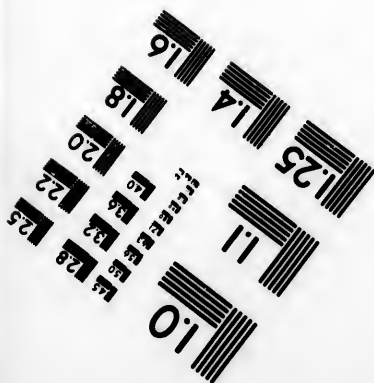
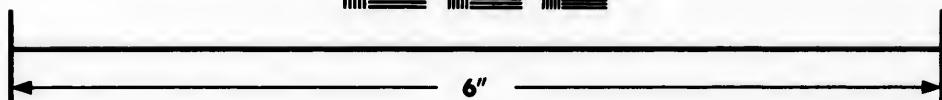
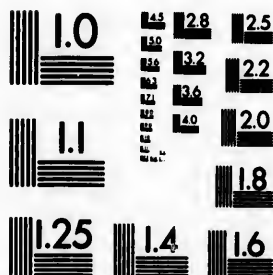


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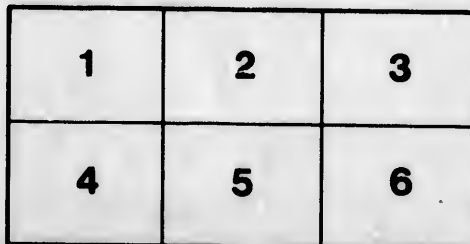
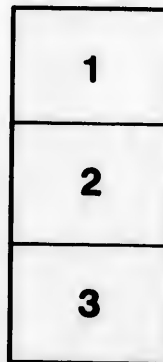
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M. W. GRAND LODGE

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Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

OF

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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**SPECIAL COMMUNICATION**

Held at Nanaimo, on Tuesday, July 18th, 1893.

**TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

Held at New Westminster, B. C., commencing on Thursday,  
the 21st day of June, 1894, A. L. 5893.

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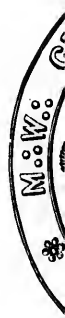
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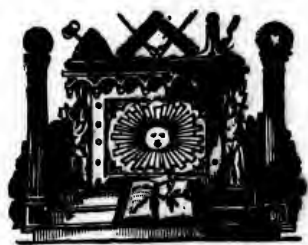
# Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

I, **WALTER J. QUINLAN**, Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Special Communion held at the City of Nanaimo, B. C., on Tuesday, July 18th, 1893, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church; and the Annual Communication commenced in the City of New Westminster, on Thursday, June 21st, 1894, and terminated on June 22th, 1894, and of returns of Subordinate Lodges, together with other matters authorized to be published.



In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the seal of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, at the office of the Grand Secretary, in the Masonic Temple, City of Victoria, this 10th day of July, in the year of light, five thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

*W. J. Quinlan*  
Grand Secretary



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# SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

—OF THE—

## Grand Lodge of British Columbia

HELD AT

**THE CITY OF NANAIMO,**

**TUESDAY, 18TH JULY, 5893.**

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PRESENT:

M. W. Bro. Sibree Clarke, M.D.....Grand Master.  
R. W. Bro. R. B. McMicking.....Deputy Grand Master.  
R. W. Bro. Lacey R. Johnson.....Grand Senior Warden.  
M. W. Bro. Marcus Wolfe.....as Grand Junior Warden.  
V. W. Bro. E. D. McLaren.....Grand Chaplain.  
W. Bro. W. H. S. Perkins.....as Grand Treasurer.  
V. W. Bro. W. J. Quinlan.....Grand Secretary.  
R. W. Bro. John Frame.....as Grand Sr. Deacon.  
W. Bro. S. Drake.....as Grand Jr. Deacon.  
W. Bro. Andrew Haslam.....as Grand Supt. Works.  
W. Bro. John W. Coburn.....Grand D. of Ceremonies.  
R. W. Bro. Ralph Craig.....as Grand Marshal.  
W. Bro. A. E. Lees.....as Grand Pursuivant.  
W. Bro. J. Benwick } .....as Grand Stewards.  
W. Bro. J. M. Brown }  
R. W. Bro. Mark Bate.....as Grand Tyler.

Together with Past Masters and members of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3;  
Dorio Lodge, No. 18; St. Johns Lodge, U. D.; and others.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at 3:30  
p. m., M. W. Bro. Sibree Clarke in the Grand East. The

summons calling the Special Communication was read by the Grand Secretary. The business of the Communication was to lay with Masonic honors the corner stone of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of the City of Namimo.

The Grand Marshal then formed a procession which marched to the objective point.

After an eloquent address by the Rev. Alexander Young, the ceremony of laying the corner stone was proceeded with according to ancient custom.

Within the stone were deposited Historical Statement of St. Andrew's Church, 21st Annual Proceedings, and List of Officers of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., Programme of the Day, Current Coins, and copies of the Provincial Daily Newspapers.

The box being duly placed Bro. Rev. D. A. McRae, pastor of St. Andrew's, presented the M. W. Grand Master with an elegant silver trowel with which the corner stone was with due ceremony cemented in its position.

Addresses tendering congratulations and fraternal good wishes were delivered by several of the clergymen of the city and visitors.

The procession was reformed and returned to the Lodge room where Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM and so proclaimed.

*W. J. Quinlan*  
Grand Secretary

PROCEEDINGS  
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—OF—

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

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The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia commenced its Twenty-third Annual Communication, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of New Westminster, Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada, on Thursday, the 21st day of June, 1894, A. L. 5894, at the hour of four o'clock p. m.

ROLL CALL.

Upon calling the roll the following were found present:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Right Worshipful Brother	R. B. McMicking....	Deputy Grand Master
"	"	Lacey R. Johnson....Grand Senior Warden
"	"	Alex. Charleson.....Grand Junior Warden
Very Worshipful Brother	Rev. E. D. McLaren..	Grand Chaplain.
"	"	W. J. Quinlan.....Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Brother Gabriel Thomas.....	Grand Senior Deacon
“ “ Benjamin Williams.....	Grand Junior Deacon
“ “ W. A. Duncan .....	Grand Supt. of Works
“ “ John W. Coburn.....	Grand Dir. Ceremonies
“ “ J. B. Johnson .....	Grand Sword Bearer
“ “ Alex. M. Fraser.....	Grand Standard do.
“ “ W. A. De Wolf Smith.....	Grand Organist.
“ “ Geo. A. Dow.....	Grand Tyler.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.**

Right Worshipful Brother W. O. Miller.....No. 2 District

**PAST GRAND OFFICERS.**

Most Worshipful Bro. John S. Clute.....	Past Grand Master.
“ “ Marcus Wolfe.....	Past Grand Master.
Right Worshipful Bro. R. B. Kelly .....	Past Grand Senior Warden
“ “ Peter Grant.....	Past Grand Senior Warden
“ “ Wm. Stewart.....	Past Grand Junior Warden
Very Worshipful Bro. Benjamin Douglas...	Past Grand Treasurer.

With representatives from thirteen Chartered Lodges and the following Past Masters:

- FROM LODGE No. 1.—Thos. S. Fatcher, Geo. S. Russell.
- FROM LODGE No. 7.—W. H. Irwin, John McAllister.
- FROM LODGE No. 9.—John Buie, Wm. Howay, Wm. Manson.

There were also present the Grand Representatives from the following Most Worshipful Grand Lodges:

Colorado,	Delaware,	Florida,	Idaho,
Ireland,	Maine,	Mississippi,	Missouri,
New York,	Nova Scotia,	South Carolina,	South Australia
Tasmania,	Wisconsin.		

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master appointed the following Brethern *pro tempore* to offices as under:

R. W. Bro. R. B. Kelly.....	as V. W. Grand Treasurer.
“ “ Geo. S. Russell.....	as W. Grand Marshal.
W. Bro. H. W. Black....	as Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. Henry Waller.....	} as Grand Stewards.
“ George Glover.....	

The Grand Lodge was then opened in DUE FORM by the Right Worshipful Robert B. McMicking, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in British Columbia, and after solemn prayer by the Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain, so proclaimed in the South, West and East with Grand Honors.

#### ADMITTED TO GRAND LODGE.

The Deputy Grand Master ordered it announced without the portals: That all Master Masons in good standing were invited to seats in Grand Lodge during the session.

Upon the visitors being admitted the Deputy Grand Master appointed the following Committee on

#### CREDENTIALS:

M. W. Bro. J. S. Clute.

W. Bro. Thos. S. Fletcher.

W. Bro. W. H. S. Perkins.

V. W. Bro. W. J. Quinlan.

The Grand Lodge is called off till the committee are ready to report.

The Committee having performed their duty, labor was resumed and the report read by the Grand Secretary.

It is ordered that the report be laid on the table and be taken up as the first order of business on Friday morning to enable additional delegates, probab., delayed by the floods, to register.

Letters are read from M. W. Sibree Clarke, Grand Master, and M. W. Wm. Downie, expressing their regret that from the fact of the floods interrupting communication they were unable to attend this communication.

The Deputy Grand Master on behalf of M. W. E. C. Baker, expressed similar regrets.



## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Grant, seconded by R. W. Bro. Russell, that the reading of the Journal of Proceedings of the Twenty-second Annual Communication be omitted as a transcript in printed form has been distributed to the members of Grand Lodge and Lodges of the jurisdiction and that the minutes be taken as read hereby confirmed and adopted as presented. Carried.

The Deputy Grand Master appointed the following Brethren to act as a Special Committee on Finance and Petitions and Grievances, the proper members not being present.

Finance: Bros. Williams, Perkins and Gibson.

Petitions and Grievances: Bros. Russell, Coburn and A. W. Black.

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The Deputy Grand Master then read the Address of the M. W. Grand Master.

## GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

KAMLOOPS, B. C., June 11th, 1894.

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:—*

The interruption of railway traffic resulting from disastrous floods now devastating some of the fairest portions of our Province, renders it extremely probable that I shall be unable to be present at the forthcoming 23rd annual communication.

But my heart will be with you, and I beg you to accept my best wishes and fraternal regards. May the rays of Heaven shed their benignant influence upon you; may brotherly love prevail; and may your deliberations result in wise legislation, which shall greatly increase the prosperity and usefulness of our beloved and time-honored craft.

I have pleasure in congratulating you upon the peaceful and progressive character of the Masonic year now closing. No vexatious questions or serious difficulties have been encountered; several new Lodges have been launched; and a considerable number of worthy men have assumed the responsibilities pertaining to Masonic membership, of which particulars will be given you by the Grand Secretary.

True, each year brings somewhat of disappointment, bereavement and sorrow, but it also brings consolations and compensations, and all things considered, we have abundant reason for gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for the favors that we have received.

Not being able to communicate with the Grand Secretary, owing to stoppage of the mails, I am not in a position to properly review the year's doings, and must therefore trust to him to supply omissions.

#### OFFICIAL ACTS.

On St. John's Day, June 24th, 1893, the Corner Stone of the Protestant Orphan's Home was laid in Victoria, in presence of a vast concourse of people. I was presented with a magnificent trowel, the handle made of Teak from the historic steamer "Beaver," and the blade of solid British Columbia silver, suitably inscribed.

On July 17th, 1893, Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at Nanaimo, which was done with the usual ceremonies. On this occasion, also, there was a very large attendance, and I was the recipient of a beautiful trowel, very similar to the one already mentioned. I need hardly say that these trowels will be highly prized mementoes of the occasions on which they were given, and of the exalted position in which you have placed me.

On the evening of the same day, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers, I installed the officers of Doric Lodge, No. 18, at Nanaimo.

July 18th, 1893—Visited Ashlar Lodge No. 3.

July 19th, 1893—Visited Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, Victoria.

July 20th, 1893—Visited Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, Victoria.

July 27th, 1893—Visited Miriam Lodge, No. 20, and installed officers.

Sept. 4th, 1893—Granted permission to remove Spallumcheen Lodge No. 13, from Lansdowne to Armstrong.

Sept. 8th, 1893—Approved By-Laws of Doric Lodge, No. 18.

Nov. 4th, 1893—Refused dispensation to St. John's Lodge, for the purpose of overcoming residential disqualification, not deeming the reason given sufficient to justify departure from constitutional usage.

Nov. 2nd, 1893—Approved By-Laws of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.

Also approved By-Laws of Ionic Lodge, No. 19.

Nov. 27th, 1893—Approved By-Laws of Miriam Lodge, No. 20.

Feb. 7th, 1894—Approved revised By-Laws of Kamloops Lodge, No. 10.

Feb. 13th, 1894—Made an official visit to my own Lodge, and installed the officers.

It was my intention to start for the coast early in the present month, and to visit as many as possible of the Mainland Lodges, but the train service became demoralized, and I found it impossible to carry out that intention.

In his report the Grand Secretary will give you full information regarding Charters and commissions issued, dispensations granted etc. I am not in possession of a complete list of Fraternal deaths in this jurisdiction during the year now closing, but I believe the number is unusually large. Some familiar faces, among them those of Brothers Perry, Craig and Sillitoe, we shall see no more in this Grand Lodge. May it be ours to meet them all, sometime, in that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns supreme.

The Masons of Georgia have sustained a very great loss in the death of the Honorable and Most Worshipful John S. Davidson, who for eleven years was Grand Master of Masons in that jurisdiction. He was an enthusiastic Mason, a ready and eloquent speaker, and of a most lovable disposition. A favorite quotation of his was:

“To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die.”

and it is certain that he will be long remembered with affectionate regret by all who knew him.

Several matters relating to constitutional procedure, Lodge management, etc., have been subjects of correspondence during the year, but as they are comparatively unimportant, I need not lay them before you.

My best thanks are due the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary and other Grand Lodge Officers for much valuable assistance, and to the members of the Craft generally for their unfailing kindness and courtesy.

When you elected me Grand Master I had a full sense of the dignity and responsibility pertaining to the Office, and I had much misgiving as to my fitness for it. Now, in resigning the Gavel, I can only say that I have done the best that circumstances and my poor abilities rendered



craft. Before entering further upon our duties then, let us, one and all, in true Masonic spirit, return thanks to our Heavenly Father for His protecting care and favor.

Time and opportunity have not permitted me to make such visitation of the Lodges as I should have desired, such however as were in reach, I have given oversight to the best of my ability.

While the last Annual Communication was still in session, it was my privilege to attend the M. W. Grand Master, and assist in the laying of the Corner Stone of the Protestant Orphanage at Victoria, (on the anniversary of St. John's Day, June 24th) with appropriate ceremonies. The day was fine, a large concourse of citizens assembled, and enthusiasm was general.

On the 18th of July following it was my pleasure to attend the Most Worshipful Grand Master at Nanaimo, and assist in laying the Corner Stone of the new Presbyterian Church. A numerous gathering was in attendance. Suitable music was rendered by the choir, intersperced with stirring and appropriate speeches by the various clergymen, and with the usual Masonic ceremonies the stone was laid in "AMPLE FORM." At the close the Lodge was invited by the ladies of the church to partake of strawberries and cream. In the evening, I experienced a further pleasure in attending the Most Worshipful Grand Master in an official visit to Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, witnessing there the exemplification of the sublime degree rendered in that Lodge's characteristic completeness. After Lodge the brethren were suitably entertained at supper.

On December 27th last, at the request of M. W. Grand Master, I made an official visit to Vanconver & Quadra Lodge, No. 2, accompanied by other Grand, and Acting Grand Officers, and installed the officers of that Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year. A very pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation by W. Bro. Phillips, of a beautiful Pastmaster's Jewel to the retiring Master, W. Bro. A. B. Erskine.

This is my Mother Lodge, in which I have been fed, and tutored for twenty-three consecutive years. Who would speak ill of a mother? or on the other hand, of what value would be the testimony of a confiding son. Though doubtless not perfect, perfection is not attained here, I love her with very tender regard.

On January 4th, 1894, also at the request of the M. W. Grand Master, and accompanied by several Grand, and Acting Grand Officers, I visited officially Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, and duly installed the officers elect, and appointed. At this time as well as on the occasion of the installation of the officers of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge recorded

above, I was specially and ably assisted by M. W. Bro. P. G. M. McKeown. After Lodge closed the brethren were hospitably entertained at dinner, where with songs and speeches interspersed, an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent. This lodge rejoices still in being the "Banner" Lodge, and is as well the Senior Lodge in this jurisdiction. The lodge is in good condition financially, and is fortunate in being officered by brethren zealous in the interest of the craft.

On the 21st of April last, accompanied by the V. W. Grand Secretary, I had the pleasure (on invitation) of visiting officially, St. John's Lodge, U. D., Wellington, where we witnessed the exemplification of the work in the M. M. Degree, in unabridged form. The veteran brother R. W. Bro. Stewart in the East, and his very efficient officers, are to be congratulated upon the thoroughness of the work, and the zeal displayed in its execution, and the lodge is to be commended for the progress made, completeness of detail, in respect to furniture, and clothing, as well as the highly satisfactory condition of its finances. Quite a large lot of good material has been received into the lodge since the dispensation was granted, and all are enthusiastic in the work, each seeming to delight only in the contention as to who can best work, and best agree.

On May 23rd, (by invitation) I made an official visit to United Service Lodge, U. D., Esquimalt, accompanied by M. W. Past G. M. McKeown, as S. G. Warden; W. Bro. Northcott, as J. G. Warden; V. W. Grand Secretary; W. Bro. Dow, Grand Tyler; and other pro tempore Grand Officers.

The work in the entered Apprentice Degree was very fully and beautifully exemplified according to what is known as the English Ritual. W. Bro. Hickey in the East, and his officers, gave evidence of careful, painstaking preparation in every detail of the work, and every effort is made to place the truths, sought to be inculcated, before the candidate, in an inviting manner. One feature of the work struck me as being specially appropriate, and such I opine, as might to a greater or lesser degree, be incorporated into the work of every lodge to advantage. I refer to the prominence given to the musical part of the service, the responses, and portions of the ceremony throughout, being chanted by the lodge.

This lodge has all necessary appointment, in furniture, clothing, etc. The lodge is comfortable and spacious, and in a healthy condition financially. A quantity of good material has been received into the lodge in the few months of its existence, and the outlook would appear to be very encouraging if not indeed bright.

The official year just closing has been one of unbounded pleasure to me in my connection with this M. W. Grand Lodge, rendered so in

great measure by the uniform good feeling and kindness displayed by the brethren wherever it has been my good fortune to mingle with them, officially or otherwise, and my earnest desire and prayer is that peace and prosperity may ever abide with us, that Masonry may be known to every brother in its higher aspect; that the principles we seek to inculcate may continue to be the guide of our lives, and that one and all may be imbued with the single purpose of honoring Jehovah, and doing good to our fellow men.

Faithfully and Fraternaly submitted

R. B. McMICKING,

*Deputy Grand Master.*

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On motion it is resolved :—That the address of the D. G. Master be received and referred to the same Special Committee as the Grand Master's address.

### REPORTS.

District Deputy Grand Master R. W. Bro. Walter O. Miller, read his report on District No. 2.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 21st, 1894.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Members of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, A. F. & A. M. :—*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—

The unremitting wheel of time has revolved and added one more year to the records of our beloved Order, since last we met in the City of Victoria, when I was invested with the office of D. G. M. of District No. 2, and now at the close of my term I come before you to give an account of my stewardship.

I regret to say that in the matter of visiting the different lodges my record is not such as I could desire, many unforeseen circumstances having arisen to interfere with my plans.

On July 8th, 1893, in the presence of a large number of visitors and members, I organised Aencia Lodge, at Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, and presented them with their Dispensation from Grand Lodge, which they duly appreciated. I was well satisfied with the officers selected for the different position, and the manner in which the degree work was exemplified.

August 17th, 1893, I proceeded to Chilliwack, accompanied by several Vancouver and New Westminster brethren, and presented Ionic Lodge, No. 19, (then under dispensation) with their Charter, and installed the officers. After the installation ceremony we retired to the Royal Hotel, and partook of a splendid supper, which the brethren had very thoughtfully provided. On returning to the lodge room the newly installed officers took up the general business of the lodge, and advanced three candidates from the E. A. to the F. C. Degree, conducting one of the best examinations it has ever been my pleasure to hear,—the F. C. Degree being conferred in a manner that could hardly be excelled. Work, such as performed on this occasion is not only interesting and instructive, but a pleasure to witness and a credit to the lodge, and to the fraternity at large. On the second and last day of our visit we were driven through the beautiful Chilliwack valley, and our party will long look back with pleasure to this most thoroughly enjoyable time. Kindness, consideration and forethought, such as displayed by the brethren of No. 19, is the outcome of true Masonry, making the pleasure and happiness of others their primary and paramount aim.

It was with feelings of pleasure and interest that, on October 3rd, I visited Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 7, Vancouver. The attendance was good and the work conducted so well and harmoniously that it left nothing to be desired. On this occasion we had a number of distinguished visitors from England, Australia and New York, by whom interesting speeches were made, the Lodge being highly complimented on their able and efficient work. Having once been a member, and for a term Secretary of this Lodge, I perhaps take more than usual interest in their affairs and was doubly pleased to note the commendations bestowed upon them by the visiting brethren.

On November 20th, 1893, I visited Cascade Lodge, No. 12, Vancouver, I found the officers well up in their work and the attendance good. Being a Charter member of this Lodge, and having passed through the principal offices I am naturally anxious to see it prosper, and I might here state that I have only missed five meetings of this Lodge—both regular and emergency—since it was formed about six years ago, and then only on account of sickness.

On December 6th 1893 I visited Union Lodge, No. 9, New Westminster, accompanied by a number of Vancouver brethren. This being my



mother Lodge, I was more than well received. The Officers are exceptionally well up in the degree work, and the candidates who were examined passed good examinations, placing them in a position to visit any Musonio Lodge, and enjoy the privileges of Masonry. When I came to the Pacific coast some years ago, without friends or relatives in the Province and joined this Lodge I met some of the most kind-hearted, whole-souled men that could be found anywhere, from whom I learned many good and valuable lessons, lessons indeed, that have guided my actions towards my own best interests, and saved me many unpleasant experiences. It is therefore with feelings of gratitude that I meet the brethren of Union, No. 9, within or outside of the Lodge, and it was with deep regret that I had to resign membership therein, owing to my duties calling me to another city—dual membership not being allowed in this Grand Jurisdiction.

On St. John's Day, December 27th, 1893, I installed the officers of Mt. Hermon Lodge, No 7, and Cascade Lodge, No. 12 at Vancouver, The attendance of members and visitors was very large, the accommodation of the spacious Lodge room being taxed to the utmost. Part of my agreeable duty on this occasion was to present V. W. Bro. E. D. McLaren, of Cascade Lodge, and W. Bro. P. McNaughton, of Mount Hermon Lodge, with handsome Past Master's jewels, as a mark of esteem from the brethren of their respective Lodges. After installation, we retired to the refreshment hall, where we partook of a bountiful supper. A number of able, interesting and witty speeches were delivered, and a most pleasant evening spent. The cordial relations existing between these two Lodges is most gratifying to witness, sharing as they do in all acts of charity, attending each others meetings, and in the truest and fullest sense, "bearing each others burleus."

On January 6th, 1894, I visited Acacia Lodge, Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, (under Dispensation) accompanied by a number of brethren from Mount Hermon and Cascade Lodges. I found this Lodge in a prosperous condition, the officers well up in their work, attendance good, with comfortable quarters and neat charts and regalia. I had the pleasure of hearing candidates examined, and degrees conferred in a most creditable manner. After the business of the evening, our party was highly entertained by the officers and members.

My next visit was to King Solomon Lodge, No. 17, New Westminster, on April 10th, 1894, when I was again accompanied by a large number of the Vancouver brethren. Everything there was in a most satisfactory state, the first degree being well exemplified by the officers. We were cordially received and highly entertained, and altogether spent a very sociable evening. Judging from the number of brethren present from Union Lodge, No. 9, the same good fellowship that characterises the relations of the lodges in Vancouver must exist between those in New Westminster.

I much regret that I was unable to officially visit Pacific Lodge, No. 16, Mission City. I had intended to do so early in the season, but was prevented by ill health. Later, I arranged to be present at their regular meeting in June to install the officers, but, owing to the late disastrous floods, I was unable to carry out this arrangement. I have made careful inquiries as to their progress and general working, and having visited the lodge previous to my appointment, I feel satisfied that they are doing good work. They have a substantial building, comfortable lodge room, plenty of territory, and from personal acquaintance I can say that the officers are all that could be desired.

In conclusion I would say that I regard the condition of Masonry in District No. 2, as eminently satisfactory. The books and records of all the lodges are well and neatly kept, the regalia and charts in first-class order.

During my travels south, I took occasion to visit one of the best lodges in San Francisco, viz.: Occidental, No. 22. This lodge claims to do the degree work perfectly, but I can confidently say that the work done by the lodges in this district compares favorably with any work I have ever seen performed elsewhere.

Several of the lodges in this district own the buildings in which their lodge rooms are situated, and others contemplate erecting Masonic Temples at no very distant date.

A pleasing feature displayed in this district—and one that from its beneficial effects should be encouraged—is the practice of interchange of visits among the brethren of the different lodges, at which times they assist in the degree work. This, I think gives the brethren a wider view of the work generally, and keeps them from becoming prejudiced in favor of their own system of working, and further, keeps alive a spirit of wholesome competition, which must of necessity heighten the general standard of the work performed.

During my term of office this district has sustained the grievous loss of three very distinguished Masons, namely, V. W. Bro. Bishop Sillitoe, of Union Lodge, No. 9, New Westminster; W. Bro. Perry, of Cascade Lodge, No. 12, and Bro. Williams, of Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7. All were active and enthusiastic Masons, whom the G. A. O. U. saw fit to call to the Grand Lodge above.

Before closing, I would like to place on record my deep appreciation of the great kindness and consideration that has been bestowed upon me wherever my duties have called me. On every hand the greatest care was taken to make everything as pleasant, agreeable and successful as possible. Harmony and good-will have characterised every gathering

at which I have been present, and nowhere has a harsh or unpleasant exchange of words met my ears. This applies, not only to my own district, but to all lodges of the order wherever it has been my privilege and good fortune to visit, and no matter what circumstances may arise, I feel that I shall always be able to look back with satisfaction to the time when to me was extended the glorious privilege of becoming a member of the honorable Order of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

Faternally submitted,

W. O. MILLER,

*D. D. G. M.*

Resolved, that the Report of the District Deputy Grand Master be received and printed with the Proceedings.

The Grand Lodge is called off till 8 p. m.

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## IN GRAND LODGE.

### EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 21ST JUNE.

Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge were invited before the pedestal, received with Grand Honors, welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master and requested to take seats in the Grand East.

Bros. Wolfe, DeWolf Smith, and Williams presented their credentials from the M. W. Grand Lodges of South Carolina, New York and South Australia respectively.

The V. W. Grand Secretary read his Annual Report.

#### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1893-4.

*To the Brethren of Grand Lodge:—*

I have the honor of submitting the twenty-third Annual Report of the transactions of my office. While perhaps the majority of

the Lodges have not had as successful a year as those just preceding, yet taking into consideration the financial stringency prevalent in the jurisdiction in common with other localities, the returns show a healthy condition of the craft which must be a subject of mutual congratulation.

The receipts from Subordinate Lodges to Grand Lodge are as follows:

Victoria-Columbia No. 1.....	\$ 245 50
Vancouver-Quadra No. 2.....	165 25
Ashlar No. 3.....	179 50
Cariboo No. 4.....	26 25
Mount Hermon No 7.....	167 50
Union No. 9.....	116 00
Kamloops No. 10.....	54 50
Mountain No. 11.....	93 75
Cascade No. 12.....	261 75
Spallumcheen No. 13.....	53 75
Hiram No. 14.....	78 75
Kootenay No 15.....	41 00
Pacific No. 16.....	91 50
King Solomon No. 17.....	63 25
*Doric No. 18.....	106 25
*Ionic No. 19.....	75 25
*Miriam No. 20.....	59 75
St. John's Dispensation Fee.....	30 00
Acacia " ".....	30 00
Nelson " ".....	30 00
United Service " ".....	30 00
Total.....	\$1999.50

Increase over last year, \$7.75.

\* Including Charter Fee at \$20.00.

#### CHARTERS

Were issued in accordance with resolution of last session.

To Doric Lodge.....	Nanaimo.....	as No. 18
To Ionic Lodge.....	Chilliwack.....	as No. 19
To Miriam Lodge.....	Vernon.....	as No. 20

Dispensations for New Lodges during the year as follows:—

By M. W. Grand Lodge.....	To St. John's Lodge.....	Wellington
" ".....	To Acacia Lodge.....	Mt Pleasant

By M. W. Grand Master.....To Nelson Lodge.....Nelson  
 " " ".....To United Service Lodge.. Esquimalt

The records and other information as to the work of these Lodges as well as their petitions for Charters will be laid before you for consideration.

COMMISSIONS.

June, 27th, 1893. The District Deputy Grand Masters of the respective Masonic Districts received commissions, viz.:

No. 1 District... ..R. W. Bro. J. Munroe Miller.  
 No. 2 District... .." " Walter O. Miller.  
 No. 3 District... .." " W. S. Ruttan.  
 No. 4 District... .." " Jas. Stone.  
 No. 5 District... .." " W. K. Leighton.

As Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near Sister Grand Bodies:

August 15th, 1893. To W. Bro. Fred'k. A. Benchmore, near Grand Lodge, New South Wales.

October 26th. To W. Bro. Geo. Gibson, near Grand Lodge, Nevada.

December 1st. To W. Bro. A. H. Connett, near Grand Lodge, Kansas.

As Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge from Sister Grand Bodies :

August 15th, 1893. From Grand Lodge of South Australia to W. Bro. Benjamin Williams, Victoria.

October 14th. From Grand Lodge of Texas to R. W. Bro. J. Munroe Miller, Victoria.

November 1st. From Grand Lodge, Nevada, to W. Bro. Jas. Brown, Nanaimo.

December 21st. From Grand Lodge, Vermont, to M. W. Bro. Sibree Clarke, M.D., Kamloops, re commissioned.

December 27th. From Grand Lodge, Kansas, to R. W. Bro. E. Stuart Wood, Kamloops, vice Bro. A. Meyer, left jurisdiction.

January 6th, 1894. From Grand Lodge, New York, to W. Bro. W. A. De Wolfe Smith, New Westminster, vice Bro. Morris Moss left jurisdiction.

May 17th. From Grand Lodge, South Carolina, to M. W. Bro. Marcus Wolfe, Nanaimo, vice Bro. W. J. Young, deceased.

#### DISPENSATIONS

Were issued by the M. W. Grand Master as follows :

April 19th, 1893. To King Solomon Lodge, No. 17, to wear regalia in public.

June 8th. To Pacific Lodge, No. 16, to install officers at earlier date than specified in their By-Laws.

June 12th. To Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, to receive a petition from a candidate belonging to the merchantile marine with insufficient resident qualification.

July 5th. To Doric Lodge, No. 18, to elect and install as W. Master a member without qualification as Past Warden.

July 20th. To Mountain Lodge, No. 11, to wear regalia at public divine service.

September 4th. To Kootenay Lodge, No. 15, to were regalia at public divine service.

October 21st. To Cascade Lodge, No. 12, to receive and act on petition of a candidate belonging to the merchantile marine.

October 25th. To John Hamilton, P. M., and associate brethren, to form a lodge at Nelson, B. C.

December 11th. To Geo. Hickey, P. M., and associate brethren, to form a lodge at Esquimalt.

December 13th. Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, to wear regalia in public at divine service.

December 18th. To Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, to wear regalia in public.

December 21st. To Doric Lodge, No. 18, to wear regalia in public.

#### BY-LAWS.

The M. W. Grand Master has inspected and approved of the By-Laws of the following lodges :

September 1st, 1893. Doric, No. 18, Nanaimo, new By-Laws.

November 20th. Ashlar, No. 3, Nanaimo, new By-Laws.

- November 23rd. Ionic, No. 19, Chilliwack, new By-Laws.  
 November 28th. Miriam, No. 20, Vernon, new By-Laws.  
 April 12th, 1891. Union, No. 9, New Westminster, alterations.

## FRATERNAL DEAD.

The following appear in Returns from Subordinate Lodges.

Giacomo Bossi.....	Victoria-Columbin, No. 1.
Michael C. Browne.....	Victoria-Columbia, No. 1.
Matthew Hooper.....	Victoria-Columbia, No. 1.
Harry M. Innes.....	Victoria-Columbia, No. 1.
Matthew T. Richards.....	Victoria-Columbia, No. 1.
Jno. F. Becker, (Treasurer).....	Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2.
John McLeam.....	Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2.
Archibald Cowie.....	Ashlar, No. 3.
Wm. Downie.....	Ashlar, No. 3.
Robert Dunn.....	Ashlar, No. 3.
Thomas Millar.....	Ashlar, No. 3.
Peter J. Rice.....	Ashlar, No. 3.
R. Williams.....	Ashlar, No. 3.
F. M. Rogers.....	Mountain, No. 11.
C. Z. Perry, P. M.....	Cascade, No. 12.
Henry Van Buskirk.....	Spallumcheen, No. 13.
Wm. J. Young, P. M.....	Hiram, No. 14.

**TABULAR STATEMENT**  
**OF THE WORK OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, A. F. & A. M.,**  
**From 1st March, 5893, to 28th February, 5894.**

Lodge.	Number.	Post Offices.	Total on Roll, 1st March, 1893.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Dismissed.	Restored.	Suspended for non-payment of Dues.	Expelled.	Died.	Rejected.	Entered Apprentice.	Fellow Craft.	Master Masons on Roll.	Total on Roll 1st March, 1894.	Gain.	Loss.	SECRETARY.
Victoria-Columbia.	1	Victoria	176	8	8	8	3	4		11	1	5	3	1	2	162	165	11		C. D. Mason.
Vancouver-Quadra.	2	Victoria	115	3	4	5	5	1				2	3	6	1	117	124	9		R. A. Brown.
Ashlar	3	Nanaimo.	108	7	9	10	6	3		8		6	5			98	98	10		C. C. McKenzie.
Cariboo.	4	Barkerville.	24					3								21	21	3		H. McDermott.
Mount Hermon.	7	Vancouver.	95	6	7	8	3	4					3	1	1	96	98	3		F. M. Cowperthwaite.
Unon.	9	New Westminster.	96	3	3	3	1	2		12			13	2		80	83	13		Wm. McCol.
Kamloops.	10	Kamloops.	38	1	1	1	1	3		2		1				38	38	1		E. Stuart Wood.
Mountain.	11	Donald.	50	2	3	5	4	4		2		1				51	51	1		J. H. Shirrett.
Cascade	12	Vancouver	122	12	15	15	20	7	1	5	1	1	2	4	4	133	139	17		Harry H. Watson.
Spallumcheen.	13	Arnststrong	26	4	4	4	1	1		1		1				22	28	2		R. S. Pelly.
Hiram.	14	Courtney.	29	6	8	7	1	1		1		1	3	1	3	35	36	7		R. S. McConnell.
Kootenay	15	Revelstoke	15	3	2	4	2	4				4	5	1	1	16	17	2		C. N. Temple.
Pacific.	16	Mission	41	11	3	2	2	4				4	7	9	50	66	25			Jas. Bais.
King Solomon.	17	New Westminster.	33	3	2	2	2	1		1		3	2	1	33	35	2			T. J. Armstrong.
Doric.	18	Nanaimo		11	8	6	3	1				4	5	3	31	39	22			J. H. Peace.
Ionic.	19	Chilliwack.		8	8	8							4	5	17	22				S. A. Cawley.
Miriam.	20	Vernon.		4	4	4	1								15	15				R. N. Taylor.



ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES.

	Victoria-Columbia, No. 1.	Vancouver-Quadsra, No. 2.	Ashlar, No. 3.	Carlboo, No. 4.	Mount Hermon, No. 7.	Union, No. 8.	Kamloops, No. 10.	Mountain, No. 11.	Cascade, No. 12.	Spallumcheen, No. 13.	Hiram, No. 14.	Kootenay, No. 15.	Pacific, No. 16.	King Solomon, No. 17.	Doric, No. 18.	Ionis, No. 19.	Miriam, No. 20.	Total.
Funds and Property..	7652 40	3888 56	13077 15	1436 05	1500 00	46601 20	1645 00	525 06	2200 00	1174 70	625 50	480 08	2085 53	140 00	498 00	955 50	110 10	8767 69
Relief to Members...	4 50	15 00	291 50	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	385 00
Relief to Widows and Orphans.....	.....	126 20	253 25	.....	5 00	.....	10 00	.....	104 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	503 95
Relief to Transients..	75 18	20 85	89 00	.....	70 75	15 00	.....	.....	204 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	105 00	.....	.....	594 78
Funerals of Members.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 00	134 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	167 25

*SUMMARY OF SOURCES OF REVENUE.*

NAME OF LODGE.	Number.	LOCATION.	Membership at \$1.25 each.	Initiations at \$1.00 each.	Passings at \$1.00 each.	Ratings at \$1.00 each.	Affiliations at \$1.00 each.	M. M. Diplomas at \$2.00 each.	Dispensations.	Charters at \$20.00 each.	Total to Grand Lodge.
Victoria-Columbia.....	1	Victoria .....	\$ 202 50	\$ 8 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 3 00	\$16 00	.....	.....	\$ 245 50
Vancouver-Quadra.....	2	Victoria .....	146 25	3 00	4 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	.....	.....	163 25
Ashlar .....	3	Nanaimo .....	122 50	7 00	9 00	10 00	6 00	20 00	5 00	.....	179 50
Cariboo.....	4	Barkerville .....	26 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 25
Mount Hermon.....	7	Vancouver.....	120 00	6 00	7 00	8 00	3 00	16 00	7 50	.....	167 50
Union.....	9	New Westminster..	100 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	6 00	.....	.....	116 00
Kamloops .....	10	Kamloops .....	47 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	54 50
Mountain .....	11	Donald .....	63 75	2 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	93 75
Cascade .....	12	Vancouver.....	166 25	12 00	15 00	15 00	21 00	30 00	13 50	.....	261 75
Spallumcheen.....	13	Armstrong.....	33 75	4 00	4 00	4 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	53 75
Hiram.....	14	Courtney.....	43 75	6 00	8 00	7 00	1 00	14 00	.....	.....	78 75
Kootenay.....	15	Revelstoke.....	20 00	3 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	6 00	5 00	.....	41 00
Pacific.....	16	Mission.....	62 50	11 00	7 00	3 00	2 00	6 00	.....	.....	91 50
King Solomon.....	17	New Westminster..	41 25	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	8 00	5 00	.....	63 25
Doric.....	18	Nanaimo.....	38 75	11 00	8 00	6 00	3 00	12 00	7 50	20 00	103 25
Ionic.....	19	Chilliwack.....	21 25	8 00	8 00	8 00	1 00	10 00	.....	20 00	75 25
Miriam.....	20	Vernon .....	18 75	4 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	8 00	.....	20 00	59 75
St. Johns.....	.....	Wellington.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Acacia.....	.....	Mount Pleasant..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Nelson.....	.....	Nelson .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
United Service.....	.....	Esquimalt.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Total.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$636 50

**TABULAR STATEMENT**

**OF THE WORK OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES U. D. OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, A. F. & A. M.,**  
 From 1st March, 1893, to 28th February, 1894.

LODGE.	LOCATION.	Date of Dispensation.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Meetings Held.	Cash Received.	Disbursed.	On Hand	Total Membership.	Lodge Property.	SECRETARY.
St. Johns.....	Wellington .....	27 Jan., 1893	15	15	15	..	26	1371 50	1283 60	87 90	26	1217 20	F. W. Hawes.
Acacia .....	Mount Pleasant..	27 June, '93	13	10	10	13	29	616 25	488 35	128 00	40	288 00	T. W. Doherty.
Nelson .....	Nelson.....	11 Oct., 1893	10	7	5	7	9	385 00	285 00	100 00	23	200 00	G. Richardson.
United Service ...	Esquimalt.....	9 Dec., 1893	13	7	7	5	11	798 00	798 00	nil	55	810 00	D. McKnight.

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## RECAPITULATION.

Chartered Lodges.....	17
Initiated in all Lodges.....	92
Passed .....	93
Raised .....	93
Affiliated .....	55
Demitted .....	43
Died .....	17
Suspended .....	40
Restored.....	1
Expelled .....	1
Rejected .....	41
Diplomas issued .....	87
Dispensations to Wear Regalia in Public.....	6
"    Miscellaneous .....	3
"    for New Lodges.....	4
Members on Roll.....	1076
Increase over last year.....	108
Total Receipts from all sources.....	\$ 1999 50
"    Funds and Property of all Lodges.....	83767 69
"    Relief to Members.....	385 00
"    "    to Widows and Orphans of Members.....	503 95
"    "    to Transient Brethren.....	594 78
"    Funerals of Masons.....	167 25

## AFFILIATIONS.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>From Lodge.</i>	<i>To Lodge.</i>
Dunderdale, Ernest N.	Harmonic, 216, England....	Victoria-Col., No. 1
Murray, William....	Clydesdale, 556, Scotland....	" " 1
Perdue, George M. . .	Crockett, 139, California....	" " 1
Anderson, John.....	Old St. John, 21, Scotland..	Van.,-Quadra, " 2
Chestney, Wm. R....	Van.-Quadra, 2, B. C. ....	" " 2
Challoner, Wm. L. . .	Beaver, 83, Canada.....	" " 2
Price, Wm. Gilding . .	Prince of Wales, 371, Quebec	" " 2
Pascoe, Wm. Henry..	Butte, 22, Montana.....	" " 2
Walkley, Arthur.....	Eureka, 20, Washington....	" " 2
Pender, James.....	Clydesdale, 551, Scotland...	Ashlar, " 3
Milne, Thomas.....	Beaver, 234, Canada.....	" " 3
Anderson, Robert....	St. Clair, 427, Scotland.....	" " 3
Zellinsky, Paul.....	Greenoch, 175, Scotland....	" " 3
Duffie, Matthew.....	Thistle and Rose, 169, Scotl'd	" " 3
Muirhead, James.....	Phoenix, 1690, England.....	" " 3
Harrison, H. C.....	Zion, 21, New Brunswick...	Mt. Hermon, " 7
Tripp, R. McKay.....	Cascade, 12, B. C.....	" " 7
McDonald, William..	Union, 9, B. C.....	" " 7
Bourne, Fred, k.....	Florence, 390, Canada.....	Union, " 9
Bruce, Hugh.....	Murray, 4 8, Canada.....	Kamloops, " 10
Pownall, Guy F.....	Bow River, 28, Manitoba....	" " 10
Neilson, W. G.....	Mississippi, 147, Canada....	Mountain, " 11
Connocher, James....	Lisgar, 21, Canada.....	" " 11
Allan, Johu.....	Peguonga, 22, Manitoba....	" " 11
Ross, W. R.....	Oakland, 9, Manitoba.....	" " 11
Rogers, T. M.....		" " 11
Aikens, Thos. Edwd..	North Star, 74, Nova Scotia.	Cascade, " 12
Braid, William.....	Bartou, 6, Canada.....	" " 12
Brown, Harry K.....	Temple, 324, Canada.....	" " 12
Drake, Wm. E.....	Prince Albert, 25, Quebec...	" " 12
Dutcher, Geo. S.....	Restigouche, 25, N. Bruns'ck	" " 12
DeForest, Henry J. . .	Spatispere, 124, Australia...	" " 12
Flewelling, E. P. . . .	Midian, 9, New Brunswick...	" " 12
Hammersley, A. St.G.	Winchester, 1727, England...	" " 12
Keith, Samuel.....	St. Johns, 54, Ireland.....	" " 12
Ledger, Kitt A.....	LaTolerance, 538, England...	" " 12
Lett, Chas. A.....	Emerson, 6, Manitoba.....	" " 12
Marshall, David G. . .	Temple, 324, Canada.....	" " 12
Macrne, James E.....	Zetland, 525, Hong Kong....	" " 12
MacFurlan, James A. .	Concordia, 84, Spain.....	" " 12
Mcaulay, Chas. H. . .	Mountain, 11, B. C.....	" " 12
McGregor, Duncan C.	Ancient Landmark, 3, Man.	" " 12
Pierce, Frank H. . . .	Harmony, 48, N. Hampshire	" " 12
Rowley, John.....	Albion, 45, New Zealand....	" " 12
Spencer, W. Leigh... .	Zetland, 326, Canada.....	" " 12
Tracy, Thomas H.....	St. Johns, 209a, Canada....	" " 12
Walker, Thomas W. . .	Dramatic, 1609, England....	" " 12
Andrew, F. Forbes... .	Mountain, 11, B. C.....	Spallumcheen, " 13
Procuiner, Chas. A. . .	Edmonton, 53, Manitoba....	Kootenay, " 15
Cunningham, R. S. . . .	Laguene, 197, Canada.....	Pacific, " 16
York, L. C.....	Wapananung, 46, Manitoba.	" " 16
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Munn, Lemuel Geo . . .	St. Andrews, 13, P. E. I . . .	King Solomon No. 17
Algar, James N. . . . .	St. Andrews, 35, Wash. . . . .	Doric, " 18
Davis, Lewis T. . . . .	Ashlar, 3, B. C. . . . .	" " 18
Green, Andrew . . . . .	Ionic, 25, Canada . . . . .	" " 18
Maitland, Robt. B. . . .	Mt. Hermon, 7, B. C. . . . .	" " 18
Davis, Alfred A. . . . .	Tyre, 18, Michigan . . . . .	" " 18
Pettit, F. W. . . . .	Bow River, 28, Manitoba . . .	Miriam, " 20

## EXPULSIONS.

Francis Bouchier, Victoria Columbia, No. 1.

