house, market house, machine shop, or other building of any and every description, owned by private individuals, corporations, companies, societies or other organizations, and intended for private uses and purposes or for gain and profit to such private individuals, corporations, companies, societies or other organizations."

A new masonic paper, called the *Masonic Guide*, published at Birmingham, received the recommendation of the Grand Lodge.

The widow of their late Grand Secretary, Bro. Daniel Sayre, generously donated to the Grand Lodge the masonic library of her husband, and received the thanks of the brethren.

Committees were appointed to codify their laws and to consider the advisability of establishing a masonic home.

It was ordered that the badge of mourning should be a blue ribbon, partly covered by a narrow black ribbon, worn on the left lapel of the coat or vest.

Bro. P. J. Pillans reports on correspondence. Our proceedings do not appear to have been received.

In the Table of Grand Secretaries, we observe that "Ontario" is included. We must again repeat that there is no legitimate Grand Lodge of Ontario.

M.W. Bro. Geo. M. Morrow (Birmingham), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Myles J. Greene (Montgomery), G.S.

ARIZONA.

9th Communication, Phœnix, November 11th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Geo. J. Roskruge, G.M.

They have nine lodges and 429 members. A new lodge was formed at Florence. The following Report was unanimously adopted :—

"That your committee are of the opinion that the decision of the Grand Master is correct—that seven Master Masons are required to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in the lodge.

"We concur with the remarks of the Grand Master relating to jurisdiction, and we recommend that Sec. 94, Part 3, Article III, of our Constitution, be amended by adding after the word 'degrees,' in the last line, the following : 'And no lodge shall receive and act upon the petition of an applicant for the degrees of Masonry or any of them, whose residence is nearer, in a geographical line, to some other lodge of this Jurisdiction than the one to which application is made, without the unanimous consent of such nearest lodge.

"We also recommend that Section 173, defining Past Master, be amended by adding, 'provided that Past Masters of other jurisdictions who shall affiliate with a lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be carried on the roll of Past Masters, but shall not be entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge, as provided in Sec. 20.'

"We recommend that the following be adopted and designated as Regulation No. 6 :

'That the Grand Secretary be instructed and empowered to amend the list of members of the Subordinate Lodges, published with the Grand Lodge proceedings, so as to show the members suspended and expelled at time of going to press.'

"We also recommend that the following be adopted and known as Regulation No. 7 :

'That hereafter no Master shall be installed until he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer or a Past Master of this jurisdiction, showing his ability to confer the degrees of Masonry in accordance with our ritual."

M.W. Bro. George W. Cheyney (Tombstone), G.M.
R.W. Bro. George J. Roskruge (Tucson), G.S.

ARKANSAS.

51st Communication, Little Rock, November 18th, 1890.
M.W. Bro. J. W. Sorrels, G.M.

His opening remarks form a pleasing picture :—

"The past year has been one of great prosperity upon all the lines of material growth and industry. Peace has prevailed throughout our borders; although a political campaign of unusual intensity of heat and activity has but recently closed, no perceptible in ury has been inflicted upon Masonry.

"The time-honoured principles of our noble institution have stood us well in hand, and its wise and conservative spirit has been useful, and was needed many times and in many places, to temper and tone down the angry passions that heated political debate is too ready to provoke.

"There has been likewise an exemption from the ravages of both pestilence and famine in our State, but on the contrary, unusual good health has prevailed, and abundant crops have rewarded the labours of the husbandman, giving healthy and active impulse to all the moral and material interests of our great and growing commonwealth.

"In this general prosperity Masonry has largely shared, as evidenced by the general harmony that has existed throughout this Grand Jurisdiction; and the quiet, but steady increase in the amount and character of work that has been done."

He opened 11 new lodges. He decided that lodge work could not be done on Sunday, and gives an exhaustive argument to sustain his decision.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That in all future applications for Dispensations for new lodges, District Deputy Grand Masters shall be required before endorsing same, to ascertain the condition of Masonry in the lodges contiguous to the localities for which Dispensations may be applied, and such inquiries relative to each lodge so contiguous shall be forwarded to the Grand Master with such application."

"*Resolved*, That no Officer or Committeeman of this Grand Lodge shall be required to enroll his name as a representative of his lodge unless there be no other representative present from his lodge"

M.W. Bro. W. K. Ramsey (Camden), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Fay Hempstead (Little Rock), G.S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

19th Communication, Vancouver, June 19th, 1890.
M.W. Bro. J. S. Clute, G.M.

The past year has been a prosperous one. Their increase in membership was ninety-one, and their finances are satisfactory.

At the evening session of the first day, the Grand Lodge was called off, and proceeded in procession to St. James's Church, where divine service was held, and an impressive sermon was preached by the Grand Chaplain, after which the local lodges entertained their distinguished visitors at a sumptuous banquet, at the hotel Vancouver.

The following is the report of the Committee on Charity :—

"The Committee on Charity beg leave to report that they have examined the returns, and are pleased to find that the relief required by the brethren of the various lodges has been so small an amount as not to necessitate a refund to the lodges, with the exception of Ashlar, No 3, where the demand has been extremely heavy, viz., $583. In their case we would recommend a special grant, to refund a portion of the above amount."

The adoption of this report was followed by a resolution to give a special grant to Ashlar Lodge of $285. This lodge is located at Nanaimo, in the mining district of Vancouver Island.

The next meeting is to be held at Kamloops.

"Bro. MacGowan asked the M. W. Grand Master if it was competent for him to be recognised as R.W. Past Deputy Grand Master, he having filled that office in the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

"On motion by Bro. ——, seconded by Bro. T. Downie, it was resolved: 'That Bro. MacGowan be recognised as R.W. Past Deputy Grand Master.'"

This resolution means either that Bro. MacGowan is a Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, or that he is a Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince

Edward Island. We presume that it can be read either way, according to the wishes of the reader. A very convenient arrangement.

M.W. Bro. A. MacKeown (Victoria), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Henry Brown (Victoria), G.S.

CALIFORNIA.

41st Communication, San Francisco, Oct. 14th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Morris M. Estee, G.M.

The Order is prosperous and peaceful. Six new lodges were formed under dispensation. Their sick and distressed have been cared for and assisted, and the various Boards of Relief have done their full duty. We are sorry to notice the serious illness of their venerable Grand Secretary:—

"I reported to the Grand Lodge, one year ago, that Bro. Alexander G. Abell, the veteran Grand Secretary of this Jurisdiction, was then afflicted with a serious illness. I hardly expected at that time that he would be able to continue long in the actual services of this Grand Body, but up to two months ago he has been at his office with great regularity, and, in so far as he was able, attended to the responsible duties of that position.

"I am now pained to report to the Grand Lodge that he is unable longer to perform the arduous duties of that office, and for the first time in thirty-five years his face is not seen in this Masonic Grand Lodge.

"I cannot find words strong enough to express my sense of obligation to him or to bear to him, in his confinement at home, the extent of the gratitude of the brethren within this Jurisdiction for the eminent services which he has rendered in the great office he has held for over a third of a century. Even now, in his infirmities, he fills the first place among the leading Masons of our country. He has done more to build up Masonry on the Pacific slope than any other man. He was here in the infancy of this Grand Body, and for thirty-five years he has stood at the helm of the Masonic ship and guided its course. One by one of his early and old-time Masonic associates have crossed to the other shore until he and Past Grand Master Stevenson are left almost alone among the founders of Masonry in California. In Masonry the good that men do lives after them, so our illustrious brother has not lived in vain. May his days be lengthened, and may he continue to receive the merited rewards due the good and faithful servants in the Order."

The sympathy of the Grand Lodge was evidenced by the passage of the following resolution:—

"WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge is advised of the serious illness of our Very Worshipful Grand Secretary, Bro. Alexander Gurdon Abell, whose life is so interwoven with the history of this Grand Lodge that our successfull progress and acknowledged influential position in the Masonic world is largely due to his ability as a Mason and scholar, combined with the social qualities which mark the accomplished gentleman; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the M.W. Grand Master, with the Past Grand Masters present at this Communication, be requested to name a committee of their number to visit Bro. Abell, and convey to him the earnest sympathy of the Grand Lodge in his affliction, assuring him of our continued affectionate regard, and expressing the hope of his restoration to health and to his accustomed place among us."

Bro. William Alexander Robertson reports on correspondence, and notices Canada, for 1890.

A series of thirteen resolutions were presented by a special committee for the establishment of "A home for the nurture and intellectual, moral and physical culture of the children of deceased Master Masons of the State of California, and a temporary asylum for the sick and indigent widows of such deceased Freemasons." After full consideration of each resolution the report was rejected, and the matter again referred to a special committee of five to report at next meeting.

M.W. Bro. Alvah R. Conklin (Independence), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Alexander G. Abell (San Francisco), G.S.

COLORADO.

30th Communication, Denver, September 16, 1890.

M.W. Bro. William T. Bridwell, G.M.

He congratulates the brethren upon the general prosperity of the

Craft and the exalted position Masonry has attained in their jurisdiction; and their relations with other Grand Jurisdictions continue perfectly harmonious. He formed seven new lodges. His record of refusals is almost unique:—

"I refused to grant a dispensation permitting a lodge to ballot upon the petition of an applicant at a Special Communication, and, if elected, to confer all the degrees without delay or other ceremony.

"I refused to permit the addition of two names to the charter of a lodge, believing the right to grant a charter was vested in the Grand lodge only, and, when issued, is subject to no change except by that Body.

"I refused to grant a dispensation for the election of Wardens to take the place of those who had been regularly installed to serve the lodge, vacancies having occurred by reason of removal from the immediate vicinity of the lodge.

"I refused to grant a dispensation for the conferring of the Second and Third Degrees without requiring the candidate to exhibit any proficiency in the work before being advanced.

"A lodge should not consider any circumstances sufficiently important to justify it in sending out work that would be imperfect and that would not bear inspection. Neither is it consistent with Masonic usage for a lodge to attempt to accommodate itself to the convenience of a profane.

"I disapproved an amendment to By-Laws exempting the officers of a lodge from the payment of dues, for the reason that it would be in conflict with the spirit of Masonry."

We do not agree with the following:—

"A lodge having suspended one of its members for non-payment of dues, cannot in after years remit the amount and restore him to good standing. Suspended or expelled Masons are not worthy objects of Masonic charity."

We are constantly in the habit of remitting the dues of even suspended members who are poor and not able to pay them, and we consider that Masonic charity compels us to do so.

We agree with Bro. Bridwell that objections to the advancement of a candidate should be investigated by the lodge, and that it is contrary to Masonic custom for Masons to lease their lodge room for dancing or for any other secular purpose, and also with the following:—

"There is no law requiring a Mason to state his reason for applying for a demit. He enters the Lodge of his own volition, and cannot be compelled to remain a member, should he elect otherwise."

"A certificate of good standing is not sufficient evidence for a lodge to admit a visitor upon. If his regard for Masonry is not sufficient to prompt him to acquire a sufficient degree of Masonic intelligence to make himself known, he does not merit recognition."

A committee was appointed to procure a testimonial for Bro. Ed. C. Parmelee, who had that day been elected Grand Secretary for the twenty-fifth time. Truly, a good record.

It was ordered that no attention should be paid to a circular from the Grand Orient of France. New South Wales was recognized and New Zealand held over for further advice.

No lodge having a membership of less than three hundred can collect a fee for affiliation.

Bro. L. N. Greenleaf has the following remarks on Bro. Walkem's paragraph on Physical Qualifications:—

"We dissent. Masonic qualifications are NOT essentially different in our day from what they were in the remote past. They then as now, composed a triad—physical, intellectual and moral, the symbolical application of which is found in the three degrees, the first of which relates to the physical, the second to the intellectual and the third to the moral. The physical requirement is not an heirloom from Operative Masonry adopted as a safeguard against such as might become a burden, for many of the physically imperfect have been among the wealthiest of men and therefore in no danger of becoming objects of charitable solicitude. They were excluded for a SYMBOLICAL reason and no other, and no man or body of men can modify or change that requirement without removing a Landmark which the fathers have set up. When Masonry became wholly speculative this requirement was still retained in the Old Constitutions; if it had only to do with operative Masonry and was not a part of our symbolism, why was it not expunged? Because Anderson, Payne, Desaguliers, and other intellectual lights of that period knew its esoteric significance in the Masonic symbolism."

What in the world does Bro. Greenleaf mean by "The esoteric significance of the physical requirement in the Masonic symbolism?" We would like to have him explain it. If he refers to the "Triad" mentioned before, then he is certainly in error, because at the time that the ancient charges containing the physical requirement were promulgated in 1721, there were only two degrees, so that his assumed symbolism altogether fails, the third degree not being in existence. Such fanciful disquisitions can serve no good purpose. The reasonable rule is that a candidate who can do all the work of Masonry is not physically disqualified. This is the correct rule and *it always was* the correct rule. The "strict constructionists" can only sustain their absurd contention by misquoting that upon which they rely for authority.

We are glad to know that it was a lawyer who was responsible for their resolution denying recognition to his own Grand Lodge and all its subordinates. If the offender had been of any other profession, it would have been quite in order to have pointed out how impossible it was for Grand Lodge to get along properly without the aid of the legal brethren to help draft their resolutions.

Bro. Greenleaf is quite correct in condemning the "constitutional tinkers." Amendments should only be made when there is a real necessity for them.

"If we read aright between the lines, Bro K. is a member of other organizations, and desires to see Masonry adopt their good features etc We cannot agree with the opinions of our progressive brother. Masonry is the idest and most distinctive secret fraternity of which we have any knowledge, and its grand and impressive symbolism has attracted the wisest intellects of the past as we have no doubt it will continue to do in the future These differences as to the correct interpretation of the constitutions and landmar s will all be settled in time and with uniformity In the meantime there will be some friction between different jurisdictions on account of conflicting laws. Much of the evil complained of has arisen from the "constitution tinkers," who are a component part of every Grand Lodge, and who are ever rea y with a convenient resolution or amendment to cover any special contingency, and which, in its general application, is a prolific source of future entanglement."

M.W. Bro. Ernest Le Neve Foster, (Georgetown), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Ed. C. Parmelee, (Pueblo), G.S.

CONNECTICUT.

103rd Communication, New Haven, Jan. 21st, 1891.
M. W. Bro. Clark Buckingham, G M.
In the report of the Grand Secretary, we find the following:—

"CENTENNIAL VOLUME.

"This work which should have been completed in the year of the centennial, is now printed and ready for binding. It will make a handsome volume of over three hundred pages of printed matter, embellished with numerous steel engravings of many of our Past Grand Masters, illustrations in colors of the badges used on that occasion, with complete biographical sketches of each permanent member of this Grand Lodge, including some who are not, but who were prominent in the centennial proceedings Some old lodge-rooms are also included, to show the style in early times as compared with the present, with sketches and illustrations The work was much m re than I anticipated when it was begun, but I think you will all concede it is worth all it cost. They will be ready to issue with the Grand Lodge proceedings.

"FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

"In consequence of a severe illness which prostrated your committee for several weeks in November and December, the report on Masonic Correspondence has not been written in advance of the session, and I would suggest that it be omitted for this year to make room for matter which seems to me, at the present time, to be of more importance.

"We are just entering our second century, and for several years our lodges will be celebrating their centennial anniversaries. Would it not be well to place on our printed records the names of petitioners for charter of every lodge in the State the date of issue, where located, and by whom signed, that the record may not be destroyed. In some instances this data is lost, the charters having been burned and can never be replaced.

"These little things, seemingly of no importance, will become more valuable as time wings its flight, and should be attended to when the opportunity to do so is available."

The Grand Lodge of Peru was recognized, on the faith of the following letter :—

"LIMA, September 30, 1890.

"R.W. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, GRAND SECRETARY M.W. GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT, HARTFORD.

"*R.W. Sir and Brother:*

"Answering your fraternal letter of 14th June, I have to say :—

"1. The M.W. Grand Lodge of Peru is an independent sovereign Grand Lodge of the York Rite, in no way controlled either by a Supreme Council or by any other Grand Body.

"2. The M.W. Grand Lodge of Peru exercises exclusive control over the three symbolic degrees and does not recognise any other ones.

"3. The Supreme Council of Peru has under its obedience three so-called symbolic lodges not recognised by our Grand Lodge, and no interchange with these and with the members of these bodies is cultivated by our regular lodges.

"4. The Grand Lodge of · cotland, also, has under its obedience three lodges, and although our Grand Lodge has required from that body to relinquish all ties with those lodges existing in Peru, a Grand Lodge regularly formed and recognized by more than forty Grand Bodies, no action has been taken by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. In consequence thereof, the Grand Lodge of Peru has deemed it right to declare the Scottish lodges irregular and clandestine bodies.

"5. The Grand Lodge of Peru has twenty-six registered lodges, four in the Republic of Bolivia and one in the Republic of Ecuador, where, in both countries, the Freemasonry was unknown before our Grand Lodge gave the Constitutions for the formation of the said lodges.

"With fraternal regards and respect, I remain,

"Yours very truly,

"J. A. EGO-AGUIRRE,

"*Grand Secretary.*"

Bro. Luke A. Lockwood was requested to publish a revised edition of his work on Masonic Law and Practice.

In estimating the membership for the per capita tax to Grand Lodge, the lodges may deduct all members who have been Masons for thirty years, and also those whose whereabouts have been unknown for the five preceding years,

M.W. Bro. Hugh Stirling (Bridgeport), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler (Hartford), G.S.

DELAWARE.

84th Communication, Wilmington, Oct. 1st, 1890.
M.W. Bro. James S. Dobb, G.M.

He visited every lodge in the jurisdiction at least once, and found an increased activity and prosperity. He decided that an applicant who refuses to swear, but would affirm, could not be admitted ; that special obligations could not be made to meet special cases, and that every candidate must travel the same path. He would not allow joint occupancy of Masonic Halls, where the lodge is in good financial standing. On uniformity of work, he says :—

"It affords me great pleasure to be able to report that in this effort, success at last promises to crown our efforts.

"The members of the committee on work and the Lodge of Instruction have entered heartily and earnestly into the work, and have given their time and thought to the matter in unstinted measure.

"I feel that the brethren generally have but a very inadequate idea of the amount of time and labour involved in this work, and I feel that too much credit cannot be given to Bro. Wilmer Palmer and Bro. Francis L. Carpenter for their labors in this matter.

"Being both residents in this city with the opportunity of frequent conference and consultation, they have worked indefatigably day and night upon the work, and we now have completed the opening and closing in all the Degrees, and the work in the first two Degrees, and have communicated the same to the lodges in this city, and they are substantially proficient in the revised work.

"The officers of the several lodges in this city and a large number of the brethren have taken hold of it with commendable spirits and are making every effort to disseminate it in their several lodges.

"I unhesitatingly pronounce the efforts of the Committee on Work and Lodge of Instruction, a grand success, as far as they have gone, and ano her year of equally earnest work in this direction will give us that long and devoutly desired consummation, a uniform work for this jurisdiction."

The Constitution was amended so as to have all Past Masters in good standing permanent members of the Grand Lodge. This is the Canadian and English rule, but we infer from the amendment that heretofore the Delaware Grand Lodge was purely a representative body.

Legislation was had, abolishing the fee for affiliation.

The following recommendations were adopted:—

"We would recommend the approval of the action of the committee on *Uniform work*, and for its dissemination, that there be three districts, and an instructor appointed for each district by the Grand Master, and be subject to his control and removal. Said instructor to be a resident of his district if practicable, who shall meet the officers of the lodge in his district at least once in three months, his actual expenses incurred in said duty to be paid by the Grand Lodge."

"That, hereafter before the W. Master and Wardens elect for any lodge in this jurisdiction shall be installed, the M.W. Grand Master shall be satisfied as to their proficiency in the duties of their several stations in the work of the lodge, and that the Grand Master is authorized to appoint a committee, of which the instructor having charge of said lodge shall be chairman, to examine the aforesaid officers and furnish him a certificate vouching for their proficiency, and should any such officers fail to quality and be installed at least 30 days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, the then present officer shall continue to perform the duties of said office until after the next annual election."

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Lewis H. Jackson, and contains a notice of our proceedings of 1889, in which he shows his appreciation of the work of our benevolent board. Bro. Jackson thinks that the Past Masters' Degree should be relegated to the Chapter and abandoned in lodge. On public installations, he well says:—

"Number 12, declares: 'The installation ceremony is part of the labor of the lodge;' it is therefore improper to perform the same while the lodge is called from 'labor to refreshment.' If that is sound doctrine (and we do not doubt it), how can such a ceremony be lawfully performed in public? How can Masonic obligations, which are the essence of installation, binding officers to the faithful performance of secret duties within the lodge be consistently witnessed by any but Masons. Can the uninitiated be admitted to a lodge, 'at labor?' And if the ceremony of installation be performed while the lodge is 'called from labor to refreshment' whether it be in or outside the lodge room, is it not null and void? A lodge 'called from labor to refreshment' is a lodge *inactive*, and cannot lawfully perform any Masonic function. And for this reason the 'laying of a corner stone,' and the 'burial of the dead,' should be done by the lodge '*at labor*,' and unlike the 'installation ceremony' may be done in public, because no Masonic obligations are administered."

"Seventy-seven decisions are recorded, all sound and wise enough, except perhaps the following, which we cannot approve because we have never been able to see its utility, or to reconcile the practice with the spirit of Masonry which teaches us to avoid public display; and more than this, it is a violation of what we would call an ancient landmark, that 'the work of a lodge should be done in private.' The decision was, that 'A lodge may have a public installation of its officers. Having appointed a public installation, an objection by a brother to the presence of any persons not Masons should not be entertained. The lodge must be opened and closed by Masons exclusively.' Now we argue that the installation of officers is unquestionably 'the work of a lodge' because Masonic obligations are administered, and brethren inducted into offices, the duties of which are secret and sacred to the lodge, therefore it 'should be done in private' That to our mind, covers the whole ground; but if as our brother admits, 'The lodge must be opened and closed by Masons exclusively' then surely 'the public' cannot be admitted to a lodge duly opened and at labor and there is ground for 'an objection by a brother to the presence of any persons not Masons' It is often urged that 'public installations' have never resulted in any harm. Perhaps not; but we insist it is a *Masonic Ceremony* which should be performed only within the 'tyled re cesses of the lodge.' The 'laying of corner stones,' and 'burial of a deceased brother' are essentially ceremonies in public not involving a knowledge of lodge affairs"

M.W. Bro. James S. Dobb (Willmington), G.M
R.W. Bro. William S. Hayes (Wilmington), G.S

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

80th Communication, Washington, Nov. 12th, 1890.
M.W. Bro James A. Sample, G.M.

He revoked his edict against the "Cerneau" Rite, in consequence of that body having receded from its action in holding Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France. He gives the following excuse for his special dispensations, but we think it is hardly sufficient. If a man only thinks of becoming a Mason because he believes it will be of some benefit to himself in his sudden removal, the Craft should not be made a convenience of for any such purpose:—

"I have granted a number of dispensations for conferring degrees before the lapse of the constitutional time, but as there can be no question of my right in any of these cases I do not deem it necessary to enumerate them. With our fluctuating population and great number of Government employés subject to sudden orders requiring change of stations we naturally have more of these requests than other jurisdictions, and a rigid enforcement of the law would work injustice in many instances."

It is a good sign that the Grand Master was only asked for two decisions.

A very pleasing incident is thus recorded, and we would have much enjoyed being present and doing honor to Bro. Singleton, who is one of our most distinguished and learned, and enthusiastic and kind-hearted members:—

"Fifty years ago, on the 18th of January last, our R.W. Grand Secretary, Bro Singleton, was made an Entered Apprentice Mason. Believing this an event in the life of our venerable and beloved Grand Secretary which should not pass unnoticed, I had previously mentioned it to several brethren and found every one of the same mind. Unfortunately, before I had completed arrangements for the celebration or had seen half the brethren I had contemplated interviewing, 'Le Grippe' claimed me for a victim, and had it not been for the efforts of Past Grand Master Dingman and W. Grand Marshal Merrill, it would have been a failure. I mention this since I know many brethren were keenly disappointed that they were not asked to participate.

"However, on the evening of that day, some fifty brethren assembled in the banquet room of the Scottish Rite Sanctuary, where a supper had been prepared and where Bro. Singleton, who had been kept in ignorance of what was in store, was introduced and informed of the occasion for the gathering. The supper over, Past Grand Master Parker reviewed Bro. Singleton's life history, Masonically and otherwise, and closed a graceful address by presenting the distinguished guest with a Past Master's jewel appropriately engraved as to date and meaning.

"Bro. Singleton returned his thanks in a speech full of appreciation and feeling. R. W. Deputy Grand Master Gibbs read an original poem on the event and was followed by words of fraternal regard from Past Grand Masters and Past Masters present, each of whom had reason to remember services rendered by, or good advice received from our living Masonic encyclopædia.

"May he long be spared to wear the jewel received that evening, and be sure the brethren feel they highly honoured themselves in honouring him.

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"*Lines dedicated to R.W. Bro. William B. Singleton, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M., of the District of Columbia on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his initiation into the Order January 18th, 1890.*

To glean the wisdom from your lips we sit,
As it becomes us, tyros, at your feet;
Glad that such privileges will permit
Our gath'ring from your well-filled sheaf of wheat,
Glad that we may with joy having no fears,
Draw from a store of half a hundred years.

A half century filled with kindly deeds,
Brotherly love, relief, justice, and truth,
Unthoughtful of your own, but of another's needs,
Giving the *care* of age the *zeal* of youth.
In the great book where each good act appears
Your record stands—of half a hundred years.

The temple you have reared the world has seen,
And its foundation-stone is level, square, and true;
The plumb shows that the structure does not lean,

But stands symmetrical, that all may view
A life most prominent among its peers –
A Mason's life of half a hundred years.

A life begun will never have an end,
But, river-like, join the eternal sea,
There with new beauties ever more to b'end—
From earthly cares, and imperfections, free.
Your years with us are counted by the score—
Yet will we wish you half a hundred more."

The Grand visitations were well attended. Good talkers, good music and good cheer were provided for all guests, and delightful evenings were spent.

Bro. Sample also reports on their improved condition :

"Thanks to the foresight of my predecessor in asking for an assessment, the Grand Lodge has been in easy financial circumstances during the year, and the action taken, on his suggestion, adding to the revenues by increasing the fees for degrees renders it certain, with the great number of Masons raised, that this condition will continue another year.

"We closed last year with a membership of 3,196. There have been raised during the past twelve months 336; affiliated, 103; reinstated, 5; withdrawn, 38; died, 64; dropped, 48; on our rolls to-night, 3,832, showing a net gain of 38. Truly the prediction that the year following the Knights Templar Conclave would be a fruitful one for us has been most abundantly fulfilled.

"The lodges h ve, aside from that disbursed by the local Board of Relief dispensed $3,510 01 in charity."

The establishment of an employment bureau is another step in the right direction, and adds another to the many beneficial aims of our brotherhood :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia views with favour the establishment of an Employment Bureau for the benefit of brethren of this jurisdiction and their dependent relatives, by the Board of Relief, and for the furtherance of the general wor of relief by the Board, and earnestly recommends to the brethren of this jurisdiction that they afford their hearty co-operation and earnest support to the Board in the employment of this most honourable and efficacious means of relief."