## SUSPENSIONS FOR N. P. D.

No. 1.—J. C. Cornish, Jas. Dudgeon, C. Guslean, H. E. Loseby, T. G. Mitchell, D. McMillen, G. G. Purches, Albert Pike, Peter Rouse, P. F. Richardson, W. N. Shaw.

No. 3.—Robt. Aitken, David Henderson, W. A. Horne, T. J. McLean, Jos. Paterson, J. Lamblyn, Hy. Trudell, R. Young.

No. 9.—J. M. Chisholm, G. H. Cross, Wm. Currie, E. F. Darcy, J. W. Gray, Jas. W. Harvey, Robt. Hunter, Wm. Moresby, A. McInnis, A. McLean, Geo. McKenzie, F. Strisky.

No. 11.—J. B. Wall, M. S. Gilbranson, G. F. Moore, Jas. A. Ford.

No. 12.—N. Smith, J. H. Yarker, M. F. Cole.

No. 13.—A. P. Goldsmid.

No. 17.—Jos. Burkitt.

## RESTORED.

No. 12.—F. W. Johnstone.

## SECRETARIES.

In justice to these important officers of Subordinate Lodges, I cannot conclude this report without recording my high appreciation of satisfactory staff at present in this jurisdiction. Courtesy, accuracy, promptness and zeal, are the characteristics of every man. Every return correctly made up was in my office by the specified time and my work

simplified and made pleasant far in excess of any former experience on my part. I trust the present incumbents may long continue, for the Lodges will certainly prosper under their hands. I am also under obligations to the M. W. Grand Master and other officers of Grand Lodge for many courtesies shewn.

Faternally submitted,

*W. J. Quinlan*  
*Grand Secretary*

**W. J. QUINLAN, GRAND SECRETARY,**  
**IN ACCOUNT WITH THE M. W. GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.**

<b>Dr.</b>		<b>Cr.</b>
July 4	To St. John's Lodge, Dispensation Fee.....	\$ 30 00
" 4	To Acacia Lodge, " " " " " "	" 30 00
Sept 6	To Doric Lodge, No. 18, Charter Fee.....	20 00
Oct. 30	To Ionic Lodge, No. 19, " " " " " "	20 00
Nov. 10	To Miriam Lodge, No. 20, " " " " " "	20 00
Dec. 18	To United Service Lodge, Disp. Fee.....	30 00
Feb. 22	To Ionic Lodge, No. 19, Diplomas.....	10 00
Mar. 24	To Nelson Lodge, Disp. Fee.....	30 00
" 26	To Cascade Lodge, No. 12, G. L. Dues	261 75
" 26	To Hiram Lodge, No. 14, " " " " " "	78 75
Apr. 9	To Union Lodge, No. 9, " " " " " "	116 00
" 12	To Cariboo Lodge, 4, " " " " " "	26 25
" 12	To Doric Lodge, No. 18, " " " " " "	86 25
" 19	To Mountain Lodge, No. 11, " " " " " "	93 75
" 20	To Pacific Lodge, No. 16, " " " " " "	91 50
" 23	To Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, " " " " " "	167 50
" 28	To Ionic Lodge, No. 19, " " " " " "	45 25
" 30	To Kamloops Lodge, No. 10, " " " " " "	54 50
May 10	To Kootenay Lodge, No. 15, " " " " " "	41 00
" 14	To King Solomon Lodge, No. 17, " " " " " "	63 25
" 30	To Victoria-Columbia " No. 1, " " " " " "	245 50
" 31	To Vancouver-Quadra " No. 2, " " " " " "	165 25
June 2	To Spallumcheen Lodge, No. 13, " " " " " "	53 75
" 2	To Miriam Lodge, No. 20, " " " " " "	39 75
" 4	To Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, " " " " " "	179 50
		<b>\$1999 50</b>
July 28	By Grand Treasurer, Receipt No. 1.....	\$ 80 00
Oct. 2	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 20 00
Dec. 29	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 50 00
Feb. 22	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 40 00
Mar. 27	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 340 50
Apr. 20	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 320 00
May 28	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 402 00
" 31	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 474 00
June 4	" " " " " " " " " " " "	" 273 00
		<b>\$1999 50</b>



The V. W. Grand Treasurer being absent, the Grand Secretary read his annual report and financial statement.

*M. W. Sibree Clarke, Grand Master, New Westminster:*

M. W., DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,--I regret very much that I am unable to attend the meeting of Grand Lodge at this meeting, as I am prevented by illness from doing so. My medical attendant has given me a certificate to that effect, as nothing else would prevent me being present.

I have prepared my statement of business transactions during the past year, and having handed the same, together with the bank books, certificate of deposit and vouchers for disbursements to Bro. Grand Secretary, who will kindly lay them before Grand Lodge.

The mortgages and deeds I retain in my vault and they are open to inspection at any time.

Trusting that the meeting of Grand Lodge will be harmonious and prosperous.

I am, M. W. Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

H. F. HEISTERMAN,

*Grand Treasurer.*

H. F. HEISTERMAN, GRAND TREASURER.





## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution is read.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:*

Your committee appointed at the last Annual Communication, and charged with the work of arranging, revising, amending and consolidating the Constitution, beg to report that they have attended to that duty and herewith submit, for your consideration and approval, the result of their undertaking.

Fraternally submitted,

PETER GRANT,

*Chairman.*

On motion, it is resolved, that the reports be received, the committee discharged and reimbursed for any expenses incurred, and the revision taken up under new business.

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The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is read.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., British Columbia:*

Your committee on foreign correspondence fraternally submit their second annual report.

At this writing (June 19th) we have completed the review of all Grand Lodges on the American Continent, with the exception of Manitoba, Rhode Island, Virginia and Vermont, as also those of England, Ireland and New Zealand, Victoria and South Australia.

We are more than pleased at the reception accorded our first report (1893) and hope this may meet your approval.

As yet, we are still unable to make any recommendations toward the recognition of the Grand Orient of Hayti. The Grand Lodge of Ireland is the only one (that has come to our notice) that exchanges

representatives with Hayti. We therefore ask for further time in this matter.

The only question requiring special legislation, that has come to us, is the proposed "Uniform Rules as to the Jurisdiction over Candidates" adopted by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi at their 76th Annual Communication, February, 1894, which are submitted for the consideration and action of the several Grand Lodges. A copy of these rules will be laid before you by the V. W. Grand Secretary.

Thanking you for the privilege and honor conferred and assuring you of the pleasure it has afforded us in being in such close touch with our Sister Grand Lodges, who, one and all, have only the highest praises to sound for our jurisdiction, and assurances of the warmest fraternal love and solicitude for our welfare.

Fraternally submitted,

MARCUS WOLFE, P. G. M.,  
*Chairman.*

A. R. MILNE, P. G. M.,  
E. D. McLAREN,  
*V. W. Grand Chaplain,*  
*Committee.*

NANAIMO, B. C., 19th June, 1894.

Resolved, That the report be received, the committee discharged with thanks, and the review of other Grand Lodges printed with the proceedings.

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The report of the Committee on the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master's addresses is read.

MASONIC TEMPLE,

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

*Brethren of Grand Lodge:—*

We, your committee appointed to deal with the addresses of the M. W. the Grand Master, and R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, beg leave to report as follows:—

It is to be very much regretted that force of unforeseen circumstances has prevented the M. W. Grand Master from honoring us with his presence and counsel, and feel sure that he is with us in heart and spirit.

We congratulate the M. W. Grand Master on his able address ; not of great length, nevertheless clear, concise and effective.

It is certainly gratifying to learn that peace and harmony have prevailed, and an increase in membership obtained in keeping with the honor and dignity of our beloved Order.

The deep sympathy expressed in the death of several of our Brothers, should call forth a like expression from this Grand Lodge, and would recommend that suitable memorial pages be placed in our proceedings.

The fraternal sympathy of this Grand Lodge as called to our attention by the M.W.G.M., should also be extended to sister jurisdictions who have lost distinguished and useful members by the hand of death, and would also recommend a memorial page in our proceedings to their memory.

On the address of the R. W. D. G. M., we beg to report : That he has been an active, zealous and painstaking officer, as evidenced by the long list of his many official acts, as contained in the address. We also congratulate him on his very fluent, and carefully prepared document presented this Grand Lodge.

MARCUS WOLFE, }  
B. WILLIAMS, } Committee.  
PETER GRANT, }

Resolved, that the report of the committee be received and printed, and they be discharged with thanks.

Report of committee on charity is read :

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge :*

We, your committee on charity beg to submit : We find from the report of the V. W. Grand Secretary, the disbursements of relief were unusually large during the year. But not having had any of the cases referred to us, nor any information thereon, we deem ourselves unable to make any recommendations, but respectfully submit the questions of rebate appropriations to the Grand Lodge.

R. B. KELLY, }  
JOHN BUIE, } Committee.

The report of the special committee on petitions and grievances is read.

**REPORT ON PETITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.**

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia :*

Your committee on Petitions and Grievances beg to report as follows :

Having examined into the matter of expenses incurred by Pacific Lodge, No. 16, for funeral expenses of Bro. Massauder, we recommend that \$68.25 (being the amount) be paid by the M. W. Grand Lodge. But at the same time we think that the officers of Pacific Lodge should have enquired more carefully into the Masonic standing of Bro. Massauder before going to the expense they did.

We recommend that the action of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, regarding the expulsion of Bro. Francis Bouchier be confirmed by Grand Lodge.

We recommend that Charters be granted to the following lodges now working under dispensation :

- Nelson Lodge ..... Nelson, B. C.
- St. John's Lodge ..... Wellington, B. C.
- United Service Lodge ..... Esquimalt, B. C.

The reports from Acacia Lodge, under dispensation, not having been received, we are unable to make any recommendation.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. RUSSELL, }  
 JOHN W. COBURN, } *Committee.*  
 A. W. BLACK, }

M. W. Grand Lodge, New Westminster, June 22, 1894.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and printed, while that part relating to Pacific Lodge, No. 16, be taken up with " Rebates of Charity to Subordinate Lodges " in Order of Business of Grand Lodge.

The report of the Finance (special) Committee is read.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 22nd, 1894.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge :

Your Finance Committee have the honor to report that they have examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find (with the exception of a few clerical errors in the latter, which have been amended in red ink) that the accounts are correct.

As absolutely correct auditing is dependent upon the production of proper vouchers, we beg to notice that vouchers are not produced for the following expenditures:—Phoenix Fire Insurance Coy. premium, \$11.00; loan to W. McHugh, \$700.00; loan to H. Sturdy, \$1300.00 and \$500.00; and affecting the balance of the Charity Fund account (*G.F.G.*) one note for \$2100.00, one for \$1100.00, and certificate of special deposit in bank of B. N. A., \$700.00. We have no doubt that the absence of these is occasioned by the sickness of the Grand Treasurer, but we hope that on future occasions full particulars may be placed at the disposal of the Finance Committee, so that a true statement may be made.

If we, as your Finance Committee, are within our powers, we beg to recommend that in view of the increasing revenue of the Grand Lodge, the per capita dues paid by the Subordinate Lodges to Grand Lodge be reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.00, and that the proportion of the income of Grand Lodge carried from the General Revenue Account to the credit of the Charity Fund be reduced from 10 per cent. to 5 per cent. These reductions will diminish the annual income of Grand Lodge about \$150.00 and will, we think, prove a boon to most of the Subordinate Lodges.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

G. F. GIBSON,  
B. WILLIAMS,  
W. H. S. PERKINS. } *Committee.*

Resolved, That the report be adopted, and that the clause relating to dues to Grand Lodge and Charity Fund be taken up under Revision of Constitution.

The Committee on Jurisprudence asked for further time to report. Granted.



The R. W. Grand Senior Warden announces that a deputation from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba consisting of the R. W. Grand Junior Warden, V. W. Grand Secretary, and other members, were in Vancouver and anxious to visit this Grand Lodge in session.

On motion it is ordered that the delegation be invited to visit this Grand Lodge at the hour of 3 p. m. Friday.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Lacey R. Johnson, seconded by M. W. Bro. M. Wolfe, and Resolved, That Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of B. C., in session assembled, desire and hereby express their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Sillitoe in her recent sad bereavement whereby she has lost a loving and devoted husband, and we an honored and respected Brother. We hereby place on record our recognition of his untiring interest in the craft and his unceasing efforts for the advancement of our order both as an individual member and as Grand Chaplain.

Grand Lodge called off till 9:30 a. m. Friday morning.

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## IN GRAND LODGE.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 22ND JUNE.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master ordered the report of the Committee on Credentials to be taken from the table and read.

NEW WESTMINSTER, 22nd June, 5894.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your committee on Credentials beg to report :

That on inspecting the list of proxies and porch book of Grand Lodge, we find the following Brethren entitled to votes in Grand Lodge as delegates or proxies for the Subordinate Lodges of the jurisdiction as under :

VICTORIA-COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1 :

.....Worshipful Master.  
 .....Senior Warden.  
 H. L. Salmon.....Junior Warden.

VICTORIA-QUADRA LODGE, No 2 :

H. Waller.....Worshipful Master.  
 B. Williams.....Senior Warden, proxy.  
 Geo. Glover.....Junior Warden.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3 :

Marcus Wolfe.....Worshipful Master.  
 Jno. W. Coburn.....Senior Warden, proxy,  
 E. W. Barrett.....Junior Warden.

CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4 :

Marcus Wolfe.....Worshipful Master, proxy.  
 R. B. McMicking.....Senior Warden, proxy.  
 Geo. A. Dow.....Junior Warden, proxy.

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7 :

W. O. Miller.....Worshipful Master, proxy.  
 Thos. Bonnie.....Senior Warden, proxy.  
 P. McNaughton.....Junior Warden, proxy.

UNION LODGE, No. 9 :

A. McKercher.....Worshipful Master.  
 R. E. Walker.....Senior Warden.  
 G. F. Gibson.....Junior Warden.

KAMLOOPS LODGE, No. 10 :

Geo. S. Russell.....Worshipful Master, proxy.  
 W. J. Quinlan .....Senior Warden, proxy.  
 ..... Junior Warden.

MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 11 :

Not represented.

CASCADE LODGE, No. 12 :

E. D. McLaren.....Worshipful Master, proxy.  
 A. W. Black .....Senior Warden.  
 Chas. E. Lisdall .....Junior Warden.

SPALLUMCHEEN LODGE, No. 13 :

Not represented.

HIRAM LODGE, No. 14 :

A. Charleson .....Worshipful Master, proxy.

KOOTENAY LODGE, No. 15 :

Not represented.

PACIFIC LODGE, No. 16 :

.....Worshipful Master.  
 D. McKay .....Senior Warden.  
 J. L. Downes .....Junior Warden.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 17 :

Geo. Cunningham .....Worshipful Master.  
 Jos. H. Shirley.....Senior Warden.  
 M. McAskell.....Junior Warden, proxy.

DORIC LODGE, No. 18 :

W. H. S. Perkins.....Worshipful Master.  
 F. McB. Young.....Senior Warden.  
 W. H. S. Perkins.....Junior Warden, proxy.

IONIC LODGE, No. 19 :

John A. Logan.....Worshipful Master.  
 .....Senior Warden.  
 S. Mellard.....Junior Warden.

ACACIA LODGE, No. 20 :

Not represented.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN S. CLUTE,  
 THOS. S. FUTCHER,  
 W. H. S. PERKINS,  
 W. J. QUINLAN.

Resolved, That the next order of business be Election of Officers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master appointed M. W. Bro. M. Wolfe, R. W. Bro. Russell, and R. W. Bro. W. O. Miller, as Scrutineers.

The Grand Secretary, assisted by the Scrutineers, polled the vote, and reported the following present :

Lodge No.	1.....	5
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"	3.....	5
"	4.....	3
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"	9.....	9
"	10.....	2
"	12.....	5
"	14.....	1
"	16.....	2
"	17.....	3
"	18.....	3
"	19.....	2
Total.....		48

The election resulted as follows :

NAME.	LODGE.	RANK.
Robert B. McMicking..	2 Victoria.....	M. W. Grand Master.
Lacy R. Johnson.....	12 Vancouver.....	R. W. Dept. Grand Master.
Alex. Charleson.....	9 N. Westminster..	R. W. Grand Senior Warden
Rev. E. D. McLaren....	12 Vancouver.....	R. W. Grand Junior Warden
Rev. John A. Logan....	19 Chilliwack.....	V. W. Grand Chaplain.
Henry F. Heisterman..	2 Victoria, re-elec..	V. W. Grand Treasurer.
Walter J. Quinlan.....	1 Victoria, re-elec..	V. W. Grand Secretary.
Geo. A. Dow.....	2 Victoria, re-elec..	W. Grand Tyler.

M. W. Bro. Marcus Wolfe, as G. M., then proclaimed the above named brethren elected to fill the respective offices for the ensuing year, and called upon Grand Lodge to salute them with Grand Honors.

Grand Lodge called off till 1.30 p.m.

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**IN GRAND LODGE.**

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**AFTERNOON SESSION,**

**FRIDAY, 22ND JUNE.**

The Grand Master elect states the order of business, installation of officers, and surrenders the Grand East to M. W. Bro. Marcus Wolfe, as installing officer, who with the assistance of M. W. Bro. Clute, proceeded to install Robert Burns McMicking as Grand Master Mason of the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, with due and ancient ceremony.

The ceremony being completed, the other elective and appointive officers were duly installed.

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## GRAND OFFICERS 5894-95.

NAME.	LODGE.	RANK.
Robt. B. McMicking..	2 Victoria.....	M. W. Grand Master.
Lucey R. Johnson....	12 Vancouver .....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
Alex. Charleson .....	9 N. Westminster.	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
Rev. E. D. McLaren...	12 Vancouver .....	R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
Rev. John A. Logan..	19 Chilliwack .....	V. W. Grand Chaplain.
*Henry F. Heisterman.	2 Victoria.....	V. W. Grand Treasurer.
Walter J. Quinlan....	1 Victoria.....	V. W. Grand Secretary.
Benjamin Williams....	1 Victoria.....	W. Grand Senior Deacon.
S. N. Jarrett.....	7 Vancouver.....	" Junior Deacon.
Geo. Cunningham....	17 N. Westminster.	" Supt. of Work.
John McAllister.....	7 Vancouver.....	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
W. H. S. Perkins.....	18 Nanaimo .....	" Marshal.
Henry Waller.....	2 Victoria.....	" Sword Bearer.
*W. A. Matheson.....	14 Comox .....	" Standard Bearer.
*A. G. M. Sprague....	11 Donald.....	" Organist.
A. W. Black.....	12 Vancouver.....	" Pursuivant.
*H. J. Bourne .....	15 Revelstoke .....	} Grand Stewards.
G. F. Gibson.....	9 N. Westminster.	
A. York.....	16 Mission .....	
*A. F. Costerton.....	13 Armstrong .....	
G. A. Dow.....	2 Victoria.....	W. Grand Tyler.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Thos. S. Fatcher.....	1 Victoria.....	R. W. D. G. M., No. 1 District
W. A. De Wolf Smith..	9 N. Westminster.	" " " " 2 "
*John Bannerman....	10 Kamloops.....	" " " " 3 "
*Henry McDermott...	4 Barkerville .....	" " " " 4 "
John W. Coburn .....	3 Nanaimo.....	" " " " 5 "

\*Not present for installation.

And the following

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. Marcus Wolfe.....	Ashlar,	No. 3
" A. R. Milne.....	Vancouver-Quadra,	" 2
" E. D. McLaren.....	Cascade,	" 12

## CONSTITUTION.

Bro. Peter Grant.....	Union,	No. 9
" W. O. Millar.....	Cascade,	" 12
" J. Munroe Miller .....	Vancouver-Quadra,	" 2

## FINANCE.

Bro. B. Williams .....	Victoria-Columbia, No.	1
“ A. B. Erskine .....	Vancouver-Quadra, “	2
“ A. W. Black .....	Cascade, “	12

## JURISPRUDENCE.

Bro. John S. Clute.....	Union,	No. 9
“ Wm. Downie.....	Cascade,	“ 12
“ Sibree Clarke, M. D.....	Kamloops,	“ 10

## PETITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

Bro. Wm. Stewart.....	Ashlar,	No. 3
“ Wm. K. Leighton .....	“	“
“ Mark Bate.....	“	“

## PRINTING AND CHARTERED LODGES.

Bro. W. W. Northcott.....	Victoria-Columbia, No.	
“ H. Waller.....	Vancouver-Quadra, “	
“ Geo. S. Russell.....	Victoria-Columbia, “	

## CHARITY.

Bro. R. B. Kelly.....	Union,	No. 9
“ Henry Hoy.....	“	“
“ John Buie.....	“	“

## MONEY GRANTS.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Russell, and resolved, that the ordinary money grant be passed as of last year. Carried.

Moved by M. W. Bro. Marcus Wolfe, seconded by R. W. Bro. Stewart, that hereafter the travelling expenses of the Grand Master in paying official visits or otherwise doing the duties of his office, be paid by Grand Lodge.

Discussion ensues and the resolution being put to the meeting is lost.

## SPECIAL GRANTS.

That an appropriation of Fifty Dollars be made from current funds to the V. W. Grand Treasurer in recognition of his services.—Carried.

That an appropriation of Fifty Dollars be made from current funds towards Binding Proceedings for Grand Lodge Library.—Carried.

That a Special Grant from current funds be made for Printing Proofs of Revised Constitution.

That Pacific Lodge be granted the expenses incurred in burial of Bro. Massender, amounting to one hundred and thirty five dollars.—Carried.

That the question of an appropriation to the sufferers from the Fraser River floods be left in the hands of the M. W. Grand Master and his Wardens.—Carried.

That the entire revenue of the Charity Fund for this year be rebated to the Subordinate Lodges in proportion to Charities dispensed by them to transient brethren or distressed brethren of this Jurisdiction.—Carried.

That an appropriation from current funds of fifty dollars, be made to Union Lodge, No. 9, and King Solomon Lodge, No. 17, equally, for use of their Masonic Temple for this session.

Is read, the prospectus of a Masonic Consumptive Home in Santa Fee, N. M. On motion ordered received and filed.

Grand Lodge called off until 1.30 p.m.



## IN GRAND LODGE.

AFTERNOON SESSION,

FRIDAY, 22ND JUNE.

NEW BUSINESS.

The record of work and condition of Acacia Lodge, U. D., is read by the V. W. Grand Secretary. W. Bro. McAllister states that owing to the irregularity of the mails it was delayed till this time.

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

The Grand Secretary read the petitions of the Lodges under dispensation, praying that warrants of constitution be granted.

Resolved, That warrants be granted in seniority according to date of respective dispensations, i.e.:

St. John's, Wellington .....	as No. 21 B. C. R.
Acacia, Mount Pleasant .....	as No. 22 B. C. R.
Nelson, Nelson .....	as No. 23 B. C. R.
United Service, Esquimalt.....	as No. 24 B. C. R.

Carried.

Moved by R. W. McLaren, and resolved, that from the inability of many of the lodges to be represented at this communication, the consideration of the revision of constitution be postponed until a special communication for that purpose to be called at the discretion of the M. W. Grand Master. Carried.

The Grand Pursuivant announced, that the delegation from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba were in waiting.

After being duly vouched for, they were admitted and received with "Grand Honors."

The M. W. Grand Master welcomed them to our annual communication and they were conducted to seats in the Grand East. The visitors were :

R. W. Bro. H. W. Bain, Grand Junior Warden; R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Scott, Grand Secretary ; W. Bros. C. D. Lafferty, J. O. Smith, G. R. Jones, E. F. Hutchins, E. D. Phillips, and F. S. Proctor.

Brief remarks, expressive of fraternal regard and pleasure at meeting the British Columbia fraternity in session were made by Bros. Bain, Scott, Lafferty and Jones.

R. W. Bro. John Bannerman who had been appointed D. D. G. M. No. 3 District, being not present, was amply installed by M. W. Marcus Wolfe and seated in the East.

The M. W. Grand Master announced that Grand Lodge would attend Divine Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, at 7:30 p. m., and invited the brethren from Manitoba with the others present to attend with Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge called off until 7:15 p. m.

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## IN GRAND LODGE

### SECOND DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

The M. W. Grand Master requested the Grand Marshal to form a procession for the purpose of attending Divine

Service when an instructive and impressive sermon was delivered by R. W. Bro. E. D. McLaren to the edification of the large number of Masons and others present. On returning to the Temple, Masonic Labor was resumed.

PLACE OF MEETING.

It was unanimously resolved that the Twenty-Fourth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be held at the City of Vancouver.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Lacey R. Johnson, seconded by W. Bro. Irwin, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the pastor, managers and choir of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church for courtesies shown.—Carried.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Grant, seconded by R. W. Bro. Coburn, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to R. W. Bro. Rev. E. D. McLaren for his eloquent and instructive sermon, and that he be requested to allow the same to be printed with the Proceedings.—Carried.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Russell, and seconded by W. Bro. Williams, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Lodges of the City of New Westminster for their many acts of kindness to visiting delegates.—Carried.

Moved by M. W. Bro. Wolfe, seconded by M. W. Bro. Clute, that thanks be extended to the various transportation companies for their kindness shown to the visiting delegates. Carried.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary notify the Subordinate Lodges of the intention to consider the Revision of the Constitution at a Special Communication and that they be requested to offer any suggestions or additions found advisable by their deliberations.

The M. W. Grand Master announced that the officers of Grand Lodge had provided a small banquet in honor of their distinguished visitors from the M. W. Grand Lodge visitors from the M. W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, at the "Gnichon Hotel," and invited all present to assist in making the same enjoyable by their presence.

No further business appearing, called upon the V. W. Grand Chaplain to pronounce a benediction. The Grand Lodge then closed its Twenty-third Annual Communication in AMPLE FORM and it was so proclaimed in the East, West and South, by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

*W. J. Quinlan*  
*Grand Secretary*

P. S.—The banquet was a success.

## A SERMON

Delivered before the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., British  
Columbia, at the 23rd Annual Session, New  
Westminster, by

R. W. E. D. McLAREN, P. G. C.

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An house not made with hands.—2 Cor., 5, 1.

In these words the Apostle doubtless refers to what is often spoken of as "the resurrection body." For God's true children this mortal frame, in which, for the present, the immortal spirit dwells, shall by and by be replaced by "an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." It is but a paraphrase of Paul's words that we have in the German funeral hymn :

Here in an inn a traveller dwelt ;  
Here grief and joy by turns he felt.  
Poor dwelling, now we close thy door ;  
The task is o'er,  
The sojourner returns no more.

Now of a lasting home possess,  
He goes to seek a deeper rest.  
Good night: the day was sultry here.  
In toil and fear.  
Good night : the night is cool and clear.

It is not in this sense, however, that I propose to take the Apostle's words to-day. There is "an house not made with hands," which, here and now God urges every one of the children of men to build ; a structure all the more real and important because no material elements enter into its composition, and none of the ordinary instruments of labor can be employed in its construction. This invisible immaterial structure is the edifice of a noble, godlike character.

The uprearing of this unseen temple, the fashioning of this spiritual fabric is the avowed object of modern Free Masonry. Our ancient brethren were operative masons. Under the direction of wise and skilful masters they toiled to embody in massive column or graceful curve the lofty conceptions of some gifted architect; and they have left behind them lordly palaces and magnificent cathedrals, which are the pride of the old world, and the envy of the new.

We, in these later days, are merely speculative masons, and the various tools of our ancient craft we employ only as symbols of spiritual qualities or reminders of moral duties.

Our work, therefore, is as much superior to theirs as a true beautiful character is nobler and more precious than any material edifice.

May I ask your attention, then, to a brief simple statement of some of the more important aspects of our great life's work?

1. Let me say, first of all, that God Himself is the Architect of the building we are each called upon to erect. No workman ever dreams of carrying out his own ideas in regard to the building upon which he toils. He recognizes that his only duty is to give the best possible expression to the ideas of the architect as set forth in plans and specifications. Similarly in the construction of the "house not made with hands," none of us is at liberty to follow his own sweet will, or to let the structure of his life be shaped by circumstances in thoughtless disregard of the wishes of the Supreme Architect. Human life is true and influential only in so far as it is a faithful reproduction of a heavenly pattern, a visible embodiment of Divine ideas. A great astronomer, as he slowly unravelled the intricate laws that govern the movements of the heavenly bodies, thrilled with wonder and delight, exclaimed, "I think the thoughts of God." My brethren, we are worthy of the honorable name of Masons, builders in the great realm of the unseen, only in so far as we faithfully carry out the specifications of the Divine Architect recorded in the volume of the Sacred Laws, so that man can read in the slowly rising temples of our lives the very thoughts of God.

2. "The house not made with hands" rests upon the foundation of moral and spiritual qualities. Masonry in the concrete as well as in the abstract, in other words, Masonry as exhibited in the lives of individual members of the craft, is supported by the three great pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. Into the foundation of the structure of character, if that structure is to be broad and permanent, there must enter the element of wisdom. He who would play his part well in the economy of God's universe must be steadily increasing in the knowledge not only of himself and of his Creator, but also of the wonders and beauties of the world around him. "Let knowledge grow from more to more"

should be the motto of those who profess to be workmen toiling under the supervision of the All-wise Architect. Strength, too, must have its place in the structure of the life, strength of purpose, power of will, force of character. Wisdom alone will not secure the glory and permanence that should characterize the temple of personal character; there must be forceful energy that will enable us to carry out in the face of every obstacle what the heart conceives and the head designs.

But even wisdom and strength are not sufficient as a basis for character. Varied knowledge and tireless energy may help to support a structure from which all that is Godlike is rigidly excluded. The house not made with hands is to be God's house, and therefore side by side with the cunning workmanship of the pillar of Wisdom, and the massive proportions of the pillar of strength, there must be seen the graceful lines of the pillar of beauty, the beauty of goodness.

3. The house not made by hands is buttressed at each of its four corners with one of the cardinal virtues, prudence, temperance, fortitude and justice. Prudence surely cannot be dispensed with. The successful man in every walk in life, is always a prudent, or foreseeing man, a man who lays out his life on lines that are far reaching. A narrow outlook cannot fail to have a narrowing effect. Breadth of view gives breadth of purpose. A man who is building for eternity will build a widely different structure from that erected by one who is building only for time.

Temperance, too, there must be, if the building is to withstand the evil influence; magnificent self control, the power to say to each singing passion, "Thus far shalt thou go, but no farther."

Fortitude likewise must be cultivated, manful struggle with opposition, brave endurance of all the inevitable ills of life. Nor can the importance of justice be overlooked by those who seek to develop a well-balanced, symmetrical character. The life in which the cardinal virtues are not exhibited is hardly worthy of the name of life at all.

4. The house not made with hands is beautified and enriched with the graces of Faith, Hope and Charity. A building may rest upon a broad and safe foundation, and high into the air its walls may rise, massive in their strength, and faultless in their symmetry; and yet, within, all may be bare, and cold, and cheerless. But in the temple of the spiritual character, which we profess to be engaged in building, there must be found, continually, the warmth and beauty of spiritual life.

Shall we build a stately temple, and leave its sacred shrine empty and abandoned? Shall we rear the solemn edifice of life, and forget that the edifice is complete only when from every door and window streams forth into the chilly darkness of the outside world the glorious light of

heavenly graces? "Now abideth faith, hope, charity; these three, but the greatest of these is charity."

Such, in some of its more important features, is the building we have undertaken to erect. Let us never forget the sublime grandeur of the work to which we have put our hands. Eternal issues hang upon its right performance.

Let us remember that wherever we are and whatever we do, the all-seeing eye of the Great Architect beholds us, and notes with gravest disapproval every deviation from the specifications laid down for our guidance in the volume of the Sacred Law.

Let the structure of our lives be based upon the firm foundation of enduring moral qualities; the wisdom that cometh down from above, the strength that God supplies to all who seek it, and the beauty of that holiness, "without which no man shall see the Lord."

Let our spiritual house stand "four-square to every wind that blows," strengthened and defended on every side by the great cardinal virtues of prudence, temperance, fortitude and justice; prudence directing us, temperance chastening us, fortitude supporting us, and justice being the guide of all our actions.

Finally, let all the vital energies that centre in and flow forth from this "house not made with hands" be hallowed and sweetened by the benign and gracious influences of faith, hope, and charity; childlike faith in the Great Architect of the universe, joyous hope in that wonderful salvation He has provided for us, and fervent charity with all mankind.

Thus, only, can our work be done successfully to our Master's satisfaction and our own eternal honour and profit. Thus, only, can the "house not made with hands" grow day by day in winsome beauty and majestic strength.

And when the solemn sound of the Great Master's gavel shall fall upon our ears, the summons to appear before Him in the Grand Lodge above will cause us no dismay. "The Lord of Life will enable us to trample the king of terrors beneath our feet," and will pass us "safely under His divine protection through the valley of the shadow of death—to shine as the stars for ever and ever."

*"So mote it be."*





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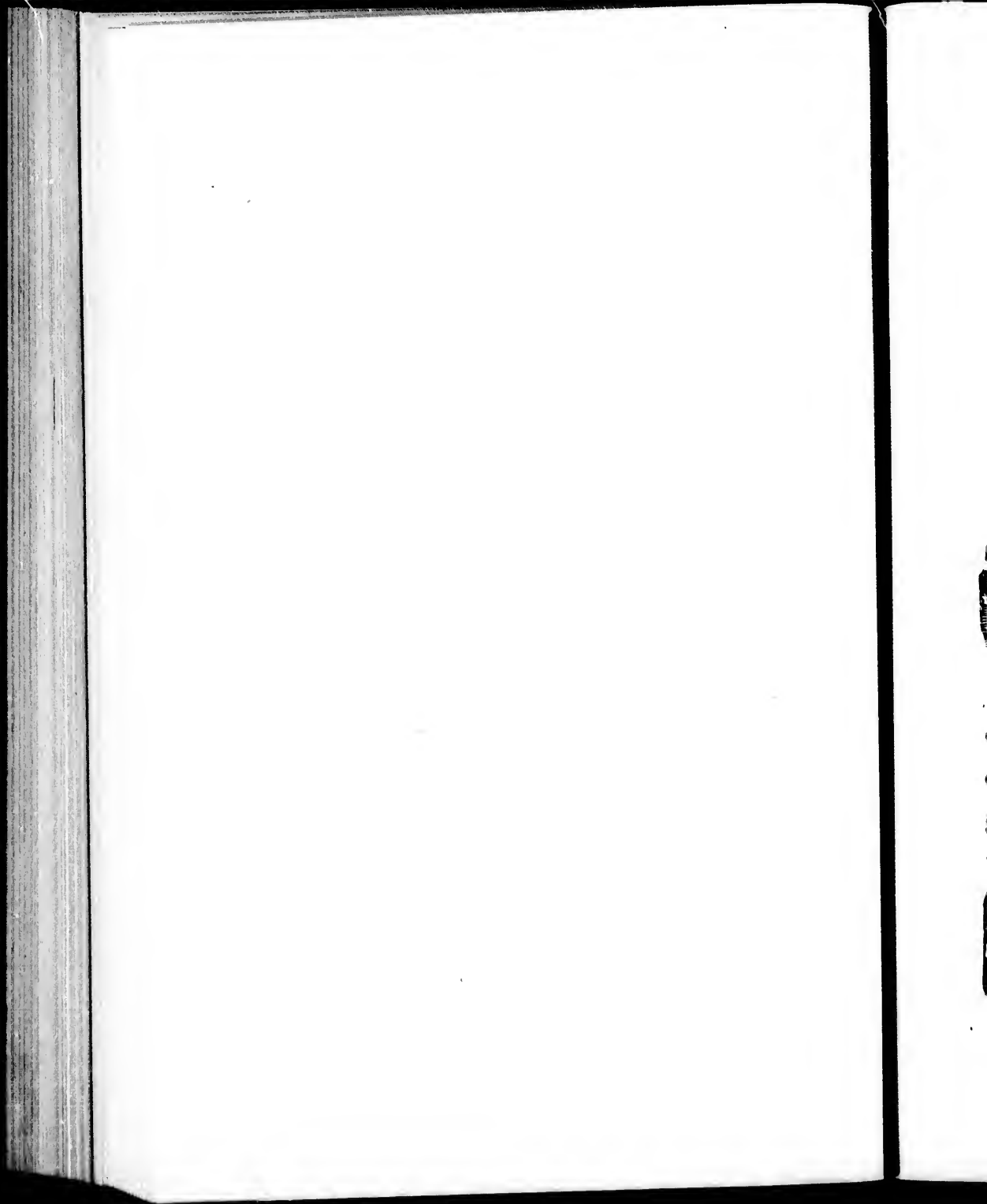
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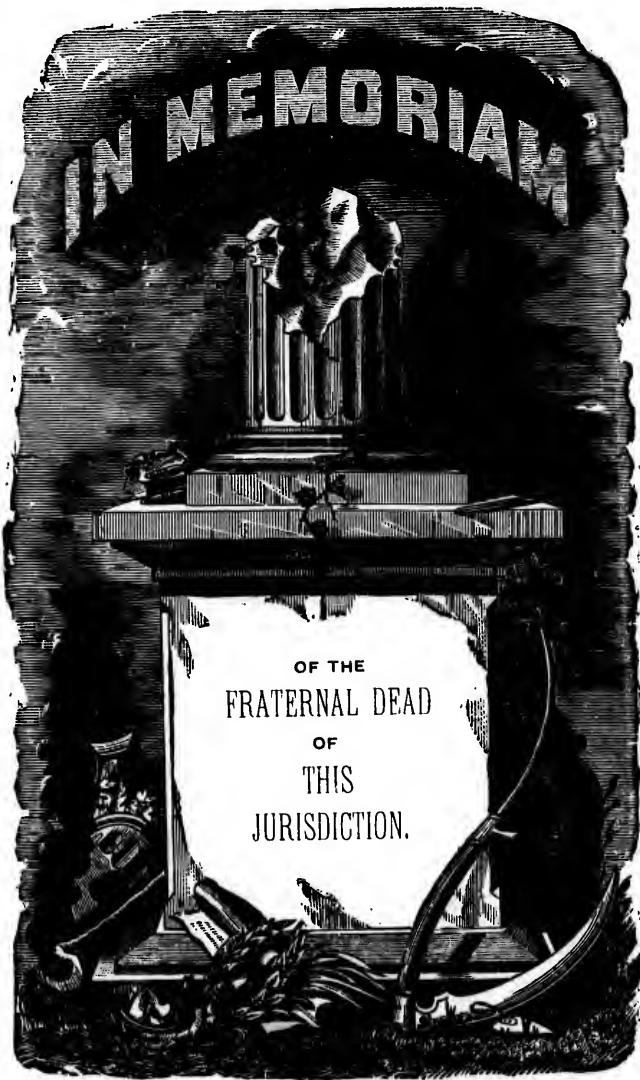
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*Past Grand Chaplain.*

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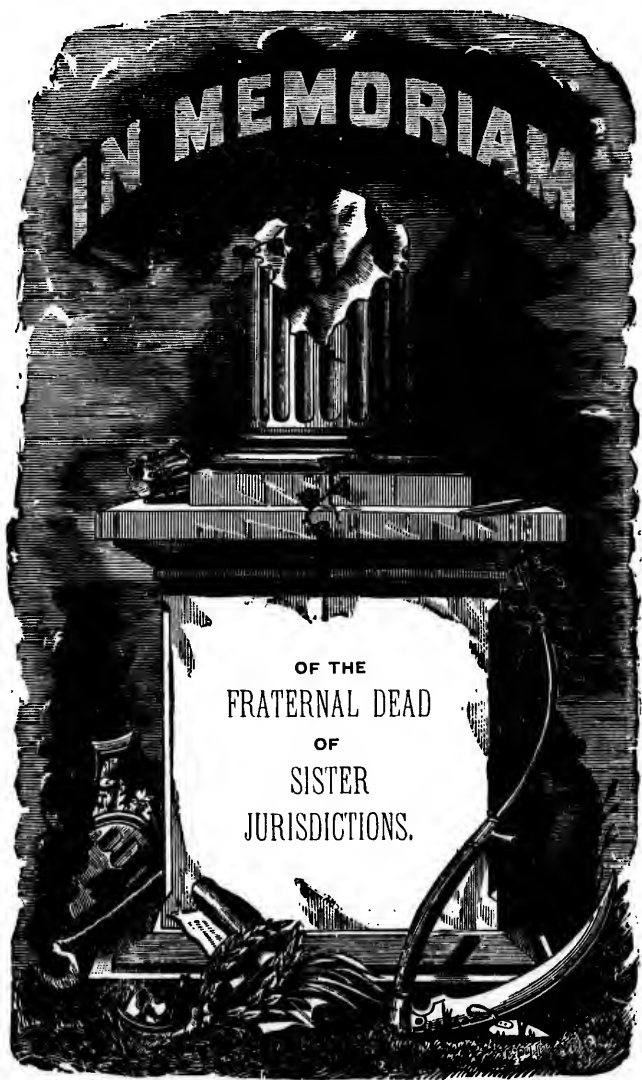
" Oh, say, is it to die  
To wear the Savior's radiant form of brightness,  
To see Him as He is with glory crowned,  
To stand in robes of pure unspotted whiteness,  
Joining the songs of happy saints above?

" No! No! We cannot die;  
In death's unrobing room we strip from round us  
The garments of mortality and earth;  
And, breaking from the embryo state that bound us,  
Our day of dying is our day of birth."



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**T**HOUGH the days may seem  
Useless and pitiful and incomplete,  
I still can trust my dream ;  
I know at last will come a triumph sweet,  
When death and I shall meet.



**H**ERE in an inn a traveller dwelt ;  
Here grief and joy by turns he felt.  
Poor dwelling, now we close thy door ;  
The task is o'er,  
The sojourner returns no more.

Now of a lasting home possess,  
He goes to seek a deeper rest.  
Good night ; the day was sultry here,  
In toil and fear.  
Good night ; the night is cool and clear.

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**The Dead**  
**OF OUR PARTICULAR LODGES,**

1893-94.

" The grass is just as green to-day,  
And just as clear the rivers flow,  
As when our loved ones passed away,  
A year ago.

" And happy birds are chattering  
As sweetly 'neath the placid skies ;  
And just as fair the flowers of spring  
Salute our eyes.

" And peaceful folk in all the earth,  
With smiles upon their faces set,  
Show that this life of loss is worth  
The living yet.

" And it is well ; we would not choose  
To close the flowers, or shroud the sun.  
Because our lot has been to lose  
Our loved ones."

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**ALABAMA.**

73RD ANNUAL, MONTGOMERY, DECEMBER, 1892.

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*Francis L. Pettus, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative not present. The Grand Master in an able address, deplored the condition of temporal affairs and could not say it had been a year of prosperity, but said, "Let us not be cast down by adversity,—it is but for a day. So sure as Sun follows Sun, so surely will prosperity follow adversity." Membership has increased new lodges have been formed, and our membership is larger than it was a year ago. Twenty-five decisions are reported, but involve no new principle, and were in the main approved by committee on jurisprudence and Grand Lodge. The following decision and report thereon are of interest :

"(19) I am aware that the decision about to be reported is in conflict with former adjudications on this subject, by this Grand Lodge ; but on principle, I think the decision correct.

In June, 1892, a member of the Lodge was elected Master of Walker Lodge, No. 286; in September of the same year, he is alleged to have

committed a Masonic offense, and to have removed to the State of Arkansas. At the next meeting another Master was elected. The former Master applies for a dimit. The question is, whether or not Walker Lodge can try him? I replied as follows: "From your letter, it appears that the Brother was W. M. of your Lodge, at the time the offense mentioned in your letter was committed. He now lives in Arkansas and desires a dimit. The principle is well settled in Masonic jurisprudence that a Lodge cannot try its Worshipful Master, and on that principle, a Lodge cannot try its W. M. for offenses committed while Master of a Lodge; charges may be preferred in the same manner as if he were now acting as Worshipful Master, that is to say, in the Grand Lodge of Alabama."

As I have stated, I am aware that this decision is in conflict with more than one ruling of this Grand Lodge, but the ancient customs and landmarks attach a greater significance and importance to the relation of Master and Lodge, and it would seem to me that the charges against a Master for offenses committed while Master, should be tried by a jury of the Master's peers and that the Grand Lodge of Alabama ought to take jurisdiction and try such cases. The reason for allowing the Lodge to try its Master, do not seem to me to be sound."

"We cannot concur in the decision of the Grand Master, numbered 19. It has been repeatedly decided by this Grand Lodge that the Master of a Lodge, who commits a Masonic offense, not connected with his official duties, may, after his term of office expires, be tried as any other Mason by the Lodge having jurisdiction of the offense. We cannot see that such a person is in any better position than any other member of the Lodge. He is not tried for any action of his as a Master, but he is tried for an offense totally disconnected from the discharge of his official duties. Every member of the Lodge is at that time his Peer. The fact that he has been a Master, does not place him in any higher or better position. Two reasons are given by writers on Masonic Law, why a Master should not be tried by his Lodge. One is that he is entitled to be tried by his Peers, the other is, that as in all Masonic trials, the Master is required to preside, and that he cannot and should not be a judge in his own trial. The best writers, in our opinion, repudiate the first reason. The Master tried by a Grand Lodge, is not tried by his Peers. The Grand Lodge is composed of Masters and Wardens and their Proxies. It may be composed altogether of the two latter. Then a trial by the Grand Lodge would not be a trial of the Master by his Peers. But in our opinion, even if it be true that both reasons are good, it would not alter the rule in this case. For, as stated above, the fact that the accused was once a Master does not make the other members of the Lodge any the less his Peers after he retires from that office, than they would be had he never been Master. As stated above, this question has been decided three times by this Grand Lodge, in 1875, 1877 and 1888, contrary to the ruling under consideration.

See Masonic Code, page 62, paragraph 1.

In the last instance, it was decided and a peremptory order issued by this Grand Lodge, requiring the Subordinate Lodge to prefer charges against, and try one who has been its Master, for a Masonic offense committed while he was such Master, and the order required the Lodge to proceed with the trial, with directions to the Grand Master, if it did not, to arrest its Charter. For these, and many other reasons which might be given, but which we refrain from giving, in order that this report may not be made too lengthy, we think that the ruling of the Grand Master as above referred to, should not be sustained."

Report on Correspondence is by P. G. M. Palmer J. Pillans. British Columbia does not appear in the Report, presumably not having reached the Reporter in time.

Returns show 361 Lodges with 11,373 Members, (*652 Ministers of the Gospel*.) what say the *Catholics and Agnostics?*

In looking over the "Grand Secretaries and their Addresses," I find the name of Edward C. Neufelder as Secretary of B. C.—When did Alabama get our last Proceedings?—as Bro. Neufelder has not been Secretary since 1887. R. W. Bro. W. J. Quinlan has occupied that high office since 1891.

FRANCIS LEIGH PETTUS,  
*Grand Master, Selma.*

HENRY CLAY ARMSTRONG,  
*Grand Secretary, Montgomery.*

Palmer Job Pillans, Belknap, Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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### ARIZONA.

12TH ANNUAL, PHOENIX, NOVEMBER 14, 1893.

*M. W. Jno. McO. Ormsby, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative not reported present. The Grand Master reported "The year which has just closed has been a prosperous one Masonically, and although financial disturbances have caused unrest in the monetary centres

of the world, yet within our Jurisdiction peace and prosperity prevail and I have the honor to report a healthy increase in our membership, and that the 500 mark has been reached and passed."

The address is able throughout and his recommendations on the subject of "non-affiliates" and "non-attendance" are most earnestly set forth; well worthy the consideration of the Craft.

No Report on Correspondence.

DAYTON A. REED,  
*Grand Master, Phoenix.*

GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE,  
*Grand Secretary, Tucson.*

13th Annual, Phoenix, November 13th, 1894.

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### ARKANSAS.

54TH ANNUAL, LITTLE ROCK, NOVEMBER 21ST, 1893.

*M. W. R. J. Laughlin, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative not reported present. The Grand Master reported that, "Our relations with every Grand Lodge are of the most pleasant nature, and Masonry in a most flourishing condition.

Returns show 437 Lodges with 13,512 Master Masons.

A vast amount of work was done in two days—the immediate P. G. M. Bro. Bridinell delivered a stirring and most eloquent oration, "That Brethren should live up to the principles and teachings of Masonry," and these are his recapitulations:—

"Abstain from all profanity.

Be temperate in all things.

Defend the chastity of woman and live pure lives yourselves.

Deal honestly with all men, but more especially with a brother Mason.

Be ready to help the distressed wherever dispersed.

Love your fellow men."

Report on Correspondence is by Bro. S. H. Davidson, and is an exhaustive, able review of 55 Grand Jurisdictions. British Columbia has more than favorable comment. Thanks, Brother, for your flattering and appreciative remarks on our first "Report." Time and space prevent us giving Brother Davidson's report more extended review.

M. W. JAMES M. HARKEY,  
*Grand Master*, Russellville.

R. W. FAY HEMPSTEAD,  
*Grand Secretary*, Little Rock.

55th Annual, Little Rock, November 20th, 1894.

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### CALIFORNIA.

44TH ANNUAL—SAN FRANCISCO—10TH OCTOBER, 1893.

© M. W. Chas. R. Gritman, Grand Master, who, owing to illness was unable to preside, and P. G. M. A. R. Conklin was called to the Chair. The Grand Master reports the Craft in a prosperous condition, and that peace and harmony reign throughout the jurisdiction. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Jas. W. Anderson; British Columbia, 1892, receives more than favorable review, and our actions throughout are endorsed. The report embraces 134 pages of fine print, and we regret not being able to make copious extracts therefrom.

On the subject of "jurisdiction," we append the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence: "We recognize perpetual jurisdiction only when an applicant has been elected and initiated by the Lodge to which he applies." "We also recognize a jurisdiction of one year over a rejected candidate; when the full year after a rejection has lapsed, the jurisdiction has lapsed, and we recognize no claim or authority over the rejected applicant by reason of the rejection, whether claimed by one of our own lodges or by a lodge in any other state or country," which was concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

The following conclusion of a most masterly oration by W. Bro. Eugene Duprey, is well worthy an earnest consideration and should be closely lived up to :

1. Banish slander.
2. Adopt love of human kind.
3. Select only the most competent brothers to fill the chairs of the Lodges.
4. Provide the best of instruction.
5. Guarantee us uniformity of work throughout the jurisdiction.
6. Let our families, now and then, be present when the officers are installed. Give publicity in this, with the ancient and goodly knowledge it will take with it.
7. Guide well the ballot box, and in that be discreet. Be true, and with impartiality act.

Then it is my firm belief, my brethren, that certain and positive *success must follow*, "as the day the night," *every endeavor* for the advancement and perpetuity of Freemasonry in this State as elsewhere. No more will be heard the complaint of *light attendance* or lack of enthusiasm in our Lodge rooms. When we are relieved from the cares of business and are permitted by an All Wise Providence to enter into communion with nature's forests, vales, mountains and streams, we can behold

"In every leaf a thing of beauty,  
 In every tree a pillar in nature's temple,  
 In every raindrop a pearl from her jewel box,  
 And in their plashing we hear the music of nature's voice."

So now and when we part let us of Masonic brotherhood view every tenet of the Craft as beautiful, every doctrine as commanding and a pillar of truth; in every word of fraternal love let us see a pearl of God's favor, and for our guidance listen to the sweet music of charity."

Returns show 255 Lodges, with 17,006 Master Masons.

M. W. HENRY SAYRE ORME,  
*Grand Master*, Los Angeles.

R. W. GEORGE JOHNSON,  
*Grand Sec'y*, San Francisco.

45th Annual, San Francisco, 9th October, 1894.

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**CANADA.**

38TH ANNUAL, OTTAWA, 19TH JULY, 1893.

*M. W. The Hon. G. M. Gibson, Q. C., Presiding.*

AN address of welcome was presented by the Mayor of Ottawa, it having been ten years since the Grand Lodge had met here before. The Grand Master delivered a most able, exhaustive and instructive address. He said:

"The history of the year has not been marked by any events of unusual importance. Peace and harmony have prevailed within our borders. A satisfactory record has been made, and speaking generally, we have ample reason for contentment with the present and hopefulness for the future."

Reports from the various District Deputies are most complete in detail and prove that they have all attended to their duties, their reports occupying 190 pp. of the proceedings.

Returns show 348 Lodges with 22,064 members.



As a whole, the proceedings are most creditable, and wish we could give more space to useful extracts.

Report on Correspondence is by Bro. H. Robertson. British Columbia is reviewed for 1892. On the question of vested rights, Bro. Robertson fully agrees with the conclusions as given by us and concludes by saying, "but the *unconstitutionality* of the acts remain the same as before."

M. W. G. M. GIBSON,  
(Re-elected) *Grand Master*.

R. W. J. J. MASON,  
*Grand Secretary*.

39th Annual, City of Hamilton, 18th July, 1894.

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### COLORADO.

33RD ANNUAL, DENVER, SEPTEMBER, 1893.

*Wm. D. Wright, Grand Master.*

**E**IGHTY Chartered Lodges represented. Our Representative not reported present. The Grand Master delivered a scholarly address, "tracing Masonry from its remote beginning with a view to determine what has been the effect and influence of the teachings of Masonry upon the progress of mankind," and most ably has he illustrated it. He reports "That at least so far as Masonry is concerned, the year just closed has been a prosperous one in this Grand Jurisdiction. We have had a satisfactory increase in membership, and peace and harmony prevail. Our relations with Sister Grand Lodges could not well be more harmonious."

Twenty-four decisions are reported, among which are:—  
"A Lodge, as such, has no authority to attend funeral services

held at Church in connection with other societies, the remains of the Brother to be afterwards shipped away for burial," (not much fraternity about that.) The Grand Orator, Bro. T. B. McDonald, delivered a soul stirring oration on the origin and history of Freemasonry. Report on Correspondence is by Bro. L. N. Greenleaf, presenting a review of fifty-nine Grand Lodge Proceedings. British Columbia had not reached the Committee. Bro. Greenleaf is a prince of writers and always presents a highly instructive report; proving him a Masonic scholar of high degree and a lover of the Craft.

I cannot refrain from producing his concluding papers as we agree with him that they are "questions which we regard as of paramount importance to the Craft generally."

#### CONCLUSION.

Having reached the end of our allotted task we desire to devote some attention to questions which we regard as of paramount importance of the Craft generally.

Chief among these is the Antiquity of Masonic Degrees, to which reference was made in our last year's report. Our remarks at that time in this connection, have been widely copied and discussed, and were the occasion of a very interesting correspondence with the distinguished Masonic author and historian, Bro. R. F. Gould, of London, England.

Under date of December 31, 1892, we received a letter from him, apprising us of his true attitude upon this question which was this: That Old Regulation XIII should read, "Apprentices must be admitted Masters and Fellow Craft only here unless by dispensation."

His own interpretation of the meaning of the above is conveyed in the following language :

There is no doubt whatever that two divisions only of Masons are here alluded to. Apprentices, who then received what are now the first two degrees; and Masters or Fellow Craft, who received the present third degree. The secrets of our present three degrees existed in 1723 and before 1717, but they were communicated in *two* steps instead of three.

Subsequently we addressed to him the direct query; "If the *secrets* existed before 1717 as you concede, you include the Hiram legend, do you not?"

In due course we received the following reply: "The Hiramie legend existed *prior* to 1717."

It will be seen that so far as the secrets are concerned, there is no difference of opinion between Brother Gould and ourselves, it is only as to their division—whether into two or three degrees prior to 1717 and long anterior.

From our remarks under CANADA last year, page 67, when we quoted Brother Speth upon this subject, it will be evident that our mind was in a receptive state. Later, under UTAH, we had received, as we thought, the "new light" from our distinguished Brother Gould and grew somewhat effusive in our great joy at his discovery. We still rejoice and are exceeding glad notwithstanding, because the *secrets* are the main thing, and their distribution a secondary consideration, though in our estimation—a very essential one, on account of its bearing upon the triad of Masonic symbolism, as we find it now existing.

Let us revert to the language of Brother Gould's article from which we drew the inspiration that led to our exhilaration of spirit, and which he says must be *ambiguous* if we inferred therefrom that he maintained the existence of *three* degrees prior to 1717.

We quote the following paragraphs from his valuable "Memoir of Dr. Thomas Manningham," which occur in the general summing up of the evidence adduced:

But as many will listen to Dr. Manningham, who would turn a deaf ear to the utterances of even our most advanced students, pause will be made, while the grounds on which his judgment is based, are inquired into.

"The only Orders we know," observes the doctor, are three—Masters, Fellow Crafts and Apprentices." There were no more and no less

"My own father," he continues, "has been a Mason these fifty years." According to this, Sir Richard Manningham must have been initiated about 1707, three years after Governor Belcher had gone through a similar ordeal, and two years before the remarkable allusion in the *Taller*, to a "set of People," who have their Signs and Tokens like Free Masons.

The "old brother of ninety, who was made a Mason in his youth," must have been admitted a member of the society in the *last* quarter of the Seventeenth Century.

The two brethren, whose testimony—as we have seen—was relied upon by Dr. Manningham, may, I think, be regarded without doubt by ourselves, as the witnesses of truth.

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The secrets of the first three degrees were the same before the year 1717, as after it.

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That *before 1717 the now existing rituals* have been worked.

The *now existing* rituals being in *three* degrees, what else can one infer from the whole tenor of above paragraphs, other than that the *three* degrees were in existence and were worked *the last quarter* of the seventeenth century.

We certainly did draw that conclusion, and so did others, including that able Masonic scholar, Brother H. P. H. Bromwell.

Old Regulation XIII upon which Brother Gould so largely relies and which he quotes in his letter to us, was at variance with what was designated as Old Regulation XIII in our original copy of Anderson's Constitution, edition of 1738. Securing a verbatim copy of the 1723 edition from which Brother Gould had quoted as above, upon comparison we noted the following difference in the same :

Old Regulation XIII Edition 1723. "Apprentices must be admitted Masters and Fellow-Craft only here, unless by a Dispensation."

Old Regulation XIII Edition 1738. "*Apprentices* must be admitted *Fellow Crafts* and *Masters* only here, unless by a *Dispensation* from the *Grand Master*."

Italics as in original.

In this same edition is placed in parallel column what is designated as the :

New Regulation, November 22, 1725. "The *Master* of a Lodge with his *Wardens* and a competent *Number* of the Lodge assembled in due form, can make *Masters* and *Fellows* at discretion."

Italics as in original.

Last year we accepted Old Regulation XIII as it appears in the 1738 edition, as the basis of our argument upon the question of the antiquity and number of the degrees anterior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England. Brother Gould, as has been seen, relies upon the regulation as published in 1723, giving it his own interpretation, that "Masters and Fellow Craft" really mean "*Masters or Fellow Craft*," or, one and the same thing, so that *two* degrees only are named "Apprentice" and "*Master or Fellow Craft*," as shown heretofore in this article.

His interpretation has not been generally accepted and there is strong opposition to it on the part of some of our best Masonic scholars.

The matter really hinges upon the addition to be accepted as the standard authority. A revised edition of a work is presumed to contain fewer errors than the original, and to contain the results of maturer reflection and observation on the part of the author. In a letter to Brother Gould we gave expression to this idea and calling his attention to the fact, that in his history he had designated Brother Anderson as a fresh accession to the Craft when he compiled the Constitutions in 1723, consequently he was much poorer equipped for his work than in 1738. Before this latter edition appeared, Brother Anderson represented to the Grand Lodge, on February 24, 1735, that a new Book of Constitutions had become a necessity and that he had prepared materials for it. The Grand Master, the Earl of Crawford and the Grand Lodge, ordered him to lay the same before the present and former Grand Officers. In accordance with this it was first submitted to *former Grand Officers*, Brothers Richmond, Desaguliers, Cowper, Payne and others, who after *making some corrections* gave it their approval.

Next, agreeable to the same order, in 1738 it was submitted to the *Grand Officers* who also *reviewed and corrected it*, and declared their approbation to the Grand Lodge assembled in ample form on January 25, 1738. The Grand Lodge ordered it to be printed, and approved and recommended it as the *only* Book of Constitutions for the use of Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons.

Thus, during a period of nearly three years, the second edition was in preparation, and before being printed had been submitted, in accordance with the order of the Grand Lodge, to former and present Grand Officers, who reviewed and *corrected* it, and it was then endorsed by the Grand Lodge as the only authorized Book of Constitutions. Can we moderns, at this distance, 155 years later, consistently charge Brother Anderson with interpolations, alterations, and Scotch idioms, which, granting they were made, must have been made upon sufficient grounds, since they were approved by the Masons of that time, and also by the Grand Lodge. What author to-day would desire to be held responsible for changes and corrections made in his MSS. by a dozen critical reviewers.

Are we not then justified in assuming that the changes which were made in the phraseology were fully warranted, having the sanction of the highest governing body of the Craft, and also of prominent members who were his contemporaries. If so, Article XIII, as defined in the 1738 edition, must stand as authority upon these disputed questions as to degrees and their number.

We desire to express our great obligations to Brother R. F. Gould for favors received, and the pains he has taken to disabuse our mind of what appears to him as erroneous conclusions. While not fully agreeing with him upon some points, no one more fully appreciates the great work he has done in the domain of Masonic history and research. The labors of the historian must, however, be supplemented by those of the symbolist before definite conclusions can be reached. We are pleased to learn that he regards the secrets of Masonry, whether conveyed in two or three steps, as of great antiquity, and that if in two, the two contained primarily *all* that was amplified into three. In short, that there was no growth—an idea that we have had frequent occasion to combat in these reports. We have strenuously maintained that *restoration* should engage the attention and labors of the Masonic student, and we know whereof we speak, having sat at the feet of some of the venerable architects who have been for a lifetime engaged in this great and glorious undertaking. As we stated last year, Masonry has lost more of its own distinctive riches in the past century than have been added to it.

From Brother R. F. Gould's valuable paper on "The Antiquity of Masonic Symbolism" which he kindly furnished us, and which was read before the Lodge Quatuor Coronati of London, and commented upon by many distinguished members, we desire to reproduce a few of the remarks of himself and others.

In this paper Brother Gould says:

But to pass into a higher sphere of criticism, we may infer from the "Defence of Masonry" having been reprinted with the Book of Constitutions, 1738, that in the opinion of the leading Masonic authorities, the ancient "Fabrick" (of Masonry) had sustained such ravages at the hand of time and neglect, as to raise doubts as to *how much of it* [italics his] was still remaining.

Again:

In other words, if the symbolism (or ceremonial) of Masonry is older than the year 1717, there is practically no limit whatever of age that can be assigned to it. *After* the formation of a Grand Lodge, there was centralization. *Before* it there was none. Each Lodge then met by inherent right, and even if we go so far as to admit the possibility of new and strange practices being introduced into any one of them, there was no higher body by whose authority these innovations could have been imposed on the other Lodges. To put it in another way. If we once get beyond or behind the year 1717, *i.e.*, in the domain of Ancient Masonry, and again look back, the vista is perfectly illimitable, without a speck or shadow to break the continuity of view which is presented to us.

Brother W. J. Hughan in his comments said that to his mind degrees, as we understand them, were wholly modern, but that Masonic Symbolism goes back to prehistoric times.

We quote from Brother J. Ramsden Riley's views the following:

Personally, I have long held the opinion that, both the ceremonial and ritual (in a somewhat crude form, but sufficient as a real groundwork) must have been known to the "Revivalists" of 1717. I have never been able to satisfy myself that a number of individuals (and particularly Masons) then met together to *frame a new and such a wondrous system*, [italics his] nor can I yet understand how the members of four Lodges could agree to that which, *if new to them*, must have excited the ridicule, if not the disgust of other Masons. We know there were many Masons in London besides those of the "four old Lodges," but setting these aside, it is reasonable to suppose that the older members of the Lodges which met at the Apple Tree Tavern (and there are always old members) would quietly acquiesce in the formation of a system and ceremonial previously unknown to them?

Brother W. H. Rylands said he agreed with Brother Gould in his main contention. It had always appeared to him impossible to imagine that in 1717 an entirely new system arose. Gradual changes there were no doubt, and supplemental matter may have been introduced; but to his mind the greater part of our symbolism certainly anteceded the Grand Lodge of England.

From Brother Speth's able commentary we reproduce the following:

*First.*—From the 14th to the 18th centuries two ceremonies existed—that of making Masons, or binding to the Craft—and that of passing Masters and admitting to the Fellowship.

*Second.*—That there were secrets, other than those of the manipulation of stone attached to each.

*Third.*—That the Masons of 1717 inherited symbolism of the meaning of which they were ignorant, and

*Fourth.*—That to produce this ignorance, a long course of decay and deterioration must have obtained, thus carrying our symbolism back for an indefinite period.

The consideration of these important questions has already exceeded the limits assigned at the outset, but we believe our space has been well occupied and that the brethren of our jurisdiction will derive valuable information from a careful perusal of these facts and speculations concerning our ancient origin and symbolism, and the division of Masonry into degrees.

#### MEXICAN MASONRY.

We have received from Brother Richard E. Chism, W. M. of Toltec Lodge No. 520, A. F. & A. M., City of Mexico, a pamphlet entitled; "An Inside View of Mexican Masonry." It shatters the fond hopes that we had entertained concerning the Grand Dieta, if all that is charged

against Mexican Masonic Lodges can be substantiated. Among the irregularities set forth in this pamphlet are very grave departures from well established landmarks: Exclusion of the Great Light from the Lodge room and altar, taking of obligations "on one's honor," making women Masons, introducing politics into Lodges, publication of rituals in plain language, etc., etc. Statements to the above effects made before the officers of Toltec Lodge, are published in full and duly attested.

The publication of Brother Chism's pamphlet has called forth a reply from General Agramonte, which he entitles, "The True View of Mexican Masonry." We have not received a copy, and must therefore rely upon others who have examined it for a knowledge of its contents.

The General is Master of Anahuac Lodge, No. 141, under the Grand Dieta. This is an English speaking Lodge, and its members are claimed to be representative Masons. He is a thirty-third, holding membership in New York City consistory, as well as the Supreme Council thirty-third degree of Mexico. He states that about 240 Lodges are working harmoniously under the Grand Dieta, and only six outside, which includes Toltec Lodge. He denies the recognition of the Grand Orient of France. He denies that women are made Masons, and says that Brother Chism has admitted he was in error. Lodges of women, similar to the Eastern Star, exist in that Republic. He says the Bible is not excluded, but that discrimination is made against the Roman Bible; denies that politics have any place in their Lodges, etc., etc.

The truth of the matter will doubtless be settled before next year, as several Grand Lodge committees are to report the question of the recognition of the Grand Dieta, and the present condition of Masonry in our sister Republic.

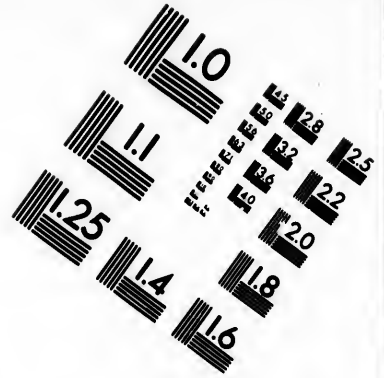
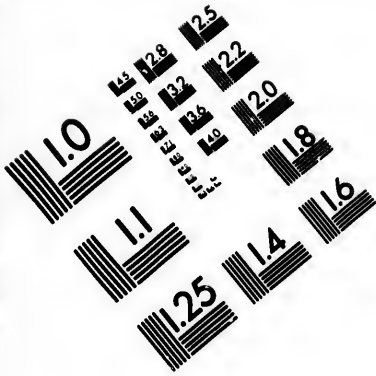
#### GRAND ORIENTS, ETC.

The recognition of brethren hailing from Lodges in these countries where Symbolic Masonry is dominated by Grand Orientes and Supreme Councils is a vital question, and one involving that of the universality of Masonry itself.

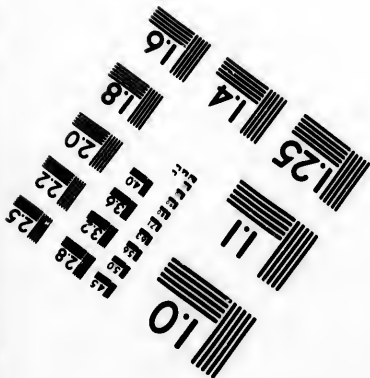
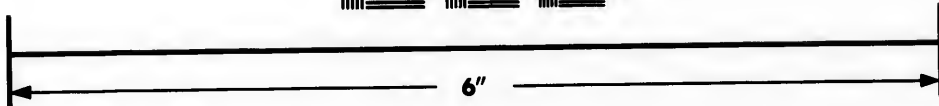
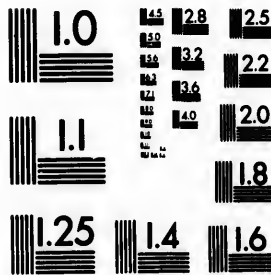
In view of the animated discussion which took place in our Grand Lodge last year, and the interest manifested by the brethren to be fully informed in regard thereto before taking definite action upon this question, we desire to place them in possession of the facts and conclusions of those who have made this subject their special study. Brother W. R. Singleton, chairman on Foreign Correspondence for the District of Columbia, made an exhaustive report upon this subject some four years ago. Here is his summary, derived from a careful examination of Gould's history, with his incisive comments.







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The English rite of the three degrees may be distributed as follows.

1st. The Ritual of England proper, as practiced there and in all the Lodges deriving charters from the Grand Lodge.

2d. The Ritual of Scotland.

3d. The Ritual of Ireland.

4th. The Ritual, as practiced in all the States and Territories of the United States.

5th. The Ritual of Pennsylvania, which last is the Ritual as it was practiced by the Grand Lodge of the Ancients of the last century, somewhat modified.

6th. We have the various Continental Rituals.

In every country in Europe, outside of England, Scotland and Ireland, each country has its own peculiar ritual or rituals. From 1730 to 1800 there were continual changes of rituals, and *obediencce*, so very much mixed that tabular statements and charts are absolutely necessary to trace them chronologically through their various changes.

These rites were so different, and caused so many controversies among the various bodies, that whoever reads the account as given by Gould and former writers, will inevitably come to the conclusion that during these turmoils, which continued for more than half a century, the warring elements were totally devoid of those fundamental principles so necessary for the perpetuity of Masonry as an institution. We shall not attempt to describe those changes which occurred; those who wish to become acquainted with that unfortunate part of Masonic history can consult the volumes of Gould in our library.

This is to be said, however, that notwithstanding the various rites which were practiced all over Europe, and in various parts of the American continent, the three original degrees of E. A., F. C. and M. M., of every rite, were universally recognized. Although in some countries Lodges of the three degrees were organized by different rites, nevertheless they were all recognized as Masonic, and fraternal intercourse was constantly held between them, and however fierce the contest among the higher degrees, all united as Master Masons of the symbolic degrees.

From the institution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in 1811, whenever opportunity served, visitors from foreign countries who presented themselves as Masons were cordially and fraternally greeted among our Lodges.

There was no question at that time as to what rite they were indebted for their degrees.

He quotes a few of the resolutions adopted by the Universal Masonic Congress, which assembled in Paris in June, 1855, by decree of His Royal Highness Prince Lucien Murat, the M. W. Grand Master of Masons in France. Those to which attention is directed are the following:

This Congress will only submit such measures, few in number, as bear the character of evident utility, are clearly defined, and in all cases manifest the greatest respect for the accepted and internal customs of each country. [Italic his.]

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Masters of Lodges, in conferring the degree of Master Mason should invest the candidate with the words, signs and grips of the Scottish and modern rites.

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Convinced of the great utility of a regular and uninterrupted correspondence between the various Masonic powers, the Congress invites all Masonic authorities regularly to exchange copies of their printed proceedings.

He reproduces from Brother Drummond's Main report for 1870 this strong deliverance, which is only equalled by a more recent one to be found under ILLINOIS in our present Report :

In deciding upon the question of recognition, several questions of the gravest importance arise, and must be decided.

On the threshold we are met by one which affects the Masonic standing of nearly one-half of the Masons in the world. There have been in the past, and are now, two systems of Masonic government, which we may distinguish, with sufficient accuracy, by styling one the *Grand Lodge* system, and the other the *Grand Orient* system; in the former the Grand Lodge is the sole supreme authority, unembarrassed by any entanglements; in the latter the Grand Lodge unites with other bodies, forming a Grand Orient, to which the Grand Lodge yields certain of its powers, but not those in relation to creating Lodges or making Masons. The ground taken by those who advocate the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, is that a Grand Lodge, which is a constituent in a Grand Orient, is illegitimate and illegal; that its Lodges are irregular, and, therefore, the Masons made in them are Clandestine Masons. *This doctrine strikes out of existence all the Masonry in the world, except in the United States and Great Britain and its Dependencies, and the few Lodges established in other countries.*

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We hold that the Masons made under the Grand Orient system are regular Masons, their Lodges lawful Lodges, and their Grand Lodges entitled to be respected as such. At the same time we are, in the strongest manner, in favor of separating all Grand Lodges from all such entangling alliances, and hold that Grand Lodges of the other system may properly say to one of the Grand Orient system, "While we will respect your rights as a Grand Lodge, and admit, as visitors, Masons of your obedience, we cannot exchange Representatives with you, as our equals, because we are in all respects sovereign, and you are not."

Says Brother Singleton :

Go to, ye knowing ones, and read the history of all the Grand bodies of Europe, and learn some important lessons.

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Not a single Grand Lodge in Europe was ever organized solely by chartered Lodges from Grand Lodges, such as now exist.

The Grand Lodge of England in 1717, of Ireland about 1725-30, of Scotland, 1736, were all constituted by Lodges *without* charters.

The Grand Orient of France, the outgrowth of the chaotic condition of Masonry in that country from 1740 to 1801, was a self-constituted power without proper presentation or responsibility to the Craft. The manner in which every Grand Lodge, besides, in Europe was formed, shows conclusively that out of the confusion as to rites which existed on the Continent from about 1740 to the close of the century, each country did the very best it could to settle affairs, bring order out of confusion, and to do this, in some instances, it became necessary for the crowded heads to intervene by royal decree, and thus settle matters for Masons when they could not do it for themselves.

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When we consider that the Masons of the United States do not constitute a majority of the world, we should not attempt to dictate in matters of this character, but accept the well recognized principles of the rest of the Masonic world.

We have now placed the brethren of this jurisdiction in possession of the most reliable information upon this subject, which, if they will consider from a broad stand-point, there should be no difficulty in reaching a conclusion in harmony with the spirit of Masonry, and its mission to make of one brotherhood the dwellers in all nations.

From time to time we have devoted considerable space to the allied branches of Masonry, especially during the discussion of the question of their recognition as quasi Masonic bodies. Some of our fellow reporters may have been somewhat mystified as to our true belief in what constitutes Masonry "pure and undefiled."

To disabuse the minds of all such, we reprint the following lines expressive of our devotion to Ancient Craft Masonry. While partaking somewhat of a personal experience, it seems unavoidable from the nature of the subject, and will, we trust, strike a responsive chord in the breasts of "the faithful" who are possessed of a multiplicity of degrees :

## O, MOTHER LODGE, WE'VE WANDERED FAR.

O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far  
 And knocked at many a door,  
 Since first we wore thy Lambskin gift  
 And trod thy Checkered Floor.  
 Since first thy symbols met our gaze  
 And claimed our constant thought,  
 Till patient search at length revealed  
 The hidden truths they taught.  
 When heart at name of Brother thrilled,  
 And loyal but to thee,  
 We loved thy Square and Compass  
 And adored thy Letter G.

The Chapter held recovered truths,  
 Why not possess the same,  
 That thought awoke a new desire  
 And fanned it into flame.  
 The honor sought at length was ours,  
 We read the Keystone's face  
 And saw the treasures long entombed,  
 Brought from their hiding place.  
 Another tie had bound our heart,  
 Another name had we,  
 O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far,  
 Yet still we cling to thee.

The Council next a votary claimed,  
 We passed within its door,  
 The Orders then of Knighthood took,  
 But still we craved for more.  
 The Scottish Rite's prolific brood  
 Rose temptingly to view,  
 We reveled in the mysteries  
 Expressed by 32.  
 At last the crowning honor came  
 With figures 33.  
 O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far,  
 Yet still we cling to thee.

O, Mother Lodge we've wandered far,  
 From thy more simple ways,  
 Mid scenes of splendid pageantry  
 With glories all ablaze.  
 Where dulcet strains fall on our ear  
 And pealing anthems rung.

And wisdom of the antique world  
 Was voiced by silvery tongue,  
 And yet withal, true Son of Light  
 With vision clear to see,  
 O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far,  
 Yet still we cling to thee.

O, Mother Lodge, we've wandered far,  
 With longings vain possess'd,  
 No higher jewel than thy Square  
 Is worn on Mason's breast.  
 No higher badge than thy first gift,  
 The Lambskin pure and white,  
 Thy Pointed Star ascendant is  
 O'er every grade and rite.  
 Between thy Pillars all must pass,  
 Or else must cease to be.  
 O, Mother Lodge we've wandered far,  
 Yet still we cling to thee.

And now, in closing, we desire to thank our fellow members of the guild for their kindly expressions of good will. It is said that "no secret decoction brewed in the depths of the forest by learned sages of mystic art, with mysterious incantations, ever produced more wonderful results than the simple elixir of praise." And we have quaffed full measure.

Fraternally submitted,

LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF,

*For the Committee.*

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Taking the proceedings of Colorado as a whole, they are most interesting, and a valuable contribution to Masonic libraries.

M. W. JETHRO C. STANFORD,  
*Grand Master, Durango.*

R. W. ED. C. PARMALEE,  
*Grand Secretary, Denver.*

34th Annual, Denver, 18th September, 1894.



## CONNECTICUT.

106TH ANNUAL, HARTFORD, 17TH JULY, 1894.

*M. W. Samuel Bussett (whose photo adorns the frontispiece), Grand Master.*

OUR Representative, Bro. N. G. Hinckley, was at his post. The Grand Master said: "I am happy in being able to congratulate the M. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut on the prosperous condition of the Craft, that at no period of its history has there been more thorough and effective work toward the completion of the Grand Temple whose builders we are. Diligence and harmony are inseparable among the brethren of the "Mystic Tie." The following and only decision recorded is in my opinion a rather harsh one, and the jurisdiction of Connecticut evidently is an advocate of perpetual jurisdiction.

*Question.* Can a person who has been rejected by a lodge in this jurisdiction, who afterwards received the degrees of Masonry in a foreign country, without the consent of the rejecting lodge be recognized as a Mason?

*Answer.* No! The lodge rejecting holds personal jurisdiction over him which cannot be annulled or set aside without its unanimous consent. His making might be regular, and in a lodge working under the authority of a regular Grand Lodge, but his recognition as a Mason depends upon the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, which is the supreme law within its limits.

A photo engraving of Doolittle Tavern, New Haven, Conn., in which the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was organized, July, 1789, is presented in the proceedings and is a very quaint looking building.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary. British Columbia falls in for a good share. After quoting M. W. Bro. Downie's decision on perpetual jurisdiction, says: "We think any Grand

Lodge that holds to perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, cannot enforce such a law beyond its boundaries. Other Grand Lodges are not bound to accept it, and several do not, and will not."

Thanks, Bro. Wheeler, for your favorable comment on our first report on correspondence, it is very encouraging.

Returns show, 110 Lodges with 16,047 affiliated Master Masons.

M. W. HENRY O. WARNER,  
*Grand Master, Milford.*

R. W. JOSEPH K. WHEELER,  
*Grand Secretary, Hartford.*

Next Annual, New Haven, January, 1895.

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### DELAWARE.

87TH ANNUAL—WILMINGTON—4TH OCTOBER, 1893.

*M. W. John B. Book, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative not recorded present. The Grand Master reported: "That harmony prevails and the Subordinate Lodges all in prosperous condition." Returns show 21 Lodges, with 1,926 Master Masons. Report on Correspondence is by L. H. Jackson, Chairman, and includes an interesting and condensed review of 57 Grand Lodges.

British Columbia has more than favorable mention, saying: "The proceedings of British Columbia (1893) come to us in handsome dress, greatly improved and enlarged form, with an interesting report on Foreign Correspondence.

We are highly pleased with the whole thing, and congratulate our brethren upon this step in the right direction." Thanks, Brother Jackson, for your kind remarks.

M. W. ELDAD L. CLARK,  
*Grand Master, Dover.*

R. W. B. F. BARTRAM,  
*Grand Secretary, Wilmington.*

88th Annual, Delaware, October, 1894.

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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

83RD ANNUAL, WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 8TH 1893.

*L. C. Williamson, M. W. Grand Master.*

THIS Address deals almost entirely with local matters and concludes by saying, "In view of all the events of the past year, we have much to be thankful for."

Several special and a Semi-Annual Communication had been held during the year.

The Installation of Officers of Grand Lodge in this Jurisdiction does not take place until St. John's Day, December 27th, when also the financial affairs are presented.

Report on Correspondence is by Wm. R. Singleton. British Columbia for 1893 has favorable review. On Grand Master Downie's decisions the reviewer makes the following comment.

We append his reasons for decisions Nos. 1 and 2:

"I deem it unreasonable to say that a man who has been rejected in one lodge is forever debarred from applying to another. While we might possibly keep trace of the candidate so long as he resides in our

own jurisdiction, what is there to prevent him, should he move to a foreign jurisdiction, from applying for and receiving the degrees there ?

"I think it is unwise, and not in accordance with law and liberty, to attempt to place such a restriction on any candidate. I cannot see why a man who has applied to a lodge and has been rejected should not, after the expiration of twelve months, stand in the same relative position to all other lodges as a man who is applying for the first time."

This was the practice many years ago (say over fifty) in most, if not nearly all of the old Grand Lodges, and we believe is yet the custom in Europe.

The habits of the people in the United States and the constant changes of residence from one jurisdiction to another caused many of our Grand Lodges to adopt the rule of holding to *personal* as well as territorial jurisdiction over *all* material *suitable* or *unsuitable* for Masonry. In some jurisdictions a rejected candidate is held perpetually unless released by a vote of the lodge—in some, seven years, &c. These regulations grew out of the fact that a rejected candidate would change his residence to another jurisdiction for the purpose of applying therein for the degrees, be elected, initiated, &c., and resume his original residence.

The following Grand Lodges do not hold personal jurisdiction over profane persons twelve months who have never applied for the degrees and who have permanently left the jurisdiction with the intention of residing elsewhere :

Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

The following Grand Lodges claim personal jurisdiction for twelve months after the profane has left the jurisdiction permanently and who has never applied for the degrees :

Connecticut, Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina, West Virginia.

NOTE.—Mississippi makes no answer and the Grand Constitution is silent.

Grand Lodges requiring affirmation of expulsions :

North Dakota, page 43, 1891 ; Massachusetts, page 40, 1888 ; Arkansas, page 146, 1889 ; Maine, page 36, 1885 ; California, page 29, 1890 ; Ohio, pages, 39-40, 1882 ; Mississippi (very emphatic), page 75, 1891 ; South Dakota, page 33, 1892.

All the Grand Lodges in the United States claim the Grand Representatives as being representatives of the Grand Lodge, except the following :

Pennsylvania, where, by the Ahiman Rezon, they represent the Grand Master; Connecticut, represent the Grand Master. The constitution of the United Grand Lodge of England provides for representatives of the Grand Master.

So far as we have examined the constitutions and proceedings of other Grand Lodges outside of the United States we find that they represent the Grand Lodges and in many cases the appointments of such representatives are confirmed by vote of the Grand Lodge.

HENRY S. MERRILL,  
*Grand Master.*

WM. R. SINGLETON,  
*Grand Secretary.*

Address, Masonic Temple, Washington.

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### UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, JUNE 7TH, 1893.

*R. W. The Right Honorable the Earl of Mount-Edgumbe,  
Deputy Grand Master, as Grand Master.*

**F**OLLOWING is mode of elections :—"This being the regular period of election of the several Boards, and more than the requisite number of the B. of G. P. and Colonial Board having been nominated at the Committee of Masters on 24th May last, and balloting papers having been distributed to the brethren on entering Grand Lodge, Scrutineers were appointed and obligated to make truthful returns."

A long and heated discussion was had on the following resolution : "That Grand Lodge is of opinion that any

Lodge under the English Constitution in New Zealand is entitled to retain its warrant and exercise its lawful Masonic privileges, notwithstanding the fact that a majority of its members may have seceded."