Will Brother Singleton kindly give our address as "Collingwood," not "Hamilton"?

The Grand Secretary presents his twenty-first Report on Correspondence, so he is now of age and can speak for himself. He reviews our proceedings for 1890. In view of the numerous extracts, we feel compelled to make from this very excellent report, we must refrain from Comments :

"Among many interesting matters referred to by him is the following : 'Two lodges, it appears, could not have a quorum of seven present, and as he found their members to be good men and Masons he thought it might do no harm to give the Grand Master authority in such cases, in his discretion, to permit a less number than seven to transact the business of the lodge.

"The number has generally been considered the minimum to whom a charter can be issued, but there is no Masonic general law prescribing that or any other minimum.

"When the business of lodges was transacted in the degree of Entered Apprentice, and the *ritual* lodge required seven officers, that number was the minimum for obtaining a warrant. When, in the United States, the change was made that all business should be transacted in a lodge of Master Masons, some brethren held that as three constituted a ritual lodge of Master Masons, a quorum of three was sufficient for the transaction of business; and we believe that in Virginia that number constitutes a business quorum."

"The secret ballot became necessary when Masonry became too popular and secrecy was no longer observed in the fraternity; when Masonry lost and *never* has since recovered its best virtues *silence* and *secrecy*. Hence the protection of the institution required the secret ballot in every branch, save only so far as we know in the Consistory of the A. A. S. Rite where the open vote by yea and nay is still preserved. It is our opinion that when a brother with proper certificate presents himself for affiliation there should be at least three unfavourable votes to reject him. We must here add, in reply to some of our reviewers on the subject, that we pity them from the bottom of our *Masonic* hearts that they have not yet learned the fundamental principles of Masonry; *justice*, and brotherly love or charity. We say to all such 'put yourself in his place.'"

"We are very much pleased with this very lucid explanation of the prerogatives of a Grand Master, about which there have been so many mistakes. Some, many years ago, and a few yet suppose that the Grand Master has absolute power in all matters, and can, if he please, *dispense* with any provision of th local constitution, which in his oath of office and ceremony of installation he solemnly promised to conserve and obey. The Grand Master in vacation is the constitutional agent of the Grand Lodge, acting for that body in recess, but as much governed by the letter of the law as the body itself. Such prerogatives as he should have to govern the Craft are expressely set forth in the constitution, and the 'General Regulations' of 1723, in which latter certain sections expressely declare in what matters his 'dispensation' may be used.

"This is also the case in regard to the absolute power of a W. Master in his lodge. He is for the term of his office the agent of the Grand Lodge, responsible to that body only for his conduct in office, yet he is bound to obey every provision of the Grand constitution where applicable to his lodge or himself, and also suffer no infringement upon the by-laws of his lodge. For it is not in the power of the lodge, the W. Master, or even the Grand Master himself to set aside a by-law unless so provided in the by-laws themselves. Hence the frequent applications to Grand Masters to set aside or evade the provisions of the by-laws of lodges are all wrong and in utter violation of the true principles by which the best interests of the institution are to be conserved."

"Unfortunately, our American brethren of the 'long ago' assumed the inherent powers of a Grand Master from the ritual, in imitation of the sovereignty of King Solomon, which ritual is a modern and Jewish version of the old legends of Mithras, Adonis, Bacchus, Osiris, &c.

"If these extraordinary powers inhere to the office of a Grand Master will Bro. Schultz and Bro Drummond give us the history of these powers and tell us where we may find them. We accept no *ipse dixit* in Masonic matters. Years ago we held to the same idea. Being challenged for proof we went in search of it, and failed to find the proof. Therefore, if brethren can point this out to us historically—not traditionally—we shall be convinced; not otherwise, however."

We cannot undertake to copy all there is in that review. We say to Bro Drummond that his whole argument is based upon his assumption that the powers of a Grand Master are not derived from his election but from the landmarks. Now, he contends that landmarks antedate the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1717. We challenge Bro. Drummond and all others of his way of thinking to show from any history—Masonic or otherwise—that there ever was a Grand Master (permanent) prior to that date. Those persons, so-called Grand Masters, in *after time*, by Masonic writers, beginning with Dr Anderson, in 1723, to Dr Mackey, were known legally only as 'Surveyors-General;' such as Inigo Jones and Christopher Wren. When, in 1723, the General Regulations were adopted, the Grand Master's office was first provided for in those regulations. The Grand Masters had certain prerogatives assigned to them, and also there was provided a section making the Grand Master amenable to a provision which should be afterwards added, if he went beyond those sections given for his government

"We once believed, as does Bro D., but a careful search for the authority claimed for the prerogatives of a Grand Master failed to find any Grand Master prior to the Constitutional Officer to be governed by the constitution which made him the chief; *primus inter pares.*"

"Bro. Cunningham says:

"That the ancient charges and universal laws of Freemasonry are landmarks is beyond question. This would naturally include Grand Lodge supremacy and the ancient ceremonials and prerogatives connected therewith. The universal ritualistic ceremonies are also conceded to be landmarks, as they doubtless are."

"We utterly deny any such conclusions as the above. It is now as well known as that the first Grand Lodge was organized in 1717, that there was no ritualism prior to that date; from the History of Scotland's Masonry, by Bro. Lyon, and that of England, by Bro. Gould, that there was no ritual whatever. The only *test* was a single 'Mason —word.' If that be ritualism make the best of it. It seems strange to us, with all the light which has been thrown upon Masonry by Bros Lyon, Hughan, Woodford, and last, but not least, by Gould, on the very subject, that so many of our American writers will insist upon certain ideas on the antiquity of some features in Masonry which were the inventions of a very late date, and *only to be found in the United States!* —which features are purely the result of constitutional provisions, predicted upon our legends, connecting the Temple of Solomon, Solomon himself, Hiram of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff with the institution, through the invention of the ritualism of each of the degrees, which, being so impressively rendered in our lodge-rooms, gives the idea of a *reality* which did not exist.

"The incongruities in each of the degrees are so apparent to any one familiar with the Bible that when we first received the degrees in Masonry, in 1810, we set about the task then to study out the allegories, symbols, and emblems and their real meaning. At that time not a single book had ever reached us whereby we might learn what others thought on the subject. Oliver's and other works have all been published in this country since that date. We never fell into the egregious blunder of supposing that Hiram would leave his kingdom where he worshipped the Cabiri, and to whose wor-

ship we are told he had erected a temple, and spend seven years in the city of Jerusalem to play *second fiddle* to Solomon as his *Senior Warden*, to help build a temple to a God he did not worship. So far as Hiram Abiff is concerned, he did go from Tyre to Jerusalem, as the Bible tells us, but he was only a brass founder and decorator; he was not the architect, as so often reiterated. David was the architect, for he had planned the temple, which was but an enlarged copy in stone of the Tabernacle of Moses. All the necessary material had been provided except timber, which Hiram of Tyre supplied from the forest of Lebanon, and for which Solomon paid him, and sent his own workmen to fell and prepare and convey to Jerusalem. Let anyone who desires to be informed on this subject read I Chronicles, chapter xxviii verse 2, viz:

"As for me, I had it in my heart to build an house of rest for the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building."

Also see verses 11 and 12:

"Then David gave to Solomon, his son, the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlors thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat; and the pattern of all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the Lord, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicated things."

"The remaining verses of this chapter show clearly that all possible things which might be required to complete this structure and all the essentials to make it the house of the Lord are carefully enumerated. All the gold, silver, and other metals were amply provided for by weight; and the 19th verse says: 'All this *said David*, the Lord made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, *even* all the works of this pattern.'

"In verse 2 of the next chapter, in his enumeration of the various metals—pure and base—he adds the various precious stones to be used, and closes with 'and marble stones in abundance.'

"We thus clearly see that those who constructed the temple merely followed the plan given by the Almighty to David: there was no human architect, but simply artizans who carried out the Divine plan.

"The allegories used in all of our Masonic degrees have always proved of value to illustrate, by the symbols employed, the moral principles underlying our institution. This it is which has attracted and retained the best minds who have adorned the Masonry of modern times.

"The first rituals known to us now, as used from about 1723 to 1730, were exceedingly frivolous, almost nonsensical. This was improved, and the second one in use was a little better. The third effort divided the ritual into three degrees, and was more consistent.

"Drs. Anderson and Desaguliers greatly improved the ritual. In 1820, Entick followed with his improvements. Dr Oliver says: 'The questions and answers are short and comprehensive and contain a brief digest of the general principles of the Craft as it was understood at that period.' The lecture of the third degree, or, as it was called, the 'Master's part' contained only thirty-one questions and answers, many of which are simply tests of recognition. The legend of the third degrre was manifestly introduced long after this period. In 1732 Martin Clare was commissioned by the Grand Lodge and prepared a system of lectures; and Oliver says his version was so judicious that the lodges were directed to use them.

"About the year 1770, Thomas Dunckerley was authorised to make changes in the rituals and lectures. He introduced 'the lines parallel' and the ladder, with its *three* principal rounds. In this country after 1818, J. L. Cross, not understanding the full meaning of the symbol, introduced into his Monitor a plate showing only three rounds. While Dunckerley at the South was working at his lectures, Wm. Hutchinson at the North was preparing great improvements, and at that time wrote his famous 'Spirit of Masonry,' a work every Mason should read. When Dunckerley visited lodges of the *Ancients* he learned something of the Royal Arch degree, which had been introduced into England by Chevalier Ramsay, and which Lawrence Dermott eagerly seised upon to add to the interest in his Grand Lodge. Dunckerley introduced the same features into his Grand Lodge and reconstructed Dermott's Royal Arch and introduced it into his Grand Lodge as a fourth degree; consequently the word was transferred and another was substituted.

"Preston followed Hutchinson and Dunckerley. The Prestonian Lectures were adopted and came to the colonies and were used in all the Grand Lodges except in Pennsylvania and the Ancient Lodges in South Carolina and elsewhere that charters were held from the Dermott Body in England.

"These two systems, viz, the Prestonian and Ancient work, continued in England and the United States until 1813, when by the union of the Modern and Ancient Grand Lodges, it became necessary to unite the lectures, which was done by Dr. Hemmingway, the Senior Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge. The lodges in America continued to use the lectures which they had, and made no changes in their systems. The Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, we understand, continue their system with but few verbal changes. The changes in the other, or Preston work, were made by Webb, and afterwards by Cross who was Webb's scholar. This is a rapid review of the changes in

English Masonry. To deal with the rituals as practiced in Europe, on the Continent, and elsewhere in the world, would r quire a volume by itself, so we drop the matter right here and ask the question: Can any intelligent, well-read Mason claim any antiquity to our American lectures, or assert, as was done in two Grand Lodges in 1888, that their work was nearer to that of Solomon, King of Israel, &c, than any other? And yet these did not agree in many essential particulars and we presume that in Ohio they have the same idea that as they got their work from Snow, Snow got his from Cross, Cross from Webb, that *it must be* the correct work."

M.W. Bro. Thomas F. Gibbs, G.M.
R.W. Bro. William R. Singleton, G.S.

GEORGIA.

104th Communication, Macon, October 28, 1890.
M.W. Bro. John S. Davidson, G.M.
Two of his decisions are on new points:—

1. "A member of a lodge is regularly charged, tried and acquitted. After his acquittal, newly discovered evidence is found bearing against him. Can the case be re-opened and the accused again be tried?"

"Among the many decisions which I have been called upon to make since I was honored with my present position, such a question was never before presented, and when it is remembered that Masonic law differs in many respects from the civil law, the question becomes a very important one. After very careful consideration and investigation of the matter, the following decision was rendered:

"I am satisfied that only under one set of circumstances can it be done. Those circumstances are: If the newly discovered evidence was kept from the knowledge of the lodge through the di ect act of the accused or through his influence, and the lodge was thereby after the exercise of all reasonable diligence prevented from securing it, the case may be re-opened."

Unless such circumstances as these exist the only remedy for the subordinate lodge is for some one of its members to appeal from the judgment of acquittal to the Grand Lodge. When the case reaches the Grand Lodge it is within its power to inquire. (1.) Whether the newly discovered evidence is sufficient to justify a change of the judgment. (2.) Whether the subordinate lodge in the exercise of proper diligence should have had the evidence on the trial. (3.) In thus passing upon the case the Grand Lodge may with its plenary powers set aside the judgment of not guilty and order a new trial in the subordinate lodge."

2. "The dying statement of the daughter of a Master Mason, against a member of a lodge who is on tr al for a Masonic offence, may be used as evidence, if made with a knowledge that she is in extremis.'

Twenty-four new lodges were established, the largest number for ten years, and four times the number for any one year except 1888. This indicates increased prosperity and the Grand Master reports a broader sentiment as to why Masonry was instituted and what it means, and also more unity of purpose in the Craft.

Mainly through the indefatigable exertions of Brother Davidson, their Grand Lodge debt of $10,000 has been completely extinguished since he was elected Grand Master.

Bro. W. S. Ramsay has an excellent report on correspondence. Our proceedings do not appear to have been received. In his review of Michigan, he says:—

"The Chaplain's prayer is printed in the Proceedings, and it is a beautiful piece of rhetoric, but an unmasonic prayer because of its Christian closing and the addition of the Lord's prayer. Though I am a Christian minister and a believer in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and a worshipper of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, yet I must say that the prayer of a Mason in a Masonic gathering recognizes only the Great Architect of the Universe. We have many true and faithful Masons who are of the Jewish race and who do not accept our Lord and Saviour. I would be rejoiced if the last one of them would acknowledge Him as the Lord of all, the promised Messiah, but they do not. Their training, their birth to Jewish parents, their prejudices, and all their natural inclinations lead them away from Him whom we as Christians worship as our Redeemer, Friend and Brother, and yet they are none the less Masons by reason of their peculiar religious belief. They are honest in their belief, too. The prayer of our Brother of Michigan would be an unmasonic prayer to these, and is out of place in a Masonic gathering. While we are worshippers at our Masonic altars of the only true and living God, the Great Architect of the Universe, that worship is to be such as to meet with a hearty, full and free "so mote it be, Amen," from every

Masonic heart, no matter what his peculiar religious belief so that he is a believer in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth. Und r this view the prayer of Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Michigan is out of place."

M.W. Bro. John S. Davidson, (Augusta), G.M.
R.W. Bro. A. M. Wolihin, (Macon), G.S.

IDAHO.

23rd Communication, Boise City, September 9, 1890.
M.W. Bro. George L. Shoup, G.M.
On the Jurisdiction of Lodges he says:—

"If we were to undertake to fix the territorial jurisdiction of constituent lodges by the most convenient travelled routes, I fear there would be much confusion and many controversies The construction of a new road or the shortening of one already established would often change the jurisdiction in many localities.

"When it happens that a community is so located that it would be a hardship, by reason of the topography of the country, or other cause, for those there residing to visit the lodge having jurisdiction and when another lodge is more convenient, the lodge having jurisdiction in such cases will, when properly applied to, waive jurisdiction over a candidate who desires to take the degrees and is found worthy.

"Masonry is too broad and too charitable to deny a request of this kind when properly made by a sister lodge. To labor and continually work for the best interests and a higher elevation of the order should be the aim of every lodge. If we can assist a sister lodge in conferring the degrees on worthy applicants, we should do so without hesitation."

The Grand Lecturer found a great diversity of work among the lodges and formulated a plan for their instruction, but the Grand Lodge decided they could not stand the expense.

A report was presented on the recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges, but the record does not show what action, if any, was had thereon. This report recommends the recognition of the new Grand Lodges of North Dakota and Mexico, but refuses a similar favor to the new Grand Lodges of Victoria, New Zealand and New South Wales, on the ground that the parent Grand Lodges had not authorized their formation. A most lame and impotent conclusion, in our opinion, and we wonder why they did not apply the same rule to Mexico.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Charles C. Stevenson and includes Canada for 1889. The writer thinks there is no necessity for the Past Master's degree, and it is quite refreshing, in these days of iconoclasm, to read his devout belief in our old traditions:—

"We do not claim, Brother Wheeler that Masonry originated in its present organized form at Solomon's temple, but we do claim that Masonry did originate there and received its very life and existence from the wisdom of Solomon, and was fostered by that Divine Power, under whose direction the famous building was constructed. We believe in the Bible, and believe in the building of the temple as narrated in the Bible. Now, if Masonry did not exist at the temple, the whole fabric is a lie The organized form has nothing to do with it True Masonry does not exist in mere organization or empty form; there is something more than that, which existed long before the present form was evolved at York and denounced to the world as the "York Rite" We intend to keep on believing in the antiquity and Divinity of the development and organization of Freemasonry, the criticisms of others to the contrary notwithstanding."

M.W. Bro. George Anslie, (Boise City), G.M.
R.W. Bro. James H. Wickersham, (Boise City), G.S.

ILLINOIS.

51st Communication, Chicago, Oct. 7th, 1890.
M.W. Bro. John M Pearson, G.M.
On their schools of instruction, he says:—

"I attended each of these schools and carefully noticed the work done, and so far as I could do so, the effect of the teaching. I was much pleased and rather surprised to find a correct knowledge of the work so evidently disseminated. Among the repre-

sentatives of small lodges, gathered at these schools, are to be found some of our best qualified teachers. I am fully convinced, from careful examination, that in many of these smaller lodges the work conforms to our standard more closely than in the older, stronger and richer lodges of our cities. I mention this not only to encourage the smaller lodges, but also to stir up the officers of all our lodges to a fuller appreciation of our own beautiful ritual and their responsibility. A ritual is a work of art, and like all works of art is valuable not merely for what it represents, but mainly for what it suggests to the mind. This is true, whether the wor be a poem, a painting, a piece of music, or statuary. The material representation may be good and the technique beyond criticism, but if no thought or feeling is suggested but little value attaches, and we soon tire of them; but a little picture of two poor peasants in a rough field, pausing in their work, with bowed heads at the call of the bell in the little church beyond, tells the whole story of a life of toil, hardship and devotion. Men do not tire of such pictures and the grand lessons taught by them.

"So of our ritual. It suggests to our minds great thoughts, in simple, homely words. To the humblest mind there is a lesson that it can understand, and to the noblest of men, grander truths yet to be learned, are clearly taught. Do not change it by a word. No matter if some of our phrases are quaint, and perhaps passing out of current use, hold to them, fix them in the memory. Let our Entered Apprentices and Craftsmen hear them again and again, until they find them fixed indelibly in the mind, and so ever after to influence their daily life and conduct. Allow no novelties to intrude themselves in any part of the ritual. They may seem at first harmless and even attractive, but, in the end, they tend to lessen the force of the more important truths we wish to teach. To this end I am ready to approve any plan that will promote among the officers of our lodges a laudable emulation to acquire perfection in the work, and so transmit it to their successors. I deprecate the custom of inviting visiting brethren from other jurisdictions to assist in rendering the work. Their work, in its essentials, is the same as ours, but not identical, and by all means let our initiates hear and see, for the first time in their lives, the pure Standard work of Illinois."

Five new lodges were formed. A synopsis of their charitable work appears in the report of the Grand Secretary:—

"At the suggestion of Grand Master Pearson, I propounded, in the blanks for returns, questions to the lodges, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of money contributed by the lodges to charitable purposes. From the answers to these questions we have ascertained that the lodges in this State contributed to the relief of their own needy members, or their widows and orphans, during the present year, the sum of $16,043.3, and that they contributed to the relief of those not members of their lodges, during the present Masonic year, the sum of $3,469.15. They also contributed toward the support of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home this present year $93.50, making the total amount contributed from the funds of the lodges for charity during the year $22,146.98. But this does not show the whole amount contributed for charity by the Masons of Illinois. Quite a large number of the lodges, in which the tabulated statement shows them as not contributing to any charitable objects, have informed me that while their lodges have taken no funds from their treasury for charity, that their membership had always, when objects of charity presented themselves, taken up collections for that purpose, each individual member contributing such sum as his ability or inclination might suggest. And many of the lodges who have not contributed to the support of the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home during the past year, have in former years taken life memberships, and many of the members of these lodges are contributing members to the Home."

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized.

In the report of the Committee of Appeals, we notice that the names of the accused brethren are not printed.

Their membership is now 42,369. Increase, 893.

The Committee on Jurisprudence decided that a Master could take the ballot for candidates, where two or more are to be balloted for, in any order he chooses, without regard to the order in which the petitions were received by the lodge.

M.W. Bro. Frederick Speed, P.G.M., of Mississippi, was received with all the honours due to such a distinguished visitor, and he made a most excellent reply.

The report on correspondence covers 264 pages. It is, as formerly, by Bro. Joseph Robbins, and deals with all the jurisdictions in a most elaborate and interesting manner. Bro. Robbins says that regulations declaring brethren delinquent for dues ineligible to office, or incompetent to vote, are at variance with the principles of Masonry, and we agree with him.

In his notice of Canada for 1889, he styles the addresses of Grand Master Walkem as "A model of clean, direct writing, excellent in matter."

He holds, "On general principles," that a Past Master of one Jurisdiction, on his affiliation in another Jurisdiction, does not become a member of the Grand Lodge in the latter. On the recognition of the Scottish Rite bodies, he says :—

"They are not recognized as legitimate by more than a small minority of the Grand Lodges of the United States, if by legitimate is meant that their system is a y part of genuine Masonry. They have been tolerated because their members were Masons, just as the rder of the Mys ic Shrine has been tolerated in all the jurisdictions, including Minnesota, down to the day when the action we are now considering was taken, and where it doubtless would still be tolerated but for the fact that its operations tended to lessen somewhat the revenues of the Holy Empire. Those bodies were never formally recognized by any Grand Lodge as being regular and duly constituted Masonic bodies, until the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts took its departure towards grand orientism in June, 1882, and now are only recognized as such by the few Grand Lodges that have followed that mischievous precedent.

"We in Illinois are not wholly without experience of the concrete kind growing out of the contention of the Scottish Rite bodies. About the year 1866 when the Holy Empire was undergoing one of its periodical convulsions the war cries of the contending factions were heard on our prairies, and recruiting parties from both camps were actively proselyting among the members of the Craft. The bounties offered under the guise of cut rates and rebates were very liberal. One party offered us individually the whole string of degrees, with all the titles thrown in, right on the ground for twenty dollars, or about sixty-four and a half cents each, with trimmings The rival concern in a neighbor ng city offered the same job lot for one hundred and twenty dollars with a rebate of one hundred dollars for travelling expenses which would have been trifling.

"On a visit to Boston during the period of that ruction we were offered equally favorable terms as those prevailing in Illinois, by both parties. We had just then emerged in a somewhat battered condition from a bitter fight which convulsed our jurisdiction over the subject of the work, and were not then buying quarrels at any price.

"During that war of the rival imperial dynasties, the body of Masonry—what Bro. Wait would call Ancient Craft Masonry—was not disturbed, because nobody dreamed of dragging the Grand Lodge into the fray. So far from doing this were they, that if Scotch Riteism ever colored a vote in our Grand Lodge during that period the color was so faint that none but those who wore imperial spectacles could see it.

"So much for our experience with the concrete. For aught we know that may have been a Cerneau war like the present. As it did not disturb or threaten the integrity of the body of Masonry we did not take interest enough in it to inquire as to the pedigree of the rival Tichbornes. But the practical quest on involved was the same then as now, and there is no more excuse for embroiling the Grand Lodge and setting brother against brother and bringing scandal and disgrace upon the body of Masonry to-day than there was then."

In reply to Bro. Wait, of New Hampshire, Bro. Robbins says :—

"If we knew just what Bro. Wait means by sovereignty we might find that the difference between us was one of definitions merely, but as we do not know we can only feel our way along to some acknowledged common ground

"If prior to the settlement of our northwestern boundary question one or more colonies of Englishmen—say three—had been established within what by that settlement was acknowledged to be one of the territories of the United States, and subsequently had denied that they were amenable to the civil or criminal law of the Territory ; defied territorial sheriffs ; slapped their plethoric pockets at territorial tax collectors and paid tribute to the English exchequer ; tried their causes and their criminals in courts whereof the appelate body was the court of last resort in England ; and made their pre-emptions cities of refuge for such citizens of the Territory, unsavory or otherwise, as either had or from their habits of life feared they might have some misunderstanding with the local conservators of public order would the world consider the sovereignty of the United States within its world-acknowledged boundaries, intact? Would its integrity be any the less menaced or destroyed because England and her apologists insisted that she was taking no active hand in the matter, and proposed to levy and collect taxes within the territory of the United States only so long as her former colonists there preferred to maintain their allegiance to the British Crown.

"We should like to have Bro. Wait approach the Quebec question along the lines indicated by this analogy and then, unless the analogy is a misfit, tell us what he thinks of the sovereignty of that Grand Lodge.

"As for 'entering actively into the quarrel' between the two Grand Lodges, we don't think that is the most obviously just way to speak of the action of the Grand

Lodge of Illinois, but we won't quarrel with Bro Wait about that. The fact is that when the Grand Lodge of Quebec gave notice that there were three clandestine lodges within its jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Illinois having already recognized that Grand Lodge as the supreme Masonic authority in the Province, simply gave to its acts the faith and credit to which that recognition entitled them, and warned the Masons of its own obedience accordingly."

M. W. Bro. John M. Pearson (Godfrey), G M.
R. W. Bro. Loyal L. Munn (Freeport), G.S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

16th Communication, Muskogee, Nov. 4th, 1890.
M. W. Leo. E. Bennett, G M.

The lodges are progressive and healthy. Two new lodges were opened, but the Grand Master thinks that the interest of the Craft demands more of life in their present lodges than the creation of new ones.

The Grand Master decided that perpetual jurisdiction was recognized, but the Grand Lodge modified the decision so as to read as follows:—

"This Grand Lodge recognizes the jurisdiction of its lodges over rejected material as continuing so long as the material remains resident within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge."

The work was exemplified by one of the custodians, and thereupon, after full discussion, the following resolutions were adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lecturer be required to procure, so far as is in his power, the original Webb-Preston work, and instruct the District Deputy Grand Masters, who will in turn instruct the constituent lodges in their respective Masonic Districts.

"*Resolved*, That thenceforth the Grand Lecturer shall be the sole authority upon work, subject only to this Grand Lodge in the exercise of its sovereign authority."

On the question of Masons engaging in the liquor traffic, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That it shall be a Masonic offence for a Mason in this jurisdiction to engage in the dram shop or saloon business, and upon three months' notice to discontinue the same, and upon failure to do so, Masons continuing in the business shall upon trial and conviction be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

"*Resolved* 2nd, That every person engaged in the saloon business, either as owners or bartender, shall be ineligible to receive the degrees of Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction."

M. W. Bro. Leo. E. Bennett (Muskogee), G.M.
R. W. Bro. Joseph S. Murrow (Atoka), G.S.

IRELAND.

The officers for 1891 are:—
The Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master.
Robert W. Shekleton, Q C., Deputy Grand Master.
The Earl of Bandon, Grand Secretary.

They have lots of meetings, but do not publish any of their proceedings. The Grand Lodge meets four times a year. The Board of General Purposes meets every month. The Committee of Charity and Inspection meets twice a month. and the Grand Lodge of Instruction meets six times during the year. All communications are to be addressed to Archibald St. George, Deputy Grand Secretary, Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin.

KANSAS.

35th Communication, Fort Scott, February, 18, 1891.
M. W. Bro. John C Postlethwaite, G.M.

His remarks on the organization of new lodges show an almost unexampled desire for extension:—

"The demands for new lodges were so numerous that I was compelled to print a circular letter of instruction, prescribing a mode of procedure, and requiring, in ad-

dition to the usual schedule of questions, which were extended to cover the prevailing sentiment of the people, the amount of indebtedness necessary to incur, the number of other secret organizations in the town, a plat of the territorial jurisdiction, with the residence of each petitioner located thereon, a list of the proposed petitioners, showing masonic age and office, if any ever held. To illustrate the importance of the plat, in one instance, the schedule of questions were properly answered, showing that the petition would contain thirty names.

"The plat developed that out of the thirty but three resided in the small town, and the balance from five to thirty miles from the proposed location of the lodge. It is needless to say that this petition was rejected. I mailed over one hundred of these circular letters, and have issued but nine dispensations."

The following decision is questionable:

"A town having no Masonic lodge, situated equi-distant from two other towns containing lodges, is in the concurrent jurisdiction of both lodges. For the measurement of distances should be from or to the corporate limits, regardless of the particular location of the hall in the town."

Suppose the town should change its corporate limits. Then the Masonic Jurisdiction also changes. The next year it may be changed again, and so Masonic Jurisdiction is subject to change by the action of outside bodies. This might involve endless confusion and provoke complaints and dissensions. The "Air-Line" rule, measured from the lodge room is, in our opinion, the best Masonic method.

On Prohibition, the following is interesting and the advice is excellent;

"During the year several lodges have appealed to me for my decision on the propriety of a brother engaging in the business of selling intoxicating liquors in original packages, and under the so-called Original Package Decision. In all cases they were answered in emphatic terms. The Grand Lodge has frequently held that the keeping of a dram shop or the selling of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, was a Masonic offense, and these declarations were made at a time when the laws of the State recognized these acts as lawful by licensing the same; but since the laws of the State have been changed prohibiting the general traffic in intoxicating liquors, the keeping of a dram shop or the selling of intoxicating liquors is not only a Masonic offence, but an offence against the laws of the country, and is therefore doubly censurable. And the Mason who attempts to shield himself under the provisions of the so-called Original Package Decision, or any other technicality of law, is guilty of a gross offence against society, an offence that has no palliating excuse for its commission. It is a mere contrivance to evade the will of the people of the State, as well as the great body of Masons, and no punishment short of expulsion should be meted out to the offender, who seeks to build himself up on the ruins of his neighbor. The brother who persists in turning himself into a walking beer-cask, to the disgust of his friends, by the immoderate use of intoxicants, should have no part in Masonry, and I shall hail the day with delight when our lodges will act promptly to rid themselves of the burden of such membership. In the organization of new lodges I have urged them to keep their lodge rooms pure and free from everything that might be offensive to any brother, and prohibit the indulgence in low stories, the use of profane and vulgar language, or the presence of a brother under the influence of intoxicants. It may be superfluous to offer it to chartered lodges, but I do so, not in the spirit of censure, but with the avowed purpose of endeavoring to enlist my brethren in an effort to raise the standard of Masonry to that pure and exalted position justly accorded by all true Masons who follow the designs laid down by the Trestle Board of God, the Great Light in Masonry."

New Zealand and Tasmania were both recognized. Kansas is apparently the first, except Nevada, to recognize the new Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

The Grand Secretary presented his twentieth annual report on correspondence. It is, as usual, full of good things. Nearly four pages are devoted to Canada for 1890 and numerous extracts given. On Masonic Homes, Bro. Brown says:

"He discussed, at some length, the feasibility of building a "Masonic Home, within the jurisdiction of his Grand Lodge. In doing so, he expressed the views we have long entertained and frequently expressed in these reports. We have always doubted the practibility of Grand Lodges embarking in such enterprises, for the simple reason that the building and maintaining of such institutions, require a much larger expenditure of money than the brethren can well afford, and the result is a serious burden. The management of such enterprises is usually conducted on the same plan as church fairs; the incidental expenses about absorb the income, and many times

leaves a deficit to be provided for by a few liberal churchmen. On the other side of the Atlantic, these institutions seem to grow and succeed well, doing much good in the way of providing for the wants of the poor and needy of our Order. On this side, we are not so favorably situated, especially in the Western States. There is one notable exception – Kentucky has her "Masonic Home," but not without its burdens. In our judgment it is bad policy to incur large expenditure of funds, especially in the Western States, where a large majority of the membership are only in moderate circumstances, and not able to increase their burdens. For the above and many other good reasons that could be mentioned, we do not believe it good policy for Grand Lodges to engage in doubtful enterprises, and, therefore, believe with Grand Master Todd, that more practical good can be done by providing for a Charity Fund, such as many of the Grand, and constituent lodges, have done and are now doing. Let such fund be dispensed with proper restrictions, under the management of a competent Board, with as little expense as possible, that the greatest good may be done to the greatest number."

In his notice of Ohio, he has the following on side degrees;

"The Grand Lodge of Ohio did not favor the views of the Grand Master upon this subject, and, by its action, say to Master Masons, their wives, sisters and daughters, 'You cannot assemble in our lodge rooms and practice the Rites of the Order of the Eastern Star, because you make membership in the Masonic bodies a prerequisite,' but admit the 'Shriners' and the 'Owls.' 'Consistency, thou art a jewel.' We are more liberal in Kansas; we will let the Order of the Eastern Star and Shriners into our lodge rooms, and if 'Old Sapient Screecher' comes along, we have no law that will bar him out, and he can build his nest within the sacred precincts of our halls. We want to say right here, that the Eastern Star chapters are doing a grand, good work among the members of our fraternity, and we propose to give them all the encouragement we can in the noble and glorious work in which they are engaged. The members of this order are our brothers, their wives, sisters and daughters. Why should we bar them out of our lodge rooms?"

M.W. Bro. Andrew M. Callaham, (Topeka), G. M.
R.W. Bro. John H. Brown, (Kansas City), G. S.

KENTUCKY.

91st Communication, Louisville, Oct. 1st, 1890.
M.W. Bro. William W. Clarke, G.M.

He received an application for a lodge in the Republic of San Domingo, but did not encourage the movement. He was surprised to find that the Grand Master was considered to be a walking encyclopedia, and thoroughly versed on the most recondite subjects. Of course he is, and any old stager could have told him that, from the moment of his installation, he is supposed to be able to answer off-hand any and every question on any and every subject. From this, the ambitious brother will do well to learn what is expected of a Grand Master, and not rush rashly into responsibilities about which he is ignorant. He must be thoroughly posted, and a great deal more than unusually well-informed, before he can properly discharge the duties of that high office. Bro. Clarke reports fifty decisions on all kinds of questions, and about half of them were trivial. We copy two of his rulings, and the introductory remarks :—

"Of the many and varied duties of the Grand Master, none is more important, and certainly none so severely puts to test his fitness and qualification for his high office, than that of passing upon and deciding the numerous and often intricate questions submitted to him, requiring, as it frequently does, investigation into every branch of the order, its ritual, its philosophy, its theology, its history, and its jurisprudence. At times, like the clerks in chancery in the framing of writs under the old English law, with nothing to guide him but that vague line which may be designated the trend of legislation, and his own conceptions of the purposes of the order, he finds himself *pro tempore* the law-making power."

"A Past Grand Master of another Jurisdiction, unless at the time a member of a lodge subject to the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and having received the Past Master's degree, can not install officers of a lodge within this Jurisdiction."

"The right of visit accrues as such to affiliated Masons only. By courtesy it is extended to unaffiliated Masons; but the prerogative of the Master to determine what visitors shall be admitted to his lodge, whether affiliated or unaffiliated, is not to be abridged."

The first of the decisions above quoted seems open to doubt. It apparently tends to detract from the universality of the institution, and a Past Grand Master who is not also a Past Master must be a rarity in these days. By the "Ancient Charges," he must be a Fellow Craft, but that was before there was a third degree, and as the Grand Lodge is composed of Wardens as well as Masters, he should be at least a Warden, but latterly we have not heard of a Grand Master being chosen except from among the Past Masters.

The following report, by Bro. James W. Staton, on Vera Cruz and San Domingo, was adopted :—

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have had referred to it a paper relating to the Grand Lodge of Vera Cruz. This committee has, at other times, had occasion to say that it was not at all favourable to the recognition of any of the many Grand Lodges organized in the Republic of Mexico, at least in the present condition of Masonry in that Republic. The committee has watched, with intense interest, an opportunity to be able to report the exact status of the various organizations claiming recognition as sovereign Grand Lodges. We had hoped that the Jurisdiction lying contiguous to the Republic of Mexico would have been able to find some definite information relative thereto, but they seem to be in the dark as well as your committee.

"It may not be improper to say that in the rather unsettled political condition of that Republic that the Masonry they possess may be equally as unsettled. At any rate, the committee know enough to be justified in saying that some of the territory is occupied by more than one Grand Lodge, all claiming to be the 'sinnon pure.' The correspondence is all issued in the Spanish language, and the education of your committee having been sadly neglected, we are compelled to rely on the translation of others. The documents, when so translated, do not always show the spirit of the beautiful lesson taught us in the first degree of Masonry—'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity'

"The committee are therefore of the opinion that this is not the proper time to recognize any of the bodies, claiming recognition as Grand Lodges, within the territory of the Republic of Mexico.

"The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

"Another matter has been presented to the committee, that of the organization of a symbolic lodge in San Domingo, in the Republic of Hayti. A voluminous correspondence has been had with the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary relative thereto.

"The committee are unable to see why the brethren asking the dispensation should have wandered so far from home to promote this object, when there are divers jurisdictions lying much closer to them, some of them, too, their own kith and kin, belonging to the same stock and speaking the same language.

"The committee hail with pleasure the disposition in the countries where the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite prevails, to organize symbolic lodges independent of any alliances with the so-called higher degrees, but the committee do not see any good reason for organizing symbolic lodges where the territory is already occupied to another Rite. It will only create confusion, and, we believe, hinder the progress of the object sought to be obtained and so earnestly desired. We believe that the safest plan is to effect a separation of the symbolic degrees from the so-called higher degrees in a peaceable manner, and not by friction. This can be accomplished by trial, patience and perseverance.

"The committee are therefore of the opinion that the Grand Master did right in refusing the petition of the brethren at San Domingo, and we commend him for his wise and conservative course."

In his review of California, Bro. Staton has the following remarks on the success of their Masonic Home :—

"We do not agree with him in his conclusions relative to the establishment of Masonic Widows and Orphans' Homes. He thinks the plan of maintaining those dependent on the Order by the individual lodges is preferable to that of Homes, and much cheaper. The experience of Kentucky is just the reverse. We know that our widows and orphans are far better cared for as our Home than they can be by any lodge in the State. They have advantages there that are not afforded when under the care of the individual lodges. All that we ask is that those who object to Homes will come and see ours at Louisville, and we feel warranted in saying they will go away satisfied that we are right and they are wrong. A visit to our Home has not failed to convert all those who have held to the opinion of Bro. Anderson, and we take it that his generous nature would not hold out against actual demonstration that he is wrong."

Bro. Staton says that the address of Bro. Walkem, in 1890, is one of the most sensible he has seen, and he gives our proceedings a very full notice. In his conclusion, he says :—

"The only disturbing element to be found which excites any special comment is that of so-called Corneauism, which still continues to agitate several Jurisdictions. No less than fifteen Grand Lodges have legislated in unmistakable terms against Corneauism, and others have the question pending, and are only waiting with the hope that the fraud will subside without compelling any legislation on their part It is not pleasant to get into such difficulties, but is always best to meet issues, especially those which have a tendency to destroy the peace and harmony of the Craft, in a prompt and decided manner. To deny the right of Grand Lodges to legislate on this question is to deny Grand Lodge sovereignty. We argued this point last year in our 'Conclusion,' and will not go over the ground again. We hope soon to see this element of discord banished from all the Jurisdictions and the matter forever set at rest."

M.W. Bro. Charles H. Fisk (Covington), G.M.
R.W. Bro. H. B. Grant (Lousville), G S.

LOUISIANA.

79th communication, New Orleans, Feb. 9th, 1891.
M.W. Bro. Charles F. Buck, G.M

Four new lodges were formed. The Grand Master decided that "Parish Boundaries" were not to be considered in determining the question of lodge jurisdiction, also that a candidate who could not write could not be admitted.

The total contract price of their new temple is $100,150 They have $33,000 on hand, and will issue bonds for $70,000 It is expected that the new building will yield a revenue from January, 1892.

On the state of the Order, the Grand Master says :—

"The best tidings I have, are that the improvement in work and activity in the lodges which commenced in 1888, and extended through 1889, has been well maintained, and a considerable increase in membership will again be established.

"Significant in this revival is the fact that there have been a greater number of reinstatements of 'dropped' or other unaffiliated Masons during this year than during any preceding year.

"This would seem to show that the order is in a fairly flourishing condition, and that Freemasonry has taken a new hold upon many good people in our midst. The indications of the present teem with promises of future prosperity. The very energy which the Grand Lodge has displayed, as in breaking loose from the embarrassments of the past it has not hesitated to assume heavy burdens in the future, is a pledge of success.'

The Grand Secretary reports that, for the first time in years, all the lodges have made returns, and all but three have paid dues. The membership has increased by over 700.

Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows reports on correspondence, and still adheres to the topical form started by him in 1887. On the question of transacting all business in the Third Degree, he gives an insight into their history, from which it appears that our present system is really the correct one, according to ancient usage :—

"We would remark as a matter of history, that in Louisiana, prior to 1850, all business and work, except the conferring degrees, was done with the lodge opened in the degree of entered apprentice, and that we believe such is still the practice as to all lodges in existence at that time, except two, or perhaps three. In 1850, in the constitution of the Grand Lodge, that practice was forbidden, it requiring all business and work, except conferring degrees and lecturing, to be in a lodge open in the third degree. This, however, was changed by the revised constitution of 1868 and the law has been, since that date, that any business, except what pertained specially to the work of the degrees, could be transacted with the lodge opened in the first degree. The habit acquired, however, by the eight years of enforced departure from the ancient and immemorial usage, has continued to this day, so much so that an innovation is considered by many a landmark. The practice is so manifestly detrimental that the wonder is, that a return has not long ere this been made to the ancient usage."

M.W. Bro. Charles F. Buck (New Orleans), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Richard Lambert (New Orleans), G.S.

MAINE.

71st Communication, Portland, May 6th, 1890.
M.W. Bro. Albro E. Chase, G.M.

The condition of the Fraternity at home, taken as a whole, is in an excellent state. The increase in membership during the year was 307. The Grand Master refused dispensations to lodges to appear in public processions, unless Masonic work was to be done Three conventions were held for the purpose of teaching the work, and on the results of these meetings, the Grand Master says :—

"There has as yet to be heard from any one any complaint against these meetings, other than the shortness of them. Each District Deputy Grand Master in his district reports its success, and perhaps the increase in the work this year may be traced to these meetings begun two years ago. There are certain districts in the state that need more l ght. The Craft need not only instruction in a ritual but in many other things that go to make a master workman. While it is extremely desirable that all should conform and acknowledge what is the right and the truth, yet there never will be found those who, in their delivery, will pronounce every word in the same way, nor will it be possible to see in every lodge the wording perfectly agree, until the Grand Lodge shall have brought a sufficient number of *phonographs* with which to supply each lodge, and the Grand Lecturer has at one and the same time filled each. Then let these machines be distributed to each lodge and the work will be rendered uniformly in word and in intonation of the voice But what then becomes of that social and fraternal purpose for which Masonry is founded? Where will you find your 'good executive officer or your companionable Craftsman?' One writer says, 'You can no more command the interest of your membership by making the si ual the all-absorbing and ideal thought of Masonry, than you can build up the congregation of a church by the pastor reciting the creed to his people on every sabbath, and giving them nothing more' No, my brethren, study the meaning of our symbols, know what each scene in the drama is intended to represent, and then your wo k will be not only ri ualistic but also impressive.

"I recommend that not less than three meetings be he'd the coming year for the same purposes as hitherto held."

We copy one of his decisions, and his remarks on the jurisdiction of lodges in consequence of the new branch of the C.P.R. :—

"Mr. A. applied to a lodge; application took the usual course; candidate was voted the degrees in Masonry; presented himself, when notified, for initiation; proper officers retired for his preparation; Secretary retired, propounded the proper questions, received answers thereto in the affirmative, collected the fee and returned to the lodge. The candidate was requested to prepare himself for initiation, refused to conform to the ancient and usu l custom, and left the hall. No disrespect in language or manner was shown the candidate by the officers or any other Mason. The lodge then proceeded to discuss this question 'What, if any, of the fee paid by the candidate should be returned to him? and voted that the entire sum paid by the candidate should be returned. An appeal was entered to this action of the lodge, because its by-laws provided that in such case 'the deposit should be forfeited to the use of the lodge:' and because it was Masonic law that 'lodge funds are held in trust for the necessary expenses of the lodge and for charitable uses, and they cannot properly be used for any other purpose,' and to return this money was neither. I advised the lodge that I considered such action of its lodge just and quite proper, and commended its action in voting to pay to the candidate the fees which he had forfeited to the lodge, and think that the lodge showed the true spirit of Masonry. This advice was not acceptable to those who knew better, and I understand that the Committee on Grievances and Appeals have had the appeal sent to them, and that committee will in due time make its report to you. I forbear to argue the question from my standpoint

"The question of jurisdiction has been asked, answered, presented with more light, light extinguished and the question left in darkness Foreigners have invaded this jurisdiction, have built railroads in a section of our state, and were so unwise that they did not make curves enough in their road to make the distance on their road between two or more places, in which there are lodges, equal in length to the turnpike road, and serious consequences are resulting therefrom."

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to Bro. E. B. Mallet, jr., for again providing a free bed in Maine. General Hospital for the use of suffering Freemasons in Maine.

A special committee was appointed to formulate a new plan for conducting the voting for Grand Officers, so as to avoid confusion and secure expedition.

On motion of Bro. J. H. Drummond, the Chairman of Correspondence, recognition was extended to the new Grand Lodges of North Dakota, New South Wales, and Victoria.

His report opens as follows :—

"It almost seems as if we were again beginning to prepare these reports. Our last made *twenty-five* in number that we have written for the Grand Lodge, and that seems like a kind of grand 'tally,' and that this commences another 'score.' A retrospective glance at the past would be interesting to us, but we doubt if it would be to our readers.

"We have learned that few questions are settled finally: very largely because few Masons take the pains to prepare themselves for the administration of Masonic affairs by a cour-e of reading such as they would deem absolutely necessary to quality themselves for the performance of duties less important and less difficult. For example: one likely to become Grand Master could in no other way better quality himself for the discharge of the duties of that office than by reading, in connection with the constitution of his Grand Lodge, Charles W. Moore's Magazine—the whole thirty-two volumes, omitting the matter that was of a mere temporary character. If the Reports on Correspondence of the past could be read, many would be prevented from rais ng questions discussed before their active Masonic life commenced. But lacking that knowledge, old questions are again raised and must be again discussed for the benefit of a new generation of Masons: under our present system this is inevitable; therefore it is, that we do not follow the example of some of our brethren, but continue to discuss old questions whenever we deem that the welfare of the institution requires it."

In his notice of British Columbia, Bro. Drummond has the following remarks on the name of the Grand Lodge of Canada:—

"We have thought of this matter considerably: and to us it seems that much may be said upon the other side. When the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed the name was appropriate: after a Grand Lodge has existed twenty years or so under a certain name, a change of that name destroys the identity of the Grand Lodge with that of the past, and in a great measure deprives it of its reputation; no Grand Lodge is willing to suffer that and ought not to be asked to do so, unless the reasons are imperative; and as long as the name implies no pretensions but is only for the purpose of identification, we cannot perceive any harm in this Grand Lodge's retaining its old and original name."

His review of our proceedings for 1889 is both critical and complimentary. He thinks our district deputies have been very faithful and effective. In reply to our remarks on public installations, Bro. Drummond says:—

"While the statement that they have gained a foothold is correct, the implication that that has happened within the last eleven years is erroneous. The practice has not been introduced into any jurisdiction within that time, except those into which Masonry has been introduced within the same time. As a matter of history, they have been held in every jurisdiction in which they are now held, from the time when Masonry existed therein in an organized form, and the number of jurisdictions in the United States in which they are not recognised or allowed, may be counted on the fingers of one hand, with room left to count more.

"As to their being attributed 'to a craze for public display obnoxious to true Masonry,' what shall we say to the *nearly sixty* dispensations to lodges in Canada, during the past year, to 'attend divine service in Masonic clothing,' and for other appearances in public?

"Will Bro Robertson receive it kindly when we say, that we, who have experience in relation to them, know their motive, object and effect much better than he can, and that the actual effect is highly beneficial to the Craft? 'We speak what we do know, and testify what we have seen.'"

To attend divine service is a laubable Masonic custom, and surely among 354 lodges, the issue of only sixty dispensations to appear in public, on purely Masonic occasions, shows clearly that there is no craze for public display in this jurisdiction. However, in Maine it may be different from some places, and we are quite willing to accept Bro. Drummond's assurance that the effect is beneficial there.

In his notice of Colorado, we find the following:—

"We remember how much we were once startled, on inquiring as to the actual cost of maintaining the inmates of a 'Home,' by the reply, 'Oh, it does not cost *much* more than it would to support them at a first-class hotel.' Ever since, when plans for various kinds of Homes have been proposed, we have been disposed to 'count the cost:' and we are in entire accord with the views of Grand Master Bridwell, that the number to whom it is necessary or desirable to give relief is the first thing to be considered, and, in doing that, the interest on the cost of 'the plant,' added to the annual expenses of repairs, should be divided by the number of beneficaries and the quotient added to the *pro rata* of maintenence, and thus the cost *per capita* be ascertained: it will be

found that unless the number is much larger than one would think at first, more good can be done with the money by affording personal relief.

"On the recommendation of the Grand Master, Bro H P H. Bromwell, P. G. M. of Illinois, was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Grand Lodge. We do not know what rights this election gives to him, but we have long held that, considering the character of our Institution, we should give to a brother, who is a resident of and a member of a lodge in a jurisdiction, rank and membership in the Grand Lodge, the same as his official service, if rendered in the same jurisdiction, would have given him: for example, if a Past Grand Master of another jurisdiction should come to Maine and reside and should affiliate with a Maine lodge, we would make him a member of our Grand Lodge as long as he should retain such residence and affiliation. In more general terms, we hold that Masonic rank, wherever acquired, 'follows the person' the world over: we now only partially recognize this principle."

"The Grand Lodge decided that pall-bearers at a Masonic funeral are 'a necessary auxiliary to the ceremony,' and, therefore, that 'a profane can no more act as pall-bearer than as W. Master.' The minority of the committee hold that there is no more reason for the pall-bearers to be Masons than the driver of the hearse. As funerals are conducted in Maine, we are 'with the under dog in *this* fight.' The body is really in the custody of the family, or their agent, the sexton, till it is placed at the grave, when the Masons take possession. While we do not believe in 'mixed' services, we see no objection to 'mixed' bearers; and often they are representatives of various interests."

Bro. Drummond's experience of life membership has not been favourable. It is all right if a mathematically correct system is adopted and faithfully administered, but otherwise not. As to the powers and prerogatives of Grand Masters, he has some interesting remarks in reply to Bro. Fellows, of Louisiana:—

"Our argument was that the word 'dispensation' in those days had a well-defined and perfectly understood meaning, and that its use in the Masonic law carried with it the same meaning. We have read English history to little advantage if it was not fully conceded that the King, in particular cases, could dispense with a law, and if it was not the claim of King James to dispense *absolutely* with a law, so that it should have no effect at all, which was the cause of the contest, it being held that this claim was 'contrary to the usage of the realm.'

"He lays stress upon the word 'Freemasonry,' as implying something at variance with the powers of Grand Masters derived from the usages of the Craft. But has he ever looked to find when that word was applied to the institution? Did it occur to him that that word is not found either in the 'Ancient Charges,' or the 'Old Regulations?' Did it occur to him that the word 'Freemason' is not found in either of them? And that the word 'free' is used with the word 'mason' only to distinguish him from a bondman, viz: 'nor shall free masons work with those who are not free, without an urgent necessity;' The idea that the masons of 1721, and prior thereto, contemplated Masonry as a foundation of free institutions or popular government is not derived from history but from the brain of an enthusiast.

"Speaking of Masonic history, he says:

"Bro. Drummond has always contended for the existence of Grand Lodges *a priori*—that is, before any other Masonic organization—and that all lodges were created by an existing Grand Lodge. In his last report, he as a matter to be expected, adheres to this doctrine.

"This is a very serious misapprehension: we have never contended for any such thing: we do hold that it is historically true that General Assemblies of Masons, with the Grand Master at their head, were held prior to 1717; that at that time the system was changed and the Grand Lodge system adopted, the Grand Lodge taking the place of the General Assembly and becoming the possessor of all Masonic powers, except those vested by the usage of the craft in the Grand Master."

Bro. Anthony, of New York, having made an apology for the action of his Grand Lodge in not supporting Quebec against the aggrandizement of England, Bro. Drummond thus disposes of some of his fallacies:—

"Erroneous statements, often repeated, eventually are frequently accepted as truths. The statement that 'the Grand Lodge of England does not assent to that doctrine" [exclusive territorial jurisdiction] is erroneous, though almost daily made by writers, whose situation has not caused them to keep familiar with Masonic events. Had Bro. Anthony been preparing these reports for the past ten years he would not have fallen into the error. The Grand Lodge of Eng and not only 'assents to' but *insists upon* this doctrine. The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, a few years ago, organized a Lodge in Gibraltar: but the Grand Lodge of England declared it to be an illegal lodge, *because established in her territory*, and as warmly insisted upon the doctrine as any American Grand Lodge ever did: and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba yielded and removed the Lodge."

"Again, the last sentence in the first paragraph of our quotation is utterly erroneous. That 'agreement' was never ratified by the Grand Lodge of Quebec. On the contrary, she claimed from the start exclusive jurisdiction *over all lodges* and Masons in Quebec, and has never abated that claim 'one jot or tittle:' and more than that, the Grand Lodge of England recognized the Grand Lodge of Quebec, though making that claim, without condition or limitation; it is true that afterwards this recognition was recalled as having been inadvertently made!

"The *maintenance* of lodges may not be so '*great*' an invasion of rights as the *creation* of lodges: but it is an *invasion* all the same, and as such is unlawful: both are the exercise of an act of sovereignty by one sovereign in the territory of another—and that is the test.

"In his review of Quebec, he falls into the same error, and bases his argument upon it. Oh, no, Quebec never made any agreement which she afterwards repudiated: it was the Grand Lodge of England which granted full recognition and afterwards 'recalled' it.

"If Quebec had made such an agreement, it is very doubtful if all the Grand Lodges would have recognized her on the ground that, by allowing another Masonic Power to exercise acts of sovereignty in her territory, she would not be really an 'independent and sovereign Grand Lodge."