"The D. G. M. in the Chair was not in favor of the resolution, and said "the Grand Master was not competent to grant a warrant in a country where he has no jurisdiction."

The resolution was finally carried. No. 2463 is the highest warrant.

We also have the proceedings of the Annual Grand Festival, April 25th, 1894.

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**UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.**

*R. W. the R. H. The Earl of Latham, G. C. B., Pro.  
Grand Master.*

THE Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication so far as related to the election of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Treasurer were read and confirmed.

Whereupon Sir Albert W. Woods, K. C. M. G., C. B., Garter, P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed :

The Most High, Most Mighty, and Most Illustrious Prince Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay, Earl of Chester, Carrick, and Dublin, Baron of Renfrew, and Lord of the Isles, Great Steward of Scotland, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, and Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of

the Indian Empire, &c., &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, for the year ensuing.

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## GEORGIA.

107TH ANNUAL—MACON—31ST OCTOBER, 1893.

*M. W. John S. Davidson, Grand Master (who is also our worthy Representative).*

THIS address is another of his able and instructive contributions to Masonry, and the G. L. of Georgia, the opening remarks of which are so beautiful that I reproduce them :

### GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

MY BRETHREN :

In the Straits of Magellan there is said to be a post office, the most remarkable of any in the world. It is simply a painted cask chained by strong cables to the rocks, so that it floats upon the waves, rising and falling with the waters of the restless and everlasting sea. No appointed custodian controls it. It has no hours fixed by law or usage for receiving or depositing its mail. No officer places on its contents the official stamp of government; no carrier passes to and fro laden with the burdens of joy or sorrow which are borne daily through this great land of ours. No rushing trains, speeding like the wind, bear to it or take from it the messages it contains. And yet without control, without supervision, free to strain its chains in storms or to float idly upon the smoother billows of a placid ocean, it has never failed of its object. The navies of the entire world are its guardians. The seafaring men, often rude and reckless, treat it with the tenderness of a woman. As each ship passes by, the speed is slackened, the boat is lowered, and manned by rugged men is driven to its station. Strong hands quickly seek its contents and taking what may belong to them, deposit those they themselves would send to distant lands for the loved ones who, with anxious eyes look for some message from the absent. And bearing their own sweet remembrance, left there perhaps by some companion ship, back to their quarters, they bless with more than sailor fervor this strange depository. To defend it they would quickly risk limb or life: to protect it, give all the strength and daring they possess, and yet it is only a floating cask in a waste of waters.

Do you see any parallel between the lesson of this cask thus situated, thus protected and thus serving mankind, and the Institution to which you belong? Let us pause and consider. What is Freemasonry? Simply an instrument for the good of others. How is it held to the human race? Only by the strong chains of brotherly love. What does it bear within its keeping? Nothing but the message which tells of man's plans and purposes, hopes and ambitions to be better and truer and nobler in all things here that he may enjoy a higher and more sublime association hereafter. Nothing except the moral lessons of the every day existence, which, made up of success and failure, teach him of a love which makes him stronger when he fails and humbler when he succeeds. How is the Institution protected? By every member who with the solemn obligation engraven on his soul and its whispered words of counsel lingering in his ear, remembers its blessings and its objects. Who guards it from destruction? The millions of brave hearts whose beatings can be heard in every land upon which the sunshine rests, and who have taken from its store of treasures the many messages which cheer in gloom, and give increased brightness to happy hours.

What is the value of Masonry? It has no well filled coffers, it has no mines of exhaustless wealth, it has no splendid accumulations of worldly possessions. It has nothing but a mission--a mission that teaches mankind the lesson of obedience to law, of submission to authority, of compassion for the fallen, of tenderness for the erring, of devotion to good, of love for God, and at last that there is "a brighter light no darkness can resist." It is but a floating cask, save that its chains permit its journeying everywhere that sorrow needs a tear or humanity a friend.

Seventy-three decisions are recorded, yet the Grand Master says there are many more which he did not deem of sufficient importance to record, being only of local application. We excerpt a few that will be of interest, although all his decisions appear to be based on sound judgment and justice.

9. A Mason is subject to prosecution for a Masonic offence actually committed ten years or more before the date of trial. There is no statute of limitation in Masonry. Under our law time neither cures nor satisfies wrong-doing. The object of Masonry is the preservation of right--not within time limitations, but *forever*--and from the Masonic standpoint, a crime ten years old is as *young* as if just born.

10. The Worshipful Master cannot legally, without the usual ceremony, either at length or abbreviated as authorized by this Grand Lodge, declare a Lodge of Master Masons closed and another opened in either the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degree.



11. A Lodge is not bound to admit as a visitor, one who can pass the examination of the degrees. It must be satisfied and has a right to be satisfied that he is a worthy Master Mason as well as qualified in other particulars.

24. A Lodge working under dispensation cannot affiliate a member, nor can it entertain a petition for affiliation, even after it has been chartered by the Grand Lodge, until it has actually been constituted and its charter officers installed.

26. A dimitted Mason is subject to be summoned to testify in a Masonic trial, and for his failure to obey such summons, he may be charged and tried himself. His holding a dimit does not exempt him from the performance of this Masonic duty.

58. An applicant who is unable to either read or write, was many years ago made an Entered Apprentice Mason. Since the Constitution of 1877, through a member of the Lodge, he makes application for the Fellow Craft degree. Held, that he is ineligible, and under the laws of Masonry he never was eligible to the Entered Apprentice degree, and conferring it upon him was in violation of law.

Of the condition of the Craft the Grand Master said:—

The year to whose record we turn our gaze, has been one of varied experiences. To say that its paths have been flowery and its success phenominal, would not be an accurate statement of a fact. But that despite occurrences of an unusual and depressing nature we have had advance, and in the face of disaster some success is also true. The forces of nature, the influence of contests in government, the well-filled or empty granaries all affect Masonry as they do individuals and nations. Being a part, a very near part of all things which concern mankind and their interests, and our membership being composed of those who by reason of zeal and intelligence are usually leaders or among the leaders in thought and action, we cannot hope to escape the burdens which come as we enjoy the reward that often follows on such enterprise.

There has, however, been much activity of movement among the Lodges. The determination to cut loose the encumbering timber of Subordinate Lodge membership has been most decided; the attempt to eliminate from Masonic companionship those whose associations do not reflect honor upon the Craft, has been more than ever pronounced and I think successful.

A review of the many decisions rendered will disclose the facts of which I speak. And while our increase in members may not be so great, the dispensations have been granted for seven Lodges and membership

increased over eight hundred, so we may well be consoled by the reflection that we have for the last few years grown so rapidly that like the philosopher's young man, we have stopped for a time because we are tired of growing so fast."

The following on the subject of Non-affiliate is well worthy our consideration.

"There seems to be a wide-spread difference of opinion among even the better informed members of the Craft upon the subject of non-affiliates, their rights, duties and disabilities. The matter in different forms has been very frequently submitted to me for decision, and I confess to some embarrassment at times to know how the question should be ruled. In all Lodges there exists a natural and laudable desire to have a large and efficient membership. In all Lodges there are more or less cases of dimit holders. The effort to secure their return has led to many and diverse actions. Some Lodges will, under no condition, permit them to visit exceeding three times each year; some deny them all Masonic recognition whatever; some refuse burial, even as Masonic grace, while others carry liberality of action beyond the limit of a wise discretion. I apprehend that the subject matter of dimitts and their consequences needs investigation and revision. We do not wish any Mason to leave the fold, but we would be unwise if we failed to recognize the fact that sometimes it is, in the judgment of the applicant, absolutely necessary for him to go. Want of means, ill health, personal surroundings and many such causes, lead to his retirement from active membership. Does it not seem reasonable that in such cases a different rule should be applied than that which may be invoked in the case of one who wilfully and from some unworthy motive leaves the Altar and strides angrily through the outer door? The present Edicts and By-Laws upon the subject of dimitts were enacted some years ago. These laws have not changed, while the institution has rapidly advanced and more rapidly increased in membership, and I believe that, except in matters of morals and principles, it is universally true that times change and men change with them. How many of us, except in essentials, entertain upon any subject the same views we earnestly urged twenty years ago? There are many subjects which I have heard debated on the floor of this body in years ago upon which the debaters have to-day changed positions, and would now discuss them with sides reversed. A careful examination of the whole matter has convinced me of three things: (1.) That the law upon the subject of dimitts will be improved by some alteration. (2.) That many dimitted Masons could be recalled if Subordinate Lodges were given larger control over the subject, with proper safeguards to prevent radical action; and (3.) That to properly formulate the changes needed, the reasons which induce the petition for a dimit should be made known by the applicant therefor."

Much more of interest could be copied from this address and it is difficult to concise. The jurisdiction showed their appreciation by re-electing Bro. Davidson as their Grand Master for the ninth term.

The report submitted by Bro. Wm. A. Love, from the Fraternal Congress held at Chicago, is the most complete of the transactions we have seen and produce it as worthy the interest of our Brethren.

FRATERNAL CONGRESS.

Brother Wm. Abram Love submitted the following report from the Fraternal Congress, which was accepted and ordered printed with the proceedings.

REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Georgia :*

Having been honored by the appointment of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to the position of one of the delegates to the Masonic International Fraternal Congress, to be held in the City of Chicago, at some time during the World's Fair, I had the pleasure of attending that body, and now, at the request of the Grand Master, beg leave to submit the following synopsis of its doings :

In accordance with the call on time, made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Illinois, Most Worshipful Monroe C. Crawford, the Congress assembled in Apartments of Oriental Consistory of the Masonic Temple, of Chicago, at 10 o'clock, on the morning of August 14th, 1893.

The body was called to order by Most Worshipful Monroe C. Crawford, who, in behalf of the Grand Lodge and the Fraternity of the Jurisdiction of Illinois, and of the City of Chicago, in particular, extended a most cordial welcome to the delegations which were to compose the Congress.

On motion, a temporary organization was effected by calling Most Worshipful Monroe C. Crawford to the Chair, and appointing Right Worshipful J. L. Power, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, to act as Secretary.

On motion, a Committee on Credentials was appointed. Right Worshipful, J. J. Robbins, of Illinois, was chairman, and the writer hereof, the delegate from Georgia, was one of said committee.

The credentials of the various delegates were examined, and such as came within the purview of the call made by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, were admitted to seats in the Congress. Such as did not come within the provisions of the call, or did not present evidence of a clear record as symbolic Masons, under the York Rite System of Grand Lodge organizations, were rejected.

On the adoption of the report of the Committee on Credentials, the Congress proceeded to the permanent organization by the election of the following officers :

PRESIDENT--MOST WORSHIPFUL, MONROE C. CRAWFORD, Grand Master of Illinois.

VICE-PRESIDENTS--RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, FREDERIC SPEED, Past Deputy Grand Master of Mississippi.

MOST WORSHIPFUL, S. STACKER WILLIAMS, Past Grand Master of Ohio.

MOST WORSHIPFUL, H. B. GRANT, Past Grand Master of Kentucky.

MOST WORSHIPFUL, ROBERT M. MOORE, Past Grand Master of New Jersey.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, WM. ABRAM LOVE, Past Deputy Grand Master of Georgia.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, CHRIS. DEIHL, Grand Secretary of Utah.

SECRETARY--RIGHT WORSHIPFUL, J. L. POWER, Grand Secretary of Mississippi.

ASSISTANT SECRETARIES--Loyal L. Munn, Edward T. Shultze and Leo E. Bennett.

On motion, a committee on Rules for the government of the body was appointed, who at once reported the rules governing in the Grand Lodge of Illinois, for the government of the Congress, which were adopted.

When this had been done it very soon became evident that very many questions would be presented for the consideration of the Congress, and that without some system and regularity for calling the matter to be presented, and selecting such matters as might be of most interest to the Craft, little could be hoped for in arriving at conclusions. Many of the delegates had come with papers for presentation, and many more had come with questions to be propounded and discussed. We examined one paper upon which was presented *seventy-one* (71) points for consideration, and many others were in the hands of delegates.

With the existence of this condition of affairs, it was thought necessary to appoint a committee on programme, which on motion, was done, and all papers and questions were referred to that committee, of which Right Worshipful Frederick Speed, of Mississippi, was made chairman.

After mature consideration of the subject matter presented, the committee reported for the consideration of the Congress such questions as were found most important.

In the deliberations of the Congress it was deemed best to equalize the influence, or votes, of the various Grand Jurisdictions represented in the body, and for this purpose it was ordered that in taking the votes on a division on call for the yeas and nays, that each Grand Jurisdiction represented should be entitled to *five* votes. Some Grand Jurisdictions were represented by ten or a dozen delegates, while others had but one or two to represent them on the floor.

There were thirty-three Grand Jurisdictions represented by delegates regularly accredited, and admitted as members of the Congress, while, at the same time, there were visiting brethren from many other Grand Jurisdictions, not so accredited, but to whom the courtesies of seats were extended, and from many of the same, interesting facts were obtained. Like courtesies were extended to Master Masons in good standing, who came properly vouched for—for the work of the body was carried on in the tyled recesses of the Hall.

To attempt a full report of the proceedings, day by day, though I have full field notes, would require too much of the time of this Grand Lodge.

The Congress held its sessions daily for about five days--assembling on Monday morning at ten o'clock, and closing *sine die* Friday afternoon at half past three.

A little accidental error in an entry on the Tyler's book in the ante-room, caused me many regrets at the absence of our worthy Grand Master. By some mistake his name has been entered upon the ante-room register as being present as a delegate to the Congress. I was approached by quite a number of the brethren, who informed me of his presence, and they desired that I go with and give them an introduction to him, saying that they were anxious to see and know and to clasp the hand of the Grand Master who gave us such grand and noble Annual Addresses as they had had the pleasure of reading in our proceedings for many years. I, with pleasure and pride went with them, *made diligent search, but we could not find our Grand Master.* Repeatedly I was approached in like manner during that day and the next, and then the clerk in the ante-room explained to me the mistake in the entry of his name. I allude to this little incident to show you, my brethren, here at home, that our Grand Master has made a deep and lasting impression beyond the bounds of his Grand Jurisdiction, and that his zealous labors are appreciated abroad as well as at home.

The discussions in the Congress were exceedingly interesting to the student of Masonry. As a matter of course, differences of opinion were

found on many minor points, but in all, and throughout all, there was one grand exhibit of the uniformity in the universality of Masonry in all the essentials and Grand principles of the Fraternity; and I could not but feel that all such assemblies and associations of the Craft must serve to cement and bind the brotherhood in closer bonds of brotherly love in every land.

During the session of the Congress many papers were presented through the committee on programme, read and freely discussed. Among these may be mentioned—

1. A paper on "*The Sovereignty of Grand Lodges*," by William James Hagan, of London, England.

This paper was not in accord with the American "Monroe doctrine" of Masonry, but advocated the theory that Grand Lodges have and retain sovereignty over Lodges chartered by them, notwithstanding the subsequent establishment of a Grand Lodge in territory occupied by such Lodges.

This paper elicited much discussion, inasmuch as there were some in the Congress who adhered firmly to the sentiments therein presented, but the final "*Conclusion of the Congress*" was as presented below in the compilation of all the "*Conclusions*" given for publication.

A paper was presented by Most Worshipful T. S. Parvin, of Iowa, and another by Most Worshipful H. B. Grant, of Kentucky, upon the subject of "*Grand Representatives*"—both adverse to the system. The Congress, however, did not sustain the positions presented, as will be seen from the "*Conclusion*" given below.

On the subject of "*Grand Lodge Proceedings*," a paper was presented by Most Worshipful T. S. Parvin, advocating uniformity in the size and style of mechanical execution, of the printing proceedings, and, a more general and more generous distribution of the same among the Craftsmen.

The "*Conclusion*" is given below.

On the "*Prerogatives of the Grand Master*," a paper was presented by Right Worshipful J. W. Hopper, of Kentucky, which elicited considerable discussion, but the Old Landmarkers carried the "*Conclusion*" given below.

"*The Creed of a Mason*" was the subject of another paper by the same brother—J. W. Hopper of Kentucky. This question of *Creed* sprung, rapidly, animated discussion, with motions and amendments, proposed that would make one think that there might arise a proposition to add *Dogmas* to our *Creed*, then *Doctrines* to the *Dogmas*, until the very foundation of Masonry would be swept away. So warm became the discussion and so numerous the propositions that the whole matter was

referred to a "*Special Committee*" of three to formulate a "*Conclusion*" to which all would subscribe. While the differences were very slight; each of the many entering into the discussion of the subject seemed firmly fixed in his opinions, and advocated them strenuously. The "*Conclusion*" formulated by the committee as given below, was adopted unanimously by the body.

The idea:—"Remove not the Landmarks which thy fathers have set" was beautifully carried out in this, for the Old Landmarkers stood together solid and firm.

The question of "*physical qualifications*" of candidates was the subject of another paper by Brother H. B. Grant of Kentucky.

Another paper by the same, on "*Making a LEWIS a Mason,*" and still another, on "*Past Masters' Degree,*" occupied the attention of the Congress. The subject of physical qualifications was more particularly acted upon as seen by the "*Conclusion*" of the Congress below presented.

During the session of the Congress, provision was made for the election of two additional Vice-Presidents from Foreign Jurisdictions, and, to the one position, Most Worshipful J. M. Gibson, Past Grand Master of Canada, was elected, and to the other the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Manitoba.

The social feature of the Congress was not forgotten. The Local Committee of Arrangements consisted of Brothers DeWitt C. Cregier, Past Grand Master; Jno. C. Smith, Past Grand Master; Daniel J. Avery, District Deputy Grand Master; William K. Forsyth, District Deputy Grand Master, and Joseph H. Dixon, District Deputy Grand Master, had made every possible arrangement for extending to the delegates to the Congress, and the ladies accompanying them, the unbounded hospitality of the City of Chicago and of the State of Illinois. They seem to have anticipated everything, and were lavish in their expenditures for the gratification of their guests.

Early in the session, cordial invitations, presenting an outline of entertainments, were extended to the visiting brethren. The first of these was a reception by the Acacia Club—the Masonic Club of Chicago. To the guests was spread a sumptuous feast. Music and good cheer governed the hour, and the privileges of the Club House were extended for the full session of the Congress. Not the least of the interests attaching to this house is a valuable Masonic Library which the Club has collected and is gradually enlarging.

On Wednesday the delegates and their ladies were treated to a coach excursion over Chicago's Boulevards and Park system, there being eight Tally-hoes, carrying more than one hundred passengers, who were given refreshments at the Washington Park Club House.

On Thursday night the delegates and their ladies attended the performance of America at the Auditorium, seats for three hundred and fifty having been provided by the Committee of Arrangements, complimentary to the Congress.

Friday, the last and busiest day of the session, was largely occupied with discussions, and the exemplification of the modes of recognition. Into these, Past Grand Master J. M. Gibson, Canada; Brother Henry S. Welcome, of London, England; Henry B. Grant, of Kentucky, and others from different Grand Jurisdictions, entered freely.

Hereby is submitted the report of your delegate.

The following is a complete and correct statement of the Conclusions of the Congress, as compiled by its Secretary, and read at the closing of the Congress, and approved by the same:

1st. "GRAND LODGE SOVEREIGNTY.—The conclusion of the Congress is, that a Grand Lodge duly organized in a State or other autonomous territory, is rightfully possessed of absolute Masonic sovereignty therein.

2d. "A PLEA FOR IMPROVED PROCEEDINGS.—The conclusion of the Congress is, that the formation of Masonic libraries should be encouraged and fostered; and inasmuch as the published proceedings of our Grand Lodges and other Grand Masonic Bodies do and ever will constitute the larger part of such libraries, greater care and more pains should be bestowed upon the preparation and publication of such proceedings, to the end that they may have greater value in every Masonic collection, and that there should be a freer and more generous distribution of proceedings among the brethren to the end that Masonic light may be more generally diffused.

3d. "GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.—It is the conclusion of the Congress that under the changed condition of selecting Grand Representatives too little time has elapsed to give opportunity for definite judgment as to the usefulness of the system, and it should therefore be continued.

4th. "THE PRELOGATIVES OF GRAND MASTER.—It is the conclusion of the Congress that the dispensing power recognized by the old regulation as residing in the person and office of the Grand Master, has been so generally exercised by that officer from the organization of Masonry on the Grand Lodge system down to the present time that its existence cannot be successfully denied, but that there are no dispensing powers so residing that may not be limited or wholly denied by the Grand Lodge, save such as inhere in that office under the sanctions of the ancient landmarks.



5th. "THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS.—The conclusion of the Congress is that the ancient landmarks are those fundamental principles which characterize masonry as defined by the charges of a Free Mason, and without which the institution cannot be identified as Masonry.

6th. "THE CREED OF A MASON.—An unequivocal belief and trust in God is the fundamental principle upon which the institution of Free Masonry was founded and must forever rest.

7th. "APPEALS FOR AID.—The conclusion of the Congress is that worthy Masons are entitled to relief from brethren and Lodges wheresoever they may be found in need of relief, and that the brethren or Lodges, granting such aid, are not entitled to demand reimbursement from the Lodges in which they hold their membership, but that when a member of one Lodge is relieved by another, and the financial situation of his Lodge is such as to permit, common courtesy and duty alike demand that it should reimburse a poorer Lodge relieving its members. Written or printed appeals for aid which do not secure the indorsement of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction from which they emanate should be discountenanced.

8th. "NON-AFFILIATES.—The conclusion of the Congress is that every Mason ought to be a member of some regular Lodge, attend its meetings and share its burdens.

9th. "PHYSICAL QUALIFICATION.—It is the conclusion of the Congress that absolute competency to conform literally to all the requirements of the ceremonies of the several degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry fulfills the requirement of physical perfection in a candidate.

10th. "INSPECTION OF LODGE CHARTERS.—It is the conclusion of the Congress that a visitor to a Lodge has no right to demand an inspection of the Lodge charter."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by the Delegates,

WM. ABRAM LOVE,  
L. D. CARPENTER.

Report on correspondence is by Bros. W. E. Mumford and W. S. Ramsay, who contribute to the craft a most highly interesting and instructive paper. British Columbia receives considerable space and favorable comment.

We reluctantly part with the proceedings of the G. L. of Georgia, for they are bright and as full of interest as an egg is full of meat.

M. W. JOHN S. DAVIDSON,  
*Grand Master, Augusta.*

R. W. ANDREW M. WOLIHIRE,  
*Grand Secretary, Macon.*

Next Annual, Macon, 30th October, 1893.

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### INDIAN TERRITORY.

20TH ANNUAL, McALISTER, 8TH AUGUST, 1894.

*M. W. Andrew Hardy, Grand Master,*

WHO said in his address : “ We congratulate our Subordinate Lodges upon the majestic march that the Masonic Fraternity has made in the short twenty years she has existed in Indian Territory, under the banners inscribed with the principles of an honored and ancient order. Disorder and confusion are things of the past. Harmony and peace prevail and reign supreme. The craft is more prosperous than ever before. The future looks bright and promising.” Considerable legislation was enacted, and altogether the proceedings are very creditable. Returns show 55 Chartered Lodges, 1 U. D., with 1910 members.

Report on correspondence is by Bro. J. S. Morrow, who has, over 14 years, had this important work in hand, as well as that of Grand Secretary. The review of the various proceedings are concise and interesting. British Columbia does not appear to have been received in time.

ANDREW HARDY,  
*Grand Master, Ardmore.*

JOSEPH S. MORROW,  
*Grand Secretary, Atoka.*

21st Annual, Rush Springs, August, 1894.

## ILLINOIS.

54TH ANNUAL, CHICAGO, 3RD OCTOBER, 1898.

*M. W. Munroe C. Crawford, Grand Master.*

THE volume of proceedings of this great jurisdiction contains 507 pages and we open it with a heavy sigh, knowing we shall be unable to do it justice. G. M. Crawford in his able address said: "Our membership is rapidly increasing. New Lodges are springing into vigorous life in all parts of our beautiful State. In the past there is much for congratulation, and the future lies before us radiant with promise." Suitable tribute is paid their fraternal dead as well as those of Sister Grand Lodges. No Lodge has been suspended, no charter arrested, which in a jurisdiction containing 713 Lodges with 45,000 resident members (and 3181 non-resident members) speaks volumes for the good order, peace and harmony which must prevail to its fullest measure. Ten thousand four hundred and forty-six degrees had been conferred during the year, adding 3369 new members.

Our representative, I may say "Loyal one," is the respected Grand Secretary Loyal L. Munn, who retired at this session after 31 years service and 12 years as Grand Secretary. An able oration on "The Historic Free Masonry" was delivered by R. W. Bro. G. H. Warelle, Grand Orator. It is difficult to concise, and too long to reproduce, but it is a masterly discourse.

The G. M. recorded only one ruling, "That a majority of the committee on a petition for the degrees could make a report."

Report on Foreign Correspondence is as usual by that most able reviewer and Masonic student, Bro. Joseph Robbins, which consists of a review of 60 Grand Lodges,

comprising 305 pages, and must be read to be thoroughly appreciated. We are pleased to learn from Bro. Robbins that the debates on the various topics considered at the "Masonic Congress" are to be published, which will show us "the steps by which the several conclusions were reached." The learned brother also calls attention to an error made in the published proceedings of the Congress by the Masonic Press, in dropping a portion of one of the most important definitions, essayed that of the "Ancient Landmarks." The italics showing that portion of it dropped in the published reports. "The conclusion of the Congress is, that the Ancient Landmarks are those fundamental principles which characterize Masonry as defined by the charges of a Free Mason, and without which the institution cannot be identified as Masonry, *combined with the essentials of the unwritten language by which brethren distinguish each other as Masons.*"

British Columbia receives more than favorable mention and is copiously extracted. Bro. Robbins says that Bro. W. W. Northcott, their representative, near British Columbia, was not present. Well, Bro. Robbins, I will plead for Bro. Northcott, as he is a "poor Government official" although a zealous Mason, and had the session been held in Victoria (his home) he would have been there. Thanks very much for such favorable personal mention. Referring to the question of Ashlar and Victoria-Columbia Lodges, re-constitutional requirements, Bro. Robbins concludes by saying:

"We can well understand that a discreet Grand Master might under the circumstances content himself with pointing out clearly what the law was, and that the Grand Lodge itself might think it better to let time correct the irregularities, but we cannot well understand how the latter could content itself with a deliverance which leaves it an open question whether an equal obligation rests on all the Lodges to obey the constitution under which they hold their charters."

We regret that time and space will not allow us to further review this exhaustive report of Bro. Robbins as it is difficult to "cry halt." We therefore reluctantly say fare-

well to Illinois for 1893, and shall await with pleasure "1894," but we are building "castles" as some more able and worthier brother may step into my shoes as writer on "Correspondence."

M. W. LEROY A. GODDARD,  
*Grand Master, Chicago.*

R. W. J. H. DILL,  
*Grand Secretary, Bloomington.*

55th Annual, Chicago, October, 1894.

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### INDIANA.

76TH YEAR, 72ND ANNUAL, INDIANAPOLIS, MAY 23RD AND 24TH,  
1893.

THE extensive volume of proceedings opens with the well executed photos of Past Grand Masters Van Valzah and Carr, whose demise the Grand Lodge had been called to mourn. Grand Master Douglas accorded them suitable reference. His address deals with local matters and a review of official acts during his term of office. "The year has been uneventful in many respects and sadly eventful in others." A number of decisions reported which are of local application. In this jurisdiction, "a candidate blackballed at one meeting can apply with a new petition at the next regular meeting." "Officers can also demit without first resigning office." Brother Douglas is very pronounced on the "Liquor Question," in the course of his remarks, says:—"We, as Masons, should never admit to our fold as a member of our family one who is engaged in a business that is directly the cause of more misery, more suffering, more crime than all other agencies on the face of God's green earth combined; that erects scaffolds, that builds penitentiaries, jails, poor-houses, orphan asylums, and peoples them with its victims,

that destroys not only the bodies of its victims, but sears the soul. We cannot tyle too closely our doors against the moral leper."

The Grand Secretary presented his 15th Annual Report; during the period of his office had turned over to the Grand Treasurer, \$392,000. No record is made of Grand Representatives present. Returns show 473 Chartered Lodges, with a membership of 26266, an increase for the year of 890.

Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Thos. B. Long, and is an able and exhaustive review of Grand Lodge Proceedings. British Columbia for 1892 has favorable mention. Considerable space is given to the subject of "Vested Rights," and are of sufficient interest to reproduce, and am pleased to say in all instances where the matter has been touched upon, I have been sustained,

"The Lodges in question were not disciplined by him, as he did not regard the controversies as vital ones, but the subject was thus submitted to the Grand Lodge for final determination, where it was decided, that, inasmuch as the "rights and privileges" claimed "were given at the time of the formation of this Grand Lodge," "these Lodges shall retain the privileges accorded, as long as they may desire,"—thus affirming their claims to immunities under the old constitution that other Lodges are deprived of under the new.

"The positions taken by those distinguished Masons, Brothers Parvin and Drummond are unquestionably in accordance with the spirit of Masonic legislation in this age; but it is interesting to recall a precedent for the claim made by these two Lodges. When the first Grand Lodge was formed by the Four Old Lodges of London, at the famous meeting at the Apple-Tree Tavern, in February, 1717, a fundamental regulation was adopted, "that every Lodge to be hereafter convened, except the Four Old Lodges at this time existing, should be legally authorized to act by a warrant from the Grand Master for the time being, granted to certain individuals by petition, with the consent and approbation of the Grand Lodge in communication; and that without such warrant no Lodge should be hereafter deemed regular or constitutional." Thus, by the original compact the vested right to exist and act without a charter was confirmed to them, and a distinction and reservation made in their favor, as against all others coming into the federation. And this position was further secured by a resolution,—"That every privilege which they collec-

tively enjoyed by virtue of their immemorial rights, they should still continue to enjoy; and that no law, rule, or regulation, to be hereafter made or passed in the Grand Lodge, should ever deprive them of such privilege, &c. No occasion arose to call in question the rights and privileges thus reserved, until sixty years later, when the Lodge of Antiquity, (formerly the old Lodge of St. Paul) the last survivor of the Four Old Lodges, was nominally censured for holding a public procession, in the clothing and regalia of the Order, on the festival of St. John the Evangelist, in attending divine service at St. Dunstan's Church, in Fleet street, without having obtained a dispensation for that purpose. This procedure of the Grand Lodge gave great dissatisfaction to a number of the brethren; and the subsequent action of the Grand Body, in ordering the Lodge to reinstate three of its members, expelled for misbehavior, so far widened the breach that a final rupture ensued, which produced a schism\* that subsisted for the space of ten years. The restoration of the old relations was, however, a victory for the Lodge of Antiquity, and the privileges of that venerable body were finally acknowledged as existing "in their original channel."

On the subject of our legislation as to proficiency in the third degree, Bro. Long says :

"One of the most important prerequisites to advancement in Masonry is proficiency in the preceding degree or degrees; but it is quite well known that after the ceremony of the third degree proficiency in that grade may not be acquired unless the recipient of it has the ambition or pride to seek for the requisite knowledge. For the purposes of visitation he may be "bright" as an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft, but be woefully deficient as a Master Mason. The enforced inducement to learn has ceased to actuate him, and the chances are that he will ever remain dull in the most important degree, where a little enforced effort might save him from frequent humiliation and embarrassment. British Columbia has made herself equal to the emergency by withholding membership until the brother makes himself proficient; and to this end has enacted the following amendment to its constitution:"

The following extract should bear fruit in British Columbia :

"The Deputy Grand Master's report of visitations is noticed here for the sole purpose of extracting the following sentence from an account of one of these occasions: "The night was a very wet one, and although many of the brethren had to walk as far as five miles in the rain to reach the Lodge, there was a very fair attendance." This must furnish a very striking contrast with the indifference of members of some of our

city Lodges who remain absent when it sprinkles, and when street cars run from their doors to the stairways of the Lodge."

M. W. DANIEL NOYES,  
*Grand Master, La Porte.*

R. W. WM. H. SMYTHE,  
*Grand Secretary, Indianapolis.*

Next Annual, Indianapolis, 4th Tuesday, May, 1894.

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### IOWA.

50TH COMMUNICATION, DAVENPORT, JUNE, 1893.

WHAT a beautiful volume opens before us, so well arranged and embellished by that veteran Bro. Grand Secretary Parvin. A nice departure and novel souvenir is presented us at the opening by a group of the Grand Lodge Officers and Custodians for 1893. The semi-centennial of the organization of the Grand Lodge will occur (or has occurred) on January 8th, 1894. Grand Master Phelps makes most fitting reference to the first half century of the order in Iowa, and concludes by saying, "Ours be it, then, with zeal and fraternal love and charity for all as men and Masons to work out our appointed task, hoping that in that day of the Hundreth Gathering our names and deeds may be a part of those in kindness and honor mentioned and remembered." "The year has been one of active growth among the Lodges, of prosperity and of peace." G. M. Phelps gives out a most exhaustive and learned address, much of which we would like to reproduce if possible. Amongst many suggestions are the proper enforcement for payment of dues. The dealing with Dimits and Non-Affiliates, recommending the adoption of the law as now prevails in New York jurisdiction, and says: "Men enter the order of their own free will, and may leave it as freely. But I know of no organization, church, or order where a special



privilege is granted and a special invitation given to its members to be placed upon the retired list, without the pale of responsibility to support or assist, but still within the order for its knowledge, association, and the help and moral support it brings." The G. M. is also in favor of abolishing the Grand Representative system, very truly saying: "Some brother in a distant jurisdiction is notified of his appointment and receives an official letter. If he be mindful of the small courtesies of life, he replies, stating the deep sense of obligation he is under for the honor bestowed and then his duties ceases forever, &c." "The custom is a feeble imitation of royalty, unfitted for the democracy of Masonry and of the age and republic in which we live." "The system as it is carried out is certainly productive of no great good and can only be a question of time before it will be abolished." No decisions are reported. The report of the Librarian occupies 63 pages; it was founded in 1844, and is no doubt the finest in every respect in the world. It is under the able management of our respected and veteran Bro. Parvin, who has served the Grand Lodge of Iowa 47 years as Grand Secretary, and 44 years as Grand Librarian, a record which speaks louder than words. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was accorded recognition.

The work of the past year showed a total increase of 2459; decrease, 1848; net gain, 611. Total membership, January 1, 1893 of 23,612.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by the Rev. Bro. Jas. Clarke Coxe, who Bro. Parvin says has won his title, the "Doctorate" by his services and merit. The veteran reviewer, Bro. Parrin, has closed his labors as such and am sure I voice the sentiments of my co-laborers that it is with sincere regret we part with him in this respect, and long may he be spared to the Masonic Fraternity in health and vigor. Bro. Coxe has given us an able report and cer-

tainly is to be congratulated on his very successful "first effort." British Columbia has very favorable mention.

BRO. L. E. FELLOWS,  
*M. W. Grand Master*, Lansing.

BRO. T. S. PARVIN,  
*R. W. Grand Secretary*, Cedar Rapids.

Next place of meeting, Cedar Rapids, June 5th, 1894.

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### IDAHO.

26TH ANNUAL, BOISE CITY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1893.

*Isaac C. Hattabaugh, M. W. Grand Master.*

OUR Representative not reported present. The Grand Master said: "It affords me much pleasure to assure you that no disturbing element has arisen during the past year to interrupt that 'peace and harmony' and prosperity so beautifully pervading our jurisdiction at the close of the official labors of my esteemed predecessor." The decisions reported are all of local application.

Returns show 24 Lodges with 1030 members.

Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Charles C. Stevenson. British Columbia for 1892 receives more than extended review and copious extract. Thanks, brother, for your kind compliments. The "Ritual" referred to was the "Masonic Burial Service." Bro. Stevenson is a forcible writer and does not waste any words. We must glide along.

JAMES A. PINNEY,  
*Grand Master*, Boise City.

JAMES H. HICKERSHAM,  
*Grand Secretary*, Boise City.

**IRELAND.**

**A**LL we have from this Grand Lodge is the list of Grand Officers for 1894, and reports.

His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M. W. Grand Master.

The Earl of Bandon, Cork, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Office, Free Mason's Hall, Molesworth street, Dublin.

They have fifteen Provincial Grand Lodges.

Financial statement shows £3905 in bank. 1014 is the highest Lodge number.

R. W. F. C. Crossle, M.D., is our representative.

We notice the Grand Lodge of Ireland is the only Grand Lodge that has exchanged representatives with Grand Lodge of Hayti.

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**KANSAS.**

38TH ANNUAL, TOPEKA, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1894.

**T**HE proceedings open with a finely executed steel portrait of the late John Henry Brown, P. G. M. and Grand Secretary. Glowing tributes to his memory were paid in the several eloquent addresses of Past Grand Masters, and Kansas in the death of M. W. Bro. Brown has suffered an irreparable loss.

M. W. Wm. D. Thompson, Grand Master, presided, (who is also our representative). After paying a fervent tribute to the memory of the late P. G. M. Brown, he gave a review of his transactions as Grand Master for the year.

Returns show 349 Lodges with 19,814 members.

Report on Correspondence is by Bro. M. M. Miller, who in a very happy vein of humor introduces himself as the successor of the late J. H. Brown, and writes who "for twenty-three years had filled the office of Grand Secretary to the entire satisfaction of the Masons in Kansas. Instead of being John Brown in the office, the office was in John Brown. It was John Brown. 'John Brown says,' was the Alexandrian sword which cut every knot which resisted the efforts of the ordinary Kansas Mason." [The British Columbia for 1893, is reviewed. We congratulate Bro. Miller on his first effort, which has the style and composition of an "expert."

M. W. GEO. W. CLARK,  
*Grand Master, Lyons.*

R. W. ALBERT K. WILSON,  
*Grand Secretary, Topeka.*

M. M. Miller, Clay Centre, correspondent.

39th Annual, Topeka, February 20, 1895.

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### KENTUCKY.

94TH ANNUAL, LOUISVILLE, 17TH OCTOBER, 1893.

*M. W. John S. Smith, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative, Dr. E. Warfield, was present. The Grand Master said: "To me the last has been a busy year, and I believe the reports will show, also, a busy one to the Craft. During the year I have been called upon to permit the violation of nearly every provision of the law, and asked to exercise as Grand Master everything as a prerogative that the ingenuity of man could suggest as belonging to that

office." Thirteen of the most important decisions are reported. This one is sound sense: "The right of dimit is an inherent right, and cannot be denied, but the Lodge also has rights, one of which is to close its doors to those who would avail themselves of the privileges of the order, while bearing none of its burdens, viz.: Dimitted Masons."

Returns show 458 Lodges, with 17,942 members.

Report on Foreign Correspondence is by W. W. Clarke, which is well prepared. British Columbia does not appear to have been received in time for review. Time forbids us making such extracts from the review as we should have liked to.

JAMES W. STATON,  
*Grand Master, Brooksville.*

H. B. GRANT,  
*Grand Secretary, Louisville.*

95th Annual, Louisville, 16th October, 1894.

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### LOUISIANA.

A LODGE of sorrow for the commemoration of the dead brethren, and more especially of the Past Grand Master, was held in St. Charles Theatre, on 29th April, 1893. M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Bolton, Grand Master, presided. "The altar was erected in the public view, and eloquent men spoke within sound of the temple. The dress circle was crowded with ladies and in the body of the theatre were many listeners who had never been taught the secrets of the Ancient and Honorable Craft." (Bro. Vaux, of Pennsylvania, took exception at our admitting "profanes" at our Lodge of Sorrow, held in Victoria, so I quoted the above.) Able and sound stirring addresses were delivered by several

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Past Grand Masters, as well as resolutions of condolence from several Subordinate Lodges.

82ND ANNUAL, NEW ORLEANS, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1894.

*Geo. W. Bolton, M. W. Grand Master.*

Our Representative not present. Bro. W. G. Bell, P. G. M., of Manitoba, was introduced and welcomed. The Grand Master reported peace and harmony among the constituent Lodges of the jurisdiction, a fair degree of prosperity and so far as he knew there was nothing to mar the pleasure or produce feelings of sadness save the fact that there are vacant seats in Grand Lodge once filled by those who delighted to take part in the deliberations. Relations with foreign Grand Lodges are friendly.

Returns show 122 Lodges with 4864 members, December 31, 1893.

Report on Correspondence is by M. W. Bro. J. O. A. Fellows, who did remarkably well considering his illness for nine months, and congratulate him on his recovery and able report, notwithstanding its "peculiar manner," contains a vast amount of useful, practical and valuable information. We admire your style immensely. Although Louisiana is comparatively a small jurisdiction, yet there is a great deal of Masonic work accomplished as evidenced by the proceedings which are of more than ordinary interest and must be read to be appreciated. •

GEO. H. PACKMOD,  
*M. W. Grand Master, Clinton.*

RICHARD LAMBERT,  
*R. W. Grand Secretary, New Orleans.*

## MAINE.

74TH ANNUAL, PORTLAND, MAY 2ND, 1893.

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*M. W. H. R. Taylor, Grand Master.*

WE are favored as a frontispiece with a finely executed Photo Engraving of the late lamented and revered Bro. Ira Berry, and a splendid looking old gentleman he was.

Our Representative not reported present. The Grand Master was grateful to report "an unbroken chain" of this Grand Lodge for the past year, but many of the Subordinate Lodge rolls have been crossed by the "silent messenger."

He thus beautifully speaks of the loss in Sister Jurisdictions. "Active, well-beloved and distinguished members have passed forever from their earthly labors. Some in the meridian of life's noon-day, others in the lingering beauty of its declining sun, yet all, we trust, to awaken with the dawning of 'more exceeding joys' and with the unfolding glories of 'the morn celestial.'" The Grand Master reports prosperity and peace in the jurisdiction. There are 191 Chartered Lodges, with 21,487 members. We commend the following (among the closing remarks of Bro. Taylor) to our Worshipful Master.

Worshipful Master, with due sense of your relative stations and efficiency, may your true allegiance to Masonry and a just conception of its obligations induce you, as in the past, to continue steadfast "in well doing." Manifest your devotion by judicious government, affectionate care, and untiring solicitude for the reputation, integrity and welfare of your respective Lodges.

Allow me to outline upon our common trestle-board, designs which you, as skillful craftsmen, may in your wisdom elaborate, harmonize or perfect.

First, carefully select all material submitted to your inspection, or admitted among the Craft.

Second, encourage, cultivate and promote, among all the members of your Lodge, that brotherly love which is "the bond of perfectness."

Third, render the Lodge-meetings pleasant, instructive and profitable; and

Lastly, forget not that under our Divine Master, while each is the Architect of his own life, we are yet laboring with hopeful and earnest purpose, to "bear one another's burdens," to alleviate sorrow and distress, and to humanize and elevate our fellow-man. Ignorance may oppose, bigotry may assail, or jealousy may malign us, but our time-honored institution SHALL STAND!

"The wrong shall fail,  
The right prevail,  
With 'Peace on earth, good will to men.'"

Report on Foreign Correspondence is by our distinguished Brother Past Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond, and it is needless to sound his praises, for he is so well known wherever Masonry exists. As usual he presents an exhaustive report, comprising 228 pages of fine print. Our Proceedings for 1892 are extensively copied and receive more than favorable comment.

On the subject of Prescribed Clothing, etc., which question we had submitted to Bro. Drummond, said, "Grand Master Wolfe very properly decided against these pretensions." Time and space prevent our giving this report more than passing notice, much to our regret. The usual table of statistics is appended. I have the honor of being the Representative of Maine near our Grand Lodge, and can assure you that I feel proud of the distinction and take this opportunity of congratulating the Craft in Maine for the steady and unswerving fealty to Masonry as evidenced by their works and wish them all long continued peace, prosperity and a Divine protection over its entire membership.