In the review of Pennsylvania, there is a very interesting historical sketch:—

"While we have the most profound admiration for, and hearty sympathy with, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in its desire and intention to adhere to the ancient usages and landmarks of the Craft, we are constrained to say that it is intolerant towards its recognized peers: it exhibits often a we-are-always-right-and-every-body-else-wrong spirit that is justly offensive to other Grand Lodges.

"In verification of this, we give a statement of Masonic history. The English Grand Lodge (organized in 1717,) kept on in the even tenor of its way for some thirty-five years. Some time before 1752, some Masons and lodges seceded from the Grand Lodge and organized, first as a 'Grand Committee' and subsequently as a Grand Lodge. The first record is of a meeting of the 'Grand Committee,' Feb. 5, 1752, when Lawrence Dermott was elected Grand Secretary, and 'the President and late Grand Secretary' delivered the books, etc., into his hands. The Grand Lodge was organized by the choice of Grand Officers, Dec. 5, 1753. Dermott was connected with this Grand Lodge, either as Grand Secretary or Deputy Grand Master, nearly all the time for almost *forty* years; he was 'the life and soul' of it; in fact, it may be truly said that he was the Grand Lodge. A man of wonderful executive ability, zealous, energetic, untiring, uncompromising and not over-scrupulous, he impressed upon his Grand Lodge very many of his own personal characteristics. He gave his own organization the title of 'Ancient,' and such was the persistence of himself and his adherents that they succeeded in being known by that title and fixing upon the older and regular body the title of 'Moderns' so effectually, that some of them applied that title to themselves. Dermott's Grand Lodge was aggressive, self-sufficient and uncompromising It did not recognize the other body as Masonic or the members of its obedience as regular Masons, and of course did not allow them to visit its lodges Of course it adopted usages, work and laws different from those of its rival. From this Grand Lodge the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania sprung, at a time, too, when Dermott was at the height of his power and uncompromising bitterness towards 'the Moderns,' as he styled them. The other Grand Lodges in this country sprung (so far as they originated from Great Britain) from the old Grand Lodge, or the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, (both of the latter recognizing both of the English Grand Lodges) or by a union of lodges holding under two or more of the Grand Lodges named or American Provincial Grand Lodges.

"There had previously existed in Philadelphia a lodge, which the evidence shows was a voluntary lodge, without a charter, which went out of existence about 1740. Also in 1749, a Provincial Grand Lodge under Massachusetts was formed by Masons who had been members of the old lodge; but this was superseded in 1750, by a Provincial Grand Lodge, holding under the *old* Grand Lodge of England. 'The Ancients' organized a lodge in Philadelphia in 1759; and a Provincial Grand Lodge in 1761, which dissolved in 1786, and on September 26, 1786, the lodges of its late obedience formed the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This last Provincial Grand Lodge corresponded frequently with Dermott, and implicitly followed his directions. The consequence was that it was active, aggressive, energetic and bitter towards the other organization. It refused to recognize the members of the older body, declaring them to be irregular and clandestine; they could be admitted to lodges only as profanes were admitted. Its affairs were conducted with great ability, and the result was that it drove the other Provincial Grand Lodge to the wall, so that it and all its lodges went out of existence: no such lodge was ever received under the obedience of 'the Ancients,' and no such Mason, so far as any record has been found, ever became a member of an 'Ancient' lodge without being initiated *precisely as if he had never been a Mason*. The victory of the 'Ancients' was complete by the utter annihilation of their rivals. It is manifest, therefore, that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania dates from 1764 and its earliest

lodges from 1758. It is the only one in the country formed exclusively by lodges hailing under the so-called Ancient Grand Lodge. It has adhered with wonderful tenacity to the usages, laws, work and precepts of Dermott, *except in one very important particular*: it has recognized the Grand Lodges of the other organization as regularly and entered upon Masonic relations with them.

"In England, the two Grand Lodges united in 1813: there were at first two Grand Lodges in South Carolina, but they united in 1809, the union, however, was not permanent; some of the 'Ancients' holding that 'the Moderns' were not Masons, repudiated the union and recognized the Grand Lodge; and a complete union was not formed until 1814. In the other jurisdictions the distinction between 'Ancients' and 'Moderns' was either never known, or obliterated earlier, so that there was no discrimination between Masons.

"In Pennsylvania the distinction was adhered to till December 27, 1781, when it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Modern lodges, expressive of a desire for a general union, but no action had been taken as late as 1790: after that date, however, the word 'Ancient,' as a term of distinction among Masons, is not again found in the record.

"When this practical abolition of this distinction was made, the other Grand Lodges, or many of them, had laws, usages, &c., derived from the old Grand Lodge, differing from those of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but many of them existing from a time anterior to Dermott's day, and thus ante-dating not only the organization of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania but also of the Grand Lodge from which it sprung.

"When the other Grand Lodges recognized the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, they assumed that her laws, usages, work and polity were not in conflict with the fundamental laws of the Institution; and when she recognized them, she assumed and admitted that their laws, etc., were in consonance with those fundamental laws.

"The consequence is that while the usages and laws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania are entitled to the respect of all Masons, those of other Grand Lodges are entitled to equal respect from her and the Masons of her obedience.

"But the fact is that the long established usages and laws of other jurisdictions have been declared, in her official proceedings, to be unmasonic and subjected to ridicule; and the same course has been pursued in unofficial publications under the control of her high officials. To be sure, these were the acts of individuals, but they exhibit the spirit which, as it seems to us, is justly offensive to her sister Grand Lodges.

"We would be the last in the world to object to the criticism of departure from the landmarks, and ancient laws and usages of the Fraternity; but considering that Masonry in America sprang from two systems, differing in non-essentials only (as shown by the fact of union), the old usages of the Craft under their system are entitled to equal respect; and when it is shown that a certain usage is an ancient usage of the craft, criticism of such usage, as unmasonic, is justly offensive."

Bro. Drummond thinks that Masonic rank, wherever legitimately obtained, ought to be recognized the world over, and we gather that the Grand Lodge of Maine allows Past Masters of other jurisdictions to rank as Past Masters of Maine. They have had a Grand Warden who became eligible by presiding over a lodge in New Brunswick. This is not the custom with most of the other Grand Lodges, who confine the privileges of Masonic rank to those who have obtained such rank within their own borders. For ourselves, we believe that as we claim that our fraternity is universal, we should not nullify that declaration by making any distinction as to where a brother receives his rank, and that a Past Officer, on his affiliation with a lodge in any jurisdiction, should carry his rank with him, and be received and allowed all the privileges pertaining thereto.

The following table gives the comparative statistics of the Grand Lodges of North America:—

	G. Lodges 1890.	Totals. 1890.	G. Lodges. 1889.	Totals. 1889.	G. Lodges. 1888.	Totals. 1888
Members,	56	651,028	55	630,048	55	615,126
Raised,	53	31,450	54	33,148	54	29,985
Admissions, &c.,	53	23,124	54	21,110	53	20,598
Dimissions,	54	17,488	55	17,029	55	16 681
Expulsions,	53	384	53	390	50	370
Suspensions,	35	350	36	274	37	348
Rec'd " npt, dues,	54	13,304	54	14,405	54	15,024
Deaths,	54	8,947	55	9,033	55	8,214

A proposition to reduce the per capita tax from twenty cents to fifteen cents was negatived.

The vexed question as to what are the "Public Grand Honors" has received special attention in Maine. A committee appointed by the Grand Lodge received information from thirty-five Grand Lodges, and the results are summarized in the following report. We do not know who gave them the information as to Canada, but it is erroneous, as we cross the arms first, being thus strictly in line with the majority :—

"Bro. Albert G. Mackey, in his 'Lexicon' published nearly fifty years ago, thus describes 'Public Grand Honours': "Both arms are crossed on the breast, the left uppermost and the open palms of the hands sharply striking the shoulders; they are then raised above the head, the palms striking each other, and then made to fall smartly upon the thighs. This is repeated three times, and as there are three blows given each time, viz., on the breast, on the palms of the hands and on the thighs, making nine concussions in all, the Grand Honours are technically said to be given 'by three times three.'

"For funeral occasions this manner of giving the Grand Honours, accompanied by appropriate words, with a few unimportant changes, is now employed in nearly every Grand Jurisdiction

"But for Grand Honours to be given on public occasions other than funeral, there is a great lack of uniformity, and much 'confusion among the workmen' has been occasioned at public ceremonies In the lists given the committee has placed the jurisdiction as using the method which it reported to be most prevalent

"Those which follow the method given by Mackey are California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Quebec, Vermont, Wisconsin, and, with some variations, Alabama, Canada, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina cross the right arm over the left on breast. Canada and Florida change the order by raising the hands above the head before crossing arms.

"Bro. Robert Macoy, in his 'Cyclopedia,' published about twenty years ago, says that the Public Grand Honours 'consist of clapping the hands three times, in rapid succession,' and 'are to be given on all public occasions except funerals.' In New York they are given 'by clapping the hands three times, thrice repeated, commencing with the right hand uppermost, then changing to the left hand uppermost, then back again as in the commencement,' and your committee understand this to be the manner of giving these signs as meant by Macoy, although his definition is not plain

'The jurisdictions which use the 'Macoy' method 'are Illinois, Indiana (?), Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Virginia, and, with variations, Colorado, Maryland, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia.

"Indiana is reported by one brother as using the 'battery' by another as using no public honours, but we place her in the list above. Colorado gives them thus, '(1) Slap left hand once with right and reverse; (2) the same twice; (3) the same three times'—and we understand Maryland to give them in the same manner. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia give them by 'striking left hand three times with right, followed by quick clapping of hands alternately three times, ended by striking left hand with right and stamping at same instant with right foot'

"Pennsylvania claims she is 'peculiar,' and strictly follows ancient usage, so has no 'Grand Honours' to be seen by the profane, no ceremonies except in the tyled lodge, no 'sign' or 'honour' given in public but we note that in 'The Freemason's Monitor,' (Phil. 1853, page 160) edited by Bro. Z. A Lavis, is given a ceremony for laying corner stones, with 'the honours of Masonry,' in the presence of the chief magistrate and civic officers.

"In Arkansas, 'the hands are raised above the head, clapped three times, then brought squarely to the hips, repeated three times.'

"In Rhode Island, 'the arms are crossed over the breast and the body inclined forward and backward. this being done three times. In other words, bow three times with the arms crossed upon the breast.'

"In Massachusetts, the same is done, only no mention of bowing was made to us

"In Webb's Monitor and all others which we have seen, the brethren of a new lodge SALUTE the Grand Master or Grand Lodge by passing in front with arms crossed upon the breast, and bowing as they pass. They also all, or nearly all call for the giving of 'the Grand Honours' at certain times during public ceremonies, thereby proving that the giving of SOME sign in public has long been a custom of the Craft. But as to what that sign is authorities do not agree. If from the thirty-five jurisdictions reporting to us we exclude Pennsylvania, which has no 'public honours,' and Arkansas, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which seem to have public honours peculiar to themselves, we find the 'Mackey' method prevailing in eighteen of the thirty remaining, and the 'Macoy' in the other thirteen.

"If 'majority rule' were to prevail in this matter, it is evident that we must recommend for adoption what we have here called the 'Mackey' method of giving public

honours, but your committee do not consider it to be of such importance or urgency that it requires to be settled at this session. Many jurisdictions report their uncertainty about it, and a desire to learn the result of our inquiries. We desire further opportunity to investigate the origin of the various methods, and to correspond more fully with well informed brethren before making any recommendations for final action by this Grand Lodge. We therefore present this partial report, (without comments of our own upon facts elicited), hoping it may lead to correspondence and criticisms from other Grand Lodges, which will aid in giving greater uniformity in PUBLIC work, not only in Maine, but also in al her sister jurisdictions."

M.W. Bro. Albro E. Chase (Portland), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Ira Berry (Portland), G.S.

MANITOBA.

A special meeting was held at Winnipeg, September, 3, 1889, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Jewish synagogue. The Grand Master, who is an anglican divine, performed the ceremony with a full staff of grand officers, and the Hebrews of Manitoba, by the hands of two young Jewish maidens, presented the Grand Master with a beautiful silver trowel, suitably engraved with an inscription in Hebrew character

Shortly a fterwards, the same Grand Master laid the corner stone of a Methodist church at Moosomin.

15th Communication, Winnipeg, June 11, 1890

M.W. Bro. Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara, G M.

He opened new lodges at Oak Lake, Manitoba; Pincher Creek, Alberta; and Broadview, Assiniboia. He issued a number of dispensations to permit the brethren to wear regalia at divine service. During his absence from the province, his deputy had no scruples about Masonic dancing, as we noticed that he issued no less than three dispensations to wear regalia at balls, but the Grand Master explains that the deputy had misunderstood his wishes.

Fully imbued with the importance of performing all the duties of his office, Bro O'Meara carried out an extensive series of official visitations, covering all parts of his very large territory. He found the lodges in general in good order and the most remote appeared to be fully equal to the Metropolitan lodges. On his visit to Toronto, he says:

"In Toronto I was tendered a reception by Wilson L dge which is ably presided over by my valued friend W. Bro. Clarke. The large hall was completely filled and I was glad of the opportunity thus afforded me of giving our brethren in Toronto some fdea of the work and condition of Masonry in the Canadian Northwest."

On the proposed Grand Lodge of Alberta, he says:

"I have been no ified of the intention of certain of the brethren residing in the District of Alberta to oonstitnte a Grand Lodge to be known as the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Such a Grand Lodge would manifestly violate one of the most fundamental laws of Masonic jurisdiction, viz.: 'That each Grand Lodge must at least be coextensive with some Province or State, which has a seat of Government of its own.' Alberta is not a Province in this sense of the word. Should the lodges contained in the whole territory under the control of the Governmental authorities at Regina apply to us for recognit on the case would be entirely different."

Bro. Scott, the Grand Secretary and Librarian, is a model officer and loses no opportunity of perfecting his secretariat. One of his latest improvements is thus described:

"In November last the Committee on Finance, at my suggestion, ordered from The Office Specialty Co., Toronto, Ontario, an Index Book, with a capacity of 20,000 names, at a cost of $40. The want of such an index has long been felt, and its value cannot be estimated by any money standard. The work of entering 3,400 names has been completed and the book is now submitted for inspection."

The reading room is open daily from 10 a m. to 10 p.m., and is supplied with all the leading newspapers and periodicals. From personal

inspection, we can bear testimony to the general excellence and efficiency of this important adjunct.

Victoria and North Dakota were recognized.

The charter of their lodge in Morocco was declared forfeited for a continued failure to make returns. This is another warning against chartering lodges too far away.

A committee was appointed to re-arrange the constitution

A proposition to abolish the Board of General Purposes was lost.

M.W. Bro. James A. Ovas, (Rapid City), G.M.

R.W. Bro. William G. Scott, (Winnipeg), G.S.

We heartily congratulate our former fellow-townsman upon the distinguished honour he has achieved. Bro. Ovas received his Masonic light in our own lodge, and the members of Manito, No. 90, are very proud of the fact that their lodge has furnished two Grand Masters to the Craft.

MARYLAND.

Semi-Annual, Baltimore, May 13th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, G.M.

The Order in this State has never presented a more flourishing and encouraging appearance. The final effort is being made to pay off the Grand Lodge debt on their temple, in the shape of a Grand Masonic Fair. Nearly every lodge has its assisting committee, and over 2,000 ladies are actively at work.

One Grand Inspector complains that the Grand Lodge proceedings were not received until nearly four months after Grand Lodge had closed, and lodges should not be blamed for violating some regulations of which they were entirely ignorant. Another Grand Inspector has the following report on a lodge which he visited, and we think that this is an example worthy of being extensively followed :—

"Since last report Cambridge Lodge, No. 66, has been officered with good and true Masons, who are zealous and proficient. They are jealous of its welfare and have its prosperity at heart, and are doing all in their power to attend to duty, to advance its interests in every particular and to make it a model Lodge. In order to relieve the monotony of the meetings the Master has introduced a new feature by having a series of lectures on anatomy, physiology and hygiene illustrated by charts, delivered by the Brethren of the medical fraternity who are members of the lodge. The lectures are ably handled, highly interesting, as well as instructive, and as a result the meetings are largely attended."

Bro. E. T. Schultz has an excellent report on correspondence, in which our proceedings for 1889 receive a very complimentary notice.

M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy (Baltimore), G.S.

MARYLAND.

104th Communication, Thomas J. Shryock, G.M.

His address opens with the following remarks regarding their Grand Masonic Fair :—

"The echoes of the Grand Masonic Fair have scarcely ceased to reverberate as we assemble in Grand Lodge to transact such business as may be brought before this the one hundred and fourth Annual Communication. The all absorbing topic of the Craft for the past year has been the Grand Masonic Fair, which has just drawn to a close. The result of this, our latest effort, to free the Craft from debt, is most gratifying; and whilst we will not be able to make a full and complete report of the undertaking, yet, enough is already known to be able to report to you the approximate figures of that grand effort. The Executive Committee will submit their partial report, which will show the net profit of the Fair and the 'Mite Fund' combined to be about $80,000. This magnificent sum practically removes the shadow which has so long overhung our Fraternity. The result obtained was the work of the women of the Masonic Fraternity, backed by the untiring energy and zeal of the Executive Committee and a comparatively few Masons. The response of our lady friends to the appeal

made to them to come and help us was met promptly, and the work done by them in our behalf was prodigious "

The Grand Master reports unusual activity in all the lodges, that the work is done according to rule, that there is an increasing interest in Masonry, and prosperity prevails throughout the state. He decided that the disclosing of the secrecy of the ballot was a Masonic offence, and the offending brother was subsequently tried and expelled. This may seem severe punishment, but the practice of discussing lodge matters outside of the lodge-room, and in presence of those who are not members is far too common, and must be checked.

All the five surviving Past Grand Masters were present. Bro. Latrobe, now 88 years of age, felt unequal to the excitement and retired, but the other four remained and gave addresses, Bro. Ohr stating that it was fifty years since he had attended his first annual session of the Grand Lodge. The remarks of these veterans must have been exceedingly interesting. P.G.M. Berry submitted the following resolutions, re-establishing the Grand Charity Fund for the relief of indigent widows and orphans of Masons :—

"*Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master appoint a permanent Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, who shall elect their successors in office.

"*Resolved*, That the fund raised and to be raised for the support of the Indigent Widows and Orphans of Masons, shall never be diverted from the object named, unless by the unanimous vote of the members of the Grand Lodge in Grand Lodge assembled.

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees shall consist of five members of the Grand Lodge, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be Chairman ex-officio."

These resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and additional subscriptions were made to the fund to the amount of $1,600, three brethren contributing $500 each.

The recognition of New Zealand was deferred, in consequence of fifty-eight lodges out of the 148 in the colony having withheld their assent to the formation of the new Grand body.

A beautiful silver service was presented to the Grand Master for his exertions in discharging their Grand Lodge debt of $286,000.

A committee was appointed to take in charge the interests of the library, and formulate some plan to place it on a firmer basis.

Bro. Hiram Luken presented the Grand Lodge with a copy of Anderson's Constitutions of 1738.

M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock (Baltimore), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy (Baltimore), G.S.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At the quarterly communication held on March 12, 1890, the following report of the Committee on By-Laws was adopted :

"The By-Law of Charles River Lodge, Medway, on which further time was granted at the Annual Communication, in December last, is as follows :—

"Each application for the degrees received by this Lodge, shall be referred to a committee of not less than three, whose names shall not be announced to the lodge nor placed on the Records, but who shall be notified immediately by the Secretary. They shall report to the Master, in writing, at or before the next Regular Communication, unless granted further time, which report shall be read to the Lodge, and placed on file with the application.

"The presentation of this By-Law for approval calls attention to the fact that the Grand Constitutions, while requiring strict inquiry to be made into the moral character of every candidate for the degrees, contain no provision as to the manner in which this requirement shall be met. It is customary to refer an application to a committee of three members of the Lodge, but each Lodge legislates for itself, and, in the absence of any provision in its By-Laws, might cause the investigation to be made in a novel or unusual manner, not affording sufficient protection to the Fraternity.

"We recommend that a special committee be appointed, who shall consider and report whether additional legislation by the Grand Lodge upon this subject is advisable,

and that, awaiting the report of this committee, the Committee on By-Laws have further time upon the By-Laws from Charles River Lodge."

In June the Special Committee reported that there should be no secret committees nor secret reports of committees in a Masonic lodge, and they presented the following constitutional amendment, which was laid over till the next quarterly meeting:

"A committee of investigation, consisting of three or more members of the lodge, shall be appointed by the Master upon each application for the degrees at the time it is received by the lodge; the names of the committee shall be entered on the Record of that Communication, but shall not be put on the notices; and each member shall be immediately notified of his appointment by the Secretary. A report from, at least, a majority of the committee, either in person or over their own signatures in writing, shall be heard by the lodge before balloting on the application."

In September, the amendment was discussed at length and was finally adopted by a vote of 101 to 33.

The death was announced of Bro. John W. Dadmun, Grand Chaplain, a most zealous and devoted member of the Craft and one whose kindness of heart and many pleasant qualifications and Masonic excellencies endeared him to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. We feel that we have indeed lost a friend and our heart is sore.

The annual address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Samuel Wells, was delivered at the quarterly communication held at Boston on December 10, 1890.

On the state of the Craft he says;

"The condition of the lodges, on the whole, is very satisfactory, but few of them showing lack of interest or want of work. The prosperity of Free Masonry in this jurisdiction is great, and still improving. Our financial condition is so sound and the prospects for future improvement so good that we need have no fear of any future embarrassment."

A new Lodge was opened in Boston and in order to comply with the Constitution, the consent of all the lodges having concurrent jurisdiction, numbering 29, had to be obtained, together with the sanction of five district deputy Grand Masters. The fact that the petitioners fulfilled these requirements is good evidence that that lodge was wanted.

They have 232 lodges, five of them being in foreign countries, and 30,880 members. Out of the surplus receipts of the past year, the sum of $10,000 was appropriated to the Masonic education and charity trust.

The 157th anniversary was celebrated on December 30, 1890, and a grand feast held, at which the speeches were far above the average.

M.W. Bro. Samuel Wells, (Masonic Temple, Boston), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, (Boston), G.S.

MICHIGAN.

47th Communication, Grand Rapids, Jan. 27th, 1891.
M.W. Bro. John S. Cross, G.M.

The year has been one of growth and expansion in the State, and of unexampled prosperity in our beloved Order. He refused many applications for joint occupancy, and formed two new lodges. On their schools of instruction, he says:—

"It has been my privilege during the year to attend a number of schools of instruction, and it has been a source of unmixed pleasure to note the steady improvement over the work of former years in the lodges with which I have been conversant: not only is this true among the well equipped, thoroughly organized and uniformed lodges of the larger towns, but many of the smaller lodges have attained to a high degree of proficiency under the admirable tutelage of our Grand Lecturer and Visitor, Arthur M. Clark. The ambition to do close ritualistic work seems to be infectious among the lodges; fraternal visitations, with comparative criticism, have developed a healthy emulation among contiguous lodges in many localities, resulting not only in better work but in broader conceptions of the design and purposes of Masonry. The only

failures that have come to my notice have been in the very few cases where the workers have attempted to improve upon the language of the ritual. Such efforts have invariably been received with displeasure. While, doubtless, our Michigan work is not without some imperfections—although the critics are unable to agree upon them—we are inclined to look upon them as of minor importance. The very quaintness of the language is an added charm to those who would not exchange the works of Milton and Shakespeare, or the dignified eloquence of the Book of Books, for the occasional pert brevety of the modern school of literature.

"The Masonic lectures have come to us mellowed by time and with the aroma of ripe scholarship. The grand moral lessons are like pearls strung upon threads of silver; we may imitate, but we can scarcely hope to improve upon them.

"It should be a source of pride and gratification that the high degree of proficiency existing throughout the State has been brought about by following with literal exactness the standard ritual as adopted by this Grand Lodge. Too much credit cannot be given to our Grand Lecturer and Visitor for his indefatigable efforts, and the earnest thanks of the whole fraternity are due him for his efficient labors in their behalf."

Victoria and Tasmania were recognized, and New Zealand held over.

A proposal to increase the per capita tax, and to apply the increase to the sustentation of the Michigan Masonic Home was laid over to allow the lodges to instruct their representatives how to vote. A proposal to donate $5,000 to the Home was amended to make the amount $3,000, which carried.

A committee was appointed to consider some corrections to the Ritual.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence, and he must have a gold mine at his back, as his report covers no less than 387 pages. Nearly seven pages are devoted to Canada for 1890. Bro. Innes wishes he could condense his reports, and thinks we have found the patent he was after. Our "patent condenser" has been known over here for a good many years by that name. It was born of necessity, and cultivated by experience. The only way is to keep on trying. Our Grand Lodge very decidedly objects to long reports, and so we have to boil them down whether we want to or not. We hope that this will be taken as sufficient excuse by any jurisdiction which we have not sufficiently noticed. The art of condensation is very difficult to acquire, and only those who have tried it can know and appreciate the difficulty of doing justice to these proceedings in a limited space.

M.W. Bro. John Q. Look (Lowell), G.M.

R.W. Bro. William P. Innis (Grand Rapids), G.S.

MINNESOTA.

38th Communication, St. Paul, Jan. 14th, 1891.

M.W. Bro Jacob A. Kiester, G.M.

The past year has been one of great advancement and prosperity. Thirteen new lodges were formed. On a Masonic Insurance Company, he says:—

"In July last I received a very kindly expressed request to examine the character and standing of a Masonic insurance company, and if satisfied therewith in all respects to give my official indorsement and recommendation of the association. Though entirely satisfied with the soundness of the institution, its beneficial purposes and honorable management, and knowing also of several instances in which such recommendations had been accorded by Grand Masters to like societies, I felt it to be my duty to decline to give any official recognition or recommendation of this or like associations, for the reason that though conducted by Masons and confined to Masons in their membership, they are but private business enterprises, in no way controlled by or amenable to the fraternity as such, or any administrative officer thereof, and in no way coming within the official purview of the Grand Master, or of this or of any other Grand Body."

The decisions of the Grand Master are given in clear and cogent terms:—

"*First.*—On an application by some good brethren for an opinion as to the propriety of using representations of Masonic symbols in connection with business purposes and advertisements, I ruled that the use of our symbols, emblems and hieroglyphics as, or

on signs, or in connection with, advertisements and the like, pertaining to matters of private business is reprehensible.

"Our emblems, symbols, characters and hieroglyphics are used to teach great moral truths and have peculiar and almost sacred, and some of them largely esoteric, significations, and the use of them in connection with private or public business affairs is derogatory to their high purposes, partakes of the mercenary, tends to their degradation, and should not be tolerated."

"*Second.*—The Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 4 wrote me that a gentleman, in every respect eligible, desired to apply for the degrees in Masonry, but had inquired whether, if any covenant or obligation in the nature of an oath were required, he could be permitted to take, instead, an affirmation. The Worshipful Master requested instructions I gave him substantially the following answer, more fully stated, however, here than in my reply:

"1. That Masonry possessed certain fixed principles, forms, rites and ceremonies that are immutable, and that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations therein."

"2. That O.·. B.·. in each degree is symbolic in character, and as such has certain peculiar significations, and partakes of the nature and possesses the force of a landmark, and cannot be omitted or changed in form, and that no one has the power to grant a dispensation permitting any change or omission, and the substitution of an affirmation or other promise or form of covenant in its stead, and that no form of affirmation is prescribed or permitted or known in the rituals or elsewhere in Masonry."