HORACE H. BURBANK,  
*Grand Master, Saco.*

STEPHEN BERRY,  
*Grand Secretary, Portland.*

75th Annual, Portland, May 1st, 1894.



## MASSACHUSETTS.

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PROCEEDINGS of the several special quarterly and stated Communications held during 1892-3 are at hand.

An interesting event was the fact of "this Grand Lodge having just passed the Centennial Anniversary of the Union of the Ancient and Modern Grand Lodges in Massachusetts, which took place on March 5th, 1792," an interesting report on same being given by the Recording Grand Secretary, Sereno D. Nickerson—being a matter of Masonic history, I append the opening remarks, which I think will be read with interest, and no doubt, for the first time, by many of our readers.

### THE UNION OF 1792.

"The question of the origin of Masonry has been discussed, especially in recent years, with considerable warmth and most elaborate argument, but we are still far from having arrived at any conclusions upon which our leading investigators can agree. But eager and skillful searchers after the truth are gradually bringing to light scraps of evidence which carry our knowledge of the subject farther and farther back into the dim past. Our history, however, is comparatively authentic and undisputed from the date of the revival, or re-organization, as it is called, which took place in England, in 1717.

"At that period order and system in the conduct of affairs of the Fraternity were almost unknown. Brethren assembled, as inclination and good-fellowship promoted, in their favorite taverns, and, whenever a friend desired to join the circle of boon companions, they made him an Entered Apprentice; the 'usual ceremonies' being interspersed with frequent refreshments and dignified with very little of what we should call 'ritual.'

"But in 1717 the 'Four Old Lodges,' as they were called, met at the Apple Tree Tavern, in London, together with some other old Brethren, and constituted themselves into a Grand Lodge. One of the first regulations adopted by the new organization was to the effect 'that the privilege of assembling as Masons, which has been hitherto unlimited, shall be vested in certain Lodges or Assemblies of Masons, convened in certain places; and that every Lodge to be hereafter convened, except the four old Lodges at this time existing, shall be legally authorized to act by a *warrant* from the Grand Master for the time being, granted to certain individuals by petition, with the consent and approbation of the

Grand Lodge in Communication ; and without such warrant no Lodge shall be hereafter deemed regular or constitutional.'

"The propriety and expediency of this regulation met with the general approval of the Craft, and a complete change was wrought in the practice of the Fraternity whenever and wherever it became known. A fresh impulse was given to the Order, and, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, regularly warranted Lodges were established throughout Great Britain and in other countries. Thus Masonry spread far and wide. From the year 1717 to the present time no assembly of Masons, professing to work in what we call the York Rite, has been deemed regular or legitimate which does not derive its authority, either directly or indirectly, from the Grand Lodge of England.

"The first organization established in this country, under authority of a warrant issued under the new system, so far as we know, was the Provincial Grand Lodge organized at the Bunch of Grapes Tavern, in King street, in Boston, on the 30th of July, 1733, by Henry Price, by virtue of a Deputation granted by Viscount Montague, Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of England. Under this authority the 'Father of Freemasonry in America' immediately proceeded to make Masons, and on the 31st of the following month he constituted the first regularly warranted Lodge in America, under the title of the First Lodge in Boston, which still flourishes in a green old age under the name of Saint John's Lodge, of Boston. The Provincial Grand Lodge has been similarly christened, and is commonly referred to as the Saint John's Grand Lodge. For the first half century of their existence the history of these two organizations, so far as we know it, seems to have been curiously intermingled. The Records of one Body frequently report transactions of the other. The Lodge was often called the 'Mother Lodge,' and Brother Gardner says its records 'gave a better account of Masonry in Boston than the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and minute and full accounts of the progress of the Craft here were set out upon its pages.'"

The proceedings contain some very interesting matters (not easily condensed) especially the report of the Banquet on St. John's day.

RICHARD BRIGGS,  
*M. W. Grand Master, Boston.*

SERENO D. NICKERSON,  
*Grand Secretary, Boston.*

**MASSACHUSETTS.**

160TH ANNUAL, BOSTON, 27TH DECEMBER, 1893.

SEVERAL quarterly and special communications have been held during the year.

On August 1st, the Grand Lodge was convened in special session for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Grand Master M. W. Richard Briggs. The Acting Grand Master in his address said: "I am glad to report to you the excellent condition of the Lodges of the commonwealth, and the continual gain of our fraternity in membership and influence. The charters are well preserved and guarded carefully, and, inasmuch as many of these venerable documents are a century old, our predecessors must have been as watchful as we are and ought to be. Returns show 232 Lodges with 33,936 members. There is no report on correspondence, all matters Masonic being confined strictly within their own territory.

M. W. OTIS E. WELD,  
*Grand Master, Boston.*

R. W. SERENO D. NICKERSON,  
*Grand Secretary, Boston.*

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**MONTANA.**

29TH ANNUAL, HELENA, 11TH OCTOBER, 1893.

THE proceedings opened with a finely executed photo of P. G. M. Moses Morris, who has a bright, intelligent face and head. He presided at this communication. His address was an able document, chiefly of local interest, and shows him a man of talent and good executive ability,

having given the Craft a lot of wholesome advice, which cannot fail to result in incalculable benefit. Among his closing remarks, he says: "The Grand Lodge of Montana is the peer of any Masonic sovereignty in the world, justly proud of her career of honorable usefulness, of her long line of honorable rulers, and a just expectancy of a grand career of influence and worthy deeds in the years to come, when the vast resources of our large area became known to ourselves and the rest of the world, and millions are gathered within our borders, to utilize and enjoy these resources." Returns show 37 Lodges with 2274 members. Report on correspondence is by V. W. Bro. Hedges, Grand Secretary, who is an expert at this work, and always favors his jurisdiction (and the Craft at large) with a most interesting review, and the present one is no exception. British Columbia is not included, having, no doubt, failed to reach Bro. Hedges in time. His report as delegate to the Masonic Congress was plain spoken and to the point. In the course of his remarks, said:

"Not more than half the jurisdictions expected to participate, were represented at all, and but few of these with a full delegation. This fact had its influence upon all the proceedings. It was felt that any conclusions reached would lack the weight of a general expression of the Masonic world. Again it is the very nature of things that any general concurrence in any clearly defined principles on matters of controversy is impossible. Every jurisdiction has its junior land marks, which it will not compromise away. Let no one be disturbed by fears that there will ever be a General Grand Lodge of the World, or of America, or of the United States. It would be as impossible as to reunite the Asteroids into the planet of which they are supposed to be fragments. Time may heal some differences, but it will develop others and it is our deliberate opinion that the Grand Lodges are as near together now as they ever will be. Perhaps this is one of the most important of the negative results. The Congress would not even listen to the innocent proposition to provide some way for calling a future Congress."

The following are his views on the Grand Representative system:

"As to the Grand Representative system, we are prepared to recommend either its entire abrogation, or the adoption of a general standing

regulation, constituting either the Grand Masters or Grand Secretaries of all corresponding jurisdictions, the Grand Representatives of Montana. One such commission would then do for all and there would be no vacancies."

M. W. F. G. WEBSTER,  
*Grand Master*, Missoula.

R. W. CORNELIUS HEDGES,  
*Grand Secretary*, Helena.

30th Annual, Billings, September 18, 1894.

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### MARYLAND.

SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, (213TH STATED,) MAY 1893, AT  
BALTIMORE.

OUR Representative reported as present. Thomas J. Shyrick, Most Worshipful Grand Master presiding; who reported, "the Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction in a healthy and prosperous condition, financially and otherwise. Harmony and brotherly love permeate the Craft most fully." His address deals almost entirely with local matters. I extract his decision as to Masonic Funerals :

A Masonic Lodge can only bury a Brother Master Mason when requested to do so by the Brother before his death, or by the request of his family thereafter, provided he was affiliated and in good standing at the time of his death. Should a Lodge be called upon to bury a Brother Master Mason, they must have exclusive control of the funeral; all the pallbearers must be Masons; the funeral services of the Lodge must be conducted immediately after the services of the Church, and when the Masonic ceremonies have been completed, the Lodge must leave the grave if any other burial service is to follow. The Lodge may attend the funeral even though other societies attend, but they cannot allow any other societies to participate in the ceremonies until the Masonic ceremonies are fully completed and after the Lodge has left the grave. This decision will be read in all the Masonic Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction as soon as it is received, and the Brethren will govern themselves accordingly.

I cannot concur with him when saying that "the Lodge must leave the grave if any Burial Service is to follow." I think and believe it to be common courtesy to other Societies that are participating that the Masonic Fraternity should remain at a respectful distance until the several services are completed. It can detract nothing from the dignity of the Craft. This question has, however, been one of the "bones of contention" and like many others, can never be satisfactorily determined. The Committee on the Address said:—

"In the matter of Masonic Funerals, we think the Grand Master's ruling is a correct method of dealing with what is oftentimes a most embarrassing situation. So many associations have been formed, patterned more or less after Masonry, among whom the burial service is performed, that it is impracticable often to prevent other Bodies from participating in the Rites which were formerly left entirely to the Church and the Masonic Lodge. At the same time the Lodge service may have been earnestly desired by the deceased Brother or his family, and the mode prescribed enables the Lodge to discharge its obligation without being a party to the service of any other secular organization."

Report on Correspondence is by Bro. E. T. Schultz, in which British Columbia is accorded a very graceful review and compliment.

Membership, May 1, 1893, 6301.

The volume of proceedings contains an extensive and interesting record of ceremonies of the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Baltimore, September 12th, 1893, which were most elaborate. The engravings of interior rooms show magnificent designs.

107TH ANNUAL, BALTIMORE, 21ST NOVEMBER, 1893.

The R. W. D. Grand Master, Robert K. Martin, opened Grand Lodge, when the Grand Master, Thos. J. Shyrook, was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal and conducted to his seat. Our Representative was present. The Grand Master said: "The work of the past year has been fruitful." In

speaking on the completion of the Temple said: "Our hopes for the future of Masonry depend entirely upon the character of the material which we permit to enter our Lodges, and it is the sincere desire of every true and loyal brother that from this time on, at least, the closest scrutiny will be made into the character of all material that is presented for the builder's use."

The following is the standing resolution of the jurisdiction on Masonic Funerals:

"Resolved—A Masonic Lodge can only bury a brother Master Mason when requested to do so by the brother before his death, or by the request of his family thereafter, provided he was affiliated and in good standing at the time of his death. Should a Lodge be called upon to bury a brother Master Mason they must have exclusive control of the funeral, all the pallbearers must be Masons; the funeral services of the Lodge must be conducted immediately after the services of the Church, and when the Masonic ceremonies have been completed the Lodge must leave the grave if any other burial service is to follow. The Lodge may attend the funeral even though other societies attend, but they cannot allow any other societies to participate in the ceremonies until the Masonic ceremonies are fully completed and after the Lodge has left the grave."

No report on correspondence.

M. W. THOMAS J. SHYROCK,  
*Grand Master, Baltimore.*

R. W. JACOB H. MEDAIRY,  
*Grand Secretary, Baltimore.*

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**MICHIGAN.**

50TH ANNUAL, SAGINAW, 23D JANUARY, 1894.

*Brother Geo. E. Darling, Grand Master,*

WHO in most eloquent and nautical language reviews Masonry in this State from its inception to the present, and we reproduce his closing remarks:

"Behold her! How proudly--like a man-of-war--she rides at her moorings, the flag ship, I might almost say, of the great American Masonic flotilla. Every sail is securely furled, every rope neatly coiled, and every belaying pin securely stowed. Everything about her, from the tip end of her jib-boon to the verge of her taff-rail, or as a sailor would say, 'from stem to gudgeon,' is in complete order.

"And what a magnificent crew of thirth-six thousand officers and men! Every one of whom, from the Entered Apprentice who handles the capstan bars to the Worshipful Master who tread the promenade deck, are vieing with each other as to who can best work and best agree."

Glowing tribute is paid to their own deceased as well as those of sister jurisdictions. Forty-two decisions (out of 100) are reported, mainly in accordance with their own laws, some of which show them to be strict in the literal sense of the "perfect man." For instance: "A man with one leg an inch shorter than the other could not be made a Mason;" also, "a man who has lost the second, third and fourth fingers of his left hand was disqualified." This is rather harsh, "Mr. A applies to our Lodge for the honors of Masonry, is elected and takes the E. A. degree. Before taking the F. C. degree, an objection is lodged by a brother member." Should I order this objection recorded? Answer. Yes, and declare the candidate *rejected*. This is like hanging a man without a trial. Why not have investigated the objection? The Grand Master also refused a dispensation to attend church on Sunday, because the regulations are that, "No meeting shall be held on the first day of the week, or Sunday, except for funeral or charitable purposes." Rather queer, this! The Grand Master said: "Notify all your members to assemble at your Lodge room, bring their wives, mothers, sisters and daughters, invite your clergyman—whether Masons or not—hold your service and disperse to your homes." Another very forcible decision. A lodge asked for a dispensation to confer the degrees on a Minister who had not resided the requisite time in the jurisdiction. Answer. "*No. Never while a drop of red blood remains in my veins,*" and then cited the law.



Memorial services were held in public for the distinguished dead as well as those of the Subordinate Lodges, at which eloquent eulogies were given.

Returns show 376 Lodges with 35,517 active members

Report on correspondence is by Jefferson S. Conner, Grand Secretary. British Columbia for 1892 has extended review. The reason for "Michigan" not appearing in our Report for 1893 is that we had not received it.

M. W. BRO. WM. H. PHILLIPS,  
*Grand Master, Menoninee.*

R. W. BRO. J. S. CONOVER,  
*Grand Secretary, Coldwater.*

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### MINNESOTA.

41ST ANNUAL, ST. PAUL, 10TH JANUARY, 1894.

*Wm. F. Dickinson, M. W. Grand Master.*

OUR Representative was present. The Grand Master reported: "Harmony, peace and plenty throughout the jurisdiction." One hundred and forty-eight out of a membership of 14,000 had died.

The following decision is of interest: Q. "Can an E. A. who has lost his left arm in an accident, after the degree of E. A. has been conferred, be passed and raised?" Ans. "No. He cannot comply with the ritual of this jurisdiction, which you can neither alter, modify nor change." The committee on Jurisprudence reversed the decision, which was adopted by Grand Lodge.

"As to Decision No. 1, your committee are of opinion that the loss of the forefinger of the right hand is not such a dismemberment as will debar the applicant for the degrees of Masonry. As to the second decision, your committee are of the opinion that a casualty of the loss of the left arm, occurring after a brother has received the degree of Entered Apprentice, should not debar him from receiving the remaining degrees, thus fulfilling the compact of the lodge with him. While such dismemberment, if existing, would debar the lodge from receiving his petition, yet occurring after his election and admission into the order, the brother should be entitled to advancement in view of the fact that he is in substantial form to comply with all the requirements and engagements the craft can impose upon him."

A most able and eloquent address by the Grand Orator W. Bro. J. F. Laules, on "Whence comes Free Masonry? What is it? What is it doing?" was delivered, and regret its length prevents my producing it here, being well worthy the reading of every Mason. Report on correspondence is by Brother Irving Todd. British Columbia for 1892 reviewed.

CALVIN L. BROWN,  
*M. W. Grand Master, Morris.*

THOMAS MONTGOMERY,  
*R. W. Grand Secretary, St. Paul.*

Irving Todd, Committee on Correspondence.

42nd Annual, St. Paul, 16th January, 1895.

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### MISSOURI.

73RD ANNUAL, ST. LOUIS, OCTOBER 10, 1893.

HARRY KEEN, Acting Grand Master, as Bro. John R. Parson, Grand Master, was languishing upon a bed of sickness. The D. G. M. reported: "The Masonic year has been a peaceful and prosperous one. Notwithstanding the 'hard times' financially, we have much more than held our own."

Bro. Jno. D. Vincil prepared the report for the M. W. Grand Master, which was necessarily brief. We quote two decisions of the Grand Master, and action thereon by the Committee on Jurisprudence as being of interest.

1. "The Grand Master decided that 'a Subordinate Lodge has no right to enact a law restraining a newly made Master Mason from any of the privileges of his Lodge until he shall have passed a satisfactory examination on the Master's Degree.' In this decision the Grand Master was right. If a Master Mason who is subject to the provisions of Section 139 of the By-Laws, requiring him to stand an examination showing proficiency in the Master's Degree, fails to do so within such time as the Lodge may reasonably require, he is liable to be disciplined by his Lodge as for neglect of a Masonic duty, upon a due charge and specification, but not otherwise."

2. "A Brother was tried by his Lodge for unmasonic conduct and acquitted. Immediately after the acquittal the Brother asked for a dimit, which was granted. An appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge from the judgment of acquittal some time after the meeting at which the dimit was granted. The question was presented to the Grand Master, as to the right of the Brother to a dimit after his acquittal and before appeal was taken. The Grand Master decided as follows: 'The dimit was properly granted, and the Brother ceased to be a member of the Lodge from the time the dimit was granted.' This decision also meets the approval of your committee.

An able oration on "Practical Masonry" was delivered by the Grand Orator, Bro. Wm. F. Kuhn, which was very instructive, and regret we have only space to excerpt the closing.

"What has Masonry done? On the broad basis of utility let the historian write, she taught, 'Fear God and keep his commandments,' 'Love thy neighbor,' 'To thine own self be true.' She has inculcated moral rectitude and honorable living; that labor is honorable; that the humblest and poorest are the equal of kings and princes; that the human family stands upon a level in civil and religious rights; that man is not regarded for his worldly wealth and honor alone; that the inner and not the outer makes the man; she is the encourager of the arts and sciences, develops the heart and mind, 'curbs ambition and represses envy;' she has lengthened life, and mitigated pain; she has staunched the blood on the field of battle; caught the sigh of the vanished soul, and kissed the tear from the repentant eye; she has extended the hand of love and raised the fallen; she has dotted the country

with homes for the orphans, the widows and the aged; homes that shine like the pleiades in the Masonic heavens. The moan of distress she has changed to a melody of rarest music; the sighs of the homeless, to the tuneful sighs of the trees and flowers. Hunger and want have vanished before her warm rays like the mist of the morning.' This has Masonry done, this is her utility. Will it pay? Ask its benefactors, its recipients Will it pay? Throw open wide the windows and doors of the Homes and Hospitals, let there burst therefrom the pent up songs of gladness from the fatherless; the benediction of prayer and of joy from the aged; the hymn of thanksgiving from the widowed, in one grand pean of honor and praise; Yea, bring forth the head-stone to such a Masonic Temple, baptize it Charity, and 'Grace, Grace be unto it.'

"Yes, it will pay.

"This is my eulogy on practical Masonry, and as such, like the great luminary of nature, may practical Masonry roll on, and on, and on, shedding its lights, its luster, its joy, its gladness; and when you and I, as members of this Grand Jurisdiction—as mere specks in the Masonic firmament—shall pass away, may we be permitted to say :

'Fading away like the Stars of the morning,  
Losing their light in the glorious Sun;  
So let me pass away, gently and lovingly,  
Only remembered by what I have done.'

Missouri does not hold to the claim of "perpetual jurisdictions" as is evidenced by correspondence between the Grand Master of this jurisdiction and Pennsylvania. Missouri having initiated a resident of Pennsylvania who had been there rejected 10 years ago and was interdicted by the Grand Master of Pennsylvania in consequence. We think Bro. Parson had the best of the argument, and append the closing remarks of the committee to whom the matter was referred.

"The Grand Master of Pennsylvania, in his letter of April 8th, repeats, previous statements with emphasis in these words: 'We do not claim the right to say who you shall receive as members of your Lodges, and I be; to assure you that we shall not attempt to do so.'

"This sentiment is of questionable character, when the letter is read to its conclusion. Covering an expression of our own Grand Master, honestly, openly, feelingly and fraternally given, the Grand Master of Pennsylvania states: 'Your statement that visitors from Pennsylvania who come duly accredited as regular Master Masons by their Grand

Lodge will be welcomed as brethren by Missouri Lodges, meets with a cordial response from me. I beg to assure you, sir, that Missouri Masons will be as cordially welcomed by Pennsylvania Lodges, provided, always, that they have not been rejected by a Pennsylvania Lodge and been made elsewhere without our consent. Against all who come within this proviso we claim and exercise the right of self-protection, one of the inherent rights of all Grand Lodges.' Dictating whom we shall not receive is not far removed from designating whom we shall receive, and your committee cannot readily mistake the meaning of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania in such an expressed as this, 'neither can you send back to us our rejected material duly accredited as Masons. Against all such persons we have the right of self-protection by interdicting them from admission into our Lodges, and all other Masonic privileges.' Assuming it to be an inherent right of all Grand Lodges to self-protection, Missouri would retaliate upon Pennsylvania and refuse admission to our Lodges to all Pennsylvania made Masons. But we do not so understand the law of love and fraternity. Neither do we subscribe to the doctrine that man created in the image and likeness of God is incapable of being reclaimed, though fallen from such high estate.

"Masonry in Missouri does not put the mark of Cain upon the brow of any human being who has unfortunately incurred the displeasure, with accompanying malice, of his fellow, but after a reasonable reflection permits both provocation and retaliation to be condoned.

"Our Brother Cochrane, though regularly made and duly accredited, is interdicted and proscribed throughout the entire Masonic jurisdiction of Pennsylvania

"Our Grand Master has investigated and pronounced that no wrong was perpetrated in his being made a Mason.

"We would like to protect him in the rights and privileges we have accorded to him as a member of the Masonic family.

"Our condition, however, is that in which the Grand Master of Pennsylvania finds himself involved concerning his protege, 'perpetual jurisdiction.'

"He says, 'Of course we cannot force it upon other Grand Lodges, it will force itself upon them.'

"Adopting his suggestion, we admit it has forced itself upon us But it is an unwelcomed monstrosity. There is not a single recognizable Masonic feature in its make-up.

"The Grand Master of Pennsylvania sent it to us and stands sponsor for its character. His recommendation has failed in convincing your committee of investigation, and we report unfavorably as to its admission into our family.

“ We return perpetual jurisdiction to him as rejected material, and suggest that he deal with it under Pennsylvania usage ; that is, strike it from the roll, and consider it forever expelled from the Masonic household.”

Bro. John D. Vincil prepared the report on Foreign Correspondence, which is his sixteenth able and instructive report to the Masonic readers. British Columbia for 1892 receives more than a fair share of review. Bro. Vincil misunderstood my decision as to recognition of degrees by British Columbia, what I said was, that as a “ Grand Lodge of Blue Masonry we could only recognize the three first degrees; yet, we recognize and acknowledge the concordant orders of Free Masonry. No, Bro. Vincil, I am not a “perfectionist” and no reasonable Mason should be otherwise. Thanks for your very kind and cheerful sentiments.

Returns show 561 Chartered Lodges, with 30,000 affiliated Masons, and showing an increase of £12 for the year 1893.

HARRY KEENE,  
*M. W. Grand Master*, St. Joseph.

JOHN D. VINCIL,  
*V. W. Grand Secretary*, St. Louis.

74th Annual, St. Louis, 9th October, 1894.

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### MISSISSIPPI.

76TH ANNUAL, HOLLY SPRINGS, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1894.

GRAND Master Miller owing to illness, was unable to be present, and Deputy Grand Master, John Y. Murry, Jr., presided, who, with the assistance of the “incomparable” Grand Secretary, laid a report before Grand Lodge, which, considering the difficulties they had labored under (in the illness of the G. M.) was very creditable.

Seventy-six questions were submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence. I extract the following:

"Is a young man of good character, born out of wedlock, eligible for initiation? Yes. If his parents married that legitimized their offspring." "What steps should be taken by the Lodge when a member is in arrest by the civil authorities, charged with crime? None, until the courts are done with the case."

*Question 50.*—What is our duty towards a brother charged in the courts with murder, who claims that he is innocent.

*Answer.*—To stand by him until the end, giving him the benefit of the doubt; aid him in every legitimate way in making his defense; prove that your Masonry is a real thing and not a rope of sand, something that will wash in the water of adversity without losing its color. The Masonry which would desert a brother in the hour of adversity is sounding brass. No one wants that sort of fair weather Masonry, but the kind that sticks "like a brother" in stormy days, is worth something; throw all your holiday shoddy to the dogs and get solid stuff, a yard wide and all wool. Just what you should do under such circumstances is to be determined by the brother's surroundings and necessities, but whatever you do or leave undone, remember that whatever a good man and citizen can do, you have promised to do, and see to it that you keep that obligation. There is nothing in this which conflicts with your civil, moral or religious duty, and you need not be afraid of what men say, so long as you stand by your brother in the hour of his distress.

When does a profane become a Mason? When he takes the E. A. obligation.

#### PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

*Question 68.*—In view of the many conflicting decisions of this Grand Lodge on the subject of the physical qualifications of candidates, it seems best to the committee to briefly review the subject as a preliminary to the replies which it has given to the questions asked it during the year past relating to that topic. The conflict between decisions seems to have arisen mainly owing to a failure to make proper distinction between initiation and advancement, and through the careless use of words. Our reports and decisions frequently speak of one as being disqualified for Masonry, meaning that the candidate does not possess, the qualifications for initiation as an Entered Apprentice Mason. And again they say 'eligible to Masonry' or 'disqualified to receive the degrees in Masonry' or 'the Mysteries of Masonry,' 'Initiation into Masonry' and a variety of other fine sounding but equally misleading terms are employed. It would seem puerile to say that 'Initiation into

Masonry' occurs but once, if it were not that this seems to be a favorite expression with Grand Masters and committeemen, to convey the idea of initiation, passing and raising, as if they were one and the same act. 'The induction of a candidate into the Mysteries of Masonry,' another favorite expression, means in simple English, that a man is entered as an Apprentice Mason. But we suppose that way of phrasing it would 'smack too much of the shop' for the ethereal nature of the super-excellent coiners of these grandiloquent Masonic phrases, and so they say a candidate has been 'inducted into the Mysteries of Masonry' when they want to tell us that he has been raised to the degree of Master Mason, to the utter confusion of those who have any conception of the correct meaning of terms. There is no such thing as 'initiation into the degrees of Masonry,' or into the 'Mysteries of Masonry.' A profane is made a Mason when he is entered as an Apprentice, the degrees come to him thereafter in course, and the 'Mysteries' are unfolded to him as he is Initiated, Passed and Raised to the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason. But, Grand Masters and committeemen in deciding upon the physical qualifications of candidates seem, not only in our own Grand Lodge, but elsewhere, to have lost sight of any such distinction, and as a result, it is very difficult to determine whether they have intended to say that the law governing physical qualification applies to the Entered Apprentice degree to all three. As there formerly was doubtless but one degree, and that the Entered Apprentice, it is manifest that the Ancient Charges, prescribing the physical qualifications of candidates, refer to it alone. This also seems to have been ignored by many so-called Masonic lights and with the same result. But it is principally to the inexcusable practice which was formerly more prevalent than now, of calling plain things by high sounding names, to which we are to attribute most of the confusion of ideas existing, not only amongst individual Masons but Grand Bodies, on this subject. Whenever we have had a deliberate examination of the subject or have legislated in this Grand Lodge, we have fortunately escaped ambiguity. There have been a number of admirable reports from time to time and there is little to be said by way of excuse for the rendering and approval of conflicting decisions. We reproduce two of these, which throw a flood of light on the subject, and in which the distinctions pointed out by us are clearly made manifest, but before doing so we call your attention to the legislation of the Grand Lodge on this topic.

"Nearly fifty years ago it was resolved that 'when the deformity of a candidate for initiation is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts and mysteries of Masonry his admission will not be an infringement on the landmarks, but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit of our institution.' Reprint page 303. This declaration did not then meet with a kindly reception by many Grand Lodges, but in the course of time has come to be received as accepted law and there are now but few Masons who insist upon the 'perfect youth' idea, but it has



always been coupled with the requirement that 'the candidate can comply with the ceremonial requirements.' (L. & J. page 46, 1890.) Section 29 of the Rules and Regulations, says: 'The Ancient Constitutions, Charges and Regulations, are still in force and cannot be changed; and it is considered by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, that they apply to cases where a foot, hand, or the thumb or any finger of the right hand, has been lost; or where there is a deprivation of either of the senses of hearing, seeing or feeling.' In 1871, page 52, the late much esteemed Brother Champlin, submitted a series of questions based upon the idea that Masonry having ceased to be an operative institution the reason for the rule that candidates for initiation should be perfect physical specimens of manhood had ceased, with the change to its speculative character; these were as follows: 'Is not Masonry now, no longer an operative institution, but speculative and moral only? and is it not the moral qualifications of a man that qualify him to become a Mason? And cannot a man, without an arm or leg or a finger, or otherwise maimed, perform all the moral and social duties of a Mason? And will the conferring the degrees on such persons violate any landmark of the Order, now obligatory on the Order?' To them the Law Committee, consisting of George H. Gray, Giles M. Hillyer and James M. Howry, replied

"These questions lead us to consider whether the physical ability specified in the old charges constitute a landmark in the Masonic organization. In our opinion, it does, inasmuch as certain parts of the human system are called into requisition and have to contribute their portion of labor and action in the development of the system which forms the basis of the Masonic Order."

"In the practice of the ritual, the portions that are called into requisition cannot be dispensed with or substituted. If certain positions are to be assumed, if certain actions are required to be used in which physical power and ability are called into requisition, and the parts or limbs required to act are wanting, the subject cannot proceed, but must be rejected as disqualified and ineligible."

"Our institution is based upon immutable laws and principles, which are characteristic of the Order. These fundamental principles and laws mark its identity, and are termed Landmarks, which admit of no change or modification which would impair their unity as it was in the beginning, is now, and as Masonry must ever remain. These landmarks consist of the Moral, Physical and Religious qualifications, of peculiar rites and ceremonies, etc., which are beyond the control of Masonic legislative associations, and it is not in the power of any man to make innovations thereon. It would be as reasonable to ask that the restriction as to sex or age or condition be removed, as there are very many females and others excluded, who possess the moral qualifications in an eminent degree. Would not that destroy the identity of the Order? 'Remove these ancient landmarks,' and other demands will be made. The foundation being sapped, the fair fabric would tumble into ruins."

"In 1867, page 76, the subject of physical disability as a bar to advancement, was elaborately reported upon by Brothers George H. Gray, Benjamin Springer and Peter Parker, in a report of marked ability from which we take the following extract :

"The Committee on Physical Qualifications beg leave to report that they have investigated the subject with such Masonic light and information as they have been able to command, and now present to this Grand Body the results to which it has led them. It seems very clear to your committee that what is ment to be expressed, peculiarly by the 'Ancient Constitutions of Masoury,' is not the mere regulations of any Lodge or Grand Lodge, ancient or modern, whether contained in what have been sometimes called Constitutions, or in general regulations or by-laws. All these have been of no higher authority than Masonic legislative enactments, amendable or alterable, from time to time, keeping within that code to which we refer as containing our 'Ancient Landmarks.' The vital 'Body of Masonry,' to which we thus refer, is evidently anterior, both as to time and binding power to all merely Mascnic legislation. It had its origin in our earliest days, and we are bound to preserve it inviolate for all time. Your committee cannot better define what they understand by the term 'Ancient Constitutions' than by adopting the definition given by Brother J. W. S. Mitchell, of Georgia. That brother defines them to be 'those immemorial laws which have been handed down from age to age, and from generation to generation, no one knowing whence they originated, and no one having the right to alter or change them, but all being equally bound by a fair and liberal interpretation of them.' These he considers to be our 'Ancient Landmarks,' which are not only fundamental but unalterable, and he understands them to be collected in that portion of Anderson's Book which gives the old charge of the F. and A. Masons.'

"Your committee having attempted to ascertain what is the true source of Masonic authority, which embraces what is emphatically distinguished as our 'Ancient Landmarks,' have proceeded to inquire whether among these Ancient Landmarks the particular subject submitted to them has a place, and if so, what are the provisions relating to it. In examining the authority which they deem paramount to all others, they find the following provision : 'No Master shall take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect about his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, of serving his Master's Lord and of being made a Brother and then a Fellow-Craft in due time.' The provision does not describe a man wholly and entirely perfect as to physical qualities. It is plainly limited in its character. It supposes upon its face that a man may have imperfections of body which do not amount to disqualification. If they are not such as to render him 'incapable of learning the art and of serving his Master's Lord,' then,

beyond all question, he is eligible to be made a Brother. It may be asked what is meant by 'Learning the art, and serving his Master's Lord?' Your committee understand learning the art, as applicable to Masonry in those times, to mean being practically taught, and physical conformity to all the requisites of the ritual and ceremonies of the various degrees,—and serving his Master's Lord to mean, to be physically competent to perform all the duties pertaining to the station of an inferior laborer; and as apprentices were bearers of burden and performers of rough work,—a man who had lost a limb, especially a leg or an arm, was incapable of serving the Master's Lord; and if he is deprived of either senses of hearing, seeing, or feeling, or such portions of his limbs as are brought into practical requisition in receiving or imparting any portion of the ritual, he is thereby rendered incapable of learning the art. They, therefore, consider the resolution now in force to contain the correct definition of physical disqualification, viz., the loss of &c. This they consider applicable to candidates for initiation only, as it is by that ceremony that they are made Masons. But after they have been brethren, and misfortune assails them, and they become maimed by the loss of a foot or any other part that can be supplied by mechanical art, to such a degree as to enable them to conform to all the requisites of the degrees in advancing, your committee consider that it is not right or just to doom them to the condition of bearers of burdens for which they are rendered incapable, but that they should be assigned the lighter task of squaring or working the ashlar, or superintending or overseeing the workmen, for which they may, by advancement, become well qualified.'

“Your committee discover no restrictions to advancement in the Old Landmarks, and are of the opinion that it is perfectly competent in Lodges to confer the degrees of Fellow-Craft and Master Mason on candidates for advancement, provided they can physically conform to the requisitions of the various ceremonies.

“In 1891, page 20, F. C. report, our Senior Past Grand Master, Bro. Barkley, in his most excellent Foreign Correspondence report, under Illinois, says: 'Under the head of Texas, Bro. Robbins quotes decision No. 1 of the Grand Master, which is as follows: 'That an Entered Apprentice who has been so injured that he cannot raise his hands as high as his head, cannot be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft,' and says: 'Referring to No. 1, it is specifically held in Illinois that the landmark respecting physical qualifications, refers only to the time of making, because at the time when it was agreed to, 'making' was all—degrees being unknown. Hence a brother can be advanced no matter how maimed or crippled after initiation.' This view of the subject is in keeping with a report submitted to and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in 1867, if memory serves us correctly. At the time of his initiation the man is made a Mason, and no physical misfortune which may afterwards

befall him can act as a bar to his advancement. One of the rights which he acquires by initiation is that of advancement, and it would be a gross wrong to deprive him of this, because, for no fault of his, he should become maimed. The question of physical qualification applies solely to the candidate for initiation, and no deformity or disability which may afterwards befall him can lawfully be urged as a reason for estoppel to advancement.'

"Chase, in his Digest, cites many decisions and makes extracts from the laws of numerous Grand Lodges, in which physical qualifications are defined, but it is not always clear when his reference is to initiation and when to advancement, but, undoubtedly, the largest number of citations refer to initiation. Mackey and Simons discuss the subject at much length, and others have written upon it, and Grand Lodges have legislated, and yet for the same reasons that our own decisions are conflicted, much of what has been written is just so much waste paper, so far as it tends to throw any light on the question of the advancement of candidates who are maimed after initiation. There is but little disagreement now in this age of progress and enlightenment, regarding initiation: 'Competency to conform literally to all the requirements of the ceremonies of the several degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry fulfills the requirements of physical perfection in a candidate' for initiation, but when an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft is maimed after initiation or passing, there seems to be a great diversity of opinion with, perhaps, a clear majority on the side that physical perfection is not a prerequisite to advancement. We believe in the light of modern decisions and the consensus of the best Masonic authority, that the ancient charges are applicable to initiation only, that is to say, the ceremony of making an Entered Apprentice. This was the construction which this Grand Lodge gave in 1867, page 76, and we concur with Bro. Barkley in the opinion that 'a brother can be advanced no matter how maimed or crippled after initiation,' it being understood, of course, that there is enough left of the corpus to receive a reasonable amount of instruction and to make itself known as a Mason, should it be passed and raised."

#### INITIATION.

*Question 69.*—Is one who has a cork leg, but who is able to locomote with ease, without the use of a crutch or cane, eligible for initiation.

*Answer.*—There is a strong temptation to return an affirmative answer in view of the fact that when the ancient regulation was adopted requiring a perfect man, no such aids as cork legs were known, and one having the misfortune to lose his leg was permanently disabled, so that he could not earn a livelihood. The reason for the law having ceased it would seem that the law ought to cease also, but we are scarcely prepared to recommend so radical a change and somewhat reluctantly return the only possible answer—no.

*Question 70.*—Is one who has a stiff knee disqualified for initiation.

*Answer.*—We think he is eligible, coming within the rule which has prevailed in this jurisdiction since 1845, "that where the deformity is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the art," &c., he is eligible, page 303 reprint. He does not come within the disqualifications enumerated in Section 29 by-laws."

ADVANCEMENT.

*Question 71.*—Can one who has lost his arm since being initiated be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft.

*Answer.*—Yes.

*Question 72.*—Can an Entered Apprentice who was initiated before his disabilities were discovered, who has lost the first joint of thumb and one and a half joints of his index finger on right hand, but who can prove himself an Entered Apprentice, be advanced.

*Answer.*—In answering a similar question in 1890 (Q. 6, p. 46.), we said: 'We repeat once more the rule adopted by the Grand Lodge forty-five years ago: When the deformity of a candidate for initiation is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts and mysteries of Masonry, his admission will not be an infringement upon the landmarks, but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit of our institution.'

R. W. John Logan Power, was re-elected Grand Secretary for the 26th time, and on a motion unanimously adopted by a rising vote, he was elected and constituted an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, an honor well bestowed and truly earned by a faithful and zealous career as an officer and Mason.

A vast amount of practical legislation was done at this session in which Past Grand Master Bro. Speed appeared as the shining light.

Report on Correspondence is by Rev. Bro. Andrew H. H. Barkley. British Columbia for 1893 is reviewed. The report throughout has afforded us much pleasure, and in fact, the entire volume of Mississippi's proceedings has been read with deep interest and can only receive but partial justice in a limited review, such as we have given. We always await with delight proceedings of this nature. Perhaps I am

somewhat partial to this State having my brother a member of Sincerity Lodge, No. 214, residing there.

J. L. SPINKS,  
*Grand Master*, Meridan.

J. L. POWER,  
*Grand Secretary*, Jackson.

Rev. A. H. Barkley, Correspondence Reporter.

77th Annual, West Point, February, 1895.

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### NEBRASKA.

36TH ANNUAL, OMAHA, JUNE 14TH TO 16TH, 1893.

*M. W. Samuel P. Davidson, Grand Master.*

138 LODGES REPRESENTED OUT OF 201.

THE Grand Master's address deals extensively with his official acts, which required a large share of his attention, and which he ably administered. Harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction. Bro. Davidson's remarks on Drunkenness are so forcible that I excerpt them here:

"Brethren, we may honestly differ as to the best method of dealing with the traffic in intoxicating liquors. I know we do differ. I can and do entertain great respect for my brethren who differ with me upon that question. I will not trespass upon your rights by discussing that question here. Masonry teaches temperance in all things. It is not contended that ours is a *total abstinence* society. But when Masons acquire the habit of drunkenness and then attempt to apologize for it by asserting that it is not an offense against moral and Masonic law, all good Masons will unite in condemning both the practice and the apology. No better definition of what constitutes a Masonic offense can be given than to quote from Mackey, who says that any act which brings shame or reproach upon the Fraternity constitutes a Masonic offense. As we contemplate the misery and ruin wrought by this habit of drunkenness our very souls are stirred within us. It has wrought unutterable

woe to the human race. It fills our poor-houses, asylums and prisons to repletion. It has dragged down into the lowest depths more men than any other sin. It has filled more graves than war and pestilence combined. It converts men into brutes and fiends, and destroys the likeness which their Maker impressed upon them. Its trail is one long, never ending track of blood, debauchery and crime. It wrings tears of anguish from wife and mother, and snatches the last crust of bread from famishing children. The groans and shrieks of agony from the widows and orphans it annually makes, if combined in one horrible diapason, would be so awful and terrible as to cause even the angels themselves to recoil before it, and hell itself to grow darker. We cannot, nor can mortal pen, draw even the outlines of the horrible picture. Not until the books shall be opened at the last great day will the awful record of the habit of drunkenness be fully known. Surely we venture nothing when we assert with all the energy of our soul that a habit which bears as its legitimate fruit this dreadful train of sorrow, misery, debauchery and crime, is not compatible with Free Masonry. It is an awful crime against nature. It is a most heinous offense against Masonic law. There is no room in Masonry for a man who does not place 'that due restraint upon his affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable and frees the mind from the allurements of vice, and who does not avoid excess or the contracting of any licentious or vicious habit.'

"If, as some assert, this habit is absolutely increasing its hold upon brethren of the Craft, notwithstanding admonitions so often repeated, then it is our duty, by administering fraternal yet courageous discipline, to free our loved and honored institution from the taint and disgrace that would necessarily attach to it if we allow its laws and teachings to be thus overridden."

Returns show 10,239 ; gain for the year, 718. Our representative, Bro. Wm. Adair, was reported present.

No report on Correspondence.

JAS P. A. BLACK,

*Grand Master*, Bloomington.

WM. R. BOWEN,

*Grand Secretary*, Omaha.

Next annual, Omaha, 14th June, 1894.

## NEVADA.

29TH ANNUAL, CITY OF RENO, JUNE 13TH, 1893.

A SPECIAL had been called on May 14th for the purpose of consigning to its last resting place the body of John H. Hubbs, M. W. Grand Master. The Grand Orator delivered a befitting and eloquent oration on this occasion. The late Bro. Hubbs was a native born Canadian where his parents now reside.

D. G. M., R. W. John E. Jones, presided at the Annual Communication. Hereports peace and harmony both within the jurisdiction and in relations with other Grand Jurisdictions. Our representative not reported as present.

Report on correspondence is by W. Bro. Robert Leneas, who has been called on at the eleventh hour to assume the duty, and congratulate him on his work. British Columbia is fraternally mentioned. He says in course of comment on British Columbia: "The non-affiliated nightmare has made its appearance in this jurisdiction, and the Grand Master advised the Grand Lodge to do away with the fee for affiliation for a year to see what effect it would have. We doubt the utility of the measure, but there is no harm in experimenting. If British Columbia finds the remedy we will place her first on the roll of honor."

Returns show 19 Lodges with 951 members.

M. W. JOHN E. JONES,  
*Grand Master, Reno.*

R. W. C. N. NOTEWARE,  
*Grand Secretary, Carson.*

30th Annual, Virginia, 11th June, 1894.



## NORTH DAKOTA.

4TH ANNUAL, DEVIL'S LAKE, 13TH JUNE, 1893.

*Albert B. Herrick, Grand Master, Presiding.*

THE volume of proceedings present us with a partial view of the ruins of Fargo fire, June 7th, 1893, (loss \$3,000,000) which shows the ruins of the Masonic Temple. Also a view of the meeting of Shiloh Lodge, No. 1, on the highest point of Island Park, at Fargo, N. D., June 16, 1893, after the fire of June 7, which destroyed Masonic Temple and all buildings available for Masonic meetings. The Lodge was under escort and guard of Auvergne Commandery, No. 2, Fargo, by virtue of a special dispensation. This is the first instance of the kind ever coming to our notice, and carries out the lecture in the E. A. Degree, that "Our Brethren met on the highest mountain and in the lowest valleys."

We extend our sympathy to the brothers of Shiloh Lodge, and commended them for their energy and zeal. The photo must be seen to be appreciated.

The Grand Master's address deals with local matters and of his official acts. He says:

"Intemperance, profanity and covetousness, the great vices of the age, with their consequent evils, should meet our unyielding opposition and condemnation, and Masonry should direct her efforts to the eradication of all immorality.

"Our beloved Washington in a letter written in 1793, says: 'The grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race. The principles are founded in the immortal laws of Truth and Justice.'

"Masonry has had numbered among her staunch and firm supporters such men as a Washington, a Franklin, a Putnam, a Lafayette, a Patrick Henry, a Jefferson, a Clay, a Wellington, a Livingston, a Jackson, a Garfield, and I believe we can count fifty-two of the signers of the

Declaration of Independence. All of these the world has honored and applauded, and each of them deemed it an especial honor to wear the lambskin. We may not be able to write our names on the scroll of fame, as did these, but let us worthily wear the lambskin and have it said of us :

“‘They lived and they were useful ; this we know,  
 And naught besides ;  
 No record of their names is left to show,  
 How soon they died ;  
 They did their work, and then they passed away,  
 An unknown band ;  
 And took their places, with the greater host,  
 In the higher land.’

“It is with just pride we see the great nations of the earth joining with us in the four hundredth anniversary of the Discovery of America, and it should be with no less pride that we can realize that the principles of Free Masonry are the foundation and bulwark of America's strength, and that from our ‘Ancient and Honorable Institution’ have come some of the most faithful as well as some of the most eminent instructors, who have led the people onward and upward to the present enviable position among the nations of the earth.”

A number of decisions are reported, but involve no new points of interest to us, and mainly of local law.

Returns show 35 Chartered Lodges, 6 U. D. with total membership of 1972. Bro. Thos. J. Wilder is the writer on Foreign Correspondence, who truly says: “The more Masons read and become students, the stronger the fraternity will be.” We have been trying to instill this into our jurisdiction for some years, but regret to say it has not taken root yet. On the question raised by Ashlar and Victoria-Columbia Lodges, Bro. Wilder remarks: “Two of the Lodges of that Grand Lodge refuse to comply with the constitutional requirements, yet he did not compel them to do so, and preferred that Grand Lodge should pass on the matter. They did, and excused the offending Lodges, which we think was wrong, and simply makes the Grand Lodge, one in name only. They should have been compelled to conform to the regulations and the law, so long as that law was on the

statute books. Yet, if they are satisfied, we must be, although we are sorry to see it."

JAMES McDONALD,  
*Grand Master, Grafton.*

FRANK J. THOMPSON  
*Grand Secretary, Fargo.*

5th Annual, Valley City, 12th June, 1894.

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### NEW BRUNSWICK.

26TH ANNUAL, MONCTON, 22ND AUGUST, 1893.

*M. W. Thos. Walker, M. D., Grand Master.*

OUR Representative not present. For the first time in its history, the Grand Lodge communication was held outside of the City of St. John, the change being "thought desirable as likely to produce increased Masonic activity and a strengthening of the fraternal bonds in each fresh place of meeting." This is quite in accord with our views. When it is at all practicable to have "Grand Lodges on wheels," it better satisfies the Craft.

The Grand Master's address is a plain business document. Some slight friction was caused by the general circular from the Grand Master of Pennsylvania asking the resignation and cancellation of Grand Lodge Representatives. Grand Master Walker says:

"This I refused to do. I cannot agree with the Grand Master of Pennsylvania that these representatives are the representatives of the individual Grand Master, and to be recalled at his whim and pleasure. The last published proceedings of his Grand Lodge contains his own name as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, and that of Joseph Eichbaum as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge

of New Brunswick. The commission issued distinctly states that each representative is the representative of the Grand Lodge which issues the commission, and the representative is received and saluted accordingly.

"It has nowhere been shown that this withdrawal of representatives is in any way the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but solely an idea of its Grand Master. My view of the matter was that the exchange of representatives are the outcome of a fraternal and joint recognition between the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and that of New Brunswick, and common courtesy might have dictated that when these ties were to be severed we might have been consulted in the matter. There is one consolation in this matter, that this unpleasantness is one between R. W. Brother Arnold and myself, and does not affect the amity of our respective Grand Lodges."

Returns show 1829 Master Masons.

The following decision will be read with interest by those who have been in doubt on the question.

*Question.*—"Can a dimit be granted by the Master and Secretary without a vote of the Lodge?"

*Answer.*—"No. The Master of a Lodge has no right of his own motion to grant a dimit; it must be granted by the Lodge, and to that end it is necessary that a resolution should be moved and carried in the Lodge to authorize the granting of a dimit."

Your committee advise the Board that the decision of the M. W. Grand Master, "That the Master of a Lodge has no right of his own motion to grant a dimit, and that it must be granted by the Lodge," is consistent with ancient Masonic rule, is supported by the authorities on Masonic jurisprudence, and is in conformity with the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

That a member has a right, when in good standing, to resign, and has a right to a dimit, does not conflict with the Masonic rule that he cannot sever his connection with the Lodge without its consent. He must apply personally in open Lodge, or by written request. The Lodge should not refuse a dimit without some Masonic reason for such refusal, and the Lodge is amenable to the Grand Master and to Grand Lodge for improper refusal. But while it is the duty of the Lodge to grant a dimit, the dimit can only be granted by consent of the Lodge.

If, under exceptional circumstances, a dimit is asked by a brother and the Master should direct that it be issued, his duty and responsibility would be to report to the Lodge to confirm his action.

It may be fairly questioned whether a formal motion, duly seconded in Lodge, is the only way in which the consent of the Lodge may be evidenced. The application being duly made a direction given in open Lodge by the Master, not objected to, that the dimit issue, would, perhaps, meet the Masonic requirements,

Fraternally submitted,

B. LESTER PETERS.  
JOHN V. ELLIS.  
THOMAS WALKER.

St. John, N. B., 16th August, 1893.

An able and instructive sermon was delivered before the Grand Lodge by V. W. Brother, the Rev. G. M. Campbell, Grand Chaplain, his text being, "See that they make them after their pattern, which hath been shewed thee in the mount;" Exodus xxv., 40.

M. W. THOS. WALKER, (re-elected.)  
*Grand Master.*

V. W. T. NISBET ROBERTSON,  
*Grand Secretary.*

Address, St. John.

27th Annual, St. John, 28th August, 1894.

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### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

SEMI-ANNUAL, MANCHESTER, 27TH DECEMBER, 1892; ANNUAL,  
CONCORD, 17TH MAY, 1893.

*John Pender, M. W. Grand Master, Presiding,*

WHO reports that harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction. Returns show a net increase of 98 during 1893. Three Grand Lodge members had been called to "eternal rest." Bro. A. M. Dodge was accredited as Representative of British Columbia. There are 78

Lodges with 8729 in New Hampshire. Report on Correspondence is by R. W. Bro. Albert S. Wait, and is another of his interesting, instructive and able documents. It would be very hard to condense it. British Columbia has favorable comment.

JOHN PENDER,  
*Grand Master*, Portsmouth.

GEO. P. CLEAVES,  
*Grand Secretary*, Concord.

Next Annual, Concord, 16th May, 1894.

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### NEW JERSEY.

107TH ANNUAL, TRENTON, 24TH JANUARY, 1894.

*M. W. James H. Durand, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative, R. W. Henry S. Haines (as he always is) present. The Grand Master said: "The pleasant and fraternal relations heretofore existing with our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have been maintained." "From the excellence reports of the District Deputy Grand Master, which I desire especially to commend, and from my own observation in my visits during the year to various Lodges in different sections of the State, I am enabled to report that, for the most part, prosperity, peace, goodwill and harmony prevail among the Lodges."

Returns show 14,968 members. Report on correspondence is by Bro. H. Vehslage. British Columbia for 1893 is reviewed. Bro. Marcus Wolfe and not P. G. M. A. R. Milne, wrote the report on correspondence, Bro. Nehslage.

JAMES H. DURAND,  
*M. W. Grand Master*, Rahway.

THOS. H. R. REDWAY,  
*R. W. Grand Secretary*, Trenton.

## NEW MEXICO.

16TH ANNUAL, ALBUQUERQUE, OCTOBER, 1893.

*J. H. Kuhns, Grand Master.*

THE genial Max Frost, P. G. M., 1885-6, looks at us on the frontispiece with "four eyes," and he does not look nearly anything as cold as his name indicates, but rather warm and genial countenance. On the subject of decisions, the Grand Master said: "A number of cases were submitted to me for advice and decision, but none that I deem worthy or of sufficient importance to be included in this report. A careful study of our 'Masonic Law' and of their own by-laws, by the brethren asking for advice, would have saved them the trouble of writing to me." Quite correct. Masters make a note of it. In closing, the Grand Master said: "While there has been a great depression in many of the interests in our territory, Masonry is ever on the increase, and our Grand Lodge is now, and I hope ever will be, in a prosperous and flourishing condition." In list of Representatives we do not find that we have any to or from the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, although Bro. E. S. Peck is recorded in our list as Grand Representative of New Mexico.

Report on correspondence is by Bro. Max Frost. British Columbia does not appear.

C. H. SPORLEDER,  
*Grand Master, East Las Vegas.*

ALPHEUS A. KEEN,  
*Grand Secretary.*

17th Annual, Albuquerque, October, 1894.

## NEW YORK.

112TH ANNUAL, NEW YORK CITY, 6TH JUNE, 1893.

*M. W. James Ten Eyck, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative, R. W. Thomas Bell, was present. The Grand Master said in the opening of his address: "Another year has been added to our Masonic history, in which the noblest work in the annuals of the Grand Lodge of the State has been completed, dedicated to Almighty God, and proclaimed open to the destitute of our household. Charity, the bond of union, the governing principle of every Mason, has now become visible to the world as the keystone of our Masonic institution." The Home was officially dedicated on the 5th October, 1892, the ceremonies of which were grand and imposing. The procession was composed, irrespective of the Knight Templars, other Masonic bodies, and the forty-eight bands of music, of 8,524 Master Masons.

Returns show, December 31, 1892, 726 Lodges, with 83,287 Master Masons in this jurisdiction. The new Home and School costing \$250,000 as well as the Masonic Temple, are free of debt, which speaks highly of the zeal, energy, and perseverance of our New York Brethren.

Report on correspondence is by Jesse B. Anthony, P. G. M. chairman. British Columbia for 1892 is reviewed. We thank our brother for his more than kind personal mention. The review and translations of the proceedings of Grand Bodies in foreign countries, was prepared by R. W. Charles Sackreuter of the committee. With much pleasure we produce M. W. Brother Jesse B. Anthony's valuable annual "Statistics :"

## STATISTICS.

The accompanying tables have been compiled from the Proceedings reviewed, and not only present the numerical standing and work of the



Craft in this and other countries in Correspondence, but in addition thereto attention is directed to the "Comparison Table," which embraces points of interest in each Jurisdiction, and furnishes the standard ratio of the growth, per cent. of net increase, and rank of progress.

## GENERAL TABLE.

GRAND LODGE.	Date of Meeting.	FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.	
		Chairman.	Address.
Alabama.....	Dec. 6, 1892	Palmer J. Pillans....	Belknap.
Arizona.....	Nov. 15, 1892	Morris Goldwater....	Prescott.
Arkansas.....	Nov. 15, 1892	Sam. H. Davidson....	Evening Shade.
California.....	Oct. 11, 1892	James W. Anderson...	Sacramento.
Colorado.....	Sept. 20, 1892	L. N. Greenfield.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	Jan. 18, 1893	Joseph K. Wheeler ..	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Oct. 5, 1892	Lewis H. Jackson....	Milford.
District of Columbia	Nov. 9, 1892	William R. Singleton	Washington.
Florida.....	Jan. 17, 1893	Albert J. Russell....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Oct. 25, 1892	Benj. H. Bigham.....	.....
Idaho.....	Sept. 13, 1892	Charles C. Stevenson	Boise City
Illinois.....	Oct. 4, 1892	Joseph Robbins.....	Quincy.
Indiana.....	May 24, 1892	Thomas B. Long.....	Terre Haute.
Indian Territory ..	Aug. 16, 1892	Joseph S. Murrow ..	Atoka.
Iowa.....	June 7, 1892	James C. W. Coxe....	Washington.
Kansas.....	Feb. 15, 1893	John H. Brown.....	Kansas City.
Kentucky.....	Oct. 18, 1892	W. W. Clarke.....	Hopkinsville.
Louisiana.....	Feb. 13, 1893	J. Q. A. Fellows....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	May 3, 1892	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Maryland.....	Nov. 15, 1892	Edward T. Schultz ..	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	No report	.....	.....
Michigan.....	Jan. 24, 1893	Jefferson S. Conover.	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	Jan. 11, 1893	Irving Todd.....	Hastings.
Mississippi.....	Feb. 11, 1892	Albert H. Barkley ..	Crawford.
Missouri.....	Oct. 11, 1892	John D. Vincil.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Sept. 21, 1892	Cornelius Hedges....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	June 15, 1892	William R. Bowen....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	June 14, 1892	Robert L. Fulton....	Reno.
New Hampshire.....	May 18, 1892	Albert S. Wait.....	Newport.
New Jersey.....	Jan. 25, 1893	Henry Vehslage....	Irvington.
New York.....	June 7, 1892	Jesse B. Anthony....	Utica.
New Mexico.....	Oct. 3, 1892	Max Frost.....	Santa Fe.
North Carolina.....	No report.	.....	.....
North Dakota.....	June 28, 1892	Thomas J. Wilder....	Casselton.
Ohio.....	Oct. 19, 1892	Wm. M. Cunningham	Newark.
Oregon.....	June 15, 1892	Stephen F. Chadwick	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	Dec. 27, 1892	Richard Vaux.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	May 16, 1892	Henry W. Rugg.....	Providence.
South Carolina.....	Dec. 13, 1892	Charles Inglesby....	Charleston.
South Dakota.....	June 14, 1892	William Blatt.....	Yankton.
Tennessee.....	Jan. 25, 1893	George C. Connor....	Chattanooga.
Texas.....	Dec. 6, 1892	Thos. M. Matthews ..	Athens.
Utah.....	Jan. 17, 1893	Christopher Diehl....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	June 15, 1892	Marsh O. Perkins....	Windsor.
Virginia.....	Dec. 6, 1892	Wm. F. Drinkard....	Richmond.
Washington.....	June 14, 1892	Thomas M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	Nov. 15, 1892	George W. Atkinson.	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	June 14, 1892	Duncan McGregor....	Platteville.
Wyoming.....	Dec. 6, 1892	W. L. Kuykendall....	Saratoga.
British Columbia...	June 23, 1892	Mareus Wolfe.....	Nanaimo.
Canada.....	July 20, 1892	Henry Robertson....	Collingwood.
Manitoba.....	June 8, 1892	.....	.....
New Brunswick.....	Apr. 26, 1892	John V. Ellis.....	.....
Nova Scotia.....	June 8, 1892	T. B. Flint.....	Yarmouth.
Prince Edward Is'd.	June 17, 1892	G. W. Wakeford....	.....
Quebec.....	Jan. 27, 1892	E. T. D. Chambers...	Quebec City.



## STATISTICS.

GRAND LODGE.	No. Sub-ordinates	Mem-ber-ship.	Raised.	Affiliated	Restored	Died.	Demitted	Suspen- ded N. F. of Dues.	Suspen- ded and Expelled.	Net Gain
Alabama.....	356	11178	820	407	157	235	586	411	39	113
Arizona.....	11	482	35	22	5	15	17	10	1	30
Arkansas.....	498	13098	843	616	63	215	562	322	45	378
California.....	250	16767	785	620	108	307	413	278	7	503
Colorado.....	82	6174	480	242	39	66	222	92	8	456
Connecticut.....	110	15820	631	95	35	283	94	164	5	257
Delaware.....	21	1340	109	11	.....	39	17	5	3	56
D. of Columbia.....	23	4520	391	91	29	88	54	55	.....	314
Florida.....	131	4147	207	198	42	50	246	119	6	293
Georgia.....	382	15816	1315	.....	.....	377	.....	.....	.....	1113
Idaho.....	25	942	80	56	1	10	49	12	.....	65
Illinois.....	702	46021	3227	1171	391	648	1385	663	25	2132
Indiana.....	470	25376	1584	579	253	380	767	438	68	763
Indian Terri'y.....	48	2017	297	165	24	32	131	47	14	262
Iowa.....	456	23016	1415	642	223	244	1092	498	29	477
Kansas.....	350	19898	1246	651	110	198	343	228	24	1468
Kentucky.....	452	17206	1504	497	349	268	677	641	23	741
Louisiana.....	1120	14590	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	191	21177	839	155	85	307	252	282	6	172
Maryland.....	92	6080	419	52	23	92	123	65	2	212
Massachusetts.....	1226	31786	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Michigan.....	373	34472	2037	633	145	497	790	338	22	1166
Minnesota.....	194	13444	943	325	43	142	437	176	10	544
Mississippi.....	275	8950	611	313	169	135	391	299	11	204
Missouri.....	558	29724	1768	1071	296	457	1029	635	76	908
Montana.....	34	2179	185	71	23	25	68	48	.....	172
Nebraska.....	202	10239	713	583	94	95	469	291	13	522
Nevada.....	19	966	34	18	22	28	36	34	1	25
N. Hampshire.....	78	8981	369	.....	21	179	81	39	2	89
New Jersey.....	100	14601	821	196	74	270	222	274	5	290
New York.....	723	80933	5377	1050	1170	1344	1103	2430	20	2700
New Mexico.....	18	731	43	25	9	11	22	18	2	24
N. Carolina.....	205	110513	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Dakota.....	35	1732	189	76	5	15	108	32	.....	155
Ohio.....	495	37044	2091	679	1113	549	836	1019	39	1441
Oregon.....	88	4196	274	228	38	74	185	90	10	248
Pennsylvania.....	408	44036	2354	660	.....	750	406	547	.....	1811
Rhode Island.....	36	4332	232	42	6	70	36	17	2	155
South Carolina.....	145	6082	341	.....	.....	102	103	163	.....	.....
South Dakota.....	81	3725	313	184	23	31	244	59	2	220
Tennessee.....	419	17554	916	533	87	333	530	312	46	225
Texas.....	553	24128	1624	1363	216	443	1478	484	50	935
Utah.....	8	622	63	43	5	7	23	21	2	72
Vermont.....	101	8976	420	70	26	149	161	61	9	136
Virginia.....	247	11424	1000	554	73	202	368	133	14	850
Washington.....	71	4091	433	512	23	49	159	46	5	672
West Virginia.....	94	4767	339	94	59	67	133	42	8	232
Wisconsin.....	222	14498	990	273	184	173	367	241	8	599
Wyoming.....	13	746	71	30	8	9	33	6	.....	38
	10891	690937	41113	15866	5833	10131	17381	12175	664	23998
B. Columbia.....	13	690	81	47	6	6	34	19	1	134
Canada.....	345	21428	1267	316	185	258	623	544	15	278
Manitoba.....	46	1962	174	100	10	22	123	34	4	140
N. Brunswick.....	32	1818	61	19	6	27	58	36	.....	335
Nova Scotia.....	62	2864	220	63	23	41	81	95	.....	140
P. E. Island.....	12	502	10	3	3	8	9	9	.....	111
Quebec.....	56	3141	195	30	15	49	63	73	2	60
	566	32725	2009	584	243	411	991	800	22	706
Total.....	11457	723662	43127	16470	6081	10542	18372	13035	686	24704

\* Loss.

† Report of 1892.

‡ Report of 1891.

## LARGEST LODGE IN EACH JURISDICTION.

GRAND LODGE.	Name.	No.	Location.	Member-ship.
Alabama	Birmingham Fratern'l	384	Birmingham	148
Arizona	Arizona	2	Phoenix	79
Arkansas	Belle Point	20	Fort Smith	169
California	California	1	San Francisco	450
Colorado	Union	7	Denver	557
Connecticut	St. John's	4	Hartford	549
Delaware	Lafayette	14	Wilmington	307
District of Columbia	La Fayette	19	Washington	546
Florida	Duval	18	Jacksonville	112
Georgia				
Idaho	Boise	2	Boise City	116
Illinois	Covenant	526	Chicago	558
Indiana	Terre Haute	19	Terre Haute	340
Indian Territory	Guthrie	35	Guthrie	77
Iowa	Capital	110	Des Moines	207
Kansas	Topeka	17	Topeka	313
Kentucky	Preston	281	Louisville	356
Louisiana				
Maine	Portland	1	Portland	395
Maryland	King David's	68	Baltimore	244
Massachusetts				
Michigan	Grand River	34	Grand Rapids	567
Minnesota	Minneapolis	19	Minneapolis	601
Mississippi	Vicksburg	26	Vicksburg	151
Missouri	Kansas City	220	Kansas City	340
Montana	Butte	22	Butte	202
Nebraska	Capitol	3	Omaha	251
Nevada	Reno	13	Reno	116
New Hampshire	Lafayette	41	Manchester	303
New Jersey	Eureka	39	Newark	260
New York	Genesee Falls	507	Rochester	595
New Mexico	Chapman	2	East Las Vegas	91
North Carolina				
North Dakota	Shiloh	1	Fargo	192
Ohio	Magnolia	20	Columbus	445
Oregon	Willamette	2	Portland	170
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	246	Philadelphia	400
Rhode Island	What Cheer	21	Providence	408
South Carolina	Claremont	64	Sumter	140
South Dakota	Minnehaha	5	Sioux Falls	200
Tennessee	Cumberland	8	Nashville	214
Texas	Fort Worth	148	Fort Worth	238
Utah	Weber	6	Ogden	130
Vermont	Passumpsic	27	St. Johnsbury	268
Virginia	Hill City	123	Lynchburg	262
Washington	St. John's	9	Seattle	228
West Virginia	Wayne	18	Wayne	152
Wisconsin	Kilbourne	3	Milwaukee	313
Wyoming	Cheyenne	1	Cheyenne	174
British Columbia	Victoria-Columbia	1	Victoria	178
Canada	St. John's	40	Hamilton	309
Manitoba	Ancient Landmark	3	Winnipeg	173
New Brunswick	Sussex	7	St. Stephen	138
Nova Scotia	Albion	5	New Glasgow	118
Prince Edward Is'd	St. John's	1	Charlottetown	86
Quebec				

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

GRAND LODGE.	Receipts.	DISBURSEMENTS.		Balance on Hand	Investments and Special Funds.
		Per Diem and Mileage.	All Other Disbursements.		
Alabama.....	\$ 6225 85	\$.....	\$ 6143 65	\$ 2546 25	\$ 25929 42
Arizona.....	1110 00		384 50	1684 70	1134 50
Arkansas.....	10372 10	6506 52	6193 36	4683 10	
California.....	23682 10	3365 25	20155 33	6882 03	52296 76
Colorado.....	5828 50	1347 65	4341 71	5339 83	3423 55
Connecticut.....	3310 25		3433 81	3317 48	15480 16
Delaware.....	1340 00		1247 44	1285 72	1262 29
District Columbia	5586 50		5554 39	6103 02	
Florida.....					
Georgia.....	19569 62	12408 30	5774 60	1615 91	
Idaho.....	1133 75		1231 84	903 89	20502 77
Illinois.....	36137 14	17766 30	13867 21	63147 97	1083 24
Indiana.....	20867 40	7170 70	11018 48	17036 18	
Indian Territory.	3135 00		1742 75	2952 92	
Iowa.....	10543 06	6839 00	10991 01	17428 27	
Kansas.....	24486 73	2591 30	7501 92	14393 51	5204 51
Kentucky.....	18315 15	7639 60	8835 53	10345 29	4354 12
Louisiana.....				3233 80	
Maine.....	6375 88	2679 40	2303 20	7643 59	*27183 80
Maryland.....	21388 00		23073 44	102 80	
Massachusetts					
Michigan.....	16642 00	6671 28	7941 88	13122 31	
Minnesota.....	7770 00	1977 84	5163 80	4002 96	12101 76
Mississippi.....	9242 35	4611 72	3295 12	3025 62	*7600 00
Missouri.....	26926 50		24790 15	11706 82	12977 00
Montana.....	3968 00	1484 90	1308 65	2847 59	
Nebraska.....	14063 66	3236 86	8115 42	8748 04	36874 96
Nevada.....	1663 50	152 70	1355 55	829 40	
New Hampshire..	3116 21		2948 10	4460 72	
New Jersey.....	10017 25		8519 02	9649 22	6694 71
New York.....	46843 22	19155 01	24289 27	40338 35	10145 36
New Mexico.....	742 09		937 70	344 13	
North Carolina					
North Dakota....	3028 65	300 00	1043 40	1685 35	
Ohio.....	18741 53	6152 82	11507 66	22331 85	
Oregon.....	5400 17	1317 92	3419 12	5248 53	
Pennsylvania....	132675 06		131148 95	7625 26	349282 99
Rhode Island....	2403 03		2586 89	214 09	3250 80
South Carolina..	10236 43	2665 61	9517 63	359 40	
South Dakota....	3008 25	1151 22	2265 75	3018 43	
Tennessee.....	13686 55	7357 72	5963 06	12607 04	
Texas.....	19302 65	3428 81	7514 45	8369 39	*67502 01
Utah.....	2111 00		1538 85	3078 48	
Vermont.....	3226 82	519 50	2299 85	5837 33	
Virginia.....	6298 04		6108 55	1215 62	
Washington.....	8989 50	2380 80	5735 66	5018 45	194 30
West Virginia....	3777 50	1902 72	1488 48	2701 68	
Wisconsin.....	8440 26	3338 53	3521 30	8975 11	
Wyoming.....	1001 00		801 86	1783 76	
British Columbia.	1647 00		2367 77	448 51	*5996 48
Canada.....	20106 44		14345 73	7549 15	77549 15
Manitoba.....	2529 73		2567 72	1266 07	
New Brunswick..	2351 31		1465 81	1498 58	
Nova Scotia.....	5246 80		5778 39	1086 56	
Prince Edward Is	220 20		245 77	84 40	
Quebec.....	2262 00		2121 20	1454 99	9055 81

\*Including Charity Funds.

## STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1890	1891	1892	1893
Grand Lodge.....	56	56	56	56
Number of Subordinate Lodges....	10817	11029	11216	11457
Raised.....	36741	38186	43345	43127
Affiliated.....	15688	14393	16649	16470
Restored.....	6401	5552	5900	6081
Died.....	8848	8873	10242	10542
Dimitted.....	17161	16709	20086	18372
Suspended for non-payment of dues.	13876	12597	14113	13035
Suspended and expelled.....	650	595	717	686
Membership.....	648361	670170	697842	723662

Based upon the Tables we find, in the Grand Lodges of the United States, that :

The accession by new work has been.....6 17-100 per cent.  
 The additions by affiliation and restoration....3 22-100 per cent.  
 The losses by death are.....1 51-100 per cent.  
 The losses for non-payment of dues equal ....1 86-100 per cent.  
 The losses by dimission equal .....2 63-100 per cent.  
 The net gain of the year (24,704) is equal to...3 53-100 per cent.

In numerical standing the most prominent rank in the following order: New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts, Missouri, Indiana, Texas, Iowa, Maine, Kansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, California, etc.

The average of membership to each Lodge is greatest in the following : District of Columbia (192), Connecticut (144), Massachusetts (140), Rhode Island (120), Maine (111), New York (111), New Hampshire (110), Pennsylvania (108), etc.

The jurisdictions having Lodges of the largest membership are in following order: Minnesota (601), New York (595), Michigan (567), Illinois 558), Colorado (557), Connecticut (549), District of Columbia (546), California (450), Massachusetts (432), Rhode Island (408), Pennsylvania (400).

M. W. F. A. BURNHAM,  
*Grand Master, New York.*

R. W. E. M. L. EHLERS,  
*Grand Secretary, New York.*

## NORTH CAROLINA.

106TH ANNUAL, RALEIGH, JANUARY 10TH TO 12TH, 1893.

*M. W. H. A. Fudger, Grand Master.*

THE proceedings are prefaced with a "Memoriam" to Bro. Donald W. Bain, who died on November 16th, 1892, having served this Grand Lodge as Grand Secretary for twenty-five years. The Grand Master in his address speaks most highly of the late Bro. Bain, saying: "As a Mason, he was ready to do for the order that which would make the membership one great brotherhood of good men. As a citizen he loved his state and country. His example and life go to make up that which constitutes true brotherhood, and we shall ever point to it as the pride of our order." The following is worthy and contains much that should go to every Mason's heart:

"As Masons we are early taught trust in God and faith in our brethren; the beauties of charity and the Christian graces. Are we practical Masons or drones whose names are simply registered in the records of the Order? Masonry was never so popular throughout the civilized world as it is to-day; never so prosperous in every respect. In this lies the danger that menaces the ancient landmarks, and that must be faced and corrected before we go into serious error. It is, perhaps, too popular to be a Mason.

"The term 'Mason' has been a synonym for a high standard of moral character in all its bearings and attributes. Many rely on this without a proper exertion to put into practical life the glorious tenets it inculcates.

"The question naturally arises and will not down, Are we closely adhering to the great precepts enjoined by the teachings of the Order, or are we merging into ritualism, ceremonials and gandy display, attracting the profane more by what we profess than what we actually do?

"The underlying governing principles of the fraternity are faith, hope and charity. Have you, as an individual Mason, exemplified your profession of faith by your daily walk and conversation, and strengthened



your hope of the final reward that awaits all who hold out faithful to the end? Have you been blessed in your worldly store and possessions? If so, have you sought out the poor and needy brother, his widow and orphan, and given them such relief as was within your means? Have you visited the sick and afflicted and comforted them in a substantial manner? Have you spoken kindly and in sympathy with the disappointed and broken-hearted brother 'by words true and tender?' Have you in turn and fraternal spirit gone to the erring and wayward, and in that manner of earnest pleading that only a brother can appreciate told him, not of his fault, but of the imminent dangers that are in his course, and gently warned him, and offered assistance in the great fight for manhood and right?

"It is indeed well that we should pause on the threshold of the new year and ponder well these things. The past is gone, save as a lesson; the future opens up great possibilities for us all. If theory, beautiful as it is, is to sup our ancient and honored Order of practical works, then the world will write us a failure and all good men hail with gladness its dissolution. If it should go into this, the ancient bulwarks would fall, crushed by unbelief, and the popular idea would be all that is left of this time-honored and grand structure, which has its best days withstood the attacks of creeds, innovations, and all kinds of opposition.

"Masonry has stood through the coming and going of ages; the mad prejudice of bigoted fanatics, and the rise and fall of empires and republics. That it exists to-day and is of such ancient origin proves clearly and conclusively that there is something in it far more precious than forms and ceremonies, and beautiful and well-sounding theories. To sustain this character, its votaries must be 'good men and true;' true to ourselves, our families, our country, and to our Maker."

Returns, 272 Lodges, 10,819 members. Report on correspondence by Bro. Julius C. Martin. British Columbia is reviewed for 1891-2. The report throughout is concise and interesting, and as he remarks, free from "word painting or sky-scraping" and not guilty of "pompous verbosity or needless prolixity."

M. W. JOHN W. COTTON,  
*Grand Master, Tarboro.*

R. W. WM. H. BAIN,  
*Grand Secretary, Raleigh*

107th Annual, Wilmington, 9th January, 1894.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

28TH ANNUAL, HALIFAX, 14TH JUNE, 1893.

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*M. W. Duncan C. Fraser, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative not present. Grand Lodge attended Divine Service (before commencing the business of the session) and listened to an appropriate sermon by the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. R. G. H. Bullock, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

The Grand Master reports "peace and a fair measure of success has been vouchsafed to the Craft during the year just closing." Returns show 3118 Master Masons. Only one decision reported: "That a dimitted Mason is not entitled to be buried with Masonic honors."

The following motion was introduced by W. Bro. A. Ross: "That a Past Master from any other jurisdiction affiliating with a Lodge in this jurisdiction shall not be entitled to vote in Grand Lodge unless filling the Warden's or Master's chair, or having passed the chair of a Lodge in this jurisdiction," which was referred to a committee whose report we append, which was adopted.

"We communicated on the subject with Grand Lodges in Canada, the United States, and also with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, and we have the views and opinions of about forty hereunto attached.

"We do not find by any means a unanimity of opinions. For many years this Grand Lodge has allowed all P. M.'s the priviledge of attending and voting in G. L.; no difference was made because an affiliate came from a sister jurisdiction.

"After a careful study of the opinions before us and the subject generally, we are not disposed to support the motion of W. Bro. Ross.

"We have come to this conclusion because we believe it is more in harmony with the principles of our time-honored institution and its

justly claimed universality and certainly more in the interest of the Craft in this jurisdiction generally, that a P. M. of a lawfully constituted Lodge of a sister jurisdiction, should he affiliate with us, should take the same position as a P. M. who had passed the chair in a Lodge under our own jurisdiction; and further, in view of the fact that four out of the six other Grand Lodges of this Dominion act upon the broad view and have thrown their doors wide open to P. M.'s of this and other outside jurisdictions, we think this Grand Lodge would take a step backward if it approved of the motion before it, and thereby exclude from its membership Past Masters of jurisdictions which fraternally recognize and honor ours."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. A. COSSMANN.

C. E. TANNER.

Notice of motion to reconsider the vote on this question was given.

Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bros. Thomas B. Flint and Rev. F. B. N. Norman-Lee. British Columbia is accorded extensive review and our proceedings of 1892 met with more than formable consideration and extract.

M. W. DUNCAN C. FRASER,

*Grand Master*, New Glasgow (re-elected).

R. W. Wm. ROSS,

*Grand Secretary*, Halifax.

29th Annual, New Glasgow, June, 1894.

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#### NEW ZEALAND.

WE have received reports of the Quarterly Communications held on October 26th, 1893, and January 26th, 1894, holding at St. Augustine and Oamaru, respectively. The reports from the several districts were very satisfactory; good and steady progress having been made in every direction. The Grand Secretary gratefully acknowledges the receipt of Grand Lodge proceedings—British

Columbia for 1893 included. We see that it is the custom in New Zealand to present names for nominations of officers at one communication which is laid over until the next. A number of names also appeal for "any office." Quite a novel idea.

Henry Francis Dillon Bell is the only nominee for Grand Master. No returns of Lodges. Financial statement shows £725 in bank. Altogether New Zealand is making good headway, is receiving recognition from nearly all Grand Lodges on the American Continent, and surely cannot be long before the Grand Lodge of England, Ireland and Scotland must see the injustice of withholding recognition. Our best wishes attend you Brethren in far off New Zealand.

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### OHIO.

84TH ANNUAL, CLEVELAND, OCTOBER, 1893.

*M. W. Allen Andrews, Grand Master,*

WHO reported "our relations with Sister Grand Lodges wherever they have been established without exception, are of the most cordial and fraternal nature." He recommended the proper committee to consider whether a change should be made in the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction as held by the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

"As you are well aware, we adhere to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, so that a person once rejected in one of our Lodges is forever ineligible for Masonry without the consent of that Lodge, no matter where he may go or how worthy he may become.

"This position involves us in labor, correspondence, difficulty, and sometimes in misunderstanding and irritation.

"When we consider that a blackball may be cast through personal pique, or for reasons local or temporary in their nature, it is not clear that this doctrine has its foundation in philosophy and justice. Higher

estimation of human nature, belief in the possibility of reformation and broader charity would seem to suggest that the candidate after the lapse of a certain time, when he had moved elsewhere, should be relieved of the brand placed upon him.

"Many Grand Jurisdictions have taken this view, and either never adopted, or have discarded the idea of perpetual ineligibility of a candidate once rejected."

One hundred and three dispensations were granted for various purposes. Fifteen decisions recorded are all of local law. The Clandestine and Illegal Grand Lodge in Ohio (organized in 1891) still gives much cause for annoyance, and state of affairs is bad. Whereas G. M. Andrews says: "They solicit candidates, and accept as members persons rejected by regular Lodges, and persons having but one eye, one arm, one leg, or other physical or moral imperfections, disqualifying them from membership in regular Lodges." The attempt to organize a rebellion against this Grand Lodge and to plant clandestine bodies in this State, has not only failed of recognition, but has encountered the just condemnation of all the Grand Lodges of the world in fraternal correspondence with Ohio.

Returns show 495 Lodges, with 40,564 members; a net gain of 3520 for the year. The committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the recognition of Tasmania, New Zealand and Oklahoma, which was adopted. On the question of Grand Representatives, they reported: "As the regulation of this Grand Lodge in force for the past half century in relation thereto, is sufficient, and eminently satisfactory." On the Roll Call of Representatives (a new feature) British Columbia did not respond.

Report on correspondence is by W. M. Cunningham. British Columbia for 1892 has favorable comment and extended review. The entire report is one of great merit and could not fail in being of valuable interest and instruc-

tive to the Craft of Ohio, proving Bro. Cunningham a Masonic student and scholar.

ALLEN ANDREWS,  
*M. W. Grand Master*, Hamilton  
 J. H. BROWNWELL,  
*R. W. Grand Secretary*, Cincinnati.  
 W. M. CUNNINGHAM,  
*Correspondent*, Newark.

Next Annual, Columbus, September 19, 1894.

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### OKLAHOMA.

1ST ANNUAL, EL RENO, FEBRUARY 14 AND 15, 1893.

*M. W. August J. Spengel, Grand Master.*

**B**ROTHER Judge Burford delivered the address of welcome, who in his closing remarks said, "We assure you of a warm, hearty and most royal welcome; and we will allow none other to excel us in our devotion to the cause or principles of our noble order."

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma has as yet taken no definite action in regard to appointing representatives at other Grand Lodges. Returns show eleven Lodges chartered, and one U. D., with 437 members, December 31st 1892. The printed Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations appear very complete.

M. W. A. J. SPENDEL,  
 (Re-elected) *Grand Master*.  
 R. W. J. S. HUNT,  
 (Re-elected) *Grand Secretary*.

**OREGON.**

43RD ANNUAL, PORTLAND, 14TH JUNE, 1893.

*M. W. F. A. Moore, Grand Master.*

YOUR Representative reported present. The Grand Master said, "Peace reigns, plenty abounds, and our fraternity has wonderfully prospered." A number of decisions are reported, but are mainly of local application. They had been called upon to mourn the loss of two illustrious Past Grand Masters, Brothers Taylor and Patton. Returns show 93 Chartered Lodges, 4 U. D., and 4429 Members; an increase of 263 for the year. The Grand Lodge of Oregon hold to perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material. The Committee in the matter of Washington having admitted a rejected applicant of Oregon, reported, "Your Committee most emphatically dissent from the position taken by the M. W. Grand Master of Washington, and hold it to be a well settled principle—derived from Landmark No. 16 of the unwritten law—that when an applicant for the degrees has been rejected, he can never apply to any other Lodge without the consent of the Lodge that rejected him." The Brother so made was declared an "irregularly made Mason," and the Lodges of Oregon forbidden to hold Masonic intercourse with him.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence on Grand Representatives reported, "The Grand Lodge of Oregon has approved, and still approves of this system of fraternal representation, believing in its utility and usefulness. It is a chord of courteous and brotherly union that binds more strongly, the fraternal relations of Masonic Grand Bodies.

Report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Brother S. F. Chadwick, which includes a review of 51 American and 6 Foreign Grand Lodge Proceedings,

including British Columbia. Bro. Chadwick takes exception to our ruling as to members of Chartered Lodges, also being one of a Lodge under dispensation not losing any rights as such says, "It is at variance with the laws of Oregon and all other jurisdictions, forbidding dual membership. A member of a Lodge U. D. is as much a member of it as he would be if he was acting under a charter." That may be true, but we have not taken the same view here considering a member of a Lodge U. D. not exercising dual membership until the Lodge (U. D.) is chartered, then he must sever his connection with either one.

Our venerable Brother is an able reviewer and his report is brim full of interest and instruction. Thanks for your kind personal mention.

M. W. J. C. MORELAND,  
*Grand Master, Portland.*

M. W. S. F. CHADWICK,  
*Grand Secretary, Salem.*

44th Annual, Portland, 13th June, 1894.

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## PENNSYLVANIA.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION, 27TH DECEMBER, 1893.

*R. W. Bro. Michael Arnold, Grand Master.*

WHO in his address said: "I am gratified to announce the continued welfare of the Craft in this jurisdiction, an increase in number, and, I hope in the character of the members of the Lodges; a large decrease in the debt of the Grand Lodge, and harmony and good order among the Brethren, indicate the prosperity which the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the subordinate Lodges thereof are enjoying."



Returns show 414 Lodges, with 45,937 Master Masons. R. W. Bro. Arnold is of opinion that the Grand Lodge Representative system "is useless, cumbersome and promotive of inharmony," and accordingly issued letters to the several Grand Masters informing them that he had concluded to withdraw his representatives near other Grand Masters. After enlarging upon the reasons that prompted him to this conclusion and step he finishes by saying:

"In thus relieving myself and successors of the disagreeable correspondence and entanglements which this system entailed upon my predecessors, I repeat, as I stated in my letter abolishing the system, that I did it for no other purpose than to end a practice which has become superfluous and unnecessary, and which practically subverts no recognized Masonic advantages; and that I did this with entire respect to the Grand Masters of the several Masonic jurisdictions, with the earnest desire and hope that the fraternal and cordial relations existing between them and their Grand Lodges and the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, may continue in true Masonic spirit."

Pennsylvania is also a strong adherent to "perpetual jurisdiction," and during the year had tried, convicted and expelled several persons who had been initiated in other jurisdictions. "The law of this Grand Lodge is, that an objection once made continues until it has been removed by the jurisdiction in which it was made."

The following is worthy of very deep consideration:

"It has been frequently observed by Brethren who have greater experience and more wisdom than I possess, that it is a matter of regret that Masonry recognizes or has any association with anything beyond the Seventh or Royal Arch degree which is conferred in the Chapters. Many entanglements and contentions and much injustice would have been avoided, by keeping Masonry within its original bounds, giving the Brethren the completion thereof in the Royal Arch degree, and recognizing or interfering with nothing beyond that. This view is emphasized when it is known that the fulness of Masonry is completed in the Royal Arch degree. Whatever has been added belongs to modern, not ancient Free Masonry, and therefore lacks the authority of the ancient Craft."

The address throughout is an able and instructive document and shows the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be

conducted in strict conformity with the "Ancient Landmarks," as well as keeping "Masonry within Masons."