"3. That Masonry is a peculiar institution and does not seek members of any grade or rank or qualifications, and does not change or modify its principles, rites or forms, which must always remain the same for all, to meet the views of any applicant for initiation, but all comers must conform to the established regulations or remain out of the fraternity.

"*Fourth*—I advised, in a case presented by a Worshipful Master, that a travelling or other man, who has no home or place of residence, is not eligible for the degres in Masonry under our rules. That our regulations, which require an actual residence and domicile for at least one year within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he applies, means, in effect, that one who has no fixed or actual place of residence or domicile is not eligible for the degrees anywhere."

The widow of the late Grand Secretary. Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, generously donated to the Grand Lodge the very valuable Masonic library of her husband, containing over 700 volumes, many of them being rare publications.

Indefinite suspension or expulsion can in future only be removed by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Irving Todd reports on correspondence Canada for 1890 receives a good notice, but Bro Todd is in error in stating that the "Third Degree Amendment" was carried It did not receive the two-thirds majority necessary to change the Constitution, and therefore was not adopted.

On the suggested change of our name, he says:—

"There is much truth in the above fran< statement, yet our Ontario brethren have everything to lose and nothing to gain in dropping the designation by which they have been well and favorably known so many years. It's too much like a rubbing out and beginning over again."

On public installations, he has the following remarks:—

"With us public installations are both common and pleasant affairs. The lodge is not opened, the brief ceremony is used from the printed monitor, and the remainder of the evening is spent socially, ending with a banquet. There is no display to attract the profane, none being present but masons, their wives, sisters, and daughters. The practice may be an innovation strictly speaking, but no harm has arisen from it in this jurisdiction to our knowledge."

Bro. Todd says that the life-membership theory is "all right, but in practice it has commonly resulted in most dismal failure."

M.W. Bro. Alfonso Barto (Sauk Centre), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Thos. Montgomery (St. Paul), G.S.

MISSISSIPPI.

72nd Communication, Greenville, Feb. 13th, 1890.
M.W. Bro. William G. Paxton, G.M.
He opened six lodges. We quote some of his decisions:

"3rd. A was indefinitely discharged by Lodge B, and that lodge having since forfeited its charter, he now asks restoration to membership in Lodge C. Can they act upon the petition?

"Answer—Yes. If Lodge C regularly succeeded to the territory of Lodge B it can first restore him to Masonry, and afterwards elect him to membership by proper proceedings.

"4th. Petition is made for change of venue, the applicant alleging such prejudice in his lodge that a fair trial cannot be had. How may this be secured?

"Answer—By lodge action only. The right of a lodge to try its own members is absolute and without qualification or exception.

"7th. Can a subordinate lodge lay the corner-stone of an edifice?

"Answer—No. It can only be done by the Grand Lodge, duly opened by the Grand Master or his regularly authorized deputy.

"8th. Is the position of the corner-stone arbitrary or to be governed by circumstances?

"Answer—It must be placed in the north-east corner."

He suspended a Master who had been imprisoned for illegal whiskey selling. At the next election the lodge elected the same brother again as Master, whereupon the Grand Master very properly suspended the lodge also.

It having been proposed to have the corner-stone of a church laid with Masonic ceremonies, the Grand Master commissioned a Past Grand Master to officiate for him, but the congregation being unwilling to accept that which was usual and customary as to the location of the stone, the Grand Master was "compelled to advise them that a 'stone' laid with Masonic ceremonies must occupy place in accord with Masonic usage," and the commission was revoked. Query? Why is the stone always laid in the north-east corner? If it is simply symbolical, would not any other corner do just as well, if it was inconvenient to have the assemblage crowded into a back yard?

A special committee was appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a Masonic Home.

The new Grand Lodges of South Dakota, Victoria and New South Wales were recognized.

Complimentary reference is made to the report of their Grand Representative, R.W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, which is published in full in the Appendix.

The usual appropriation of $500 was voted to the Protestant Orphan Asylum at Natchez, and the Grand Secretary reports that in consequence of appeals to the pastors of churches, collections were made on Thanksgiving Day in aid of this deserving institution, to the amount of nearly one thousand dollars.

It was unanimously resolved to establish a Masonic Home. Twenty cents per capita is to be annually set apart from the dues for its support. Lodges are to take up collections on St. John's Day, and every effort made to secure the requisite amount.

Bro. A. H. Barkley has an excellent report on correspondence, and his comments are characterized by sound common sense. He thinks that a Master has no right to inquire into the sufficiency of the objections made by a member to the admission of a visitor, and that the Master cannot settle a question of confidence for any brother.

Canada for 1889 receives a good notice, in concluding which, he says:—

"In 1860 we first crossed Niagara bridge and stood upon British soil, and from that time to the present we have ever felt that Canada, though separated from us by the far famed and wonderful river with its magnificent and awe-inspiring falls, was in speaking distance, and we esteem it a great privilege to hold converse with our brethren who owe allegiance to a sovereign on whose dominion the sun never sets."

Mississippi is not ready to second the motion of Florida, for a General Grand Lodge.

A saloon-keeper can neither be elected to the degrees nor to membership in Mississippi. The question was settled in 1889, and without discussion.

1891.

73rd Communication, Aberdeen, Feb. 12th, 1891.
M W. Bro. John Riley, G.M

The outlook for prosperity is encouraging. In laying the corner-stone for the new Masonic Temple, at Natchez, the ceremony proved as novel as interesting, the stone being the same one that was placed in a similar position by Grand Master Quitman seventy-three years before.

In the Report of the Grand Secretary we find the following :—

"In the early part of last summer, I received a letter from the daughter of a brother whose name will ever be precious to the Freemasons of Mississippi—Past Grand Master Harvey W Walter, who with three of his noble sons sacrificed their lives in the fearful yellow fever epidemic of 1878, in Holly Springs. Miss Annie Walter, then visiting her only brother in San Francisco, called my attention to the fact that she had been for some time studying medicine; that many ladies, especially in the North and West, were acquiring fame and fortune in that profession; that the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, had been established and endowed for that purpose; that it had two free scholarships, which were very valuable, but very difficult to get, but that she dared to hope, through the efforts of some of the Masonic friends of her father, that she might obtain the prize. After conference with Bro. Speed, we placed in motion a train of influences that secured it for her, and she is now pursuing her studies in Philadelphia. But the scholarship, valuable as it is, pays only about one-half her expenses—board, clothing, department fees, etc. It will repuire six hundred dollars to enable her to complete the four years' course, and she has appealed to me to try to borrow that amount for her, offering ample security on property not now available. In these times of financial depression, it is quite useless to try to obtain the needed sum in that way, and so I have concluded that this Grand Lodge might esteem it a privilege to assist this talented and aspiring daughter of Harvey W. Walter to pursue her studies and equip herself for a profession that will bring a competence to herself and enable her to be a blessing to others. And I have the pleasure of reporting that the Grand Commandery, Grand Council and Grand Chapter, have jointly guaranteed one-half the needed sum, payable in annual instalments, and if the Grand Lodge will guarantee the balance, I am sure that she would prefer to return it whenever her profession or circumstances might enable her to discharge the obligation—should the Grand Lodge prefer to advance it as a loan rather than a donation. I submit the matter for your generous consideration."

It is very pleasant to note that the Grand Lodge, as a mark of special respect to the memory of their Past Grand Master Walter, unanimously, by a rising vote, appropriated the required amount.

The subject of biennial sessions of the Grand Lodge was before a Committee, who reported against such a change, and their report was adopted.

The question of a per capita contribution of twenty cents in aid of the Masonic Orphans Home was remitted to the lodges.

The following, from the report of the Law Committee, shows that "doctors differ," each of the three members taking a different view. The Grand Lodge adopted the answer by the chairman, but we are decidedly in favour of the answer by Bro. McCool :

"Question 25—A lodge was deprived of its lodge room in January last, and being unable to find a suitable room no meeting has been held since that time; at the last meeting (January), the lodge had 8 members, since that time two have died, thus leaving at this time 6 members. Mr. Z., an excellent subject, wishes to take the degrees; he presents his petition to the nearest adjoining Lodge, B. The Master of Lodge A requests Lodge B to confer the degrees Can they do it? and if so will Z be a member of that lodge (B)? There is little prospect of Lodge A securing a room at an early day; in fact a consolidation of the two lodges is now being considered.

"Answer by the Chairman—So long as a lodge has the name to exist, it retains its jurisdiction, and of this it cannot be deprived except by the Grand Lodge declaring its charter forfeited. Mr. Zerrubable must wait for this event, which seems inevitable, to occur before he can go to Babylon for the degrees. The Master cannot do what the lodge itself could not do if it could muster a quorum, viz.: waive jurisdiction.

"Answer by Bro. McCormick—Lodge A is without a place to meet and has only six members. Pending arrangements for consolidation with Lodge B, a candidate for Masonry in the jurisdiction A petitions B, and the Worshipful Master of A advises B to proceed in the matter. Lodge B is supposed to be familiar with the Regulations and acquainted with the candidate, as well as the sentiments of the surviving members of lodge A which cannot act for want of a quorum. If any lodge has jurisdiction over the candidate it is Lodge B.

"Answer by Bro McCool—Lodge A is defunct and by operation of law, its territory passes to the nearest neighboring lodge. Lodge B acquires jurisdiction and can confer the degrees on Z, and he would thereby become a member of Lodge B. Vide section 11, Rules and Regulations, page 16, Text Book."

The report on correspondence is again by Bro. A. H. Barkley, and our proceedings for 1890 receive due attention.

M.W. Bro. John M. Ware (Starkville), G.M.

R.W. Bro. J. L. Power (Jackson), G.S.

MISSOURI.

70th Communication, St. Louis, Oct. 14th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Theodore Brace, G.M.

We quote a few of his decisions :—

"*First:* That a lodge has no right to refuse one of its members, a Master Mason in good standing, Masonic burial, when such burial is properly requested, because, by his request, his body is to be thereafter cremated.

"*Third:* A Master Mason ceases to be a member of the lodge the moment a dimit is granted him by the lodge, though no formal dimit is ever issued or delivered to him.

"*Fourth:* A Master Mason who has been elected, installed and served as Warden in a regular lodge under the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Missouri is eligible to the office of Master of a lodge within this jurisdiction.

"*Ninth:* A lodge shall not vouch for the proficiency of the proposed Master and Wardens of a new lodge, unless each of the Wardens is qualified to take the east in the absence of the Master and do his work."

Fifteen new lodges were formed. Since May, 1888, the Grand Lodge has paid out of its ordinary revenues, to the Masonic Home, the sum of $25,500. These payments have exhausted the surplus which they had accumulated in former years and there is now a deficiency of $4,500. The Grand Master also says :—

"The Masonic Fraternity of Missouri is to-day the owner and in possession of a happy home for its aged and disabled members, their widows and orphans, representing a cash value of more than $125,000, in which five of its widows and twenty of its orphans have found a safe and comfortable retreat from the cold blasts of adversity, which impend, and may fall upon the home of any Mason of Missouri. Day by day, this number will be added to. The present accommodations will soon be too limited to meet its enlarging demands, and further improvements of a permanent character will have to be made. How are these exigencies to be met? The Grand Lodge has no surplus now that can be used for that purpose. The amount, if any, which it may ever have in the future is uncertain. The fate of this grand and important undertaking can no longer be left to the uncertain and spasmodic efforts of spontaneous benevolence. A certain fixed and permanent revenue must be secured, that will give assurance to every dying Mason that, if need be, his distressed widow and helpless orphans can have a comfortable home when he can no longer provide for them; *not as objects of charity*, but as having a just claim therefor, by reason of the fact that he died a member in good standing of a lodge which was contributing to the maintenance of such a home. We owe it to our wives and children, and to those of us who may become disabled in the battle of life, to secure to them this feeling of independence and right. But this feeling we cannot give them except upon the plain principle of justice, that the burden which brings the blessing ought to be borne and shared by all who have the right to ask for it. The burden, in this instance, need fall heavily on the shoulders of no individual Mason. It is thought by those who have given the matter some consideration, that an annual contribution of fifty cents a member by each lodge in the State, would raise a sufficient fund. A sum so insignificant that no Mason would miss it or feel it, yet which, on an average, for years to come, would produce a permanent annual income of fifteen thousand dollars. While I am not sufficiently advised to recommend specifically appropriate legislation in this behalf, permit me to urge its necessity at this session upon your immediate and serious consideration."

This somewhat bears out the experience of other Jurisdictions, about which it has been stated that it costs more to keep the inmates at a

"home" than at a first-class hotel. $15,000 for twenty-five persons means $600 each. The Grand Lodge made an appropriation of $5,000, provided they have that much not required for expenses, and the proposed amendment to the by-laws, to increase the Grand Lodge dues fifty cents per member, was postponed till next year.

A Committee was appointed to codify the laws.

The Grand Secretary has an elaborate report on correspondence, covering 219 pages. The term "Very Worshipful" was never used in Missouri. Our proceedings for 1889 receive due notice.

"Our English brethren, both in Canada and the mother country, know how to 'provide liberal things,' and are generous in their distribution of charity to the needy and distressed.

"Two hundred dollars have been donated to the yellow fever sufferers in Jacksonville, Fla.

"The address of Grand Master Walkem was a fine business transaction.

"The Deputy District Grand Masters of that jurisdiction presented full and extended reports, all of which are printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

"Harmony, progress and prosperity are evidenced from the reports of the officers of this Grand Lodge. The business interests of the Fraternity were well considered and all matters discussed and wisely determined."

On the Scottish rite difficulties, he says:—

"It is proper to keep it before the Masonic world that Missouri has never pulled any chesnuts out of the fire for the 'High Rite' monkey. And she never will. Whatever may be the merits or demerits of the contestants in this Kilkenny cat scrimmage, the Grand Lodge of Missouri has as little time as disposition to settle the controversy between them. If we were to attempt to do so, we would by the attempt, go beyond the function of a Grand Lodge of Symbolic Masons. If the 'Riters' wish to waste their energies and wear themselves out about such little matters, let them fight it out in their own peculiar, amiable way. As for Symbolic Masonry, let it attend to the 'weightier matters of the law,' by dispensing charity, loving mercy and walking uprightly, brightening the world as in the ages gone by, and make her mission a blessing to all."

We have now an explanation as to the secret of Bro. Vincil's unparalleled feat of getting out his volume of Grand Lodge proceedings of over 400 pages within two days after the close of the meeting. We have often wondered how this was done and we are so glad that we know now:—

"Electricity has nothing to do with a speedy accomplishment of work in this office, such as printing the Proceedings and mailing them in two days following the close of the session. The first requisite is muscle. The next is to know *how* to do it. The How is what some want to find out. I have but one answer. Go and do it. Then it is done. There is a local incentive which may not be appreciated away from home. I have to push my work to prevent being overtaken and left behind by a competitor here. Reducing the time of bringing out his Proceedings from eleven and eight months down to four and three, has frightened me so badly that I must 'push ahead and keep moving.'"

On the undue multiplication of lodges, Bro. Vincil says:—

"In Missouri we have been struggling with that difficulty for years. Our law now requires not less than fifteen petitioners in order to obtain a dispensation. Originally seven petitioners could obtain authority to establish lodges. Under that rule lodges multiplied with alarming rapidity, and many of them died an early and premature death. One conclusion has been reached by us in Missouri; we have lodges enough for all purposes, and would be better off if one fifth of what we now have existed no longer."

M. W. Bro. Geo. E. Walker (St. Louis), G.M.
R. W. Bro. John D. Vincil (St. Louis), G.S.

MONTANA.

26th Communication, Livingston, Sep. 24th, 1890.

R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Boardman, Deputy G.M., presiding.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Anderson, was taken down dangerously sick a few days before the session, and the Grand Lodge telegraphed to him their sympathies and regrets.

The Grand Lecturer devoted three months to visiting and instructing all the lodges in the state, thirty-three in number, with 1,833 members, and he found the officers fairly well posted in the work adopted two years before.

New Zealand was recognized.

The following amendments were adopted :—

"Section 10. When two or more lodges are established in any one town or city with concurrent jurisdiction, a notice of each and every petition for the degrees received in either of said lodges shall by the Secretary thereof be communicated in writing to the other lodges forthwith."

"*Resolved* That non-affiliates may visit lodges in Montana for one year after their arrival in the State, or after such non-affiliation shall commence; after the lapse of such time they shall not be permitted to visit nor shall they have any of the privileges accorded to members of lodges, unless such non-affiliation be caused by their rejection by the lodge in whose jurisdiction they may reside, after a *bona fide* effort on their part to affiliate by petition in the usual way."

A motion to have one ballot for the three degrees was lost.

A committee was appointed to consider the desirability and practicability of a Masonic Home.

A proposition to exempt from dues those who had been active, contributory members for twenty-one years was lost.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That, in pursuance of the policy adopted and pursued for the past two years to general acceptance and with beneficial results, our M.W. Grand Master be requested to make no appointment of district Deputies for the ensuing year, and that those duties be devolved upon a Grand Lecturer, and that the sum of $600 be allowed in payment of traveling expenses and time while spent visiting the lodges, while the lodges as heretofore shall pay the expenses of the Lecturer while stopping with them."

The report on correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. In his review of our proceedings for 1889, he says :—

"This sister Grand Lodge still retains its old name, though its jurisdiction has been cut down to the single Province of Ontario. It is still a powerful body of Masons, with 354 lodges after parting with those of two provinces and counting 28 lodges as extinct. The members in good standing at last report were 19,819, and the annual revenue about $17,000.

"After having undergone as many trials, tribulations and divisions as fall to the lot of but few of the Masonic jurisdictions the Grand Master can proudly say : 'We find ourselves to-day, brethren, in a most enviable position amongst the Grand Lodges of the world.' The facts justify the claim, and we congratulate the Canadian Craftsmen on their condition and hope their prosperity may be perpetual and progressive.

"Their place of meeting was Owen Sound, and we confess that we had to look for the place on an atlas. It is upon an arm of the Georgian Bay and we suppose our brothers went up there to find a good watering place and possibly to go a-fishing.

"Speaking of the benevolent fund of his Grand Lodge, the Grand Master says that their invested surplus, near $70,000, yields them enough in interest to furnish a large sum with which to answer and appease the calls for assistance. Within twenty years the surplus whose interest is dedicated to charity has doubled in amount, though once largely diminished during that time. On their list of pensioners are 356 widows; 55 orphans and 31 needy brethren. To have supported these at a Home even at half the average per capita cost in Kentucky would have cost more than twice the amount furnished as a supplement to their own exertions. The best way to assist any one is to help him to help himself. Personal pride is a great thing to preserve. We often think the most worthy poor are neglected in the distribution of charity because too proud to beg or allow their wants to attract attention. In dispensing charity we somehow think that the right hand should keep pretty well posted as to what the left hand doeth for much that goes by the name of charity is pandering to fraud and an encouragement to idleness and shiftlessness. Not that there is not plenty need for vastly more than is bestowed, but it is not discriminating enough to find out the most needy and the most worthy. In the last 30 years the Grand Lodge of Canada has disbursed in charitable grants $170,000. And we are sure that it has done more to relieve want than if it had been spent in rearing an elegant and expensive Home."

In the course of an able disquisition on the prerogatives of Grand Masters, Bro. Hedges says :—

"Our conclusion and conviction is that the powers, duties and prerogatives of Grand Masters have no ancient landmarks on which to build their pretensions. When

introduced, the nature of the office partook of the conditions of society and the habits of the people of the age and country in which it was introduced. The Grand Mastership is outside of the body of Masonry, and its powers are the proper subject of adaptation to the wants and changing condition of advancing civilization.

"Certainly there could have been no landmarks regarding the powers of the Grand Master prior to the existence of the office, and about the same time the change was made from operative to speculative Masonry, and any landmarks erected during the operative period would hardly have suited the changed conditions. If the landmarks were first set up by the Grand Lodge it was a pretty small affair to bind all succeeding generations and Grand Lodges, and whatever one can adopt, another of equal power can repeal or change. If these landmarks were set up by any single individual they are entitled to still less respect. And if the analogy of the common law is appealed to, it devolves upon those pleading usage or a prescriptive right to establish it by something stronger than an improbable presumption."

M.W. Bro. William T. Boardman (Helena), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Cornelius Hedges (Helena), G.S.

NEBRASKA.

33rd Communication, Omaha, June 18th, 1890.
M.W. Bro. John J. Mercer, G.M.
His opening remarks are well worthy of attention:—

"In reviewing the events of the past year as affecting the interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction, I am gratified to report a general prosperity among the subordinate bodies, not only in growth but in financinl and Masonic standing.

"The condition of the lodges throughout the jurisdiction compares favorably with their standing in former years, and harmony generally prevails. There still exists, however, the usual degree of confusion and discord resulting from the abuse and misuse of the ballot, and the unseemly desire for office, constant sources of trouble and vexation.

"These irregularities are the natural results of the careless action of lodges in the past through the admission of members, and the lodges are now suffering, justly perhaps, from the neglect of prudent and thorough investigation of the material composing them.

"The chief defect in the management of many lodges is their anxiety for work and the consequent increase of members at the expense of almost all the other essentials of Masonic purpose and practice.

"These evils will continue to annoy and embarrass until the brethren learn to appreciate the fact that, unlike all other organizations, Masonry derives no strength from numbers merely, that intelligence and virtue are the only proper pre-requisites for admission to membership, and that true prosperity consists in the cultivation and practice of the moral and social virtues. A more intimate knowledge of the history, laws and customs of the Craft, obedience to its requirements, and a willing compliance with the obligations of Masonry in the spirit of love, honour and truth, will do much towards elevating our Masonic standard."

Bro. Mercer formed twelve new lodges, and made the following decisions:—

"1. In Masonry there is no statute of fraud or limitations, neither is it governed by statute or common law rules. The question in every case of Masonic offence is, 'Has the brother violated the laws or principles of Masonry?' If so, he is subject to discipline, no matter whether it is an offence against the law of the land or not.

"2. It is never in order for a member to move for a reconsideration of a ballot on petition of a candidate, nor for the presiding officer to entertain such a motion.

"3. The Grand Master cannot grant a dispensation for a reconsideration, nor in any other way interfere with the ballot.

"4. After the usual business of the lodge has been transacted and the lodge closed in regular form any work done immediately after by reopening thr lodge, would have to be done under a special meeting and the record made up as a special meeting for such business as the meeting was called.

"5 The accused, when on trial before the lodge, cannot be allowed to vote on any question pertaining to his own case, neither can he be present in the lodge while the question of his guilt is being considered or the penalty determined.

"6. It is the special duty of each and every subordinate lodge to correct the evils of intemperance in any of its members as speedily as possible, and if upon the first or second admonition the brother does not reform, to suspend or expel him promptly.

"7. There is no limit of time within which an Entered Apprentice or Fellow-Craft may be required to advance. His advancement must be of his own accord.

"8. A candidate being asked the constitutional questions, answered 'No.' The duty of the lodge is to return the fee to the candidate and inform him that so long as he holds such belief he cannot be made a Mason.

"9. Lodges must elect their officers at the time specified in their by-laws: failing so to do, they must request a dispensation from the Grand Master to elect and install."

He thinks that an officer cannot demit or resign, in which he is behind the times. On the right of a visitor to inspect the charter, he pays us the compliment of adopting one of our rulings in full. He is strongly of opinion that the lodge dues are too low, and that the Grand Lodge should fix a minimum amount, so that lodges would always have sufficient over expenses to do their whole duty towards the poor and needy. Quite correct.

Bro. Mercer devoted seventy-one days to attending lodges of instruction with the Grand Custodian, and he was more than gratified at the proficiency attained, and the improved manner of conducting lodge business.

The Grand Lodge, by a vote of 345 to 139 sustained the action of the Grand Master in suspending a lodge for non-compliance with his edict against "cerneauism."

The law of Freemasonry, as indexed and compiled by the committee on codification, was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Robert E. French (Kearney), G.M.
R.W. Bro. William R. Bowen, (Omaha), G.S.

NEVADA.

26th Communication, Carson City, June 10th, 1890.
M.W. Bro. Charles W. Hinchcliffe, G.M.
On the state of the craft, he says:—

"The returns from the various lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction show a loss of two in membership, which will be more than offset in acquisitions by initiation since the compilation of these returns in April last. Hence the actual results for the Masonic year show an increase in membership, which is especially gratifying in view of the fact that there has existed an almost general business depression in our chief industry within the State, causing many of our brethren to seek employment and Masonic homes abroad."

An assessment of fifty cents per member was levied.

North Dakota and New Zealand were recognized.

R.W. Bro. Frank Bell was received as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and we are glad to notice that he was afterwards elected as Deputy Grand Master.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Robert L. Fulton, and Canada for 1889 receives due notice. In the opening paragraphs of his report, Bro. Fulton has the following remarks which meet our ideas on how these reports should be compiled:—

"The fact has not escaped the keen eye of the reportorial staff that the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for this jurisdiction has been made up of many facts and few opinions. This policy was adopted after mature deliberation and considerable consultation, as being the right course, all things considered. A large experience in journalism taught us that opinions were cheap, but that real facts made a solid foundation for a writer. We have found the people able to generalize from current events as sensibly and correctly as the majority of the self-appointed leaders, and we certainly have felt no anxiety about the capacity of the Masons of Nevada to correctly sum up and give due weight to the movements in the Masonic world, if properly placed before them. It would be far easier to fill out sixty pages with editorial matter and friendly notices of our fellow scribes than to sift, classify and shorten the reports of proceedings made from the Grand Lodges of the world, but it would not be nearly as useful to our readers, and we should not feel justified in putting them to the expense of paying for printing such stuff when it might be replaced by a concise history of the events of the year."

M.W. Bro. John W. Eckley (Virginia City), G.M.
R.W. Bro. C. N. Noteware (Carson), G.S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

23rd Communication, St. John, April 22nd, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Thomas Walker, G.M.

Harmony, Peace and Unity prevail. The Grand Master ruled that the year's residence required of an applicant meant the year immediately preceding the application, and that the intent of the law was to guard the craft against the admission of unworthy members as well as to maintain the right of jurisdiction.

He commissioned R.W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson as their Representative near Canada.

He refused a dispensation to elect and instal the officers of a lodge after the regular time, and ordered that the old officers must continue in office another year. This strikes us as peculiar, to say the least of it, more especially as we find that he issued no less than eight dispensations to confer degrees out of time. It would have been more in accordance with our ideas had he refused the latter and granted the former.

Victoria and North Dakota were recognized, and the application of Peru was held over for further consideration.

M.W. Bro. Thomas Walker (St. John), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore (St. John), G.S.

NEW JERSEY.

104th Communication, Trenton, Jan. 28th, 1891.

M.W. Bro. Charles H. Mann, G.M.

He mentions the death of their venerable Grand Secretary, Bro. Jacob H. Hough, who had been continuously in office for over fifty years. He congratulates the craft upon the prosperous condition of the lodges. He mentions an invasion of Jurisdiction by a lodge in Ireland and two cases of a similar nature by a lodge in New York. The Lemm case, with New York, was submitted to arbitration and settled, the contention of New Jersey being practically sustained.

The amount subscribed to the fund for a Masonic Home is $6,508, subscribed by sixty-three lodges.

In his review of Canada, for 1890, Bro. Henry Vehslage says:—

"These reports of District Deputies, seventeen in number, are printed in full, and furnish an excellent exhibit of the state of affairs And, as if to emphasize their statements, an exhaustive report on the condition of Masonry is presented by the committee on that subject, under such divisions as 'Statistical Information,' 'Lodges of Instruction,' 'Lodges that are Retrograding,' 'Lodges that are Improving,' 'Work,' Collection of Dues,' &c., so that no matter of interest need escape the action of the Grand Lodge, or fail to come to the attention of those who read the proceedings.

"One of the most creditable features of the Treasurer's statement is 'Payments on Account of Benevolence,' which reach the handsome amount, $3,6.0, which means gladness and cheer to many saddened hearts and desolate homes."

M.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tilden (Jersey City), G.M.

R.W. Bro. T. H. R. Redway (Trenton), G.S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Quarterly meeting, Sept. 11th, 1889.

Four new lodges were formed

On begging petitions for charity the following deliverance was had:—

"This very grave subject was referred to this Board by the Board of Benevolence, who stated that begging petitions from individual members of the Craft amongst the various lodges and members of lodges were attaining most unpleasant and exorbitant dimensions, and that, in their opinion, a much greater surveillance of and searching investigation into such demands should be made than has hitherto been the case, with a view to the prevention of fraud on the part of unprincipled brethren. It was there-

fore *Resolved*, 'That no petition for Charity be considered by any lodge until same has received the sanction of the Board of Benevolence.'"

The accounts of the Grand Lodge festival showed a deficiency of over $600.

It was decided to publish the ritual in four parts.

The following resolutions were ruled out of order, as being contrary to the constitution :—

"1. 'That in the true interests of the Craft it is desirable that Worshipful Masters of lodges should be competent to perform the duties of their office prior to their election.'

"2. 'That in order to secure the efficient discharge of the duties of a Worshipful Master, every candidate for the office of Worshipful Master (Past Masters alone excepted) shall undergo an examination as to his capability of opening and closing a lodge, and the g ving of the three degrees.'"

Quarterly meeting, Dec 11th, 1889.

In the report of the Grand Inspector of Workings we find :—

"Taking into consideration the fact that the lodges are in somewhat of a transition state, owing to the work being carried out (with one or two exceptions) under the new Ritual, the working generally speaking has been fairly done. I must again direct the attention of W. Masters to the necessity of the very careful instruction of candidates (and in many instances of brethren who have taken their degrees) in the giving of the signs, especially those of the second degree. There is room for great improvement in this respect in most of the lodges.

"Unfortunately, the very reprehensible practice of relying upon an open Ritual or Manuscript, is prevalent to a considerable degree amongst W. Masters and Wardens, while such is the case the work cannot be carried out in an impressive and intelligent manner, and for their own credit and the benefit of the lodges, it behoves W. brethren and brethren to discontinue such a custom.

"In some lodges I notice that the 'lesser lights' are only lighted immediately before or after the admission of candidates for initiation, and are extinguished just after their attention has been directed to them. As the lodges are incomplete without them, as it would be we e the greater lights absent, it is essential that they should be burning during the whole time the lodge is sitting (except in portion of third degree)."

Quarterly meeting, March 12th, 1890.

The following report of the President of the Board, in respect to recognition at the hands of the Grand Orient of France, was unanimously adopted :—

"In respect to the letter of the Grand Orient of France and its accompanying pamphlet of the proceedings of that Body, justifying its action in eliminating from its Constitution and its Articles of Masonic Faith the necessity of a direct belief in the existence of a Great Architect of the Universe, on the grounds that it was so eliminated for the purpose of granting perfect liberty of conscience to its members and intending initiates, I am certainly of opinion that the arguments put forward in support of such a proceeding from a Masonic, or any religious point of view, are fallacious and weak in the extreme. The Lecturer mentioned in the said pamphlet took unusual care to justify the action of the Grand Orient of France, and stress was laid upon the fact of his being in Holy Orders as a reason why the action was reasonable and justifiable; but for myself, I fail to see the force of his reasoning, or where the necessity arose for such a step being taken at all. From a Masonic standpoint, at any rate, it is contrary to the very letter of its faith and fundamental principles; and if the belief in a Supreme Being is done away with, then the whole lore upon which Masonry is founded, and the very principles of its existence, is swept away. For these reasons I cannot see how any Grand Lodge or Body of Masons can possibly recognize the Grand Orient of France as a kindred institution deserving of fraternal support and recognition at their hands."

It was decided that the proper method of wearing the collar of office, by Grand Officers and officers of lodges, was *over* the coat collar.

At a special meeting on May 15th, 1890, the sum of one hundred guineas was voted by the Grand Lodge in aid of the sufferers by the floods on the Darling River.

Quarterly meeting, June 11th, 1890.

In the annual report of the Board we find them congratulating the craft on the harmony and good-will prevailing generally throughout the colony among the brethren, which is the more gratifying as they are "so young a constitution, so recently welded together from four

others previously existing under different jurisdictions and different laws."

An appeal case is thus recorded :—

"In this case the Lodge No. 20 complained of Bro. Neilson, in his capacity of an undertaker, marching at the head of a funeral procession in full Grand Lodge regalia ; of taking precedence of the W. M. of the lodge in his capacity of a Past Grand Officer, instead of remaining in his proper position as a P.M.

"The Board decided as follows :—

"1. That all Masons marching in regalia as a lodge are wholly under the control of the Wor. Master, and must implicitly obey his directions.

"2. That no Wor. brother can claim his Grand Lodge Rank to take precedence of the Wor, Master of a lodge.

"3. That the practice of undertakers wearing regalia and not marching in the procession must be discontinued

"And finally, as regards Bro. Neilson himself, his Past Grand Lodge Rank does not entitle him to any precedence as a Past Master."

The recognition of the new Grand Lodge of New Zealand was deferred as no authenticated copy of their articles of union or other documents had been received.

The total number of applications for relief granted during the year was 210, and the amount voted was over $5,800, of which over $2,600 was dispensed to distressed Masons hailing from outside jurisdictions.

Annual Communication, Sydney, June 12th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Lord Carrington, G.M.

His position as Governor of the colony prevented his giving that time to his duties as head of the craft that he would like to give.

We make the following extracts from his address :—

"During the year he had visited lodges in Gundagai Dubbo and Cootamundra, and within the next fortnight he was going with the Earl of Kintore to instal the Grand Master of the new Grand Lodge of Tasmania. They would then have Grand Lodges in this colony, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania, and instead of their establishment severing their connection with the mother country, their independence only strengthened their bonds of union. He hoped to see the whole of these colonies working their own Grand Lodges, fully in touch with one another and with the great country from which they sprung.

"Great progress has been made by the Craft during the year. There were now 185 lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge, and as in many cases after the union two or three lodges had united into one lodge, this represented a much larger number than at first sight appeared. During the year 2600 persons had been initiated into Freemasonry, and 2227 Grand Lodge certificates had been issued, making the number of Masons attached to lodges in the colony nearly 12,000. Fifteen new lodges had been formed at the following places :—Two at Sydney, and one each at Broken Hill, Granville, Marrickville, Scone, Corowa, Condobolin, Ulmarra, Blayney, Stroud, Adamstown, Bomba'a, Quirindi and Hillgrove.

"They had not neglected the charitable part of their duties. An Orphan Fund was in existence with £16,000 to its credit. The orphans of all Masons were permitted to participate in this benefit, but owing to the provident habits of Masons they had very few calls on this fund. However, there were thirteen children who were allowed £26 a year each, and this sum was handed to their mothers for the children's maintenance. At Camden Hospital, erected by the generosity of Mr. Paling, a cottage containing six beds had been erected by the Masonic body at a cost of £1200, and steps were being taken to furnish it. In all probability they would also make provision for maintaining it for the benefit of sick Masons. The sum of £1163 had been voted by the Benevolent Fund to assist distressed brethren, and the applicants had been chiefly new arrivals, to whom also assistance had been rendered in obtaining employment There was also a fund for the maintenance of indigent Masons and their wives, and other funds which had done a deal of good work. From all this it was plain the Masonic body had not been idle in the work of benevolence."

M.W. Bro. Lord Carrington (Sydney), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Donnelly Fisher (Sydney), Grand Registrar.

NEW MEXICO.

13th Communication, Albuquerque, Jan. 26th, 1891.

M.W. Bro. F. H. Kent, G.M

He congratulates the craft on their continued prosperity, and reports the formation of one new lodge.

A resolution was adopted, giving the Grand Master power to issue a dispensation to instal officers at a time subsequent to the proper day, when, from unavoidable causes, the installation did not take place on the appointed day.

Temple Lodge of Albuquerque, having donated to the Grand Lodge a suitable location in that city, it was unanimously resolved that the Grand Lodge should hereafter be permanently located at Albuquerque, and the following resolution was adopted :—

"*Resolved*—That the M. W. Grand Master, together with all Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, do constitute a committee to consider the advisability of erecting a suitable building for the use of this Grand Dodge, and to suggest a method of providing the necessary ways and means, and that they report their views in the premises to this Grand Lodge at their earliest convenience."

The present Missouri work, as exemplified by the Grand Lecturer, Bro. J. D. Bush, was adopted as the standard work of the jurisdiction.

They have seventeon lodges and 696 members.

Bro. Max Frost reports on correspondence, and has a brief notice of Canada for 1890.

M.W. Bro. Charles H. Dane (Deming), G.M.
R.W. Bro. A. A. Keen (Albuquerque), G.S.

NEW ZEALAND.

We have the proceedings of a quarterly Communication held at Wellington, the capital city of the colony, on the 28th July, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Henry Thomson, G.M.

The Grand Master congratulated the brethren on the progress made by this new Grand Lodge, and mentionod the unanimous recognition accorded to them by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, their nearest neighbour.

Referring to the recent formation, at Wellington, of a lodge under the Grand Orient of France, the Board of General Purposes presented the following resolution, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge :—

"That, inasmuch as the territory of New Zealand was Masonically occupied on the 29th of April last, by the Inauguration of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, no foreign body, not exercising jurisdiction prior to the 29th of April last, can legally, or constitutionally, establish a lodge in the said territory : and, whereas, the said lodge is under the Grand Orient of France, which has eliminated from its constitution any ritual all reference to T.G.A.O.T.U. ; and, whereas, the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland have, in consequence of such elimination, withdrawn their representatives and severed fraternal relations ; and, whereas, the Grand Lodges of the Australian Colonies have, in consequence of such elimination, also declined to recognise the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Lodge of New Zealand hereby declares the lodge formed in Wellington, under the Grand Orient of France, to be an irregular body, underserving recognition of any kind : members of lodges under the New Zealand Constitution are forbidden to visit or receive visitors from the said lodge, and any member of a lodge holding under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, who has joined, or may hereafter join a lodge, under the Grand Orient of France be given one month's notice to withdraw from the said lodge, or his name will be struck off the Roll of lodges under the Grand Lodge of New Zealand."

The reports of the District Superintendents show some of the difficulties under which they have been labouring, through the hostility of the District Grand Masters, under the English and Scotch constitutions. These officers have acted, it is said, in the most bitter spirit, starting rival lodges with poor material, and using unworthy and discreditable tactics in order to frustrate the movement for independence.

It appears that a majority of the lodges have joined the New Grand Lodge, but the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland have so far refused recognition.

M.W. Bro. Henry Thomson (Wellington), G.M.
R.W. Bro. William Donaldson (Wellington), G.S.

A note informs us that on the 15th of September, 1890, the United Grand Lodge of Victoria unanimously resolved to extend recognition to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

NORTH CAROLINA.

104th Communication, Raleigh, January 13th, 1891.
M.W. Bro. Samuel H. Smith, G.M.

He notes the gratifying continuance and steady increase of interest manifested in Masonry, and congratulates the brethren on the final accomplishment of their desire to secure uniformity in the work throughout the jurisdiction.

It was declared that a Mason convicted in a lodge is entitled to no Masonic privileges pending his appeal to the Grand Lodge.

The following amendment to the code was adopted :—

"The Master of a lodge can be tried by the Grand Lodge only as follows :—
"1st. For offences committed in his own Jurisdiction, on charges preferred by three members of his lodge.
"2nd. For offences against other subordinate jurisdictions, on charges preferred by one of the principal officers and three members of said subordinate jurisdiction.
"3rd. For offences in the Grand Lodge, on charges preferred by the Junior Grand Warden or on the order of the Grand Master."

They have 259 lodges, and 10,034 members.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. E. S. Martin. Canada, for 1890, receives a brief notice.

M.W. Bro. Hezekiah A. Gudger (Asheville), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Donald W. Bain (Raleigh), G.S.

NORTH DAKOTA.

First Annual Communication, Grand Forks, June 17th, 1890.
M.W. Bro. James W. Cloes, G.M.
His address opens as follows :—

"Not the least among the important events resulting from the addition of North Dakota's star to the Flag of our National Union was the institution of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

"Such an auspicious birth has proven an inspiration to the officers of the order and prompted energetic, faithful work, prolific in progress and good results. At the close of our fiscal year a very flattering situation presents itself for consideration. While we are unable to point to an extended history of achievements that are passed over years that are gone, we may yet feel gratified that a fair start has been made ; that Masonry has within this jurisdiction been firmly planted as upon a rock, and that the advancement of the Craft is sure to follow. I may safely congratulate you upon the progress made thus far, and to express the hope that your individual energies and efforts will be directed in behalf of the good work in the future as I have known them to be during the year that is gone."

He formed two new lodges. He issued a circular to all the lodges, asking them if they were in need of instruction, to which most of the lodges responded that the services of a lecturer were not needed, as they were quite proficient in the work and lectures.

A very valuable donation was received from Bro. Parvin, of Iowa, consisting of 881 bound volumes of proceedings.

Bro. William Blatt also donated his valuable Masonic library, and the donors were duly thanked.

M.W. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (Fargo), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Thomas J. Wilder (Casselton), G.S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

25th Communication, Halifax, June 11th, 1890.
M.W. Bro. David C. Moore, G.M.
He was delighted to meet our officials :—

"*Sept. 9 to Oct. 7.* I was absent from the Jurisdiction between Sept. 9 and Oct. 7, when the Craft was under the rule of our able and energetic Deputy Grand Master. I was through the Provinces of New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, and Manitoba, but only in Montreal did anything happen worthy of mention to the Grand body.

"In that city I was the guest of P. G. M. Alexander Stevenson, who took the most prominent part in consummating our Union in 1869, and who is known to very many of you as the prince of good fellows. At table I met the M. W Grand Master of Ontario, R. T Walkem, Q. C., and his Grand Secretary, Bro. J J. Mason, together with our good brother, Richard White, M. P., well known as the proprietor of the Montreal Gazette. You may be sure the time went by most pleasantly."

Out of their sixty-six lodges, sixty-one had sent in their returns. A committee was appointed to consider the best means to be adopted to examine into the qualifications of newly-elected masters. A note to the account of their Grand Lodge banquet says :—

"In the early days of Freemasonry, when the brethren would, like other good people, drink their glass of the best that could be found, the enemies of the Order would say: 'Oh, the Masons are a drunken set.' Just notice the change that the march of improvement and temperance reform has brought about: this dinner was conducted on as strictly temperance principles as could possibly be done by any synod of clergymen of any denomination in the land, so that the sneer at Masons for any misconduct in that line belongs to a former age."

Victoria and New South Wales were recognized.

On ritual, the following was adopted :

"That with the view to the preservation and correct promulgation of the recognized work of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nova Sco ia, from the amalgamation or union of the Craft in 1869, subsequent to the organization of this Grand Lodge in 1866, a Committee be appointed to have the custody or charge of said work to whom may be referred for decision any point or points of Ritual, or any matter in connection with said work which may arise from time to time, and that said committee e entitled 'The Custodians of the Works,' and shall consist of seven members of whom the Grand Lecturer, *ex officio*, shall be one, and that the members shall be Past Masters of well ascertained skill and ability, in good standing in a lodge in this jurisdiction, excepting therefrom any Past Master of the lodges, which by the articles of union in 1869 were allowed from previous usage, the practice of other work than that recognized by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia."

A proposal to levy an extra assessment of $1 per capita, in order to pay the debt on the Grand Lodge Hall, was defeated

It was very properly decided that a suspended member could not visit any lodge, and that a Master could not invite any Master or Past Master to occupy the East to confer Degrees.

Bro. David Neish pays due attention to our proceedings of 1889.

In the Appendix appears a catalogue of sixty-eight pages of ancient Masonic documents in possession of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. They have been listed and arranged by Bro. John R. Green, giving the nature and date of each document. They date from 1784 to 1839, and form a very large and valuable collection of great historical interest.

M W. Bro. Charles J. Macdonald (Halifax), G.M.

R.W. Bro. William Ross (Halifax), G.S.

OHIO.

81st Communication, Sandusky, October 15th, 1890.

M W. Bro. Leander Burdick, G.M.

The lodges have been active in their labours, and harmony prevails. The Grand Master refused all dispensations to confer degrees out of time. He promptly prevented the publication of a "cipher key" to the Ritual. He condemns all "side" degrees :—

"While I have no knowledge that we have the 'Order of Owls' in Ohio, I am c edibly informed that the Order of the 'Mystic Shrine' does exist in Ohio, that the Order does make membership in a Masonic body a prerequisite, and, in one instance at least, does occupy apartments in a Masonic Temple that has been dedicated to Masonry by this Grand Lodge.

"Now, my brethren, I submit the proposition to you; Are we consistent in this mat er? Does not the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge as to Side Degrees,

apply as well to the Mystic Shrine, or the Owls (providing it is true that membership in a Masonic body is prerequisite), as it does to the Order of the Eastern Star?

"Here is an in titution fostered and recognized by several Grand Lodges with whom we are in fraternal correspondence; an order whose membership is composed of mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of Masons, whose presence and social influence would be beneficial at all times—they are proscribed, while another whose offices are filled by a Sapient Screecher, Sapient Bag-holder, Lord High Execu ioner, Tooter, Hooter, Blinker, etc, is permitted to attach itself to the Masonic body.

"I therefore earnestly recommend that the action heretofore had against the Order styled the Eastern Star be rescinded, or that the resolution as it now stands be made to apply to all organizations and their members that make membership in a Masonic body a prerequisite to membership in said organization."

They have 490 lodges, and all sent in returns and Grand Lodge dues, except one. The membership is 34,840, a gain of 548.

In the report of the Grand Secretary, he says:—

"That the action of the Grand Lodge last year in refusing to allow mileage and per diem to those lodges that were in arrears in their returns and Grand Dues, was attended with a beneficial effect, is shown by the fact that those lodges, with one exception, were among the earliest to get in their returns th s year, and if the Grand Lodge expects to have complete and accurate reports from year to year, it will be necessary to strictly enforce this rule, except upon ca es where there is an absolutely good excuse for the failure."

In one of their numerous law suits, arising out of the difficulties with the "Cerneau" branch of the Scottish Rite, the following very important decision was rendered by a judge of the Court of Common Pleas:—

"First. A member of a Masonic Lodge, even though such lodge is incorporated under the laws of the State, has no property interest either in his membership in the lodge or in the property which the lodge acquires.

"Second. That, while a lodge is a charitable, benevolent, beneficial and social organization, and is bound to aid and assist its members when they are sick, or in want or in distress, as well as to aid their widows and orphans, this aid and assistance is an incident to membership, upon which it depends, and that the right of the member of the lodge to such assistance is lost by the termination of his membership, and that a member may forfeit his right to such membership by his misconduct.

"Third. That the power to determine who is, and who shall rightfully remain, a member of a Masonic lodge, rests in the lodge itself, being voluntarily conferred upon him by its members, each of whom, on becoming a member, is presumed to have known the nature and character of the lodge, and that it had disciplinary power over all its members. By voluntarily becoming a member of the lodge, he acquires, not a severable right to any of its property, but the rights only of a member of the society so long as he continues to be a member. By the implied conditions upon which he became a member, his membership may be terminated by the act of the society, when he ceases to be a Mason.

"Fourth. Whether it is unmasonic conduct for a member of the lodge to become a member of the Cerneau Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rit', is a question that is purely Masonic, and one into the merit of which this court will not enter."

The sum of $5,000 was voted to the Ohio Masonic Home, and the mileage was reduced to three cents per mile each way.

M. W. Bro. S. Starkey Williams, the chairman of the committee on Masonic History, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:—

"We therefore recommend that steps be taken for the preparation of a History of Masonry in this jurisdiction: and while the scope and plan of the work must be left, in a great measure, with those who will have the matter in charge, we venture a few hints

"We recommend that histories of the six old lodges be prepared, giving not only the immediate, but also the remote sources whence they emanated, the steps which led to the organization of the Grand Lodge, and biographical sketches of active participants therein, so far as available.

"We recommend also that histories of all lodges be prepared as fast as is practicable, not neglecting those now extinct.

"For the purposes herein set forth, we recommend that a Committee be appointed, to be known as the 'Committee on History;' said Committee to have special charge of the work, and be required to make reports to the Grand Lodge at each Annual Session thereof."

This is an example worthy of our imitation.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham reports on correspondence. He thinks that Masonic trials by a disinterested commission are better than by the lodge. On our proposed "Third Degree Amendment," he says:—

"The effort to have all of the business of lodges transacted in a Master Mason's Lodge, instead of in the First Degree, was again lost. In this connection we think that if our Brethren of Canada have patience, the time is coming when the old form of business in an Apprentice Lodge will be again adopted by other Grand Lodges, and that their failure to change their present system is a matter for congratulation."

They are now free from clandestine Masonry:—

"Like Banquo's ghost, clandestinism 'will not down' but must periodically come to the surface, to deceive and mislead the unwary. In this connection Ohio has had a surfeit of illegitimate degree-mongers and other disturbances. From 1851 (and prior thereto) to 1866 the New York emissaries of Cerneauism and Rite of Memphis endeavored to obtain a foothold within this jurisdiction, but both failed ignominiously. From 1874 to 1876, Colored Freemasonry, and the demand for the recognition of the Colored Masonic bodies, was a disturbing element in nearly every Subordinate Lodge in Ohio, as subsequently in the Grand Lodge, where it received its quietus in 1876. In 1874 the disseminators of the Rite of Memphis were again driven out of Ohio, only, however, to reappear a few years later, under the name of 'Royal Masonic Rite,' and from 1881 to 1889, with its twin fraud, modern Cerneauism, have been disturbance-breeders within this Grand Jurisdiction.

"However, the harmonious sessions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its Grand Communication in 1889, in which all legislation, whether in relation to Cerneauism or other matters, was of that unanimous character that now indicates its entire freedom from the conspiracies of illegitimate and clandestine Masonry."

Here is a good lesson in grammar:—

"Perhaps the term Constituent may be more *rhythmical* and pleasing than the term 'Subordinate,' but as it *does not* express the true relation of Subordinate to Grand Lodge, it is doubtless due to 'progression' from old ways

"Affectations of speech in a Masonic connection are so akin to slang, that when the word '*voice*' is used instead of 'speak' or 'express,' '*instruct*' instead of 'teach,' '*proceed*' instead of 'go,' '*conflagration and inundation*' instead of 'fire and water,' the cradle and the coffin '*in juxtaposition to each other*' instead of 'side by side,' '*meridian height*' instead of 'high twelve,' etc., we may naturally expect to hear children called 'kids,' together with a host of other progressive ideas and improvements not dreamed of by our Ancient Brethren."

On Masons made in foreign lands, he says:—

"Whilst, perhaps, we cannot expect foreign Grand Lodges to abrogate their own laws and conform to our ideas of Jurisdiction, yet by the constant refusal of recognition to any one from within our American Jurisdictions who has been made a Mason in a foreign lodge, until formally healed, according to the formula of the Grand Lodge within whose Jurisdiction he may reside, travellers will learn in time that it is at least unwise to attempt an invasion of the wise regulations of American Grand Lodges."

M.W. Bro. Levi C. Goodale (Cincinnati), G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell (Cincinnati), G.S.

OREGON.

40th Communication, Portland, June 11th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Christopher Taylor, G.M.

The craft is increasing in numbers and in material prosperity, and the best of feeling prevails. Not a single grievance reported. R.W. Bro. David Taylor was commissioned as their representative near the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Grand Master ruled that the custom of incorporating lodges is directly against the spirit and plan of Masonry.

A proposed amendment, whereby all Past Grand officers would cease to be members of the Grand Lodge, was almost unanimously lost.

They procured a site for a Masonic Temple, and the estimated cost of the building is $200,000. The site cost $25,000, and it was decided not to go on with the building until the land was free from encumbrance.

In the report on correspondence by the Grand Secretary, we find the following complimentary notice of our work:—

"We are struck by the thoroughness of the masonic work in this jurisdiction. Taking into consideration the high character of these Masons who interest themselves

in masonic duties, their great charities, and their untiring zeal in the work, our brethren in Canada must be a great power in that masonic realm. May the blessings of heaven rest upon them."

M.W. Bro. James F. Robinson (Eugene), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Stephen F. Chadwick (Salem), G.S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At a quarterly Communication, held on June 4th, 1890, the followin resolutions were passed:—

"WHEREAS, The so-called 'Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis' has been decided by the Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania to be *not* a masonic body, and not entitled to occupy a Masonic Hall, dedicated to Freemasonry.

"AND WHEREAS, The said so-called 'Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis' in its title unlawfully asserts that it *is* a masonic body."

"AND WHEREAS, The said Rite unlawfully addresses its official certificates issued to its members, 'To all Masons throughout the globe,' and 'To all Free and Accepted Masons.'

"AND WHEREAS, The said Rite, in its constitution and official history, compiled and published by its so-called Grand Master, unlawfully asserts that its so-called Grand Master 'shall always possess the right and have the power to make Masons at sight.'

"*Therefore, Resolved*, That the said so-called 'Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis' is masonically a clandestine body.

"*Resolved*, That an Edict of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge be issued, declaring the said so-called 'Egyptian Masonic Rite of Memphis' to be clandestine, and notifying and requiring all Brethren Free and Accepted Masons in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to sever their connection with and renounce their allegiance to said Rite within ninety days from this fourth of June, A.L. 5890."

The annual Communication was held at Philadelphia on the 27th day of December, 1890. M.W. Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, G.M.

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Thomas R. Patton, made a further donation of $25,000 to the Memorial Charity Fund, and received the grateful thanks of the Grand Lodge for his munificent gift.