Report on correspondence is by M. W. Bro. Richard Vaux, P. G. M., and in line with his previous ability and well established reputation as a writer of more than high merit. British Columbia for 1892-3 has more than a share of review. Our proceedings recorded "three Grand Treasures" at the dedicatory services in New Westminster, which quite amused Bro. Vaux, who said: "If it needed three Grand Treasurers to obtain the money, or to receive it, we are in doubt as to the special reason for three Grand Treasurers." The ceremonies at the Lodge of Sorrow were of a public nature, that is by invitation to immediate friends of the Craft and relatives of the deceased. Where was the harm Bro. Vaux? So long as nothing was done but what a "Profane" could see or hear. The following is Bro. Vaux's views on rejected material:

"The decision reported by Grand Master Downie that 'a Lodge has no jurisdiction over rejected material for the degrees after the time limit—viz., twelve months—has expired,' is, to our view, based on an entire misconception of the question, the only question involved. It is not the jurisdiction over the rejected *material*, but it is the fact of *rejection*. A rejected applicant for Masonry remains under the rejection till it is lawfully and Masonically removed. That can never be done by a *time limit*. If he was unworthy in January, he is still unworthy in the following January unless the rejecting Lodge removed the sentence of his rejection. It is not unreasonable, nor is it Masonic for a rejected applicant to be made a Mason if he is still under the rejection. To apply for initiation a second time after rejection, it must affirmatively appear he is then under the tongue of good Masonic report. How can he so be if a Lodge hold on its record the fact that he was rejected, and still stand rejected on that record? It matters not where he makes his application, the Lodge applied to must take the necessary and effective means to get lawful Masonic information of his standing. It won't do to let objectionable, unworthy, and rejected material into a Lodge and thereby into the Craft. It must be shown he is worthy to obtain the rights and privileges of Free Masonry. The Lodge is seeking the applicant, the applicant is seeking the Lodge, and hence, for the welfare of all the Brethren, it cannot assume the essential requisites which the applicant must prove he possesses. The burden of proof is on the applicant. The Lodge must wait till it is produced."

We thank you Bro. Vaux for your highly complimentary remarks on our first report on correspondence and only wish we could claim the authorship of the "concluding paper," but cannot, as it is from the able pen of our late lamented Bro. Connor, of Tennessee, and belongs to the report from that Grand Lodge. It is too learned and deep for my Masonic ability just now. The report of Bro. Vaux must be read to be appreciated and should like space for much of his contributions to the Mason world.

M. W. MICHAEL ARNOLD,  
*Grand Master*, re-elected.

R. W. MICHAEL NESBIT,  
*Grand Secretary*, re-elected.

Address, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

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### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

18TH ANNUAL, CHARLOTTETOWN, JUNE 26, 1893.

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*M. W. Simon Crabtree, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative, R. W. Brother Daniel Ross was present. The Grand Master reported continued prosperity of the Craft. Only one question had been officially submitted during the year. Returns show 12 Lodges with 493 members. A report on Correspondence was presented, but owing to the low condition of finances the same was recommended not published, although the report was an excellent one. (We regret this state of affairs, and hope it may be altered by next session.) We think this Jurisdiction takes precedence in having had one Grand Master (John Yeo) in office for fourteen consecutive years. This Grand Lodge also holds that "a Lodge working Under Dispensation cannot affiliate brethren." We should like to know why. Surely,

if they can do the more important work of making Masons, where is the wrong in not affiliating them. Will some Brother please explain, who holds to this theory?

M. W. THOMAS A. McLEAN,  
*Grand Master, Charlottetown.*

R. W. B. WILSON HIGGS,  
*Grand Secretary, Charlottetown.*

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**QUEBEC.**

23RD ANNUAL, MONTREAL, JANUARY 26TH, 1893.

*M. W. Brother Frank Edgar, Grand Master.*

GRAND Secretary J. H. Isaacson was unable to be present owing to illness. Our Representative Bro. D. Anderson was present. The Grand Master said, "In our own Jurisdiction, in spite of many disadvantages under which we labour, and the prejudice entertained against Freemasonry by those who have been led erroneously, to believe it opposed to their race, religion and political aspirations, we have continued to hold our ground in most of the districts, while in the others there is a marked increase."

Speaking of Grand Representatives, he said, "I was compelled to call the attention of several Grand Representatives to the fact of their absence from our late Annual Communication without leave or excuse; in nearly every instance a satisfactory explanation was given." This is a step in the right direction and should be adopted throughout, as Grand Representatives are not as attentive to their duties as they might be.

During the year M. W. Bro. John Hamilton published the "Outlines of the History of Freemasonry in the Pro-

vince of Quebec," which is highly spoken of as a work of unwearied labor and research.

No decisions or rulings were given that required special mention. Three Lodges in Quebec still work under warrants from the Grand Lodge of England. This has been a matter of considerable controversy in Quebec, and the Grand Master in his closing remarks says, "The future position in our Jurisdiction is a matter yet to be decided by this Grand Lodge."

Returns show 56 Lodges with 3162 members.

Report on Correspondence is by E. T. D. Chambers. In his opening remarks he says on "Unaffiliated Masons," "The increasing number in many Grand Jurisdictions reviewed (now estimated at 400,000) is a matter of deep concern to the Craft. He will, indeed, merit well of the Fraternity who will devise some means of overcoming the difficulty—all kinds of suggestions are made looking to its removal. We have always entertained the belief that if more care was exercised at the ballot-box, and that if Lodge meetings were made more interesting and more instructive to Lodge members, there would not only be fewer unaffiliated Masons, but a larger attendance at Lodge meetings. Irregular attendance at meetings is often the first step towards asking for a dimit."

British Columbia for 1892 receives considerable space and kindly mention. Brother Chambers gives his Grand Lodge and the Craft generally a sound and instructive report.

M. W. THOMAS PAGE BUTLER,

*Grand Master, Montreal.*

R. W. J. H. ISAACSON,

*Grand Secretary.*

**QUEBEC.**

24TH ANNUAL, MONTREAL, 31ST JANUARY, 1894.

*M. W. Thos. P. Butler, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative not reported present. The Grand Master reports: "Matters in our own jurisdiction have been so uneventful that Providence has dealt so graciously with us, and that with the one exception to which I shall allude hereafter, peace and harmony have prevailed."

Returns show 57 Lodges under warrants, with 3318 members.

Considerable legislation was transacted by Grand Lodge but all of local interest only. Death had called away two Past Grand Masters, Bros. E. R. Johnson and J. F. Walker.

Report on correspondence is by Bro. E. T. D. Chambers. British Columbia for 1893 is reviewed.

The report throughout is interesting and instructive, and compliment our worthy brother on his contribution.

JNO. P. NOYES,  
*Grand Master, Sweetsburg.*

JOHN H. ISAACSON,  
*Grand Secretary, Montreal.*

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**SOUTH CAROLINA.**

117TH ANNUAL, CHARLESTON, 12TH DECEMBER, 1893.

*M. W. Stiles P. Dendy, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative not present. The Grand Master reports peace and harmony within their own borders, friendly relations with all Grand Bodies, both foreign and in the United States have been preserved, and all the

internal and external conditions favorable to the future growth and development of the Craft still exist. The learned brother in an able, impressive manner discourses on the birth and missions of Free Masonry tracing its rise and progress to the present day, and we regret only having space to quote his concluding remarks on the topic.

"It will not be from defects in the organization itself, but through the unfaithfulness of its members to the Order and to themselves, in not living up to its teachings and principles. The foundation principles of the Order have remained the same throughout all the ages of the past, and it is a Canon of Masonry, that it lieth not in the power of any man or body of men or Masons, to make changes or innovations in the ancient Landmarks of the institution. We may reasonably believe, and with full confidence predict, that Masonry will remain for all coming time, in all its essentials the same and unchanged. Based upon truth as its eternal corner-stone, it has stood, and will defy all the ravages of time, and if its power and influences, benefits and teachings as a moral and benevolent institution, are ever lost to the world, it will only be through the infidelity of the Craft to the tenets and principles of the Order. It must, therefore, remain imperishable to bless the generations of earth as time rolls onward, and until it shall be finally merged in the eternity beyond. Another has beautifully and truthfully said of Masonry: 'Its laws are reason and equity; its principles benevolence and love; its religion purity and truth; its intentions is peace on earth; and its disposition good-will toward men.' Let us, then, my Brethren, be true to ourselves, true to each other, and true and loyal to the tenets and sublime teachings of our Order, and thus shall Masonry be perpetuated to the latest generations of earth, until there shall be a practical realization of the sublime truth that

'God hath made mankind one mighty brotherhood,  
Himself their Master, and the world His Lodge.'

Returns show 186 Lodges, 6099 members. No report on correspondence.

Both the M. W. Grand Master and R. W. Grand Secretary were re-elected.

The representative of South Carolina near this Grand Lodge, Bro. W. J. Young, of Comox, died last fall, and P. G. M. Marcus Wolfe appointed in his place.

**SOUTH DAKOTA.**

19TH ANNUAL, YANKTON, JUNE 13TH, 1893.

GRAND Master Harry J. Rice presiding. Our Representative not reported present. The Grand Master said, "It affords me pleasure to assure you that peace, harmony and prosperity abound throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and while we have not materially increased the number of Lodges, still the records will show a healthy increase in membership. He decided that "A Lodge may give Masonic burial to a non-affiliated Mason, if the Lodge so desire and the Brother was worthy." Brother Rice evidently believes that "once a Mason, always a Mason."

Returns show 3926 members.

Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Wm. Blatt. British Columbia has extended notice and most favorable comment. On the "Uniform Clothing" question he said

"Other jurisdictions wrestle for establishing a uniform Ritual and British Columbia for uniformity in Masonic clothing. Some Lodges seem to doubt Grand Lodge authority in establishing the same, and the Grand Master wrote to Drummond and Parvin for their opinion. Upon this point, Bro. Wolfe, there can be no two opinions. The Grand Lodge is supreme authority in all matters Masonic. Lodges and individual Masons must ask for and seek remedies within the legislative body of the Grand Lodge by lawful means."

Brother Blatt's report throughout is concise but very interesting and instructive.

RICHARD C. McCALLISTER,  
*M. W. Grand Master*, Madison.

CHARLES T. McCoy,  
*R. W. Grand Secretary*, Aberdeen.

Twentieth Annual, Hot Springs, June 12th, 1894.



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**

*M. W. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Kintore, P. C. M. C. M.  
G. &c., Grand Master.*

WE have received the bound proceedings of the several quarterly Communications from July, 1892 to April 1893, which came to us nicely bound, a new departure for Foreign Proceedings.

Considerable discussion was had as to whether the "Ancient Landmarks" should be omitted from the Constitution, and was decided in the affirmative. Opinions on the "Landmarks" from eminent Masonic writers, such as Pike, Gould, Mackay and Parvin, are quoted.

Returns show 39 Lodges with 2378 members, December 31, 1892.

The Earl of Kintore was re-elected Grand Master. They also have Pro. Grand and Deputy Grand Masters.

J. H. CUNNINGHAM,  
*Grand Secretary.*

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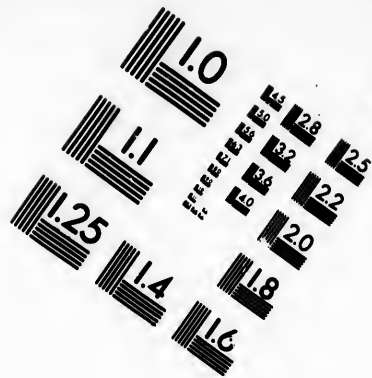
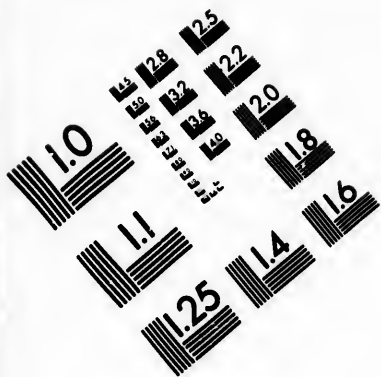
**TENNESSEE.**

80TH ANNUAL, NASHVILLE, 31ST JANUARY, 1894.

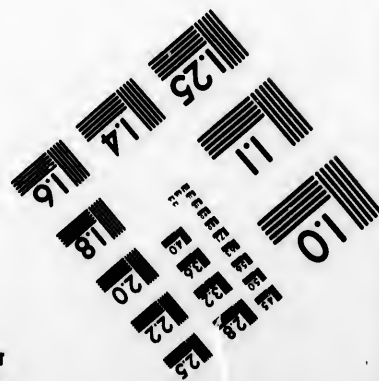
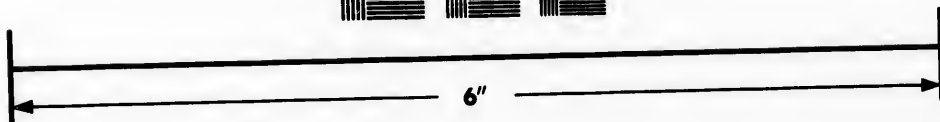
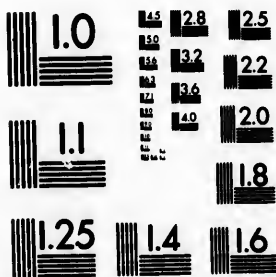
*M. W. Bun. F. Price, Grand Master.*

THIRTY-ONE official rulings are reported, all of which we find to be to be good Masonic law. We had never seen the following: "That a member of a committee on examination has a right to make a minority report." "That a Brother has a right to withdraw his blackball against a candidate, provided he does so in open Lodge at the time the ballot is taken and before any Brother has left the Lodge





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room." The Grand Master had been very active and busy as his report shows. He recommended the withdrawal of a Commission now in the hands of Representatives near other Grand Lodges and in the future no others be issued saying, "There is no law requiring the appointment of Representatives; it is simply a custom out of which I have never known any good to arise," which was subsequently approved by Committee on Jurisprudence and adopted by Grand Lodge, following in the footsteps of Pennsylvania. Next?

Although the Grand Master had had a protracted illness he performed his arduous duties remarkably well and takes the "cake" for pluck and energy—nothing so small as a "bun."

The following is rather one sided legislation.

"MASONIC FUNERALS.

"The following resolution was adopted :

"Two years ago your Grand Master recommended that where other fraternal orders officiated over the remains of a deceased Brother the Masonic funeral ceremony should not be held, and I am informed that the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence concurred in this recommendation; and I would now offer this as a resolution, that in instances of the death of a Past Officer of the Grand Lodge, and when other orders officiate, that at his request the Masonic funeral service be permitted.

"J. A. PERKINS."

Why only in the case of Past Grand Officers, and not at the request also of any worthy "Brother Mason?"

We fail to see where Masonry loses any of her prestige by the co-mingling with other societies at funerals, provided always they are conducted in accordance with "Masonic rights and custom."

Returns show 429 Lodges with 17826 Master Masons.

Report on Correspondence is by Brother George C. Conner, and we very much regret to say it was his last valu-

able contribution as a rare and able Masonic student and writer. He had no hopes of recovering from his illness as his "Farewell" at close of his work testified. We append the Grand Master's Circular, and extend the fraternal sympathy of this Grand Lodge to the Masons of Tennessee in their sorrow.

OFFICE OF THE  
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN TENNESSEE,

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., March 12, 1894.

*To the Subordinate Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in Tennessee:*

BRETHREN,—George C. Connor died at his home in the city of Chattanooga, Tennessee, a few minutes before six o'clock on the morning of Friday, March the 9th, 1894.

This announcement is made in sorrow, and in sorrow will it be received by the Masonic Fraternity.

Brother Connor was an illustrious Mason. He had the natural gifts of a fine personal presence and of splendid mental powers. He had by careful study, extensive travel and industrious research improved and expanded his natural talents, thoroughly mastered the history of the Masonic Order and made himself one of the ablest and most scholarly interpreters of its Mystic Ceremonies. In these respects it is confidently believed that, at least in the United States, he had no superior, and it is doubted whether he had an equal. He had been long, intimately and prominently connected with legitimate Masonry in nearly all its degrees. He had held the highest offices in all the Masonic bodies in this State, and also prominent places in National organizations.

At the time of his death Brother Connor was a Past Grand Master of Tennessee, Chairman of the Committee of Correspondence of the Grand Lodge, Chairman of the Committee to Codify the Edicts and Decisions of the Grand Lodge, Chairman of the Board of Custodians of the Work and Lectures, and one of the most active, able and useful members, and, at times, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge, composed of all the living Past Grand Masters of the State.

He filled every position to which he had been called with eminent, often unequalled, ability. He was in constant demand in both the public and private ceremonies of Masonry. He has, through his writings and addresses, embellished and enriched the literature of the Order and made for himself a permanent and enviable place therein.

In view of all this it is deemed appropriate to make this official announcement of his death.

A committee of Past Grand Masters will be appointed to prepare a suitable memorial to his memory to be presented for the consideration of the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication.

And while Brother Connor often held high official position, he was, nevertheless, always in most intimate, cordial and extremely useful relations with the masses of the Masons of Tennessee. Few, if any, men were ever more widely and favorably known as Masons than was he.

It is, therefore, suggested that the Subordinate Lodges each, severally, take some appropriate action and make some appropriate record in his memory.

He was laid to rest in the beautiful Forest Hills Cemetery at Chattanooga, on Sunday, March 11, 1894. It may be of interest to the Brethren, especially those who knew him personally, to be told that the high esteem in which our Brother was held was evidenced by the vast concourse of people, including Masons and many who were not, numbers of whom came long distances for the purpose, who, in spite of the stormy day, attended the funeral exercises both at the residence and at the grave.

He lived in the Christian faith, he died in the Christian hope, and he was buried while surrounded by a multitude of sorrowing friends, who, without regard to sect or creed, save the universal brotherhood of man and Fatherhood of God, united in the last sad rites to show their respect for this excellent man and eminent Mason.

“ Death is the road our dearest friends have gone ;  
 Why, with such leaders, fear to say, ‘ Lead on ’ ?  
 Its gate repels, lest it too soon be tried,  
 But turns to balm on the immortal side.  
 Mothers have passed it, fathers, children, *men*  
*Whose like we lock not to behold again ;*  
 Women that smiled away their loving breath;  
 Soft is the traveling on the road of Death.”

Fraternally,

H. A. CHAMBERS,

*Grand Master.*



Attest: JOHN FRIZZELL,

*Grand Secretary.*

The following are a portion of Brother Conner's concluding papers.

#### CONCLUDING PAPERS.

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The work is done, the record of another year made up. This committee has leisurely strolled through the green fields and beside the still waters of nearly all the jurisdictions with which this Grand Lodge is in correspondence. Sometimes we have wandered hand in hand with a genial Brother beloved, and again walked stiff and dignified beside just as good a Free Mason, but one with a soul not quite so warm. Then we have affectionately thrust a hand inside the arm of a dear one and drew him closer to us, and don't you know that we stopped occasionally to embrace one whose kindness touched our heart and made us wish that his tribe was larger.

#### CUI BONO.

What means such associations as ours if not exalted by brotherly love? Of what value are our Lodges if they do not bring its members into closer communion and more harmonious fellowship? In no other society of earth can differing minds and hearts so harmoniously co-operate. In no other aggregation of religions, politics, philosophies, ethics, hopes, fears and ambitions can there be absolute peace. How grateful we should be that there has come down to us, hallowed by the mysterious struggles of the race in the hidden past, a society so worthy of our patronage and of our energetic support.

#### THE SEARCH AFTER TRUTH.

The Masonic shibboleth, Truth, is not an empty affirmation, but a God-given, soul-inspiring, thought-lifting fact. Truth is the central thought of the universe, for God is Truth. Man demands liberty of thought and action, consenting that it be curtailed only so far as truth and righteousness may demand. He seeks to worship the God he is able to comprehend, and demands that he be permitted to so worship unmolested, so far as truth and righteousness will permit. To determine the limits of his physical and mental liberty, and of his worship of Almighty God, he seeks to know the whole truth! And in this search he is not to be unwillingly shackled by the dogmas of another, either in punishment or in ostracism. He is alone responsible to his God, and the man who presumes to hinder, in any way, his search after God is infringing the rules of the great society of Free Masonry.

#### SECTARIAN OUTCROPPINGS.

In the Annuals of the past Masonic year there are occasional outcroppings of sectarianism such as demands that the applicants for Free



Masonry hold special beliefs. And these demands are maintained by a few with much ability and considerable zeal. We look upon such demands as wedges that, if driven home, will destroy the broad platform of universality upon which Masonry stands. A century ago Masonry was entirely Christian, and universality has been achieved through persistent resistance of the sectarian spirit. Now that universality is reached, practically, it seems a pity that over-zealous brethren should seek to overturn it.

Two immense planks form the platform of Universal Free Masonry: Belief in the existence of God, and in the immortality of the soul. But the Christian zealots would insert two others: The resurrection of the body, and the divine authenticity of the Bible. The writer believes all four, but there are abler men, with purer hearts and nobler motives than he who do not believe the latter two. Such are Free Masons, good and true, to our personal knowledge; men who are able to stand firmly and battle nobly for the rights of man and the glory of the Supreme. Are such to be cast out because they are not able to believe more than the two great doctrines?

#### ANDROGYNOUS MASONRY.

Several brethren, with a stronger desire to be popular with some of the zealous women of the day than to stand by the traditions of the Fraternity, applaud the efforts of a society called the "Eastern Star" to fasten itself on Free Masonry. These quote the noble, charitable, philanthropic characteristics of woman, and are apparently shocked at anyone who is able to understand woman in her Heaven-given qualities of soul, and yet insist that woman has no place in our esoterics. It is all affectation, for these able brethren know better.

We protest that the mere fact of the mothers, wives and sisters of Masons belonging to this society gives the society itself no more claims on our lodge rooms, or a superior right to commingle, as a society, in our appearances before the public, than have the Hospital Associations, the Orphans' Homes, or the Churches, of which these same ladies are members; and, in fact, these relations invest them with no rights of that kind whatever. Free Masonry is unique; it can not be changed in its distinguishing characteristics without destroying the Fraternity altogether. To admit woman into its inner, esoteric circles would utterly destroy it.

Cheerfully do we grant that the various societies controlled by women accomplish great good; and we further admit that there are societies that accomplish more in the line of charity than does Free Masonry. Free Masonry is not an eleemosynary hospital, nor is it continued from the days of the Fathers until now as a merely charitable institution. It has other than charitable objects; its domain being in the intellectual world rather than in the material. It seeks to lift man

above the perils of poverty, and to make of all its votaries self-sustaining men in all things. It labors to make men free, by delivering them from the tyranny of their passions and appetites; by loosening the fetters of ignorance and superstition that naturally enslave all. Its final goal is the restoration of man to the image of his God!

In the hubbub attending the ephemeral societies that have sprung up like Jonah's gourd, the true intent of Free Masonry has been greatly beclouded. The new arrivals in the Temple seek to bring with them the fads of those modern societies; they must be taught to drop all of them at the lower step of the stairs that ascend to the porch of our ancient Temple. They may give aid and comfort as individuals to all societies that claim and secure their approval, but when acting as Free Masons they must confine themselves to the duties, requirements and regulations of the time-honored institution which has given them honor—not they honored it—by allowing them to pass its threshold. But if they persist in preferring the fad of the modern imitations, let them return to such playthings, but not dare to lay unholy hands upon our secret and noble Fraternity.

#### PHYSICAL PERFECTION.

The decisions are about evenly divided between the demands of the Operatives and the Speculatives; that is, between the claim that the same qualifications are necessary in applicants now as were necessary to admission to the Operative Guilds, when fingers and feet were absolutely needful to pursue their calling, and the counter claim that in Speculative Free Masonry it is physically required that the applicant be able to receive and impart the ritual, and no more. We think the Speculative idea is therefore gaining ground.

The writer sympathizes, of course, with the advanced thought. And in doing this he will not allow himself to be misrepresented. We hold that Speculative Free Masonry never demanded the physical perfection that the Operative, or Mason Guilds, did. No such perfection is demanded any where on earth to-day but by American Free Masonry, and only by a portion of these jurisdictions. Therefore there is no landmark standing to confront the claims we approve. And these claims are summed up in this: The moral qualities are infinitely of more importance than the physical in applicants for the mysteries of Free Masonry! As Free Masons we toil not neither do we spin. Our "labors" are purely intellectual, and good deeds can be as fully performed by the non-perfects as by the perfects.

Of course the "perfectionists" will pronounce us an iconoclast! Let us assure such that the real idols that we would break are ignorance and prejudice. It is the writer's earnest desire to lay all the facts before the brethren; then will there be no excuse to plead ignorance of the

customs of the Craft. It is a further desire of ours to so place the question before the brethren that they will not prejudge it, but will earnestly enquire into all that is affirmed on both sides, and conclude when they have exhausted the enquiry; not before.

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The Chairman began this Review early in August, but soon he fell before the assault of what he fears is an incurable disease. Little by little I struggle on, never losing sight of the probability that this might be the last work I would be permitted to do for my brethren. The clouds have slowly lifted and the burden is not quite so heavy to-day. But there were days when I caught glimpses of the Pearly-Gate and heard footfalls beyond the boundary of the other world. I toiled because I knew I had the sympathy of my brethren and that what I wrote would live when I was gone. I struggled against pain because the glory of the Masonic Fraternity enlists every power of my heart and soul in these my declining years.

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To God the Father, and the Brotherhood of the Sons of Light, do I dedicate the following pages. May they be luminous to the initiate and the non-initiate. And may they be read with as much zeal as characterized their preparation.

#### FAREWELL.

"Aye, it may be forever; the Father alone knoweth. But if we meet no more here, may we meet beyond the river where the waves of sorrow surge no more. Yes, the Pearly Gate comes nearer, and the light from its wicket streams down to us along the highway. The burden remains, but it grows lighter every year.

"Here we see the faults of each other magnified, entirely because we do not know each other; but we will know each other there; yea, in that bright and shining land where the weary and the misunderstood are at rest forever. Here we lay up both earthly and spiritual treasures; the former to discharge our obligations, the latter that we may honor God and elevate mankind. Such laying up and trustfulness make up the life of a true Free Mason.

"Many of the beloved have crossed over the river since last we reported. They are not absorbed in the fountain of Nirvana, as the Buddhist dreams; they have gone home to the bosom of their God. They live because God lives, and through the mercy of God we shall meet them there. Ah! how precious the thought—

So star by star declines,  
Till all are passed away.  
Nor sink those stars in empty night,  
But hide themselves in heaven's own light.

In the bonds of the Brotherhood."

G. C. CONNOR,  
*Chairman.*

M. W. HENRY A. CHAMBERS,  
*Grand Master, Chattanooga.*

R. W. JOHN FRIZZEL,  
*Grand Secretary, Nashville.*

Eighty-first Annual, Nashville, January 30th, 1895.

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**TEXAS.**

FIFTH-EIGHTH ANNUAL, HOUSTON, DECEMBER 5TH, 1893.

*M. W. Thomas B. Cochran, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative Brother T. H. Haynie was (as usual) present. The volume of proceedings before us is massive, containing 400 pages of small print. The Grand Master said, "The year has not been one of general prosperity to all our fraternity, yet the conditions are so much better with us than in many other countries that we ought rather to rejoice than complain."

The Grand Master had a busy year, and no wonder, having 600 Lodges with 25000 Masons to attend to.

He reports 38 decisions which are, in the main, of local application and involve no new points. He reports no disturbance in pleasant relations with other Grand Lodges with whom they are in fraternal correspondence.

Brother Munroe Miller of Victoria has been commissioned as their Representative.

Returns show 561 active Lodges with 24472 Master Masons.

Report on Correspondence is by Brother Thomas M. Matthews which is the eighth contribution of merit, and proves himself a forcible reviewer and well informed, on Masonic law and custom. British Columbia for 1893 is favorably noticed. We are again credited with the "Concluding Papers" of Brother Conner (Tennessee) and as we have said elsewhere, would like to be able to prepare such able papers. Thanks Brother Matthews for your compliments and we have exceedingly enjoyed your Report, from which we should like to have made copious extracts had time and space permitted.

M. W. B. F. FRYMIER,  
*Grand Master*, Houston.

R. W. W. F. SWAIN,  
*Grand Secretary*, Houston.

Fifty-ninth Annual, Houston, December 4th, 1894.

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**U T A H .**

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL, PROVO, JANUARY 16TH, 1894.

*M. W. A. B. Emery, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative not present. The Grand Master reported the Lodges in a prosperous condition; peace and harmony prevailing; foreign relations had not been disturbed.

On the subject of the Grand Representative system Brother Emery differed (and very properly) from the opinions

held by the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, in that "A Grand Representative represents the Grand Lodge and *not* the Grand Master."

The following decision is in accordance with our views and as it is often a "bone of contention," I copy it for general information to our Lodges.

I have made the following official ruling which I deem of sufficient importance to require consideration by the Grand Lodge.

*Question.* Is not a Masonic Lodge in duty bound to, First: Bury a member of the Lodge with Masonic honors, and, Second: To pay all the funeral expenses of the deceased.

*Answer.* It is the duty of a Masonic Lodge to bury a deceased member with Masonic Honors if requested to do so by himself while living or by his family after death, and in case of need to pay the funeral expenses; but if the deceased Brother has left large possessions, the family or the heirs of the estate should pay the funeral expenses and not the Lodge.

*Explanation.* Upon inquiry I found that the estate left by the deceased Brother was up in the thousands and could well afford to pay the funeral expenses of the departed Brother.

Brethren, when I first crossed the threshold of Masonry I was instructed to "assist a Brother in like destitute circumstances" and I have endeavored to follow that instruction all my life. I believe in Masonic charity, but it should be bestowed upon the needy and distressed. Let our charity flow to them, not grudgingly, but freely and heartily. The fortunate should not claim Masonic Charity, granting it to them would be taking bread from the hungry Brother, support from the needy widow and education from the helpless orphan. That is my opinion of Masonic Charity, hence my decision."

I may also add that it was approved by Grand Lodge, modified as follows, "That it is not the duty of a Lodge to defray the funeral expenses of a deceased Brother, except as an act of Masonic Charity."

The retiring Grand Master after having surrendered the Gabel, presented to the incoming Grand Master a valuable and beautiful signet ring, to be used as the Grand Master's private seal during his Office and by him transmitted to his

successor while the Grand Lodge of Utah endures,—rather a unique idea.

Returns show 9 Lodges with 668 Master Masons.

Report on Correspondence is by R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl and is in his usual happy style. British Columbia for 1893 receives more than favorable review. We cannot refrain from giving the following extract (although it looks like conceit on our part) as it is amusing, a little of which we all enjoy, and shows Bro. Diehl to be a “happy old man”

“Bro. Marcus Wolfe, Past Grand Master, presented the Report on Correspondence. Bro. Wolfe enters the reporter’s arena for the first time, and appears more as a spectator than as a gladiator. He is very modest, indeed, but that will wear off, and we wager a big Utah apple that at the second entrance he will take a hand in the battle and not only tell “what has transpired,” but also argue and criticise. In his review of Utah for 1893, he informs us that he is no “spring chicken,” and that he has passed the shady side of forty, which gives me twenty-three years more experience, but not more wisdom. If I was once more forty and knew what I know now I would be the richest man in Utah, and would erect and present to the Fraternity in Salt Lake City a Masonic Temple that would beat Brigham’s Mormon Temple all to pieces. May we meet again Brother Wolfe, until then, ta-ta.”

This Report is his nineteenth, and as all his former ones, full of interest and sound reasoning. Thanks Brother Diehl for your kind remarks.

M. W. A. S. CHAPMAN,  
*Grand Master, Salt Lake City.*

R. W. CHRISTOPHER DIEHL,  
*Grand Secretary, Salt Lake City.*

Twenty-fourth Annual, Ogden, January 15th, 1895.

**UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.**

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, MELBOURNE, DECEMBER 18TH, 1893.

*M. W. Sir W. J. Clarke, Grand Master*

**N**INETY-TWO Lodges were represented. A fund of £1500 is shown. This is rather singular:—The Grand Master had occasion to suspend the Grand Secretary from office and remarked “He thought until the March meeting they would be able to carry on, etc., and that it would be well to put *an advertisement* in the papers, so as to allow anyone who wished to apply to do so, and give him time to look into the qualifications.”

Brother T. Smith, Pres. B of G. P. “hoped with all submission to the M. W. G. that no advertisement would be inserted in the newspapers, as there were many qualified Brethren around him whom he might appoint.”

The result is not reported.

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**WASHINGTON.**

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL, TACOMA, JUNE 13TH, 1893.

*M. W. Alfred A. Plummer, Grand Master.*

**(O)**UR Representative not reported present. Prosperity and harmony among the Lodges and individual members thereof is reported by the Grand Master.

A large number of decisions are recorded. We quote No. 3, “How many does it take to open a Lodge of Master Masons?” Ans. Seven. The committee reported in this, viz:—



*Third.* We recommend that all the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master be concurred in, except the third, in which he decides that it takes seven Masons to OPEN a Lodge of Master Masons. In some jurisdictions the number seven is made necessary by the written law, but this Grand Lodge has no constitutional provision, law or edict to that effect. Hence the number required cannot be said to be fixed by law in this jurisdiction, unless it be fixed by the unwritten universal law of Masonry. As to what that unwritten law is, or where evidence of it may be found, your committee do not deem it proper to report in writing. Your committee are of the opinion that, while it takes seven Masons to transact certain kinds of Lodge business, *three* Master Masons may *open* a Lodge.

No. 22. "A travelling salesman for a wholesale liquor house is not eligible to petition for degrees."

Brother Plummer's remarks on the "non-affiliate" are capital, and his contention is that the prime cause of this is the "Three members of the Commistee to whom was referred the petition of this much condemned individual when presented to the Lodge," the substance being that, if more care was exercised when receiving petitioners, there would not be so many non-affiliates. Besides, our Lodge meetings are too full of cold formality and not sufficient hospitality alike to visitors and members."

Brother W. H. Upton, Acting Grand Orator, delivered an able and instructive address "A Plea for the Teaching of Masonry."

A large volume of business was transacted of local importance.

Returns show 91 Lodges with 4837 Master Masons.

Report on Correspondence is by Brother Thos B. Reed and Brother L. Ziegler, being a careful review of 55 Grand Lodge proceedings including British Columbia, which receives a good share of copy and most favorable comment. We regret not having time to go more fully into the report,

which I am sure was both interesting and instructive to Washington as it must be the Reportorial Corps.

M. W. E. ROSS HARE,  
*Grand Master, Tacoma.*

R. W. THOMAS M. REED,  
*Grand Secretary, Olympia.*

Thirty-seventh Annual, Everett, June 12th, 1894.

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**WISCONSIN.**

49TH ANNUAL, MILWAUKEE, JUNE 13TH, 1893.

*M. W. Fred. Ring, Grand Master, presiding.*

CONDITION of the Craft shows a healthy increase in numbers. Brother Ring very properly enlarged on the necessity of greater care being taken in the admission of candidates and said, "It is the quality and not the quantity that demonstrates whether we are advancing or not." This is only too true, and our Lodges would do well to heed this all important factor, as it is in many Lodges reversed. 1026 initiations had taken place in 1893; net increase of membership, 669; and total membership, 14,988. The year had passed peaceably and quietly. The death of Past Grand Master John T. Wentworth was most appropriately referred to.

Returns show 225 Lodges with 14,988 members.

Representative of Wisconsin near British Columbia is quoted as Jonathan Nutt, who has been deceased some years, and we (according to their proceedings) have none near them.

Report on Correspondence is by Brother D. McGregor. British Columbia for 1892 has very favorable comment.

M. W. WM. C. SWAIN,  
*Grand Master, Milwaukee.*

R. W. JOHN W. LAFLIN,  
*Grand Secretary, Milwaukee.*

Fiftieth Annual, Milwaukee, June, 1894.

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### WYOMING.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL, LARAMIE, DECEMBER 5TH, 1893.

⑨ WING to death having invaded the household and sickness of other members of the family of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, it was impossible for him to be present. The Deputy Grand Master presided, Brother Ed. F. Stahle.

Our Representative not present. The Grand Master reported "That although we have passed through a money stringency, nearly unparalleled in the world's history, all the Subordinate Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction are, generally speaking, on a good, sound, financial basis and in a prosperous condition—peace and harmony prevail with all Sister Grand Lodges." The Grand Master advocates the abolishing of the Grand Representative system.

Returns show 16 Lodges with 882 Master Masons.

We note in their Constitution that the "Past Master's degree upon the Master elect is prohibited." Completed service as Master qualifies him as a Past Master without ceremony.

Report on Correspondence is by Brother W. L. Kuyendall who is a writer of much ability and sound judgment. British Columbia for 1893 has favorable mention, and we feel obliged for the complimentary remarks on our first effort at Correspondence.

M. W. ED. F. STAHLÉ,

*Grand Master, Cheyenne.*

R. W. WM. L. KUYENDALL,

*Grand Secretary, Saratoga.*

Twentieth Annual, Newcastle, September 11th, 1893.

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### WEST VIRGINIA.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL, CHARLESTON, NOVEMBER 15TH, 1892.

*M. W. Lewis N. Tavernier, Grand Master.*

OUR Representative not present. The Grand Master reports the year as a prosperous one, membership increased and harmony prevails. Twenty seven decisions are recorded being nearly all of local application.

Returns show 94 Lodges with 4767 members.

The Committee on Jurisprudence answered "Yes" to the following questions and their report was adopted:—"Can any other than Masons act as pallbearers at a Masonic funeral when other organizations are taking part?" "Can any other than Masons act as pallbearers at a Masonic funeral when no other organizations are taking part?" We must take exception to this custom.

Report on Correspondence is by George W. Atkinson, an interesting and well prepared paper. British Columbia, 1892, had not been received.

M. W. GEORGE DAVIS,  
*Grand Master, Charleston.*

R. W. GEO. W. ATKINSON,  
*Grand Secretary, Wheeling.*

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### WEST VIRGINIA.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL, WHEELING, NOVEMBER 14TH, 1893.

*M. W. George Davis, Grand Master.*

SIX Special Communications, all for the purpose of laying corner stones, had been held, the most important being the occasion on which the New Masonic Temple at Wheeling was commenced.

The Grand Master said, "The year just closed has, in the main, been an uneventful one, peace and harmony have prevailed throughout our Grand Jurisdiction and from the reports of the District Grand Masters so far received, we have been fairly prosperous."

The following decision is the first I have had brought to my notice on the subject, "Where a room occupied by a Lodge is so situated as that the Master's chair is in the geographical west, the Junior Warden's station shall be on the north side of the hall. The Masonic terms, east, west, north and south are symbolical and need not always designate geographical points."

Returns show 101 Lodges with 4759 members.

Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary,  
Brother Atkinson. British Columbia for 1893 is reviewed.

M. W. ALEX. M. EVANS,  
*Grand Master*, Middleway.

R. W. G. W. ATKINSON,  
*Grand Secretary*, Wheeling.

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### CONCLUSION.

YOUR Committee has, with much gratification, as well as a source of pleasure completed the work assigned it, as enumerated in the index; also to say, that with few exceptions Masonry is steadily growing in all quarters of the civilized world and extending its benevolent influence. Brotherly love prevails, and the slight frictions (which can not be obviated) that have been brought to our notice, are only of a temporary nature, reason and justice prevailing.

The event of the past year was the "Masonic Congress" held at Chicago (particulars of which we have included) and whilst nothing pertaining to the establishment of permanent laws could be enacted, yet the meeting afforded opportunities for the ventilation of subjects, discussions on which elicited much interest and undoubtedly benefit to the Craft generally.

Nothing of any grave nature has occurred to disturb the universal peace and harmony existing between Sister Grand Lodges. There has been raised the question as to whether the "Grand Representative" System should be continued, and several of the Grand Lodges have arrived at the conclusion that it is useless, unnecessary, and productive of no good, in some cases having caused strife—as instanced be-

tween Ohio and Tennessee—New York and Indian Territory—Iowa and Pennsylvania. The Congress at Chicago, however, composed of more than one half of the Lodges in the United States concluded "That too little time had elapsed to give opportunity for definite judgment as to the usefulness of the system and it should therefore be continued."

The usual differences in questions of Masonic law and custom have prevailed and will no doubt go on so until the end, as each Jurisdiction makes her own laws in nearly all questions; even there is no unanimity as to the "Ancient Landmarks," and more is the pity that it should be so.

The "non-affiliate" is still a source of great annoyance, and the best way to deal with them is taxing the brains of nearly every Jurisdiction. One good way to lessen the evil is to make fewer Masons and have "quality and not quantity." Let investigating Committees use more precaution and circumspection and not be too ready to report "favorable" and we shall have fewer "demitted Masons."

In closing this our second report, we have to thank the Reviewers for their kind remarks on our last year's efforts, and for the cheering words which have given us comfort and courage.

We have more than thoroughly enjoyed the work, and have been much interested in the useful and practical information, as well as the wit and humor displayed throughout the various reports reviewed.

Our report has been condensed as much as possible and we hope that it may be read with interest by our own Brethren, as it is intended to be, (or else it becomes a useless expenditure) and meet with their approval, in which case we will be rewarded for our labor.

And to our "Brother Representatives" we bid adieu until your welcome "Book faces" come to us again and we shall be most happy to greet you.

"Happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again."

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

MARCUS WOLFE, P. G. M.

*Chairman.*





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# RETURNS OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

M.: W.: Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

*From March 1st, 1893, to February 28th, 1894.*

### VICTORIA-COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, at Masonic Hall.

#### OFFICERS.

Oddy, Benjamin S....	Worshipful Master	Richardson, William A....	Senior Deacon
Belyea, Arthur Louis....	Senior Warden	Milne, George L.....	Junior Deacon
Salmon, Henry L.....	Junior Warden	Jones, Charles F.....	Steward
Quinlan, W. J., P. M.....	Treasurer	Johnson, Edward E. C.....	Steward
Mason, C. Dubois.....	Secretary	Stewart, Alexander.....	Inner Guard
Dunby, William H. ....	Dirac. of Ceremonies	Mills, Albert E., P.M.....	Tyler

#### PAST MASTERS.

Baker, E. Crow.	McFarland, George.	Simpkins, William.
Cartmel, Daniel.	Northcott, Wm. W.	Tongue, John.
Flint, Arthur St. George.	Piercy, John.	Trounce, Thomas.
Fletcher, Thos. S.	Pearson, T. B.	Thomson, George.
Mitchell, Thomas R.	Russell, George S.	Williams, Frederick.
Millar, James.	Southgate, J. J.	Williams, Benjamin.
McKeown, Angus.	Shotholt, Thomas.	Weiler, John.
Metzger, Moses.	Salmon, E. J.	