The address of the Grand Master was also his valedictory. On the subject of modern innovations, he says:—

"We recognize and enforce the truth that Freemasonry is, in the highest sense of the term a *secret* society; and that candidates must seek us of their own free will, not we them, by any form of invitation whatsoever. Hence a public installation of lodge officers has never been known under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Hence we have no public Grand Honors, to exhibit in the presence of the profane. Hence we require that at all formal Masonic Meetings only Freemasons shall be present. We rarely have a procession of the Craft, and that only on a most important Masonic occasion. We participate in no general public processions. When we attend a brother's funeral we do not wear masonic clothing, or regalia. We do nothing in public for the purpose of attracting the attention of the profane. We think that by this action we are maintaining the integrity of Masonic principles, and the ancient usages of the Craft. There are other organizations which were created for the purpose of display, or which may consistently adopt it to further their interests; but Freemasonry, which avowedly does not seek to make proselytes, and which is, or should be, the most secret organization in the world, may not lawfully court the gaze of the profane, nor invite them to be present at a purely and exclusively Masonic Lodge ceremonial, such for example, as a lodge anniversary, or the installation of lodge officers. We have public ceremonials, which are necessarily so, such as the laying of the corner-stone of a public building, on the invitation of the proper authority. This is lawful, and the usage with regard to it is universal. It requires no refinement of casuistry to distinguish between it and the needless exposure of a purely secret ceremonial, such as the installation of officers, or the celebration of the constitution of a lodge. These latter are for the Craft alone, while the former is necessarily performed in public, and therefore open to public observation. In connection with our public ceremonies, however, no lodge is opened."

All the members of the "Egyptian Rite of Memphis" have severed their connection with that spurious organization.

Some of the decisions of the Grand Master are worthy of note:—

"It is not permissible to have or use in this jurisdiction any writing, book, or other equivalent, which shall set forth or contain the work of Freemasonry. The work cannot be written, printed, or otherwise indicated.

"It is an established principle of Freemasonry that electioneering for Masonic office is not Masonic Profane methods must not be introduced into the Craft. The following specific forms of such electioneering I have decided to be unlawful:

"It is not permissible to send out through the jurisdiction, for use in different lodges, a printed circular instruction to a Lodge Representative from a Past Master (with the name in blank, to be filled up), to vote for a *Brother therein named*, as a Grand Officer. A Lodge Representative is justifiable in not recognizing an instruction evidenced in this un-Masonic manner.

"It is not permissible to open any head-quarters outside of the Masonic Temple, where brethren may participate in a complimentry luncheon immediately prior or during the holding of a Masonic election, in the interest of any brother who is to be voted for for Masonic office.

"An illegitimate son is disqualified for initiation into Freemasonry. According to the Landmark, an applicant must be 'the son of honest parents.'"

They have now 395 lodges, and over 41,000 members.

The report on Correspondence, by Bro. Richard Vaux, covers 229 pages. He reviews Canada for 1890, but does not like our small type. (Neither do we.) He thinks it is too trying on the eyes:—

"Before we leave the printed volume before us, if it will not be unfraternal, or even considered improper criticism; we do wish to remark, as midnight has left us trying to read the print, that the typographical work of the volume is hardly worthy of the Grand Lodge of Canada. It is not creditable to any Craft."

Under "Ohio," he says:—

"We have read the proceedings of this occasion with surprise and regret. It seems the 'ladies' presented a handsome 'national flag' to adorn the staff upon the Temple There is no tradition which even hints that King Solomon, when he dedicated the Great Temple, put any ensign or banner, or any such thing, on the staff of that Temple. Think of it! A flag-staff on King Solomon's Temple! We do not understand on what Masonic principle, or custom, or usage it was permitted at Sandusky, unless the Craft there are wiser in their generation than the true children of Light. A flag on the staff of a Masonic Hall! It is just as ridiculous as most of the gushing womanisms of this day of actions without reason emotions without judgment, and the confounding shadow with substance. It is remarkable that some women find room in their minds for *isms of emotion*, undirected in their expression by even the shadow of a reason.

"The remarks of Bro. Bromwell are of the sort inspired by the flag folly. He might almost as well have told the ladies and gentlemen present the whole ceremony, for he seems to have had no other guide to his utterances than 'the eloquence and enthusiasm of every Mason.' To condemn himself, he thinks these are too much the subjects for appeal. Strange!"

M.W. Bro. J. Simpson Africa, G.M.
R. W. Bro. Michael Nisbet, G.S.
(Address, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Penn.)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

15th Communication, Charlottetown, June 24th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Neil Mackelvie, G.M.

The following clause in the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address was struck out:—

"We have considered the matter alluded to by R.W. Bro. B. Wilson Higgs, on the conferring of life membership by Victoria Lodge, No. 2, on a member of that lodge, and have arrived at the following conclusion, viz.: 'That a lodge having a by-law fixing a sum to be paid annually as dues, cannot by mere resolution confer life membership on any member,' as they would thereby override a by-law which every member is charged to maintain, and the Worshipful Master then installed promised to see not infringed."

North Dakota was recognized, but New Zealand was held over until action had by the mother Grand Lodges.

The following motion was lost:—

"That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is not unmasonic to attend the funeral of a deceased brother with non-masons as pall bearers."

The Grand Master decided that the vote of the lodge was the demit, and the paper the evidence thereof.

M.W. Bro. John W. Morrison (Charlottetown), G.M.
R.W. Bro. B. Wilson Higgs (Charlottetown), G.S.

RHODE ISLAND.

A special meeting was held September 23rd, 1889, to lay the corner stone of the Jewish Synagogue, in Providence.

Semi-annual, Nov. 18th, 1889.

The following report was adopted :—

"Your Committee having duly considered the matter referred to them are clearly of the opinion that Grand Lodge should celebrate the completion of its one hundredth year of existence, rather than its one hundredth Annual Communication. The former occurs June 25th, 1891, and the latter May 19th, 1890. This, so far as we are informed has been the custom of older Grand Lodges.

"We therefore recommend that steps be taken at once to arrange for the Centennial to be held June 25th, 1891, believing that none too much time is before us to make the arrangements for a successful celebration."

The first volume of the reprint of their early proceedings is issued, and a second is nearly ready.

100th Communication, Providence, May 19th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. George H. Kenyon, G.M.

He visited twelve lodges, and found all in a prosperous condition.

The Centennial Celebration is to take place on June 24th, 1891.

M. W. Bro. George H. Kenyon (Providence), G.M.

R. W. Bro. Edwin Baker (Providence), G.S.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The record before us contains the proceedings of four quarterly and three special Communications, held during the year ending April, 1890.

The special held at Adelaide on May 23rd, 1889, was for the purpose of extending a fraternal welcome to the new Governor of the Colony, His Excellency the Earl of Kintore. The Grand Master, who was also the Chief Justice of the Colony, the Hon. S. J. Way, supplemented the address of welcome with a good speech, and the Governor responded in a very cordial manner, expressing his desire to afford all the countenance and support he could to the Craft in South Australia.

At the quarterly, on July 17th, 1889, the Grand Master resigned, with the view of securing the Earl of Kintore as his successor, and the following resolution was passed :—

"R.W. Bro. Downer joined heartily with Bros Muecke, Simpson and Addison in their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the Grand Master to the Craft—services which had done much towards the success of the Grand Lodge, and secured for it the respect and esteem of the Masonic world. He would move—That the Grand Lodge accepts with very much regret the resignation of the M.W. the Grand Master, to take effect as from the 15th day of October next, and as the R.W. Deputy Grand Master has expressed his unwillingness to act as Grand Master for the remainder of the year, a meeting of Grand Lodge be summoned for Wednesday, the 16th day of October next to elect a Grand Master; and this Grand Lodge tenders its most hearty thanks to the Grand Master for his able, zealous and invaluable services rendered to the Grand Lodge during the five years he has held the office of Grand Master."

On October 16th, 1889, the Earl of Kintore was elected Grand Master.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"That the following words be added to Constitutions 2, page 4, 'and no brother shall be nominated for any office in Grand Lodge other than that of Grand Master, Chaplain, or Organist, unless he be a member of Grand Lodge.'"

It would seem rather funny to us to have a Grand Master who was not a member of the Grand Lodge, but we suppose it is all right from their point of view, and it is nice to have a titled figure-head sometimes, provided you do not surrender too much of your independence.

A special was held on October 30th, 1889, for installation. The Grand Master of New South Wales, Lord Carrington, came personally to conduct the ceremony, and he was assisted by Sir William Clarke, the Grand Master of Victoria, and a large number of distinguished

members from the neighbouring colonies. The ceremonies, including a magnificent banquet, were imposing, and extremely interesting.

A quarterly meeting was held on January 15th, 1890. The Grand Master and a large number of Grand Officers were absent. Some of the absentees sent apologies, and it was resolved that "Fines be recorded against Grand Lodge officers absent without apologies, in accordance with clause 26 of the Constitution."

The following were adopted :—

"1. 'That it is desirable to secure uniformity in Masonic working throughout Australasia.'

"2. 'That the Grand Secretary be instructed to request the fraternal co-operation of the other Grand Lodges of Australasia, in securing such uniformity of working.'

"3. 'That a Committee be now appointed to enquire into the various modes of working practised by the Craft, and either alone or in concert with Committees or Representatives of those other Grand Lodges, to formulate for the approval of the various Grand Lodges a uniform system of working.'"

R.W. Bro. J. H. Cunningham (Adelaide), G.S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

114th Communication, Anderson, December 9th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Furman Divver, G.M.

On the state of the Craft, he has the following remarks, together with some excellent advice on the proper manner to make Masonic meetings interesting :—

"I am gratified to report, that in this Jurisdiction Masonry has taken no step backward during the past year. Our lodges are taking a deeper interest in the work of the Order than I have ever witnessed among them, and although a larger number of candidates have been admitted into the Order than ever before in the same length of time, yet I find that the outer door has been more closely guarded and only good material allowed to enter. I also find that there is a disposition among the brethren to have better lodge rooms, making them brighter and more comfortable and their meetings are pleasanter and more social. This is, indeed, truly gratifying. I believe the social features of our lodge meetings has been too long neglected; it is high time that it should be revived. I regret to say that it has in the past been too often the custom of some of our lodges to hold their meetings in a cold and formal way, then long before the time for closing is at hand the most of the brethren are weary and anxious to obtain permission to leave. And why is this? It is because we have been too careless in regard to the teachings of the Order. It seems that some time after the time appointed for the meeting, the brethren are called upon to prepare for labour, the ritualistic features of the lodge work, such as the opening and perhaps the conferring of degrees in a careless and indifferent manner are gone through with. No useful lectures or talks are made, but simply closing, and each brother hastening home as quickly as possible, and yet some will say we had a good meeting. What constitutes a good meeting is not only the Ritual being properly carried out, but it is where the meetings are made pleasant and full of good cheer. Let the lodge be called to labour promptly at the appointed time, so that the business before it will not be delayed o the degrees hurried through for want of time. Let the officers strive to so act their part as to make it interesting and instructive; have some good lively talks and lectures from the brethren in a social, pleasant style, and occasionally let refreshments be served. This need not be of an expensive character, but somewhat like a family picnic. Then when we come together let us leave our outside business of every nature whatsoever behind us when we enter the door of the lodge room, so that we can feel we are at home, where we can truly meet upon the level and part upon the square. Then we will witness a grand and glorious revival of Masonry in this Jurisdiction."

Three new lodges were formed, three corner-stones were laid, and four new halls were dedicated. The debt on their temple is gradually decreasing. The Grand Master mentions the death of Bro. A. Doty, the Grand Senior Warden and our representative, who was universally esteemed as a true and enthusiastic Mason, and whose sudden death is greatly regretted.

A proposition to print the Ritual in cypher was negatived.

The ten district deputies were appointed as a committee to consider the advisability of founding a Masonic Orphanage, and to report at next meeting.

The Grand Secretary reviews the proceedings of all the Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada, except one. Canada, for 1890, receives due notice, although he is in error in stating that the "Third Degree" amendment was adopted.

M.W. Bro. Laurie T. Izlar (Blackville), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Charles Inglesby (Charleston), G.S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

16th Communication, Madison, June 10th, 1890.
M.W. Bro. George V. Ayers, G.M.
Their condition is thus stated :—

"Although much has been said and published regarding the destitution in South Dakota, but one lodge has called for aid, and it received more than ample funds to relieve its distress from the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"Nothing has arisen to disturb the peace and fraternal relations existing between the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, and all are in a prosperous condition so far as I have been able to learn. Some may be poor, but none are destitute and we have many things to be thankful for."

Among the decisions of the Grand Master, we find the following that are worthy of note :—

"1. A man purporting to be a Master Mason residing in the city, presents his Dimit and with it a petition for affiliation. There is no member of the lodge nor any known Mason in the city who can vouch for the applicant. Can such petition be received, reported and balloted on before the applicant has been examined and found to be a Master Mason by a committee appointed by the W.M.?

"No. You have no right to elect anyone a member of your lodge unless you know him to be a Master Mason, and in this case you would not.

"2. Is his Dimit sufficient authority for allowing him to sit in lodge without examination?

"No. You are obliged to admit none until by strict trial, due examination or lawful information, you have found them worthy."

"6. We have in our jurisdiction a young man, No. 1 material, who wants to unite with our lodge, but does not take kindly to the word 'swear,' he wants to affirm. Will the lodge here be justified in accepting him and using the word 'affirm' in place of 'swear.' The party is a Quaker.

"No. You have no authority to make innovations in the secret work. Moreover, I believe candidates should conform themselves to Masonry and not Masonry to candidates.

"7. Must a Worshipful Master of a lodge be installed upon being re-elected?

"Yes, he should be because he is really only elected for the term of one year, but he does not need to take the Past Master's degree.

"8. Can a person having lost the first joint of the second or ring finger of the left hand, be made a Mason?

"Yes. If he has all the other necessary qualifications, this does not disqualify him.

"9. Should an affiliated Mason pay dues from the date of his election as a member of a lodge, or from the date of his signing the Constitution and By-Laws?

"From the date he was elected a member. When he made application he made a proposition to the lodge. The lodge accepted his proposition and elected him a member, and so far as the real covenant goes, it has been fulfilled by the lodge, and the brother is bound to pay dues. He becomes a member of your lodge as soon as elected, and is entitled to all the rights and benefits whether he ever signs the By-Laws or not."

Bro. Ayers refused an application to make a Mason at sight out of certain rejected material. He recommended the abolition of the Past Masters' Degree, and the Committee on Jurisprudence were in harmony with such action.

New South Wales was recognized.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend to each particular lodge under this jurisdiction, that it shall require that each brother raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason shall appear in open lodge and pass a satisfactory examination as to his proficiency in the third degree within two months after such raising, unless further time be granted by vote of the lodge."

Steps were taken for the establishment of a Grand Charity Fund, and a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, five per cent. of the Grand Lodge receipts being thus appropriated for the present.

Bro. William Blatt reports on correspondence, and notices Canada for 1889.

M.W. Bro. Theodore D. Kanouse (Sioux Falls), G.M.

R.W. Bro. Charles T. McCoy (Aberdeen), G.S.

TASMANIA.

A circular informs us that this new Grand Lodge was duly constituted on the 26th June, 1890, at Hobart, when Bro. the Rev. R. D. Poulett-Harris, M.A., was elected and installed as Grand Master. The installation ceremony was performed by his Excellency Lord Carrington, Governor and Grand Master of New South Wales, assisted by his Excellency Earl Kintore, Governor and Grand Master of South Australia, Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Grand Master of Victoria, and his Honour Chief Justice Way, P.G.M. of South Australia. The meeting was held in the Hobart Town Hall, and there were about 450 brethren present at the ceremony.

We are told that the whole of the proceedings in connection with the formation of the Grand Lodge were carried out in a legal and constitutional manner, and that the whole of the lodges in the colony hitherto working under the English, Irish, and Scotch constitutions have given in their allegiance.

We have much pleasure in welcoming this new Grand Lodge, and wishing them a long career of usefulness and prosperity.

M.W. Bro. R. D. Poulett-Harris (Hobart), G.M.

R.W. Bro. J. G. Steele (Hobart), G.S.

TENNESSEE.

77th Communication, Nashville, Jan. 28th, 1891.

R.W. Bro. William S. Smith, D.G.M., presided as Grand Master, in consequence of the death of the Grand Master, Bro. Benjamin F. Haller, in April, 1890. Bro. Haller was one of the most prominent members of the fraternity, holding at the time of his death the office of General Grand Scribe.

Three new lodges are reported, and a small increase in membership. The morning session of the second day was devoted to holding a lodge of sorrow in memory of the deceased Grand Master.

Over $2,000 were subscribed by lodges and individual brethren in aid of their Masonic Home, and the following resolution was adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That the Representative of each and every subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction be earnestly requested to bring the completion of the Widows' and Orphans' Home before his lodge, and use every effort in his power to induce every member of his lodge to contribute twenty-five cents for the completion of the Home, and that the members be notified to attend a meeting to be called for that purpose."

Bro. George C. Connor reports on correspondence, and notices our proceedings of 1890.

M.W. Bro. William S. Smith (Ebenezer), G.M.

R.W. Bro. John Frizzell (Nashville), G.S.

TEXAS.

55th Communication, Houston, Dec. 9th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. A. S. Richardson, G.M.

On the condition of the Craft, he says:—

"In a jurisdiction so extensive as ours, embracing over six hundred active lodges, it is of course practicably impossible for the Grand Master to inform himself of the condition of the Order save through reports of his district deputies, or other accredited source. But from the reports already received I feel warranted in saying that the Order in this jurisdiction is in a healthy and, if we may measure prosperity by a consistent adhesion to principle rather than numerical increase, I may say in a prosperous

condition. The inculcation of moral principle and the enforcement of moral discipline seems to have been the aim throughout the jurisdiction, especial attention having been given in many quarters, and with an encouraging measure of success, to the suppression of what are usually considered the minor and yet too common evils of intemperance and profanity.

"A lack of proper instruction in the work is also apparent throughout the jurisdiction, and it is to this that I am strongly disposed to attribute the lack of zeal so frequently evinced. It is unnecessary now to inquire why, but it is nevertheless true, and will no doubt continue to be so while humanity is constituted as it is, that an appeal through the imagination is equally if not more potent in influencing human action than even appeals to sense or conscience. This fact has been recognized by Masonry in the past, and in its beautiful and impressive ritual it has succeeded in so combining the three influences as through them to have built up and maintained for centuries the grandest and most efficient moral conservator yet contrived by man. If it would maintain its proud distinction, its methods as handed down from the fathers must be maintained and the dissemination of these methods should be made second to no other object.

Bro. Richardson does not approve of the transaction of Grand Lodge business before the Grand Lodge meeting :—

"But under our system, as now organized, the inspection of the work of the lodge is made the duty as well as reserved as the right of the Grand Lodge itself, the work is required to be sent up for that purpose, each lodge has one or more representatives present to perform its share of that duty, and a portion of that duty is, presumably, devolved upon each member, or he has no business here, and it is very seriously to be questioned whether any change in that system, at least in the direction suggested, would tend to subserve the interests of the Order.

"The mere correction of errors might, it is true, be safely intrusted to experts, but the fact of error implies a defect of which the other lodges have a right to be informed, if for no other reason, at least that they may avoid the like error. The correction of the error of one lodge to day, unless noted in the record, furnishes no guide, and may be repeated by another to morrow. While the knowledge that all errors will be noted will surely be an incentive to accuracy, the assurance that they will be corrected will as certainly induce carelessness and indifference.

"But, aside from its value as a guide to the lodges, the investigation itself is a school of instruction to the individual Mason. Every member on any committee necessarily becomes versed in the regulations touching all matters coming before that committee, and an attendance upon different committees ultimately insures familiarity with most of the Grand Lodge requirements, and thus a fund of practical information is diffused through the whole body of Masonry, to be as readily attained in no other way.

"But let it become the rule that members, the large majority of them at least, are practically excluded from an examination into the details of Grand Lodge work, not only are they deprived of the advantages to be gained thereby, but are also confronted by the question as to the necessity of attendance upon Grand Lodge at all, and from that doubt the transition is easy to suspicion as to the workings of a cabinery into which they have but little insight. Centralization is the tendency of the age, certainly in the political and material world, and it is a tendency which has been seriously deprecated, and it is greatly to be feared that its introduction into our system would be harmful.

"But more to be deprecated than all else is the lessening the opportunities of cultivating by association that fraternity which is so essential to our existence as an Order and which is so beautifully inculcated in our teachings. Thrown together upon the same committees, working together to a common object and touched by a common sympathy our common fraternity will surely find a richer development than can possibly be attained by brethren who, though standing upon the same level and recognizing a common bond yet lack the sympathy of association and look into each other's faces as strangers."

The committee on work have been in the habit of meeting one week in advance of the Grand Lodge, to instruct all who attend during that week. They report 268 present at last meeting, and much interest manifested. This system was, however, changed as to time by the adoption of the following resolution :—

"1. *Resolved*, That the present system of disseminating the work be so changed that, hereafter, the Committee on Work will meet on the day following the close of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge and instruct the Masters, Wardens and representatives of subordinate lodges for six work days, and shall audit the accounts for mileage and per diem in accordance with existing laws, and certify in duplicate to the roll of those attending before the committee giving the names, lodges, attendance, etc., as heretofore, and also the amount of mileage and per diem to which each is entitled, one copy of which roll so certified shall be filed with the Grand Treasurer, which

will be sufficient authority for him to pay the several amounts therein shown to be due, upon proper receipt, and the other copy of said roll, certified as aforesaid, shall be by said committee at once forwarded to the Grand Master who shall submit the same to the Grand Lodge on the first day of the succeeding annual communication thereof, to be referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and report in the usual way; provided, that no person shall be allowed any mileage or per diem unless he attends the full six days before the committee, except that sickness only shall prevent.

"2. At the conclusion of the six days above provided, the Committee on Work shall continue in session for three days longer, if necessary, to examine applicants for certificates, under the provisions of existing laws, but no applicants for certificates shall be paid by the Grand Lodge for any expenses incurred. The Committee on Work being entitled to the same per diem as heretofore for the time actually engaged on the approval of their accounts by the Grand Master, whose order on the Grand Treasurer shall be sufficient authority for the payment of the same."

The recognition of New Zealand was deferred.

The special committee on Masonry in Mexico, with our old friend, J. F. Miller, P.G.M., a learned and expert brother, as chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted :—

"Your committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the condition of Freemasonry in Mexico respectfully reports that by reason of ill health upon the part of the chairman he has been unable to fully discharge the duty imposed upon him.

"We find, however, that most of the trouble in relation to intercourse with lodges in our sister republic have grown out of the different systems and theories under which the organizations are formed. There has been no recognised central Masonic authority in Mexico, and the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction has not obtained there, hence in one or two of the States of Mexico there have been established more than one lodge claiming to exercise the powers of a Grand Lodge, and then rival jurisdictions in their attempts to supplant each other and obtain recognition from neighbouring jurisdictions have succeeded in having the legality of the entire Masonic system in Mexico questioned.

"Within the last few years, however, there has been a very decided improvement in Masonic affairs in Mexico. Most of these rival jurisdictions have settled their differences, and now only one Masonic authority is recognized. A central Grand Lodge has been organized in the City of Mexico, and the State Grand Lodges are generally submitting to its authority, and the probability is that all the lodges now working in the border States of Mexico are working under lawful authority, unless it be a lodge or two chartered in Mexico by Grand Lodges in the United States.

"I think, however, that the time has come when the matter of fraternal intercourse between the lodges under our jurisdiction and their neighbours across the Rio Grande may very safely be committed to the lodges interested, as they have the means and opportunity of examining the authority under which these lodges are held, and are competent under their obligations to pass upon them.

"We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

"1. *Resolved*, That all resolutions and orders of this Grand Lodge interdicting Masonic communication with lodges and Masons in Mexico be and are hereby repealed.

"2. That it is hereby made the duty of such lodges in Texas as are near to lodges in Mexico, in case they desire to hold Masonic communication with such lodges, to examine into the authority by which they are held and, in case they find them regular, to adopt a resolution authorising visitation and Masonic intercourse with such lodges; but in case they have any doubt of the legality of the authority under which such Mexican lodge is held, they shall report the matter, with all the facts in their possession, to the M.W. Grand Master for his opinion, by which they will be guided when received."

Bro. Thomas M. Matthews reports on correspondence, and has determined not to indulge in comments as freely as heretofore. Our proceedings of 1890 receive a good notice, and numerous extracts from them are given with approval.

M.W. Bro. George W. Tyler (Belton), G.M.
R.W. Bro. William F. Swain (Houston), G. S.

UTAH.

20th Communication, Salt Lake City, January 20th, 1891.
M.W. Bro. Arthur M. Grant, G.M.

They have seven lodges and 486 members. The Grand Master visited all the lodges and found the work satisfactory. He decided that "A blank piece of paper, expressing nothing and declaring nothing, is not

a vote, and cannot be counted as such in any election in Grand or Constituent Lodge." On their library, he says :—

"This subject is of interest to all of you. Go where you may and you will hear our library spoken of in the most praiseworthy terms.

"Having visited the room frequently within the past year, and noticed the pleased faces of the many readers, I am convinced that by this means we dispense a charity that is in many instances as needful and as grateful as the giving of dollars and cents. I have conversed with many educated readers and all expressed themselves as highly pleased with the merits and selection of the books, of which there are at this writing nearly nine thousand volumes upon the shelves. I earnestly wish we had the means to so endow this institution that it could continue to do its share of good and at the same time prove a lasting monument to its founders. But we have not the means, and something should be done to secure its permanency."

The request of New Zealand for recognition was declined for the present. That of Tasmania was granted.

On the question of blank ballots, the following report of the committee on jurisprudence was adopted :—

"To your Committee on Jurisprudence at the last Annual Communication was referred the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that in all elections for Grand Officers, a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect, and that a blank ballot is not to be counted at such elections.

"Article 8, of the Constitution, in reference to this subject, provides that 'a majority of *all the votes cast* shall be *necessary* for an election.'

"We are of opinion that a blank ballot or piece of paper is not a *vote* within the meaning of the Constitution.

"This conclusion is supported by the high authority of the M.·.W.·. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. (See Proceedings for 1889, pp. 12 and 16.)

"The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar for the United States have apparently reached the same conclusion. (See report of Proceedings for 1889, p. 252.)

"The Committee therefore report the resolution with the recommendation that it pass."

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence. Canada, for 1890, receives favourable mention. In reply to Bro. Bridwell, of Colorado, he has the following remarks on the landmarks :—

"With all due respect for the learned brother, we beg to differ with him on that point. The laws of Masonry have *changed*, as is proven by the Constitution of the Mother Grand Lodge on the English Isle. Let us see whether we cannot convince him, and others holding with him, that our point is well taken. It is said that the presence of the Book of Law and a Charter in a lodge is a Landmark, but the four original English lodges, and if we remember correctly, the first lodge in Pennsylvania had no Charters, and the lodges in France and some in Germany have upon the altar an open unwritten book, signifying purity; consequently that cannot be a Landmark. The requirement that a man to be made a Mason should be free born and of lawful age might have been a Landmark, but England has changed 'free born' to 'freeman,' and they have over there initiated youths of eighteen years of age. And as to the good ladies, well, every Mason knows that at least two have been made Masons. Physical perfection is not required under the English Constitution. The prerogatives of Grand Masters to make Masons at sight originated for the benefit of English princes. The Passwords of the first and second degree have claims to be Landmarks, but they have been transposed many years ago. The right to take candidates regardless of residence is claimed in the old country, but American Masonry protests against it; *ergo*, it's no Landmark. The governing of a Grand and Constituent Lodge by a Master and two Wardens was an original Landmark, but there came one again for the benefit of the English nobleman—the introduction of a Deputy Grand Master. It has been held that no one can be elected Master except he has served as a Warden, but the practice in the Grand Lodges of California and Georgia proves that that cannot be a Landmark.