#### MASTER MASONS.

Andrews, James.	Croft, Henry	Dodds, Thomas
Arthur, William.	Cohen, J. A.	Deans, George
Brodrick, R.	Campbell, Daniel	Day, John E.
Bendrodt, J. P.	Creech, William	Draney, Robert
Butters, James.	Church, Jerome E.	Dean, John
Blackwood, E. E.	Chipchase, Robert	Dunderdale, Ernest N.
Ball, John R. W.	Curral, W. D.	Esnouf, H. B.
Burns, William Carr	Carthew, John A.	English, Robt.
Beatley, John J.	Cameron, Allan	Elford, J. P.
Brown, Thos. H.	Coltart, John	Ellis, W. H.
Brett, Robt. Emmett	Courtney, George L.	Elliott, John George

## VICTORIA-COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1.--Continued.

## MASTER MASONS.

Fowler, Jasper	Martin, A. C.	Roberts, Frederick C.
Flett, Henry T.	Martin, J. T.	Reddick, Wm.
Fraser, R. L.	Mickle, Francis C. rd	Robertson, James R.
Flumerfelt, Alfred C.	Munn, Henry A	Richards, Oliver
Fullerton, J. L.	Mable, Wm. J.	Riddel, Peter J.
G rland, F. W.	Murray, Wm.	Sheehan, Dandel
Grove, W. H.	McDonald, Alexander	Stockham, Frederick
Guns, Thos. Sulter	Mc'ahill, Michael	Shaw, W. H.
Hookway, V. F.	McNiven, Alexander	Saunders, Henry
Hollins, J. M.	McCandless, Alex. G.	Smith, J. McK.
Holland, Joshua	Mackenzie, William G.	Smith, W. m. J.
Harrison, J. B.	Nicholson, J.	Stanton, Herbert
Hall, John	Nicholles, John	Stamford, J. L.
Jeffcott, J. C.	Northcott, J. A.	Sinclair, Robert
Jones, John	Nickells, W. T. J.	Salmund, Samuel
Jones, Arthur M.	Noakes, James	Swlnerston, Robert H.
Johnson, Edward E. C.	Phillips, Alexander	Speed, J. W.
Kelly, S. L.	Phillips, W. J.	Stocks, Joseph H.
Kettle, W. H.	Pennock, W. H.	Sheppard, Henry H.
Ker, D. R.	Preece, Thomas	Sharp, Kendrick
Knight, George	Penney, J. L.	Toller, Albert
Loewen, Joseph	Prossor, Thos. H.	Tulk, Charles J.
Levy, J. L.	Prevost, W. L.	Thompson, Martin
Langley, Edward	Payne, Gerald F.	Turner, Augustus F.
Leverton, J. C.	Perdue, George M	Townsend, Neville F.
Munro, George E.	Perry, Wm. H.	Trickey, William
Mesher, George C.	Robinson, J. J.	Wenger, John
Mesher, George	Rusta, Andrew	Whittaker, William
Mason, Robert	Reid, A. R.	Wills, Albert
Mason, Albert	Robson, Fredrick	Waterman, C. A.
Mallette, Charles E.	Robinson, Theodore H.	Wright, Henry
		Williams, W. T.

## DEMITTED.

Livock, W. T.	Moffat, John	Smith, Vernon W.
	Nathan, Henry	

## FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Clarke, John Sibree	Williams, W. W.
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## ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Davidson, Augustus Alexander.

## MASTER MASONS DECEASED.

Bossi, G.	Hooper, Matthew	Richards, M. S.
Browne, M. C.	Innes, Henry M.	

## SUSPENDED.

Cornish, J. C.	Mitchell, F. G.	Rouse, Peter
Dudgeon, James	McMillan, D.	Richardson, P. F.
Guslean, C.	Purchas, G. G.	Shaw, W. N.
Loseby, H. E.	Pike, Albert	

## EXPELLED.

Bourchier, Francis

REJECTED: For Degrees—Three.

## VANCOUVER-QUADRA LODGE, No. 2.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the Third Wednesday of each month at Masonic Temple, Douglas and Fisgard Streets.

## OFFICERS OF THE LODGE.

Waller, Henry.....	Worshipful Master	Thompson, M. H.....	Senior Deacon
Wilson David.....	Senior Warden	Muir, A. M.....	Junior Deacon
Glover, George.....	Junior Warden	Anderson, John.....	Steward
Lovell, J. B.....	Treasurer	Robertson, F. V.....	Steward
Brown, R. A.....	Secretary	Shaw, Richard.....	Inner Guard
Campbell, Rev. Dr. John.....	Chaplain	Mills, A. E. (member No. 1).....	Tyler
McMicking, R. B., P.M....	Dir. of Cern's	Berry, Francis.....	Organist

## PAST MASTERS.

Beaven, Robert	Heisterman, H. F.	Moss, Morris.
Dalby, W.	Harrison, Eli, Senr.	Miller, J. M.
Dow, George A.	Harrison, Eli, Jr.	Phillips, J. E.
Erskine, A. B.	Milne, A. R.	Ross, D. H.
Grahame, J. A.		

## MASTER MASONS.

Anderson, D. H.	Fletcher, Ceel	Muir, A.C.
Anderson, John	Gilmore, Alex.	McLennan, John
Bullen, W. F. T.	Gutman, David	McIvor, Rodk.
Brown, Frederick	Gregg, F. T.	McArthur, James
Bueknam, S. W.	Haynes, W.	McKenzie, A. W.
Bishop, George	Haynes, Geo. W.	McKeil, Robt. E.
Brown, Geo. H.	Heron, Robt.	Newman, Adolph
Behnsen, H.F.W.	Hunter, Jos.	Orniston, George
Bragg, W. Thos.	Harris, D. R.	Purver, R. L.
Bryce, Jas.	Henderson, Thos.	Patterson, John
Bragg, Ed.	Harrison, S.G.	Pearson, E.
Browne, Loftus	Harrie, C. J.	Price, W. G.
Berry, Francis	Hayward, Charles	Pascoe, W. H.
Calbreath, J. C.	Hussey, F. S.	Rudlin, Geo.
Cunningham, Robt.	Hayward, Charles, Jr.	Rithet, R. P.
Coigdarripe, John	Isaacs, Jacob	Ruckle, Hy.
Collins, Thos.	Irving, P. E.	Ross, Adam
Cox, C. N.	Jaek, J.F.	Robertson, Geo. W.
Cutler, M. F.	Jones, W. H.	Steele, Peter
Campbell, Charles	Jenner, Geo.	Sargison, G.A.
Catterall, Thos.	Kelly, David L.	Shaw, Thos.
Chestney, W. R.	Leiser, Simon	Sinclair, T. F.
Challoner, W. L.	Leiser, Gustave	Stallard, C. E.
Campbell, John J.	Lewis, Aaron	Sinclair, Duncan
Dawley, F. J.	Lewis, Lewis	Shaw, James
Davis, Joshua	Lismore, Joseph	Turner, J. H.
Danneberg, Herman	Moody, T.G.	Tolmie, Andrew
Drake, Richard	Madden, Jerh.	Williams, R. T.
Dillon, C. F.	Morrison, Wm.	Williams, John
Ercole, Dominique	Meyer, Wm.	Walker, H. G.
Frank, Alex.	Magnesen, Alf.	Walkley, Arthur
	Magnesen, Theo. W.	

VANCOUVER-QUADRA LODGE, No. 2.—*Continued.*

DEMITTED.

Doig, David

FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Robertson, W. G.

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Borns, Walter  
Hughes, Wm. Otter

Lang, A. D.  
Morrison, Rodk.

Piper, C. T. W.  
Stewart, Alex.

MASTER MASONS DECEASED.

Becker, J. F.

McLean, John.

REJECTED :

For Degrees—Two.

For Affiliation—One.



## ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3.

NANAIMO, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the First Wednesday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Wolfe, M.....	Worshipful Master	Land, Peter M.....	Senior Deacon
Thomson, Geo.....	Senior Warden	Hoskin, E.A.....	Junior Deacon
Barrett, E. W.....	Junior Warden	Dobson, David.....	Steward
Bate, M.....	Treasurer	McBroom, Arch.....	Steward
McKenzie, C. C.....	Secretary	Van Houton, W.J.....	Inner Guard
Trumper, J. A.....	Director of Ceremonies	Barnes, E. C.....	Tyler

## PAST MASTERS.

Abrams, Jas.	Drake, Samuel	Renwick, Jno.
Brown, Jas. M	Frame, Jno.	Stewart, Wm.
Coburn, Jno. W.	Seighton, W. K.	Westwood, C. N.
Dillon, H. A.		

## MASTER MASONS.

Aitken, Jas.	Horne, A. G.	Milne, Thos.
Anderson, Robt.	Horne, A. H.	Monroe, Hugh
Baker, Geo.	Horth, C. W.	Moss, Thos. F.
Bertiaux, Arthur	Hughes, Jno.	Muirhead, Jas.
Bertram, Hy. A.	Hurst, Wm. J.	O'Connell, Thos.
Bertram, Jno	Joncas, Frank	Patterson, Jno.
Bevilockway, Geo.	Jones, Thos.	Paulson, Jno.
Boggaino, D.	Kirkwood, R.	Pender, James
Brown, Joseph M	Lawley, Thos. E.	Pottinger, D.R.
Campbell, Walter	Leusk, Geo.	Reid, James
Cowie, Jas.	Lewis, Wm.	Reilley, J.C.
Cowling W. B.	Lukey, R.J.	Richardson, W.
Davies, Thos. L.	McBean, Geo. A.	Ross, Hy
Davis, David	McCartney, A.	Ross, W.
Davis, Thos. H.	McCulloch, Wm.	Rumming, C.H.
Dick, John	McKinley, Jas.	Sabiston, Jno.
Duffie, Matthew	McKinnell, Andrew	Sharp, Arch.
Ferguson, D. W.	McLachlan, R. K.	Sloan, W.
Frame, Jas.	McLay, Robt.	Stirtan, W.J.
Frame, Jno.	McMillan, Ewen	Summerhyses, Alfred
Gillespie, Jno.	McMurtrie, A. J.	Thomas, David
Hamilton, S. B.	Mahrer, Jno.	Trounce, W.
Hardy, C. R.	Marshall, Wm.	Watson, Aaron V.
Harris, David	Martell, J.	Young, C.N.
Henderson, Alex.	Mayer, Alex.	Zellinsky, Saul
Holmes, Jonathan		

## DEMITTED.

Craig, R.	Edwards, J.D.	Honeyman, Chas.
Davis, L.T.	Fowler, W.	Perkins, W.H.I.
Eberts, D.M.	Haslam, A.	Young, F. McB.

## MASTER MASONS DECEASED.

Cowie, Arch.	Dunn, Robt.	Rice, P. J.
Downie, W.	Millar, Thos.	Williams, R.



ASHLAR LODGE.—*Continued.*

SUSPENDED.

Aitken, Robt.  
Henderson, David  
Horne, W. A.

McLean, D. J.  
Peterson, Jas.  
Tamblyn, Jas.

Trudell, Hy  
Young, Robinson

REJECTED : For Degrees—Five.



**CARIBBO LODGE, No. 4.**

BARKERVILLE, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month, at Masonic Hall.

## OFFICERS.

Kelly, Andrew.....	Worshipful Master	McDermott, H.....	Secretary
Paulson, Charles S.....	Senior Warden	Lanyon, John.....	Senior Deacon
Innes, James.....	Junior Warden	McGregor, Peter.....	Junior Deacon
Stone, James.....	Treasurer	Wormold, Wm.....	Tyler

## PAST MASTERS.

Stepherson, W.	Hageman, C.
Stone, James.	McDermott, H.

## MASTER MASONS.

Brown, N. H.	Levis, L. J.	St. Laurent, J. H.
Bawden, T.	O'Neil, C.	Reid James
Glendinning, P.	McMillan, J.C.	Thormahlen, T.
Johnson, W.A.	McKay, David	Watt, Hugh

## DEMITTED.

Brookes, F. D.	Martin, E. A.
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**MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.**

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Regular meetings are held on the First Tuesday of each month, at Masonic Hall.

## OFFICERS.

Gillies, D. W. ....	Worshipful Master	Williams, C. T. ....	Senior Deacon
Jarrett, S. N. ....	Senior Warden	Ward, Talbot. ....	Junior Deacon
Nelson Chas. ....	Junior Warden	Hogg, Wm. ....	Steward
Lees, A. E. P. M. ....	Treasurer	Marrion, R. ....	Steward
Cowperthwaite, F. M. ....	Secretary	Turnbull, Jas. ....	Inner Guard
Robertson, H. ....	Director of Ceremonies	Shelton, G. ....	Tyler

## PAST MASTERS.

Allan, P. A.	Little, Jos.	Peek, E. J.
Berry, H. A.	McAllister, J.	Springer, B.
Black, Geo.	McNaughton, P.	Thomas, G.
Casselman, R.	Oppenheimer, J.	Wilson, G. I.
Irwin, W. H.		

## MASTE MAJORS.

Aconley, Wm.	Edwards, Rev. H. (Hon.)	Munro, Jno.
Allen, J. A.	Erwin, W.	McFarlane, J. H.
Anderson, Chas.	Edwards, R.	McKinnon, Wilson
Archer, W. C.	Farr, E.	McKinnon, Thos.
Beaty, J.	Franklin, J. L.	McVean, H.
Bell H. A.	Forsberg, C. G.	McDonald, Wm.
Bell Irving	Fry, R. M.	Oakley, N. L.
Bell, F. G.	Gavin, John	Painton, F. J.
Boyd, Thos. H.	Haywood, V. W.	Proctor, Thos.
Butler, Henry E.	Hillier, Chas.	Ralph, Wm.
Cordiner, P.	Hooper, Wm. M.	Scott, Thos.
Cook, E.	Harrison, H. C.	Scott, S.
Cameron, Jos.	James, T. J.	Smith, J. B.
Coperley, H. T.	Leslie, Jas.	Smith, H.
Colson, C. E.	Linton, Andrew.	So loway, A. E.
Chase, W. H.	Lewis, H. E.	Southcott, J. J.
Clarkson, Jos.	Mageo, G. E.	Stewart, J. W.
Connors, S. R.	Marks, A. J.	Van Braemer, J.
Calkins, S. F.	Matheson, Wm.	Weeks, W. G.
Douglas, C. S.	Matheson, Malcolm	Williams, J.
Douglas, J. C.	Mayne, T. W.	Wutzel, C. H.
Evans, David	Merrifield, A.	Woods, J. G.
Evans, W. H.	Middler, Wm.	

## DEMITTED.

Maitland, Rev. R. R.	Stretch, Thos. P.
Tidy, Thos.	Mackinlay, W. S.

MOUNT HEMON LODGE, No. 7—*Continued.*

FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Ham, P. H. D.

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Rattenbury, F. M.

REJECTED :

For Degrees—Two.



## UNION LODGE, No. 9.

## NEW WESTMINSTER.

Regular Meetings are held on the First Wednesday of each month, at Masonic Hall.

## OFFICERS.

McKercher, Alex.....	Worshipful Master	Hunter, T. C.....	Senior Deacon
Walker, R. Eden.....	Senior Warden	Annandale, T. S.....	Junior Deacon
Gibson, G. F.....	Junior Warden	Sharp, R. P.....	Steward
Duncan, W. A.....	Treasurer	Hart, F. J.....	Steward
McCull, Wm.....	Secretary	Phillips, J. E.....	Inner Guard
Croacher, Rev. C.....	Chaplain	Forrester, J. J.....	Tyler

## PAST MASTERS.

Bennie, Thos.	Duncan, W. A.	Kelly, Robt. B.
Bufe, John	Grant, Peter	Manson, Wm.
Clute, John S.	Howay, Wm.	Murray, J. (Hon.)
Charleson, Alex.	Hoy, Henry	Sillitoe, Rt. Rev. A. W.
De Wolf Smith, W. A.	Johnson, Jas. B.	Speirs, Jas.

## MASTER MASONS.

Armstrong, R. W.	Gilley, Jas. R.	McRae, A. Sen.
Batchelor, Job.	Gilley, Geo. W.	McRae, A., Jr.
Bole, W. Norman	Gilley, W. A.	Patterson, D.
Bourne, F.	Gray, J. H.	Rae, Jas. D.
Boutillier, F.	Hendry, John	Rankin, Jas. V.
Chisholm, H. M.	Johnson, Wm.	Rich, H. N.
Clapcott, W. G. C.	Lehman, Isaac	Rickman, R. J.
Coatham, W. C.	Mead, Geo.	Riekie, L. W.
Corbould, G. E.	Mills, Joseph	Robson, F. H.
Cotton, A. F.	Morrison, John	Scott, John T.
Coulthard, F. J.	Munn, D. J.	Shadwell, H. B.
Cowper, Jesse M.	Murchie, D.	Smither, A.
Dodd, Wm.	McBride, A. H.	Tingley, S.
Douglas, B. (Hon.)	McGillivray, D.	Townley, C. R.
Elson, Wm.	McIntosh, R. W.	Whythe, J. C.
Finlaison, W. H.	McNair, Alex.	Wiggins, John
Forrin, J. A.	McNair, E.	Wize, A. J.
Fraser, J. D.	McNeely, Thos.	
Gauverean, N. B.	Mellard, S.	

## DEMITTED.

Mellard, S.	Miller, Jas.
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## FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Bates, J. C. A.

## ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Brine, Geo.	Carrie, Thos.
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## SUSPENDED.

Chishelm, J. L.	Gray, T. W.	McInnis, A.
Cross, G. H.	Harvey, Jas. W.	McLean, A.

UNION LODGE, No. 9--*Continued.*

SUSPENDED.

Currie, Wm.  
Darcy, E. F.

Hunter, Robt.  
Moresby, Wm.

McKenzie, Geo.  
Stirsky, F.

REJECTED:

For Degrees—Two.

Masonic

Deacon  
Deacon  
Steward  
Steward  
Guard  
... Tyler

A. W.



**KAMLOOPS LODGE, No. 10.****KAMLOOPS, B. C.**

Regular Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month, at Masonic Hall.

**OFFICERS.**

Slater, Chas. R. ....	Worshipful Master	McMorin, Alex. ....	Senior Deacon
Carment, John J. ....	Senior Warden	Barnhart, P. A. ....	Junior Deacon
Elliott, Alfred. ....	Junior Warden	Roper, W. J. ....	Steward
Roadley, Thos. ....	Treasurer	Risteen, Geo. F. ....	Steward
Wood, E. Stuart. ....	Secretary	Pownall, Gny F. ....	Inner Guard
McGregor, Alex. ....	Chaplain	Bruce, Hugh. ....	Tyler
Bannerman, J. ....	Dirce. of Ceremonies		

**PAST MASTERS.**

Bannerman, Jno.	Harlock D. W. H.	Tunstall, S. J.
Clarke, S., M. D.	McGregor, A.	Wood, E. Stuart.
Graham, J. O.	Ridley, H. C. M.	

**MASTER MASONS.**

Decker, Isaac	Johnson, G. E.	Noble, A.
Duck, Jacob	Loney, Geo.	Ostrom, A. D.
Elliott, Alfred	Mars, J. A.	Roadley, Thos.
Fingland, A. R.	McKay, Jas. A.	Ross, M. G.
Fox, Geo. C.	McDougall, Jno.	Serson, J.
Graham, T. W.	Meldrum, J. A.	Sweeney, Thos.
Herchimer, Jno.	McDonald, J. P.	Wills, W. S. H.
Hume, W. R.		

**DEMITTED.**

Burnyeat, J. P.	Hosker, D. M.	See, R. M.
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**MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 11.**

DONALD, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the Second Monday of each month, at Masonic Hall

**OFFICERS.**

Newman, Wm.....	Worshipful Master	McGinnis, J. A.....	Senior Deacon
Mathie, Jas.....	Senloe Warden	Stirrett, J. H.....	Junior Deacon
Patmore, R. W.....	Jnnior Warden	Baines, C. F.....	Steward
Maclean, D. H.....	Trensaurer	Mack, Jas.....	Steward
Ross, Rev. W. R.....	Chnplain	Elson, W. H.....	Inner Guard
Spragge, A.G.M.....	Dir. of Ceremonies	McLean, Angus.....	Tyler

**PAST MASTERS.**

Clarke, S. (Hon. Mem.)	Downie, T.	Pitts, J. C.
Cameron, A. H. Belmont	Hamilton, John	Ruttan, W. S.

**PAST MASTERS.**

Allan, John	Hopgood, John	Roe, T. M.
Blythe, T. A.	Jamieson, D.	Robinson, F.
Bourne, H. J.	King, Lew	Russell, E. J.
Bellcampbell, Wm.	Lendrum, T. J.	Reid, Alex.
Connocher, Jas.	Manuel, G. E.	Redgrave, Stephen
Denman, A. H.	Marpole, R.	Starke, G. A.
Dover, Jacob	McArthur, A. E.	Summerby, T. G.
Erickson, G.	McLeod, John	Sargent, W. H.
Griffith, J. E.	Marsh, A. S.	Van Antwerp, W. F.
Graham, G. W.	McLeod, John	Wall, W. H.
Hobbs, F. E.	Neilson, W. G.	Wright, Jas.

**DEMITTED.**

Brownrigg, C. J.	Forbes, A. F.
Davis, Ernest	Macaulay, C. H.

**MASTER MASONS DECEASED.**

Rogers, T. M.

**SUSPENDED.**

Gilbrauson, M. S.	Wall, J. B.
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**CASCADE LODGE, No. 12.**

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the Third Monday in each month, at Masonic Hall.

**OFFICERS.**

Morrow, Geo. L.....	Worshipful Master	McCreery, Jos.....	Senior Deacon
Black, A. W.....	Senior Warden	Bunton, S. H.....	Junior Deacon
Tisdale, Chas. E.....	Junior Warden	Fuller, Geo. W.....	Steward
Macgowan, A. H. B.....	Treasurer	McKay, Robt.....	Steward
Watson, H. H.....	Secretary	Buscombe, F.....	Inner Guard
Flewelling, E. P.....	Chaplain	Hosker, E.....	Tyler
Nicholson, Malcolm.....	Dir. of Cer.	DeForest, H. J.....	Organist

**PAST MASTERS.**

Atkins, T. E.	Flewelling, E. P.	Miller, W. O.
Boulton, John	Horne, J. W.	McLaren, E. D.
Cope, F.	Johnson, L. R.	Macgowan, A. H. B.
Downie, Wm.	Lacy, Thos. H.	Turner, John
Foster, J. R.	Miller, Jos. E.	

**MASTER MASONS.**

Atkinson, Jonathan	Greer, Wm.	Macfarlane, Jas. A.
Alexander, R. H.	Green, Horace	Macaulay, Chas. H.
Apones, R. A.	Grant, Robt.	Marshall, D. G.
Barnett, Thos. E.	Grant, Peter A.	McDonald, D. L.
Blackmore, Wm.	Graves, A. M.	McFarland, J. W.
Brown, Geo.	Gray, T. C.	McKarracher, J. F.
Brocklesby, H. A.	Gander, J. T.	McGilvray, D.
Beattie, A. M.	Gatewood, C. H.	McNab, Allen
Brydone-Jack, W. D.	Garden, G. F. Lee	Mackintosh, W. D.
Bunton, J. M.	Henderson, Stanley	McCraney, H. P.
Bowell, John M.	Hoskin, E. J.	McGregor, D. C.
Brown, H. K.	Hirschberg, M. H.	Nickson, John J.
Braid, Wm.	Hopkirk, H.	Oppenheimer, D.
Charleson, D. B.	Hammersley, A. St. G.	Pierce, Frank H.
Creighton, W. D.	Johnson, C. G.	Prenter, S. L.
Choate, Edward	Klevinberg, E. C.	Pace, W. J.
Craig, Wm.	Keith, Saml.	Plumm, Wm.
Connon, H. E.	Kendall, W. H.	Robinson, Alex.
Carroll, John T.	Kent, W. H.	Righter, P.
Cambie, H. J.	Loutit, J. J.	Rathgeber, F.
Collins, H.	Leask, John	Rowley, John
Clouston, Thos.	Leonard, W. L.	Sterling, David
Crowder, J. S.	Little, James	Spencer, O. L.
Crawford, J. G. H.	Lett, Chas. A.	Sprague, W. T.
Davidson, C. N.	Lough, Wm.	Tiffin, J. B.
Doig, Jas.	Ledger, Kitt. A.	Timberlake, F. S.
Draper, A. W.	Lobley, J. H. O.	Turner, H. B.
Dragolovich, Chris.	Morton, David	Watson, J. H.
Dutcher, Geo. S.	Morrison, J. W.	Wilson, James
Drake, Wm. E.	Mathison, D. A.	Williams, James
DeForest, H. J.	Meeson, L. H.	White, Joseph
Forrest, A. B.	Milne, John G.	Watts, Wm.
Ferguson, R. C.	Macrae, Jas. E.	Walker, Thos. W.
		Williams, John

CASCADE LODGE, No. 12.— *Continued.*

## DEMITTED.

Arkell, Harry F.  
Callender, Geo. M.  
Crease, E. A.

Gardew, Wm.  
Johnston, F. W.

Reid, Geo. L.  
Strutt, Chas. H.

## FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

Beckingsale, D. L.  
Jordan, G. A.

Murray, Wm.

Sisson, Thos. H.

## ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Corrigan, Geo. D.

Bruce, H. A.

## MASTER MASONS DECEASED

Perry, C. Z. P. M.

## SUSPENDED.

Cole, Moses F.  
Ford, Jas. A.

Moore, G. F.  
Smith, Neville

Yarker, J. T. C.

## REJECTED.

For Degrees—Two.



**SPALLUMCHEEN LODGE, No. 13.**

**SPALLUMCHEEN, B. C.**

Regular Meetings are held on the Saturdays on or before the Full Moon of each Month at Masonic Hall, Armstrong.

**OFFICERS.**

Costerton, C. F.....Worshipful Master.	Fenton, Wm. J.....Senior Deacon.
Fletcher, Thos. Wm.....Senior Warden.	Brown, John D.....Junior Deacon.
Wright, James Milton...Junior Warden.	Powell, John.....Inner Guard.
Wood, Robert.....Treasurer.	Hassard, Frank.....Tyler.
Polly, Richard Stuart.....Secretary.	

**PAST MASTERS.**

Goldsmid Arthur P.	McLeod, Norman	Rusdall, George Herbert
Hamfl, John		

**MASTER MASONS.**

Harnes, Fred'k	Lambley, Charles	Perry, C. E.
Clinton, Thos.	Laur, Jacob	Tilton, Cyrus C.
Hall, Wm.	McDonald, Archibald	Widdicombe, Harry T.
Henry, Noah H.	McLeod, John	Wood, Robt.
Hamilton, William	Polly, R. S.	Wright, James M.
Kenny, Noah Holt		

**DEMITTED.**

Postill, William

**MASTER MASONS DECEASND.**

Van Buskirk, H.

**SUSPENDED.**

Goldsmid, A. P.



**HIRAM LODGE, No. 14.**

COMOX, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the Saturday on or before Full Moon of each Month.

**OFFICERS.**

Grant, Alexander.....	Worshipful Master	Holmes, J. D.....	Senior Deacon
Mathieson, W. A.....	Senior Warden	Cock, F. I.....	Junior Deacon
Grant, Robert.....	Junior Warden	Moore, C. J.....	Steward
Howe, Geo.....	Treasurer	Jargent, J.....	Steward
Young, J. W. (dec.).....	Secretary	Cairns, Thos.....	Inner Guard
Fraser A.....	Chaplain	Piercy, J.....	Tyler
Mitchell, Wm.....	Dir. of Ceremonies		

**PAST MASTERS.**

Clinton, G. W.	McKim, Jos.	Young, W. J.
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**MASTER MASONS.**

Berkley, J. R.	Grievos, J. H.	Reid, Wm.
Beckonsell, Thos.	McGregor, H.	Robbins, F. W.
Clife, S. J.	Muschamp, E.	Stewart, H.
Cowie, Alex.	McConnell, R. S.	Sargent, Stephen
Cossford, Robt.	Roseborrough, Thos.	Viles, Wm.
Grant, Kenneth	Read, G. H.	Whyte, Jas.
Graham, Robt.		

**FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.**

Piercy, Thos. H.

**MASTER MASONS DECEASED.**

Young, W. J.

**REJECTED.**

For Degrees—Two.



**KOOTENAY LODGE, No. 15.**

REVELSTOKE, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the Third Monday in each month.

**OFFICERS.**

Bourne, H. J. ....	Worshipful Master	Temple, Chas. Hy. ....	Secretary
Fraser, Frederick....	Senior Warden	Crage, Wm. F. ....	Senior Deacon
David, Morgan.....	Junior Warden	Lee, Wm. J. ....	Junior Deacon
Robinson, Dan.....	Treasurer	Barber, Guy J. ....	Tyler

**PAST MASTERS.**

Howson, Robt.

**MASTER MASONS.**

Barber, John Gny  
 Creelman, Herbert  
 Donnelly, Hamilton

Howson, Robt.  
 Kirkup, John  
 Lee, Wm. J.

Paul, Alexander  
 Proennier, Chas. A.  
 Ross, Wm. E.

**ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.**

Smyth, H. R.

**REJECTED.**

For Degrees—Five.



**PACIFIC LODGE, No. 16.**

**MISSION CITY, B. C.**

Regular Meetings are held on the Wednesday on or immediately preceeding full moon of each month.

**OFFICERS.**

York, A. ....	Worshipful Master	Choate, Z. ....	Senior Deacon
McKay, D. ....	Senior Warden	Stewart, G. ....	Junior Deacon
Downes, T. Lt. ....	Junior Warden	Bond, E. ....	Inner Guard
Parris, E. ....	Treasurer	Cunningham, R. S. ....	Tyler
Baiss, J. ....	Secretary		

**PAST MASTERS.**

Dunn, W. R.	Shook, M. F.
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**MASTER MASONS.**

Barry, C.	Hogg, W.	Nicholls, T. H.
Baiss, J.	Jones, E. T.	Rabling, T. H.
Bain, A.	Lazenby, F. T.	South, F. m.
Barker, J.	Long, R. G.	Smith, S.
Boyd, John	McGillivray, W.	Schofield, J. H.
Cunningham, A. S.	McIntosh, A. W.	Stewart, T.
French, H. B.	McTaggart, G. A.	Wellington, C.
Gourley, J.	Munroe, A.	York, L. C.
Gourley, R.		

**DEMITTED.**

Davis, E.	Stapley, Tobias
Ritchie, Robt.	O'Tretheway, Arthur

**FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.**

Blair, W. A.	Keeres, J.	Munroe, F.
Curtis, G.	Laughlin, J. W.	McMillan, H.
Fee, W. G.	Morrison, M.	Plumridge, J.

**ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.**

Catherwood, J. A.	Fraser, J.	South, J.
Duncan, A.	Pratt, F. W.	Webb, J.
Espen, R. J.		

**REJECTED.**

For Degrees—Four.

**KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 17.**

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of every month.

**OFFICERS.**

Cunningham, Geo.....	Worshipful Master	Lewis, L. A.....	Senior Deacon
Shirley, J. H.....	Senior Warden	Sampson, T.....	Junior Deacon
Howay, F. W.....	Junior Warden	Ferguson, A. H.....	Steward
Creighton, J. W.....	Treasurer	Hodge, G. C.....	Steward
Armstrong, F. J.....	Secretary	Vanstone, W. E.....	Inner Guard
Scouler, Thomas.....	Chaplain	Forrest, J. J. (not a member).....	Tyler

**PAST MASTERS.**

Buis, John  
Fraser, Alex. M.

Manson, Wm.  
McAskill, M.

**PAST MASTERS.**

Armstrong, T. J.  
Ballantyne J. B.  
Boggs, G. W.  
Brown, B. B.  
Carthy, John  
Campbell, Wm.  
Gifford, Thos.

Leamy, Jas.  
Leamy, Andrew  
Marshall, B.  
McLean, J. M.  
Munn, L. G.

McLennan, M. D.  
Nelson, N.  
Peebles, Peter  
Strople, N. S.  
Technor, H. C.

**DEMITTED.**

Lundy, George T.

**FELLOW CRAFT MASONS**

Foulds, J. P.

**ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.**

Falding, W. H.

Macfarlane, R. M.

**SUSPENDED.**

Burkitt, Joseph.

**REJECTED.**

For Degrees—Three.

**DORIC LODGE, No. 18.**

NANAIMO, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the Third Monday of each month.

OFFICERS.

△ Perkins, W. H. S. . . . .	Worshipful Master.	Morton, Wm. H. . . . .	Senior Deacon.
△ Young, F. McB. . . . .	Senior Warden.	Meakin, Fred. C. . . . .	Junior Deacon.
Scott, Robert. . . . .	Junior Warden.	△ Davis, Lewis T. . . . .	Steward.
Counter, M. R. . . . .	Treasurer.	Wylie, John. . . . .	Steward.
Placee, John H. . . . .	Secretary.	Anderson, Alex. C. . . . .	Inner Guard.
McRae, Rev. D. A. . . . .	Chaplain.	Dawson, Henry. . . . .	Tyler.
Crossan, James. . . . .	Director of Ceremonies.		

PAST MASTERS.

Algar, James	△ Haslam, Andrew	Yuill, S. B.
△ Craig, Ralph.		

MASTER MASONS.

Anderson, A. C.	△ Honeyman, Charles	Stickles, C. H.
Berteaux, E.	Maitland, R. R.	Tagart, J. E. R.
Craig, R.	McCuish, Neil	Wamsley, M.
Davis, A. A.	McGregor, James	White, John
Green, Andrew	McHae, D. A.	Yarwood, E. M.
Haslam, A.	Mills, Thomas	Young, W. A.
	Placee, J. H.	

DEMITTED.

Good, Rev. G. E.

FELLOW CRAFT MASONS.

McKechnie, R. E.	McKinnon, Alex.	Thompson, John A.
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ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Badcock, W.	McKinnel, D.	Norris, W. E.
Dobson, T.	Morrow, D.	

REJECTED.

For Degrees: Four.



**IONIC LODGE, No. 19.**

CHILLIWHACK, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the Thursday on or before the Full Moon monthly.

**OFFICERS.**

Logan, J. A., P.M. ....	Worshipful Master	Gillanders, A. H. ....	Junior Deacon
Reeves, C. B. ....	Senior Warden	Lundy, G. T. ....	Steward
Mellard, S. ....	Junior Warden	Cruikshanks, Alex. A. ....	Steward
Campbell, Jno. A. ....	Treasurer	Ferris, W. F. ....	Inner Guard
Cawley, S. A. ....	Secretary	McRae, Peter R. ....	Tyler
Paisley, L. W. ....	Senior Deacon		

**PAST MASTERS.**

Logan, John A.

**MASTER MASONS**

Campbell, Jno. A.	Jackman, W. T.	Nowell, R. J.
Driscoll, A.	McRae, P. R.	Vedder, A. S.
Ferris, W. F.	Nelson, A. M.	Wood, W. M.

**ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.**

Ashwell, Geo. H. H.	Dickson, W. H.	McGillivray, Donald
Atkinson, John L.	Johnson, Israel.	

**REJECTED.**

For Degrees: Four.



**MIRIAM LODGE, No. 20.**

VERNON, B. C

Regular Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday on or before Full Moon of each Month at Masonic Hall, Vernon, B. C.

OFFICERS.

Buruyent, J. P.....	Worshipful Master	McIntosh, H.....	Senior Deacon
Venn, A. J.....	Senior Warden	McDougall, R.....	Jnnior Deacon
Germaine, W. L.....	Junior Warden	Reinhard, Dr. W.....	Steward
Martin, J. M.....	Treasnrer	Billings, Fred.....	Inner Guard
Taylor, R. N.....	Secretary	Girouard, Luc.....	Acting Tyler
Highman, J., P.M.	Director of Ceremonies		

PAST MASTERS.

Megraw, Ainsley.

MASTER MASONS.

McDougall, Robt.  
Norris, Leonard

Pettit Fredk. W.

Short, C. A.



**ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. , U. D.**

WELLINGTON, B. C.

Regular Meetings held on the first Saturday of every month.

OFFICERS.

Stewart, Wm.....	Worshipful Master	McMartrie, A. J.....	Senior Deacon
Frame, John .....	Senior Warden	Gillespie, John .....	Junior Deacon
Thomson, George.....	Junior Warden	Frome, John.....	Inner Guard
Eberts, D. W.....	Treasurer	Stephenson, David.....	Tyler
Hawee, F. W.....	Secretary		

MASTER MASONS.

Bailey, Richard	Matheson, Murdock	Norcross, Jas. E.
Bald, William	Matthews, John	Rumsby, James
Berteaux, Arthur	McKenzie, Jas. A.	Trites, Geo. B.
Bryden, John W.	McLeod, Angus	Wasson, John H.
Hygh, George E.	McMillen Henry	Wilson, David
Kilpatrick, Wm. R.	Merman, Emill J.	Young, Robinson



**ACACIA LODGE No. , U. D.**

MOUNT PLEASANT, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the Second Thursday of each month.

**OFFICERS.**

Gavin, John.....	Worshipful Master	Stewart, A. C.....	Senior Deacon
Yates, C. F.....	Senior Warden	Harris, D.....	Junior Deacon
Brydone-Jack, W. D.....	Junior Warden	Michell, T. Sr.....	Steward
Bethune, Alexander.....	Treasurer	Cooper, John.....	Steward
Jameson, G. W.....	Secretary	Michell, T. Jr.....	Organist
Clinton, Rev. H. G. F.....	Chaplain	Hicks, V.....	Inner Guard
McKinnon, D.....	Director of Ceremonies	Armstrong, A.....	Tyler

**PAST MASTERS.**

McAllister, John

**MASTER MASONS.**

Adams, H. G.	Hunter, Robert	Saunders, Charles
Clayton, George Leonard	Johnson, John	Stretch Thomas
DePencier, Henry	Leonard, George Clayton	Suckling, Henry W.
Doherty, I. W.	Lillie, Thomas	Tidy, Thomas
Duncanson, Thomas	Manson, Andrew	Urquhart, William
Eligh, William	Perry, Henry H.	Wells, M. R.
Gosse, Mark	Rickers, J. W.	Westcott, W. S.
Fobson, William		

**ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.**

Brown, John	Morrow, J. W.	Stirrett, A. C.
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Deacon  
Guard  
Tyler

**NELSON LODGE No. , U. D.**

NELSON, B. C.

Regular Communications the Second Thursday of every month,

**OFFICERS.**

Hamilton, John.....	Worshipful Master	Arthur, E. C.....	Senior Deacon
Jowett, W. A.....	Senior Warden	Robson, G. R.....	Junior Deacon
Fletcher, Frank.....	Junior Warden	Robinson, W. P.....	Inner Guard
Turner, John A.....	Treasurer	Stanley, G.....	Tyler
Richardson, Geo. W.....	Secretary		

**MASTER MASONS.**

Dover, Jacob	Pollard, W. B.	Teetzel, W. F.
Duncan, Chas.	Spencer, Wm. G.	Waterman, C. A.
Marks, A. J.	Taylor, Geo. N.	

**ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.**

Brown, Edward V.	Frame, Fredk.	Love, Jno. H.
Driscoll, J. J.	Kirkpatrick, John A.	



**UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. U.D.**

ESQUIMALT, B. C.

Regular Meetings are held on the first Monday of each Month.

OFFICERS.

Hickey, Geo.....	Worshipful Master	Beatley, J. J.....	Senior Deacon
Muir, A. C.....	Senior Warden	Geake, H. J.....	Junior Deacon
Hammond, H. E.....	Junior Warden	Fox, A. E.....	Inner Guard
McKnight, D.....	Secretary	Nokes, Chas.....	
Perkins, G. C.....	Treasurer	Bailey, F. J.....	Organist
Glen, Chas.....	Director of Ceremonies	Hammond, Chas.....	Tyler
Brown, A. S.....	Senior Steward	Hobbs, A. W.....	Junior Steward

MASTER MASONS.

Atroud, G. T.	Emptage, A.	Nye, W. H.
Bamsey, A.	Furrell, J. D.	Norton, W.
Babbage, G. H.	Henwood, I. J.	Oxford, R. E.
Barber, W.	Hughes, J.	Price, A. R.
Bainbridge, R. T.	Isbistor, Jas.	Scott, Wm.
Bonzer, W. H.	Leggett, W. E.	Vorroee, J.
Doy, John E.	McLellan, A.	Wrate, Jas. W.

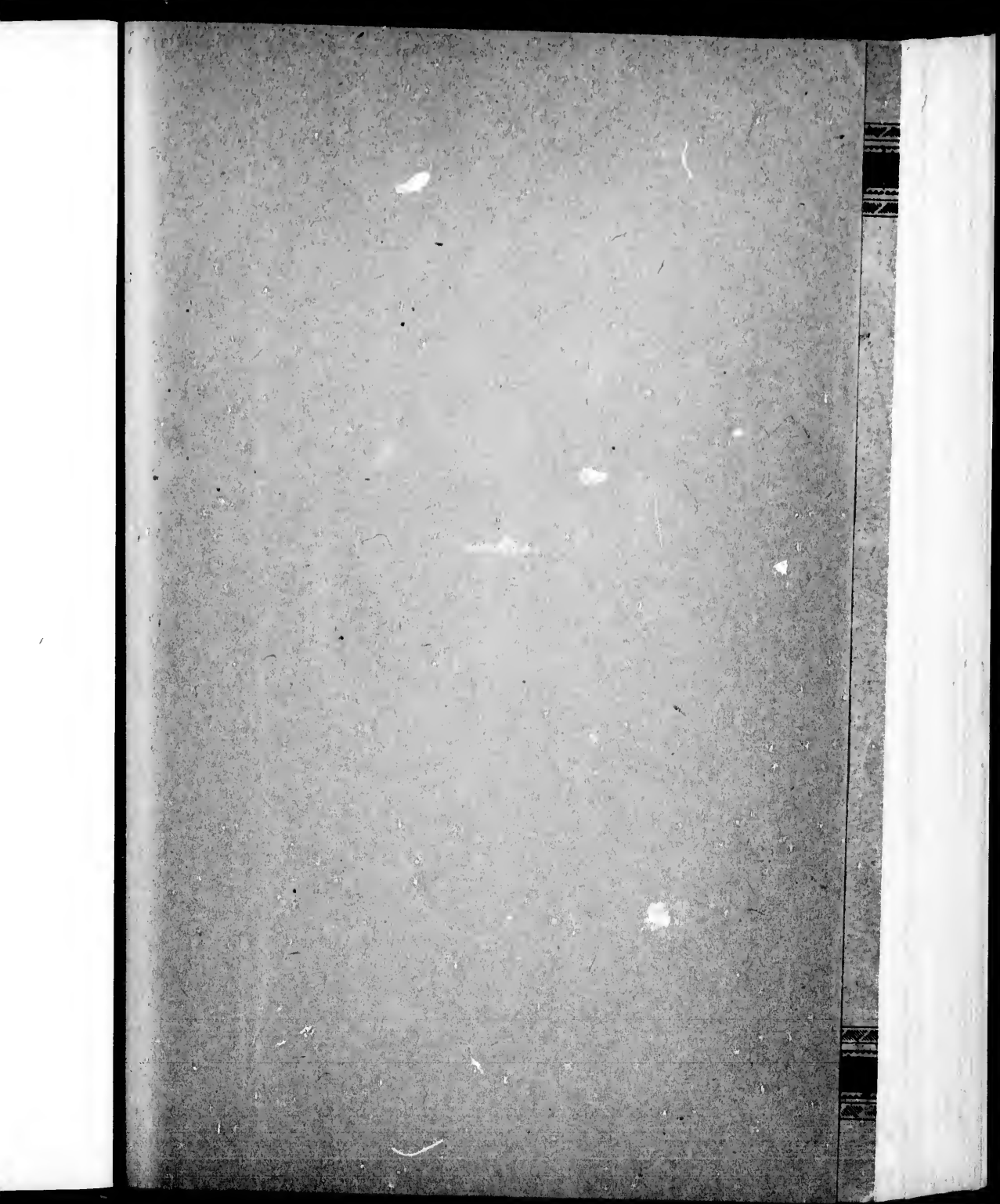
ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS.

Conway, Edward	Gillis, Wm. A.	Price, Richard
Fayrer, Wm. G.	Lewis, Oliver	Slow, Will A.



Deacon  
Deacon  
Guard  
Tyler







## Address of Grand Officers.



**M. W. R. B. McMICKING, - - - Grand Master**  
**VICTORIA, B. C.**



**V. W. W. J. QUINLAN, - - - Grand Secretar**  
**VICTORIA, B. C.**



**M. W. MARCUS WOLFE, - Com. on Foreign Cor.**  
**NANAIMO, B. C.**



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