"Now let us see which of the Landmarks have never been changed and will continue unchanged until the end of time: First, a belief in the existence of a Ruler of the Universe; second, that the moral law is the rule and guide of every Mason; third, respect for and obedience to the civil law of the country, and the Masonic regulations of the Jurisdiction where a Mason may reside; fourth, the legend of the Third Degree (although not introduced in Scotland until late in the seventeenth century); and last, but not least, the modes of recognition and the signs of distress. The legitimacy of the last Landmark has never been questioned, and we hope never will. It is the noblest of all the Landmarks. It embraces the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, which have existed since the creation of man, and which will exist until the great illuminator ceases to shine upon this earth of ours, and it wanders again in that vast expanse we see above us, a burned-out, lifeless something without form and void."

M.W. Bro. William G. Van Horne (Salt Lake City), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Christopher Diehl (Salt Lake City), G.S.

VERMONT.

97th Communication, Burlington, June 11th, 1890.
M.W. Bro. George W. Wing, G.M.

All the jurisdiction is alive with earnestness and zeal and the lodges are continually improving in work and interest.

The new Grand Lodges of North Dakota, New South Wales and Victoria were recognized.

In the Report on Correspondence, by Bro. Marsh O Perkins, we find a good notice of our proceedings for 1889, only our title is given rather strangely as "Canada, in the Province of Ottawa." The address of Bro. Walkem receives his approbation, and our remarks on their dedication of a *stone* are copied, but without comment.

M.W. Bro. George W. Wing (Montpelier), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Warren G. Reynolds (Burlington), G.S.

VIRGINIA.

113th Communication, Richmond, Dec. 9th, 1890.
M.W. Bro R. T. Craighill, G.M.

He reports the craft in a satisfactory condition and ten new lodges. We copy from his address the following:—

"GENERAL MATTERS.

"My attention has been directed to a subject which seems to call for some legislation to avoid possible complications. A case has come to my knowledge where a brother had given a personal certificate to a female relative of a Master Mason, upon which certificate she had applied for aid in another Grand Jurisdiction.

"I am of the opinion that no certificates of this character should be given to any one, except under proper restrictions; such, for example, as the formal action of a chartered lodge.

"DECISIONS.

"I have made the following decisions during the year:

"*First.* That Section 172 of the Methodical Digest, must be construed to mean that no term of service, however long, can constitute the Worshipful Master of a lodge under dispensation a *Past Master*.

"*Second.* That a lodge under dispensation is not liable (as a chartered lodge would be,) under Section 245 of the Methodical Digest, for dues in arrears in a chartered lodge on the part of any of the members of such lodge under dispensation.

"*Third.* That the Wardens of a lodge, in their regular order of succession, have *all the powers* of the Worshipful Master in his absence from the jurisdiction of his lodge, however temporary such absence may be. Thus the lodge, can *at no time* be without a *head*, except upon the happening of a three-fold casualty.

"FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

"Owing to the continued ill health of our beloved brother, Most Worshipful Wm. F. Drinkard, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, I regret to say, that no report on that subject will be submitted at this meeting of the Grand Lodge. While a general regret will be felt at this omission in our own and many other Grand Jurisdictions, yet I am confident that a much more poignant regret will prevail because of the ill health of our gifted chairman. I pray God he may soon be restored to good health and to his pre-eminent usefulness among us."

Instead of the deficit exhibited at last session, they have now a surplus of nearly $500 and that amount was voted to the endowment fund of their Masonic Home.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary address a communication to each subordinate lodge, advising in that it is the desire of this Grand Lodge that it shall, without delay, supply themselves with copies of the new Text-Book.

"2. *Resolved*, That so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to the issuing of a certificate by a Master Mason within this jurisdiction, and the general subject of issuing certificates of membership and good standing, etc., be referred to the Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence, with instructions to report thereon on the first night of the next Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

"3. *Resolved*, That the decisions of the Grand Master reported to this Grand Lodge, and are hereby approved."

The history of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, is printed in the appendix. It is very interesting but our limits will not allow of extracts. The old record book, containing the proceedings from 1752 to 1771, is still preserved. The records for ninety years from 1772 were destroyed in December, 1862, when the town was shelled by General Burnside and pillaged by the Federal Army.

M.W. Bro. J. Howard Wayt (Staunton), G.M.
R.W. Bro. William B. Isaacs (Richmond), G.S.

WASHINGTON.

33rd Communication, Ellensburgh, June 10th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. William A. Fairweather, G.M., gives us a pleasing picture of their general prosperity:—

"Our people have enjoyed a year of great prosperity, probably the greatest in the whole history of Washington. To fully appreciate this fact, one has only to visit the various sections of our young and growing commonwealth, to see evidences of thrift in every department of industry, and behold on every hand success and rapid advancement as well as growth, and more than full compensation for the labour of our toiling citizens. Industry everywhere has received its full compensation; cities have sprung into existence as by magic; population has increased, schools, colleges and churches have multiplied, while prosperity and smiling peace greet us on every hand. With this grand march of material progress and development, our noble institution has majestically kept pace. It has largely extended its borders, and to an unprecedented degree increased its membership."

Ten new lodges are reported. One of these, at Tacoma, started with fifty members and in four months conferred sixty-three degrees, received forty-five members by affiliation and now have 117 members.

In consequence of the numerous fires and floods (part of the general prosperity), the special Committee on "Joint Occupancy" asked and obtained an extension of time for a year.

The following method of disseminating the work was adopted:—

"*First*, That the original committee who revised and compiled the authorized and adopted standard work of this jurisdiction, be again made the Board of Custodians of the Work for the ensuing year, with authority to meet and compare their recollections of the work as adopted, with a view to make themselves be perfect in the work as possible, and to observe in every detail all the work and lectures as originally adopted by this Grand Lodge at the Annual Grand Communication in 1856.

"*Second*, That the M.W. Grand Master do appoint one Grand Lecturer, who is to be a brother of at least medium age, commanding appearance and good address, and capable of inspiring confidence and respect among our brethren and lodges in the highest degree: and whose first duty shall be to obtain the authorized work of this jurisdiction in perfect form and words from the Board of Custodians; and when thus perfectly prepared, he should receive a certificate from said Board of Custodians, setting forth that he has the authorized work perfect, and that he is now abundantly capable and qualified to teach and disseminate the work of this Grand Lodge in a thorough and masterly manner; and after he is possessed of such certificate of endorsement from said Board of Custodians, the Grand Master shall then properly commission said lecturer and endow him with necessary authority to visit and convene any or all lodges of this jurisdiction and there disseminate and impart the authorized work of this Grand Jurisdiction and no other.

"And this Grand Lecturer, thus equipped and authorized, shall visit every lodge in our jurisdiction and thoroughly instruct it in the work and lectures of this Grand Lodge, and as the Grand Master may direct; and he shall devote his entire time to the instructing of lodges during the whole year, and shall receive a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum for his services as such lecturer, together with his actual traveling expenses, so incurred; which accounts shall be paid by the Grand Lodge upon certified vouchers and warrants upon the treasury."

Bro. Louis Ziegler reports on correspondence and he has a very complimentary review of our proceedings for 1889.

M.W. Bro. James E. Edmiston (Dayton), G.M.
R.W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed (Olympia), G.S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

26th Communication, Charleston, Nov 11th, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Frank Burt, G.M.

He reports two new lodges, and after recounting his official acts and a large number of decisions, he concludes his address with the following remarks :—

"The Masonic year now ending has developed more than the average activity and healthfulness in this jurisdiction. I am able to state from correspondence extending throughout the jurisdiction that our ranks contain numberless thoughtful and zealous men, who desire the prosperity of the fraternity and are anxious to observe our ancient Landmarks and practice the lessons inculcated.

"You will observe from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Master that a large majority of the lodges are in good shape, and of necessity casting an influence for the betterment of their fellows, and the moral welfare of their respective common ties. To uphold and perpetuate our institution such must be the character and influence of individual Masons. A genuine Mason must be a good man. When the precepts of Freemasonry are trampled under foot, then the institution will sink to the level of modern societies. Then I beseech you, my brethren, while we are taking heed to walk squarely before God and man, that heed be taken also of the character of those who may knock at our doors. It should be so to-day and always, that Masonry and true manhood are synonymous. Is it so? Is the name of the Most High always reverenced? Are there none with brain steeped by intoxicants? God pity them and justly punish those others who, for the sake of gain, make brutes of human beings. I do not ask for perfection, but I do expect of Masons such a manhood as will not dishonor an institution that teaches morality."

Full reports were presented by the Grand Lecturer, six out of eleven Deputy Grand Lecturers, and eight out of eleven District Deputy Grand Masters.

The committee on work were in session for two days. A large number of brethren were constantly in attendance, and the entire secret work was thoroughly reviewed. One question submitted to the committee was thus decided :—

"After a Master Mason's lodge has dispersed and is called on again by the Master's gavel it is not proper for the brethren to give the due guard. There is no lodge until the Master has declared the Master Mason's lodge at labour."

On the order of the Eastern Star, the following report of the Jurisprudence Committee was adopted :—

"Bro. Hall, of Ohio Lodge, No. 1, presents for consideration a resolution empowering subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction to permit the use of their lodge rooms by bodies of 'the Order of Eastern Star,' and the matter has been referred to this committee. The subject of recognition of the Order of the Eastern Star as a Mason's institution was so effectually disposed of in 1876 that it seems a little strange that any further allusion to it is necessary in this Grand Lodge. We deem it most important to copy here what was said by Grand Master Walker in his annual report in 1876 relative to this matter; it may be found in the published proceedings of that year and on pages 429 and 430 of the reprint. We still concur in the views then expressed and believe that the Masonic history of the past fourteen years has developed nothing which changes the force of the reasons then put forth with the approbation of the Grand Lodge. The Order of Eastern Star not being recognized as a Masonic body we see no reason why it should be permitted to hold its meetings in Masonic lodge rooms. The committee is further of opinion that the wives and daughters of Freemasons in this jurisdiction should be informed that the possession of the degrees of the Order of Eastern Star will not entitle them to any peculiar privileges or benefits, and will not in any sense or in any particular increase the obligations of Freemasons toward them or give them any courtesy or protection which they do not now fully enjoy."

The recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was deferred until that new body should be recognized by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

They have eighty-seven lodges and 4,379 members.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence, and notices Canada for 1890.

M.W. Bro. John M. Hamilton (Grantsville), G.M.

R.W. Bro. George W. Atkinson (Wheeling), G.S.

WISCONSIN.

46th Communication, Milwaukee, June 10th, 1890.
M.W. Bro. Myron Reed, G.M.
We quote one of his decisions:—

"A Master Mason in good standing ceases attendance at his lodge and commences to attend the Catholic Church.

"After about a year goes to the Bishop and Priest and renounces Masonry, and declares he has severed his connection with the Masonic lodge, and boasts to the members of the church, generally, that he has withdrawn from the lodge. During all this time he holds his membership in the lodge, pays his dues and states to the Secretary that he intends to keep them paid, and that he joined the Catholic Church for a purpose.

"Does such conduct justify charges which, if proven, would sustain a sentence of expulsion?

"*Answer.* A man guilty of such conduct is a liar and a hypocrite, and should be treated as such. As a Mason he has forfeited his right to the privileges of Masonry. A Mason should be a good man and true, and strictly obey the moral law."

Difficulties sometimes arise where lodges are allowed to work in a foreign tongue. One of these is brought to our notice here, in a case where charges were made against a member of a lodge made up of Germans, and the question was asked whether the accused had a right to demand that the proceedings should be conducted in English. The Grand Master ruled that the Master had the power to decide whether the proceedings should be conducted in English or German.

Bro. Reed has the following on joint occupation:—

"During the past year I have received a large number of communications from lodges all over the state asking if our lodge rooms could be used for meetings of an order known as the 'Eastern Star.' This is an independent order claiming to be closely allied to our Masonic Order, and aims to give practical effect to Masonry's beneficent purpose to provide for the families of Masons. It is an Order composed of Masons and their wives, daughters, widows, mothers and sisters. It is not a new organization, but has been in existence several years and is quite strongly established in several states of the Union.

"To all these communications I have invariably replied that I could not recognize this Order as being entitled to any different or better right to use our Masonic apartments than any other kindred secret society, and that I would grant a dispensation to do so only upon the same terms and conditions that I would any other order, and then only for such limited time as would afford our Grand Lodge an opportunity to pass upon the question and determine for itself the advisability of allowing our lodge rooms to be used for the purposes suggested. I lay before you such information as I have to aid you in determining this question."

The temperance resolutions adopted at the last communication of the Grand Lodge have received the cordial support of the brethren, and they have been strictly enforced.

The following remarks of the Grand Master on the subject of Masonic homes are full of wisdom and sound common sense. They suit our ideas exactly, and we would invite all our readers to peruse them attentively and carefully:—

"Brethren, there are pending before this Grand Lodge resolutions looking to the establishment of a Masonic Home for the maintenance of the indigent and infirm Masons, or their widows and orphans. This is a matter that should enlist your most serious and thoughtful consideration; and perhaps the time has come, when if we ever engage in a great and important undertaking of this nature, we should take the initiatory steps by making some provision for funds, that a project of this kind and magnitude will make necessary.

"I know that Masonic homes, orphan asylums and Masonic colleges are getting to be the popular thing among Masons, and several such institutions have already been inaugurated and are meeting with some degree of success, while others are being projected in a large number of our sister jurisdictions.

"There may be a necessity in some states, that does not exist in this, for the exercise of Masonic charity on a large scale, by the building up of benevolent institutions which would add to the honour and good name of our ancient and honourable Fraternity. Our Masonic pride would undoubtedly be greatly flattered by the erection of some stately Masonic temple, some imposing edifice of learning or some pretentious orphan asylum or home for the aged and friendless. It would be a worthy and inspiring monument to which every Mason would point with much satisfaction.

"Rather than have any of our benevolent instincts dwarfed or remain inactive; rather than have any of our kind-hearted and zealous brethren suffer for want of opportunity to contribute to the relief of poor distressed Masons, their widows and orphans, I would favor the present project of building a Masonic Home at any cost, or any kind of charitable or benevolent institution.

"Those feelings of friendship and brotherly love that should have lodgment in every Masonic heart should have room to grow and expand.

"Our hearts should not be allowed to grow cold or to become crusted and cankered over with a consuming selfishness for want of an opportunity to do good to our fellow men.

"While I have the highest respect for the feelings that prompted the writing and presentation of these resolutions, yet I doubt very much the necessity and question the expediency of building public homes for aged, infirm or friendless Masons.

"Our brethren in this state have no great need for *poor houses* and, I conjecture, no great fancy for living in them. The career of these has a sad and humiliating termination when it must end in public home or asylum for the destitute and friendless.

"Those of our brethren the most deserving of such a home would be the last to seek its shelter and its comfort. It would be filled undoubtedly, but by those who are the least entitled to our charity and the good-will of our Order.

"There may be now and then a destitute and friendless Mason in such a physical condition that such an institution would be a very acceptable place in which to care for him, but in my judgment he might be provided for quite as much to his comfort and satisfaction in some private charitable asylum or retreat to be found in almost every city of the state, and at much less cost to the Craft.

"In fact, for these extreme cases of which there can only be a very few at the most in our jurisdiction, we might engage rooms in some one of the local institutions where every care and attention would be given that would be provided in a strictly Masonic Home. But I trust that our charity is such, that there never may be any necessity for one of our number to take refuge in his old age for shelter and bread in a home supported at public expense or by the contributions of our Masonic Fraternity.

"Our charity should be exercised in private. If it should go in the direction proposed by these resolutions it would be robbed of its distinguishing charm—secrecy. If we build a Mason's Home, our charity would be advertised and very soon it would become our pride and boast, and the tendency would be to lessen that more practical charity which is now practiced in the lodge and by individual members of the Order."

Bro. M. L. Youngs, Grand Lecturer, held twenty-three lodges of instruction, and nearly 100 lodges availed themselves of these privileges, and they were most successful.

On the "Eastern Star," the following report was adopted:—

"Your Committee recommend that in all cases where the Grand Master shall deem it expedient to grant dispensations to enable the Order of the Eastern Star to hold its Chapters in Masonic lodge room, that such dispensations be granted without charge."

A motion to prohibit the re-election of the Grand Master or Grand Wardens for a second term was lost.

The Grand Lodge fully approved of the sentiments of the Grand Master on the question of Masonic homes, and the following report of the Committee on Charity was adopted:—

"Your Committee on Charity to whom was referred the resolutions presented at the last Communication of this Grand Lodge respecting the establishment of a Masonic Home, and so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates thereto, and to the establishment of a permanent Charity Fund, would report that they have had the same under consideration and would recommend that the resolutions aforesaid be indefinitely postponed, for the reasons set forth in the Grand Master's Address.

"Your Committee would recommend that this Grand Lodge provide for the creation and maintenance of a permanent Charity Fund as recommended by the Grand Master in his Address, and that the Grand Lodge Trustees consider and formulate and present to the Grand Lodge, at its next Annual Communication, suitable and necessary resolutions to carry into effect this recommendation respecting the establishment of a permanent Charity Fund.

"Your Committee would further report and recommend that in view of the fact that Grand Lodge expenses are in excess of its revenue, and that such expenses are naturally increasing year by year, that an additional five cents per capita be added to our present annual dues, in order to provide for such Charity Fund, if not needed for our current expenses of Grand Lodge."

Bro. Duncan McGregor speaks of the address of Grand Master Walkem, in 1889, as a model in language, matter, and sentiment. He doubts if the suggestion that the Secretary collect dues on commission

should be established in any lodge, but does not say why. He has also a valuable contribution to the literature regarding Masonic homes, which we need make no apology for transcribing, as the subject is one that is attracting attention among our members, and we should have all the light possible on so important a matter, before committing ourselves to any scheme that may involve us in trouble. Our own opinion is that our present system is far better than the erection of an expensive edifice, involving a large yearly charge for maintenance, with the probability that those whom we desire to help would not consent to the publicity of being aided in that manner. It seems strange that none of the Grand Lodges have ever tried the "Cottage system," instead of one large building. The cottage certainly seems more home-like, and that system could be started small at first, and gradually increased as the necessities of the brethren or widows and orphans would require:—

"It is not the purpose to state what the attitude of each Grand Jurisdiction is to this form of charity, but to give some idea of the views that are held and the practices that prevail with reference to this subject.

"I can't say I don't believe in Masonic Homes, for I do, and yet I have grave doubts as to whether they are the best means of accomplishing the objects aimed at, especially in the smaller and younger jurisdictions.

"Suppose we had accumulated a fund of $60,000, should build a home, and in so doing our pride would force us to erect a building not only suitable for its purpose but creditable to the fraternity. After completion it would have to be maintained, and at no light expense, and perhaps be but partially occupied until it might become a serious burden to us.

"After attempting to show the advantages of a charity to a member of a family over a charity to an inmate of a Home, he says:

"The result of this is to convince me that a Board with a Masonic fund can do more good to a larger number than a Board with a Masonic Home, unless in very large and wealthy jurisdictions, and even then; and yet I have no words except of commendation for Masonic Homes.

WILLIAM D. TODD, Grand Master, Colorado, 1889.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Iowa is now, and always has been favorable to the proper dispensation of Masonic charity; that the needy widows and orphans of deceased Masons should be well cared for by the surviving members of the Order.

"That it is the sense of the Grand Lodge that the present method of caring for such widows and orphans, that is, by the lodges of which their deceased husbands and fathers were members, is preferable to that of a building a widows' and orphans' home.

"That while the building of a home would, at great expense for building, salaries, and other necessary expenses, provide for the wants of a few, the present method, at much less expense, provides for the wants of all needy Masons.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE, IOWA, 1889.

"The brethren of Connecticut have taken the legal steps necessary to the organization of a Masonic Charity Foundation. Bro. L. A. Lockwood is President of the Board of Managers, and enthusiastically advocates the erection of a Home. He says:

"'This is no new project. It has had years of practical trial by our English, Scotch and Irish brethren, and has been crowned with abundant success.'—CONNECTICUT, 1890.

"Canada is spending about $10,000 annually in caring for widows, orphans and needy persons. This charity is administered through a Board of Relief.

"There are Masonic homes organized in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Illinois and Missouri, all in successful operation.

"North Carolina receives $10,000 annually from the State, and it costs the Grand Lodge $2,000, which is raised by a per capita tax of 60 cents.

"The Kentucky home has been in operation for seventeen years, is supported by a per capita tax of 50 cents and offerings by constituent lodges on St. John's Day.

"Illinois organized an Orphans' Home in Chicago two years ago.

"Missouri has just purchased property in St. Louis for $40,000, to be used as a home. An annual appropriation of $5,000 is made by Grand Lodge. The Order of Eastern Star takes an active interest. Contributions are asked for its support.

"The corner-stone of a Masonic Home for Michigan was laid in May, 1883, and the property is now worth $52,000. We understand that an association organized this, though the Grand Lodge will, no doubt, contribute to its support.

"In New Jersey, in 1889, a report on Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home was presented, but action deferred for a year. In 1890, the Committee was appointed to formulate a plan for establishing a Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

"New York has $100,000 on hand for a Masonic Home, and Utica is selected as the site.

"In Ohio there is a strong movement on foot to establish a Masonic Home.

"Oregon in planning building a home.

"In Texas a plan looking to the establishment of a Masonic Home was submitted to the constituent lodges in 1887, and adopted by the Grand Lodge—

"So that the establishment and maintenance of a Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, and a strict economy in its expenditure, with the view of accumulating a fund ($100,000) for this great object, is now the settled policy of the Grand Lodge— *Report of Directors, Texas, 1889.*

"In Virginia, in 1889, it was resolved:

"That it is expedient to establish a Masonic Home, and that the work may be commenced at once.

"The snug little sum of $6,000 was given by Bro. A. G. Babcock, to start the enterprise.

"At the Grand Communication of California in 1889, a resolution was adopted to the effect that the Grand Lodge take such measures as may be proper to establish and foster an institution for the care of destitute orphan children of Masons, and a committee of five was appointed in accordance with the resolution.

"As the question of the feasibility of establishing a Masonic Home in Wisconsin will no doubt at an early day receive attention, it is well that brethren should know what sister jurisdictions are doing or attempting, how the charity is supported or planned to be supported, what outside help is obtained, and what are the difficulties in the way of success of such an enterprise."

M.W. Bro. N. M. Littlejohn (Whitewater), G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. W. Laflin (Milwaukee), G.S.

WYOMING.

16th Communication, Cheyenne, Dec. 2nd, 1890.

M.W. Bro. Leroy S. Barnes, G.M.

He decided very properly that the initiation fee should be returned to a candidate who through fright refused to submit to the ceremonies of preparation

North Dakota and Tasmania were recognized.

The Grand Secretary has a capital report on correspondence. He is a born "condenser." His comments are clear and forcibly expressed, and there can be no mistake about what he means. We copy some of his remarks on the landmarks:—

"If we understand a few of our brother reporters, everything in the form of old charges, regulations, customs and usages of long standing, have through and under the *common law* of Masonry become land marks, and like the laws of the Medes and Persians are unalterable and cannot be changed by any Mason or combination of Masons. Such being the case, we suppose they will hold that an applicant for Masonry who is seventy years old is a *youth*; also one under twenty-one years of age. If the latter (which we trust some one will deny), then what becomes of the Landmark? It has certainly been set aside under above decision and is completely ignored in nearly every state. This also applies to the 'perfect youth doctrine, which it is claimed (and we deny) means physical perfection. It is a perfect treat to read after our brethren who preach the common law of Masonry, and that Landmarks cannot be set aside when the fact is every jurisdiction has ignored what this or that Mason claims to be such. These brethren of sublime faith stand powerless to prevent innovations in the body of Masonry in an adjoining state, at the same time declaiming loudly in favor of every jurisdiction being a law unto itself, and against a supreme body that would prevent such innovations."

"He still hangs to the perfection doctrine, notwithstanding all the time and labor that has been expended in trying to convince him of the error of his way. He still insists there is a landmark that a candidate must be a 'perfect youth.' We have never read or heard of such. There is something like it in the charges of a Freemason; but unfortunately the closing words dispense of perfection. Our brother seems to think Masonry would go to pieces but for Landmarks. Our opinion is that it would be better off if the word could be entirely eliminated for Masonry. There are certain fundamental laws recognized by all Masons in this country that cannot be changed without destroying the Institution. Such laws are very few indeed and will never be changed, for there is no disposition to do so and never will be. With all due respect for, and the very kindliest feeling toward all of our progressive, perfection and Landmark brethren, we are compelled to charge them with being the cause of Masons shaking off the shackles. Specification: In this that our brethren have claimed that a Grand Master is a law unto himself and is endowed with mysterious inherent powers; that when called upon they have failed to produce any law or evidence defining specifically the number and extent thereof. That they claim in their championship of physical perfection next to an utter impossibility and twist the law or regulation con-

pletely out of shape on that question. That they are as indefinite in regard to the number of Landmarks and Masonic points covered thereby, as they are in regard to inherent rights or powers. That each appears to have a power and Landmark mill of his own, and grinds them out to suit the circumstances surrounding each case or claim, no matter how nonsensical or absurd the same may be, and produce no law or evidence to back up such claims except the few that are admitted to be genuine by all. All this, and these, and more are the reasons why Masons have investigated and are standing by what is tangible and discarding the intangible at having no place in Masonry, figuratively speaking. When Masons cry for Masonry bread, they do not ask for stones of assertion without any law, evidence or good sound reason to support the latter. The yoke of absurd claims is what has created the mischief and caused it to be thrown off because its burden is contrary to reason and common sense views."

Canada for 1890 is well noticed.

M.W. Bro. Emile A. Abry (Cheyenne), G.M.

R.W. Bro. William L. Kuykendall (Cheyenne), G.S.

PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED.

The following is a list of the Grand Lodge proceedings reviewed in this report:—

Alabama	1890	Nevada	1890
Arizona	1890	New Brunswick	1890
Arkansas	1890	New Jersey	1891
British Columbia	1890	New Mexico	1890
California	1890	New South Wales	1890
Colorado	1890	New Zealand	1890
Connecticut	1891	North Carolina	1891
Delaware	1890	North Dakota	1890
District of Columbia	1890	Nova Scotia	1890
Georgia	1890	Ohio	1890
Idaho	1890	Oregon	1890
Illinois	1890	Pennsylvania	1890
Indian Territory	1890	Prince Edward Island	1890
Ireland	1891	Rhode Island	1890
Kansas	1891	South Australia	1899
Kentucky	1890	South Carolina	1890
Louisiana	1891	South Dakota	1890
Maine	1890	Tasmania	1890
Manitoba	1990	Tennessee	1891
Maryland	1890	Texas	1890
Massachusetts	1890	Utah	1891
Michigan	1891	Vermont	1890
Minnesota	1891	Virginia	1890
Mississippi	1890–91	Washington	1890
Missouri	1890	West Virginia	1890
Montana	1890	Wisconsin	1890
Nebraska	1890	Wyoming	1890

Florida, New Mexico and Quebec meet in January; Indiana and New Hampshire in May, and Iowa and New York in June. Some of these proceedings may yet come to hand before the printer has finished, but if not they will have to lie over until next year.

All which is fraternally submitted.

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